

6.28.2009      Sermon- Knowing the Healing Spirit

*“We know so little about healing”* was said to me by my mother, a Registered Nurse, when I was 16.

I already knew that people who claimed to know a lot of stuff didn't necessarily know that stuff.

I knew from my own family that being smart, intelligent and brilliant weren't enough to make a person happy.

Stories:

6 years old in catechism, friends going to Hell.

10 years old and skipping Mass with John, overcoming the fear of Mortal Sin and going to Hell.

There is a lot more to know than we know.

Sometimes people know things and it is unusual. For instance, my oldest sister Daphne could answer the telephone before it rang and begin an appropriate conversation with the caller before introductions were made.

Around our dinner table, topics such as spirit, God, the invisible, angels, etc., were discussed regularly. Extra Sensory Perception (ESP) was a normal way to know things before it was possible to physically know them according to common understanding.

If there were invisible worlds and realms to know, how could we come to know them?

My mother, my second oldest sister, Mary and my youngest sister, Anne introduced me to “automatic writing” in the summer of 1969. I was home on leave from the US Army. These three devout Catholic women tried an Ouija board to answer some of their own questions. The writing device, the planchette, started writing out in long hand, not letter-by-letter.

These sessions that lasted 4 to 5 hours nightly for 4 to 5 days. I became the question-asker because the planchette wouldn't move at all if I were one of the two people touching it. Here we were talking to the invisible and the invisible was talking back to us through a planchette, a pen, and a piece of paper!

All types of questions, all types of answers were going back and forth from us to the invisible. *“Who was speaking to us? Are you good? Tell us about God. Are their angels? How did you get to be Mary’s guide? Tell us about life, death, heaven, hell, destiny, life purposes, and our future possibilities. What are about George in Viet Nam in the US Marines?”*

No answers would come when we asked about George if my mother was sitting at the table. When she left the room, the answers would spill out of the pen. *“We are doing our all to protect him? Yes, the water from Fatima your mother sent him is helping him.”*

Even as I write this today, tears of gratitude flow because George returned safely from Viet Nam despite multiple freak occurrences and near-misses.

In the early spring of 1970 my mother gifted me a book on the life of Edgar Cayce, "The Sleeping Prophet." Edgar Cayce was a person who didn't know things when he was awake but when he went into a trance state, he knew amazing things about people, illnesses, history, Jesus, life and death that were unknowable otherwise.

In the early months of 2008 I heard about a man named Walter Russell. He died after a long, highly successful life. He had been called a "modern Leonardo ad Vinci" of America. Even though he only had a formal education up to the third grade, Walter Russell used to 'go to God' from Knowledge, not information. He would go into a meditative state, go to the Source-of-All-Knowledge, see and learn, and then return to a regular life to implement what he saw and now knew to be true. Russell, as a result, was world-famous in a variety of areas: as a painter, sculptor, philosopher, writer, speaker, real estate developer, music, science, figures skating, and horsemanship.

There is a Source-of-Knowledge and we can connect to both the Source and the knowledge.

In the early 1990's I had a mentor who said, "It is not what you don't know that is the problem. The problem is that a lot of what you know is not so!"

I was taught at 6 years old that my friends were doomed to hell because they weren't Catholics. Fortunately, my mother saw me crying the day this falsehood masquerading as religious teaching was told to me. She immediately told me it wasn't true and then tried to uproot these lies. She then marched down to the church and set them straight on what they could and could not teach her children if they ever wanted to see another Costello in church.

People in "authority" and the media and business make up ideas or models, get public approval from other authority figure and make it "TRUTH." The timelines of history are dotted with events when more accurate information and knowledge were viciously squashed, tortured and killed because they threatened the status quo of power and profits.

This same battle for power and profits is going on in every corner of the world today. None is more obvious that in the halls and troughs of Washington, DC where pigs of different political persuasions battle for the best places at the troughs of power, influence and money in order to gorge themselves and their parties.

The politics of medicine and illness is the same. Illness is the trough that belongs exclusively to selected groups. No one else can get to that trough and in fact, whenever possible, no other troughs are allowed to be set up.

There are experts in every subject who claim that their theories that are put forth to explain phenomena ranging from gravity to swine flu are frauds perpetrated for purposes of power and profits.

We now know that by “following the money” we can know that a lot of what is being told to us is not so. The politician who declares that he is voting for the benefit of his constituency while aligning himself in opposition to them because he has been bribed by big-money interests is a blatant example of people working to distort our awareness so we can't tell the difference between falsehood and truth.

Asking questions opens the door to Knowing.

When we ask a constructive question, we attract constructive energy in response. Doesn't it seem that when we dig deeper into the problem that we end up with more problems? But, on the other hand, we get more solutions when we explore for solutions?

Our chances of discovering peace and joy, kindness and happiness are greater if we ask questions about peace and joy, kindness and happiness, how we can multiply these energies and experiences, and about our relationship with each of these vibrations.

We can know more. We are encouraged to know more. *“The truth will set you free”, “Seek first the Kingdom of Heaven”* are examples. What is the Kingdom of Heaven and where is it? Then how do we achieve it?

Isn't the Kingdom of Heaven the point of connection between us and God? Is it the potential for God to work through us that Jesus spoke of and demonstrated that we all had?

I personally know from experience that just because the invisible isn't easy to see doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. The invisible exists and so do energies in the invisible.

Just because we know so little about healing, just because there is more power and profit, on a material basis, in treatment and research of diseases, just because the fear of the not-yet-known scares us initially, we can still know more. We can know for ourselves what the Healing Spirit is. We can know how to be more fully connected to it. We can know how to use this energy much like our ancestors learned to use the energy of fire.

The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ, Chapter 92, verse 1-13

Now, Lazarus was at the feast and Jesus and the twelve went with him to his home in Bethany.

2 And Lazarus and his sisters made a feast for Jesus and the twelve; and Ruth and Asher came from Jericho; for Asher was no longer hostile to the Christ.

3 And while the guests sat at the board behold a cry, The village is a-fire! And all rushed out into the streets, and lo, the home of many neighbors were in flames.

4 And in an upper room an infant lay asleep and none could pass the flames to save. The mother, wild with grief, was calling on the men to save her child.

5 Then, with a voice that made the spirits of the fire pale and tremble, Jesus said, Peace, peace, be still!

6 And the he walked through smoke and flame, climbed up the falling stair, and in a moment came again, and in his arms he brought the child. And not a trace of fire was on himself, his raiment, or the child.

7 Then Jesus raised his hand, rebuked the spirits of the fire, commanding them to cease their awful work, and be at rest.

8 And then, as though the waters of the sea were all at once poured on the flames, the fire ceased to burn.

9 And when the fury of the fire was spent the multitudes were wild to see the man who could control the fire, and Jesus said,

10 Man was not made for fire, but fire was made for man.

11 When man comes to himself and comprehends the fact that he is son of God, and knows that in himself lies all the powers of God, he is a master mind and all the elements will hear his voice and gladly do his will.

12 Two sturdy asses bind the will of man: their names are Fear and Unbelief. When these are caught and turned aside, the will of man will know no bounds; then man has but to speak and it is done.

13 And then the guests returned and sat about the board. A little child came in and stood by Jesus' side.

Fear and unbelief are standing between us and knowing. They are pulling us away from knowing more truth about ourselves and God. When we follow this tug of fear and unbelief we find ourselves knowing we went in a direction that doesn't serve us. It doesn't feel as good as the other direction. Knowing that fact is enough knowing for us to change our directions and go back to exploring for our connection to the Healing Spirit, God.