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SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

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The Sun - the bringer of Life



“We find ourselves in a world of polarized thoughts and feelings, where it is often difficult to discern the true path of things.

Such is the nature of the redemption of our Golden Return that there has to be a great healing and therefore much purification of our planes both personal and planetary. This can lead to confusion and uncertainty and a leaning away from equipoise as we are blown this way and that way by the earthly conditions.

We must then Trust. Trust the Heavens that all will be well. Trust that we are all One and Trust that Divine Realization is inevitable unto the Great Love. The way may seem narrow to our veiled eyes but in vision it is broad and filled with light.

Therefore Trust! HE could never lead us astray!”

- a Member of the Order of the Cross



Welcome to the latest issue of *Spiritual Reflections* - a quarterly publication for Enquirers of the Message of The Order of the Cross.

This latest issue aims to explore the wonderful theme of
The Sun - the bringer of Life.

The Order is a Global Fellowship with groups meeting in the UK, America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and a few members in other parts of the World.

The Fellowship was founded by the Reverend John Todd Ferrier to present the World with a new way of reading, understanding and living a spiritual life; and to further the Aims and Ideals of living a pure life with no harm coming to any of the creatures, or to our fellow man. This is a life of pacifism where every man, woman and child knows Love and respect.

The books are all the work of our Founder, John Todd Ferrier, and can be found on our website www.orderofthecross.org and on many platforms as printed books, ebooks or audio books, by searching for 'John Todd Ferrier'.

Much more about our beautiful Fellowship can also be found on our website.

Spiritual Reflections is edited by Andrea Kerr. She would welcome thoughts, questions, comments and contributions from our readers.

These can be sent to: sreditor@orderofthecross.org



Summer Sunshine a wonderful symbol of Love, Light and Life.

Alison Muirhead

The first rays of a warm spring sun after the cold, grey days of winter here in Scotland are magical. They promise so much of long days, bright, light filled skies and wonderful sunsets. All reminiscent of warmth and joy and wonder of nature. This spring, when I first felt the heat of the sun, made me ponder the ministry of the Sun as a mediator for the Cloud of Radiance, of the Divine Presence which fills all things.

“The Sun is the Father-Mother, so to speak, of the system. ... In His Energy, which reveals itself also in tremendous Breaths, He has the capacity of the Eternal Father.” - Herald 8, page 143

In Herald 12, page 82 we read:

“No man has ever seen inside of the Sun. I would like to take you on a voyage there that you might behold the Glory. The Photosphere is made up of circles composed of elements like our own atmosphere. The Photosphere stands far above the inner Kingdoms of the Sun. The Sun in its interior is a glorious World, with many Kingdoms presided over by great Souls, evolving Planes in spiral motion, and Spheres wherein Angelic ministries are rendered.

We enter the Kingdoms and meet the Blessed ones very soon after we have passed through a great Spot. Of course, you must know that in consciousness you can come into the Sun. In consciousness you can attain to that estate wherein you may see into the inner realms of a Star”

In Herald 9, page 92 we read:

“All who are again able to look upon and within the Sun will find that in the fulness of its Life and Manifestation, it is a glorious embodiment of the Eternal Mystery, an exposition of the purpose of the Father-Mother and a revelation of His Glory.”

It is a lot to take in, far less to understand. But the realization that the Cloud of Radiance through the Ministry of the Sun can be tangible. In those moments when you can feel the warmth of the Sun, see nature blooming and appreciate the radiance of the light shimmering in a glorious sunset. Those moments when wonder and awe fill your being are testament that the ministry is real.

For me, sensing the mediation which comes to us, albeit accommodated to our needs is enough. The Sun's ministry is constant. It contains the Love and Light to suit our needs for the Life we are to live here and now. The overshadowing is ever present.

“When God stoops (we have to speak in such terms) He comes down to meet His children where they are, to lift them up again. His Cloud (of Radiance) descends that it may envelop them, encompass them, enfold and uphold them and bear them up. This is how you have been borne up.” - Divine Renaissance vol. II, page 539

This understanding is enough for me to get me through my days. I look forward to many sunshine filled summer days.

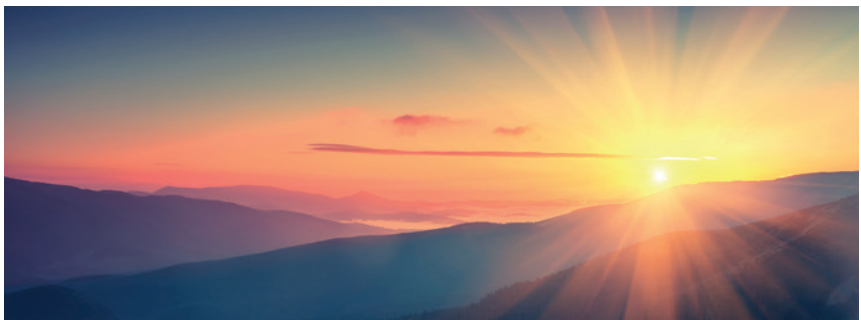
The Sun

“The sun is a centre into which are gathered glorious Elements of the Universe. It shares, as a system, the elements revealed in other glorious stars and systems. ... Through the magnetic power there is kept up, notwithstanding the fallen state, that inherent glorious inter-relationship with the Divine World; and by means of the centrifugal force, Solar energy can be supplied. In a Celestial sense the Sun is like the Good Shepherd seeking the lost sheep, ministering by a thousand avenues unto the finding again of the estate, life and ministry that once obtained upon the outer planes, within the Kingdoms of this world. It is a glorious radiating centre. It radiates Light. It discharges forces which are electric currents, rays which falling upon the negative correspondence in the Atmospheria of the Earth, produce light and heat.

The Sun is the FATHER-MOTHER, so to speak, of the system. In His Substance He is the embodiment of the Motherhood of GOD; in His energy, which reveals itself in tremendous Breaths, He has the capacity of the ETERNAL FATHER. There is no wonder that Souls have been drawn to worship the Sun. The Sons of GOD, dwelling upon the Earth, knew who the Sun was. When they looked upon Him they rejoiced as He arose above the Horizon. They gloried in His glorious estate.

... The sun being a such a glorious body, must therefore render glorious ministries. And he does. It would be impossible, even if we had hours and days and weeks and months at our disposal ... to unveil to you all the resplendent ministries rendered by the FATHER-MOTHER through His magnificent embodiment we name the Sun.

The Sun is a Glorious ministrant for Him”. - *Herald 8, pages 142 - 145*



Inspirations for Summer!



'The Solar Garment' by Amy Wright Todd Ferrier

The Solar Angelic Heavens

"The Original... Photosphere was the Cloud of Radiance through which (The Sun) accomplished its ministries and its Chromosphere was the scene of Angelic manifestations, and the magnetic Circuli wherein the spectral of the Elohim was revealed."

- ISAIAH page 102

(see also page 104)

Music for Summer

Mendelssohn

- A Midsummer Night's Dream

Respighi

- Pines of Rome

Fanny Mendelssohn

- String quartet in E-flat major

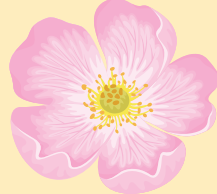
The Beach Boys

- Sounds of Summer



A Season of Life in my Garden

Jane Ellen Muir



We were blessed with a good summer here in Scotland last year. There was plenty of sunshine, and rain showers, enough to create the perfect conditions for the plants to put on a colourful display. The carpet of geraniums in May and the mock-orange tree with its white scented flowers creating a cloud of perfume in June and, in August, the late flowering



clematis was bursting with large pink blooms. The wild patch of Meadowsweet, Lady's Bedstraw, Wild Marjoram and Lesser Knapweed attracted the solitary bees that live in the garden.

Plus, a newly planted Gertrude Jekyll climbing rose in the front garden came into its second flush!

A sparrow terrace of 3 wooden boxes together installed up high on the side of the house, provided a welcome home for a pair of house sparrows in the Spring, with much cheeping and chirping, when the parents returned with food for their hungry brood. They definitely fledged but I did not see them, it must have happened when I wasn't looking!

The loveliest experience of the year was the visiting butterflies. In the previous year, with a cold and wet summer, there were none. Last year there were regular visits by a number of Peacock butterflies, also Cabbage White, a Comma and Red Admirals, all visiting the Buddleia to sip its nectar.

Sitting in the garden is like the joy it is to sit amongst friends. Even though it is a small patch, the feeling of wellbeing and gratitude one experiences sitting and appreciating the beautiful things nature can show us. We can get such a sense of connection to the greater universe and can easily sense the greater spiritual nature of things.

Of course, the other pleasurable thing is being able to eat 'al fresco' in the summer months. In the North the summer sunlight stays with us longer than in the South, creating a sunny patio at the end of the garden to sit and enjoy an evening meal. Beautiful nature and delicious food, what a perfect combination!

On the next page is one of my summer soup recipes that I often make.



Summer courgette and herb soup

Ingredients

150g mainly white part of leeks (some green)	Salt & pepper
500g courgettes, (peel some of them)	900ml water
20g fresh parsley, chopped	18g fresh mint leaves
1 medium potato peeled	1 tbls of EVOO (extra virgin olive oil)
1 tbls vegetable oil	2 tbls soya dream or oatly cream
1 tbls Marigold vegan bouillon (or other veg stock cube)	

Cooking instructions

Chop leeks, courgettes and potato and sauté in the vegetable oil until softened, but not brown. Add water, stock, parsley and stir. Cook on a medium heat for 20 minutes or so. Check seasoning. Add salt & pepper if required. Turn off the heat to let the flavours infuse. Liquidise with a hand blender until smooth. Chop mint leaves very finely and mix with olive oil and salt.

Gently re-heat and serve the pale green soup decorated with a swirl of cream and mint oil. This soup can be also served chilled on a hot day. Enjoy!



The Order of the Cross Publications

This issue's featured book is '*Life's Mysteries Unveiled*' by John Todd Ferrier



Life's Mysteries Unveiled



J. Todd Ferrier

This is an anthology of talks given to friends. The subject-matter is wide in scope, and is concerned with the spiritual life and its recovery as a living power. All the themes are touched upon elsewhere in many books produced by the author, some forty bound volumes and numerous booklets.

We learn that seemingly simple questions may lead to issues of great moment for the inner and outer life, for all that is true in the spiritual realms has its correspondence within the individual. It is within these realms that the individual must seek, by endeavouring to live the life of which the

inner correspondence speaks. In each section of the book the reader is led step by step to deeper meanings as the inner significance of the theme is unfolded. Some of the themes are Biblical because this is the context in which they are commonly found, but all are taken beyond those confines in a way which transcends and illumines them.

This book and several others can be ordered free of charge and postage.

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The Order of the Cross ‘Heralds’

In Spiritual Reflections we often use quotations from a series of books called ‘The Herald of The Cross’. There are 27 available Heralds, all of which are compilations of monthly newsletters written by the Reverend John Todd Ferrier from the 1920’s until his passing in 1943.

The books contain many beautiful and profound unfoldments that continue to move and inspire Members of the Order to this very day!

If you should like to order a particular copy of one of the Heralds, please apply to the Spiritual Reflections editor at: sreditor@orderofthecross.org



“The Stars... are Souls and the attributes of Souls who have known Christhood. ... As the Sun is the Lord within the Sanctuary of the Soul, and the Moon the Soul’s Intention, so the stars are its attributes.”

The Logia, page 141

Farming with compassion in Australia

Patricia Sherwood

Editor's prologue

Patricia Sherwood lives in Western Australia near Perth. Strictly vegan, for decades she ran a homestead where compassion for the creatures was the prime management plan. We asked her to write of her experiences and she has given us a lovely glimpse into her life at that time. We have made her article into a series of three. Here is the first part.

In 1986 I bought a farm, 40 acres in paradise at the end of the road, secluded, surrounded by forest and some farms. How to turn it from animal husbandry into a compassionate place? Firstly, I planted groves of nut trees macadamias, walnuts, chestnuts. I also planted 3 acres of stone fruits, apples, pears, citrus fruit and tropical . Then there was the vegetable garden. Wondering what to do with all the leftover land, I decided to make it a farm animal sanctuary. It was already a sanctuary for the resident kangaroos, possums and echidnas. I called it Joshua Hills because Joshua means love of Jesus and it was in the Joshua hills.



Many unwanted, unloved animals often facing death came to live at Joshua Hills. There were 25 Dorper sheep that after a fire were found on the highway, homeless and not wanted. They came to live on the farm and kept the grass down as well as being wonderfully entertaining. Keen observation of sheep especially Dorpers shows you that they are very intelligent and have an emotional life. I remember how Olga was very concerned when some of the Lambs went to a neighbouring farm that was also compassionate. She wondered where they were going and why. I was told that at five months the lamb is weaned so when you have too many sheep for the area of grass you send them to another compassionate place. I once did this and the mothers spent all night crying. I had given them away to a good home without cost. The next day I paid \$500 to get them back for their mothers.

I once had a Sahelian billy goat imported from the United States to breed. When he lost his usefulness, he was homeless. He came to live with us and was so friendly, but he had massive horns and he just wanted to be patted. I had two little children so he had to be tethered on the far end of the property. I was very pleased when eventually we found a herd of 50 goats who needed a billy goat.



A Sahelian billy goat

Four homeless alpacas arrived too. These came from a family that were moving to another state and couldn't take them. Alpacas are family creatures and they'll die from grief and loss if torn apart from each other. There were three females and a male. He was very old and blind and spent most of his time by himself but the three girls were very active. There were two black alpacas and a redhead - the black alpacas were gentle but the redhead had a fiery temper. Once she kicked a sheep because it got in her way and broke its leg. I had to get the vet out, and for an extraordinary amount of money the sheep's leg was put in a cast and the sheep recovered.



Walter de la Mare (1873 -1956)

Paul Renshaw

“Is there anybody there? said the Traveller, knocking on the moonlit door;”

The above is a quote from *THE LISTENERS* – one of the most anthologised and known poems in the UK, particularly in the mid twentieth century when many school children learnt it (or tried to) by heart.

Who were the listeners? And who was the Traveller, what was his quest? Enigmatic, descriptive, and imaginative, the poem creates powerful





atmosphere. This is Virginia Woolf's view of de la Mare's work, "(he) is able in a few verses to make full contact between the reader and some intangible feeling of mystery, wonder or fear."

What's your idea?

Though he had detractors - 'too lightweight' - many admired him - CS Lewis, Robert Frost, Derek Walcott and TS Eliot among others.

Deceptively 'simple', he speaks to the heart and also to the intellect. He wrote

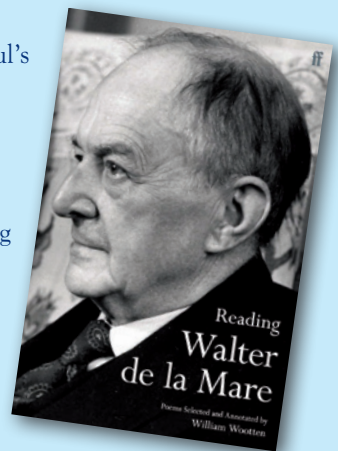
fiction as well as verse, and both for children. He had four children of his own with his wife Elfrida.

It's almost invidious to recommend poems but for any readers new to him there are FAREWELL, THE QUARRY and particularly, KING DAVID. Much of his work shows his sympathy with and for the creatures. "He that hunts Love with horse and hound, hunts out his heart and eyes." From The Quarry.

He turned down a knighthood at the age of 50 but later became a Companion of Honour and was given the Order of Merit.

A London child he is buried in the crypt of St, Paul's Cathedral where he had been a choir boy.

As sometimes happens, after an artist's passing, their 'star' can fade but there are good signs, including William Wootten's recent book, 'Reading Walter de la Mare' that he is being restored to his rightful place in the pantheon.





Come with me and let us wander
Through this England far and wide.
Come with me and see the beauty
Of our wondrous country-side

List' and hear the Earth now stirring
See mists rise from quiet fell.
Trees and flowers now are waking.
All are caught in Nature's spell.

Come and see the Sun creep upwards,
Birds are calling through the day,
Come and see the squirrel nutting,
Hush or he will flee away

Come with me and let us wander
Over hill, through moor and glen,
Come with me and we will gather daisies,
Then turn home again.

By Dorothy Reid

(Member of the Order of the Cross)



The Communal Sharing Circle: Services and Studies by phone

The Communal Sharing Circle is international and open to all. Initially designed to link callers world-wide by phone, calls can now be accessed from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the schedule on the next page. Local call times, dial-in numbers and internet access link are listed on the following pages. Please call in before the scheduled hour.

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Canada	+1 647 497 9373
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 # <i>(same for all areas)</i>	

Communal Sharing Schedule - June - September 2026

June

- 7 'The Unveiling of the Mysteries', Herald 10, p156 - Michael Arcese
- 14 'The Precious Stone which the Builders Rejected', Divine Renaissance, vol 2, p197 - Elsie Daniellson
- 21 'The Dayspring', Herald 31, p186 - Richard Palmer
- 28 'The Triumph of Adonai', Isaiah, p150 - Lindajeane Stewart

July

- 5 'Science and Religion', Divine Renaissance, vol 2, p9 - Michael Arcese
- 12 'The Mystery of Sorrow', Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p131 - Elsie Danielsson
- 19 'The Triune God', Herald 31, p2 - Christopher Nye
- 26 'Thou Hast Opened Mine Eyes', Herald 19, p4 - Lindajeane Stewart

August

- 2 'God's Mystery Expressed in the Fashion of a Soul', Herald 27, p129 - Michael Arcese
- 9 'The House of the Cross', Herald 18, p62 - Elsie Danielsson
- 16 'The Drama of Israel', Isaiah, p171 - Dawn Culverwell
- 23 'Seven Great Initiations', Part 1, Herald 30, p 68 - Lindajeane Stewart

September

- 6 'Electricity, Magnetism and Gravitation', Herald 12, p28 - Michael Arcese
- 13 'The Mystery of Sun Worship', Herald 27, p58 - Elsie Danielsson
- 20 'Palm Sunday', Herald 11, p119 - Patrick Barnes
- 27 'Seven Great Initiations', Part 1, Herald 30, p (to be determined) - Lindajeane Stewart

Meeting Times

Meeting Time is: California time (PST/PDT), 9am Sunday morning, all year round regardless of standard or daylight time - (see Time Conversion Chart on the next page).

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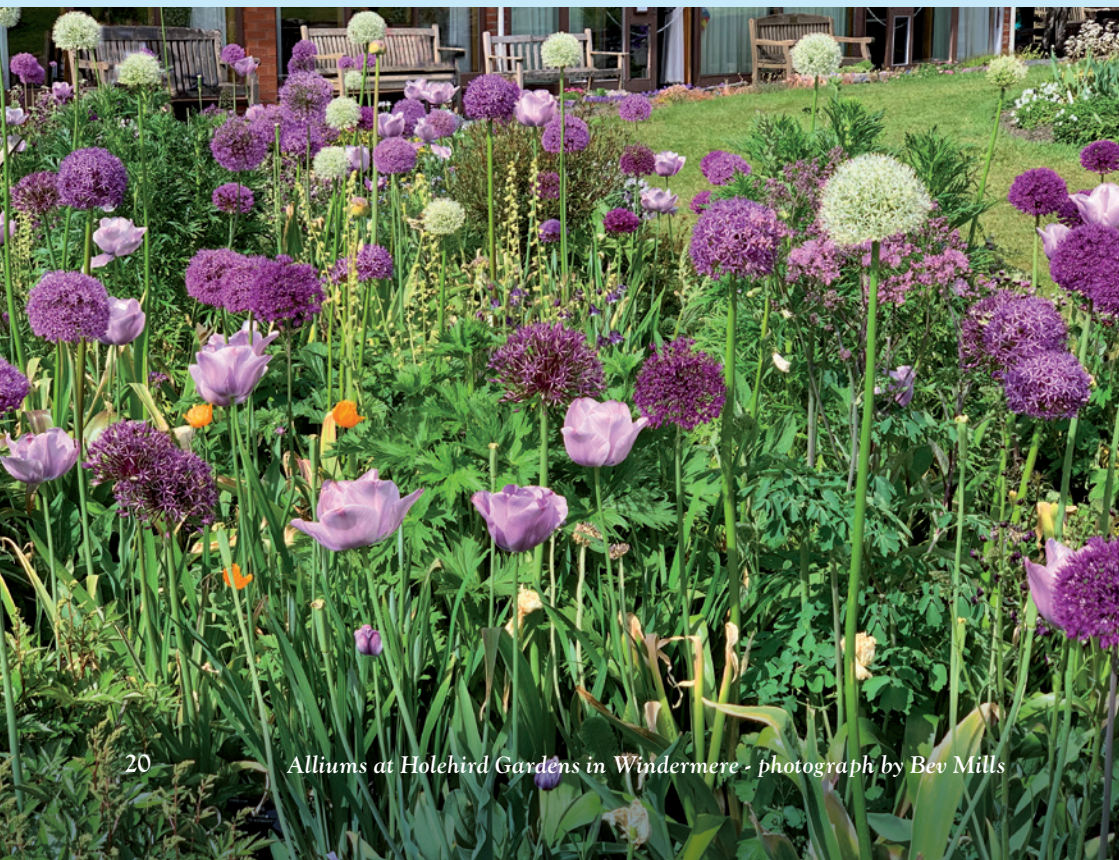
Swanage Sunrise - Bruce Bowden

Flowers

Bev Mills

There is nothing more wonderful than sitting in a garden or out in Nature surrounded by flowers. I also love to fill my home with beautiful blooms and I feel nourished by their atmosphere. Those who admire flowers love them for their beauty, their grace, their adornment and the fragrance they pour forth but how many of us have thought of them as being linked to the Spiritual Universe?

In the writings of John Todd Ferrier, there are many references to flowers, he speaks of them as: *"The expressions in Nature of the Thoughts of Angels concerning the Divine Love and Wisdom."*



In Herald 12 we read:

“Flowers are the language of Angelic Thought. Flowers have a language of their own. They do not speak as we do, but when you understand the thought that lies behind them then they do speak. The Father-Mother speaks to us through everything that is beautiful in form, in colour, in fragrance and in service.

The Rose symbolises Love.

The Violet - purity, beauty and sweetness.

The Pansy speaks of lowliness and the beauty of Truth.

I call the Flowers God's Lovely Thoughts.”

We are left with an inspirational thought:

“You can take on the fashion of the loveliest flowers, make of your thoughts exquisite blooms expressing the Love of the Father-Mother, and indeed make of your whole Life a manifestation of every kind of beautiful flower-embodiment, Blooms from the Garden of God which is within you.”



The Temple in the Sun

With Cherubim o'er shadowing thee,
O temple in the Sun,
In winged and mystic symmetry
Thy building has begun.

Arches that up to Heaven soar,
And pinnacles of light,
Their living essences outpour,
And call the Soul to flight!

The Altar pulses like a heart;
The priests before it kneel,
The veils of topaz move apart,
The Presence to reveal.

Oh Solar Temple, from Thy Source
Spring Streams of Waters blessed
That through the Heavens run their course
To do the Lord's behest.

Teach us to send our spirits up
To Worship at thy Shrine
O Temple of great On, Whose cup
Contains the sacred Wine!

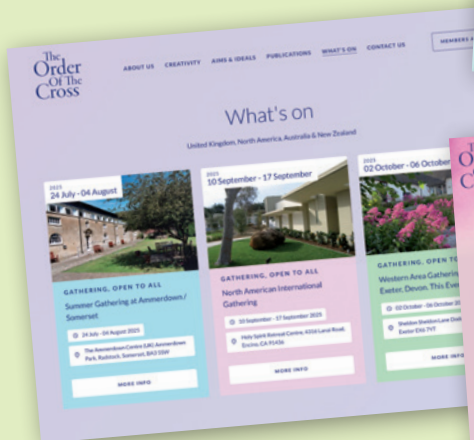
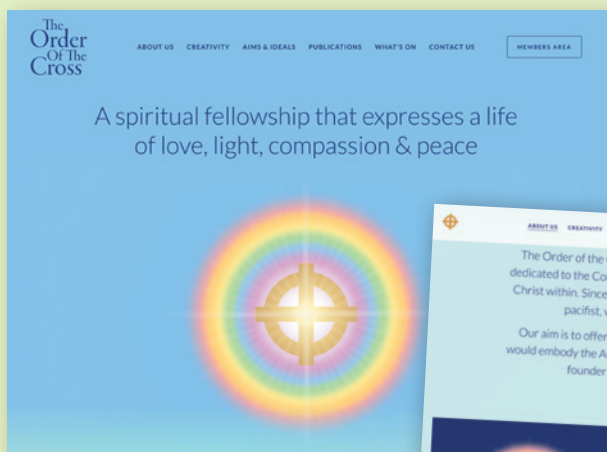
Mary Evans

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Open Gatherings in 2026

Here is a preview of the Gatherings planned for 2026. Enquirers are very welcome to attend any of the Gatherings below.

To find out more information and to book, please visit the 'What's On' section of our website: www.orderofthecross.org/events/

Ammerdown Family Week - Tuesday 28th - Monday 3rd August

Held near the town of Radstock, Somerset, UK.

Sheldon Gathering - Thursday 1st - Monday 5th October

Held near the City of Exeter, Devon, UK.



The Light of Christ

I saw HIS Glory in the sky;
It shone a gleam of sunset rose,
With grace of Venus' planet face
Where ministry of Love outflows.

I saw HIS splendour 'mid the stars,
The constellation of HIS Ways
Among the Archangelic Throng
In motion of Celestial praise.

I saw HIS Fire from Altars raised
Upon the Heavens of the Earth.
It came, like a renewing flame
Of joy in Israel's Christhood birth.

I saw HIS Radiance in the Soul
Pulsating as in Realms above.
How bright the blaze of GOD's Own Light,
The Christ-mas of Eternal Love!

By Queenie Dawe

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SPIRITUAL AIMS AND IDEALS

The Order is an informal Fellowship;
having for its service in life the cultivation of the
Spirit of Love towards all souls: Helping the weak
and defending the defenceless and oppressed;
Abstaining from hurting the creatures, eschewing
bloodshed and flesh eating, and living upon the
pure foods so abundantly provided by nature;
Walking in the Mystic Way of Life, whose Path
leads to the realization of the Christhood; And
sending forth the Mystic Teachings unto all
who may be able to receive them - those sacred
interpretations of the Soul, the Christhood, and
the Divine Love and Wisdom, for which the
Order of the Cross stands.

REDEMPTION

REGENERATION

ILLUMINATION

SELF-ABANDONMENT

SELF-SACRIFICE

SELF-DENIAL

SERVICE

DEVOTION

PURITY



The Blessing

And the LORD's command unto Moses HIS Servant was -

“Speak unto Aaron that he informs Israel of the
Blessing of the LORD.

And thus shall he speak -

The LORD HIMSELF doth bless thee, through
having thee in HIS keeping.

The LORD HIMSELF doth unveil HIS Radiance unto thee, and
therein reveal HIS grace and graciousness.

The LORD HIMSELF doth lift thee up in the spiral of
thy Being into the Spiral Breath of HIS Presence,
to fill thee with the Great Peace.

Thus shall HIS Name be written upon thee,
even the Secret Name of HIS Mystery.”



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