

The Great Self-Merging of Body, Mind, and Spirit



"Here we are on the verge of that great self-merging act which is the essence of pure love: which Reality has sought of us, and we have unknowingly desired of it. Here contemplation and union are one. 'Thus do we grow,' says Ruysbroeck, 'and, carried above ourselves, above reason, into the very heart of love, there do we feed according to the Spirit, and taking flight for the Godhead by naked love, we go to the encounter of the Bridegroom, to the encounter of His Spirit, which is His Love; and thus we are brought forth by God, out of our selfhood, into the immersion of love, in

which we possess blessedness and are one with God.'

"The beginning of this process of introversion, will not merely be the yielding to an instinct; it will be a voluntary and purposeful undertaking. Like conversion, it entails a break with the obvious, which must, of necessity, involve and affect the whole normal consciousness. It will be evoked by the mystic's love, and directed by his reason, but can only be accomplished by the strenuous exercise of his will. ... There must be a deliberate act of attention, a deliberate expelling of all discordant images from the consciousness."

-Evelyn Underhill

Self-Merging

Self-Merging is something that happens on two levels. First, there is the personal self-merging in which your individual body, mind, and spirit merge into a fully integrated being. Second, is the Self-Merging with God and the All. Both are part of what Ms. Underhill is describing.

Contemplation

It should be understood that contemplation doesn't mean basic forms of meditation that so many practice today without getting any significant spiritual development from it. Contemplation here means more like thinking about what you are doing and what you are trying to achieve when you practice spiritual development techniques. That could mean anything from concentrating on sending light to your weakest energy centers to thinking about the ultimate goal of self-merging with God.

Voluntary and Purposeful

The idea that if you just wait around for it, spiritual enlightenment will come to you eventually. That's like relying on a big lottery win to provide your retirement income. You

can buy a lottery ticket and hope for the best, but you don't rely on that money for anything. So the best way to grow spiritually is to voluntarily and purposefully practice spiritual development techniques. Why voluntarily? Because if someone is forcing you to do it, you won't have the right mental attitude and you will accomplish very little. Underhill says it is accomplished by "strenuous exercise of his will," but I don't think that is all there is to it. You do have to use your will, but also your intuition. And you have to practice with love and humility.

Expelling Discordant Images

Ms. Underhill also says we need to expel discordant images to gain that state of self-merging. That might work, but is not so easy to do. It's like the old story of telling people to close their eyes and don't think about an elephant. The first thing that pops into their head when someone says that is an image of an elephant. A better approach is to try and put a better image into your mind, such as our Community Cross. That is why you learn in the basic techniques to form the image of the cross around and over the sun.

"Hubble Captures a Galactic Dance"



This striking image from the NASA/ESA [Hubble Space Telescope](#) captures the interacting galaxy pair known as Arp-Madore 2339-661. The Arp-Madore catalog is a collection of peculiar galaxies, and this group's particular peculiarity might be odder than first meets the eye, as there are three galaxies interacting here, not just two.

The two clearly defined galaxies are NGC 7733 (smaller, lower right) and NGC 7734 (larger, upper left). The third galaxy is currently referred to as NGC 7733N and is visible if you look carefully at the upper arm of NGC 7733.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“James Webb telescope: Baby star launches giant jets and shocks | BBC”



Imagine you could go back in time 4.6 billion years and take a picture of our Sun just as it was being born. What would it look like?

Well, you can get a clue from this glorious new image acquired by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST).

Towards the centre of this object, called HH212, is a star coming into existence that is probably no more than 50,000

years old.

The scene would have looked much the same when our Sun was a similar age.

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Link contributed by Gene Savoy, Jr.

**“Astronomers Have Discovered
A Mysterious Object, Which Is
570 Billion Times Brighter
Than The Sun”**



Billions of light years away, there is a giant ball of hot gas that is brighter than hundreds of billions of suns. It is hard to imagine something so bright. So what is it? Astronomers are not really sure, but they have a couple theories.

They think it may be a very rare type of supernova – called a magnetar – but one so powerful that it pushes the energy limits of physics, or in other words, the most powerful supernova ever seen as of today.

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Geologists from University of Nevada Reno and Nevada Bureau of Mines visit Steamboat Hot Springs



On March 27th, 2024, a team of geologists from the University of Nevada Reno (UNR) and the Nevada Bureau of Mines visited Steamboat Hot Springs. They also looked at surrounding fissures nearby. The UNR team was accompanied by a crew from KTVN Channel 2 News. Their clips aired during the daily news shows at 4:30, 5, and 11 PM. Here are some photos of the event taken by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr.



Here are links to the videos that were shown on TV.

[Geothermal Activity in South Reno](#)

[Geysers in South Reno](#)

And here are links to three short videos by Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr.

<u>Video-1</u>	<u>Video-2</u>	<u>Video-3</u>
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Head Bishop Delivers Traditional Easter Message



Traditional Easter Sunday Brunch Buffet at the Rectory-Abbey

Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. delivered his annual traditional Easter message this week. Please read it here:

“This past week, hundreds of millions of Christians around the world – Catholic, Protestant and others – observed the most

important time in the Christian calendar and one of its oldest beliefs: the pain, sorrow and suffering of Jesus Christ, as well as his physical resurrection. Next month, millions of Orthodox Christians will do the same.

“We of this Community, however, observe Easter each year on a fixed date – April 18th – according to the solar, not the lunar, calendar. And, we do so in an entirely different way and with an entirely unique message. Most importantly, we do not recognize or teach the resurrection of the physical body, only the resurrection of the reborn spiritual Light Body.

“And although the Pauline churches erroneously connect Easter to the Jewish Passover, we know that the Last Supper was indeed a sacred Essene pannuches meal centered around the 50-day pentacontad cycle during which Jesus declared himself to be the Messiah of Aaron and Israel. (Details of this event can be found in *The Essaei Document*, as well as in other material of our Community.)

“Needless to say, this important distinction alone separates us from the rest of Christianity, in addition to the fact that the Essenes, of which Jesus was a part, functioned under distinct traditions, rites and rituals from their counterparts at the Temple in Jerusalem who had misinterpreted the Law of Moses to include the practice of daily sacrifice of animals and the shedding of blood as an atonement for the sins of the people.

“However, I digress. Because most of the Western traditions, cultures and languages connect Easter to the Passover, the word used for this time of the year is common, except in English. For example, in Greek, the Paschal feast is called *Pascha*; in Hebrew, it is *Pasach*; in Spanish, *Pascua*, and so on. But in English we have the word Easter, which comes from the Old English *Eostre*.

“We can trace *Eostre* to a goddess – an important goddess –

called *Hausos*. The goddess comes from the proto-Indo European religion. And she was known as the Goddess of the Dawn. Her name was reconstructed as *Ausos*. In India, she is referred to as *Usas*; in Greek *Eos*; and in Latin *Aurora*.

"The name was derived from the root "To Shine," thus, translating to "The Shining One." The English word "East" is derived from this word, also the Latin "Aurum" meaning gold. The dawn goddess was also the Goddess of Spring. In the Anglo-Saxon world, and also in the Germanic world, this time – this Easter or Eostre – was called Eosturmonath, or Easter Month, which was celebrated for the entire month of April. This Goddess of Spring was involved in the mythology of the Indo-European new year where the Dawn Goddess was liberated by God from imprisonment. She is known in the Rigveda as Indra and in ancient Greek mythology as Dionysus. So we see that it has always been a very important time of the year.

"So how do we in the Second Advent/Cosolargy Community reconcile ourselves with this ancient observance? How do we – who do not accept the physical resurrection of the body – harmonize ourselves with this "holy week" which emphasizes the agony, misery and torment of the man, Jesus? How do we – who do not teach that he was the sacrificial Passover lamb, an offering acceptable to God whose blood is shed daily on the altars of churches around the world everywhere and that the shedding of his blood, however ritualistically, is an atonement for the sins of the world? How do we come to terms with those many, many millions of people who do? And, how do we – who reject that Christ's crucifixion was "good" or that it was the Will of God, holding instead that it was the murder of a Son of Light by the civil and religious authorities of the day – how do we bring that in to accord with our own teaching and theology?

"We do so by emphasizing what we know to be Christ's true message: First, that we are all endowed by the Creator of our spiritual Beings with an eternal and immortal Soul, if we but

cause that Divine Generative Force – Christ or The Word – to penetrate into that spiritual Womb. Second, that once we consent to the Word of God – the Logos – being allowed to impregnate our Spirit, that Spirit becomes animated by the Thought and Will of God the Father and becomes a living, breathing, conscious Soul, able to reason on heavenly things. Third, that once imbued with Christ Consciousness, the Soul, released from the cycle of generated existence, recalls and remembers its history and origin and consciously participates in the Worlds of Light, continually partaking of a Divine Communion.

“This was the message of Christ Jesus. And **this** is what was symbolized by the Last Supper – the act of the reborn, conscious Soul partaking of the True Communion, feeding off the Word of God – the Bread from Heaven – and drinking from the Cup filled with God’s Living Waters – which is Divine Light. And this is also the message of the Messianic Church of the Second Advent. The beauty of it all is that it can be done in the here and now – that our spiritual immortality and divinity can be realized while we exist and live in this world. And if that is accomplished, one has received the gift of the resurrection – not as something abstract to wonder about after death, but something one can experience and participate in while one lives in this world.

“We know that Jesus – the Christ – not only received the Word of God, but that the Logos incarnated within his Spirit. He became the Living Word of God manifest in man. Yes, he was the Messiah of Aaron and of Israel, but he, like so many others of his Christ Brothers, received the mantle of the Office of Christ on Earth. But we also know that Jesus prophesied a future time – a time when Christ, the celestial and mediating force between God and Man, would appear not in human form but out of the heavens in great power and glory. And this prophecy echoed the older prophecies of Isaiah and Malachi.

1 See the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the

arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its rays. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. [Malachi 4]

“Malachi is prophesying about the End of Times, when God would come again at the Second Advent, when the Sun of Righteousness would appear out of the heavens in great splendor and with a Light which had never been bestowed on Earth before. And this Light would feed and nurture the Spirit at the great and final Messianic Banquet served from the true Temple of God. Thus, the message of Jesus is clear. The need for men and women to partake of the supersubstantial Food that nourishes the Soul is found in the transubstantiated Sun – the sun of matter which is transfigured into Spirit.

“Therefore, in commemorating the traditional Easter Season, we do so in anticipation of True Easter, which we celebrate in the Second Advent Church on April 18th each year, according to the solar calendar. We participate in the glorious communion of the Angels of Light, joining with Jesus and the Essaei and all those of other religions who have been reborn into the Community of Light, which is the Resurrection of the Spirit that comes about only through participation in the glorious and Messianic Communion with the Celestial Christ.

“The Easter Season is a time of spiritual renewal, reflection and rebirth. Communion with God begins here on Earth, for God’s Plan for the renewal and restoration of the Creation cannot be fulfilled without the unified Community and those disciplined who teach, preserve and live the revealed and sacred Teachings of Light – a teaching which has been practiced and handed down throughout the centuries and restored in our modern times for a special and appointed few.

Those who are the Servants of God and Light will receive the Gift of God, which is a blessing He bestows on those who assist Him in His Divine Plan. God reveals Himself to those in Light, and those who are resurrected to Light by means of Light during this life will dwell with Him forever.

“Let me close this message with these beautiful lines from the Gnostic Gospel of Phillip. I love these words because I believe they describe the resurrection so well and embody the spiritual message not only of this time of year but of what this Community teaches.

We are born through the Holy Spirit, but we are born again through the Christ. In both we are anointed through the Spirit...No one can see himself in water or in a mirror without light. Nor again will you be able to see in light without water or a mirror. On account of this, it is fitting to baptize in both light and the water. But the light is the Anointing.

There were three buildings for offering-places in Jerusalem. One was open to the west; they called it “the holy.” Another was open to the south; they called it “the holy of the holy.” The third was open to the east; they called it “the holy of the holies.” It was the place into which the high priest came alone. The Baptism is the holy house...the holy of the holy. The holy of the holies is the bridal chamber.

Those who say they will die first and rise again are in error. If they do not first receive the resurrection while they live, when they die they will receive nothing. So also they speak about Baptism, saying that Baptism is a great thing because if people receive it, they will live...The Anointing is greater than Baptism. For by the Anointing we are called Christians, not because of Baptism. And they call Christ so because of the Anointing...He who has been anointed has the All; he has the resurrection, the Light, the Cross, and the Holy Spirit. The Father gave him these things in the bridal chamber...

The Cup of Prayer holds wine, it holds water. It serves as a type of the blood by which they give thanks. And it is full of the Holy Spirit and it belongs to the completely perfect Man. When we drink this, we will take to ourselves the perfect Man. The living water is a body. It is fitting that we clothe ourselves with the living Man. Therefore, when he comes to go down to the water, he disrobes in order that he may put this one on. A horse begets a horse; a man begets a man; a god begets a god. It is thus with the bridegroom and the bride. The holy man is all holy, including his body. For, if he holds the bread, he will make it holy, or the cup, or anything else which he holds, he will make it pure...Everyone who will go into the bridal chamber will be born of light. For they are not conceived from the marriage which is consecrated in the night...But the mysteries of marriage are fulfilled in the day and light. That day or its light does not set. If anyone becomes a child of the bridal chamber, he will receive light. If anyone does not receive it while he is in these places, the world, he will not be able to receive it in the other place. The one who has received light cannot be seen nor can he be held, and no one can torment him, even if he lives in the world. And also, if he should go out of the world, already he has received the truth in images....

...Blessed is the one who exists before he comes into being. For he who exists, he was and will be."

"These inspired and enlightened words express the message of Jesus and the essence of his teaching. Therefore, let us be resolved to go forth – our fellowship renewed and strengthened, and our love and joy for one another regenerated. What a symbolically beautiful time of year for this: Springtime, when all things are made new. And let us give thanks for the promise of the Second Advent, as prophesied by Jesus Christ, which has been fulfilled in our special age. What a blessing it is! For how many countless men and women over these past many centuries have longed for and

awaited the Second Coming of God – this powerful and profound spiritual Consciousness that is manifesting in the world and permeating all things with an energy never before felt and experienced by the human Spirit? And we are privileged to be a part of it – to assist God in a new way as servants and workers in the New Covenant, which is destined to bring about a new Heaven and a new Earth.”

Due to an early Spring snowstorm that occurred over the traditional Easter weekend bringing up to two feet of new snow in the Sierra Nevada, Sunrise Divine Service was canceled on Sunday, March 31st. The traditional Easter brunch, however, was held at the Rectory-Abbey at Bishopstead. An Easter egg hunt for the children followed. Here are some photos of the event.



Easter Brunch Buffet at the Rectory



Reverend Bruce Kanzelmeyer playing
flute with Consociate Nicolett
Montanez



Birthday Cake for Reverend Noriko Roy



Easter Brunch Buffet at the Rectory



Happy Birthday, Noriko!

The Community will observe True Easter on Thursday, April 18th with a Sunrise Divine Service at the newly renovated Cathedral Church of the Americas & Monument to Human Spiritual Rights at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

Services for the Week of April 6, 2024



Saturday, April 6, 2024

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Lector: RM Barbara Whitney

Cantor: RC Peter Foust

Reader: Dea. Stephan Fueling

Sunday, April 7, 2024
SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral of The Americas

Leave: 5:30

Gate: 6:15

Service Starts: 6:28

Sunrise: 6:43

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

Concelebrants:

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of The Golden Age of Light *RF Robert Petrovich*

Church of The Universal Theocracy *Rev. Larry Coesens*

Church of The Americas *Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer*

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child,

RF Ted Staver

Friday, April 12, 2024

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RM Elizabeth Reece

The Sound of the Word Matters



“The religious and esoteric history of every nation was embedded in symbols; it was never expressed in so many words. All the thoughts and emotions, all the learning and knowledge, revealed and acquired, of the early races, found their pictorial expression in allegory and parable. Why? Because the spoken word has an unknown to, unsuspected and disbelieved in, by the modern ‘sages’. Because sound and rhythm are closely related to the four Elements of the Ancients; and because such or another vibration in the air is sure to awaken corresponding powers, union with which produces good or bad results, as the case may be. No student was ever allowed to recite historical, religious, or any real events in so many unmistakable words, lest the powers connected with the event be once more attracted. Such events were narrated only during the initiation, and every student had to record them in corresponding symbols, drawn out of his own mind, and examined later by his master, before they were finally accepted. Thus was created in time the Chinese Alphabet, as, before that, hieratic symbols were fixed in old

Egypt. In the Chinese language, the alphabet which may be read in any language, and which is only a little less ancient than the Egyptian alphabet of Thoth, every word has its corresponding symbol conveying the word needed in a pictorial form. The language possesses many thousands of such symbol letters, or logograms, each meaning a whole word."

—[Helena P. Blavatsky](#)

Use of Symbols

There were several reasons why the ancient esoteric and religious writers used symbols. One was to hide the true meaning from materialistic people who would misuse the knowledge. Another was because symbols are the language of the soul. A third was because some of these symbols were in use before alphabets were created. But symbols are not always graphic, such as in Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Symbols can also be spoken sounds, and it makes sense that such sounds were often used by spiritual schools since it was forbidden to write down much of the spiritual knowledge they taught.

Sound and Rhythm

Sound is a type of vibration, and like other forms of vibration, it can cause other things to start vibrating in rhythm and harmony with them. That is why some ancient and primitive societies used sound for healing the physical body, such as the Australian Aborigines who used the didgeridoo for that purpose. Some theories now indicate that the mysterious rocks at Stonehenge may have been struck with a hammer to produce sounds that helped those present increase their spiritual vibration rate.

No Student Allowed

It is reasonable that students would not be allowed to recite the religious and spiritual teachings in the ancient schools, as they would be likely to mispronounce some of the sounds, or

not use the correct rhythm. Of course, students would be allowed to sing or chant together as that would help them all raise their vibrations, even if some were not doing it with the exact right tone. Musical instruments could also be played by students if they were deemed good enough by their teachers. It is known that the students of Pythagoras played music while practicing spiritual techniques at sunrise.

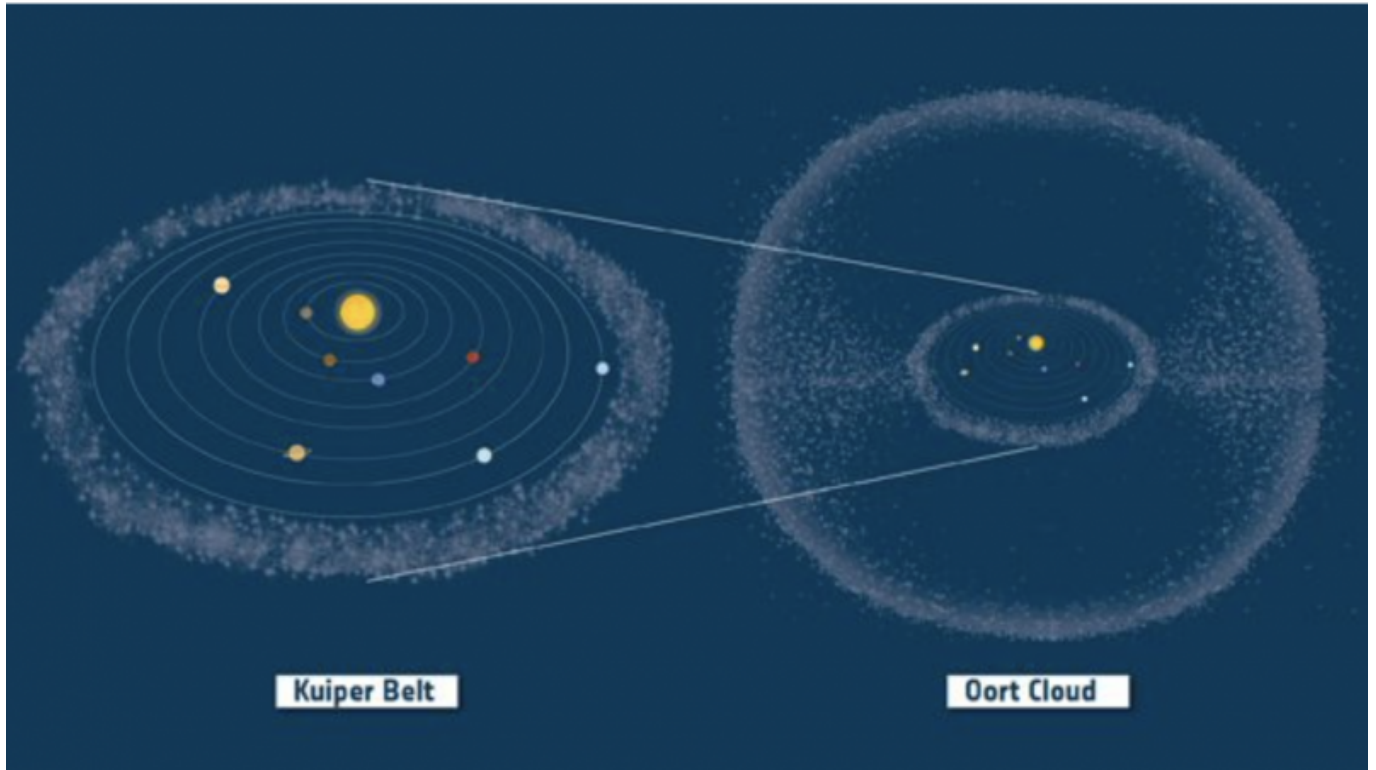
Scripture

It is because of such use of sound that scripture is an unreliable source of spiritual knowledge. Few people understand that sometimes the ancient writers used a certain word because of the sound it made when spoken rather than for its literal meaning. Likewise, certain words were used in combination to produce sound progressions. This is all in the teachings of Gene Savoy, Sr.

In most cases, the scripture we read today, whether Christian, Jewish, Vedic or any other kind, is a translation from the language in which it was originally written. Very often we are reading a translation of a translation. The translators are translating according to the literal meaning of the words, with no regard whatsoever for the sound of the words when spoken. As a result, much of the intended meaning and purpose of the scripture has been lost. At least many churches and temples use music during their services, which does help. It is why we use music in our services.

“A new Earthlike planet in

the distant Kuiper Belt?”



Japanese researchers said this month (September 7, 2023) that a possible Earthlike planet – with a mass some 1.5 to 3 times that of our home world – is lurking in the far, frozen reaches of our own solar system. And its presence could explain the unexpected behaviors of some of the strangest objects orbiting our star.

Astronomers Takashi Ito and Patryk Sofia Lykawa probed this realm of space using a special computer program – called an N-body simulation – that simulates the gravitational interactions of solar system bodies.

[Read the entire article here.](#)

**“Star blows giant exoplanet’s
atmosphere away, leaving
massive tail in its wake”**

A planet located 950 light years from Earth is explosively losing its atmosphere and creating a tail that is around 18 times the size of Jupiter in the process. This makes the gaseous tail one of the largest planetary structures seen outside the solar system.

The extra-solar planet, or exoplanet, known as HAT-P-32 b has a mass around 68% that of Jupiter but is twice as wide as the solar system's largest planet. HAT-P-32 exists just 3.2 million miles from its parent star, or about 3% of the distance between Earth and the sun, and completes an orbit every 2.2 days. This proximity means the gas giant is roasted by radiation from its parent star, classifying HAT-P-32 b as a "hot Jupiter" planet.

[Read the entire article here.](#)