

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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From the Teachings

Our Divine Principle

THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE is in every Soul. It is the Heavenly Arche out of which all things become. That Principle is not something apart from ourselves, but is the centre of our Being. It is the Mystery of GOD in us. From it is fashioned our magnetic pole by which we are attracted to and held from the Divine Kingdom. Even as the magnetic pole of the planet is a divine mystery, so is the magnetic pole of every man and woman. It is from that Divine Principle in us that all true things become – beautiful love manifested, the radiant Life realized, and the most blessed service rendered. It is through that heavenly Principle the divine world speaks to us and we hear that world's message. It is through the operation of that magnetic pole, love divine in its manifestation becomes possible. It is through the operations of that Principle as it is acted upon from the divine world, that life in us grows from childhood to maturity and patriarchal love and wisdom. It is through the intensification of the consciousness contained in that heavenly Principle that we are able to ascend in our state from glory to glory, rising from Kingdom to Kingdom, until the great mystery of the Being of GOD fills the whole of our Being, and we know GOD through realizing HIM as the FATHER-MOTHER – centrifugal and centripetal modes of manifestation. It is, therefore, through the culture of our true self that Life becomes, that the Rose of Sharon blooms within us – the Christ-love. It is through the heavenly Principle we thus commune face to face with the FATHER-MOTHER, LORD of all Being, ever glorious, ever most blessed.

Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p79

Reflections upon Our Divine Principle

John Pignéguy

THE SPIRITUAL 'MAKE-UP' of each one of us is something quite miraculous, and is probably something that we do not always fully understand ourselves. Our Founder may well have had this in mind, for as he says in the third sentence of the quotation: "That Principle is not something apart from ourselves, but is the centre of our Being." This illuminating sentence helps to bring the whole idea fully into focus. In so doing, we are presented with the wonderful possibilities that lie before us – no more do 'we see through a glass, darkly.' It is vitally important to remember that this realisation can only become a gradual reality if we give it time to do so.

Of course, a fractious world is the very antithesis of what Our Founder has to say, but that, in itself, should be a catalyst to gradually draw us away from world conditions and on to a higher level of understanding. That, however, does not mean 'withdrawing' at all. In our different ways, but always guided by the Divine Principle, we each have a quiet but vital part to play in contributing to a general raising of consciousness and awareness (and it *is* happening) in the way that we live our lives and interact with those we meet on life's journey.

Our Founder's words in the quotation say it all – "It is from the Divine Principle in us that all things become – beautiful love manifested, the radiant Life realized, and the most blessed service rendered."

Life on the NHS front line

Bronwen Partridge

AT THE START there was no lockdown for us in the NHS where, at present, I work as a theatre nurse in Brighton's beautiful children's hospital. I walked to work through the heart of the city, my favourite part of the day. It was so silent, still, weird for Brighton. The seagulls were kings, waddling through the main roads, looking for people and their chips no doubt! One morning in the Royal Pavilion I saw a fox playing with a dog, the dog's family went early every day they explained, as the fox waited patiently, and then ran rings around their pet, flying and leaping around the dog, over the little cast iron fences and through the gorgeous semi-dark gardens. I couldn't believe my eyes. They were such glorious pals.

My shifts begin at 8.00, and during the first lockdown our shift patterns increased (this was voluntary) as many were shielded due to health conditions. The shift ended at 9.00 pm. I remember at the beginning leaving the hospital, it's immense and sprawling, and being overwhelmed by a feeling of sorrow. This was in March. As I looked, I said a prayer in my mind, asking for strength to survive the massive challenges coming our way, like a tsunami. I had seen the early footage of Italy, through Italian colleagues looking online at work at the absolute carnage they were experiencing then. My poor nurse colleague Andrea telling me that this was his hometown. We watched anxiously as the world unravelled, feeling their fear, knowing we did not at that time have enough PPE, in particular for those out in the community, especially the paramedics, police, carers, in fact all key workers.

All my colleagues feared taking home Covid, to their loved ones, an added pressure for the younger ones with young children. Key workers sent their children to school, and their children had to cope, knowing their mother or father was risking their lives. I cannot imagine how they were, and still are, affected. We have received fantastic artwork from local children, many with rainbows. We display these proudly in our coffee room.



The symbol of the rainbow draws us all and has deep significance spiritually. I see them displayed in windows throughout the city, as a sign of hope, beauty, kindness, support for the best of human nature.

I feel privileged to have served during Covid, the greatest challenge of my career. I have witnessed incredible community spirit, with so many wonderful people donating food, delivering food, and giving of their time to support those who had to shield and were therefore vulnerable.

Of late I have been redeployed to other areas of the hospital. Many of my colleagues have been doing the same. It's a tough challenge, there are so many staff across our hospital trust who are unwell, sadly many with PTSD.

I am happy to report however that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Brighton has had a massive and efficient vaccine programme. I yearn for everyone to be safe. Like many members I have spoken to throughout my life, I do not fear passing, just how. I am blessed to have our teachings, my little Altar, and absolute faith. Many times during my life, when faced with a tricky situation during surgery, I have said a little prayer (always in silence, I don't want to disturb my struggling surgical colleagues) and it works 100%.

I have appreciated the kindness and friendship of fellow Members, and have had more time to study the Teachings and have an almost complete collection.

I will wrap up now, as the spring sunshine is pouring in, and it's my day off, so out for a walk. I would like to add how much I treasure receiving the Newsletter, I realise that tons of hard work and commitment go into it, but it is a comfort to receive, and has always been an important form of linking for us all.

Inspirational Thoughts



GOD is He and She and It: that is, GOD is Fatherhood-Motherhood in all Spirit and Substance; the creative, the formulative, the fashioning, the transforming, the transfiguring and perfecting power inherent in all Being, and realized for glorious manifestation in the realm we speak of as Divine. It is thus a human Soul, through the Divine realm within it, knows the Mystery and expresses it in all the Divine attributes which are begotten and built up, glorified and manifested from and through and by the Eternal Love, the Eternal Light, the Eternal Life, contained within the sacred casket of the Heavenly Principle which is GOD in the Soul.

Extract from 'Life's Mysteries Unveiled' by John Todd Ferrier, page 81



Love guards. Love protects. Love radiates and gives its radiations in Light.

Love companions. Love bursts forth into songs, songs of rejoicing, songs of gladness. Love touches the heart of the Being, the heart, playing upon its strings such music as Earth holds not to give. Love looks out of the windows, through the lattice. Love overcometh all obstacles that seem as walls of opposition...

Love is found in the hidden Mystery of the Spiral of our Being, the Flame of the Mystery of Being. Love looks out from that Spiral, from the clefts of the Rock of Ages, the foundation of our Being, through the windows of the Soul...Love looks over the wall, over all opposing things, for Love triumphs over all things, in seeking and finding the Beloved ONE.

Extract from 'Herald of the Cross Vol 32' by John Todd Ferrier,

Let Love distinguish you. To be the child of the Divine Love, both in its realization and manifestation, is more to be desired than earthly inheritance and power. For love enriches the life. Love exalts the vision. Love ennobles purpose. The regnancy of Love is assured.

Extract from 'Life's Mysteries Unveiled' by John Todd Ferrier

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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 pages 17 and 18 below. If possible, please call in before the scheduled hour.

SCHEDULE

AUGUST

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| 1 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Janet Ristic
<i>Divine Mysteries</i> , p325-342 – <i>The Science of Being</i>
[originally published in <i>Herald</i> 29, p91-104] |
| 8 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson
<i>Herald</i> 31, p36-49 – <i>The Translation of a Soul</i> |
| 15 | I & II | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
<i>Great Recoveries</i> [booklet]*, p6-21 – <i>A Great Recovery</i> |
| 22 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: John Blossom
<i>Herald</i> 27, p147-161 – <i>A Meditation on the Intuition</i> |

SEPTEMBER

- 5 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Christa Lewin
Herald 21, p78-90 – The Realm of Radiance
- 12 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Turid Nelson
he Tetragrammaton [document]
- 19 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
*Great Recoveries**, p22 – *Purification of the Temple*
- 26 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Sarah Palmer
H. 20, p205-215 – A Meditation on the Regeneration

OCTOBER

- 4 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood
The Resurrection [document]
- 11 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Esther Gowan
The Witness of GOD [document]
- 18 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
Great Recoveries [booklet] p41 – Deep Sea Fisheries*
- 25 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Michael Arcese
The Secret of True Unity – Herald 11, p137-150

**Great Recoveries* is a downloadable booklet from the Order of the Cross Website – see p2

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