The Lord is Risen!

It is the morning for the declaration of the Resurrection Life. The Lord is risen indeed. But His Arising is Within. It is an Arising into the consciousness wherein there is gifted power to endure the Vision that comes with Him, the play of the Forces that are radiated from Him, until every vehicle becomes so purified and uplifted that the substances of the Soul’s constitution become transmuted and Divinely empowered. The whole Being endures to share in the Fulness of Life. According to its power, it is able to endure the Involution of God; to be filled unto all fullness with the Holy Mystery.

The Lord is risen indeed! Not out of an earthly grave hath He come. He has arisen within the Being. He has arisen within you in the degree in which you have been able to contact Him, to apprehend Him, to feel His Presence, to realize His Encompassing, to feel the Radiations from the Overshadowing of His Glory. In your walk in Life, your service in Life as you have opportunity to interpret its great gift reveals the Resurrection Life as something much more than belief in its historical and materialistic associations. Show it forth as a sublime realization of the Being through its own Divine Ascension, a meeting with the Lord in the rarefied Atmosphere which He brings, and with which He girds the Being and fills it with the very Breaths of His Presence.

*The Cross of a Christ and The Resurrection Life,*
pp28/24/25
The Easter story as it has always been told to us is a popular tradition that we will all have grown up with. It is a dramatic narrative, with twists and turns that capture the imagination and almost demand our attention. This in itself means that it can be hard to appreciate that there may actually be more to this story than just what we read on the page, or hear told to us. It is also becoming increasingly apparent that in questioning the nature of events such as the Easter story, the individual is discovering for herself or himself where the realities of the story may actually lie. This process can then lead to a dawning realization of the personal aspect of the story. As our Founder says in the short second and third sentences of the cover-extract: “The Lord is risen indeed. But His Arising is Within.” And that does indeed give the narrative a completely different complexion.

Accompanying this realization is also the thought of the personal responsibility in the way that we conduct our lives. Our day-to-day encounters, the quiet, understated (and often unspoken) but nevertheless very real atmosphere that accompanies in all that we do – all of these things, and more, help all of us (each in our own way) “to realize His Encompassing, to feel the Radiations from the Overshadowing of His Glory.”
How We May Help in Healing the World Conditions
John Pignéguy

‘World conditions’ are probably not all that we would like them to be. While there is most certainly much of goodness/beauty/truth in action in the world, there are also the contrasting pressures, notably from the various media, that are very much a part of modern life. The media-approach seems generally to be that of ‘Good news is no news,’ which of course is a bit of an oversimplification, but it can often mean, in that famous saying, that “the Devil has all the best tunes.” We hear and read much about what is going on in the world (and we do need to be reasonably well-informed) and we can feel overwhelmed at times if we allow ourselves to be so. Sometimes the various media may seem to exist to just bring us ‘the worst of things’ simply because it sells more copies or makes for much better television. This in itself creates a curious and not-so-subtle addiction which is corrosive to the human spirit and the experience of life as a whole. This in turn can cause us to ask how we fit into all of this, and what we can do in the way of a positive contribution through the way that we lead our lives. Our founder writes perceptively on this subject in the supplement of Herald 15, p63 under the heading Sharing in the Redemption:

Our first work amidst the conditions which obtain is embodiment of HIM, so that our Life becomes in its degree a manifestation of HIM. To be a manifestation of HIM is to be like HIM. HE loves all. HE forgets none, and in HIS passing by never fails to bless. HIS very Atmosphere bears Blessing to those who can receive; but it is with the Soul, individually, nationally, and racially, as with the dweller in a house. The glorious Sol is always radiating; but the conditions generated within the atmospheria may even prevent him getting his full radiations through. There are some Rays that pass through anything; but there are some that cannot do that, and must have the right elemental states for transmission. Even when he gets through to gloriously illumine the Earth, or our part of it for the time being, if the Children of Men keep their blinds down, their windows closed, their doors shut, his glory cannot enter. So is
it as the Presence passes by; though the Atmosphere should move everyone, if those adjacent to His Presence have their windows shut, their blinds down, their doors closed, they will not behold His Glory, nor receive His Radiations.

As we have seen, there is much that we can do in the way of our own individual contribution, and the real positivity which can then come about as a result of that. Multiplied countless times, progress is surely inevitable.

The writer H.G.Wells eloquently addresses this very subject in the closing sentences of his remarkable 1922 book called A Short History of the World – “Man is still only adolescent. His troubles are not the troubles of senility or exhaustion but of increasing and still undisciplined strength. When we look at all history as one process, as we have been doing in this book, when we see the steadfast upward struggle of life towards vision and control, then we see in their true proportions the hopes and dangers of the present time. As yet we are hardly in the earliest dawn of human greatness. But in the beauty of flower and sunset, in the happy and perfect movement of young animals and in the delight of 10,000 various landscapes, we have some intimations of what life can do for us, and in some few works of plastic and pictorial art, in some great music, in a few noble buildings and happy gardens, we have an intimation of what the human will can do with material possibilities. We have dreams; we have at present undisciplined but ever-increasing power. Can we doubt that presently our race will more than realise our boldest imaginations, that it will live, the children of our blood and lives will live, in a world more splendid and lovely than any palace or garden that we know, going on from strength to strength in an ever-widening circle of adventure and achievement? What man has done, the little triumphs of his present state, and all this history we have told, form but the prelude to the things that man has yet to do.”

And our founder continues this theme:

What shall we do to help more effectively, the healing of the World? The greatest thing that we can do is to be one with Him Who blesses all, Who makes none accursed, but Who works through a million avenues to restore those who have made themselves accursed by turning their back upon His
Truth and His Ways. To all we send our Blessing … for we would be like Him Whose Love never changes in its nature, nor is slow to bless where and when Blessing is needed and asked for.

**Spiritual Linking**

Christopher Nye

The reading for April is

“The Day of The Cross“

_Herald_ 16 pages 140-148

It will take place on Easter Sunday 21st

“This is the Day of the Cross”

The study for May is

“The Evangel of St. John“

From the Booklet of the same name.

Part 1 pages 3-22

It will take place on Sunday 19th

“The Lord’s Passion”

The two Readings are **08h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 9am BST in the UK, 4pm in Western Australia, 6pm in Eastern Australia and 8pm in New Zealand; the second is **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 12pm EDT in North America.
THE COMMUNAL SHARING CIRCLE is international and open to all. All you need to join us is a phone! Three regional calls are scheduled to serve our global community:

I: North America, Australia and New Zealand – 00:00 UTC
II: Europe, Australia and New Zealand – 08:00 UTC
III: North America and Europe – 16:00 UTC

Local times and dial-in numbers are listed on pages 6 and 7.

We welcome you to participate as a reader or a listener; call as frequently as suits your schedule and your needs. Readings taken from the books are referenced below; others require a service document, which may be requested by contacting the Coordinator (see page 6).

SCHEDULE

APRIL

7  I & III  Worship Service – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood

The Glory of Corpus Christi  [document]

14  III  Final Study taken from Divine Renaissance II

Ministrant: Jan Holmes

21  II & III  Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye

Herald 16, p.140-148 – The Day of the Cross

28  III  Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson

Life Immortal  [document]

MAY

5  I & III  Worship Service – Ministrant: Anne Candlin

Healing  [document]

12  III  Ongoing Study taken from The Logia

Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson

19  II & III  Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye

The Evangel of St. John  [booklet]  p.3-22
26  III  Communal Sharing – Ministrant: John Blossom
   The City of the Sun  [document]

JUNE
2   I & III  Worship Service – Ministrant: Janet Ristic
   Discipleship  [document]
9   III  Ongoing Study taken from The Logia
   Ministrant: Michael Arcese
16  II & III  Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
   The Evangel of St. John  [booklet, p. 23-37]
23  III  Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Esther Gowan
   Isaiah, p.173-177, 180-186 – The Drama of Israel

FELLOWSHIP CALLS on 2nd Saturdays – April 13, May 11, June 8
– help us get to know each other better and consider ways to
improve our Sunday calls. Calls are scheduled year-round at 8 am
Pacific time, 11 am Eastern, 4 pm for friends in the UK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to receive service documents by
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Schedule A will be in effect in all areas during the months of April,
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A – Daylight Saving Time in Northern Hemisphere; Standard Time in Southern Hemisphere

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  4 pm AWST
  6 pm AEST
  8 pm NZST
  (1 am PDT) (USA)

III A: 16:00 UTC
  9 am PDT
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  (12 am next day AWST)
  (4 am next day NZST)

B – Standard Time in Northern Hemisphere; Daylight Saving Time in Southern Hemisphere

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  7 pm AEDT
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If you are interested in joining us at any of the above gatherings please get in touch with us. Our contact details can be found on page 9.

**GATHERINGS AND EVENTS 2019**

Dance Week, “Seashells”, Swanage  
Thurs 11th – Thurs 18th April

Easter Gathering, Sarum College, Salisbury  
Thurs 18th – Sun 21st April

Dance and Families Gathering,  
The Ammerdown Centre, Somerset  
Tues 30th July - Mon 5th Aug

S, SE and W Areas Gathering, Charney Manor, Oxfordshire  
Fri 4th – Tues 8th Oct

Australia/New Zealand Gathering,  
Ferguson Valley, South-West Australia  
Mon 14th - Sun 20th Oct

Glenthorne Open Gathering, Grasmere, Cumbria  
Thurs 28th Nov - Mon 2nd Dec

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