



A Life-Giving Mystery

The Search of Destiny: Healer of Souls

An address on Easter Eve: Veneration of the Light

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For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit; in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

1 Peter 3:18-20

The Light that Shines

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Yes, indeed!

Place a small candle in a dark room.
See the darkness flee!

Put your head on the pillow when you go to bed at night,
and pray to the Almighty before you sleep.

Pray for guidance in the fulfilment of a task,
or strength for the coming day,
and light is shone into the most tangled of situations.

Something happens during sleep
and on awakening there is a fresh idea,
or a sense of opening,
or a lightness of being.

There is a light that shines!

Then let it shine!

Know that in the darkest moment
when all your efforts have failed,
when all strength has gone,
all is definitely not lost.

In the words of a song:

*When we come to the end of our hoarded resources
The Father's full blessing has only begun.*

Recall the experience of trying everything you know,
everything you have learned,
everything you have trained for,
of using all the resources
you have stored up for a rainy day,
and that has not been enough
to deal with what faces you.

What then?

Know that something extra has been given to you.
Not an ordinary reality,
but nevertheless, a reality.

The Undying Spirit

Does it matter what we call it?

Viktor Frankl called it “the defiant power of the human spirit.”
He had proved the existence of this power
during his time in concentration camps.

In the midst of his own suffering
he dealt effectively with those around him,
making them aware that even in the midst of the camp
there was a meaning to their lives.

Elsewhere he refers to “attitudinal values,”
the human capacity to take a stand
in response to anything that life could throw up.

Remember Christ,
who entered the body of Jesus,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
and was crucified, dead, and buried.

What on earth did he get up to after his burial?
Please take on board what he did.
Please take in the meaning of his actions.

What he did after his burial opens up awareness
of what you can be when you have concluded this life,
awareness of what you can bring to many people.

What did Christ do?
He worked.
He loved.
He acted intelligently.

He freed those who had been in chains.
He released them from the bonds
that had kept them imprisoned for thousands of years.

Ever since the great flood from which Noah escaped in his big boat
many souls had been unable to incarnate again,
unable to express themselves,
unable to create,
unable to fulfil the longings of their soul.

Now the Christ came to them,
He brought to them his life-giving spirit.
He shone forth his light,
and these souls experienced a release.

They were able to incarnate again on this earth.
They were made able to become fully human
as they lived from one incarnation to the next
and become transformed beings
living in the likeness of the divine.

The light was indeed shining in the darkness.
The light of life had dawned.

All of this happened in the spheres that lie outside of normal sight.
While there was mourning for the death of Jesus
the victorious Christ was at work.

He had indeed won a victory
when he was lifted up on a cross at Calvary.

He had brought new life into the world.
He brought about release from our mistakes,
release from the law,
release from guilt,
release from the power of death.

This he now revealed to the souls
who had been imprisoned for so long.

Well might we wonder at the Spirit of Christ!
It is a large Spirit.
It is a Spirit that beckons to us.

It beckons us on,
it gently prompts us:

*You have my spirit.
I have put my spirit within you.
I have given you a new heart and a new spirit.*

*Out of your hearts shall flow forth rivers of living water.
You can give bread to the hungry
and water to those who thirst.*

*Therefore, go forth into the world.
Let your light shine in the darkness.*

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