

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

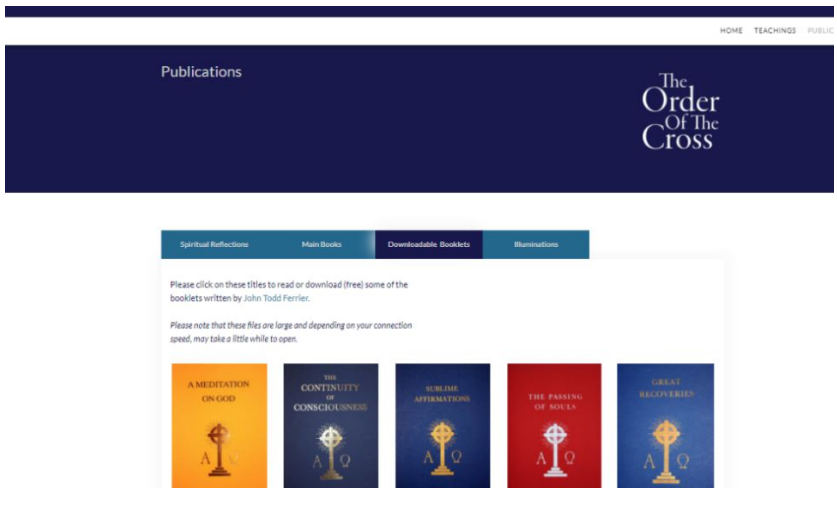
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Thoughts to inspire



We may feel the breaths of the Angelic world even whilst we are walking the public thoroughfares. It is possible to walk through the world as it is and be in the consciousness of the Enspiring and Overshadowing Presence. And when you have a quiet hour in your home, the Divine urge in you would have you have more intimate fellowship, and if you in yourself provide the conditions, the Angelic atmosphere will surround you and fill the home. If you cannot see the Angels, you will feel them. If you cannot hear them, and yet would have communication, if you be spiritually open, the Father- Mother through His Angelic World will impress upon your mind heavenly thoughts, will give you an urge to know what He purposes, will reveal to you in a flash, some beautiful ministry you may render.

Extract from 'Herald of the Cross Vol 28' by John T Ferrier, page 20

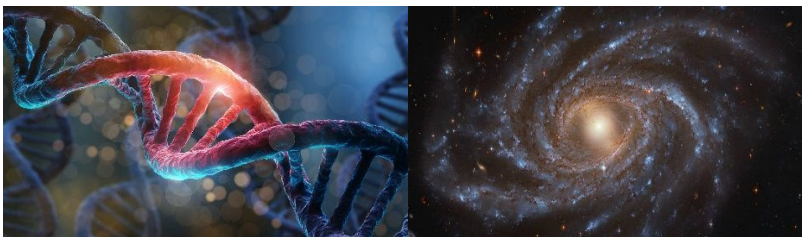


The Spiral

This world is built up in most mysterious fashion. At the heart of it there is the Mystery of the Spiral. The human life is in many respects a replica of that mystery, for the individuated Being is built on the principle of the spiral. A spiral may be represented as a winding staircase. The Spiral Breath which gives life to all things, is the Spiritual Life-stream. It applies to the planet and to the individual.....

For the Spiral Breath is in each one. There is an ascension of life from the planes that we speak of as the lower and outer, as the Life-stream of Divine Magnetism moves inward and upward, even until it reaches the innermost and highest. The motion of all the planes is the outcome of the Magnetic Flow of the Spiral Breath. Without it there could be no Life.

Extract From Life Mysteries Unveiled by John T Ferrier p51



From the Teachings

Psalm 63

Beneath the Overshadowing

EARLY IN THE MORNING will I seek THEE, O LORD; for THOU art my
GOD.

My Soul is athirst for THEE in this parched land where no Living
Waters are to be found.

My very substance crieth out for THEE to make manifest unto me
THY Power, even as I have beheld THY Glory within the
Sanctuary.

Because of THY Loving-Kindness my lips may utter THY Praise, for
THOU hast endowed me with the Life wherein I can know
THEE.

With my whole Life would I bless THEE, and in the uplifting of my
hands make THY Sacred Sign.

THOU enrichest me with the wealth of THY Love and Wisdom; they
are marrow and strength unto me.

From my Couch during the night-watches would I praise THEE; for
with Joy may I meditate upon THY Loving-Kindness.

THOU hast vouchsafed THY help unto me in the midst of trouble, and
caused me to remember that I am ever beneath the
Overspread Wings of THY Presence.

Though the way I have to go in my following of THEE makes my Life
to be full of trouble, yet THOU dost uphold me by THY Right
Hand.

For THOU dost defend me from those who seek to destroy my trust
in THEE, and make me a dweller amongst the fallen who
desire only low ways of life, and smite in their subtlety.

THOU art my KING; in THEE alone is my Life found, and my Joy.

Songs of Israel, p33

Reflections upon Psalm 63 - Beneath the Overshadowing

John Pignéguay

MODERN CONDITIONS do not always lend themselves to contemplation. This is hardly an original observation, but it is one that is worth making especially because the “obvious” can easily be overlooked in certain circumstances. With all that has been going on globally over the last two years or so, it is completely understandable that everyone’s focus has generally been in one particular direction. How we react to such situations is something for each one of us, and we will all hopefully discover within ourselves a sense of perspective and balance that will be right for us.

Looking with wider vision in these sorts of circumstances helps bring with it an increasing understanding of the spiritual realities that already exist within each of us, and that we can gradually bring more into focus. The first line of this uplifting Psalm sets the tone straightaway – “Early in the morning will I seek THEE, O LORD; for THOU art my GOD.” Thus we have an immediate and elevated sense of our spiritual direction, with that direction continuing throughout the whole Psalm, line-by-line. Indeed, each line is worthy of special meditation.

And while this sense of meditation is certainly present when we sing this Psalm as part of a Worship Service, when we read it quietly to ourselves (perhaps at home), there can be much more of a feeling of the personal aspect of how it ‘speaks’ to us as individuals. Interestingly, none of the Psalms actually rely on any music at all, the meaning being in the power of the words themselves. However, the musical accompaniment by its very nature does indeed help bring its own inner ‘illumination’ and a greater understanding of the words being sung. This in turn gives us a real sense of direction, both spiritually and in our outer lives, something that is truly reflected in the closing line of the Psalm:

THOU art my KING; in THEE alone is my Life found, and my Joy.

Ammerdown

A Time of Love and Fellowship

Anne Campbell

SO AMMERDOWN opened its arms to us this summer and looked after us with great care and positivity, as we were able to come together at last after a two-year absence.

It wasn't possible for many to attend in body so a Zoom link was set up so that our times of worship and our United Councils meeting were shared with friends in their own homes.

We had guided meditation walks, lots of singing, studies and services... swimming! and relaxed and gentle times of sharing together.

On the Monday we held a meeting open to all (the gathering was, this year, an open one so the meeting included all) to consider ideas of what were important things to include on the website as we move forward with updating it. Bruce had prepared an example front page as a starting point. We divided into two groups and there was a remarkable accord when each group summarised their thoughts at the end. It was very helpful to have responses from the friends of the Fellowship present as they represent who the main area of the website is working towards reaching.

I must mention the food. The food was utterly delicious!

As some left at the end of the first half of our time there the families arrived and we continued in a rather different mode. We had nine children in our four families and as ever they were off in a great gaggle of energy and affection as they swooped about the place like a murmuration. They just seemed to pick up where they'd left off although most were twice the height they'd been last time!

So altogether it was a very special time. Not all had been in a position to travel and we missed them greatly but much love was generated and blessings sent out to all.

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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 9).

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 9 and 10 below. If possible, please call in before the scheduled hour.

SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

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| 7 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Christa Lewin
<i>Herald 28, p.38- – “Initiation in Relation to the Temple of Being”</i> |
| 14 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Claire Ede
<i>Herald 21, p.201-214 – “The Tree of Life”</i> |
| 21 | I & II | Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
<i>Great Recoveries booklet, p.60 – “The Mysterious Pool”</i> |
| 28 | I & II | Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Ian van Zyl
<i>LMU, p.22-33- – “The Order of the Cross”</i> |

DECEMBER

- 5 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Jane Bennett
Divine Mysteries, p.88- / *Herald* 8, p.94- –
“*The Passing of Souls*”
- 12 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Jan Holmes
“*The Assembly of the Gods*” [document]
- 19 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
Herald 25, p. 3-17 – “*The Work: Part 1*”
- 26 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: Lindajean Stewart
“*The Guiding Star*” [document]

JANUARY

- 2 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Janet Ristic
Herald 17, p. 58- – “*The Times We Live In*”
- 9 I & II Worship Service – Ministrant: June Young
“*The Mystery Named the Will of God*” [document]
- 16 I & II Spiritual Linking – Ministrant: Christopher Nye
Herald 25, p. 17-29 – “*The Work: Part 2*”
- 23 I & II Communal Sharing – Ministrant: Richard Palmer
Herald 13, p. 159- – “*Within the Sanctuary*”

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