



## The Unity of all Life



**T**he Teachings (of the Order of the Cross) reveal Love in its lowly expression, in its gentleness and purity, and the Love-principle applied to life in every act, in relation to those in the home, in relation to those in other homes, in relation to everyone whom one meets in the way; how Love should look out of the windows of the Soul upon the creatures with sweet compassion and exquisite pity; recognizing them, even though not understanding the purpose for which they are moving also across the threshold of the worlds drama; looking upon them as children, in lowly estate, of the same Sublime Mystery.

The Teachings have at the very heart of them this attitude of mind and heart towards all Souls and towards all creatures. They are simple enough for life. One cannot follow without laying aside everything that is unlovely, everything unlike true Love, compassion and pity.

The Teachings for which the Order stands take in the creatures, too. And no one who follows the Teachings can be other than a friend of the creatures as well as a friend of man.

*Extract from 'Herald of the Cross Vol 28'  
by John Todd Ferrier, page 141*

Jesus. This is a state of consciousness made manifest in a Way of Life. It touches the glorious love-principle, and reveals that love in sweetness, in gentleness, in tenderness, in noble thought, in beautiful desire, in lowly service. It begets compassion for all living things, and manifests it unto all Souls. It radiates pity, and throws its beautiful mantle over all who are needing help - the weak, the defenceless, the helpless, the dumb, the blind, the deaf, the maimed, the poor, the oppressed, the misunderstood, the misrepresented, the outcast, and even the creatures.

*Extract from 'Life's Mysteries Unveiled'*  
by John Todd Ferrier, pages 142-3

The Law of Love operates into manifestation as that of Compassion and Pity – twin streams flowing from the Fountain-Head. But what is compassion if it be not a true understanding of the Souls of men and women amid all their difficult conditions of life, resulting from a violation of the very Law of Love, and the negation of the Divine Wisdom? And what is Pity but the outspread Wings of Love to shelter and defend the

young and defenceless, and also those who have been smitten in the way, whether Human Souls or creatures?

*Extract from 'Herald of the Cross Vol 11'*  
by John Todd Ferrier, page 155

The Universe is one, though manifold in the exposition of the Secret Presence. All embodiments are related to one another. One great Principle is expressed in them and the same purpose revealed through them. All true high conscious Life is from one Source, and in manifestation is the ever varying reflection of the Eternal Mystery. Life in manifestation is a resultant. It must be the exposition of the Secret at the heart of the Universe. Man must be related to the higher orders of embodiment as these latter are related to the Divine Secret Source. As these are, so is Man in fashion and potency. As there is something kindred in all manifest Worlds, so is there in man to those we name Angels, Archangels and Gods. The Secret of the Eternal is at the heart of them all.

*Extract from 'The Mystery of the Light Within Us'*  
by John Todd Ferrier, page 12

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|                  | PITY   | COMPASSION  | LOVE    | REDEMPTION | REGENERATION |              |
| SELF-ABANDONMENT | <b>SPIRITUAL AIMS AND IDEALS</b>   |             |         |            |              | ILLUMINATION |
|                  | <p>The Order is an informal Brotherhood and 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.</p> |             |         |            |              |              |
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