

The Divine Wisdom

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The Divine Love is greatly dwelt upon, for the very Being feels the need for the realization of that Love, and craves more and more as it ascends, to be touched from that Love, healed, uplifted, gathered up into the Cloud of His Presence to find the Great Realization. The Divine Love expresses the potency in the Mystery of God, which draws the Being towards realization.

The Divine Wisdom is that quality in the Divine Love manifest in all true created things, whose marvellous Radiance attracts the mind, calls it to behold and enquire and search out, that it may discover something of the Mystery of Love itself, as the Mystery is revealed in all created and manifest life.

The Divine Wisdom is, therefore, the expression of the Divine Thought made concrete, for the setting forth of the purpose of Love, the nature of Love itself in its glorious purpose, and the ultimate for which all things have been created, even the purpose for which Being was individuated and expressed as Human Soul, child of the Great Mystery of the Father-Mother.

The Divine Wisdom is the perfect expression of the Divine Love; and the Divine Love is absolutely perfect.

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‘Wisdom’ is a word whose meaning we all instinctively feel we understand, and in this happy state we may well unintentionally overlook the varied subtleties that this word represents. Wisdom is generally thought of as being an accumulation of knowledge, ideas, facts, figures and the like. While this is certainly true up to a point, may we not also be actually looking in the wrong direction as to the prime meaning of the word? As usual, the Ancient Greeks knew a thing or two about these sorts of things, and we only have to look at the exhortation in the temple at Delphi to begin to perceive where our attention should particularly be directed. *‘Know thyself.’* Wisdom indeed – two words really can tell a story.

This concept is expanded upon in Proverbs in the Old Testament of the Bible: *‘Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding.’*

‘Wisdom’ in the form of self-knowledge is key in increasing our understanding of how this particular gentle discipline is such a vital component in our discovery (or rather re-discovery) of what is already part of our inner spiritual life and experience. This re-awakening enables us to live, on all levels, in the greater light of all that our spiritual history has thus far absorbed. And the world in which we find ourselves has great need of ‘Light’ in its myriad forms – goodness, compassion, kindness, patience, thoughtfulness, generosity, positivity to name just a few. Vital to remember that the ‘good’ in the world far outweighs the ‘bad,’ (even though the media would have it otherwise), a fact that we need to remind ourselves constantly of. The ‘world powers,’ and not simply in the political sense, can hold too much sway over us if we let them, a circumstance that may cause the dimming of our own ‘Light.’

It is well worth reading and re-reading Our Friend’s luminous opening sentence of the cover-extract in which he expresses it perfectly – ‘The Divine Wisdom expresses the Divine Love, for Wisdom is the Radiance or Light of Love.’

‘Wisdom’ as Radiance or Light – quite a thought to inspire us and to take with us on our spiritual journey, illuminated by this eternal Truth.

The Healing Power of Feeling and Touch

OUR SENSES ON THE OUTER PLANES are expositions of GOD's senses in us and feeling is the profoundest of all the senses,

...for it is gathered up as the fruitage of the delicacy of the spiritual membranes of our Being...

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But though this is the deepest of the five senses, nevertheless the perfection of our superstructure to the outermost detail of nervous system and skin, fills us with wonder and awe.

Think of the vision of the Dry Bones in Ezekiel,

I will clothe your bones with sinews, and your sinews with flesh, and your flesh with a covering; and will cause the Breath to fill you,

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Elsewhere in Ezekiel we read,

...the skin which is necessary as a defence and which has a mystical signification of GOD putting His defence about you.

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A very active, positive attribute, and we find the skin to be a very active organ, not just a bit of old vellum, holding us together. It is our largest and most versatile organ and if two thirds is lost, we cannot survive. The epidermis is the outer dry layer which is protective: germs need moisture to thrive and these cells (some of them horny such as the nails) are a defence. They are actively dividing all the time and contain a pigment – melolin – which again is protective. The dermis proper is a network of fibres, elastic and nerve fibres, tiny arteries and veins, and papillae extend from the dermis into the epidermis, producing our very individual fingerprints. The constantly active blood vessels and sweat glands in the dermis exert temperature control for the whole body.

There are also corpuscles (bundles of cells) which respond to pressure, heat, cold and pain – the pain receptors are also present in internal organs of course. Think how quickly we pull our foot away if we tread on a thorn – a reflex movement. Each

tiny receptor on the skin has a nerve filament which carries messages at 900 feet per second to the dorsal horns of the spinal cord, which communicate with the anterior horns: the message is beamed from there out along the motor nerves which move the necessary muscles to deal with the danger. There is a continual sorting out of these messages in the cord. Do we deal with them at lower levels or in the cortex of the brain? There are wonderful 'gates' in the spinal cord which can block a message and even strong emotion can block pain: a sportsman may hardly feel a severe injury in the excitement of a game. Our individual pain threshold varies and our attitude of mind influences our response to trauma. Pain often tells us something in our functioning needs to be put right and painkillers are not the long term answer.

In this New Age we are blessed with many methods for dealing with physical ills and the Teachings say, 'Despise no outer aid, no lovely means of healing, provided it will not interfere with True Healing from the Divine.' Think of hydrotherapy to improve the circulation to an area (and its drainage) and osteopathy where the healer is trained to use his touch as a diagnostic tool and sense abnormal tension in an area and then use touch again to bring balance and ease to a lesion.

In 1995 a natural painkilling substance was isolated from the brain at Aberdeen University and two years later it was found to be part of the routine output of the Pituitary Gland and was called enkephalin (in the head). Over the years these amazing chemicals have been found to be produced elsewhere in the body and are now known as endorphins. Many natural therapies increase their output and they are present at the gates in the spinal cord and act to close the gate if the higher centres want to block a signal. Another source of endorphins is the hypothalamus, the system where deep feelings register – the link system between the body and the emotions. For fear and anxiety accompany much of our suffering and our lovely Teachings explain so much of our hurt over past ages and with redemption and regeneration the travail, even to the physical, will be reduced and our burdens eased.

Now consider Acupressure which is effective through touch, controlling the nervous energy which flows along the meridians or lines of force, and we in the West might say the Autonomic Nervous System was being treated – the Sympathetic and Parasympathetic – the active and the ‘rest and digest’ and ideally both should work in harmony for a balanced life. We read too in the Teachings that the Sympathetic linked to the Thyroid and the Pituitary are involved in the work of the Aetheric Body.

We know too that the Sympathetic cords on each side of the spinal column are related to the two Olive Trees and there is a secret substance in them that is able to receive from the Inner Worlds. The Oil of the Olive is Nourisher, bringer of Peace and Power and Endurance and Gladness. Even on the outer we can strengthen weak skins with natural unguents and Essential Oils without having recourse to unpleasant substances. Remember Gilead,

Is there no balm in Gilead?

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Gilead is the the land of atonement and reconciliation of mind, heart, soul and spirit to the Will of the FATHER-MOTHER. May we attune the life and make it sweet so that our touch is harmonious and our spiritual membranes are delicate as we read in the Wedding Garment of the King’s Son,

It is your own atmosphere which HE causes to be in motion again.

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The Wedding Garment is the Divinity within you in action revealing its potency, clothing you Angelically with garments woven in the Heavens.

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[This article is based on a Talk given by Margery at the 2015 Easter Gathering held at Sarum College]

Tears

Tears are like crystals, but are turned into rainbows by the sunshine of laughter.

Church of England appoints Female Bishop

AGNES
BUIST

SLOWLY EVEN TRADITIONAL CHURCH hierarchies are changing. Many will have read the news about the ordination of the first female Bishop in the Church of England, Libby Lane, and her dedication to this role. Having enjoyed this year the week of Natural Movement Dance in Swanage, and then again at Ammerdown, I was particularly interested to see that she always loved to dance, even considering it one time as a career - but her path took her to study theology at Oxford. Now she has no time to dance but is quoted as saying she still dances on the inside - many of us can relate to that. She is said to be passionate about making Christ known - may she also find the Christ within - inside, and be liberated from tradition and literal interpretation. In *Herald* 10, The Divine Law of Motion, we read,

Have you never felt as if you could dance before the Ark of GOD? Have you never felt so overjoyed with the Vision HE has brought back to you, and the hope with which He has filled your Being, as if you could go forth dancing, as it were, before the Ark? What could that mean but the unrobing of the whole being of everything earthly in order to be clad with the glory of the Divine Life in motion; that His Light breaks through the magnetic centre of the Being, and Balance is restored until every motion is perfect.

At the summer gathering for Natural Movement Dance and Families, we were able to dance on the lawn. Added to the joy of doing movement to the music and together, was that feeling of connecting to the earth and then looking upward to the infinite sky, seeing the birds in their effortless flight, sometimes using the winds or thermals to coast along. Moments to cherish, however strange and challenging our return journey may be.

Amongst His creatures below the Human Kingdom, the Birds are those which most enjoy life amidst the fallen conditions; and there are other beautiful creatures of the hills and the forests which also have their joy in life.

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GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

October

16-18 Gathering at Old Churches House, Dunblane, Scotland

26-29 Gathering at Charney Manor, Oxon, organised by the Southern Area

October

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December-January

30-4 New Year Gathering in Swanage

March 2016

24-27 Easter Gathering: Sarum College
(accommodation available till 28 March)

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