

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

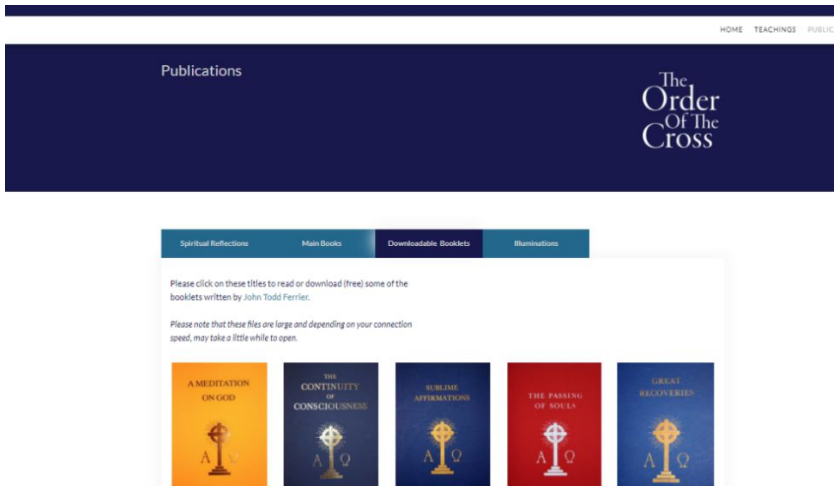
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Thoughts to Inspire



Our Inheritance in God

There is not in all creation, of substance and element, which had not its beginning in the Great Mystery.

We name that Mystery GOD.

If we use terms, we should understand something of the meaning of the terms themselves.

If we make postulates, we should understand that which is postulated.

It is not a mistake to seek to define that which is definable, for through definition apprehension is illumined. To float in a great sea of non-polarized consciousness, is the way not to find definition or conscious realization of the Presence of the Eternal Mystery.

There is consciousness present in all the elements.

There is consciousness in a diffuse state through all manifested life in the Vegetable Kingdom.

But when the Divine Mystery essays to manifest itself upon higher realms, that which is in a diffuse state is gathered together like a mysterious nebula in the Celestial Heavens, and polarized in its centre, so that individuated consciousness becomes, whether in a great world, or a smaller world, or in man

That we came out of the Eternal Mystery, we know. That our consciousness is the upgathered diffuse consciousness of manifold elements, we also know. That the creation of our life was a creation by the glorious Divine World, we apprehend and realize; and likewise, that the consciousness in us is from, and of, and for, the great and glorious Mystery we name GOD, the FATHER-MOTHER.

*From the Teachings***Real Reverence**

THERE IS A DEARTH of real reverence in the world always, but there is very specially so today. Why? Because of the failure of those who should have understood Life to interpret it. The Divine Mystery in man is not revered. It is not revered in the realm of knowledge. The Divine Mystery in man is not revered in the ecclesiastical centres, not really revered. For all the Children of the FATHER-MOTHER have such shadows lying upon their lives in the ecclesiastical vision that they are not looked upon as Divine embodiments. They are not thought of as the expositions of the FATHER-MOTHER's Mystery. We must have reverence. Culture reverence. Be devoted. Have that true devotion. Be ever devout unto the Divine Idea, and consecrated to make that concrete in life.

Do not be afraid of having too much reverence. The world's influences at present will take care that you will not be over-reverent. But reverence the Divine in everyone. Reverence the Divine in a child. Love the Divine in a child. Reverence the Divine in the aged. Reverence the concrete idea of consecration of the Divine Life in every man and woman. Reverence it unto the encouraging of the individual to make it still more concrete. So that in the Soul's processional of that one the Glory of the FATHER-MOTHER may shine more fully, more powerfully; for the Glory is the radiating Resplendence of HIMSELF.

Herald XXXII, pp22-23

Reflections upon Real Reverence

John Pignéguy

THE SPIRITUAL history of each one of us makes for a fascinating story. The constituent parts of each story, the individual Soul-story as it has unfolded down the ages, will have been affected not only by experiences of many sorts but also by challenges that will have occurred on the way. The freedom to see and understand these challenges in their true light will not always have been possible, with clarity of thought and vision becoming clouded by the conditions experienced. It will always have been possible to feel lost and alone.

Influences, both subtle and unsubtle, will have played their part, not least in terms of those who should have known better and who chose, for their own purposes, to keep control of 'matters spiritual.' Thus the historical Church preferred its flock to be directed as it saw fit, choosing to ignore the fact that the individual spiritual make-up is just as varied as people themselves are. Those standing in opposition to the 'official view' often paid a heavy price, notably William Tyndale who, in 1536, paid with his life for translating the Bible from Latin into English, which enabled everyone to read 'The Word of GOD' for themselves and in their own tongue for the first time, thus taking significant power away from the Church.

Tyndale's devotion, with no thought for personal cost, is something that astonishes to this day, and as Our Friend writes in the cover-extract: "Be devoted. Have that true devotion," and he then expands this idea into the associated area of 'reverence.' It is interesting to note that he uses the word 'reverence' both as a verb and as a noun, the former emphasising the important personal aspect of how we live our lives as individuals, and the latter how collectively this will show itself in the world – we can also enjoy Our Friend's wry comments about too much reverence!

The Soulic Path

By Stella Ballack

As you transcend, your soulic path aspire
The consciousness withdrawn to higher realms
The earthly form can rest in fine attire
Whilst we bereft, our loss still overwhelms.
May fragrant flower and song attend your way,
To send Love's divine flow to shower on you
As thankfulness, our sorrow brush away
We too sense Heaven's mystery come through.

Apart and free, when dawning light allows
Angelic ministries in flight will meet
Our hearts to you, and yours to us, endow
An onward love, so constant as is sweet.
Shine forth! All ruby lights in other spheres,
Eternal Life, be ever present here.

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Easter Gathering and UC Meeting at Sarum College

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Spring Open Gathering at Glenthorne

Wed. 10th – Thurs. 18th May

Open Summer Gathering at Ammerdown

Thurs. 20th – Mon. 31st July

North American Gathering at Ojai

Sunday 17th Sept. – Sat 23rd Sept

Western Area Gathering at Sheldon

Fri. 6th – Sun. 8th October

Autumn Open Gathering at Glenthorne

Mon. 16th – Mon. 23rd October

Australia and New Zealand Gathering at Adelaide

Mon 13th Nov – Mon 20th Nov

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2024

Easter Gathering at Sarum College

Thurs. 28th – Mon. 1st April

Fellowship Summer Gathering

Thurs. 25th July – Mon. 5th August

Spring Open Gathering at Glenthorne

Wed. 8th – Thurs. 16th May

Autumn Open Gathering at Glenthorne

Mon. 21st – Tues. 29th October

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I: North America, Australia and New Zealand – 00:00 UTC

II: North America and the UK / Europe – 16:00 UTC

Local call times and dial-in numbers are listed on the following pages. If possible, please call in before the scheduled hour.

SCHEDULE

MARCH 2023

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| 5 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Patrick Barnes
<i>“Christian Mysteries” – Heralds 29, 5, 7 [document]</i> |
| 12 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson
<i>“Forty Hours, Forty Days, Forty Lives” [document]</i> |
| 19 | I & II | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
<i>“The Feet-Washing”, Pt. 2 – Herald 29, p149-160</i> |
| 26 | I & II | Worship Service – Ministrant: June Young
<i>“The Soul’s Divine Ascent” [document]</i> |

APRIL 2023

- 2 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Claire Ede
“The Wheels within Wheels” [document]
- 9 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Esther Gowan
“The Dawn” – *Herald 20*, p68-78
- 16 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
“The Magnetic Plane”, Pt. 1 – *Herald 19*, p27-34
- 23 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Ian van Zyl
“The Training of the Twelve” – *LMU*, p201-212

MAY 2023

- 7 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Maya Hammarsal
- 14 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Michael Arcese
“The Waters of Galilee” – *Herald 18*, p185-197
- 21 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
“The Magnetic Plane”, Pt. 2 – *Herald 19*, p35-42
- 28 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson
“In HIS Image and Likeness” – [document]

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