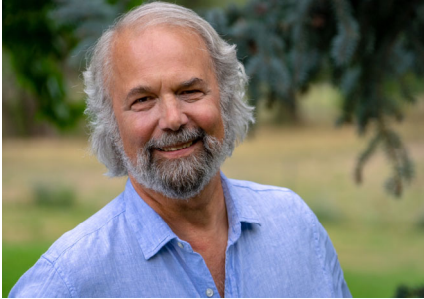


TURNING MYSTERY INTO WONDER

PULSE OF SPIRIT

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Are you ready to turn Mystery into Wonder? The first part of that equation is the Mystery. No Mystery, no Wonder. So the first step is to have a heart for the Mystery with the desire to open to it. We, who have that desire, encounter the Mystery, and we experience it on its own terms. Entering the Mystery, it enters us.

One of the great delights of being a human being is to meet in the Mystery with each other. If we do not meet there, it is not much of a meeting. But when we find each other in the Mystery, there is the exquisite, and even ecstatic, experience of spiritual intimacy. We know one another. While we are each unique, and beautifully so, we know ourselves as part of one reality. We are unique but not separate.

It is so good to find each other in the Mystery. And it is hard to come together without it. Separateness prevails. But entering the Mystery, we find our oneness. The uniqueness of people becomes a joy instead of the bane of our existence. The uniqueness of other people or our

own uniqueness turns from a challenge, to be somehow blotted out or avoided, to a joy and a wonder.

When we enter the Mystery and allow it to enter us and come through us, it is known. And being known, it becomes the Wonder of Life. The Mystery becomes a Wonder because it is embodied in our human experience. I do not know how you create something wondrous if it isn't filled with the Mystery. You cannot build a building high enough, art beautiful enough, or music profound enough to become a Wonder without the Mystery. Wonder is born out of the Mystery.

Think about this word *wonder* with me for a few moments. There is a verb, *to wonder*. But there is also the noun *wonder*. We speak of the Grand Canyon as being a natural wonder. In ancient times they named The Seven Wonders of the World. They were sculptures and buildings.

But while the word *wonder* can refer to something

physical, it can also refer to something in human consciousness. As an example of this use of the word, the Merriam-Webster dictionary offers this phrase: “The child’s eyes were filled with wonder...” So, wonder is not only something outside us. It is a quality of experience inside. And the two meanings go together. The Grand Canyon would not be much of a wonder to me if I weren’t filled with wonder as I witnessed it. We are here to share and manifest something in the living of life that is tangible. But tangible things turn to mud if there is no Wonder in our consciousness.

The Wonder is that the Mystery is known by us and embodied in the living of our life. And then it is shared with anyone having the same experience. We are meeting in the Mystery as we live in the social fabric of humankind. All the while, the mystical infuses what we are sharing. The mystical becomes the wonder of what we know together.

For anyone who did not see it, I placed an invitation to write back to me on the topic of the *Pulse of Spirit* last week. And some people actually did. What a wonder it was, to share the flow of the mystical with the people who wrote. There was the wonder of the manifest form—an e-mail in my inbox. But then there was the wonder of what was flowing between the other person and me.

We have the opportunity to share the Wonder of Life in so many ways, but you have to be open to the mystical for that to happen. No Mystery, no

Wonder—and then no wonder life becomes earthbound!

In October 1962, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, songwriters Noël Regney and Gloria Shayne wrote the Christmas song “Do You Hear What I Hear?” The song called attention to the miracle of Christmas at a time when there was the threat of a terrible war.

Here are words from the song:

Do you see what I see?

The Great Mystery, available to us right here in human form.

Do you hear what I hear?

It is the voice of the mystical calling to us—the voice of the One Love, the One Light, and the One Life. When we hear the voice of the mystical together, we have that to share and know together, and we have a way to live that corresponds with the Mystery and with each other—perhaps in writing, as the word *correspond* implies. In the Mystery, something is corresponding between us, moving back and forth. We find what complements each other.

Do you know what I know?

The Wonder of the mystical infusing a human life, the Wonder experienced when we have a heart for the mystical that welcomes it into the living of life and infuses Mystery into all the forms of life.

Listen to what I say.

Listen to the Wonder of the Mystery that I dare to utter as I speak the words I speak.

This is from the first verses of the 12th chapter of Revelation.

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

The woman is a great wonder in the inner dimensions of the human experience.

Do you see what I see?

Do you see that great wonder in *our* heaven?

And who is the woman, clothed with the sun and with a crown of twelve stars?

We are that woman. That woman is us. We are that great wonder. You and me, and all of us together. We are each a star in her crown. We are that great wonder of the woman clothed with the sun. We are becoming a sun, giving birth to the Christ Child—the new human.

Do you see what I see?

Do we see each other in the light of that reality?

Just after midnight, in the wee hours of the

morning on New Year's Day, there was a new mayor of New York City sworn in, Eric Adams. Often when there is a newly elected official, the populace hopes for a new beginning. And how could we not wish that for Eric Adams and the City of New York in this time?

He was interviewed this morning and asked about the coronavirus. He answered that we cannot deal with the pandemic from within the crisis. We have to see ourselves past the crisis.

It is true in relation to the pandemic. Anybody else fed up with it?

Okay, we have worn the masks, taken the vaccine, and done the isolation time. And, you know, maybe we will do more of that. But we are done being ruled by a virus.

We have to each know ourselves as someone that transcends a pandemic, for sure. We have to see ourselves past the crisis and live that life.

But that is not just true of this COVID-19 pandemic. It is true of everything in the human world that is in crisis. Name your crisis. We have to see ourselves not from within the crisis. Yes, there are practical things to do with any crisis, and I do not deny that; we ought to do those practical things. But if we do not see who we are in a way that transcends the crisis du jour, our lives end up defined by it. No, we are not people of the crisis. We know who we are that transcends it—who we were *before* the crisis, who we will be *after* the crisis. We have found ourselves in the Mystery, and we are bringing the Mystery into the world. Our vision is from that

place. And from that perspective, we see that *our crisis is a birth*, as Barbara Marx Hubbard would often say.

Revelation had something to say about the Mystery:

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished...

Not that God should be finished. But God should cease being a mystery. The mystery of God is finished for us because it becomes a Wonder—a lived experience inspiring awe.

The way that the mystery of God impacts human life when it is not known, is as terror. It is then forced on the human population by the unfolding events of a crisis.

We are not here to know the Mystery as terror. We are here to let the mystery of God be finished because we know it as the Wonder of Life.

I declare 2022 as a year of turning the Mystery into the Wonder of Life.

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