

Living In a World of Change and Corruption



“All parts of the world (all things I mean that are contained within it), must of necessity at some time or another come to corruption. Alteration I should say, to speak truly and properly; but that I may be better understood, I am content at this time to use the more common word. Now say I, if so be that be both hurtful unto them, and yet unavoidable, would not, thinkest thou, the whole itself be in a sweet case, all the parts of it being subject to alteration, yea and by their making itself fitted for corruption, as consisting of things different and contrary? And did nature then either of herself thus project and purpose the affliction and misery of her parts, and therefore of purpose so made them, not only that

haply they might, but of necessity they should fall into evil; or did not she know what she did when she made them? For either of these two to say is equally absurd. But to let pass nature in general, and to reason all things according to their own particular natures; how absurd and ridiculous it is, first to say that all parts of thw whole are, by their natural constitution, subject to alteration; and then when any such thing doth happen, as when one doth fall sick or dies, to wonder as though some strange thing had happened?"

~[Marcus Aurelius](#)

Everything Changes

Aurelius is correct in saying that all things in this world change, and that change generally means becoming corrupt, rotten, sick, or dead. There are a few exceptions, but even those are usually signs of aging which eventually leads to death or destruction. It seems a beautiful thing when a caterpillar becomes a beautiful butterfly, but it also means that the animal has reached the last stage of its life and will soon die if it doesn't get eaten first.

Don't Blame Nature

Mother Nature, of Gaia, the governing mind of planet Earth is not to blame for this problem of everything rotting or falling apart. The one who is really to blame is the false god that the Gnostics call the Demiurge. The true God created a world without rotting, decaying, or dying. But the false god created with imperfections, so his creation, the universe of matter, is flawed. When the Demiurge saw how his creation was corrupt, full of death and disease, and beings that must live by killing and eating other beings, he was shocked but had no way to correct the problem. Only the real God can, and will, correct the error.

Don't Expect Permanency in Material Things

Aurelius is telling us that since the very nature of the realm of matter is change and change which is usually in the form of decay and destruction, we should not be surprised or angry when it happens. That is easy to say, but I know from personal experience that it is not easy to avoid getting angry or upset when a refrigerator stops working, a pet dies, or a tire only a few months old has a blowout. I must work to remind myself that such is the nature of the corrupt world of matter, as must all of us.

Another Way to Look at Change

While it is true that change is almost always in the direction of decay, death, and destruction, we must remind ourselves that there is another side to it. All beings, all things, have a spirit, and spirits never die. While it is not true that all people go to Heaven simply because they have physically died, still, they all have an immortal spirit. When animals and plants die, their spirits usually enter another life form being born and therefore continue. Eventually, all spirits return to the Spiritual Realm where there is no death or decay, no illness, no pain. So when things are falling apart around you, remind yourself that you are only here temporarily, so don't let it get to you.

Solving the Problem

Just because everything decays here, doesn't mean there is nothing we can do about it. There are things we can do, and should. We can avoid littering and wasting. We can contribute to growth in the world by planting gardens or trees. We can adopt, or otherwise care for one or more animals. Most of all, we can try to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy and slow down our personal decay and corruption. And we can aid God in redeeming this realm of matter and returning it to the realm of spirit where there is no corruption.

The Geothermal Rising Conference is Coming to Reno



Reno's Peppermill Resort

The 2023 Geothermal Rising Conference will be held in Reno, Nevada October 1st through October 4th with some pre-conference events starting on September 29th. The event will be held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino. A tour of our Steamboat Springs Healing Center & Spa will be offered to the group by Steamboat. Here are the details:

Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa is Reno, Nevada's only mineral hot springs. A registered state historic landmark, the day spa features geothermal water for soaking

combined with the relaxation of a spa getaway. Considered a local treasure, Steamboat's famous natural volcanic waters are chock-full of rare, health-boosting minerals found nowhere else in North America. Guests have the option of soaking indoors in private spring-fed tubs with complimentary aromatherapy and color therapy options or can unwind in the outdoor geothermal hot tub. In addition to soaking, Steamboat Hot Springs offers guests an array of luxurious spa services, such as therapeutic massage treatments—including those using CBD oil—sauna, mud treatments, lymphatic stimulation, cupping and hot stone therapy, exfoliation scrubs, chakra alignment therapy, vibrational therapeutics and Naturopathic consultations, to highlight just a few items on their comprehensive spa menu.

Field Trip Schedule

- 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

The cost is \$125 per person and includes transportation to/from the hot springs, a tour of the facility, as well as the opportunity to take advantage of one of the soaking options listed above. Additional products and services would be at the expense of the participant.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required

About the 2023 GRC!

The GRC is the geothermal industry's flagship annual conference, reflecting the global nature of the geothermal industry and bringing together people in industry, academia, government, and the general public.

Conference Agenda

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event Name
09/29/23	8:00 AM		Lassen Field Trip Departure (<i>overnight Field Trip</i>)
09/30/23	8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Workshop Registration (<i>all workshops require separate registration</i>)
09/30/23	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Workshop: Geothermal 2.0: New Technology and Ideas Helping to Scale Geothermal Developments
09/30/23	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Workshop: Synergies with Other Renewable Energies to Accelerate Geothermal Project Development
09/30/23	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Workshop: The Hunt for Superhot Geothermal
09/30/23	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Field Trip: Ormat Steamboat Hills
09/30/23	12:00 PM	5:00 PM	Workshop: Purpose and Process of Underground Injection Control Permit Applications in Nevada
09/30/23	1:30 PM	4:30 PM	Field Trip: Ormat Steamboat Hills
09/30/23	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Workshop Reception (<i>Workshop Participants & GR Board Members Only</i>)
10/01/23	6:45 AM	4:30 PM	Golf Tournament

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event Name
10/01/23	12:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration
10/01/23	12:30 PM	3:30 PM	20-Minute Sponsor Hosted Technical Sessions
10/01/23	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/01/23	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/01/23	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Geothermal 101
10/01/23	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Opening Reception and Exhibit Hall
10/01/23	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	GR DEI Task Force 2024 Goal Setting Meet Up
10/01/23	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Poster Session
10/01/23	8:30 PM	10:30 PM	GRC23 After Hours Networking Reception
10/02/23	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Women in Geothermal (WING) Yoga
10/02/23	6:30 AM	7:30 PM	Registration
10/02/23	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast
10/02/23	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room
10/02/23	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Opening Plenary Session
10/02/23	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Break

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event Name
10/02/23	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	GR Student Members Icebreaker
10/02/23	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/02/23	10:30 AM	12:30 PM	Plenary Session II
10/02/23	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	GR Student Committee Resume Building Workshop & Professional Headshots
10/02/23	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
10/02/23	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	Poster Session
10/02/23	12:30 PM	5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
10/02/23	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	<u>How the Foundation for Energy Security and Innovation (FESI) Can Contribute to Accelerating Geothermal Power Innovation and Commercialization</u> <i>Workshop is complimentary but pre-registration is required. Limited space available.</i>
10/02/23	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/02/23	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	<u>Panel Session 1A: Closed-Loop Geothermal at Scale: Demonstrations and Deployments</u>

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10/02/23	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions
10/02/23	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	Panel Session 1G: Growth of Geothermal Energy Networks in the US and Throughout the World
10/02/23	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Monday Night Mixer (<i>included in full conference registration fee</i>)
10/03/23	7:00 AM	7:00 PM	Registration
10/03/23	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Speaker Ready Room
10/03/23	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	Plenary Session III
10/03/23	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Break
10/03/23	9:30 AM	8:30 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
10/03/23	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/03/23	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Panel Session 2A: Geothermal Everywhere? The Role of Subsurface Characterization in Advancing Geothermal Technology
10/03/23	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions

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10/03/23 10/03/23	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	12:00 PM 5:30 PM	Panel Session 2G: Translating Oil and Gas Industry Experience into Hot Geothermal Industry 20-Minute Sponsor Hosted Technical Sessions
10/03/23	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
10/03/23	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Women in Geothermal (WING) Core Value Awards & Panel Session
10/03/23	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Panel Session 3A: Do Non-Conventional Geothermal Developments Need a Specialized Legal Framework?
10/03/23	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions
10/03/23	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	Peppermill Resort Direct Use Tour
10/03/23	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	Break
10/03/23	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	GR Mentor-Mentee Meetup
10/03/23	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Panel Session 4A: Critical Minerals, Mineral Commodities, and Geothermal Systems: Past, Present, and Future
10/03/23	4:30 PM	6:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions

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10/03/23	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Networking Reception in Exhibit Hall
10/03/23	6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Poster Session
10/03/23	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	GR Student Committee Trivia Contest
10/04/23	6:00 AM	7:00 AM	Women in Geothermal (WING) Fun Run/Walk
10/04/23	7:30 AM	12:00 PM	Registration & Information
10/04/23	7:30 AM	9:30 AM	Annual Meeting Meeting & Awards Breakfast
10/04/23	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Break
10/04/23	9:30 AM	2:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open
10/04/23	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Peppermill Direct Use Tour
10/04/23	10:00 AM	5:30 PM	PIVOT Panel Sessions
10/04/23	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concurrent Sessions
10/04/23	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall
10/04/23	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions
10/04/23	3:30 PM	4:30 PM	Closing Networking Break
			<i>*Schedule is subject to change.</i>

One Wolf Bites the Other Wolf as they Both Follow a False Path



“The spirit of the stout beast is the hellish worm; the crowned bride that sits upon it is the false Woman (or Whore) Babel: She drinks only out of the cup of Whoredom and Abomination, her drink in that cup is the fierceness of the Anger of God of which the people drink, and become drunk, and

so in their drunkenness they become murderers, robbers, thieves, mockers, jesters, scorers, proud, high-minded, self-honorers, stern malicious people. There is no end to the number of those that hate one another; everyone supposes his way is right, and that he walks in the right path; if his brother and sister go not in the same way with him, he scorns them and calls them heretics, and so one Wolf bites another; his Way is in his own opinion, as his Master teaches him, who yet never regrets anything. Thus one hypocrite deceives the other, and they are scorers and prosecutors one of another among themselves and one is a Wolf as much as another; and the poor Able who stands in true resignation, and relies upon God) must continually be their footstool, and is continually murdered in a twofold manner.

“One is that he is deceived [by the Wolfs], and goes along into Babel, and is murdered, as to the Kingdom of Heaven. The other is that, if he remains constant, then the Devil (with Cain) will not endure him, but murders him outwardly, as to the body, or takes away his good name and credit, and covers him so that he may not be known, that so the Kingdom of Cain and the Antichrist may remain in Babel of which we know well by our own experience. But it fares well with our Abel, and our being scorned springs up in the Blossom of the lily, whereat we will rejoice when we return from Jerico to Jerusalem and to our Father. ~Jacob Boehme

The Hellish Worm



Calling the spirit of The Beast a Hellish Worm is an interesting way to put it. I think in Boehme's day, worms were thought of as filthy creatures because they lived in dirt. Many early descriptions of dragons refer to those beasts as great worms rather than giant lizards as they are generally depicted today. The addition of the "crowned bride" who is the whore of Babel is a new addition to the tail. First, it tells us that this is no ordinary garden worm, but one of great size like a dragon. But why is a woman wearing a crown riding it? I think the idea is that she is a very vain woman, that is why she wears a crown, one she has probably awarded herself. She drinks from the cup of abomination and becomes "drunk" on the lies of the dark beings and forces who supply that allegorical drink.

Anger of God of Which the People Drink

Sadly, the woman on the hellish worm is not alone in drinking from the cup of abomination, allegorically speaking, of course. Many people drink from that cup regularly, while others drink it only occasionally. There are very few who never drink from that cup. Drinking from this cup often makes people angry with God, because God doesn't do what they want him to, as if God was their servant and not the other way around. Others lose all belief in God because God doesn't answer their prayers. They don't understand that God is all about the spiritual and answers spiritual prayers, but not materialistic ones.

Wolf Bites Wolf

Because those who drink from the cup of abomination usually think that their path of religion or spirituality is the one true path, for no particular reason except that it is the path they have chosen, they often argue, fight, and even wage war against those whose beliefs are different. They don't realize that the ones they are fighting are also ones who drink from that cup, so it is a case of a wolf fighting another wolf.

The Poor Able

Here Boehme is using Cane and Able as examples of good and bad people, with Able representing the good ones who believe in God and who practice spiritual development as Jesus taught the apostles to do. Cane represents those wolves who have lost The Way and are either making no effort to find it, but embracing materialism instead, or they are clinging to a false path as taught by a materialistic church that has lost its way.

If you think war is a good thing, if you think some people should be hated because of their religion or nationality, if you think some people are better than others, you are one of the wolves, one of the tribe of Cain. Hopefully, more of us will awaken and turn to the truth of the tribe of Able.

The Divine Ethics of The Oneness of All



“This is what I have read in the faces of men and women, in the book of the world, and in the scroll of the heavens, which is writ with stars The great lesson to be learned is the truth of the Oneness of All. This knowledge carries with it all the rest.

“It causes one to follow the precept of the Son of Mary, who said: ‘And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength;’ and ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’ When Man grows into a consciousness of the truth that All is One – that when one loves God he is loving the Whole Thing that his neighbor is indeed himself – then he has but a few more classes to pass through before he passes into the ‘High School’ of Spiritual Knowledge.

“This conviction of the Oneness of All, carries with it

certain rules of action – of Divine Ethics – which transcend all written or spoken human laws. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man become a reality rather than a mere repetition of meaningless words. And this great lesson must be learned by all – and all are learning it by degrees. And this is the aim of the present stage of Spiritual Evolution – to know God as He is: to know your relationship with others – to know what we are. There are greater schools, colleges, and universities of Spiritual Knowledge beyond us, but these are the lessons taught in the grades in which we are at present.”
~[William Walker Atkinson](#) (aka Yogi Ramacharaka)

Scrolls of Heaven



When Mr. Atkinson speaks of a Book of the World and the Scrolls of Heaven that are “writ in the stars,” it is an obvious allegory. Studying the world, the stars, or both, will very likely not gain you much spiritual knowledge. Not much real spiritual knowledge is found in books or any other worldly things unless you can look beyond the physical and the literal to see the spiritual meaning hidden in allegory. Even

then, the knowledge is only partial. So there are no actual scrolls in Heaven, but there is great Spiritual Knowledge to be found there. To gain such knowledge, we must raise our levels of consciousness. We must also practice Divine Ethics by at least trying to practice the truth that All is One and we are part of that All.

A Consciousness of Truth

It is the goal of spiritual development to reach that level of consciousness where Truth is known and the most important part of that Truth is that we are all part of the One. When we reach that level of consciousness, even temporarily, we don't just believe that All is One and we are part of The One, we Know that we are. There is a big difference between believing something and knowing that it is true. Many of us often behave in ways that are contrary to such beliefs, but when they become Knowledge instead of beliefs, acting in violation of such Divine Knowledge is unthinkable.

Love Thy Neighbor

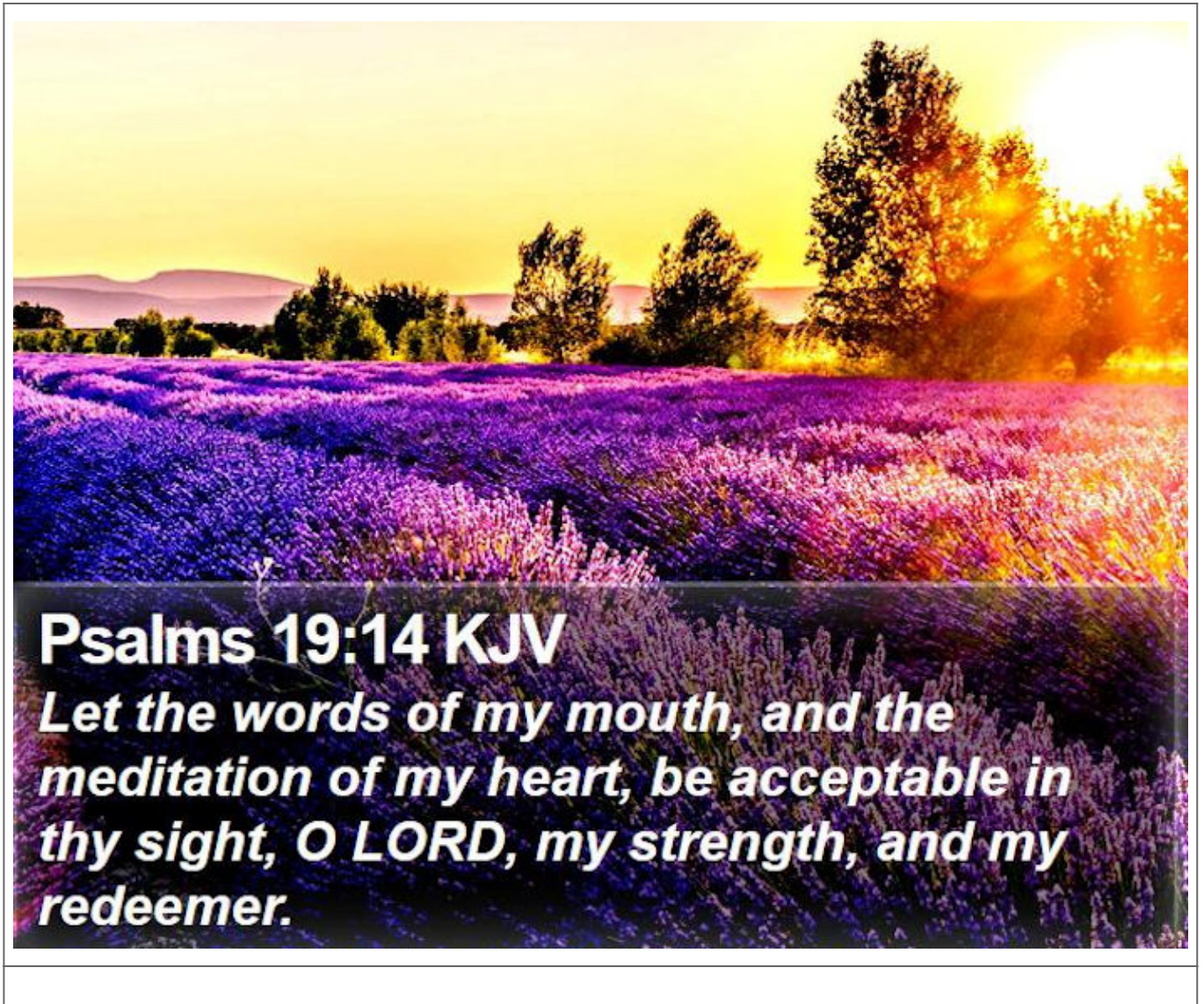
It is hard to love thy neighbor when thy neighbor robs us or is a rapist or murderer. We know we should love everyone, but we often find we can't love those who do evil things. We also find it difficult to love those in a foreign country who wage war against us. But when we have truly become One With The All, there are no foreign countries, there are no enemies, there are no species of being that is against us because we are One with all of them. So just as we continue to love ourselves when we do something wrong, we will love all people, all beings, all of The One, because it is ourselves doing all those things.

"Seek not for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for thee." ~John Donne

John Donne was talking about the bell at a church that would

ring when someone died. The general interpretation of what he said is that we are all going to die eventually, so that is why the bell tolls for thee. That is not quite correct. What it really means is that we are all part of The One, so when any person dies, a part of us dies. When we reach the level of consciousness that allows us to Know that Truth, we will understand. Until then, we must practice ethics, live in peace and love as much as possible, and also practice our spiritual development techniques to help us move closer and closer to that level of consciousness.

A Quote From Psalm 19 With Commentary



Psalm 19:14 KJV

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

“The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens, he has set a tent for the sun,

Which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure,

making wise the simple;

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true

and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." ~Psalm 19: 1 – 14

The Heavens Tell the Glory of God

The author of the Psalms was a spiritual person and was not writing about the physical, so when he says "the Heavens," he doesn't mean the stars and planets of the physical realm, but the true Heavens, the spiritual dimensions above us here in

the third dimension of matter. Likewise, “the firmament” sounds like something solid, something material, but it isn’t. You could replace “firmament” with “permanent” and get a better idea of what is meant. The realm of matter is not permanent but is constantly changing, so the real firmament is spiritual.

Pours Forth Speech and Knowledge

The Spiritual Realm is full of Knowledge and those who raise their consciousness to those levels—even if only briefly—gain some of that knowledge. If you have read some Near Death Experience (NDE) books, you know that in those realms, when you mentally ask a question, it is answered immediately. It is not speech in the physical sense but a more direct spiritual kind of hearing that doesn’t require ears, but consciousness. This is the kind of Knowledge that ancient Gnostics knew to be the true Gnosis, and not something found in books, as some modern Gnostic groups believe. That’s why the Psalm says there is speech, but it isn’t heard. It cannot be heard at all by the physical ears, but only by the awakened spiritual senses.

Laws and Ordinances Of God

The Laws and Ordinances of God are the supreme Laws and all must obey them if they are to be saved. But those Laws are now found in the Commandments or in other writings that are more the opinions and interpretations of men rather than the Law of God. This Law isn’t about what you eat, on Friday, Sunday, or any other day. It isn’t about what clothing you wear or who you have sex with. They are not about physical acts at all, but spiritual ones. That includes Love and living in peace with all, which may seem like physical things, but they are more spiritual than physical. Most of all, the Law of God is about awakening and developing the spiritual faculties now, while you are still in the physical realm.

Great Reward

Yes, there is a great reward in keeping the Law of God. That reward is to return in spiritual form to Heaven for all eternity. Many believe that reward goes to everyone when they die, but they are wrong. Do you really think Hitler or Ghenghis Khan went to Heaven when they died? If that were the case, Heaven would not be a place of Great Reward, but just another level of the mess we have here. So only the ones who have turned away from all forms of evil and embraced peace, love, humility, and spiritual growth earn that reward.

**To Seek the Good is to Seek
Unity**



“The integral omnipresence of a unity numerically identical is in fact universally received; for all people instinctively affirm the God in each of us to be one, the same in all. It would be taken for certain if no one asked how, or sought to bring the conviction to the test of reasoning. With this effective in their thought, people would be at rest, finding their stay in that Oneness and identity, so that nothing would wrench them from this unity. This principle, indeed, is the most solidly established of all, proclaimed by our very souls; we do not piece it up item by item, but find it within beforehand; it precedes even the principle by which we affirm unquestionably that all things seek their good; for this universal quest of good depends on the fact that all aim at unity and possess unity and that universal effort is toward unity.”

“Now the unity, in going forth, so far as it may, towards the Other Order must become manifest as multiplicity and in some sense become multiple; but the primal nature and the appetite of the good, which is appetite of unity, leads back to what is authentically One; to this every form of being is urged in a movement towards its own reality. For the good to every nature possessing unity is to be self-belonging, to be itself, and that means to be a unity.”

~[Plotinus](#)

Omnipresent Unity

It is true that there is an omnipresent Unity, but few of us are aware of it, and many don't believe it. We have descended so far into the fractured realm of matter, that many think that each being is entirely an individual with no connection to any other. Nonetheless, the unity exists.

God in Each of Us

God is in each of us, or at least in our spirits, but few are truly aware of it. Some say that they know God is in them, but they don't act as if they believe it. And like the omnipresence unity, many don't believe it at all. Even some who believe in God don't believe that God is in each of us. That is mostly because we come into this world of matter with our spirits in a dormant state. Until they are awakened, we cannot know that God is present in us, yet He is. And as Plotinus says, if no one questioned it, we would all take it for granted. Unfortunately, many do question it and use the logic that if we can't prove that God is in us, then it isn't true. They even question that God exists at all based on the same logic. The problem is, they expect material proof that God is in us, but God is spiritual, and nothing spiritual can be proven in the same way that you prove something of matter.

In studies done by quantum physicists, it has been proven that twin particles can react to each other, even when separated by

a great distance. That proves to some degree that all things are connected, part on one Unity. That Unity is God, so God is in each of us.

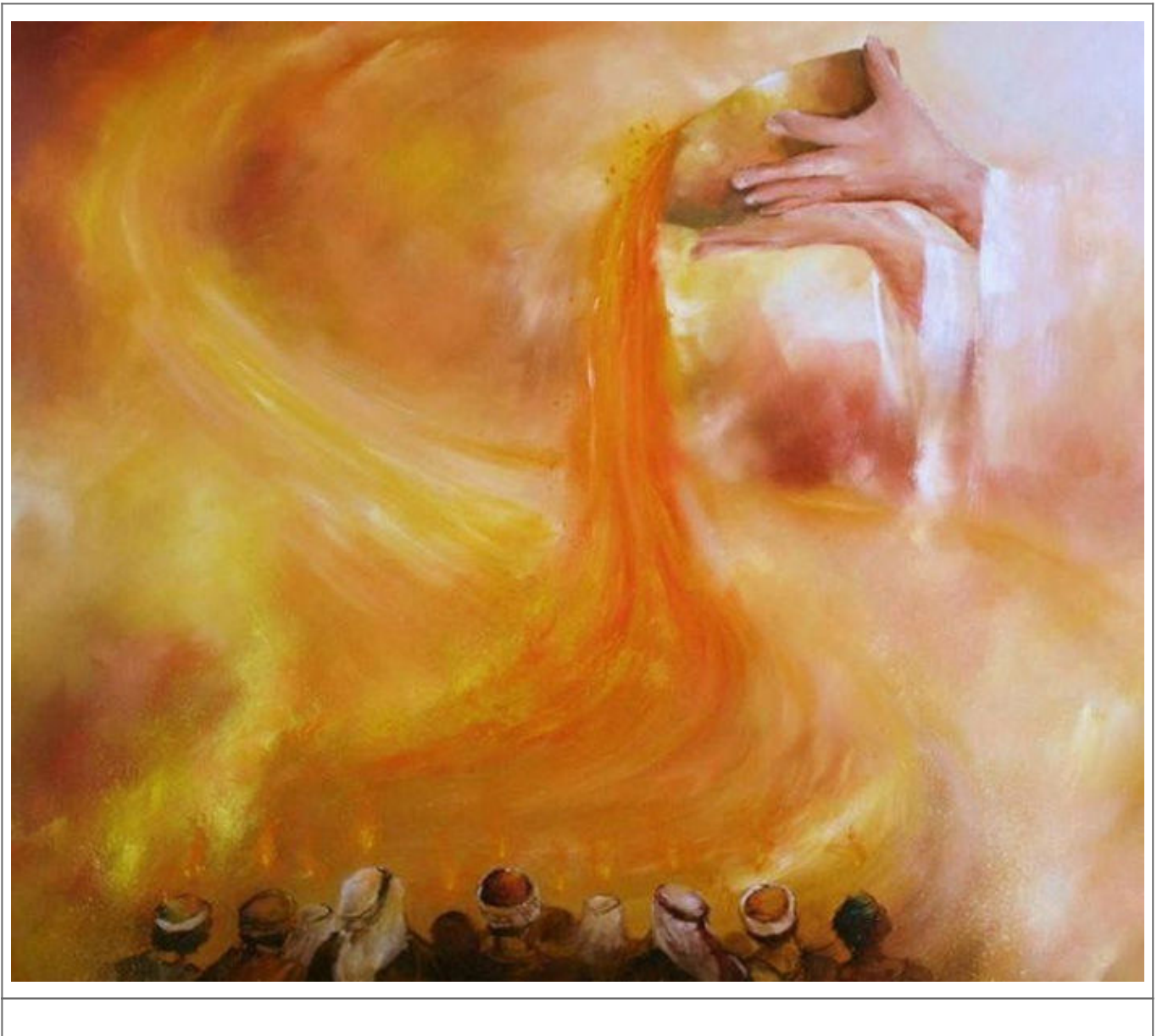
Seeking Good

I don't think it is true that all people seek the good. I think that there are those who seek good, and know what is good. There are others who seek good but are confused about what is really good for them and others. Then there are others who don't seek good at all, but truly desire to bring evil into the world. And when it comes to doing the actual seeking, there are now four basic groups. There is the group that knows what is good and is seeking it in the proper ways; those who seek good, but do so in improper ways; those who seek good, but don't know what is good, so they also seek in the wrong way; and those who don't seek good and do it only by accident. But as Plotinus tells us, if you want the good, you must seek Unity, and that means seeking God and awakening our spiritual faculties so that we can connect with the Unity, which is God. As Jesus said, "Only God is good." So if you are not ready to enter a spiritual development program like Cosolargy, at least try to do good.

Manifests a Multiplicity

Plotinus says that when we "go towards the other order," which is to say, toward the separateness of the Demiurge and the realm of matter, we become "in some sense," a multiplicity. The key to that sentence is, "in some sense". That is because it is illusion. The separateness of material beings and material objects is an illusion. All are connected in the Good, all are part of the Unity, but all has to awaken and realize the truth of that Unity.

A Reading From the Prophet Isaiah with Commentary



“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

“He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoner:

“To proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and day of our God.

“To comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn, to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

“They will be called “oaks of righteousness”, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

“They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations, they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

“Strangers shall stand and feed your flock, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called the priest of the Lord.

“You shall enjoy the wealth of nations, and in their riches, you shall glory.

“Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, they shall possess a double portion, everlasting joy shall be theirs.

“For I the Lord love justice, I will faithfully give them their recompense and will make an everlasting covenant with them.

“Their descendants shall be known among nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are the people whom the Lord has blessed.

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself

with her jewels.

“So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.” ~Isaiah 61:1- 11

The Spirit is On Me

Isaiah says that “ The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,” which seems to many to be an odd way to word it. Most would say that the spirit is **in** me, not on me. But Isaiah may be saying it better than most because a spirit is not something that can be trapped inside the body like a bird in a cage. Spirits exist outside of the limits of time and space, so his spirit is just as much on him as it is in him. As for saying that it is the spirit of God that is on him, he means that his awakened spirit is aware that it is part of God and is linked to God. That does not mean he should call himself God, and Isaiah is too wise to do so.

Good News to the Oppressed

God always sends good news to the oppressed. He sends good news to all, but especially to the oppressed. Those who are oppressed, pushed aside, and ignored on earth, are often the ones who are failures at the false religion of materialism. That is a good thing, as far as God is concerned. Those who have earthly success and abundance rarely bother to even consider developing their spiritual Self. It is the downtrodden, the sick, and the poor who will probably turn to God and seek spiritual enlightenment.

Day of Our God

When Isaiah wrote this, he may have been talking about something in his own time, but this could have been written today. We are living in the End Times and are now under the Sun of Righteousness—the Spiritual Sun with the Presence of God. This is the time that the prophet Malachi wrote about. It is a time for spiritual awakening. It is the last chance for

humanity to save itself. And the sooner we do so, the better, because those who do so early, will be able to help and lead others in the coming Golden Age.

Rejoice in the Lord

We should rejoice that God continues to love and forgive us and give us the opportunity to save ourselves. Of course, it is God who does the actual saving, but we must each turn to him and seek it. Then God will cover us with the robes of righteousness, and eventually, we will have a world of peace, love, and righteousness where there will be no place for materialists, warmongers, and other soldiers of Darkness, for darkness will have been defeated.

The Benefits of Love and Respect for All



Love & Respect

“Learn to respect one another. You are all conductors of God’s blessings. And if you do not respect somebody, you deprive yourself of Divine Blessing. As much as you love people, you will benefit from the good. Whomever you may love, you benefit from that love.”

“A good person is everyone who speaks the truth. You should all pray for one another, or think well for one another. When you meet somebody, wish them well.”

“God lives in everything. His spirit is present even in the smallest being.”

“You ask: ‘What should we preach to people?’ Tell them: ‘Without Love of God, life has no meaning. A sick man comes to you, tell him: Without Love of God, man cannot be healthy. You come to an ignorant man, tell him: Without Love of God, man cannot become learned. You come to a bankrupt merchant: Tell him: Without Love of God, trade will not go well.. Tell

all the people: Without Love of God, life cannot be understood. ... Separation from God always produces suffering.”
~[Evelyn Underhill](#)

Respect One Another

Having respect for a person doesn't mean you have to agree with them, or even like them. It means you have to recognize that they are humans just like you, and they are not perfect any more than you are. If it was your child or a sibling who was behaving badly, you would not turn on them and refuse to love them. You want to change the behavior, but you still respect and live with the person. If you don't respect those who behave badly, you will not have the incentive to try to help them. We only try to help those we love and respect.

Conductors of God's Blessings

Yes, we are all conductors of God's Blessing, both taking in and giving out. If we expect to receive God's Blessing, we must share it by sending love and blessings to others. It doesn't weaken us by sharing love and energy with others. Instead, it allows us to take in more energy until our energy centers are fully charged and link together to create a complete energy flow throughout the body and spirit. And if you have no particular person you want (or need) to show love and respect to, then just send love and respect out into the world to all including animals, plants, and all things.

Benefit from Good

We do benefit from the good we do. We benefit from the love and respect we have for others. I recently wrote about karma for the Cosolargy blog, so I won't repeat it here, but the main thing to know about karma is that it works both ways. Whether you do good or evil, what you do comes back to you. It may come back almost immediately, or it may take some time, but it always comes back.

God Lives in Everything

It is not true that God's presence is everywhere in the material world, but it is true that God Lives in everything because everything has a spirit, and each spirit is a tiny piece of God. That does not mean that we should proclaim that we are God. That attitude results in excessive ego, which is not a good thing. If the fingernail of your right thumb could talk, and it declared that it was you, you would laugh at it. It is just a tiny part of you. Likewise, each individual spirit is only a tiny part of God, and should not say that it s God.

Without Love

Underhill says that "Without love of God, man cannot be healthy." That is true if you understand that health is more than the health of your physical body. Complete health also means mental, emotional, psychic, and spiritual health. We are complex beings, and our health is a complex thing. We can improve our health on all levels by practicing respect and love for all. And if you truly love God, then you must love all, or at least all spirits, since we already mentioned that every spirit is a tiny piece of God. And what all spirits desire is to unite with God again. That is what the practice of Cosolargy is all about.

The Terminology of Mystics is Allegorical and Confusing



“The terms used by the individual mystics, the divisions which they adopt in describing the Self’s progress in contemplation, are bewildering in their variety. Here, more than elsewhere, the mania for classification has obsessed them. We find, too, when we come to compare one with another, that the language which they employ is not always so exact as it seems: nor are traditional terms always used in the same sense. Sometimes by the word ‘contemplation’ they intend to describe the whole process of introversion: sometimes, they reserve it for the ‘orison of union,’ and sometimes identify it with ecstasy. It has been pointed out by Delacroix that even St. Teresa’s classifications of her own states is far from lucid, and vary in each of her principle works. ...

“Thus we are forced to the conclusion that the so-called ‘degrees of orison’ so neatly tabulated by ascetic writers are largely artificial and symbolic: that this process which they profess to describe is really, like life itself, one and continuous—not a stairway, but a slope—and the parts into

which they break it us are diagrammatic. Nearly every mystic makes these breaks in a different place, though continuing to use the language of his predecessors. In his effort toward self-analysis, he divides and subdivides, combines, and differentiates his individual moods. Hence the confusion of mind which falls upon those who try to harmonize different systems of contemplation.” ~[Evelyn Underhill](#)

Mania for Classification

I think it is not really true that mystics had a mania for classification. I think most of them were perfectly happy to leave things rather vague. It is the writers who put the teachings and experiences of the mystics down on paper that had the mania for classification. It is understandable, however, that when a process or experience is complicated, we try to break it down into smaller, more understandable pieces.

Orison of Union

Ms. Underhill has chosen to use “orison” in an attempt to avoid confusion, but it is a word rarely used today. It can mean any form of prayer or plea to God. She uses this word instead of prayer because most people have the idea that prayer is all about asking God for things that they want, while the “orison” of the mystic is more a matter of trying to communicate with God, rather than just asking for things. Her reference to the “orison of union” refers to the goal of the mystic, or spiritual adept, to become one with the highest level of Consciousness, thus one with God.

Steps of the Spiritual Path

Underhill says that the process of spiritual awakening and enlightenment is more like a slope than a stairway. It doesn't have specific steps and levels. She is probably correct in saying that most mystics are simply breaking the process down into steps in an arbitrary and individual way, so that

different spiritual teachers and writers have different steps and different names for the steps, but the overall process remains the same. And the breakdown may be based on how that individual feels as he or she continues on the path. If one feels as if one has made a big step forward, then one may consider that a step on the path, whereas others may feel that way at different points.

Secrecy

Another reason why the language of mysticism may be vague is that it is often allegorical in order to maintain secrecy. In the ancient mystery schools, students were required to take an oath to keep most of the teachings secret, so when they did write things down, they hid a lot of it in allegorical language. This was done for the protection of the students as well as others. The schools of Light did not want dark schools to learn the secrets and misuse them. They also didn't want new students to learn things before they were ready, and harm themselves.

Contemplation

One of the terms of mysticism or spiritual development that Ms. Underhill uses frequently is "contemplation". Many people today will think that means meditation, but it doesn't. At least not the forms of meditation commonly practiced today. Contemplation is defined as "the action of looking thoroughly at something for a long time." That "something" doesn't have to be a Sanskrit word repeated over and over without knowing its meaning. It could be something that you, as a spiritual person, want to achieve, such as humility, and love for all. It can also refer to the techniques of Cosolargy for contemplating the Sun.

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Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. and his wife, Radheka Patel Savoy attended the Geothermal Think Tank conference in New Zealand and Australia representing Steamboat Hot Springs Healing

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From: **Charles Davidson:**

“I am very pleased to provide you with a link to the presentations from the Hot Springs Symposium held at Peninsula Hot Springs on 27th June this year. These have been uploaded to the Global Wellness Institute Hot Springs Initiative Resources page and are available as video recordings and also include the PowerPoint Presentations.

Hot Springs Symposium

PowerPoint presentations: [Click here.](#)

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I want to thank all the incredible presenters who shared their knowledge and passion for this industry sector that connects us all. I would also like to thank the Global Wellness Institute for their stewardship and support for the entire wellness industry providing a platform from which we can all connect and grow.

In addition to the Symposium details I recommend you take a look at the video from the Global Thermal Think Tank (G3T) tour of hot springs in New Zealand and Australia that is also on the Global Wellness Institute Hot Springs Initiative website. That video takes you on a 6-minute summary of the journey that 50+ attendees of the tour who came from the USA, China, New Zealand, and Australia to share an incredible 9 days together. That tour also includes a section on the symposium highlighting many of the wellness experiences that can be enjoyed at hot springs.”

<https://globalwellnessinstitute.org/global-wellness-institute-blog/2023/06/05/2023-g3t-global-thermal-think-tank/>

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