

The Greatest of These

WHAT IS FAITH but the power of perceiving heavenly secrets? ... Have Faith and you will come to perceive HIS Light shining upon the path ... Then there is the glory of Hope. I would have you understand the meaning of Hope: real Hope ... Have GOD's Hope in you; the Divine Hope. It is the crown of Faith ... Have a living Hope as well as a vital Faith. Walk in the consciousness of HIS Radiance and you will not only be trusting that all will be well by and by, but you will know that it will be well – which is quite a different thing – know that it will be well with us!

The glory of Hope! Why, Hope is like a light which shines. It is the radiance of the Light shining through the countenance, full of hope as it moves through the world; not veiled, not sad and gloomy-looking. You never should look gloomy. We have our sad hours: let us try to have them in our own Sanctuary; and if we feel sad as we have to leave it and we ask HIM to ensphere us, the sadness will be transcended. For that which produces the sadness may be something that that will take days or weeks, even months, to fully heal. It may not be in ourselves but in relation to others, and to events with which we may have to deal, or stand by and witness. Before going out of your Sanctuary, ask HIM to clothe you with the Radiance of HIS Light and fill you with the glory of Divine Hope, so that when you proceed to meet others and to serve, HIS Radiance will shine through your eyes ...

These are Great Potencies – Faith, Hope, and coming after them, Love – the greatest of all, the first and the last ... Love triumphs over everything. It can enable the Being, from the outer planes to the innermost, to glory in HIM.



Spiritual Reflections

The Order of the Cross

**August
September
October
2020**

Dwell in the consciousness of HIS Presence with you, HIS Radiance within you, and let the glory of it shine through in a living Hope to all Souls.

Herald XX, Selections from pp163,164,165,166

Thoughts on the Teachings John Pignéguay

A REALLY VITAL part of the life of each one of us is connected with our intuitive faculties and how we develop them. There are many things that can really help us if we allow them to do so. For example, our involvement (in whatever way that may be) with the ‘creative arts’ i.e. art itself, music, literature, in the natural world etc. – all have their reflective and contemplative qualities which can expand our understanding of important aspects of our personal lives. We will probably all agree that this is very much the case (and we would all probably like to think that we achieve it in one way or another), but the reality of this understanding can sometimes be lessened by our paying too much attention to worldly matters, with all their various distractions. This is completely understandable, especially in these demanding times through which we are all living at present, but the fact of that actually being the case makes it all the more important for us to ‘keep our vision raised’ as much as we possibly can. This will not only be of real benefit to us as we go about our daily lives, but could also quietly contribute to a more positive outlook for those with whom we come into contact. These encounters are very much a two-way process and can be of real benefit to all concerned.

In the cover extract, our founder speaks of “the consciousness of HIS Radiance” and also of “the consciousness of HIS Presence,” a dual awareness on the part of all of us as we seek to live our individual and communal lives as best we may. In so doing, and in a quiet way, we may indeed “let the glory of it shine through in a living Hope to all Souls.”

This Year Has A Certain Beauty **Jacqueline Ward**

This year has a certain beauty,
held in a bubble that does not burst or move,
healing perhaps,

especially when the sun shines in the garden, where the birds sing with a new freshness. What are they saying to each other? Butterflies spiral and bees abound. We are blessed with the colours of wild flowers – celandine, forget-me-not, dandelion, daisy ... Voices and laughter are heard from distant gardens as often as from near. Distant music plays. 'Planes seldom traverse the sky, and the roads are quiet. Near us, a perpetual football game is played. Footballs fly over our hazels and red, nameless flowers, pursued by children and their dads.

This year has a certain beauty,
healing perhaps.
The light rain too has a healing quality.

But some are sick.
Some are lonely.
Some are in crowded places.
Some in high-rise flats and crowded tenements.
Some in institutions, hoped to be caring places.
Some are homeless.
Some are confined as immigrants.

Some are in prisons.
Some are in prisons of the mind.

This year has moved on a little. The golden dandelions turn white with age – and send forth seeds. Birds no longer sing with the first joy of spring and mating, but still they are singing – and their little ones fly. There is more time this year to see and hear such things, especially in the garden when the sun shines.

There is more time this year for hasty ones
to care for those in trouble,
seek ways of love and peace.
There is more time this year for Earth to heal.

Yes, healing perhaps,
held in a bubble that quivers,
this year has a certain beauty.

Communal Sharing: Services and Studies by Phone

THE COMMUNAL SHARING CIRCLE is international and open to all. Join us as a reader or a listener—all you need is a phone!

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the schedule below; others require a service document. To receive documents by mail or email, please contact the Coordinator (see page 5)

Scheduling of calls is changing to provide regular weekly service to the southern hemisphere; see the calendar below for details.

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 call times and dial-in numbers are listed on pages 5 and 6

SCHEDULE

AUGUST

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| 2 | II & III | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Janet Ristic
<i>Herald 21</i> , p.201-214 – <i>The Tree of Life</i> |
| 9 | I & III | Worship Service – Ministrant: Patrick Barnes
<i>The Kenosis of a Soul</i> [document] |
| 16 | II & III | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
<i>Herald 32</i> , p.32-43 – <i>The Song of the Soul</i> |
| 23 | I & III | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Lindajean Stewart
<i>Herald 13</i> , p.28- – <i>Dreams, Visions & Recoveries</i> |

SEPTEMBER

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| 6 | II & III | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Jane Bennett
<i>Master</i> , p.243-255 – <i>On the Sea of Galilee</i> |
| 13 | I & III | Worship Service – Ministrant: Sarah Palmer
<i>The Sacred Seven</i> [document] |

- 20 II & III Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
MLWU, p.179-186 – *The Girdle*
- 27 I & III Worship Service – Ministrant: Ian van Zyl
LOVE [document]

OCTOBER

- 4 II & III Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood
H.27, p.113-126 – *The Keys of the Kingdom*
- 11 I & III Worship Service – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood
New Heavens and a New Earth [document]
- 18 II & III Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
[booklet, p.7-] – *Thoughts for the Day*
- 25 I & III Communal Sharing – Ministrant: John Blossom
LMU, p.384-402 – *The Twelve Labours of the Soul*

FELLOWSHIP CALLS on 1st or 2nd Saturdays – August 1, September 5, October 3 – help us get to know each other and consider ways to improve our Sunday calls. Calls are held year-round at 8 am Pacific, 11 am Eastern, 4 pm for friends in the UK.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to receive service documents by mail or email, please contact the Communal Sharing Coordinator:

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LOCAL TIMES – Communal Sharing calls are scheduled year-round on Universal Time (UTC = GMT). To find your local call-in time, refer to schedule A or B (next page) according to whether your area is currently observing Standard or Daylight Saving Time. Schedule A is currently in effect in all areas.

<p>A – Daylight Saving Time in Northern Hemisphere; Standard Time in Southern Hemisphere</p> <p>I A: 00:00 UTC 5 pm PDT (Sat. eve.) 8 pm EDT (Sat. eve.) 8 am AWST 10 am AEST 12 pm NZST</p> <p>II A: 08:00 UTC 9 am BST (U.K.) 4 pm AWST 6 pm AEST 8 pm NZST (1 am PDT) (USA)</p> <p>III A: 16:00 UTC 9 am PDT 12 pm EDT 5 pm BST (U.K.) (12 am next day AWST) (4 am next day NZST)</p>	<p>B – Standard Time in Northern Hemisphere; Daylight Saving Time in Southern Hemisphere;</p> <p>I B: 00:00 UTC 4 pm PST (Sat. eve.) 7 pm EST (Sat. eve.) 8 am AWST 11 am AEDT 1 pm NZDT</p> <p>II B: 08:00 UTC 8 am GMT (U.K.) 4 pm AWST 7 pm AEDT 9 pm NZDT (12 am PST) (USA)</p> <p>III B: 16:00 UTC 8 am PST 11 am EST 4 pm GMT (U.K.) (12 am next day AWST) (5 am next day NZDT)</p>
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Canada	(1) 647-497-9379
France	(0) 1 70 95 05 85
Ireland	(0) 19 030 050
New Zealand	(0) 9 925 0481
Sweden	(0) 853 527 817
United Kingdom	(0) 330 221 0099
United States	(1) 646-749-3117
ACCESS CODE: 506-112-581 # # (same for all areas)	

Spiritual Linking Christopher Nye

THE STUDY FOR AUGUST IS

“A Song of the Soul “
Herald 32 pages 34-43
It will take place on Sunday 16th

“I am the rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valleys”

THE READING FOR SEPTEMBER IS

“The Girdle”
The Mystery of the Light Within Us pages 179-186
It will take place on Sunday 20th

*“Let your loins be girt with righteousness and your reins with HIS
purity”*

The two Readings are 08h00 UTC (=GMT) that is 9am BST in the UK, 4pm AWST in Western Australia, 6pm AEST in Eastern Australia and 8pm NZST in New Zealand (1am PDT USA); the second is **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 10 am MDT, 12 noon EDT in North America. *For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.*

THE STUDY FOR OCTOBER IS

“Thoughts for The Day”
Booklet: Starting page 7
It will take place on Sunday 18th

“Ere the incense of their prayer ascends to the heavens they shall be heard”

The two Readings are 08h00 UTC (=GMT) that is 9am BST in the UK, 4pm AWST in Western Australia, 7pm AEDT in Eastern Australia and 9pm NZDT in New Zealand; the second is **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 10 am MDT, 12 noon EDT in North America. *For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.*

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS 2020

With regret no Gatherings can be scheduled to take place this year.

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