

NEW YEARS DAY HOMILY FOR A CHILD OF THE TAO
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Dedication:

Recently, my dear friend told me of her sister in Taiwan and the problem she was struggling with concerning her teenaged daughter. The mother is the inspiration for this Homily, as we all have times in our lives when we are faced with inexorable choices, with unresolved problems of the heart. So in love and faith, I write these words for her and for her daughter, that she may come to know how much she is loved.

Gift from Our Father:

We live in truly interesting times; there are good things and not so good things in the world all mixed up with one another and it is difficult for all of us to sort them out. But this too is part of the Father's plan for us. The Father in His infinite wisdom has given to each soul 'free will'. Even in all the chaos of the world, we have this great gift from the Father of individual choice. It then becomes our responsibility to choose to be a companion of the Father or not to; and this is the true meaning of free will. Every one of us who is born at this new Age of Aquarius is here because we are meant to be here at this great time of transition. Because the Father loves all of His children equally, we ourselves can never know who has aligned themselves up with the forces of Light and who remains hidden in the darkness of separation from the Father. But we have hope and faith that Love is our guiding principle. As the *Tao Te Ching* says, "All things in Heaven and earth are of the Ten Thousand Things, and all the Ten Thousand Things are not named." This is very like the descent of Christ into Him who was Jesus of Nazareth; once the Light of the Father came down to earth, we all became 'aware' that we were God's children. But before that, we did not know, even the ancient ones who did know of the Father's great Love and Light found their knowledge had faded away.

Choices:

So in this modern Age, when we are all preparing for the Peace of God to descend once again upon us, we have been presented, each and every one of us, with choices. The choices we make are important, because they say clearly to the Father that we recognize Him and His love for us. So, this child may stray from the Father's presence, but He will never stray from her; He will never abandon her. Yet, what do we do when our own true heart tells us that our offspring is in trouble? One thing we can do that is very powerful and will always work no matter how long it takes is to pray. This is asking God and his Heavenly Host to aid us in our entreaties. But another thing we can do is send the healing Light of the Father to a person who may need help. Yet, how do we do this?

How to Pray:

As you know, there are many ways to pray, to talk with God. Some do it by reciting a certain prayer, some do it by framing a personal petition to Him who knows all and whose Infinite Intelligence is a guiding force in our lives; and some do it through silence. This last, this silence, is the deepest way in which we can communicate with God, and when we have come to that still place within where we can hear the Father's voice or feel His presence, then we can visualize our loved one who is in need; then we are able to receive and transfer God's healing Light to that beloved individual. We do this in meditation, being very quiet within, after we have sent God and His Heavenly helpers our petition, our prayers, hopes and desires. God always knows what we need; He sees and knows all; we just have to accept that what we ask of Him will be Delivered to us as the need is perceived as part of every soul's divine plan. We do this with great clarity of mind, with deep purpose and intention, and we do it out of Love. So then, our Love for the Father and His Love reciprocated to us is like an arrow that wings its way to the child who is wavering, who has lost the thread of 'knowing God' within themselves. We say, "In quietness and confidence shall be my strength, because the Spirit of the Father (The Tao of the Ten Thousand Things) is upon me". Then, the Christ Light within us goes forth and surrounds the good in the prodigal child and brings him/her home; home to the Father.

Closing:

I hope this homily has helped you and all who read it; and has been a blessing to your daughter. It is my heart-felt desire to serve the Father by helping those who ask for guidance, wherever on the planet they may be. May the Love and Peace of the Holy Trinity – Father/Mother, Son, and Holy Spirit -- be with you and guide your family to God's Light and Love.

In the Blessing and Grace of the Father,

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