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Rev. LeRoy Zemke

Reflections

It's All About the Light

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day

Genesis 1: 1 - 5 King James Version

Light, n. adj ME, DE, to Old Norse, L. lux Gk, leukos, bright ... OHG liuhten (G. leuchten . Something that makes things visible, or affords illumination. In physics, luminous energy, radiant energy, electro magnetic radiation to which organs of light react considered variously as a wave, or quantum phenomena. Also, spiritual illumination, awareness, or enlightenment.

Can anyone gazing into the brilliant night sky even begin to imagine the source of light as actually being comprised of billions of stars that are suspended in the heavenly firmament.

While scientists discuss possible or unimaginable origins of light in some distant series of cosmic explosions (the Big Bang theory) for example, our human language profoundly fails to even remotely articulate the all-encompassing meaning of such light, or for that matter, the way or nature of the origins of our cosmos.

The various traditions of spiritual literature contain stories from the Mahabarata and Bhagavad Gita to the “myths” of ancient Lemuria, Atlantis, from primitive tribal cultures across the physical earth to the oft translated Holy Bible of the Christian world, each all speak of a Divine Light, a Source of Infinite Light from which all of what we name as the “forces of life” evolved or came into being.

The Bible says, “In the beginning God said, “Let there be light, and there was light.” Genesis 1:3

Thus while our human sciences explain light in terms as waves, electromagnetic or quantum phenomena, the experience of the varying gradations of light, such as the colors of the visible spectrum: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet is both known and studied around the world. Add to that infrared, ultra violet is both known and studied around the world. Add to that infrared, ultra violet, the black light and black holes that expand and contract to varying degrees of intensity, the incredible range of information gathered and studies on the nature of pure energy is astounding and in some sense, confounding.

Even more astonishing to me is the known “fact” that what is not visible to us as light waves, which we humans experience at the level of physical vision, is unbelievably far more significant in importance. Suffice to say that now we have field theory, a scientific term that has emerged from physics in the 20th century indicating that everything we see in the physical universe has a radiance, an energy field that carries gradations of light. It also suggests that in the sense of an expanding universe there are fields upon fields of intersecting light energy which do not apparently interfere with each other.

In ancient times masters and saints and seers were the only ones who could “see” such fields. Of course, awakened teachers such as Jesus the Christ, the Buddha, Mohammed and the illumined Inner Plane teachers sometimes called the White Brotherhood were so empowered. In the 1900’s a group of Theosophists in England wrote and taught about the subtle body of light, a field of very delicate energy that could be experienced when one was in prayer, or non-ordinary states of awareness, deep reflective states, allowing our inner vision or sight to behold these layers and levels of our inner, radiant or what I call our sacred nature. For further information study the classical writings of Annie Besant, Charles Ledbeater, Vera Stanley Alder as well as the great Helena Petrovna Blavatsky as she wrote in Isis Unveiled.

As we approach the Christmas season we are externally reminded of the many and multiple images of light. From brilliantly lighted churches and cathedral candles, candle lighting events, services and programs across the world, to popular carols, hymns, pop tunes to gaily festooned garlands of twinkling lights, colorful Christmas trees with candles and strands of 1000’s of lights, homes, public and private buildings that are ribboned in lighted

displays, we are reminded of the eternal elegance and beauty of light. More significantly, Jesus who revealed the cosmic Christed energy and reflected it in his life and teachings is often called the Light Bearer ... Jesus the Christ was the Teacher of Light. As we consider and/or connect to this modeling we are invited to open to and experience the Inner Light of our own holy nature. This is the Divine Light that is the Source of All Life, God, the Infinite Light eternally omnipresent Power and Presence. It is available to us all, wherever we are.

As we come to accept, that is to create and/or allow a space within us, the Divine Light itself is also accepted, experienced and ultimately realized. It's already within us. We simply allow and give a place for its expression and its divine gift to bless our lives.

When and as we actually do this, we make an amazing discovery. We are already filled with this Light, this sacred presence. We are invited to express it in prayer, in meditation, in our thoughts, words and deeds.

It's the meaning, I suspect, of one of the many all encompassing statements made about the Christ ... As we align to this presence in ourselves - we become his body, hands and feet. Thus we open to a presence that is sacred, holy and profound, far, far beyond the awkward limits of language to explain or express it.

In metaphysical terms as well as in spiritual terms, we accept that the same power that runs the universe is at the core of our being. While no one can absolutely or accurately know how this power and presence actually manifests, one significant way it manifests or appears is in our deep meditational states or in our illumined moments as light. It's an indefinable, inviting, sacred, overwhelming energetic connection to our sensory self-experience. It does not appear to come from anywhere. It just is. It exists and unfolds, pulsates, expands and contracts.

The miracle that we become aware of, slowly and with unfolding clarity is that this light or presence is available everywhere, at the same instant in everyone. Space as we tend to think of it collapses or ceases to be perceived in the same way as before. We discover, realistically, that we are all deeply inwardly connected within this Holy Field in a way that defies definition.

When we get up in the beginning of our day we discover, once again, we are breathing the breath of life. Unless we have

some kind of pulmonary issue (such as bronchitis, emphysema, pneumonia etc.), we totally, completely trust that breath and air will be available to us as we step forward into our day. In perhaps a similar manner, we can trust that the power of the Life Force, or the Divine Presence we call God is available to us ... everyday, everywhere we are, plan to go or wherever we live. That power of the sacred is always there even when we doubt it or feel it is blocked, hidden or somehow inaccessible.

I genuinely believe that our deeper inner work is to actually remember that this power is within us.

Thus as we look out at our human world and see the glittering, flickering lights that festoon churches and sanctuaries and houses and grace hearths and homes, we shall remember that the Light is always shining whether we see it or not.

Just as the sun of our solar system lights and warms us by day, it never goes away. Because of a rotational cycle of our planet in which we experience night and day, somewhere the sun is always, always emitting its light.

Martha Graham once remarked, “The body is a sacred garment. It’s your first and last garment. It is what you enter life with and it is what you depart life with, and it should be treated with honor.”



ALTERNATIVE HEALING

THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD'S HEALING MINISTRY AFFIRMS GOD AS THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING. WITHIN A SPIRITUAL FRAMEWORK WE OFFER ASSISTANCE, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT THROUGH A VARIETY OF HEALING APPROACHES.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

CONGREGATIONAL DIVINE HEALING
DURING EVERY SERVICE

PRAYER & HEALING MINISTRY

Upon receipt of a request for healing the individual's name will be placed in our healing prayer chest and prayed for during Sunday Service.

The same request is given to the Healing Team to be prayed for throughout the month.



**ARE YOU
INWARDLY
WILLING &
READY TO
EXPERIENCE
HEALING IN
ALL AREAS
OF YOUR
LIFE?**

DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR?

*A Chaplain or Minister
is available to support
you on your spiritual
journey.*

*Someone who will hold
sacred space with you.*

*Someone who will listen
and hold what is said in
strictest confidence.*

*Someone who will pray
with you.*

*Someone who is there
when you are in need.*

Each Sunday this
service is available
to all.

From the desk of
Andrew Guilfoil



**Children's Church
Youth Enlightenment
Program
(Y.E.P.)
Sunday Service
11:00 am**

November 2020
"Gratitude for All of Life"

December 2020
"Honoring Our Spiritual Power"

*We are so very grateful for
our Children's Church Youth
Enlightenment Program with
Andrew Guilfoil as our Children's
Church Leader.*

*For the month of November and
December our Y.E.P. Assistants
will be stepping in to assist with the
Youth Education Program. Each
week will reflect the personal weekly
Sunday theme, incorporating arts
and crafts and the Spiritual message
of our church*

*We look forward to seeing our
children return to be with us and
to experience the gifts of the sacred
within the Children's Church.*

Sunday Services

November Theme *Gratitude for All of Life*

November 1
Rev. LeRoy Zemke
"Essence of Gratefulness"

November 8
Gonzalo Lever
"Affirming Perfection"

November 15
Rev. Marvin Shepherd
"Keeping the Door of Gratitude
Open"

November 22 Panel Discussion
Rev. Gloria Standish,
Lynne Forrest, Pamela Raynor
"Gratitude's Role in Life"

November 29
Rev. Karmene Lusic
"Appreciation is Our Gift"

December Theme *Honoring Our Spiritual Power*

December 6
Rev. LeRoy Zemke
"Igniting Our Spiritual Power"

December 13
Rev. Madeline Diemer
"Visiting the Library of Power"

December 20
Lynne Forrest
"On Becoming Source
Confident"

December 24 Christmas Eve
Speaker: Rev. LeRoy Zemke,
Carol Mitchell, Jacob Torres,
Lynne Forrest, Daniel Harris,
Rev. Karmene Lusic
"Wise Men Still Seek the Light"

December 27
Rev. LeRoy Zemke
"Release and Renew"



On-Going

Monthly at the Temple

Earthbound Rescue Circle

7:00 - 8:30 pm 3rd Tuesday
Burlington House

Intuitive Development

7:00 - 9:00 pm 3rd Thursday
Lobby
(will resume in January 2021)

Discussion Group

12:00 - 1:15 pm 2nd Sunday
Temple Classroom

Metaphysical Forum

12:00 - 1:30 pm 3rd Sunday
Temple Classroom

Weekly at the Temple

A Course in Miracles

7:00 - 9:00 pm Mondays
Temple Lobby

7:00 - 8:30 pm Wednesdays
Temple Lobby

7:30 - 9:00 pm Thursdays
Burlington House

The Way of Mastery

1:00 - 3:00 pm Mondays
Burlington House

Kadampa Buddhist Meditation
Gathering

7:00 - 8:00 pm Wednesdays
TBA - Suspended until
Further Notice
Burlington House

Book Club

5:00 - 6:00 pm Wednesdays
on Google Meet
Call Temple for
more information



MIRACLES BOOKSTORE



November Events

Monthly Psychic Fair

Saturday, Nov. 14 \$15 for 15 Minutes Noon to 4 PM



READERS:

CAROL WICKER ~ PSYCHOMETRY, CLAIRVOYANT

MIKE COUPER ~ CLAIRVOYANT, TAROT

NANCY BLAISON ~ TAROT

Cacao Medicine, Opening The Heart

"THEOBROMA CACAO": FOOD OF THE GODS

With Jayde Lucio Piot

Saturday, Nov. 21 1 - 3 PM \$15

Please join us as we discover the amazing spiritual and health properties of this sacred medicinal plant.

Learn why Cacao has been considered more valuable than gold; Cacao's TRUE Nutritional Values; how and why the Mayans and Aztecs used Cacao as a doorway to heightened aliveness and connection to one's heart and purpose.



Jayde will lead us in an "Opening the Heart" Meditation

**StarSeeds Cacao Specialty Tasting*



Come and browse our unique collection of celestials, crystals, jewelry, books, cards and much more.

MIRACLES METAPHYSICAL BOOKSTORE

Hours: Saturdays 11 AM - 4:00 PM

Sundays 10:30 - 11 AM & 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Weekday afternoons by appointment only:

727-822-3157

Book Club

with Doug Elliott



**Wednesdays
on Google Meet
5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Love Offering

This Book Club embraces interesting literature with a spiritual edge. We will read a chosen book together with insightful and reflective discussion throughout. Once completed, we will begin with another book selection, chosen by the group.

All who appreciate contemplative, introspective literature are welcome. Join us as we share profound thoughts and insights by writings of various authors. We look forward to seeing you there.

Doug Elliott received a Bachelor's Degree in psychology with minors in philosophy and history from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Entering the financial field in 1980, he ultimately founded Greystoke Consulting, Inc. in 1994, a registered investment advisory firm. Several years ago, he sold his business and now works part-time as a Certified Financial Planner. Doug has been interested in metaphysics and philosophy his entire life.

Please call the Temple at (727) 822-8628 for more information.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



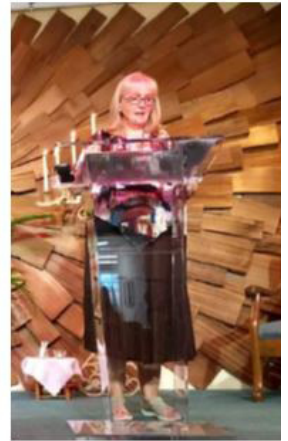
Rev. LeRoy Zemke



Rev. Betty Pressly



Carol Mitchell



Rev. Gloria Standish



Rev. LeRoy Zenke, Janet Zemke



ATTENTION!!!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



is scheduled for

Saturday, November 21, 2020

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

and

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

will take place

Sunday, Nov. 22 11 AM Service

**We welcome you to explore
becoming a part of our
Temple Family.**

We invite you to sign-up in the lobby.

The Living Legacy Tree



The **Living Legacy Tree (LLT)** is a way to provide a tribute/memorial by members and friends of the Temple. It is a tangible way for those who would like to support the vision, future growth and expansion of the Temple ministry. We invite you to pick up a complete brochure offering information for your individual participation.

When you visit the Temple you may pick up a detailed brochure indicating how you can participate. If you prefer, we can also mail a copy to you!

Earthbound Rescue Circle

with Lynette Millus

**Tuesday November 17
No Circle December 15
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

**Love Offering
Burlington House**



Sometimes when a soul leaves the physical body, the soul is confused. The soul is not clear about where to go and what to do after he/she has left the physical plane of life. The purpose of Earthbound Rescue is to liberate the soul. The intention of the group is to release the soul into the Light so the soul can advance and progress on its evolutionary journey in life. If you would like to join in this group, please join us for an evening of service.



METAPHYSICAL FORUM with Rev. Karmene Lusi **12:00 – 1:30 PM**

On Sunday, Nov. 15 & Dec. 20, join us here at the Temple for an early afternoon of insightful, inspiring conversation as we explore new and not so new ideas that will reveal powerful truths to live by.

Whether you are new to metaphysics or have walked this enlightened journey for a while, ALL are welcome to experience these afternoon gatherings! Come and awaken your mind, stir your thinking and move to new levels of understanding.

**JOIN US AND BE INSPIRED !!!
Love Offering**



MIRACLES BOOKSTORE



December Events

Monthly Psychic Fair

Saturday, Dec. 12 \$15 for 15 Minutes Noon to 4 PM



Readers:

MELISSA LYNN ~ CLAIRVOYANT, MEDICAL INTUITIVE, PET MEDIUM

JACKIE HARTLEY ~ TAROT, ORACLES, INTUITIVE

PATRICIA SALAS ~ ANGEL, TAROT, ORACLES

The Spirit of Crystals

With Robin Hill

Saturday, Dec. 19 1:00 - 3:00 PM Cost: \$15

Explore the amazing healing energies and qualities of crystals. Robin will teach you about the many varieties of crystals and their healing properties.

In this workshop you learn how to: apply crystal energy to enhance your life; use crystals within your home or workplace; make your own crystal elixir and much more about these wonderful gifts from the earth.



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Welcome to our
**Kringle Mingle
Event**

Sunday November 29 12:30 - 3 p.m.

*Begin your holiday season
with your
Temple
family and friends*

Holiday Potluck
Sign up in
the Temple lobby
or call us at
(727) 822-8628

Decorating 2 Trees

Holiday Music

**Covered Dish
Buffet**

**Help us support the
St. Pete Free Clinic.
An outreach
cash or check gift
will be taken at the
Kringle Mingle.**



**The St. Pete Free Clinic food
barrel will be in the lobby
throughout December**



Holiday



Bake Exchange Social

Saturday, December 5

1:00pm - 2:30pm



Bring your own heavenly baked goodies to exchange and take home some new holiday treats!



You are invited to join us, once again, for this memorable **Holiday Social as we celebrate the season with friends, music, laughter and light refreshments.**

Remember to wear your **holiday colors!**

Watch to see what the elves have in store this year.



Visit our new website at www.tlgtemple.org

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday December 24 at 7 p.m.

Rev. LeRoy Zemke - Inspirational Message
Wise Men Still Seek the Light

Officiating
Rev. Karmene Lusis

Readers Theatre
Directed by Rev. LeRoy E. Zemke

As did the shepherds on that long-ago star-filled night, we will gather to await the angelic messenger and his announcement - "*Behold, I bring you good tidings which shall be to all people...*"

Again we shall assemble this Christmas Eve to receive the gift of the Christ Light, the gift that is ever revealed unto us anew!

Come, and allow the soft hush and wonder of Christmas to fill your spirit. Come, share and rejoice with us in the gift of the "Readers Theatre," soloists, and the special music of the season.

Our platform poinsettias and other flowers, live Christmas trees with angel lights, and an uplifting candlelight service and meditation will enhance and deepen Christ's gifts of universal Light, Love and Power.

You are warmly invited to bring your loved ones and friends to share a portion of your Christmas Eve with us.



Burning Bowl and New Year's Meditation



Sunday December 27, 2020

11 am service

Release and Renew

We invite you to participate in this powerful ritual to:

- * Release the old and outworn
- * Open to the cycle of renewal in your life
- * Step confidently into the new year of 2021 supported by friends and spiritual forces that guide you

In preparation for beginning the New Year, consider what it is you seek to let go of, forgive and forget; what you wish to achieve or put into motion. During the ritual, each participant will place his billet in the consuming flames of the Burning Bowl assisted by Rev. LeRoy Zemke and Rev. Karmene Lusic who will offer special prayers over each billet as it burns.

Following this cleansing, inspiring activity Rev. Zemke will then lead the congregation in a focused New Year Meditation to aid everyone in taking a gentle step forward in their very own personal new year.

After the service, we invite you to help us dismantle the Christmas trees.

Please plan to join us as we close the old year and welcome the new!



A Christmas Garden

There's a special winter garden
And it blossoms each December.

It's planted with the seed
Of every Christmas we remember.

There's mistletoe for laughter,
There's holly for good cheer,
There's evergreen to symbolize
The hope of the new year.

There's poinsettia for beauty,
And for sweetness there's the bay,
May the harvest of all these, and more,
Be yours this Christmas Day.



*Happy
Holidays*

AND

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Temple of the Living God

Founded September 25, 1960

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(20th St. N. And 1st Ave N.)**

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we also want to respect
those who live next to us!**

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