

A Reading from Gospel of Mary

When the Blessed One said these things, he greeted then all and said Peace be with you Acquire my peace, Be careful not to let anyone mislead you by saying Look over here or Look over there. Because the Son of Humanity exists within you! Follow him! Those who seek him will find him

Go then and preach the gospel about the kingdom don't lay down any rules beyond what I've given you, nor make a law like the lawgiver, lest you be bound by it. When he said these things, he left.

OPENING DIALOGUE

SOLO: Peace Be With You.

UNISON: Acquire My Peace Within You

SOLO: Where are you from?

UNISON: We come from the place where Light is produced from itself.

SOLO: Where is that place?

UNISON: It's a mystery.

SOLO: But can you say you image the Light?

UNISON: Yes, indeed. We carry the Light within.

SOLO: And the peace?

UNISON: Yes, also the peace.

SOLO: How do you know of such Light and such peace?

UNISON: The sign is the feeling.

The sign is the movement from within.

The sign is the passion for the well-being of all.

SOLO: What are your other signs?

UNISON: Our recognitions of injustice and hatred and oppression

Throughout the globe, of power struggles and violence

That seem unending.

SOLO: Can we turn those around?

UNISON: We must seek to do so.

SOLO: Are you willing to spread your Light and your peace?

UNISON: We are eager to spread them.

They spread just as love spreads

SOLO: The kingdom spreads out on the earth, just as love spreads.

UNISON: But some people are not aware of it.

SOLO: Yet you are aware.

UNISON: Yes, indeed.

We are aware of the Light and the movement and the peace.

And we cannot stand back.

We will step forward.

We will overcome the violence, the domination, the hatred,

And spread love.

"The worship of the different religions,

which are like so many small streams,

move together to meet God who is like

the ocean."

From the Indian mystic Rajjab, quoted from Matthew Fox, page 18

"Love Your enemies,

Do good to those who hate you.

Bless those who curse you.

Pray for those who treat you badly."

Readings from the Lost Gospel of Q (edited by Marcus Borg, Berkeley: Seastone, 1996)

Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14: 27.

"What you are seeking is

seeing you."

Rumi



Prayer for the World

Dear God,

We pray for this our world.

We ask that You remove the walls that separate us and the chains that hold us down.

Use us to create a new world on earth, one that reflects Your will, Your vision, Your peace.

In this moment, we recognize the power You have given us to create anew the world we want

Today's world, dear Lord, but reflect our past confusion.

Now, in this moment, we ask for new light.

Illumine our minds.

Use as, dear Lord, as never before, as part of a great and mighty plan for the healing of this world.

May we no longer be at war with each other.

May we no longer be at war with ourselves.

Let us forgive this century and every other the evils of history, the pain of our common fears.

Remove from our hearts the illusion that we are separate.

May every nation and every people and every color and every religion find at last the one heartbeat we share,

Through You, our common Father/Mother and the redeemer of our broken dreams.

May we not hold on to yesterday

May we not obscure Your vision of tomorrow but rather may You flood our hearts.

Flow through us, work through us, that in our lives we might see the illuminated world.

Create, sustain that world on earth, dear God, for us and for our children.

Hallelujah, at the thought,

Praise God, the possibility that such a thing could come to be, through You, through

Your Light that shines within us.

So may it be.

So may it be.

We thank You, Lord.

Amen.

Marianne Williamson Illuminata

Closing Dialogue

SOLO: Are you aware of the light and the peace within You?

UNISON: We have the feeling and the movement.

The passion for the well-being of all.

SOLO: Light spreads, just as love spreads

Are you willing to speak your feelings of light?

UNISON: Yes, indeed we must speak the feeling, we must act the peace

SOLO: Let us practice the feeling

UNISON: Let us practice the peace

Let us dance the feeling

Let us dance from the light

SOLO: Let us move together in the Light and the peace

UNISON: Let us go forth in the power of the spirit

