



THE AMERICAN UNIVERSALIST TEMPLE OF DIVINE WISDOM
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– IN THE LIGHT OF THE CRYSTAL RAY –

Dear Friends –

Autumn 2003

The smoke has cleared, a gentle rain has graced the land, and we are relieved to report that Prayers For Peace Park has been untouched by October's raging wildfires that scorched and destroyed so many homes and so much neighboring land. God's Hand of Help has been most present, Blessing and bringing Love to a terrifying situation. The word *gratitude* falls short of that very feeling when we think of the Grace of God working through Firefighters, "Good Samaritans," Nature, you, and me. A resulting group consciousness filled with the desire to help and heal in the aftermath of such devastation is profound. How wonderful it is to have a focus for the benefit of All. Just as the fire showed no discrimination in its path, willing help and cooperation now pours forth in its wake.

Here in Southern California, Fall began with not-so-colorful displays of political re-calls and grocery store labor strikes, a crispness of human dissatisfaction leaving far too many people cold and in the dark. The beauty of the season has been all but lost to frustration and greed! Yet now, as we have been forced to take stock ~ What is most important? What can we give? What do we need to survive and move forward? ~ We know that God's Power

and Grace will see us through to a better way of life. Our Mission here at Prayers For Peace Park was spared from the fire, assuring our strength and energy to create and extend Peace.

Fall for us now, is a rich experience of hope and gratitude. "With God, All things are possible." Time will make it so. And how perfectly Nature's change of season confirms cycles and progression, doing what is necessary to grow anew. As Thanksgiving approaches, we feel blessed by this Mission ~ its Sanctuary, the Teachings, the land, and the

bounty of incredible people who support us and share in our endeavor. Indeed, those who attended our annual Esoteric Conference in September will agree that we are functioning within The Divine Plan, taking bold steps to live in the Light and make the greatest contribution we can with our time here on Earth.

The American Universalist Temple Of Divine Wisdom is dedicated to teaching the Beloved Ascended Master John's Aquarian Dispensation, **The Mystery Of Life**. In his life as an apostle, the Beloved studied and worked very closely with Jesus, coming to know the importance of the Inner Life and the Power of Divine



Esoteric Conference 2003:
Jean Treash shares her gentle wisdom of 30 years
experience in the healing art of "Jin Shin Jyutsu"

Love and Wisdom. Together with Love, the principles of Christianity include Understanding and Wisdom. We need to know *why* we are alive ~ to create and extend Good ~ to have direction and focus. Through Christ's Unconditional Love, we find the courage to know ourselves and make positive changes necessary for soul growth. To be ongoing, effective instruments of Good, we must condition ourselves into a perfected state of being.

We of this Mission respect humanity's variety of paths to know God, understanding that culture, geography and life experience will result in many perspectives of the same God. And it is high time that more of God's children take the time to be faithful, recognized as living in alignment with God All Good, rather than a particular political party, governing leader, or social status. To follow God is to automatically want to co-operate as seeing to it that God's Will be done, not ours. The Lord's Prayer, as originally offered, says: "Help us that we enter not into temptation, and deliver us from all evil, into Thy Kingdom, through Thy Power, as Thy Glory is FOREVER." For the Power of God All Good would *never* lead us into temptation; we are the ones who falter and are swayed away from God. Help from Heaven's Ascended Beings will always reveal the right path, the righteous path.

As we continue through Fall and into the sacred Advent Season, our prayer for you is one of Peace ~ that peace which passeth all understanding, that comes from *being* with God. Gather your thoughts and emotions to simply BE with God. No matter what our circumstances, to consciously be there with God creates a better space. During times of loss, devastation, sorrow, tragedy ~ even death, to pass through such difficulty hand in hand with God is to keep-on-keeping-on in Light and love, empowered by the very source of Goodness. Every child of God is worthy of His Grace. Yet how often do we stress or resist? Do we want to count the hours of heartache, or count the Blessings of *God with me?* ... "In this moment, fill my heart and mind, guide me through my next step."

May your blessings include greater awareness of the presence of God All Good in your life every day. The magnitude of this gift will be sure to lighten all burdens.

November 23rd is the date for this year's Thanksgiving Pot O' Gold buffet. We hope to see you here, to celebrate God, gather our Light together, and share in this glorious Blessing.

-Bp. Elizabeth Crandall



Esoteric Conference 2003:
Yoga in the Park with Ayosea Morse

...Cosmically, within every Solar System Universe, from beyond the comprehension of minds concerned with time and space limitations, countless trillions upon trillions of physical beings have consciously expressed adorational respect for an Omnipotent God of exceeding Love and Wisdom. For the children of God delight in ascribing Glory to Deity. Billions upon billions on this Planet Earth have reverently revealed their love for God, and through thanksgiving for the provisional bounty of sustaining goodness.

-The Mystery Of Life, pg. 48



A WALK IN CONTEMPLATION

Autumn is the season of the harvest, a time to take stock of what growth has occurred throughout the spring and summer, and prepare for the coming respite of winter. The time of the harvest is also one of gratitude, giving thanks for all that has grown and the blessings we have received.

When we were largely an agrarian society, it was easy to see the growth and blessings for they passed through our hands as we harvested the fields. In today's world where relatively few work the land, it can be harder to take stock of all we should be thankful for.

In Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians, we are implored to: "Always rejoice. Pray without ceasing. In all things give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you all." (1 Thes 5:16-18) Much of the time it can seem as though there is little to be thankful for. War, crime, famine, drought, disease, and natural disasters are front page news on a daily basis. Most of what

goes on in the world seems beyond our control or comprehension. In the midst of being overwhelmed it takes extra effort to develop an attitude of gratitude.

One of the ways we can develop this attitude is to make a gratitude list. Take a blank piece of paper, and begin to list the things that are blessings in your life. They need not be grand or things that would impress others, just yours. Start with the small things: "I'm grateful to be alive, for the bird singing outside my window, for the beautiful sunrise this morning, for the love of my family," etc... Take a look at each area of your life, and list the good that you find. By the time you have finished, all you have found to be grateful for may amaze you.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "You must become the change that you seek." The start of any change is to take stock of where you already are. We may not be able to change the whole world, but in this season of harvest, we can change ourselves, and if we do, the world will follow.

-Rev. Wes Simpson



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Nov. 23..... THANKSGIVING POT O' GOLD: With gratitude in our hearts, we'll gather for a traditional Thanksgiving feast following our devotional service in the Chapel Of The Crystal Ray. Meal tickets are \$6.50 adults, \$3.00 children 3-12, and toddlers under 3 free.
- Nov. 25 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Sponsored by the Escondido Clergy Association 7:00pm at Church of St. Timothy, 2960 Canyon Road, Escondido. Call (760) 489-1200 for further information.
- Dec. 20..... CHRISTMAS CAROLING: The Crystal Ray Choraliers will join Santa on an all-day excursion to bring holiday cheer to friends and shut-ins.
- Dec. 21..... PEACE THE 21ST MEDITATION: A Winter Solstice meditation for global peace will be held in The Chapel Of The Crystal Ray. Potluck at 5:30pm. Please arrive by 6:45pm for the group meditation/visualization, which will begin promptly at 7:00pm. Contact Bp. Terre at (760) 749-3489 or Msgr. Mary at (760) 749-1361 for more information.
- Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Join us in worship and sacred caroling by candlelight in the Chapel Of The Crystal Ray, 8:00pm. Refreshments to follow 'round a Yule Log in the Hearthside.
- Jan. 11..... JIN SHIN JYUTSU: An afternoon session of "hands-on" participation in the techniques of this ancient healing art. Self-help and group transformation exercises will be explored under the loving guidance of practitioner Jean Treash. This session will follow our regular Devotional Service & potluck lunch. Call (619) 291-8245 for further information.
- Feb. 8..... HEARTS A' GLOW Pot O' Gold: Come join us for our annual Talent Show. Details in our next Newsletter.

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- Project Days Nov. 15 & 22, Dec. 6, Jan. 10 & 31, Feb. 7... It is important to us to complete the tasks at hand, keeping up with maintenance duties and improvements for the Grounds. Through loving, hard-working hands and a variety of talents, we shall be "do-ers!" All willing helpers are appreciatively welcome!
- Hobby Lobby Dates to be announced.....The Hobby Lobby team will be getting together to make items for sale at upcoming Pot O' Golds. If you would be interested in supporting or being a part of this group, contact Bp. Elizabeth at (760)749-9344. Come share your light and help us with your hands and ideas!
- Every Sunday SUNDAYSCHOOL begins at 9:30am in the Hearthside. Visitors are welcome! (No sessions on Pot o' Gold Sundays) DEVOTIONAL SERVICES in The Chapel Of The Crystal Ray begin at 11:00am. All are encouraged to come early for periods of quiet meditational in-going. Feel free to bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy afterwards in fellowship or in solitude on the Chapel Grounds...
- First Sunday each month A HEALING SERVICE evoking the Presence of Inner Peace Assistance from the Ascended Masters and Angels of Light directly follows the regular Eucharistic Service. Anyone feeling a need is welcome to participate.



Our Essene Emblem and wreath of flowers
grace the "Glee Tree" buffet table
at Founders' Day

UNITY THROUGH GRATITUDE

God's incarnate children ~ all over the world ~ long for a harmonious, peaceful, global unity. The challenge lies in the dynamic struggle between the Forces of good and evil. More than ever, it is vital that we as God's children protect ourselves through our strength of faith, being alert and developing Spiritual Discernment, so as to be empowered by knowing who and what we are.

When children of God altruistically gather together to play, to work, to study, or to pray their fellowship and unity create spiritual Centers of Light. And each Light Center created helps towards our planet's purification, thereby ameliorating negative influences. Group prayers and meditations for the desired purpose of building and strengthening Spiritual Global Peace give tremendous support towards establishing God's Kingdom on our planet.

There is a sacred place, within our very own beings, where the Peace of God may reside. True World Peace will be realized from individuals who *first* strive for true Inner Peace *within themselves*. After entering that sacred place, infilling our thoughts with genuinely joyful, respectful and thankful attitudes, our words and deeds will follow suit to express and contribute towards a unity of Spiritual Global Peace.

Thoughtful exchanges of giving and receiving create unity. We experience this with family and friends in group activities, especially during sacred Holidays, or *Holy Days*. May this Thanksgiving Holiday be a reminder of our unity expressed through giving and receiving, one to another, in God's Peace and Love.

- Msgr. Mary Lien

WHAT SHALL WE REAP?

In a modern-day era of holographic “realities” generated by every imaginable technology, it is easy to lose sight of our roots, our origins. Yet Nature, in spite of humanity’s manipulations, still manages to keep our Planet spinning on track through the cycle of the Seasons, exquisitely choreographed by the starry Wonders of God’s Creation. And despite the blurred distinction between our contrived experience and Nature’s rhythms, each Season carries a predominant theme, or purpose, that contributes to perpetuation of the Circle of Life.

For those of us here in the northern hemisphere of our Planet Earth, Autumn marks the time of the harvest, a culmination to the year’s growth and endeavors. We lay store for the Winter months ahead, preparing for the stark essence that in due course will prompt us to turn inward, to incubate, to conserve and rest...

So what shall we reap for this year 2003? And what shall we keep? Have we been diligent stewards with our lives so as to bring forth good fruits? Can we separate the wheat from the chaff of our harvest in order to bring wholesome bread to the welcome table?

Those of you who know we Essenes of the Order Of The Invincible Light will undoubtedly attest to the fact that we diligently strive to apply the principles of our Teachings into our daily lives, though we will be the first to admit that we are not perfect. But, when and as wholly given to God, we do make significant strides on the Path, managing to help manifest God’s Kingdom here on Earth in the process.

So, when it comes to separating the wheat from the chaff, this writer will be the first to admit that it can be a tricky task and one he has yet to master! It calls for discernment and a deft ability to prioritize one’s time and resources. So as I offer up my *Gratitudes & Intentions*, I resolutely pick up pen, sponge, broom, book on Feng Shui, or whatever tool best fits the “thresher of Life” for task at hand ~ and thresh away!

The recent fire storms here in Southern California have given many a cause to wonder about their values and priorities: What would I take with me in a moment’s

notice? What would I leave behind? What do I really need now? What do I cherish? What can I let go of to better serve another? As a result, we have seen the local community rally together, turning a horrible tragedy into one of valiant hope & renewal... bringing forth a rich harvest of human kindness in the process.

In the spirit of such endeavor, our Mission is sponsoring two families in the Valley Center area as they put their lives back together. Contributions are welcome! Please send donations care of the Temple and designated for the “Fire Survivors” fund. We will be sure to extend your generosity to these families in need and acknowledge your contribution with a tax-deductible receipt.

For this writer, the fire has brought forefront to mind the importance to *simplify* my outer world and life. That ‘favorite’ shirt hanging in the closet, unworn for over two years, could clothe the back of a fellow human being who has none. The piles upon piles of papers ~ what a stray spark could do with them! ~ and would I have time to sort out the important ones? If I suddenly had to leave this Earth plane, what would I be leaving behind? Would it be something loved ones could cherish ~ or the dark side of a cluttered life? And in the karmic scheme of things, what would I come back to?

During a recent consultation for the Temple with Astrologer Keith Burke we, as key players in the Mission, were admonished to turn our dynamic tensions into strengths by developing trust and respect for the complementary attributes we each one have to offer. Our Mission has a strong focus on values with a ‘pragmatic spiritualism’ that offers real-life help through an understanding of the dynamics between the Outer and Inner Planes, which ultimately serve to prompt genuine, spiritual growth. Indeed, we do strive to walk the talk of our Teachings and benefit others in the process. The time ahead is rich with opportunities... We have garnered many treasures laid by in Heaven, but there is much yet to be done, that a Golden Age may dawn here on Earth! It begins with each one of us, as committed individuals, coming together in mutual accord for a Cause greater than our own. May you be so called in this time of the Harvest.

-Bp. Terre Lien

Gratitude is the heart's memory.

-Anon



Wherever through time, great souls of light are Cosmically evolving, they can be recognized as expressive of God-in-being. Thus in a radiational progression, uplifting souls in *succession* reflect good spiritual *expression* through The Seven Rays of Amelioration. And at this time and on this Planet, many highly evolving souls are coming toward the ful-fillment of their outer, mortal Destinies, revealing their god-ly potential through un-daunted courage and God loving out-givingness...

The awakening scion of light should soul-freeingly heed the uplifting Lead of Ascended Masters Who make it crystal clear ~ *there are two kinds of recognizable mastery. And while one is obtained through willful, subjugational control over other souls, and is very much of the outer world, the other is the only one which can count for something Highly out of the physical world. And it can only be Attained by masterfully winning control over one's own lower nature through the desire to do something beneficial for others.*

-The Mystery Of Life, pg. 19 & 36





“A priesthood represents a Religious Order. Therefore an understanding of what constitutes ‘A Religious Order’ as such, should increase one’s awareness of the significance of its environmental impact for a community, Regional, National and International level of consciousness as respects a cognizance of God All-Good. For this will become evident through an overall attitude in areas reflective of it.

Being reflective of an attitude indicative of a deep and abiding love for God, a Highly Dedicated Priesthood can be understood to function as a co-ordinated body of individuals committedly given to God through a desire to serve for the increasing appreciation of all which in Spirit and in Truth, is recognizable *as* God.

And as all true Essenes know, the word ‘God’ means *All Good*.”

- Archbishop Elizabeth Clark,
from the manuscript
AS CLARION CALLED

THE CREED of THE ORDER OF THE INVINCIBLE LIGHT

We believe in God as The Eternal, Creative Source of the Spiritual Force of All Good, and that the Spiritual Essence of God’s Infinite Power is reflective through all goodness wherever present.

We believe Spirit involitionally seeds as primordial soul-life to proceed evolutionally to and through the human state of being.

And we rejoice in the knowledge that upon the ful-fillment of their outer times of carnate expression, souls of the essence of Eternal life, attain Ascension.

We believe in an Etheric Realm of Ascended Beings of which The Christ is Divine Hierarch. And it is The Christ whom we venerate as Head of The Church.

Most joyously we believe in the God-given right to seek cognizant Communion with Ascended Masters.

And as aware God’s Light is Universal, we know it cannot be franchizingly claimed as denominational. Therefore our Endeavor is directed toward Religious unification through The Aquarian Dispensation’s Crystal Revelation, in which we whole-heartedly believe. Amen.

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

*'Tis the gift to be simple,
'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down
where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
'till by turning, turning we come round right.*

-Shaker song, 18th Century