

# **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

**September October November 2024**



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*From the Teachings***The Graces of the Spirit**

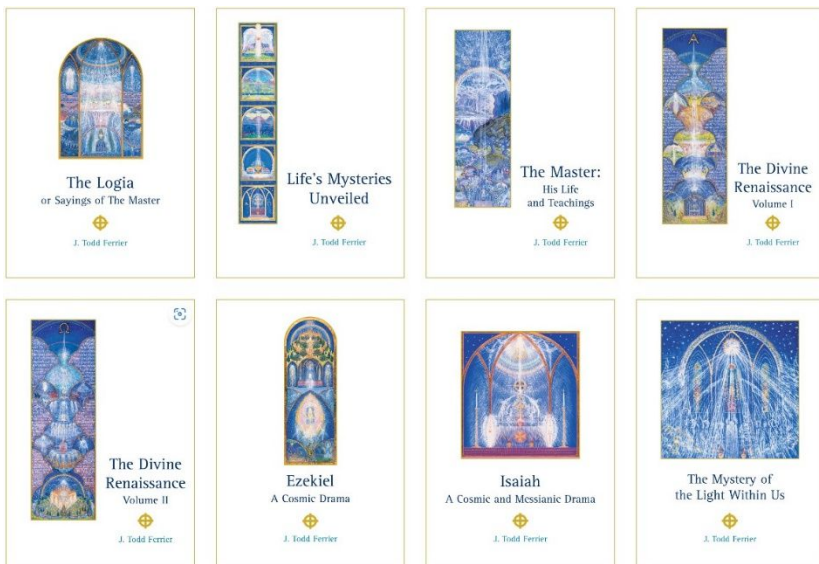
THERE can be no attainment without Devotion. Prayer and pure aspiration become the motive power of all ascension. The graces of the Spirit are the steps upon the Ladder GOD has let down from the Heavens to Earth by which the Soul must climb to the apex of Life. On the Spiritual realms those graces make up for the Soul the Steps of Jacob's Ladder. These also have their correspondences upon the Celestial and Divine Kingdoms. To attain Spiritual Christhood the Twelve Graces must be acquired. To reach Celestial Christhood the Twelve Houses must confer their Degrees upon the Soul. To enter through the portals of the Divine World, the Seven Kingdoms of the ELOHIM must write their Mystery within the Soul, and give to it the insignia of Divine Christhood.

The path to the summits is that of service. But service is the expression of Devotion to Truth; to the Divine Wisdom as revealed in the Divine Creation; and to the Divine Love in its sublime sacrifices. True Devotion is full of reverence, It speaks of the Sacred Mystery with bated breath. It approaches the High Altar deeply conscious of the Presence of which the Altar speaks. It enters the Sanctuary to worship. It comes in the attitude of kneeling, bowing in all the Being.

*The Mystery of the Light Within Us, p61*

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## Thoughts to Inspire



### The Mystery of GOD

“The mystery of GOD is the mystery of the Divine Substance and the Sacred Flame called the Spirit. HE is no person. HE is no individual. GOD is not expressed, nor indeed can HE be expressed, by any terms we could command, nor any signs we could give, nor any symbol we could fashion.

GOD is HE and SHE and IT : that is , GOD is FATHERHOOD – MOTHERHOOD in all Spirit and Substance; the creative, the formulative, the fashioning, the transforming, the transfiguring and perfecting power inherrent in all Being, and realised for glorious manifestation in the realm we speak of as Divine. It is thus a human Soul, through the Divine realm within it, knows the Mystery and expresses it in all the Divine attributes which are begotten and built up, glorified and manifested from and through and by the Eternal Love, the Eternal Light, the Eternal Life, contained within the sacred casket of the Heavenly Principle which is GOD in the Soul”

*John Todd Ferrier, Life's Mysteries Unveiled, p 81*



## **The Divine Principle**

“The divine trinity is in each one. There is the Love, which is also the Life and the Light. You are here because these are within you. They express the Divine Mystery within you. The Holy Trinity in you, even the Fatherhood – Motherhood of GOD in the glory of HIS Son, find their

expression through these three attributes, of the Love-Principle, the Life-Principle and the Light-Principle. For, whilst there is one Divine Principle in the Being, building up the Being, manifesting from the Being, there proceed from that Principle the attributes in the innermost realm of the Divine Presence, - the Love, the Life, and the Light”.

*John Todd Ferrier, Life’s Mysteries Unveiled, p 205*

*From the Teachings*

## **Reflections upon The Grace of God - from the Teachings**

**Richard Ashley**

**I**N TRADITIONAL Christian belief Grace is the unmerited favour of GOD; a divine saving and strengthening influence. The belief is that

Grace alone saves us, which rather implies that we are being let off the punishment justly due to us for our sins. Thus, the former Liverpool Slave Ship Captain John Newton could write “Father, if of Zion’s City I, through grace, a member am,”

We know that the Love of the FATHER-MOTHER is unconditional and that he/she never chides nor blames us for our shortcomings. It is apparent in the Teachings that the Grace of GOD is much more than the forgiveness of an individual's shortcomings and allowing entry into Heaven in an exchange for an affirmation of belief. The Grace of GOD is apparent in the whole process of the redemption of the Planet and the work of the Oblation. "The nations can only be healed through the Light of the Presence interpreted in the Love of the Indwelling One, manifested in our attributes as the graces of His Spirit," (*Life's Mysteries Unveiled* p356).

I could write more on this subject but really I cannot better the words of 'Our founder John Todd Ferrier, who wrote in an open letter to the Children (*Herald* XI, p41):

The House of David also relates to the House of the Return of all Israel. For it is the House of the Beloved. During the Return from Earth conditions all in the House of Israel have sorrow. But they find the Fountain opened up for their healing within the House of David. In the state of Divine Love they realize the purification of all their Life; therefore it is the House of Grace. The inner meaning of the word Grace is exquisitely beautiful. By Grace we are found and saved. It is the Love that has never failed us; the Gentleness that has ever been manifest unto us, and made us of great estate. It speaks of the graciousness of the LORD of Love in leaning down to our need; the finding of us again amidst the darkness; the beholding and nourishing through blessed Angelic ministry, of HIS Sacred Flame within us, and the levitation of our very Being into Angelic and Divine Realms.

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## Spiritual Linking

Christopher Nye

**T**HE READING FOR SEPTEMBER IS

“The Blessing of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob”

*Herald* 20 pages 86-94

It will take place on Sunday 15

“Everything has a Fulness of Time.”

**T**HE STUDY FOR OCTOBER IS

“The Message.”

*The Divine Renaissance* Volume 1, pages 9-23

It will take place on Sunday 20

“The Knight Templar is a triumphant Being ...”

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. *For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.*

**T**HE STUDY FOR NOVEMBER IS

“The River Euphrates; The Book of Mysteries”

*Herald* 16 pages 27-37

It will take place on Sunday 17

“Even the Sons of GOD were involved in the debacle.”

To try and make the timings simpler, during the winter months the time of Sharing will be the same on the clock as it is in the summer, despite reverting to Standard or Greenwich Mean Time. Accordingly the times will be:

**17h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm GMT in the UK, 9am PST, 10am MST, 11am CST, 12 noon EST In North America.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2024

**North America Gathering  
Ojai Retreat**

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> – Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Western Area Gathering,  
Sheldon Retreat Centre, Devon**

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> October

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

### 2025

**Southern Summer Gathering  
Aotearoa, New Zealand**

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Spring Gathering at Sarum College**

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Gathering at Swanage**

Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> - Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Glenthorne Spring Gathering**

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Ammerdown Summer Gathering**

Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> July – Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> August

**North America International Gathering**

September – Los Angeles Area

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