

The Child of Light and the Joy of Easter

The mind is made up of what it feeds on.

For a child of light, life is a garden, just like the mind. Thoughts are seeds. They can grow into roses or thorns.

A CHILD OF LIGHT knows that if life is not cheerful, they are cultivating weeds or thorns.

Children of light never think of disrupting the rhythm of life. They do not seek wrongs in another person's truth.

On the contrary, they look in the mirror of the self for the truth in their own wrongs.

A CHILD OF LIGHT knows very well that in the process of realizing their own story, the only way to the light is to enter the light and dispel the inner darkness.

They act responsibly with the life wisdom that is sustained by merciful awareness and active altruism. They constantly draw attention to the meanings and efforts of living a life that benefits themselves and others.

The main purpose of Easter is to distance us from the opposition/duality within ourselves and the counterposing in popular culture.

To shine the light of Christ's complementary outlook. To free us from the blunder of conforming Christ to ourselves instead of conforming ourselves to Christ.

To free us from the discourses and actions that swallow us, that put us to sleep, that take us away from ourselves, our concepts, our maps of meaning, our world of truth, and our spirit.

To break the handcuffs on our spirits. In a word, to make us children of light.

Because life is not a matter of appearance but of character. In life, we are marked by our character. We as human beings are dignified as long as we live and maintain the dignity of our existence. We become the noblest of God's creations. We become brothers and sisters of Christ.

If we sow a good word in our garden, it is a good seed. It will grow big and beautiful and return to us.

If we sow bad words in our garden, they will grow big and ugly and return to us as well.

Let us sow beautiful things into the gardens which are our lives and thus reap beautiful things.

However, we should know that we cannot achieve this without self-knowledge, without dispelling the mental darkness which blocks our life energy.

We cannot transition to the program of creation/our essence.

When we ascend to the luminous literary heights of Saint Aphrem (303-373), we see that he makes the following appeal regarding this topic: **"Lord, disband the darkness of my mind with the enlightenment of knowing you. Disband it so our enlightened spirit may serve you with fresh purity."**

Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-450) also warns us in the same fashion, **"How can you grow nearer to God when you are far from yourselves?"** He continues, **"Oh Lord, grant me self-knowledge that I may know thee."**

May you never lack the joy of living.

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