

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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Thoughts to Inspire



The Blessing of Compassion

‘Blessed are the compassionate, and those whose heart is full of sweet understanding.’

‘Let Love distinguish you. To be the child of the Divine Love, both in realization and manifestation, is more to be desired than earthly inheritance and power.’

‘Your compassion will comfort.’

‘For Love enriches the life. Love exalts the vision. Love ennobles the purpose. The regnancy of Love is assured.’

‘If ye truly Love ye will give Love. If ye give Love, many will rise up to call you blessed.’

Let the Good of Love, and the Truth of Love, ever be expressed in all your ways.’

‘For the Good of Love is its healing power, and the Truth of Love is its Radiance.’

From *Life’s Mysteries Unveiled*. by John Todd Ferrier page 10 -11

The Regnancy of Love

To love our neighbour as ourself is surely a Divine Ambition. It is the selfless way. Seek ye unto the finding of it.

Blessed are the compassionate, and those whose heart is full of sweet understanding . They reveal the Angelic Love.

Let Love distinguish you. To be a child of the divine Love, both in its realization and manifestation, is more to be desire than earthly inheritance and power.

If ye Love, ye will not fail in the way. If you truly love ye will give Love. Therefore, love ye one another.

Let GOD'S Love pour itself through you in beautiful Compassion that shuts no one out. Never shut anyone out of your love.

Let the Good of Love, and the Truth of Love, ever be expressed in all your ways.

Let your compassion be beautiful unto all Souls, and your pity unto all creatures.

Children of HIS Love, HIS Love is your very Being, the central and radiant point of your Life.

From *Life's Mysteries Unveiled*. by John Todd Ferrier



The Kindness of Neighbours

Neighbours, the people who just happen to live next door, the people we smile and wave to as they pass in their car or walk with the baby or take the dog for a walk; but they are so much more!

Most of us are so busy living our own lives that our relationship with the neighbours is not considered. Their ins, and outs are seen, but don't impact on us in any way - until there is a problem! What follows is amazing. There are offers to shop, to mow the lawn to come for coffee, and not just from the next-door neighbours. People across the street have heard and want to help. They offer their phone number and say 'Just call us!'

But, that kindness has always been there! In all the rush to live our own lives we have been oblivious to all the kindness right there, living right next to us. Kindness that is warm and generous and yes, loving! They are our Earth Angels.

This new awareness is a wonderful thing. It's something to recognize and cherish. Suddenly, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' makes perfect sense. But who is my neighbour? Anyone, everyone? In this World full of turmoil there is the wonder of this Love that wells up seemingly from nowhere; but it brings a great awareness of how much more there is to life than just living. The World can be filled with this Love if we all become good neighbours!

Andrea Kerr



Sunset

Like -
liquid crayon
asperging
from
Heavenly fingers
the Sun
is sucked
into the land.

The burnished
beauty of Angels
its horizon -
at one with
The Absolute.

Paul Renshaw

From the Teachings

What is a Human Being?

The Human Being is at once an emanation, an individuation, and consequently, a manifestation of the Divine Mystery. There is individuation, by which is meant that the individual has potencies within it which, when realised, give to the consciousness of the individual Being, the Mystery Presence we name God.

In a like way, man is an emanation. All radiance, all good, all love are created within him, being emanated from the Divine Mystery. Thus man becomes, in the different Kingdoms of manifestation right from the Inner Divine unto the outer earthly – planetary – a manifestation of the Divine Mystery. Within man are the like potencies. Within man Love is the Eternal Principle. Within man Love must be the centre of the Being. If not he can never be like God. If not he can never know God. If not his life cannot be the life that is named the Eternal Life. If it be not, he can never know the transcendent radiance of the Eternal Love.

Because man is called to those high estates, because it is known man can attain to those high estates, because he can glimpse the Mystery, can sense it, can apprehend something of it, can feel something of it, therein is the testimony that within him there is the Mystery of God. Aye, more: with the consciousness that he can rise from state to state, from sphere to sphere, from Kingdom to Kingdom, from Realm to Realm, even until he can stand in the very Presence in consciousness, that is, in the very Presence of the Eternal Mystery, this testifies to what he is in himself.

Herald 25 pages 164-165

Stellar Ministry



This year the celestial bodies are aligned in a way most interesting to astronomers that is unprecedented and it will take thousands of years before they align in ways like it again. To astrologers this signals a particularly important time in the evolution of mankind. A paradigm shift is anticipated by many astrological, scientific and philosophical thinkers. Their broadcasts and contributions on the WWW make this very clear. Even the layperson cannot help but have heard of the unusual alignment of the stars and planets at this time.

Recently the Edinburgh and Glasgow group in our weekly meeting chose the unfoldment in Herald 26, entitled “The Mystery of the Great Bear” which is an answer to a question about the relationship the great stellar constellations have to us.

The astrologers can easily explain our turbulent times as the influence of the planets and their conjunctions. The unfoldment of the Mystery of the Great Bear, really tells us that we are so intimately connected with those stars that we should not be surprised that immense forces are at work, and we feel the result.

“All systems are inter-related. They all have the purpose of their formation, individually and collectively, the outcarrying into fulfilment, in particular and general ways, the purpose of the Father-Mother.”

Herald 26, p42

“What is your travail today but the resultant of the shaking up of the Being, from your Inner Sanctuary even into your bodies, and of the effects of the radiations of the Solar world, of the Celestial Spheres unto and through the Solar World? Remember that even Mazzaroth is supposed to belt the whole System; and is supposed to influence all Souls according to the Sign into which the life in its new generation is conceived and born, both as to the Sun Sign and to the Rising Sign.”

Herald 26 p 55

How awe inspiring it is to know that these star systems are there ministering to us to help us on our homeward journey and to navigate the travail we meet on the way.

In our next study, from Herald 26 we turned to the unfoldment of “the Divine Omniscience”.

From there we get the reassurance that the overshadowing ministries are real and active. We realise that Divine Omniscience understands our purpose and constrains us to live as best we can within the Laws of the Universe.

John Todd Ferrier states, “ I am moved to speak to you .. trusting it may help you to understand Him Who is our Father-Mother yet more fully; to be able in a more complete way to trust Him; and to see the relation of His knowledge of you to yourself, and His knowledge of the World to its conditions and motion.” *Herald 26. p128*

So we have the reassurance that the overshadowing ministries are real and active. We realise that the Divine Omniscience understands our purpose and constrains us to live as best we can within the Laws of the Universe.

In our third meditation, the group turned to the unfoldment entitled The Field of Ardath where we read

“We are living in the days when Zion was to be restored. The set time has come, God's time for the restoration of Zion.” *Herald 26 pg187*

In these days when astronomy, astrology and the galactic line-up of stars and systems is catching our attention. In this time when the world conditions seem chaotic, unstable and unpredictable, we have

the reassurance that all is known and overshadowed. We are constrained to let fear go and trust in Him.

Our three studies have taken us on a journey of understanding. We read of the connection between the stars and our lives and the planet. We see why there are more troubles in the national and social worlds. Yet we learn that through the Divine Omniscience all is known. Though we need to travail we know that this is part of the healing of the planetary conditions. And finally, we read that the time for the arising of Zion is now. Can we see that arising in the travail we witness? Though it is uncomfortable to observe, our teachings tell us that all is known, the planets are sending us rays to shake us up. Yet the destination is definite.

“Awake! Therefore, awake, O Zion! Once more put on thy beautiful garments!”

Herald 26 p195

*Alison Muirhead and David Muir
The Edinburgh and Glasgow Group*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025
Please see our **Website** for details

2025

North America International Gathering
The Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino, California

Wed. 10th – Wed. 17th September

Western Area Gathering at Sheldon Retreat Centre

Thurs. 2nd – Mon. 6th October

**Communal Sharing Circle:
Services and Studies by Phone**

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SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 7 Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving, (H XIX, p168) — Michael Arcese
- 14 A Presentation in the Temple, (H XXX p43) — Elsie Danielsson
- 21 The Nature of Temptation, (H XXXI, p84) — Christopher Nye
- 28 The Souls Divine Inheritance, (LMU, p174) — Richard Palmer

OCTOBER 2025

- 5 The Four Breaths, (H IX, p147) — Michael Arcese
- 12 The Great Liberator, (H XIX, p114) — Ian van Zyl
- 19 Divine Estate of Master in Manifestation Days, (H XXXI, p92) —
Christopher Nye
- 26 The Drama of Israel, (Isaiah, p171) — Lindajeane Stewart

NOVEMBER 2025

- 2 Song of the Soul, (H XXXII, p32) — Michael Arcese
- 9 The Altar Lights, (H XVIII, p171) — Jan Holmes
- 16 The Art of Healing, (H XXIII, p.123) — Christopher Nye
- 23 Dreams, Visions & Recoveries, (H XIII, p28) — Lindajeane Stewart

MEETING TIME IS: 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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Spiritual Linking
Christopher Nye
Richard Palmer

THE READING FOR SEPTEMBER IS:

“The Nature of Temptation.”
Herald 31 Part 1 pages 84-92
It will take place on Sunday 21
The Ministrant will be Christopher Nye.
“On the way the Soul is tried.”

THE READING FOR OCTOBER IS:

*“The Divine Estate of the Master in
the Manifestation Days.”*
Herald 31 Part 2 pages 92-100
It will take place on Sunday 19
The Ministrant will be Christopher Nye
“The Master was a Child of the FATHER-MOTHER.”

The Readings will take place at **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 10am MDT, 11am CDT, 12 noon EDT in North America.

THE READING FOR NOVEMBER IS

“The Art of Healing.”
Herald 23 pages 123-134
It will take place on Sunday 16
The Ministrant will be Christopher Nye

“For every need the Great love essays to find a Blessing unto the making of that need find fulfilment.”

British Summer Time will have started in the UK and Daylight-Saving Time in North America but the time on the clock will not change. The Readings will take place at **17h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm GMT in the UK, 9am PST, 10am MST, 11am CST, 12 noon EST in North America.

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