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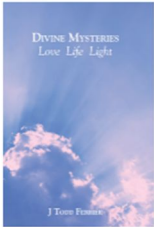
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## Thoughts to Inspire

### Remembrance



“WE ALL LOVE to be remembered, especially by those whose love has been made manifest unto us. The consciousness of being remembered has an exhilarating effect upon the emotion and oft-times upon life’s purpose. It is good to be remembered; for the influence of sweet thought, of hallowed memories in another concerning us and the outflow of love, contribute to the revelation of the radiance, our own radiance and the divine radiance that is

in us. Our remembrance of such things helps us, encourages us, fills us oft-times with new hope when life has become shadowed, and not infrequently chases the shadows away because of the very remembrance that we are remembered by those who love us. It is therefore good for us to remember even as we would be remembered; not to wish all remembrance to be towards us, but that we should share in the outflow. Each act of loving remembrance gives exhilaration and brightens hope, fills the heart with joy, encourages the life in its purpose to go forward and upward. It is well that we too should individually remember, not only those who love us in the sense that they have in a personal way expressed their love, or revealed it in the radiance of their individual countenance, but those also who have thought kindly of us, and we should even remember in blessing those who may through misunderstanding, misinformation, or misvision, have misinterpreted us. Oh, it is a good thing to hold hallowed memories and to send forth their influence unto others! Remembrance is a mighty power within the individual Soul. Forgetfulness is a depleting influence that robs the individual of much of life’s joy, and even in doing so veils the vision of HIM Who ever remembers, Who never forgets, Whose remembrances are hallowed, Whose memories are full of blessing.”

*Herald XXIX, p177*

*From the Teachings***The Season of the Christ-Mass**

*THE SEASON of the true Christ-Mass approaches, as truly as does the appointed time by the Church and State for the Celebration of the Advent associated with the Birth of the Master. We are all affected by the various aspects of the Celebration as these are believed in by and expressed through the Family, the Society, the Nation, and the Church. For the objective subject-matter of the Season appeals to all. Nor would we lessen the joy of family reunions, the giving of gifts to others, and rendering service unto friends and needy ones, nor put restraint upon those who have to guide the Nation in its outlook and review of Life and Service, nor the reverent devotion of those who seek some material concrete expression of the mysterious event found recorded in the New Testament. For all these may form a real part of a true celebration.*

*Yet we have to see and know the other side of the great Season. The manner of its Celebration is in most strange contrast to the most lowly yet dynamic Reality. For where GOD's Son incarnates, there is exquisite embodiment of Life. Love is regnant. Wisdom sheds HIS Glory. Righteousness rules. Equity holds the Divine Balance. The Children of Love and Wisdom go forth into the City of Life and Service, as the Divine Children of Compassion and Pity.*

*GOD is Love; and all HIS Sons and Daughters in whom HE is incarnated, make HIM manifest. In doing this, they celebrate the Christ-Mass of the Indwelling of GOD. For in this way alone is Jesus born in Bethlehem. There the Angel of the LORD will speak to you and tell you anew the wondrous story of the Coming of the Blessed ONE, even Adonai, in HIS Power and Glory, to be revealed and made manifest in the most holy estates of Jesus, Christ, and the LORD.*

*Hark! Of these things do the Herald Angels sing in this hour.*

*Herald XV, pp27-28*

## **Reflections upon The Season of the Christ-Mass**

**John Pignéguay**

**C**HRISTMAS can often feel a strange time of year. The clatter and clamour that seem to surround this annual event have a habit of almost totally blocking-out any meaning that may lie behind it. Additionally, it is curious to see that the promotion and advertising connected with this festival seems to get under way so early in the latter part of the year. All of this can dim the inner vision of the individual, if allowed to do so. But it may, in contrast, also act as a spur to try and discover, or rather re-discover, or at least see more clearly, what this great festival is all about. The individual seeking-soul may thus be able to take a step back, and have time for some inner reflection, something that may be difficult in a clamorous world, but all the more worthwhile for that. At the very least, it may help “the still small voice of calm” to make itself more apparent in our consciousness. And from that standpoint, we are then more able to appreciate the reality of the Christmas story, as well as the often-overlooked aspect of this story being applicable all-year-round and not just restricted to one particular time-of-year.

‘Love’ is spoken of as a central part of the story, and that in itself gives an uplifting motion. As Our Friend says in the extract: “Love is regnant. Wisdom sheds HIS Glory.” Those two short sentences really do tell a story, and one that can be a touchstone for all that we seek to achieve in our inner and outer lives. Related to that is the sense of renewal that comes with the approach of a new year, in earthly terms – this conjunction of these two festivals is interesting. The celebration connected with both is a significant link in the realisation of ‘new life’ which features in each of them. Thus we see ever more clearly what our purpose is, and where our direction lies.

As Our Friend puts it in the extract, in terms which reflect the privilege and responsibility of each one of us – “The Children of Love and Wisdom go forth into the City of Life and Service, as the Divine Children of Compassion and Pity.”

## **Christmas Greetings from The Editorial Team**

**T**HIS NEWSLETTER will have reached you during the season of Advent. Traditionally in the Church calendar Advent was a time of penitence and fasting in preparation for the great event that was the Christ Mass. This would come as a surprise to many people today as the period in the run up to Christmas today is far from that. There is no need to go into the grisly details, as all Members will be well aware of them. Come Boxing Day everything collapses like a pricked Balloon and people feel flat and in many cases financially challenged. The remainder of the Christ Mass period feels like an anti-climax when it should be a time of quiet enjoyment and Love.

As Members of the Order of the Cross Advent and the Christ-Mass have, for us, a much deeper meaning:

Now, when the Advent is to take place in the Angelic World itself (for we have to distinguish between the Angelic World of the Divine and the Angelic World of a Planetary system), the LORD comes as in the Divine World, but in a different degree of formulation, and in a different degree of manifestation. Yet HE comes. HE comes in the motion of the Spiral Breath. HE becomes concrete in that World as a Sun. When the LORD approaches, it is always as ineffable Light. And that World which is always full of radiance, is more fully flooded with Light at that time. Everything becomes more intense. The Angels have to witness the Advent. It is part of their education. It is a process of revelation to them. It is part of their service unto their LORD.

When HE approaches as ADONAI in high embodiment, the whole Angelic Heavens are full of joy and gladness.

*Divine Renaissance II, p299*

Later in the same Unfoldment, *The Renascent Path*, Our Friend goes on to say:

The Advent upon the Earth is associated with the coming of the Divine LORD HIMSELF. It is thought of as HIS appearing upon the Earth, of HIS coming under great limitation, and being born as a human child into this world. It has, therefore, been associated with the coming of a Messenger, the vehicle of the Christhood Manifestation being the outstanding Messenger of all.

This anthropomorphic Idea of GOD, of HIS coming, of HIS manifestation, of HIS dwelling with HIS children, has led men and women to worship the Messenger in the personal equation, and to regard HIM as the Incarnate one.

*Divine Renaissance II, pp301-302*

But Our Friend explains that the real Advent and Christ Mass is GOD becoming Incarnate within us to the extent to which we are able to realise him:

Thus, the Soul who is chosen to be the vehicle of an Advent is in a large measure part of the universal Body of the LORD, In the degree in which that Soul has realised HIM in HIS sublime Fulness, it becomes HIS vehicle, HIS Body of incarnation. The LORD is incarnated. HE, the LORD of all Being is in the flesh – the substance, and in the life stream – the blood, which is the Divine magnetic stream within the Being.

*Divine Renaissance II, p303*

Thus, we wish you all a quiet, peaceful and prayerful Advent and a joyful celebration of GOD becoming incarnate within you at the Christ-Mass.

With Love and Blessings to you all,

The Editorial Team

**(Lilian) Grace Deason**  
**A Precious Gift**

Oh Perfect Peace,  
Such Blessed Peace the Message brings;  
It sheds its calm upon all turbulent things,  
Upon all outer strife  
Which girds the Life,  
Comes Love's sweet calm,  
'Tis Gilead's Balm.

Oh Perfect Peace.  
The FATHER-MOTHER's Precious Gift,  
To all HIS Children, aware of that great rift,  
Who seek to do HIS Will.  
With joy they find HIM still  
The fount of Peace unending,  
Which passes Understanding.

Oh Perfect Peace.  
HIS Peace which grows ever more Whole,  
As the Encompassing presence becomes more real to the Soul,  
That Soul, ever yearning to be one  
With the LORD of her Being – her Sun.  
Sweet Peace, freely given,  
Come Taste, Ye HIS Children,  
Oh Perfect Peace.



**T**HIS POEM was written by Grace in 1958 when she had been a member for a few weeks, in thankfulness that the years of searching were over. Her depth of understanding of the Message was evident in her life and demonstrated through her ministry at services, as a wonderful shepherd to many, and her absolute trust in the

Father-Mother. She was a prolific letter writer, sharing her vision, life's experiences, and always full of gratitude. Over the years in Australia, she has been my mentor, and our phone conversations and letters dwelt on the how to live the life. So when she passed recently, she knew she was to journey on to Beulah Land. We may all rejoice with her.

Claire Ede

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## **Communal Sharing Circle: Services and Studies by Phone**

**T**HE COMMUNAL SHARING CIRCLE is international and open to all. Initially designed to link callers world-wide by phone, calls can now be accessed from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the schedule below; others require a service document. To receive documents by mail or email, contact the Coordinator as listed below.

TWO REGIONAL CALLS are scheduled to serve our global community;

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

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

Local call times, dial-in numbers and internet access link are listed on the following pages. Please call in before the scheduled hour.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **DECEMBER 2023**

3	I & II	Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Maya Hammarsal <i>“Story of the Shepherds of Bethlehem”</i> – [booklet] p.5
10	I & II	Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Patrick Barnes <i>“The Binding and Loosing of Satan”</i> – H.22, p.16-17
17	I & II	Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye <i>“The Abrahamic Story”</i> Pt. I – [booklet] p. 3-12
24	I & II	Worship Service – Ministrant: Lindajeane Stewart <i>“A Meditation on the Beloved”</i> [document]

## JANUARY 2024

- 7 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood  
“*The Theosophia*” – *Life’s Mysteries Unveiled*, p.424-436
- 14 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson  
“*The Shekinah*” – *Life’s Mysteries Unveiled*, p.236-246
- 21 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye  
“*The Abrahamic Story*” Pt. 2 – [booklet] p. 12-22
- 28 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Richard Palmer  
“*The Ministry of the House of Israel*” – [document]

## FEBRUARY 2024

- 5 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Jane Bennett  
“*What is Spiritual Healing*” – [E. Mary Gordon Kemmis,  
THE GREATER WORKS, p. 17-27]
- 12 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Lindajeane Stewart  
“*Some Familiar Terms Examined*” [LMU, p.424-436]
- 19 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye  
“*The Crescent, Star and Cross*” Pt. 1 – H.27, p.68-77
- 26 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Michael Arcese  
“*The Motherhood of God*” – *Herald* 16, p.53; and  
“*The Master’s Estimate of Woman*” – *H. 16*, p.69

LOCAL CALL 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 according to whether your area is currently observing Standard or Daylight Savings Time.

**All areas world-wide are currently observing schedule B.**

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12 pm EDT

5 pm BST (U.K.)

(12 am next day AWST)

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Northern Hemisphere;  
Daylight Saving Time in  
Southern Hemisphere**

**I B:** 00:00 UTC (=GMT)

4 pm PST (Sat. eve.)

7 pm EST (Sat. eve.)

8 am AWST

11 am AEDT

1 pm NZDT

**II 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)

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## **Spiritual Linking**

### **Christopher Nye**

**T**HE STUDY FOR DECEMBER IS

The Booklet “The Abrahamic Story”  
Part 1 pages 3-12  
It will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.

“The Planet-Soul was in the Abrahamic state,  
in the ancient days.”

**T**HE STUDY FOR JANUARY IS

The Booklet “The Abrahamic Story”  
Part 2 pages 12-22  
It will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

*“Think divinely!”*

**T**HE READING FOR FEBRUARY IS

“The Crescent, The Star and The Cross”  
*Herald 27* Part 1 pages 68-77  
It will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>.

“The Star is the emblem of high illumination ...”

There will be two readings. **00h00 UTC** (=GMT) Saturday in North America, Sunday in Australia and New Zealand. 4pm PST, 5pm MST, 6pm CST, 7pm EST, 8am AWST, 10.30am ACDT, 11am AEDT and 1pm NZDT. The second links Members in North America with those in the UK and Europe. **16h00 UTC** (=GMT) 4pm GMT in the UK, 8am PST, 9am MST, 10am CST and 11am EST in North America. *For phone-in numbers see Communal Sharing pages.*

## ORDER OF THE CROSS LITERATURE

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### Books

**The Master: His Life and Teachings**

**The Logia or Sayings of the Master**

**Life's Mysteries Unveiled**

**Life's Mysteries Unveiled – PAPERBACK**

**The Divine Renaissance Vol. 1**

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**The Message of Ezekiel**

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2024

### **Easter Gathering at Sarum College**

Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> March – Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **Creative Gathering at 'Seashells', Swanage**

Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> April – Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April

### **Glenthorne Spring Open Gathering**

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> – Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> May

### **Ammerdown Summer Gathering**

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