

2019 Epiphany Eve Celebrated

Cena de Epifanía Mexicana

A Mexican Epiphany Eve Dinner

Programa de Eventos

Program of Events

6:30 PM -- Welcome 6:35 PM Candle Lighting and Remembrance
6:55 PM Grace Before Meals: "Grant Life Unto Me" 7:00 PM Dinner
8:30 PM A Visit from Santa Claus 9:00 PM Exchange of Gifts

Menú

Sobre la Mesa — On the Table

Totopos con salsa mexicana, guacamole y pico de gallo

Tortilla chips with Mexican salsa, guacamole and pico de gallo

Platos Principales — Main Dishes

Caldo de pollo con fideos, cebolla verde y culantro

Chicken broth with noodles, green onions & cilantro

Ensalada con maize, frijoles y aderezo de aguacate

Salad with corn, beans & avocado dressing

Arroz Mexicano Mexican Red Rice

Frijoles y frijoles refritos Whole and refried pinto beans

Enchiladas verdes con pollo y Enchiladas con queso

Corn tortillas stuffed with chicken or with cheese, both in green sauce

Tamales de pollo y Tamales de verduras

Cornmeal rolled with chicken and cornmeal with vegetables

Postre — Dessert

Flan de la vainilla y flan chocolate

Custard with vanilla and custard with vanilla & chocolate

Bebidas — Beverages

Sangria roja y Sangria blanca

Red Sangria and White Sangria

Horchata

A non-alcoholic beverage made with rice, cinnamon and sugar

Café e té

Coffee and tea

International Community of Christ ♦ Church of the Second Advent

Thirty-Eighth Annual Celebration ♦ January 5, 2019

Rectory-Abbey ♦ 2025 La Fond Drive ♦ Reno, Nevada

[Click here to view full-size menu.](#)

On the evening of January 5th, Epiphany Eve in the Second Advent Calendar, resident members of the Community, their families, and guests, were invited to the Rectory-Abbey by Bishop Gene Savoy to celebrate the holiday with dinner and a visit from Santa Claus. Nearly seventy guests gathered in the great room at the Rectory for the event. Some of the action was captured in photos by attendees, and the Communique staff put together a gallery of these photos for your enjoyment.



Guests arriving at 2019 Epiphany Eve Celebration PHOTO CREDIT:
Jim Eaglesmith



Guests gather at tables before dinner PHOTO CREDIT: Jim Eaglesmith



Gifts gathered at the Rectory fireplace PHOTO CAPTION: Jim Eaglesmith



Bishop Gene addresses the gathering on the significance of the day of Epiphany PHOTO
CAPTION: Jim Eaglesmith



Candelabra holding candles of remembrance
PHOTO CAPTION: Jim Eaglesmith

“Stellar magnetism: What’s behind the most brilliant lights in the sky?”

Date: *January 30, 2018*

Source: *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Summary: *Space physicists have just released unprecedented detail on a bizarre phenomenon that powers the northern lights, solar flares and coronal mass ejections (the biggest explosions in our solar system).*



Jan Egedal, professor of physics at UW-Madison who lead an exploration of

magnetic reconnection, stands beside a chamber used for experiments in that exotic phenomenon. Magnetic reconnection seems to be involved in some of the most violent explosions in the universe; the recent study was the clearest view of the magnetic reconnection ever measured in space. The results “blew my mind,” he says. Credit: David Tenenbaum/UW-Madison

“The data on so-called ‘magnetic reconnection’ came from a quartet of new spacecraft that measure radiation and magnetic fields in high Earth orbit.

“‘We’re looking at the best picture yet of magnetic reconnection in space,’ says Jan Egedal, a professor of physics and senior author of a study in Physical Review Letters. Magnetic reconnection is difficult to describe, but it can be loosely defined as the merger of magnetic fields that releases an astonishing amount of energy.

“Magnetic reconnection remains mysterious, especially since it ‘breaks the standard law’ governing charged particles, or plasma, Egedal says.”

[Read the entire article online at sciencedaily.com.](http://www.sciencedaily.com)

link submitted by Frieda Nelson

“Love Wisdom, Truth, and Creation”



To “If a man does not walk on the path of Wisdom, he cannot have light and knowledge. If a man does not walk on the path of truth, he cannot have freedom.

Three rules for living:

- *Make Love be a way in your life.*
- *Have Wisdom be a way for knowledge and light.*
- *Let truth be a way for your freedom.*

Apply this as a foundation, and you will avoid unneeded suffering. ...If a man loves truth, it will always help him. The man who lives and loves in truth will always be helped; truth is reasonable.” ~Biensa Douno

Path of Wisdom

“The words in this quote have to be read and studies carefully. Douno doesn’t say that one has to have wisdom

before he can have light and knowledge. He says only that he must be on the path of wisdom.

“If you are in any spiritual groups in social media, you probably see quite regularly posts, or answers to posts, that say there is no correct path, no right path. All paths are the same they say. The only ones who teach that are those who simply don't know what the true path is and don't want to admit it.”

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

Original article posted by HAROLD BOULETTE on JUNE 16, 2018

Services for the Week of January 5, 2019



Saturday, January 5, 2019

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Suspended due to Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

6:00 PM Epiphany Eve Banquet

Rectory-Abbey

Host: RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

EPIPHANY DAY

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Suspended due to Epiphany Holiday

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. James Elliott

Friday, January 11, 2019

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Barbara Whitney

“Seeking More Than Materialism”



“Man is not organized as a self-consistent unity. He always demands more than the world, of its own accord, gives him. Nature has endowed us with needs; among them are some that she leaves to our own activity to satisfy. Abundant as are the gifts she has bestowed upon us, still more abundant are our desires. We seem born to be dissatisfied. And our thirst for knowledge is but a special instance of this dissatisfaction. We look twice at a tree. The first time we see its branches at rest, the second time in motion. We are not satisfied with this observation.

“The something more which we seek in things, over and above what is immediately given to us in them, splits our whole being into two parts. We become conscious of our antithesis to the world. We confront the world as independent beings.

The universe appears to us in two opposite parts: I and World. We erect this barrier between ourselves and the world as soon as consciousness first dawns in us. But we never cease to feel that, in spite of all, we belong to the world, that there is a connecting link between it and us, and that we are beings within, and not without, the universe. This feeling makes us strive to bridge over this antithesis, and in this bridging lies ultimately the whole spiritual striving of mankind. The history of our spiritual life is a continuing search for the unity between ourselves and the world. Religion, art and science follow, one and all, this aim. The religious believer seeks in the revelation" ~Rudolf Steiner

Seeking More

Actually, man is fairly consistent in one thing: wanting more. Whatever he has, he wants more. Whatever he knows, he wants to know more. This is a good thing. Contented cattle may be easy to control, but they don't grow, they don't evolve. Man grows and evolves simply because he is not content with the status quo. He always looks for something better. Yet, while we have this discontent, we also want happiness and unity.

We also have to work to get things. It is our nature as well as that of the universe. Everything is moving. We must move also, we must work also. And we tend to not appreciate that which is handed to us without earning it.

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

Original article posted by HAROLD BOULETTE on SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

“Scientific Evidence of PSI and Survival of Consciousness | Electricity of Life”

*"Will make the Copernican Revolution seem relatively minor by comparison.
... Empowering and optimistic... we must grow into this new understanding, if for
no other reason than to survive."*

—Eben Alexander, MD, former Harvard University neurosurgeon; author of *Living in a Mindful Universe* and the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Proof of Heaven*

An End to Upside Down Thinking



Dispelling the Myth That the Brain
Produces Consciousness, and the
Implications for Everyday Life

MARK GOBER

Mark Gober explores the unresolved scientific puzzle: how and why does consciousness exist? In Mark's book *An End to Upside Down Thinking*, he summarizes some of the voluminous scientific evidence which suggests that consciousness is not generated by nor confined to the brain. A major focus of his evidential summary is the amazing abundance of scientific studies, dating back more than half a century, into psychic phenomena, such as

telepathy, ESP and precognition.

A parallel field of investigation is survival of consciousness – that is the study of near-death experiences and even purported communications with the dead by so-called mediums.

This presentation is produced by the Thunderbolts Project. While The Thunderbolts Project takes no position on these issues, in the past the project has presented interviews and public presentations by such noted scientists as Dr. Rupert Sheldrake and Dr. Dean Radian, both of whose scientific research into consciousness Mark outlines in his book. In this talk, Mark offers a brief yet comprehensive overview of compelling evidence that the locus and source of consciousness is non-material.

[Watch the presentation on YouTube \(15:35\)](#)

link submitted by Robert Petrovich

“Rowena New Book Release: Wholeness, Healing the Cosmic Split”

WHOLENESS

Healing the Cosmic Split



An Artist's Perspective on
Cosmos, Consciousness, and Science

by Rowena Pattee Kryder, Ph.D.

Rowena Pattee Kryder (October 29, 1935 – October 11, 2014) was a friend of the Community and a resident of Reno during the

final years of her life. During those years, she gave of her time as a featured speaker at the "Spiritual State of the World" conferences held in Reno. Rowena was also a benefactress of the Church, donating her vast library of 2000 books to the Church before she moved here to Reno from Albuquerque, New Mexico be closer to the Community.

Now her legacy as an artist and author is being preserved by her friends and students through a web site dedicated to her work. Her final book, *WHOLENESS: Healing the Cosmic Spirit*, is being offered for the first time as an electronic book on this new web site.

[VISIT ROWENA'S ONLINE STORE](#)

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Friends Of Rowena

21 December 2018



Dear Friend of Rowena,

As we come to the end of 2018, we are happy to announce a new beginning. We have organized a new media publishing company to support the public education, preservation and dissemination of Rowena Pattee Kryder's books and art.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to have been asked by Rowena to "carry-on" her efforts after her passing. Along with her self-acknowledged #1 student, Gayle Dulcey, who Rowena recognized as understanding the depth and intricacies of Rowena's systems; and veteran publishing industry executive Lou CasaBianca our new partner in this Friends of Rowena legacy effort.

In line with Rowena's last wishes, we have developed a new website: rowenapatteekryder.com to showcase her catalog of amazing publications and art. Rowena was the most visually articulate person I have ever known. She understood the "source code" of how the universe works, creating and evolving one unique vision after another over the period of her long and prolific career.

The website showcases the work that summarizes her final vision and is the first edition of her last unpublished book; *Wholeness, Healing the Cosmic Split*. Since Rowena identified you as one of her friends and most loyal supporters, we are contacting you directly. In a time when Rowena's work is needed more than ever, we would greatly appreciate your support of our mission in your sharing the website link with your friends and family.

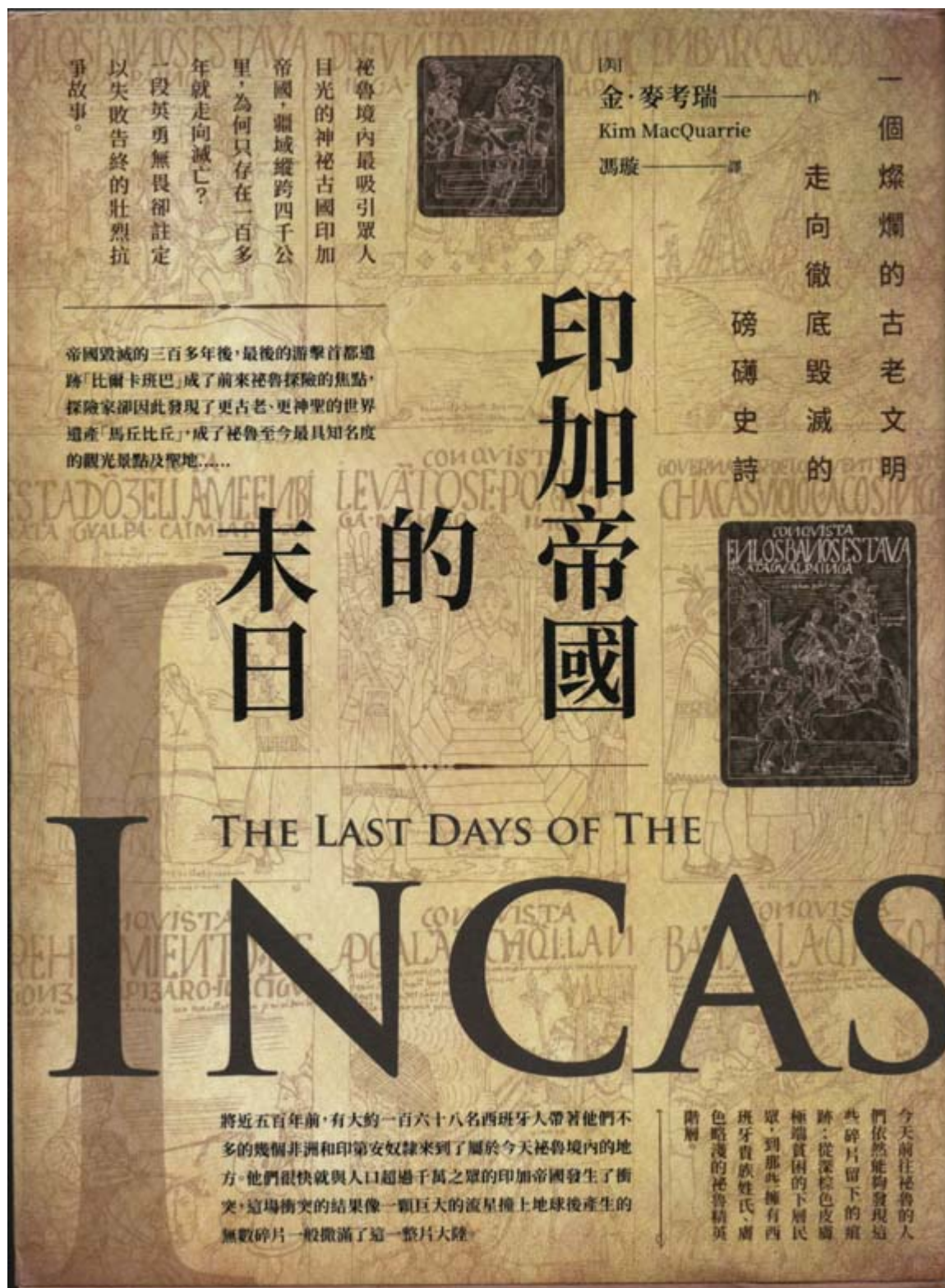
Please feel free to contact us with any comments, ideas, and/or suggestions you may have to help us enhance Rowena's public standing and bring her invaluable work to diverse audiences of all ages, around the world. Thank you.

Respectfully,

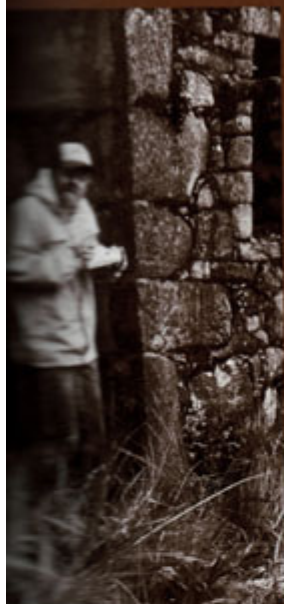
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Peru Expeditions Promoted in Taiwan



Freedom Hill Creatives publishing house in Taiwan is publishing a Chinese language edition of Kim MacQuarrie's book *The Last Days of the Incas*, in which Gene Savoy's discovery of Gran Pajaten is featured.



〔右〕一九六五年吉恩·薩沃伊在秘魯北部格蘭帕哈騰（Gran Pajaten）的查波亞遺跡前拍攝的照片。（© ANDEAN EXPLORERS FOUNDATION AND OCEAN SAILING CLUB）

〔左〕探險家、建築師文森·李在偏僻的蓬庫尤遺跡前。他花了二十多年時間探索並測繪比爾卡班巴的印加遺跡。李相信這附近還有「第五個印加城市」等著人們去發現。（© PHOTO BY NANCY LEE）

Services for the Week of December 29, 2018



Saturday, December 29, 2018

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

Suspended due to Christmas-Epiphany Vigil

3:00 PM CHILDREN'S TEA

Rectory-Abbey

Officiant: RM Elizabeth Reece

Assistant: Sabrina Savoy

Sunday, December 30, 2018

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Christian Churches

RC Ted Staver

Church of the End Times

Rev. Barbara Whitney

Monday, December 31, 2018

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Wednesday, January 2, 2018

7:13 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:24

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Thursday, January 3, 2018

7:12 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:15

Gate: 7:00

Sunrise: 7:27

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Friday, January 4, 2018
7:12 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 6:30

Gate: 6:45

Sunrise: 7:27

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RC Robert Petrovich

Assistant: Rev. Barbara Whitney

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Rebecca Willis

WEEKLY MESSAGE: December 24, 2018



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HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

Tomorrow is Christmas Day, the first day of Christmas of the Christmas-Epiphany Season, and we will be celebrating the

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

We know the word epiphany comes from the Greek, meaning manifestation or appearance. In the early Church, January 6 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."* The event occurred on the day of January 6.

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. 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: 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.

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

So we honor the birth of the man Jesus on December 25, a date which was adopted by the Roman Church in 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 possible date of birth. In the year 243, a work known as *De Pascha Computus* linked the notion that God's Creation began at the Spring equinox, on March 25, 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 28. 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 21 or sometime between April 15 – 21.

Importantly, the date we celebrate is the day of 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 6 as a promise of the spiritual birth – the rebirth that we are all heir to in the Second Advent of God's Appearance.

Many celebrations are held at this time of the year. Northern Europeans celebrate Yule late in December and also in early January. There is a festival from November 28 to January 6 that is observed as the festivals of lights, the birth of the Cosmic Christ. We know that the Japanese honor the sun god on December 22. And in ancient Egypt, from December 21 to December 25 was celebrated the festival commemorating the birth of the god Horus. 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. From this we can see that this is a time that is universally recognized, when we come out of darkness and into light.

The message of this season is life of spirit; and 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 the commercialism that comes with the season. Our Community is what is most important – our true Family. Along with the Sun of Righteousness, these are the greatest gifts we have!

And at this time of year, we enjoy quoting the Odes of Solomon. These particular lines talk about the feeding or the nourishment of our spiritual bodies. This is Ode 36:

"I rested in the Spirit of the Lord and the Spirit raised me on high and made me stand on my feet in the height of the Lord before His perfection and His glory while I was praising him by the composition of his songs. The Spirit brought me forth before the Face of the Lord, and although I was a son of man, I was named the Illuminate, a son of God. For according to the greatness of the Most High, so He made me. And like His own newness, He renewed me, and he anointed me with His perfection. And I became one of His neighbors, and my mouth was opened like a cloud of dew, and my heart poured out, as it were, a gushing stream of righteousness, and my access to Him was in peace, and I was established by the spirit of His Kingdom. And I went up to the Light of Truth, which preserved me, and He became to me a haven of salvation and set me in the arms of immortal life."

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, 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 can 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. This 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 our Community: It matters not who you are or where you came from, but 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. As we here in Reno gather each morning at the Sanctuary through the morning of Epiphany, I encourage you also to reflect and join with us in our communion with the Sun of Righteousness. God bless you.

Very truly yours in Light+,

Gene

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