

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

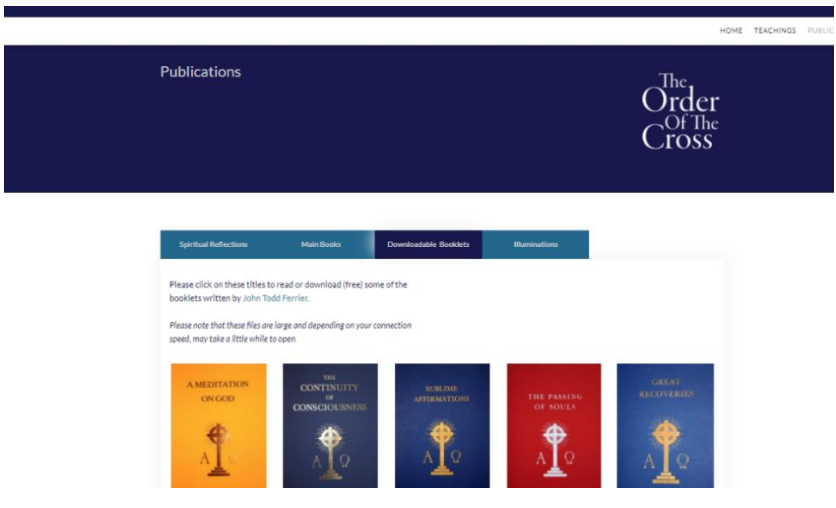
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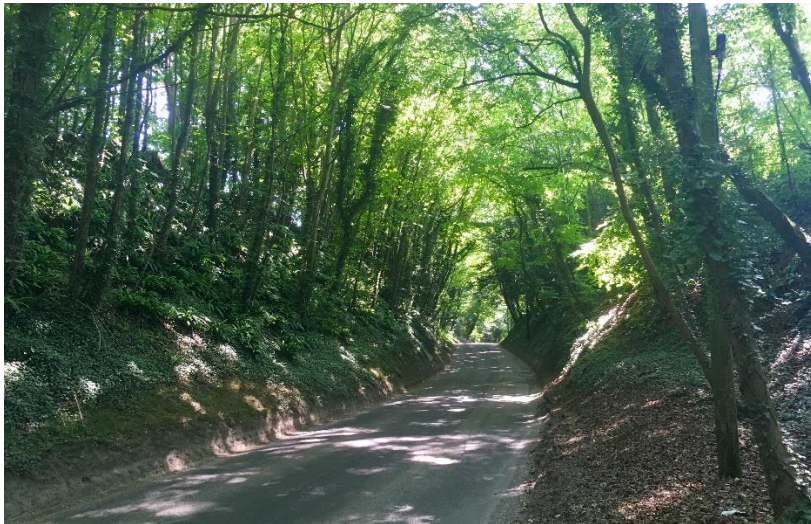
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Thoughts to Inspire



What a mystery our Life is! We begin, seemingly, as little children, and we grow from more to more, even till we touch the Divine Estate. But we never outgrow our Source. Our channels are deepened and broadened, and the flow of our life enriched. Life becomes mightier and still mightier. But it is individuated, and never equal to the Ocean into which it flows, and out from the heart of which its waters proceed. The desire-nature as the passion of the soul, flows from the innermost through the channels, expressing as it goes the Mystery of GOD within us.

How marvellous a thing Love is that can so desire! How profound is that Motion that can so express itself! How great is the Mystery of GOD in us, when, through the expression of our passion, GOD who is the Mystery becomes revealed! How stupendous is that Life of Love in the Divine which could desire into manifestation such Hierarchies of Worlds and Beings! How sublime is that Love in its majestic stooping that can make of the individuated soul a perfect world, a complex beautiful system, a reflex of HIS own Glorious Mystery, and embodiment of the fashion of the LORD!

From Life's Mysteries Unveiled

From the Teachings

The Stilling of the Storm

When the blessed Master found an hour of quiet with His immediate friends, He spake thus unto them concerning the experiences through which the Soul passes when it is beset with conditions which try it:

“The Soul is like a ship upon the open Sea, when all its attributes are out of true harmony; it is tossed about on the tempestuous waves, and is in danger of becoming overwhelmed.

The mind of the Soul, which should always be calm and clear like pellucid waters, is then filled with disturbing elements, so that it cannot reflect unto the Soul the Heavens of its LORD.

Even the powers of the mind itself are so troubled that they fill it with the fear of a great dread, and make it cry out like those who are in dire distress.

For, as I have said unto you, the mind of the Soul is the Sea of Galilee; and the sacred little ship upon it is the Soul, the sacred Ark within which the Divine Presence abides.”

The Logia, p126

Reflections upon The Stilling of the Storm

John Pignégué

AMONGST ITS MANY ASPECTS, the bible is also a compendium of remarkable stories. Some will have been familiar since childhood, while others may well be somewhat neglected for one reason or another. This could be because of the nature of these stories themselves and the content contained within them, something that young minds may well find hard to assimilate without a guiding hand. That said, as we move through the various stages of our lives, it is quite possible that our understanding of these stories will gradually expand as our Soul-growth also increases.

This feature of our spiritual and temporal lives is of the greatest value in helping us to keep some sense of balance and perspective in times of difficulty. World-conditions are something that touch us all, and this is where a fresh look at the parables may be of great benefit. Some parables will have a special resonance at particular times, and that can certainly be said of our cover-extract.

The stilling of the storm is a well-known and dramatic story, and one that engages the individual immediately. But it is one that has a real application to the daily lives of all of us, and we can probably all recognise ourselves in aspects of this story. This 're-learning' of ourselves on our spiritual journey is a quiet gift from the heavens, and is something that can be enhanced by involvement in, for example, art, music, dance, literature, the natural world, and the like. This in turn helps give us a new focus and a new sense of direction, which is something our founder touches on in his 'note' on p127 in the *Logia*:

The awakening within them of the memory of HIS presence, the coming back into the consciousness of HIS power. None but HE could stay the power of the elementals, and bring the little Ark of the Soul safely out of the tempest.

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Books

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The Logia or Sayings of the Master

Life's Mysteries Unveiled

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An Artist's Palette

Beneath a cerulean sky
Our small, ruby-red craft
Softly slips her mooring,
Leaves behind her safe harbor.

Enveloped in a purple haze
Heads out, upon the sapphire sea,
Burnt sienna cliffs slide by
Framed by dark green trees
Above the shoreline.

Golden rays of sun
Reflect the shimmering waves
As you take your last voyage.
Grey ashes fall upon the ocean floor
Washed by the tide for evermore.
But your Being steers its course
On, thru' a path of pure white Light
Towards a glimpse of heliotrope
On the far horizon.

Rosemary Smith

Easter Gathering

Sarum College, Salisbury, April 2022

SALISBURY BATHED in glorious spring sunshine throughout the Easter Gathering reflecting the heart-felt warmth of our delight in being able to meet together once again to celebrate this most sacred time. Amid much that was familiar to many – the peaceful atmosphere of the cathedral close, the dominating age-long presence of the cathedral itself and the welcoming vestibule of the old college building – there was also the unfamiliar sense of a new beginning. Most of the Sarum College hospitality team, including the administrator, were new to us, and we were new to them, and we were the first large group that they had hosted since the pandemic closures.

We were now a smaller group so the College found it financially challenging to allow us exclusive use of the guest rooms and it was necessary for them to accept a limited number of additional bed-and-breakfast guests. They very thoughtfully arranged a separate area for the additional guests at breakfast time so that the main dining area was exclusively vegetarian/vegan. The food, by everyone's account, was exceptionally good.



Sarum College from the Cathedral Close



Salisbury Cathedral and Close from the gates of Sarum College

The Sanctuary

As at past Easter Gatherings the Sanctuary was open at 7.30 each morning for **Silent Meditation**. The first person to arrive lit the ruby light on the Altar. The last to leave extinguished it.

The Altar, as always, was raised most beautifully and its symbols illuminated to become radiant with light.






Members and Friends gathered at Sarum College, Salisbury – Easter 2022

Photograph by Michael Horsley

Forthcoming Gatherings 2022

Please see our website for details



JUL 21 - JUL 26

UNITED COUNCILS

Ammerdown Gathering

🕒 Jul 21 04:00 PM - Jul 26 10:00 AM

📍 The Ammerdown Centre (UK)



JUL 26 - AUG 1

OPEN TO ALL

Annual Gathering of the Fellowship

🕒 Jul 26 04:00 PM - Aug 01 10:00 AM

📍 The Ammerdown Centre (UK)



SEP 17 - SEP 25

OPEN TO ALL

North American Gathering

🕒 Sep 17 04:00 PM - Sep 25 10:00 AM

📍 Ojai Retreat & Inn

Communal Sharing Circle: Services and Studies by Phone

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

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the calendar below; others require a service document. To receive documents by mail or email, contact the Coordinator (see page 12)

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 and dial-in numbers are listed on pages 12 and 13 below. If possible, please join us before the scheduled hour.

SCHEDULE

MAY 2022

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| 1 | I & II | Worship Service – Ministrant: Patricia Sherwood
<i>“The Mystery of the Four Breaths”</i> [document] |
| 8 | I & II | Worship Service – Ministrant: Esther Gowan
<i>“The Unifying Power of the Message”</i> [document] |
| 15 | I & II | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
<i>Herald 25, p.192-206 – “The Manifestation”</i> |
| 22 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Ian van Zyl
<i>LMU, p.225-234 – “The Urim and the Thummim”</i> |

JUNE

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| 5 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Jane Bennett
<i>Daniel, p.123-137 – “The Lamb that was Slain”</i> |
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- 12 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Jan Holmes
“*The Spiral*” [document]
- 19 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
Herald 26, p. 57-70 – “*The Book of Joel*” (Pt. 1)
- 26 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Jean Laverack
Herald 18, p. 89-100 – “*The Mystery of the Paracletos*”

JULY

- 3 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Greg McMillan
LMU, p. 424-236 – “*The Theosophia*”
- 10 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Claire Ede
“*Transmutation*” [document]
- 17 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
Herald 26, p. 70-81 – “*The Book of Joel*” (Pt. 2)
- 24 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Michael Arcese
H. 29, p.177- – “*A Meditation Upon Remembrance*”

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 (page 13) according to whether your area is currently observing Standard or Daylight Savings Time.

For the months of May, June and July, all areas world-wide will be observing schedule A.

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

Esther Gowan • esthergowan@earthlink.net • (1) 805-542-9133

**A – Daylight Saving Time
in Northern Hemisphere;
Standard Time in Southern
Hemisphere**

I A: 00:00 UTC (=GMT)

5 pm PDT (Sat. eve.)

8 pm EDT (Sat. eve.)

8 am AWST

10 am AEST

12 pm NZST

II 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)

**B – Standard Time in
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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FOR COMMUNAL SHARING CALLS**

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Australia	(0) 2 8355 1039
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 READING FOR MAY IS

“The Manifestation”
Herald XXV pages 192-206
It will take place on Sunday 15th

“The Master came to reveal the FATHER-MOTHER ...”

THE READING FOR JUNE IS

“The Book of Joel”
Herald XXVI Part 1 pages 57-70
It will take place on Sunday 19th

“But the LORD Came to Israel as a Chariot of Fire”

THE READING FOR JULY IS

“The Book of Joel”
Herald XXVI Part 2 pages 70-81
It will take place on Sunday 17th

“The Sun in HIS glory, the Divine Presence within, shall no more be darkened ...”

There will be two readings. **00h00 UTC (=GMT)** Saturday in North America, Sunday in Australia and New Zealand. 5pm PDT, 7pm CDT, 8pm EDT; 8am AWST, 9.30am ACST, 10am AEST; 12pm NZST. **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 10am MDT, 11am CDT, 12 noon EDT in North America. *For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.*

Spiritual Reflections

Publication Timetable

Our apologies to those of our readers who were expecting to receive the May Spiritual Reflections earlier in the month. As will be seen below our publication dates have now changed.

Issues will be published in the first week of:	Date contributions are to be received by	The three-month period the issue will cover
March	February 7th	March April May
June	May 7th	June July August
September	August 7th	September October November
December	November 7th	December January February

**The next issue of the Spiritual Reflections
will be published at the beginning of September 2022.
Contributions for the next issue should be received by the
7th August.**

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