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## The 'new' Madonna

**S**O, WHAT are you saying — that everything you've done over the last 20 years has been bogus?"

That's **Matt Lauer** on tonight's "Dateline" asking **Madonna** to explain her current philosophy — that fame and the things it brings, are not so hot, in the end. Love is the answer. (This theme is reflected in her intimate new "American Life" CD.)

The singer admits that the savage reception of her movie, "Swept Away," hurt her, but in the end, it strengthened her marriage (hubby **Guy Ritchie** directed "SA") and her commitment to the Kabbalah, the religion that now dominates her life. Lauer told us that the Madonna he encountered this time, seems, "at peace, calmer, more comfortable with herself and everybody around her ... it seems to

me she used to be more hedonistic, narcissistic — all the 'istics' ... now she's asking 'what's it all about?' But I've found her changed with each new experience; her children, her marriage and now the Kabbalah."



**MATT LAUER and MADONNA**

Material Girl is more relaxed, more sure of herself.

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