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In memory of Ronald Takaki and Adam Sarnecki

Love is the only sane and satisfactory answer to
the problem of human existence.

—ERICH FROMM

The alternatives he [man] is confronted with are either to escape the
burden of freedom into new dependencies and submission, or to advance
to full realization of positive freedom which is based upon the
uniqueness and individuality of man.

—ERICH FROMM