

# Catechism

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**W**hat is the definition of Glory?  
It is the fire at the center of pain.

Where does it live?  
Everywhere in this world.

Why does Glory exist?  
To make us whole.

How does it work?  
It draws us to the water.

What does water do?  
It washes the pain.

Does the Glory die?  
No, the fire cannot be put out.

Does the pain die?  
No, because it is Love.

Can Love make us whole?  
Yes, because the fire  
and the water are one.

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