Rejoice!!! And Jubilation!!!

Year after year, Easter is a reminder of the miraculous miracle of new beginnings, rebirth, and the sacrifice that made it all possible. Jesus is not a religion, Jesus is a blessed spiritual being with all the attributes of love, the highest of highs, based in truth and all things Divine. That is what this day is all about - the celebration of a soul so bright, with no need to come to this planet, only to shelter us and guide us.

Jesus is the Opening; the invitation to the door of creation and he came to teach the steps and process, to teach the true meaning of everlasting love and everlasting life; that through him we will see both; he has no measure. Being a spiritual person, and as a spiritualist, we have a bigger place for him. Why? Because we took him at his word, literally, "Everything I can do you can do and more."

What do we do that shows this, how are we in-step with the most awesome gifts offered and why do we represent the very thing he put forth to God’s children? Let us run a tally: we do healings; speak to spirit and God; we do not fear the reaper, we embrace the fact there is no death and we have forever; we follow the Golden Rule which was Jesus's personal request. We know separation is an illusion; we are diverse in our receivership in who can and does come to find solace; we are always there for those who are seeking enlightenment; our desire to celebrate life rather than give death power, as the end, but knowing that is further from the truth. We offer a place where the dogma is not guilt but freedom; where there is an opening always to the other side of life and we embrace the fact that there is life-after-life. We offer a place where Jesus wasn't turned inside-out to suit the needs of others’ desire to dress him up with their truth, instead of the other way around.

We not only embrace our spiritual gifts; we share them as Jesus did. We stand and we do not hide our willingness to communicate, and we are grateful for it. We stand strong and loyal to our purpose - these are the exact things Jesus taught. I asked Spirit what would Jesus want for Easter and what was said for it is to reflect the jubilation of a new birth; to forgive each other but to also find self-forgiveness; to reach deep in the well of self-worth and know we are and were abundant from the very beginning. The proof lies in our existence; that we were important enough to be given a spirit and the opportunity to fold into flesh, life after life, so we could grow in awareness and become a unique spirit of self-earning.

What does Jesus want in what was given - to allow him to walk freely out of the tomb and be able to trust in us that the love we were taught and given to overcome the darkness and light up this planet; through what was taught after so many sunrises and sunsets, that humanity will come together to now take the responsibility; to put to action in what has been taught and offered. That it is time that Jesus steps back and the ones who now are awake, take the reins.

The world is reflecting the transition, many are going to wake up and it will not be easy, as spiritualists we will be ready to help them - because we have had the opportunity to be exactly what was offered, to be a spiritual being with the freedom to climb walls and see through the darkness.

Jesus dressed in the world’s garb to walk with us life after life; that is the meaning of ascension, to rise and shine each lifetime, becoming more aware and closer to God; to reclaim Innocence and begin again.

This Easter is more than the ones before, this Easter is the marker of the moment of the complete opening. As it was in the past, we have the great gift to open up and walk out of our own misunderstandings; to have forgiveness; to dismiss selfishness starting in how we put Jesus in a place of reverence and take away all the conditions that humanity dressed him in. To allow him to be free by showing we learned well, and we will take full responsibility in what we have been blessed with. LOVE! UNCONDITIONAL LOVE! A LOVE WITH NO CONDITIONS - an anointing in being washed of opinions, judgments, and misunderstandings.

Have you ever wondered, with all the churches in the world, where would Jesus show up? And where would he be welcomed? Yes, many churches claim his existence to the point of ownership, but how many truly know him on his own terms?   Honestly, if you think about it, he would be hard pressed to find a church that would know him truly or even receive him.  If he showed up without the garb they made for him, would he be welcomed? Or would he be seen as an outsider or non-existent?

I would like to interject a precious and one of the most amazing memories with you.

The 2010 Easter service, on that day I had the wonderful privilege of having Easter service in the Mediation Garden. It was a beautiful sunny day, the grass was green and lush, and flowers were in bloom. I had set it up so this service would reflect our willingness to show that Jesus was a priority. We laid out many white chairs, had set up for live music and decorated with all the spring colors. It was magical.

On that day, I asked my beloved friend Rev. Coy Johnston to join me in the celebration, to speak with me; and she was excited to do so. We were like children and excited about the whole process of making it the most blessed and magical day.  I had a Harpist play angelic music as people arrived, that heavenly music filled the grounds, it felt like a dream.

I hired a Celtic/Classical Ensemble to play at the service, had others sing and I sang as part of my service. There was a constant flow of energy that radiated through the day. That day so many people came there to join us, to our delight it was everything that was hoped for. The green was filled with a collective group of people, and the children who came where supplied with bubbles, so as the music played, the bubbles danced through the air which made it even more festive. The love and kindership honored the grounds and you could feel the energy, and as the day moved on, it never lost it momentum and the energy heightened. It literally lit Harmony Grove up so bright, no one could deny that there was a presence of a heavenly nature. We all could feel it, no words could describe the presence of the Divine that surrounded us.  Rev. Coy and I were in tears in that surreal moment.

As I began to do my sermon, I was able to share with the congregation what I was being shown.  I told them, excitedly, so much came in, as if the skies opened up. At first, I heard and relayed the message that out of all the places Jesus could be today, he was with us. Out of all the churches in the world, Jesus chose us, that there was a seat that he knew was reserved for him. This is where he would be the most comfortable, a place that understood him and that would truly welcome him. A place where we embrace the spiritual gifts and the diversity of not attaching conditions on his children, that all were welcome including him.

I told them as it was shown, that if he entered in a church with conditions, he would be expected to be a depiction of their own making, a condition unmovable. We on that day welcomed all, and we welcomed Jesus as our guest of honor. We felt the freedom of being the place that Jesus could call home. I can never fully describe the feeling we all had in words, but let me say, it was a holy and blessed event.

That morning, before the service, I was awakened by spirit, they said there was to be a huge earthquake today, we will buffer it, but it will still take place. There will be one to confirm his presence later in the day. I told Rev. Coy what I was told, and she felt its’ truth; with faith, we shook off the apprehension of having one and moved forward with having the service.

On that day, as predicted, there was an earthquake to confirm what we already knew, we needed no confirmation, but it certainly happened. April 5, 2010 will be forever in my heart and as I write this, even though I can’t be with you personally, I feel the love and excitement of each one of you, that the power of love this Easter is amped up; it stems from the love that we all inherited.

May we all spring forth and move aside anything that gets in the way of removing what does not honor us. Let every step we take forge a print so secure in faith and anchored in appreciation, so others can follow. The point of having been sent Jesus to us is that we have seen the path and have taken it. Now it is time for us to lead the way in what we have learned. Stand ready for those in need; now the blooms have set and are turning into lush fruit; the fruit of his labors are now complete; all will be nourished if they receive.

The Easter that counts the most is the one that completes all of them, that is this Easter. Completion means that he doesn't have to go in and out of the tomb anymore, in an unrelenting cycle, but that he is free to leave and be with his Father.

I want to say, we got this!

In conclusion, I will say thank you Jesus! You are loved, respected and all who know and have learned will now carry the torch; they know your steps and they see your light.

HALLEJUH! HE HAS RISEN!

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