

The Wrong Approach to a Spiritual Life Leads to Bad Results



Returning a headstone for a Jewish person that had been torn down by vandals.

"I have never failed to come to the aid of the poor and lowly. I have ever obeyed the laws of God and Man. Goodness has always been honored in my heart, and I have consistently read the sacred writings. Yet never have I found these things consistent with mortal wellbeing. Because my tongue did not turn around corners and twist back on itself, because the words I spoke came from my heart, undiluted with any malicious thought, because I chided the rich for their selfishness and inconsideration, their wasteful living and

meaningless activities, they became my enemies. Because I called upon the powerful to live according to the laws they professed to uphold and the words declared to be sacred, I was seized and imprisoned. When I protested the injustice to the ears of the people, I was beaten with rods, I was branded as one who seeks to destroy the stability of the land. I, who tried to set an example of goodness, to lead a life dedicated to my God, to convert the wicked to righteousness, am myself declared wicked by the workers of evil. Why is this, O my God? Have I, to my sorrow and undoing, weighted the values of life wrongly?" ~[The Kolbrin Bible \(MAN:19:8\)](#)

To Aid the Poor and Lowly

To aid the poor is certainly a good thing, although not always done properly. When done with humility and a sense of brotherhood and sisterhood, it is a good thing. When done to show off how much better a person you are and to boost your ego, it isn't.

Obeded the Laws

It is usually a good thing to obey the law, but there are exceptions. Sometimes, the laws of Man conflict with the Laws of God. When that happens, the spiritual person must put the Laws of God before the laws of Man. Between those two are the laws of nature. We would also be wise to obey the laws of nature as much as possible, even when they conflict with Man's law. We don't need to worry about the laws of nature conflicting with the Laws of God, they never do.

Reading Sacred Writings

Like obeying the law, reading scripture is usually a good thing, but not always. If you read scripture with no comprehension of what it means, or you read it without even trying to understand it, then reading it is pointless. Perhaps even worse than reading sacred books without comprehension is

reading them with a false comprehension, something which is unfortunately common today. Most of humanity has become so material oriented that we interpret everything in a material and literal way. When you do that with scripture, you almost always end up with nonsense. The holy ones who wrote scripture knew that true spiritual teachings were dangerous in the hands of materialistic or evil people, so they generally wrote in allegory or other kinds of code. If you don't have some understanding of the codes they used, you will get a false understanding.

Tongue did not Turn

I think this allegory is one that is easy to understand. When the author says his tongue "did not turn around corners'" he is simply saying that he did not lie, but always told the truth as he knew it. While this is definitely a good thing, there may be occasions when telling the truth is not the best thing to do. If telling the truth will hurt another person's feelings, it may be best to tell a white lie or say nothing at all. If corrupt authorities ask you about the location of some innocent person they want to arrest, it is best to not answer, or tell a white lie. When the early Christian Martyrs were arrested, they were often tortured to get them to reveal the names and locations of other Christians. Most refused to do so, and that was as it should be.

Chided the Selfish

Here is where the person in the quote went wrong. Chiding the rich and powerful is rarely a good idea. If you are not in a position that prevents them from taking revenge, it is a bad idea. It is not that greed is acceptable, but trying to teach people something they are not ready to learn is pointless and likely to get you into trouble. Instead of chiding the rich and selfish, you could gently suggest to them that there is great joy in sharing, otherwise, it is generally best to keep those beliefs to yourself. Of course, it is always acceptable

to speak in generalities and say things like “greed is not a good thing,” but don’t mention individuals or classes of people when doing so.

Likewise, chiding government officials for not doing their job can get one in trouble, depending on the type of government you are under.

Ego Trip

Most of all, when your idea of spiritual practice is to complain about the greedy, the corrupt, and those who oppose spiritual development, you are feeding your ego, not your spirit. That is why much of what this person did was not moving him forward in a spiritual way. The ego is not an enemy that needs to be destroyed, but it does need to be kept under control by an awakened Soul.

The Longest Days Begin the Shortest Season



We generally think of the Winter Solstice as the shortest day of the year, but that is only if you're just talking about the period between sunrise and sunset. If you are talking about the entire day, from noon to the next noon, you get a different result. [View a video with more details here.](#)



On the other hand, the Winter Solstice starts the shortest season of the year.

Here are the lengths of the astronomical seasons:

December solstice to March equinox: 88.99 days

March equinox to June solstice: 92.76 days

June solstice to September equinox: 93.65 days

September equinox to December solstice: 89.84 days

[See the video here.](#)

Both videos from EarthSky News

“Donald E. Scott: Probing Parker’s Solar Probe Data | Thunderbolts”



Electric Sun predictions are being verified by the latest data from the Parker Solar Probe. However, NASA invents phrases such as ‘pseudo-streamers’, ‘funnel structures’ and ‘switchbacks’ to describe what they see and find everything new to be “enigmatic.”

It’s not enigmatic. It is what the Electric Universe Model has been predicting for decades as an alternative to the gravity-only, lock-step narrative of the Standard Model.

Author and electrical engineer Donald E. Scott, PhD, deconstructs the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center press

release of December 14, 2021 announcing new results from the Parker Solar Probe. Dr. Scott presents a clear, accurate understanding of the real properties of electro-magnetic plasma dynamics that are being observed on our Sun.

[Watch the entire video posted online January 15, 2022 at
youtube.com \(14:44\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14:44)

link submitted by Robert Petrovich

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: December 25, 2022



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HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day

Good morning, and merry Christmas.

Today is Christmas. For most people, especially in this country, this holiday will end today. But for us in this Community, it is just beginning. Today is the first day of the Christmas-Epiphany Season, and we celebrate the birth and the life of Jesus Christ.

For twelve days, we of the Second Advent Church observe the Christmas season, which culminates on the thirteenth day, the Day of Epiphany, on January 6th. We know that Jesus was not born on the 25th of December, but that is not important. What is important is what we celebrate and observe during the Season.

We know that the word *epiphany* comes from the Greek, meaning manifestation or appearance. In the early Church, January 6th was the day that commemorated

Jesus's baptism at the Jordan by Saint John. The day celebrated the "shining forth" or the revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ – his manifestation as the Son of God to the world. That means that the Word of God incarnated in Jesus. The date of Epiphany was very early fixed in the ancient church, and the old liturgies speak of "illumination," "manifestation," and "declaration."

The Gospel of Matthew says, *"Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John would have prevented him and said, I need to be baptized by you, and you come to me? But Jesus answered, saying, Let it be so, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill righteousness. And then John consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, as he came up from the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove upon him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"* The Gospel of Luke also says, *"Now, when all the people were baptized, and Jesus also had been baptized, the heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, and with you I am well pleased.'"*

Other biblical scriptures also help to shed light on this statement. For instance, in the book of Acts, it says, *"You are my Son; today I have begotten you."* And in the Letter to the Hebrews, similarly, *"For to which of the angels did God ever say, you are my Son; today I have begotten you."* So if we insert these lines from Acts and Hebrews, which have their roots in the ancient hymnal of Israel's Psalms, we discern the statement "You are my Son, with whom I am well pleased – today I have begotten you." And this event occurred on the day of January

6th.

Now, in the ancient Christian Church, this divine event – this appearance or epiphany – was a manifestation of Jesus's immortal spiritual nature. The day commemorated the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ, the moment when God appeared in His Divine Light and ordained Jesus His Son. Thus, Jesus was given a new birth – a spiritual rebirth. So we know that Jesus was not born the Son of God but indeed became and was declared the Son of God when the Divine Logos – the Word – incarnated within him, giving him a new life of spirit. And this was a fundamental concept in the Messianic Church: That Jesus had become the Christ! And this is why Epiphany, and the Christmas-Epiphany Season, is so important to us in the Second Advent Community because it represents and symbolizes the birth of spirit – the birth of our spirits, which is the epiphany and the illumination of the reborn, conscious Soul.

There is a similarity to Buddhism, where the birthday of Siddhartha is celebrated on April 8th, but the day of his enlightenment is recognized on December 8th – the day when he became the Enlightened One – the Awakened One – at sunrise.

So we honor the birth of the man Jesus on December 25th, a date which was adopted by the Roman Church in the year 336 CE – the same time of the year when several Roman festivals were observed: the Winter solstice; Saturnalia, a time of merrymaking and the exchange of gifts; as well as the birth of Mithra. But it was also the festival of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun, the *Natalis Sol Invictus*. Linking Jesus to the Sun was supported in early times by various Biblical passages, including Malachi's

reference to the Sun of Righteousness. And, of course, John in his gospel describes Jesus as “the light of the world.”

Such solar symbolism indeed supports more than one date of physical birth. In the year 243 CE, a work known as *De Pascha Computus* linked the notion that God’s Creation began at the Spring equinox, on March 25th, with the conception or birth of the cosmic Sun, according to the Genesis account. In early times, it was debated if Jesus was born at this time – on March 28th. One writer says, “*O the splendid and divine providence of the Lord that on that day, the very day on which the sun was made, March 28, a Wednesday, that Christ should be born.*” It continues to say, “*For this reason, Malachi, the prophet, speaking [about him] to the people, fittingly said ‘Unto you that revere my name shall the sun of Righteousness arise with healing in its wings.’*” In 200 CE, Clement of Alexandria even hypothesized the birth dates as being March 21st or between April 15th – 21st.

So, importantly, the date we celebrate is the day of the spiritual birth. The day when the Word of God entered into Jesus, and he assumed the Office of Christ. And this we do on January 6th as a promise of the spiritual birth – the rebirth, that we are all heir to in the Second Advent of God’s Appearance in redeeming Light.

We know that in ancient Greece an epiphany of a divine person was a common concept among the priests. The celebration of Epiphany originated in that ancient church, and you know the history: There was a dispute between the Eastern church and the Western church; and eventually, December 25th, which as I said was the old Roman festival of the

Unconquered Sun, which celebrated the Winter solstice and the lengthening of days, became Christmas. The festival was placed on the day of December 25th because it was in the Roman calendar the day the sun reversed its southward retreat and proved itself to be unconquered.

Many celebrations are held at this time of the year. Northern Europeans celebrated Yule late in December and also in early January. There was a festival from November 28th to January 6th that was observed as the festivals of lights, the birth of the Cosmic Christ. We know that the Japanese honor the sun god on December 22nd. And in ancient Egypt, from December 21st to December 25th was the festival commemorating the birth-mystery of the god Horus, a time at which the Virgin of the World gave birth to the Aeon. It was also celebrated in pre-Islamic Arabia as the birth date of the Son of the Virgin, the Alone-begotten of God. Native Americans celebrate December as a time of purification and renewal, as do Hindus, who celebrate their festival of lights in the early part of December. So we see that this is a time that is universally recognized, when we come out of darkness and into light.

Let us now refer to our own *Prophecy of the New Covenant*, which says:

"The churches have forgotten the Teachings of God's +beloved Son, Jesus, whom He + sent into the world as Interpreter and Teacher of Sacred Law. On this very same day, God's + Image and Word incarnated in Jesus. So that the churches may never again forget what God + has ordained for the world, He + has incarnated His + Image and Word in The Sun which shines equally on all peoples everywhere. Heaven, therefore, becomes the Instructor of the Churches

and of the world.

"On this hallowed day of God's + Appearance, bountiful blessings manifest to the Holy Ones of Light of the Church of the Second Advent founded by His + Word. To those unified in Community and holding to The Law, God + sends forth the Comforting Spirit of His + Image. As the Church has been restored, God + would restore those blessings given to the First Church – now in apostasy – and make sacred those Holy Days that are kept in remembrance by the old churches, but which are not alive with His + Blessings.

"In commemoration of this Day, let The Community gather together once each year in remembrance and fellowship. God + will baptize all assembled in the Spirit of His + Holiness. God + gives an unmistakable Sign from Heaven in the New Sun as a mark of His + Advent and Divine Presence. Let all behold the Signs of God + manifest in the Heavens and know that their New Ministry is by God's + Authority, and that He + has come to Judge the world. This Day is a day of confirmation of God's + Appearance, a day of blessing to strengthen the Good against the Powers of Darkness, and to empower them to teach."

These prophetic words were given on Epiphany Day, January 6th, 1982.

Therefore, the message of the Season is life of spirit. This is the essence of Christ's teaching. And this is what this period of time represents: life, birth and rebirth, which is the cycle of spiritual renewal. This time of year also represents goodwill, friendship, generosity, joy, and happiness. Let us not forget these valuable

attributes.

This is a time to spend with family and friends. So I encourage you all to bear that in mind and not be consumed by commercialism that comes with the Season. Our Community family is what is most important – our true Family. Along with the Sun of Righteousness, these are the greatest gifts we have!

At this time of year, we enjoy quoting the Odes of Solomon. These particular lines speak to the feeding or the nourishment of our spiritual bodies. This is Ode 36:

“Upon me came to rest the Spirit of the Lord, and She raised me up to the heights and stood me on my feet in the high place of the Lord, to go before His fullness and His glory, even while I kept up my glorifying praise in the making of His odes. From the first She brought me forth into the presence of the Lord, and even though I was still a son of man, I was named a Light, a Son of God. Even though I was now glorious among the glorious, and great among the great – like the greatness of the Most High, in fact, had the Spirit made me, and like His own renewal had He renewed me – even so, He anointed me from out of His own fullness; and so I became one of those who are close to Him. And my mouth was opened like a cloud of dew, and so my heart streamed out a stream of righteousness. And so in this way I drew close in peace, and I was firmly established in the Spirit of the Divine Plan. Hallelujah.”

I believe that this scripture conveys the message of the Christmas Season. So let us renew our commitment to each other, which is to love one another, to forgive the transgressions of those we love, if any, and to make whatever amends may be needed. And this,

once again, is the Teaching of Christ. If each of us can accomplish this, then we truly exemplify Christ in our daily lives. As it has been recorded in the Gospels, *"Love one another as I have loved you."* And this is our mission. That is also the Teaching of the Holy Child Jamil. Thus, with understanding, we exemplify the Light and we are on the path of Christ. And this is the message of this Community: That it matters not who you are or where you came from, but that if you are of the Light, then you will be one with the Light. And this is the promise of the Second Advent.

So with that in mind, I wish you a very merry Christmas and wish you all the best for the new year, which I hope will be filled with God's many bountiful and beautiful blessings.

In conclusion, please remember that these days are days of special blessing. I encourage you to gather in Community at the Sanctuary as we commune with the Sun of Righteousness. And may God bless you all.

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Services for the Week of December 24, 2022



Saturday, December 24, 2022

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Robert Roy

Cantor: Rev. Shinobu Fuelling

Reader: Claudia Grady

Sunday, December 25, 2022
6:24 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:50

Sunrise: 7:20

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrants:

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Suspended for Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RC Robert Roy

Friday, December 30, 2022

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Suspended

Sunday, December 25 to Thursday, January 5

Christmas – Epiphany vigil

6:24 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00
Gate: 6:50
Sunrise: 7:20
RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Concelebrants:
RC Robert Petrovich
Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer
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Why We are Born with Our Spirits Dormant



“Beloved Soul, if thou wilt be earnest without intermission, thou shalt certainly obtain the favor of a kiss from the noble Sophia (or Divine Wisdom) in the Holy Name of Jesus; for she stands ever before the door of the Soul, knocking, and warning the sinner of his wicked ways. Now if once thou desires her love, she is ready for it and kisses it with the Beams of her sweet Love, from whence the heart receives joy. But she does not presently lay herself in the marriage bed with the Soul, that is, she does not presently awaken the extinguished Heavenly Image in herself, which disappeared in Adam in Paradise. No, there might be danger in that; for if Adam and Lucifer fell, having it manifest in them, the same may easily happen to Man, who is still so strongly enthralled in Vanity.

“The bond of thy promise must be firm and steadfast. Before she will crown thee, you must be tempted and tried. She lets thee stand as it were aloof, and answers thee not so much one look of her love. For before she will crown thee, thou must be judged. ... Thou must come before the gates of Hell first, and there show forth the victory for her in her love, in the strength where she upholds you in opposition to the Devil’s influence.” ~[Jacob Boehme](#)¹

Earnest Without Intermission

Boehme doesn’t say here what it is we must be earnest in, but since his writings are all about spiritual growth and development, we can assume that is what is meant here. Being earnest in our spiritual development techniques means that we don’t think of it as some game or something to occupy space-time, but rather the most important thing in our lives. After

all, most of us spend hours a week caring for our temporary bodies in one way or another, shouldn't our eternal spirit get at least as much recognition and care?

Kiss from Sophia

What Boehme is calling "a kiss from the noble Sophia" is just another way of saying God's Grace or God's Light. It is through awakening and developing our spiritual faculties with the help of that Light that eventually leads to the Wisdom of Sophia that the Gnostics call Gnosis. This should not be confused with intellect. It is a Wisdom of the Soul unknown to the brain, it is consciousness, not intellect.

If One Desires Her Love

While it may be true that Sophia tries to warn the sinners of their errant ways, it is clear that they have closed those channels of communication and don't hear her pleas. On the other hand, the one who truly desires to awaken and develop their spiritual faculties, Sophia is ready to help. More accurately, God's angels and Holy One who have left the Earthly plain offer their help first. Sophia comes somewhat later.

Beams of Her Love

This is an important choice of words Boehm has made her hint at something he couldn't say outright without getting into trouble with the religious authorities of his time. Sending beams of Love is his way of telling us that Light is involved, as it is Light that travels in beams. Specifically, Sophia's Kiss comes in the Light of the Spiritual Sun that awakens and nourishes the spirit.

Before She Will Crown Thee

This is another case where Boehme has carefully chosen his words to hint at something he couldn't say outright in his time. It would be nice if those who had awakened the Gnosis within were chosen as the leaders of the world, but in this

materialistic age, it is simply not so. But before political leaders in the form of kings and queens stole the idea of wearing a crown of gold, they were worn by the high priests and prophets of the great spiritual schools to symbolize their closeness to God and to Sophia. The gold crown with the points on it represented the sun, so such priests were showing that they were one with the Spiritual Sun. So Boehm is telling us that if we want to be “crowned” by the truth and wisdom of Sophia, we must turn to the Spiritual Sun. It was, after all, the Light of the sun reflecting off a metal bowl striking him in the eyes that gave Boehm his spiritual awakening.

[1 – I](#) have replaced some of the old English in the quote with modern English for readability.

“Early Results from Parker Solar Probe: Ushering a New Frontier in Space Exploration”

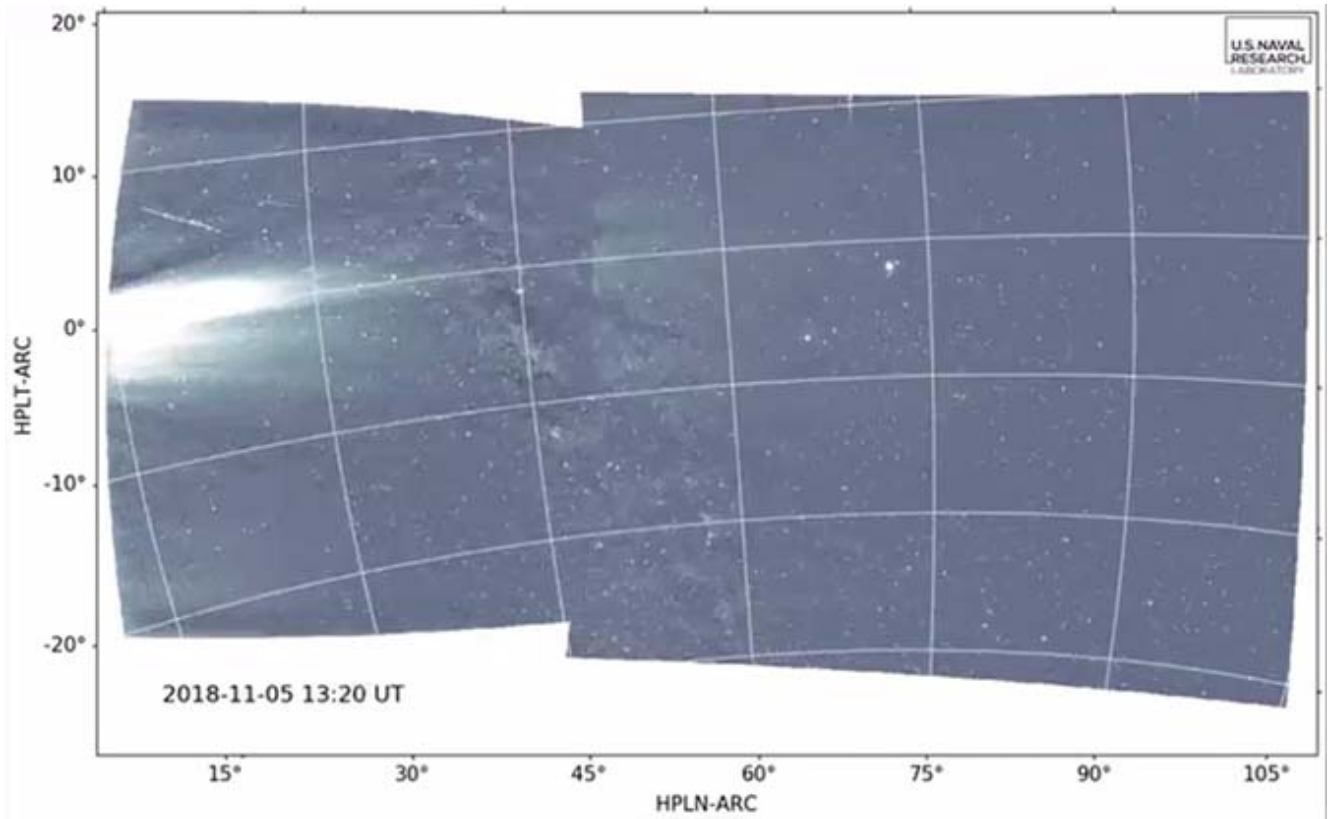


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NASA's Parker Solar Probe (PSP) has flown closer to the Sun than any spacecraft before. Over 24 scheduled orbits, PSP will journey closer and closer to our star with the aim of flying as close as 8.86 $R_{\odot}$ from the solar surface by 2024. PSP, which launched on 2018 August 12, was designed, built, and now operated for NASA by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. It has completed the first 3 of its 24 scheduled orbits about the Sun (perihelia on 2018 November 5, 2019 April 4, and 2019 September 1). All three orbits had roughly the same perihelion distance of 35.7 $R_{\odot}$ from the Sun center. On 2019 December 26, the spacecraft flew by Venus for the second time since launch. This maneuver reduced the perihelion to 27.8 $R_{\odot}$, which was achieved on 2020 January 29.

The main science goal of the PSP mission is to determine the structure and dynamics of the Sun's coronal magnetic field, to understand how the solar corona and wind are heated and

accelerated, and to determine what processes accelerate energetic particles. PSP explores the near solar environment through in situ and remote sensing observations of the magnetic field, plasma, and energetic particles to: (i) trace the flow of energy that heats and accelerates the solar corona and solar wind, (ii) determine the structure and dynamics of the plasma and magnetic fields at the sources of the solar wind, and (iii) explore mechanisms that accelerate and transport energetic particles. Understanding the heating and acceleration of the solar wind plasma as well as the energization and transport of solar energetic particles has been sought for decades. By exploring the source regions of these fascinating phenomena, PSP will not only help us make major strides in our understanding but will also lead to unforeseen discoveries.

Over the past year and a half, PSP returned an enormous amount of science data that drew a new picture of the source region of the solar wind. The first discoveries of the mission were reported in the Nature magazine on 2019 December 4. This special issue of the Astrophysical Journal Supplement series consists of over 50 science papers that provide more detailed analyses of the data from the first two orbits. The number of discoveries is more than anyone has anticipated.

[Read the article and watch the movie \(00:14\) online.](#)

link submitted by Michael McIntyre

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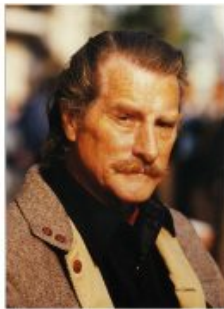
COSOLARGY NEWSLETTER December 2022

Hello Rebecca ,

Welcome to our monthly bulletin with information of interest to friends of Cosolargy International. In this issue we bring you up to date with current and future events and provide a little background on our founder, the late Gene Savoy Sr, and his explorations into solar cultures, along with some uplifting words of inspiration.

If you are curious about the solar techniques and activities of our Community, contact us by using the Contact Form on the [Cosolargy International website](#). It will be forwarded to the appropriate representative for your area.

In these trying times, if you would like to have a prayer said for you or others, click the Prayer Request button at the end of this newsletter.



The Origins of Cosolargy

Quotes from Gene Savoy, Sr.

"And a day came when the Man's [Gene Savoy, Sr.] spirit drew away from his being, and he retired to his bed too weak to walk. Once before he had experienced the desire to forsake the mortal world when the Angel had come to him. This time he did not fight the feeling. His family and the Companions came to his bedside to say their farewells, for he was certain he would not see the rising of the sun.

"That night, as he was contemplating the events that had led to his state, while the fragrance of the burning incense and the lights of the candles placed around his bed pervaded the chamber, his mind became still and his body weighty. He saw smiling faces of the Child {Jamil} and his sun-like eyes radiating love to him. The Man realized he was giving in to some Dark Power seeking to prevent the Child from fulfilling his mission on earth. And he resisted the temptation to leave the world before his allotted time."

From Jamil: Child of Light

From the COSOLARGY Blog

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Services for the Week of December 17, 2022



Saturday, December 17, 2022

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Robert Petrovich

Cantor: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Reader: Rev. Mary Foust

Sunday, December 18, 2022

6:24 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:00

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:20

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrants:

RC Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Golden Age of Light RC Robert Roy

Church of the Universal Theocracy Rev. Noriko Roy

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Rev. Michael McIntyre

Friday, December 23, 2022

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

WEEKLY MESSAGE: December 14, 2022



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Wednesday, December 14, 2022

The Twenty-fourth Saying (Part 3)

“‘The best way and the only way to teach is by exemplification. Our Order must send forth teachers showing the true advantages of a spiritual religion over the religions of emotion – the religions that worship a god or gods which have been created by the minds of men or have been nurtured by the psychic nature. All too often it is the interpretation of scripture by sects or orders that lead to these errors.

“‘For example, if we make a literal interpretation of the Old Testament writings, we find that Jehovah is depicted as a god of vengeance – a jealous and wrathful god. Of course, not all Hebrew sects of old agreed with this interpretation. Even in the New Testament, we find that a literal rendering of Jesus’ sayings produces a different Teacher than that of the whole Teacher. Jesus was a man of peace who taught The Way and insisted that every person live it. Yet, Christians today, rather than live The Way, place the power in a church and its

sacraments to free them of sin, or they simply declare that Jesus is their personal savior who forgives them of every sin, every error, no matter what it might be. Each person interprets the words of Jesus in his or her own way – innovating, altering, speculating, twisting, and reducing Jesus to a scapegoat who died for everyone's sins. They have reduced a great Teacher to little more than a shadow of what he really was and thrown away his Teachings of The Way, making him a human savior. They have taken Jesus and created him in their own image, put their own words in his mouth, and created a false god.

“The Jesus of the Christian religion today is not the Teacher who was Jesus. The clergy would be the first to admit this but are powerless to alter it. There is a false religion in action. How does one explain this to a Protestant? How does one explain it to a Catholic? But this is in fact what we are obliged to do. If we tolerate the Catholic or Protestant view allowing them to continue on as before, reducing our Teachings to nothing more than a mild supplement to amend the older, orthodox teachings, we only empower the churches of the First Dispensation with all of their errors. And we defeat the purpose of the True Religion and the Church of the Second Advent.

“We should always remember that The Church is universal. Its message is to be directed to all world religions. Therefore, our problem is compounded, reaching far beyond the Christian religion. If we were to introduce our ideas to a modern Muslim, we would be trying to reach a person whose idea of the Islamic religion is fixed and no less orthodox than that of a Christian believer. All religionists are sincere. Yet: they have a tendency to reject fulfilling ideas introduced into the orthodox and often secular religious view.

“The prophet Muhammad was aware that Islam would be fulfilled at a later date by supplemental teachings coming out of the West. These new teachings should not be considered heretical

by the orthodox of any world religion for, after all, the Christian religion, as well as the Hebrew, Buddhist, and Brahman religions, all await a messiah – a world teacher – to fulfill them. The coming forth of this revealed religious teaching does not signify that the old religions are false. It simply means that they are to be fulfilled so that all may be united. No holy war will be necessary to bind them together – only genuine love of God will accomplish this union.

“The person of God who reflects the Image and Word is not out of accord with any person, regardless of religion or national origin, creed or color. What the person of God does is live and then teach the One Way – The Way of the One Religion – and leads people to the One God through the Image and the Word which is One. The Way unifies people. And once people are involved in the True Religion, they are not at odds with another religion. They simply teach a higher Way for all.”

Again, if I may be of any personal service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours in Light+,

Gene

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