

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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Thoughts to Inspire



Truth

The word is generally used to indicate knowledge about a thing. It is thus applied to information about events, historical data, scientific facts. And, as applied to these realms, this is a right use. But to have the true knowledge of the meaning of historical events and the material facts of science, means something

more than gathering information from without, or even tabulating phenomena observable in nature and life. Knowledge is the light begotten of knowing. To know is to understand all the relations and correlations, seen and unseen, in the historical facts and material data and phenomena tabulated by science. To know is to understand not only the outer relationship of things or apparent outer relationships, but also to understand the inner relationships and correlations of all the facts and data observable in scientific research. Knowledge, therefore, is comparative according to the plane and degree of manifestation, unless the understanding be illumined so that the inner relationship of things is understood and the knowledge concerning them perfect. Otherwise, knowledge as such may be compared to a beautiful mirror broken and scattered, its thousand pieces reflecting in the most fragmentary way the objects presented to them. ”

John Todd Ferrier, Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p 97



“What a glorious mystery our little life is! Little it is in comparison with the vastness of the universe, yet how vast even a Life in its littleness is, when it can apprehend within itself that which is of the most blessed ministry of the Mystery of Being? It is filled with the Mystery of God.

John Todd Ferrier, Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p 58

From the Teachings

The Mystery of Evil

THE TRAGEDY of evil in the world is too real to our consciousness, to be blotted out by any affirmations that there is no evil in the world. And the evil that is in the world will continue until the Mind, Cain, be healed, and the Prophet, Abel, be again triumphant. And the healing of Cain can only be through the Prophet. That means, that the Mind can be healed only from the Divine Centre of the Being ...

This is the day of the healing of Cain.

It is the day of the resurrection of Abel.

It is the day of the restoration of Eden.

The flaming sword that is said to have guarded the way of the Angel of HIS Presence, is once more the Sacred Flame of HIS Spirit illumining the Being, throwing wide open the gates leading into the state of Eden, that the Being may enter into the great Realization, and find there again the Tree of Life amid the Rivers of Living Waters whose leaves, fruits, and manifestations of service, are for the healing of the nations.

For the nations can only be healed through the Light of the Presence interpreted in the Love of the Indwelling ONE, manifested in our attributes as the graces of HIS Spirit, re-interpreted in our ministries as the leaves full of balm. The world can only be healed through the

communities of nations; the communities of nations through the communities that compose them; the communities through the families that build them up; and the families through the individual lives coming into the consciousness of the Great and Holy Love.

Life's Mysteries Unveiled, pp355-356.

Reflections upon The Mystery of Evil

John Pignéguay

THE WORLD'S confusion can sometimes leave us feeling somewhat adrift. With column-inches and airtime to fill, the various media also conspire to divert our gaze from those things that matter, the quieter and more purposeful aspects of life that make no noise, and make no claim on us, save what we ourselves know instinctively to be right for us.

As we know only too well, the opposing forces are alive and active in whatever ways they are allowed or feel encouraged to be. This means for us that our sense of balance and proportion needs always to be guarded as we seek to do 'our bit' in helping the healing, redeeming powers that are all around us to restore a proper perspective in all things.

And of course, as we also know, it is the Mind that is the real key in all of this. The Mind affects everything we do and as Our Friend reminds us in the quotation, "the Mind can be healed only from the Divine Centre of the Being."

If we can achieve as much of this process of healing as possible, and continue to increase it, our relationship to the outer conditions will be seen as not so much a challenge but rather, and especially, a time of real opportunity for us to quietly help move things forward and upward. In the process, it is quite possible that we may also become an understated source of healing and light for those we meet.

Thus we may well find that this approach will help, as Our Friend writes elsewhere in a musical analogy that is rather appealing, to "bring back Eden, the holy state, the state of Peace in which is found true harmony; the state of Joy wherein the symphony is heaven-born."

A Song of NATURE

Queenie Dawe

O Love, Thou dost grow in the grass
And live in the leaves;

O Love, Thou art power in the pines
And gold in the sheaves.

O Love, Thou art sap in the stem
And strength in the root;
Thou givest Thy Love as a seed,
Unto food in the fruit.

Thou fillest the fragrance of flowers
In breath of the breeze;
The sound of Thy song floweth forth
From the sycamore trees.

O Love, wilt Thou blossom in me
In mind, heart and Soul,
Till the Being can bloom as a rose
That Thy Love maketh whole.

News from the Virtual Contact Clerk

When it became impossible to meet in person as a result of the Covid pandemic, reading groups sprang up all over the World, some on the phone and some online, using Zoom. It has become clear that these groups are now part of the Order's life as they bring members and friends together to read from the various writings of John Todd Ferrier.

I have the joy of reading with many groups and of helping members and friends to find a group to join, whether by phone or online. It's a wonderful experience to share with others who may live on the other side of the world or near at hand. It brings us together in a new and wonderful way. It's amazing how much atmosphere is generated as we read and pray and sit in the silence, alone, but together.

Although it is early days for the work of the Virtual Contact Clerk, it has already been possible to help some to share in this way. If you would be interested in these activities and would like to be part of a group, or learn more about the groups, please contact me at:

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Communal Sharing Circle: Services and Studies by Phone

Please be aware the Go-To dial up phone numbers have been changed.
The new numbers are:

| INTERNATIONAL PHONE NUMBERS FOR COMMUNAL SHARING CALLS | |
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| COUNTRY | PHONE NUMBER |
| Australia | +61 2 9091 7603 |
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| France | +33 430 001 242 |
| Ireland | +353 15 360 756 |
| New Zealand | +64 9 913 2226 |
| Sweden | +46 853 527 818 |
| United Kingdom | +44 808 178 0872 |
| United States | +1 571 317 3116 |
| ACCESS CODE: 506-112-581 # (no change for all areas) | |

MEETING TIMES ARE: California time (PST/PDT), 9am Sunday morning, all year round regardless of standard or daylight time. (see Time Conversion Chart below).

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Schedule

JULY 2024

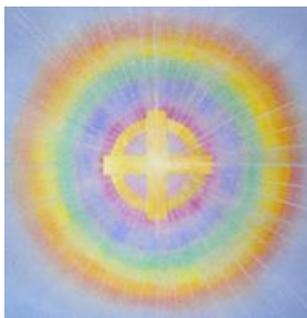
- 7 *Festival of Corpus Christi* (DR 2, p 62) – Elsie Danielsson
- 14 *The Priesthood of Israel* (H19, p15) – Patrick Barnes
- 21 See Spiritual Linking
- 28 *The Opening of the Heavens* (H22, p39) – Turid Nelson

AUGUST 2024

- 4 *The Sign of the Cross* (Isaiah p191) – Lindajeane Stewart
- 11 *The Process of the Return* (H24, p154) – Elsie Danielsson
- 18 See Spiritual Linking
- 25 *Watch and Pray* (H12, p139) – Richard Palmer

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 1 *The Message of Adonai Through His
Servant Unto His Brethren* (H34, p173) – Michael Arcese
- 8 *The Great Tribulation* (Daniel, p39) – Sophia Howard
- 15 See Spiritual Linking (in the next issue)
- 22 *A Meditation on a Great Bible Myth* (H24, p175)
– Ian Van Zyl
- 29 *Mystery of the Dove* (H13, p201) – Michael Arcese



Join from your computer, tablet or smartphone with the following link (no change):

<https://meet.goto.com/506112581>

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| A – Daylight Saving Time in Northern Hemisphere; Standard Time in Southern Hemisphere | B – Standard Time in Northern Hemisphere; Daylight Saving Time in Southern Hemisphere |
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| I A: 00:00 UTC (= GMT) 5 pm PDT (Previous eve.) 8 pm EDT (Previous eve.) 8 am AWST 10 am AEST 12 pm NZST | I B: 00:00 UTC (= GMT) 4 pm PST (Previous eve.) 7 pm EST (Previous eve.) 8 am AWST 11 am AEDT 1 pm NZDT |
| II A: 16:00 UTC 9 am PDT 12 pm EDT 5 pm BST (UK) (12 am next day AWST) (4 am next day NZST) | 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) |

Spiritual Linking

Christopher Nye

THE READING FOR JUNE IS

“Before the Throne of GOD”
Herald 15 Part 2 pages 11-17
It will take place on Sunday 16

“What is the Throne of GOD?
It is the Seat of HIS Regnancy in you.”

THE STUDY FOR JULY IS

“Healing through Vision”
Herald 14 part 1 pages 3-10
It will take place on Sunday 21

“The vision of the Presence is with you.”

THE STUDY FOR AUGUST IS

“Healing through Vision”
Herald 14 part 2 pages 10-16
It will take place on Sunday 18

“We are never really alone.”

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, 10.30am ACST, 11am AEST, 1pm NZDT. **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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2024

Ammerdown Summer Gathering

Thurs. 25th July – Mon. 5th August

North America Gathering

Ojai Retreat

Sat. 14th – Sat. 21st September

Western Area Gathering, Sheldon Retreat Centre, Devon

Thurs. 3rd – Mon. 7th October

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

2025

Southern Summer Gathering

Aotearoa, New Zealand

Sat. 18th – Sun. 26th January

Spring Gathering at Sarum College

Fri. 11th – Mon. 14th April

Glenthorne Spring Gathering

Tues. 13th – Thurs. 22nd May

Ammerdown Summer Gathering

Thurs. 24th July – Mon. 4th August

North America International Gathering

September – Los Angeles Area

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| March | February | March 2025 April 2025 May 2025 |

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