Divine Motion

ALL LIFE is the result of Divine motion. The motion is the operation of the Law of GOD. Real Life is the resultant of Substance and Spirit in beautiful, perfect Divine motion. Indeed we may even bring it down to the Human Kingdom. You can behold how Life in every vehicle is sustained by motion, the motion of the life-stream; we gain the power to make manifest through the motion of the life-stream. Life is the outcome of the perfect dual motion of Divine Substance and Breath. There is no Life without it. No Man can create Life. The Eternal ONE creates all Life. It is HIS Mystery. It is a Mystery the Soul can understand when it arrives at its fullness of Life and realization. Then it becomes part of the Universal Whole. It does not lose its individual centre when in consciousness it becomes part of the Universal Whole. Henceforth it lives in the consciousness of Fatherhood of GOD and the Divine Motherhood, the Universal Being of the FATHER-MOTHER. It seems impossible to attain such as exalted estate. Though it may seem impossible to the mind even to think of a Universe without time and space, yet when in high consciousness they become factors only in relation to ministry. The mind naturally thinks of space in relation to the manifest worlds, and of time in relation to their regulation: but these elemental states accommodations; for, when the Being is functioning in HIS Presence, there is neither space nor time. Whithersoever the Being is commanded to proceed, it flies with the flight of the Spirit. It is borne upon the wings of Divine Potency.

Herald X, pp 114-115



Spiritual Reflections

The Order of the Cross

June July August 2019

Thoughts on the Teachings John Pignéguy

DEAL LIFE' is something that all of us are involved with. Families, hiobs, friends – to name but a few – are some of the numerous areas that keep us busy in one way or another. In addition, the pressures of the modern world, whether actual or imagined, can loom large in our individual and collective consciousness, and affect the way we feel or think about 'things'. This in turn can tend to divert our attention from a more enlightened approach to the things that really matter, especially in connection with our spiritual life. Getting the balance right can often be a bit of a challenge, though we all have the potential to 'see through' all the outer distractions and thus bring ourselves to a greater awareness of what 'Real Life' can truly mean to us and for us. The story in The Prophecy of Daniel concerning Daniel in the lions' den always brings a sharp focus as to how to maintain a more balanced approach to 'life' - "Look at the opposing forces from within. Be polarized; be illumined; discern the Truth; then quell through the Divine Power in you, the Lion astral forces."

Our Friend indicates in the cover-extract how this process can then benefit us – "We gain the power to make manifest through the motion of the life-stream." And it is this potency that lifts us to a whole new level of understanding of 'Life' and especially of our own individual life, both spiritual and on the outer. Discerning the truth of things can be difficult in a rackety and uncertain world, but Our Friend's luminous writings always lift our thoughts and deliberations to a higher level. It is in these quiet times of reflection that we are empowered as to the way forward. This 'quiet power' has a potency that helps us to understand more clearly the meanings of these inner truths and how they apply to us as individuals, and how we can then apply them in all that we do. We can thus feel illumined by these revelations (which we do know intuitively) and as a result have a greater understanding that "All life is a result of Divine motion ... It is borne upon the wings of Divine Potency."

THE ORDER OF THE CROSS SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
JUNE JULY AUGUST 2019

URING THE week before Easter up to 16 members and friends met to dance in Swanage. Some of us stayed in a lovely B&B guest house opposite Annie and Hamish Campbell's home, and others in their visitor's accommodation in town. Each day began with a short Service or Meditation led by one of us there; all of which were most potent and varied. This was followed by a morning of Dance in a local school hall, the children being on Easter holiday. Meals, as usual, were provided by the ever innovative and smiling Carla, a local lass who has become a good friend, and who makes all meals vegan and mostly gluten-free. Afternoons were filled with more Dance and/or walks over the cliffs and sands around Swanage, followed by Studies of the Message from Herald XIX, which many of us took turns in leading, and all of which were most rich in atmosphere and full of helpful sharing. Some themes chosen were The Coat of many colours, The Holy Grail, Four Great Mountains, and The Crystal Sea. Two evenings were free for spontaneous fellowship – and fun!

The Dance sessions concentrated on learning about – or revising – the principles of Natural Movement Dance – how we base everything on the CROSS: the Uprightness, (or rise and fall), Levels, Balance (or opposition), the Spiral, Irradiation, and Circles of Life; and then how important it is to prepare for every movement we make with the Breath, and a move in the opposite direction! We remembered to use six positions to give direction and structure to our movements, and to use different levels and directions in straight lines and circular shapes. We improvised alone, in pairs and in groups, and also revised Dances we had learnt in past Dance Weeks, and also some new ones. All this was accompanied by lovely music from Classics to Film music provided on CD.

Everyone who came made a lovely contribution not only to the Dance, but to the understanding and love of each other, and so to the future of The Work. It was a perfect way to prepare for the Easter Festival!

Many thanks go to Cathy and Jackie for their teaching, Richard Palmer for his organisation of the programme, and to Annie and

Hamish for the organisation of our accommodation, Carla for meals, and for the use of their home for Worship, Study, and for Fellowship.

Easter Gathering Sarum College, Salisbury April 18th - 21st 2019

From the Ministrants and Leaders

Opening Service Maundy Thursday, Michael Owen

THE OPENING SERVICE took us on a path from having recently arrived at Sarum College toward preparation for the Retreat the following morning. The first step was to ensure that we had laid aside anything that we might be carrying. Of Easter, Our Friend said:

Each Easter as it approaches and intonates its presence and passing by, speaks with an ever-increasing volume of Angelic Music, Promise and Hope, and Command from the Eternal World. More Heavenly Songs fill the skies; the Promise of perfect realization seems nearer fulfilment; the Springs of Hope pour forth their exhilarating waters with greater certainty and volume; and the Reverberations of the Eternal Voice of the FATHER-MOTHER issuing HIS Commands of Love and Wisdom, are felt more intensely; and with these there grows a deepening consciousness within all the Children of Zion, of the Encompassing and Overshadowing of the Holy Presence.

Herald XVI, p113

Do we really believe this or do we tend to descend into dark thoughts about conditions in the World? In A Meditation on GOD, Our Friend said:

If you are looking into the darkness you cannot see Him, no. If you are looking where the opposite of good is to be found you will not see HIS Good. But if you look where Goodness is, then its opposite will lose its power.

Herald XXXIII, p62

So let us rejoice in all that the Heavens have accomplished and are accomplishing. In 1938, Our Friend spoke of the damage done to elements of the atmosphere by modes of travel and industrialisation, reference *Herald XXVIII*, pp56/7; now, the World is waking up to the need to change. In the Logia, p187, he writes of how as the Soul purifies its vehicles it will cease to make use of the creatures for unnecessary ends; today, millions of people around the World are coming to recognise that the lives of the creatures are sacred. It is wonderful to see that the young are in the forefront of this motion and how it has accelerated during this Century.

As their awareness deepens, people are led to seek further light on life. They are not finding this in what the Churches offer but in the upsurge of publications containing the writing of lovely Souls that often mirror the wonderful Teachings brought to us by Our Friend; many of these are best sellers!

In Before the Altar Our Friend asks:

Do you forget that even your thoughts create atmosphere? That Divine thoughts create golden auric outflow?

Herald XII, p255

If our life is right, we remember this at all times. But we know that when we come together at a Gathering we can build a more potent atmosphere than we can do individually. In this motion, the beautiful singing by the Choir of the Chorale, Love ye one another, led us into the Silence where we sent forth Blessings to the World.

And finally, two quotations from *The Worship of GOD* in *The Divine Renaissance* I, p99:

To worship GOD is to live forever in the consciousness of HIM. And to live in that consciousness is to live in the consciousness of the Eternal Good; to be ever in it, striving to be more and more, in the fulness of the expression of the Life, like HIMSELF.

To worship GOD means to worship that for which HE stands; to love it; to appropriate it; to let it build up the Being until the fashion of the Soul becomes the embodiment of HIM, so that HE is reflected through the Being.

Retreat, Good Friday Morning, Rose Heathcote

GOOD FRIDAY'S Retreat was based on the theme of sacrifice, not only the sacrifice made by the Master, but also the sacrifice in our own lives

... the inner significance of Good Friday, or the day of the Crucifixion, is this: the very triumph of the Soul leads it yet further; and as it approaches the Sabbath of the LORD represented by Easter Morning, it has to learn to lay down everything, even Life itself. For there can be no entrance into the Sabbath of the LORD without such a sacrifice.

Divine Renaissance II, p95

... Sacrifice, which is the giving of one's Being sacredly. A Sacrifice is a sacred act. It is a sacred thing, the giving of oneself in sacrifice for HIS Service.

Herald XXIX, p69-70

The revelation in Isaiah about the various orders and degrees of sacrifice led us from the outer to the inner through different stages.

... these initiatory sacrifices were crowned by that supreme act wherein the Will, which is the electro-magnetic force at the centre of the substance of every Soul and by which all souls are related to the Eternal Light, Life and Love, became one in sublimest sacrifice with the Divine Purpose, so that the whole Being lived and moved and had Divine consciousness in the Eternal Presence.

Isaiah, p18-19

With readings and moments of silence we then shared extracts from *Herald XXV*:

To do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with GOD. pp119-124

The final part of the retreat included potent silences, and readings from Herald 29 where we were urged forward joyfully with our lives.

Be rejoiced, that is, be in a state of joy before HIM, for HIM, because the LORD is coming in all this motion within you, and through it HE is becoming, giving you beautiful equipoise in HIMSELF, to be again HIS wondrous Children of Light, of Love, of Power, of Blessing. p16

The retreat closed with the singing of Hymn 116, to the tune of lona, which beautifully summed up the themes of the morning.

Service Easter Saturday Morning, Ruth Pignéguy

OUR SERVICE on Saturday morning looked at the theme of the Fellowship of the Order of the Cross – past, present and future. We considered what it means to be a Member of the Fellowship endeavoring to live the life to which the Message calls. We thought of the Service as a preparation for the Members Meeting to be held later that day when we look at where we are in the Fellowship, sharing experiences, our challenges and how we deal with them and sharing our thoughts on how we might do better in our attempt to manifest the Divine within each one and cherish it in others. We considered these in three sections;-

The Fellowship in the Manifestation Days:

The Key-note of His ministry was the Divine Love and Wisdom. How often He had to repeat these memorable words in the various Groups ... Love ye one another; even as ye have been loved, so love ye. GOD, the FATHER-MOTHER, is Love's Mystery, and to be HIS Children in very deed, is to know the Mystery of Love. But to know the Mystery of Love is also to know in the most blessed realization how to love every Soul, even as the Divine FATHER-MOTHER loves all Souls.

Herald XI, p248-256

The Fellowship in these days:

The Order of the Cross is but a vehicle through which that Name which is above every name, may again be understood. No formal membership to it could bring the understanding of that Name. (There are many of the Order who are not formal

Members yet). To understand the Divine Name in its mystery, is to understand the mystery of GOD in us.

Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p23-27

The Fellowship in the Future:

It is an absolute certainty that the Work will proceed and the Message prevail and triumph. The details of all that must needs be accomplished are in part dependent upon outer conditions, and very largely upon the conditions within yourselves. For in the degree in which you respond to the Divine Afflatus, the Encompassing Presence, and the overshadowing Glory, so shall the accomplishment be.

Herald X, p173-191

We concluded with a reading of Psalm 26 "May we indeed tell it as those who know it, reveal it (The Radiance of GOD) as those who behold it, interpret it, as those who feel it and have entered into life".

Meditation with the Psalms Saturday Evening, Bernard Fallon

THE POETIC TEXTS of a selection of Psalms from Songs of Israel were the subject for an evening of Meditation, which took the form of a Service of Seven Psalms, some giving praise to the Ever-Blessed ONE our FATHER-MOTHER, some a prayer of thanksgiving for all HIS wonderful Works and for all the wonderful ways of HIS Overshadowing as we navigate the conditions of a troubled world.

A united atmosphere was built singing *The LORD'S my Shepherd*, Hymn 167, the much loved and familiar version of Psalm 23, sending blessings to loved ones and all Souls, known or unknown in need of upholding.

The first Psalm for meditation was A Soul Symphony, p82, a joyful paean of praise followed by Our Refuge and Dwelling-Place, Psalm 90, p46, which gives praise to the FATHER-MOTHER and acknowledges HIS Overshadowing "amidst the desolation that hath overtaken all the Earth".

The next three Psalms shared the theme of dismissing our doubts and reasserting our trust in the constancy of the Love and

The third of the set of three, Within the Sanctuary, Psalm 84, p43, expresses our yearning to approach the Presence in the uplifting and healing atmosphere of the Inner Sanctuary at the end of the long journey through the darkness and difficulties of world conditions.

The last two Psalms of the evening of meditation celebrated how the Divine Mystery is expressed in all the wondrous Works of the LORD, in all the Heavens, Celestial, Divine and Within, and in all the Kingdoms of the Earth. *The Excellency of GOD*, Psalm 8, p6, places the Human Soul in the context of this manifold creation with all the Divine responsibility that this implies.

The final Psalm for meditation was *The Benedicite*, Psalm 148, p70, which is traditionally held to be the song sung, in Praise to GOD, by the Three Hebrew Children whilst in the Fiery Furnace, in the mystical story told in *The Book of Daniel*. To fully understand its significance the Psalm was introduced with an unfoldment from *The Prophecy of Daniel*, pp156-158.

The evening was beautifully concluded by Annie, accompanied by Rose, singing a short section of *The Benedicite*, as a canticle from The Book of Common Prayer.

Service Easter Sunday Morning, Christina O'Sullivan

MOST GLORIOUS ONE, Our FATHER and Our MOTHER, the Source of our Life and its constant upholding and enriching! ... THOU makest this a real Easter Day, the Day of Esther, the Soul's Awakening and Arising to reign once more for THEE.

The opening Hymn was, Morning Has Broken, and the theme of the Service was The Lamb of GOD. The readings were from Herald XXIX and Divine Renaissance I and II.

The Lamb of GOD signifies the Divine Mystery of Sacrifice in the Divine World, the giving of Divine Love and Wisdom sacrificially unto all Creation.

In Divine Renaissance II Our Friend writes:

The Lamb of GOD that taketh away the sin of the world is the Divine Love. The sin of the world cannot be healed in any other way ... To heal the world is to fill it with the Love that will give to it a right outlook, a right attitude of mind, a right motion of heart, a right purpose of spirit, a right manifestation in all its ways.

It was the Divine Love that sought the elder children unto the finding of their diviner qualities, and the restoration of their consciousness, to realize that there is no such thing as abiding happiness on the earthplanes until all the World's sorrow is dried up, and that, until that time, they must be in the very Lifestream of the Lamb of GOD, caught up by its motion to become once more the vehicles through which it may flow and make itself manifest; that they may again become the burdenbearers and the cross-bearers for the Divine Love, the real, heroic Souls who will endure unto the uttermost for GOD, and account it joy unspeakable and honour high to be HIS servants, HIS redeemers.

Following the address, the reading was from Ezekiel, pp117-119, regarding *Triumph*.

This Easter Day is a wonderful morning for me and for you. Therefore I ask you to arise! Arise! Arise! ... Christ is risen! Let HIM be risen in you! ... The great, Divine triumph will be ours when we meet again in the Homeland with all those we have known and loved along the way.

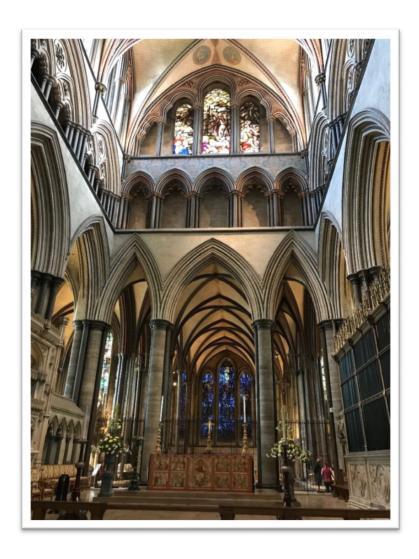
It was indeed an honour to conduct the Easter Morning Service. Thanks to the committee for inviting me. Thanks to Annie and the choir for the beautifully sung introit, GOD be in my Head, and

thanks to Rose for accompanying us in the singing of the Easter Hymns, nos. 113, 23, and 115.

May HIS Love and Great Peace be with each and everyone today and always.



Friends gathered at Sarum College, Easter 2019 Photographed by Michael Horsley



Salisbury Cathedral Photographed by Elizabeth Singer

Eternal mystery of love Listening to the sparrows sing Divine sounds from the above Entering our hearts within

Making patterns with every step Imprinting the force of love Rising into the world of light In tune with Heavens above

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The Nature of the Immortal Life Quotation contributed by Christopher Nye

F YOU HAVE WELLING UP WITHIN YOU a passion to know HIM Who is the LORD of being, not simply a faint desire to hear something said about HIM, but a passion to know HIM, to contact HIM, as the Presence: to be touched by that Presence; to touch the Atmosphere of that Presence; then it is the testimony that you have known something of that ONE in the great Ages of the past, and that now there is awakening Consciousness within you of that ONE you knew.

The Life Immortal, p14

A Morning with the Sun Cathy Oerter

THERE IS A STILLNESS in the morning when the Sun is beginning to emerge into view. Gardens with new spring blooms, mountains with patterns of woven colours and the sea with its infinite mystery, all offer views that touch our Souls with a harmony that immediately captures the silent wonder of dawn. During this initial time of day one can witness the awakening planet with the music of singing birds; the world's alarm clock. The time frame is short, but there is an appointment available every day with the rising Sun.

We are blessed with this moment. Resting in the colours of dawn we draw a deep breath. With appreciative joy the work commences and we prepare ourselves for what the day will bring us; opportunities to bless, kindness to offer, a listening ear and hopefully a time to walk our varied paths leaving an atmosphere rich with HIS Love.

HE waits. HE is patient. We step forward in our return Home with each footprint a reminder of our progress. Today there are multiple impressions as our united fellowship of Souls arises from the dawn of a new age into the Light of the Sun.

Communal Sharing: Services and Studies by Phone

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- I: North America, Australia and New Zealand 00:00 UTC
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- III: North America and Europe 16:00 UTC

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We welcome you to join us as a reader or a listener; call as often as suits your schedule and your needs. Readings taken from the books are referenced on the schedule; others require a service document. To request documents or inquire about call times for your local area, contact the Coordinator (page 15).

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II B: 08:00 UTC

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Spiritual Linking Christopher Nye

THE READING FOR JUNE IS

"The Evangel of St John"
From the Booklet of the same name
Part 2 pages 23-37
It will take place on Sunday 16th

So HE emphasised the need for perfect Love;

THE READING FOR JULY IS

"The Eternal Mystery "
Divine Renaissance volume 1 pages 73-92
It will take place on Sunday 21st

A lamp is a vehicle. It is a receptacle for the sacred Flame.

THE READING FOR AUGUST IS

"The Coming of the Kingdom" Herald 21 pages 165-182 It will take place on Sunday 18th

And the Kingdom comes within the Being in the measure in which that Love is realized.

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Ferguson Valley, South-West Australia

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Thurs 28th Nov - Mon 2nd Dec

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