

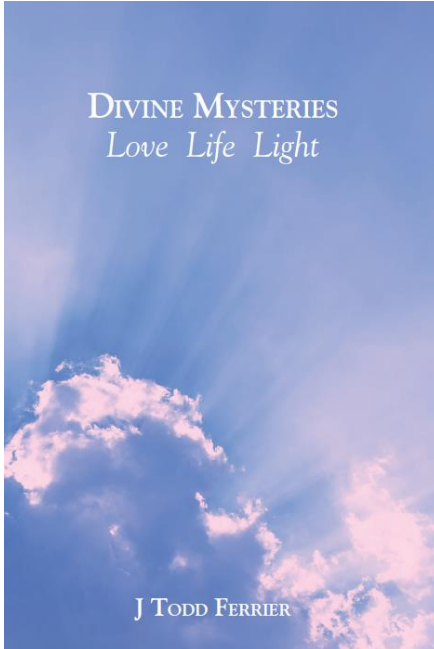
# **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

**February, March, April 2021**



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*From the Teachings*

## **A Meditation on the Intuition**

INTUITION IS THE UPGATHERED STORY of the Being. The Divine Age of a Soul is commensurate with the wealth of its Intuition. You understand? It is GOD's Granary into which HIS Grain, grown in each of our lives, is ingathered. All the wealth of our experience is upgathered but it is also sorted out, for in each life there is judgement, that is, separation ...

These may not be Realities to you, but they must become such. Let your Reason be equipoised in HIM, and your Perceptions keen to discern, and your Understanding become illumined, then your whole Being will grow till it is lit up by the very splendour of the consciousness of HIM, and you will be able to live in HIMSELF, live in the consciousness that HE is around you, that HE is over you, that HE is in you, that HE fills you, that your attributes are HIS Own in miniature for HIS manifestation and service. Live in the consciousness of HIS Presence, and walk with HIM, walk with HIM ...

How glorious to be HIS Child even in the midst of a World shaken to its foundation because it has lost so greatly; but it is being shaken by HIM to come back to Righteousness and Equity and Balance and to know the Truth of Love. You can walk through the world, shedding HIS Radiance; walk through it equipoised, and full of HIS Peace; walk through it radiating the glory of HIS Love. And in your walking, bless wherever you can bless; not by action, no, but in attitude. In attitude bless, and it will be indeed HIS vital action when you send your thought of blessing, your streams of love in blessing, the light of your understanding in blessing, your great hoping for the World in blessing, your desire to contribute to its perfect healing, for that is the way to bless it and heal it.

*Herald XXVII, pp157/159/160*

## **Reflections upon A Meditation on the Intuition John Pignéguay**

**I**NTUITION' is a subject that we will all feel that we can relate to in one way or another. The meaning of it, our understanding of it, and the part that it can play in our lives, is of a level of importance that cannot be overstated. At the same time, we have to be aware of the possibility of it becoming something of a mere mental exercise if we are not careful. Intuition is a tricky subject to define, as it very much belongs to our inner lives. The dictionary definition makes it seem simple enough: "Immediate apprehension by sense – immediate insight," and while that is factually correct, it hardly represents the whole picture. The power of the mind should never be underestimated, and yet we need to always remind ourselves that we most certainly do have the capacity to control our mind and not just let it run where it will – like many aspects of our spiritual journey, easier said than done.

The intuition could really be seen as much more like a special plant or flower that needs careful nurturing. And that thought can then take us into an aspect of life that really does feed our intuitive faculties on the outer as well as the inner. In 1883, one of the founders of the National Trust, Octavia Hill, had this to say – "*We all want quiet. We all want beauty ... We all need space. Unless we have it, we cannot reach that sense of quiet in which whispers of better things come to us gently.*" In these difficult times through which we are all living at present, those words bring to each of us a sense of balance and perspective. Thus our intuitive powers are enhanced to such an extent that we are indeed more able to "walk through the world, shedding HIS Radiance ... and the glory of HIS Love."

## Meeting Together in These Times

THE EAST ANGLIAN GROUP



**I**T WAS A REAL TREAT to read in the last Newsletter about all the various Groups reading the Teachings together around the world. How extraordinary that such difficult conditions should have resulted in such a positive phenomenon. We thought you might like to see a screenshot of some of us in the East Anglian Group who read together every two weeks. Like others we have found it to be deeply enriching and surprisingly powerful and we really appreciate coming together in this way. We are small in number when we meet but with the wonders of technology facilitating our Group we all feel so blessed to be able to share the Message and Fellowship like this.

### **Australasian Order Chat Room**

**Trish Sherwood**

**J**UST LETTING you all know that we now have an Order chat room where we can see each other face to face and where we have studies, which comprise PowerPoint presentations and some readings. At the moment it is primarily for spiritual seekers and any interested Oz/ New Zealand members. Other persons are welcome to join (apologies to the Americans as I know the time would not suit you)

Just contact me, Patricia Sherwood [trishmarysun@gmail.com](mailto:trishmarysun@gmail.com) and I will send you the chat room link. It is really easy to access you just click the link in your email and you are in.

We have had several such meetings and they are held monthly.

The next one is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm AWST and the theme is Spiritual Healing.

**This page and the next:**

Gold Leaf work and Seven Branch Candlestick drawing at the Spiritual Dance and Art Workshop held at Yallingup, Western Australia from 16-19 October 2020.



## Intentions

**Alison Muirhead**

**A**FTER A YEAR of trying to manifest balance and equity in our daily lives especially during the latter months of 2020, it is now time to put that all behind us and set intentions for the months ahead.

As usual, here in Edinburgh, we are reflecting how far we have come and what lessons we have learned during the outworking of 2020. The triple conjunction of Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto, which dominated the skies, showed us how humanity is out of balance with the Earth. The pandemic has created a pause, a quiet time to reflect and step back and see with hindsight those things individually and collectively which would benefit from being brought back into balance. This has spilled into the early months of 2021, giving a clear indication of those changes, individually and collectively, which need to be addressed.

We have been reading in *Herald XXVIII* in the unfoldment *Man's place in the Universe*, pp72/73

Though man is but a small unit in the vast Universe, he is part of it ...

Though he seems infinitesimal, he is potent.

The Universe of our FATHER-MOTHER, when it makes manifest, undergoes great changes through the forms of the manifestations and the ministries rendered. But the purpose is always the same. And hidden at the heart of the purpose is the Divine Idea.

The Divine Idea is the Divine Will, which lies at the heart of the Mystery of the Universe ...

Man shares the life that is ever changing in its manifestations, yet always the same in purpose.

It is so important not to lose sight of this. Each plays an important part in the whole. As the world gradually heals from the paradigm of control and dominance, which prevailed for the last 800 years, and moves into a new cycle to bring more compassion and collaboration, humanity can begin to heal. New foundations are being born during this entry into a new 20-year cycle of Jupiter and Saturn in Aquarius. This is the time to be clear in intention as each part influences the whole.

From *Herald XXVI, Solomon's Porch* pp100 and104

It is lovely to be altogether HIS Child, and to let HIS Authority prevail within and through the life: to have powers, even principalities, given to the Soul; that is to be raised to priestly estate, high degrees of mediation for HIM wherein in mediatorial service the Soul will serve at HIS Oblatory, giving of HIS glorious Mystery. But the authority to do that, which clothes the Soul with power, also clothes it with the correspondence to the power, which is selflessness. Oh to be able to wield Divine Power, and yet be selfless in the wielding of it! That is the secret of knowing GOD, of being like HIM, of serving before HIM, of being a servant for HIM.

And if any of you should say, "It is a hard way to tread; who can reach unto such heights?" I have to say to you that HE never asks of HIS beloved children that which they cannot do. Nay HE even understands how their desires and their purpose oft-times are far greater than their capacity to outcarry their desires and purpose. And so HE meets them in the way. And HE walks in Solomon's Porch.

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## **Letter from My Father** **Robert Rider**

**I**N HIS LATER years my father and I would regularly correspond, sharing insights from the Teachings and observations touching upon the inner life. I would like to share part of one of his letters; confident he would be happy for me to do so. It reads as follows:

"I had helped to create a lily pond, and alone at the time, I stood beside the pond in an atmosphere of quietness, and remembered that fifty years had gone by, during which I had never seen a dragonfly. I thought of the beautiful colours of these creatures, very wistfully indeed, and then suddenly a dragonfly appeared. It flew swiftly around me, then hovered immediately in front of me. This swift flight and hovering were repeated, as I stood there enchanted, bringing back vividly, the memory of the time I sat beside a pond in the croft near home when I was about twelve years old. Now, let me quote Mr Maitland:



“Various experiences had led me to suspect that there subsists between all living beings a bond of sympathy to which, if only the desire on one side reach a sufficient degree of intensity, the other side may be forced to respond by disclosing to view its animating idea.”

*Edward Maitland Vol. I. p94, Life of Anna Kingsford*



## Inspirational Thoughts

**John Todd Ferrier**

### **Being a Pacifist**

“Would you be a true pacifist? Do not enter into conflict upon any plane, but have the Great Peace in yourself. Even the FATHER-MOTHER has to operate through the elements, disturbing them and changing them, but HE does it through the outflow of HIS Electric Forces. We are also to play upon the evil elements, but we are to do so through HIS Electric Force not only pouring itself into us, but also uplifting all our sluices to the outflow of that Force. But do not attempt it, do not attempt such an experience upon the same plane as the opposing force. Oh, if you do, without thinking of HIM Who is the Centre of the Universe and of your own Being, you will fail. That is why there is such failure where there should be such triumph. You try to overcome evil, but in doing it, in your attack you have forgotten HIM, and you may make the attack probably on the wrong plane, in the wrong way, in the wrong spirit, with an inverted force. You understand?

You are all to be as Stars in the firmament, that is, centres of Divine Radiation. That is how to overcome evil. Do not enter into any form of conflict, physical conflict, mental conflict, but be true pacifists, Children of the Peace, the Great Peace.” *Herald XII page 262*

### **Flowers of Hope**

“Give men and women flowers of hope. Let them see HIS Joy in you shining through; or, to use a world expression, bubbling over. We do not mean effusively, nor like some passing effervescent element. But give them joy, the very atmosphere of which, creating joy, is exhilaration itself, and helps the sad and the weary to understand that there is a side to life wherein there can be joy, even amidst sorrowful travail; where riches can be held even when the outer life seems impoverished; where the blessed Angels minister continually and commune with the Soul, even though night still lingers upon the threshold of the World.” *Herald XXI page 162*

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The primary books written by John Todd Ferrier are available to purchase by contacting one of the people below, depending on your location.

### Books

<b>The Master: His Life and Teachings</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>The Logia or Sayings of the Master</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Life's Mysteries Unveiled</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Life's Mysteries Unveiled – PAPERBACK</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>The Divine Renaissance Vol. 1</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>The Divine Renaissance Vol. 2</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>The Message of Ezekiel</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>The Mystery of the Light Within Us</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>The Message of Isaiah</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>Divine Mysteries</b>	<b>£4.00</b>

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**T**he COMMUNAL SHARING CIRCLE is international and open to all. Please consider joining us as a reader or a listener—all you need is a phone!

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the calendar below; others require a service document. (See p13 for details).

REGIONAL CALLS are scheduled to serve our global community. The weekly call schedule is indicated on the calendar below:—

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

NOTE: The current schedule of calls linking Australia / NZ with the UK / Europe on 1st and 3rd Sundays, and with the USA / Canada on 2nd and 4th Sundays will continue through the end of March.

Beginning in April, 2021, the calls at 08:00 UTC (8 am GMT in the UK; 4 pm AWST in W. Australia) will be discontinued. Members in Australia and NZ will link up weekly with N. America at 00:00 UTC (Saturday in N. America, Sunday in Australia / NZ).

To determine the local call time and dial-in number for your area, please refer to page 14.

### SCHEDULE

#### FEBRUARY

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|----|----------|---|
| 7  | II & III | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Sarah Palmer<br><i>H.34, p.31 – The Divine Inheritance Within Us</i> |
| 14 | I & III  | Worship Service – Ministrant: Esther Gowan<br><i>The Appointed Redeemer of Judah</i> [document]     |
| 21 | II & III | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye<br><i>Herald 28, p.14-24 – Heavenly Counsels</i>    |

- 28 I & III      Worship Service – Ministrant: John Blossom  
*The Angel of His Presence* [document]

### **MARCH**

- 7 II & III      Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Raymee Chau  
*Herald 23, p.123-135- – The Art of Healing*
- 14 I & III      Worship Service – Ministrant: Elsie Danielsson  
*The Solar Plexus* [document]
- 21 II & III      Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye  
*DR II p.140- – The Truth & How We May Know It*
- 28 I & III      Worship Service – Ministrant: Lindajeane Stewart  
*The Spiral Breath* [document]

### **APRIL**

- 4 I & III      Worship Service – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood  
*Clothed With the Sun* [document]
- 11 I & III      Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Patrick Barnes  
*DR II p. 309- – Healer, Manifestor, & Redeemer*
- 18 I & III      Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye  
*Herald 20, p. 68-78 – The Dawn*
- 25 I & III      Worship Service – Ministrant: Michael Armstrong  
*The Greatest of These* [document]

**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 (next page) according to whether your area is currently observing Standard or Daylight Savings Time. **NOTE:** Clocks will “spring forward” on March 14<sup>th</sup> in North America and on March 28<sup>th</sup> in the UK. In Australia and New Zealand clocks “fall back” to Standard Time on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

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<b>A – Daylight Saving Time in Northern Hemisphere; Standard Time in Southern Hemisphere</b>	<b>B – Standard Time in Northern Hemisphere; Daylight Saving Time in Southern Hemisphere;</b>
<b>I A:</b> 00:00 UTC (=GMT) 5 pm PDT (Sat. eve.) 8 pm EDT (Sat. eve.) 8 am AWST 10 am AEST 12 pm NZST	<b>I B:</b> 00:00 UTC (=GMT) 4 pm PST (Sat. eve.) 7 pm EST (Sat. eve.) 8 am AWST 11 am AEDT 1 pm NZDT
<b>II A:</b> 08:00 UTC 9 am BST (U.K.) 4 pm AWST 6 pm AEST 8 pm NZST (1 am PDT) (USA)	<b>II B:</b> 08:00 UTC 8 am GMT (U.K.) 4 pm AWST 7 pm AEDT 9 pm NZDT (12 am PST) (USA)
<b>III A:</b> 16:00 UTC 9 am PDT 12 pm EDT 5 pm BST (U.K.) (12 am next day AWST) (4 am next day NZST)	<b>III B:</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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France	(0) 1 70 95 05 85
Ireland	(0) 19 030 050
New Zealand	(0) 9 925 0481
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## **Spiritual Linking** **Christopher Nye**

**T**HE READING FOR FEBRUARY IS

“Heavenly Counsels”

*Herald* 28 pages 14-24

It will take place on Sunday 21st

“Beloved Children of the FATHER-MOTHER  
seek the Highest”

**T**HE READING FOR MARCH IS

“The Truth and how we may know it”

*Divine Renaissance Volume 1* pages 140-145

It will take place on Sunday 21st

“The Soul can function on all the planes of manifestation in the  
Human Kingdom  
and rise within the Angelic World.”

**T**HE READING FOR APRIL 2021 IS

“The Dawn”

*Herald* 20 pages 68-78

It will take place on Sunday 18th

“It is the Resurrection Morning,  
and we see the arising of all Israel”

**The two** Readings are **08h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 8am GMT in the UK, 4pm AWST in Western Australia, 7pm AEDT in Eastern Australia and 9pm NZDT in New Zealand (February and March but not April); the second is **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 4pm GMT in the UK, 8am PST, 9 am MST, 10am CST, 11am EST in North America. *For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.*

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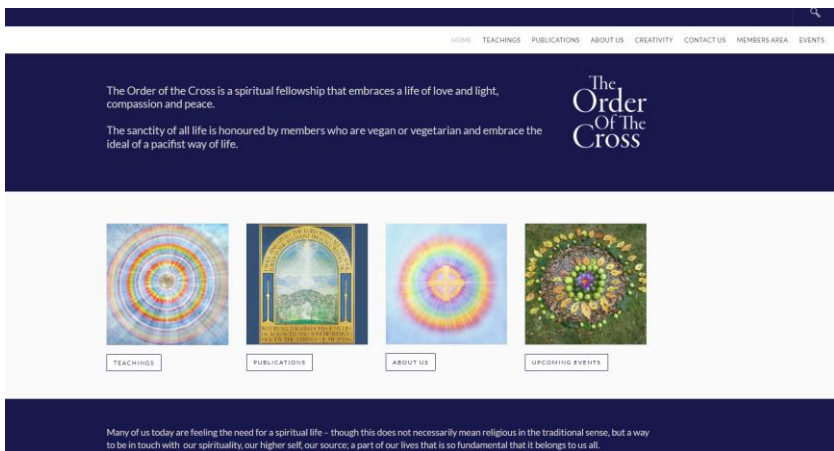
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