



Shining Waters

Coronavirus Special Edition—Whitsun 2020

~ Corps de Michael Newsletter ~

TYRANNY DEFIED Coronavirus Courage in the Capital City

Whitsun Greetings to Corps de Michael Friends and Members!

The approach of Whitsunday (31 May 2020) ignites fond memories of Corps de Michael founding celebrations on Whitsunday 2000. Our venue was the group lazured Michael Room at Stonehaven. Posted on our facebook page—Susquehanna Corps de Michael—are 47 pictorial mementos of the Crown Procession and Workshop that highlighted the Whitsun Festival of 2013. Just click on the photo album titled, “21st Anniversary Photos: Crown Workshop”. Or visit: www.facebook.com/corps.demichael/



The mission of group and branch life is closely aligned with the amazing events of the first Whitsun or Pentecost. The twelve disciples gather in a house fifty days after Easter still at a loss to comprehend the amazing events of Christ's death and Resurrection. As the disciples assemble for “the first group and branch meeting”, the winds of the Spirit blow through the house as a pregnant foreboding of the momentous life-changing events about to transpire.

Then, suddenly, the flames of spirit-knowledge descend upon the disciples gathered in the room. Giotto's painting of the first Whitsun depicts a spirit-knowledge flame alighting above the head of each disciple. This fire of spirit knowledge grants each disciple the inner cognitive and heart-knowledge understanding of the Resurrection as a new Christ Impulse capable of overcoming and healing the dying Earth existence. Additionally, the disciples forge a new community no longer based merely on ties of blood, ethnicity, or race, but on sisterly/brotherly strivings towards spirit knowledge. In this new community, the bonds of soul to soul serve to foster the awakenings of the Higher Self, also known as self-knowledge.

As outer confirmation of this new form of community, peoples of many ethnicities come from near and far to experience the stupendous events



of the first Whitsunday. Each speaks in his or her own language, but inwardly understands all other human beings present. This signifies the presence of the Spirit of the Universally Human and true cosmopolitanism as the fruit of group and branch life. To honor this Universal Spirit during our Whitsun Festivals, we faithfully invite Members and Friends to read aloud from Acts Chapter 2 in such diverse languages as Latin, Greek, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Shona. If the mission of branch life is fulfilled, then during the epoch known as *Philadelphia*, community life will enable each human being to sense the awakening of the Higher Self in one's Sisters and Brothers as being of the same substance as one's own Higher Self; and as an individual revelation of the Spirit of the Universally Human (Risen Etheric Christ).

But alas, during the remarkable times of the Wuhan coronavirus, opposite directives have become a way of life for countless millions! Social distancing, self-isolation, hand sanitizing, and the wearing of masks would appear to have little in common with sisterly/brotherly strivings towards spirit knowledge and the lighting up of the Spirit of the Universally Human within the multitudes gathered at the first Whitsunday! Indeed, since the unprecedented shutdown ordered by government authorities to mitigate spread of the Wuhan coronavirus, Corps de Michael Members have not been able to meet in community. Nevertheless, we have remained in communication via telephone conversation, text messaging, email, and nightly journeys to spiritual realms where we enjoy the ineffable communion of soul to soul.*

The vast consensus among Corps de Michael Members is that fears surrounding the pandemic have unleashed an unprecedented infringement of individual Liberty and basic American freedoms. Do the fears and science warrant the sacrifice of freedoms?

Do the draconian measures ordering the closure of businesses and confinement of citizens to their homes have ulterior purposes? Additionally, we are concerned about the essential unfairness of the shutdown in Pennsylvania. Why are so-called 'non essential' family businesses ordered to close, while large corporate entities such as Walmart, Lowe's, and Home Depot allowed to remain open offering similar services to the closed small businesses simply because the corporate stores offer other services deemed 'essential' by the government? Why has Governor Tom Wolf refused to release either the list of 'non essential' businesses that were granted waivers to reopen, or the reasoning for waivers granted vs. waivers refused?

Moreover, we are concerned that for the first time in American history the hegemony of the materialistic view of the human being is employed—on a national scale and by force of police order—to restrict citizen movements, commerce, cultural activities, and the free spiritual life. We are witnessing before our eyes the vast disruption caused when one sphere of the threefold social organism, the state-rights sphere, imposes its fiats on the economic and cultural spheres carte blanche. The so-called experts are quick to institute the catechisms of social distancing,

business closures, hand sanitizers, shutdowns, and masks with little to no consideration of the anthroposophical view of the whole human being, the role of bacteria in disease, and the importance of a healthy immune system emanating from a vibrant etheric body. Under orders emanating from the Governor's Office and his unelected Secretary of Health, Dr. Levine the materialistic view of the human being has become the new dogma. News conferences and press releases cite 'evidence' and computer modeling to justify curtailments of basic freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

What does anthroposophically oriented Spiritual Science have to say about the spread of disease via bacteria? What in essence *is* bacteria? We are reminded that at a turning point of time Anthroposophy—*the awareness of one's humanity* was developed by Rudolf Steiner to bring balance and holism to the application of the scientific method. When it comes to the human entelechy, the findings of Natural Science must be balanced with the findings of Spiritual Science! Materialism without soul and spirit is *maya* or illusion. We are witnessing the myopic conclusions of a one-sided science inflicted on millions through the efficacy of everpresent electronic communications efficiently indoctrinating the multitudes with 'onethink'. Owen Barfield, the eloquent interpreter of Anthroposophy, warned that science, if not infused with Anthroposophy, is akin to a religion or dogma capable of oppressing thought in the same manner that the Church controlled human consciousness during the Middle Ages.

Until now, one sided materialistic science won great achievements in the material sphere: technology, bridge building, space travel, and the information age, to name a few. Today, however, we see unleashed the full social and commercial implications of a one-sided materialistic science when it is applied to a primarily human concern: disease and health. ***Without understanding the soul and spirit components of human consciousness, the same science that succeeds at bridge building will fail to correctly diagnose and prescribe human well-being.*** Indeed, in the social measures currently deployed and justified through the dogma of materialism we see striking similarities to George Orwell's 1984 depictions of how to indoctrinate an entire society with the 'Big Lie'. Granted, some measures are necessary due to the deficiency of immune systems depleted by chemical/GMO 'empty' processed foods.

In a follow-up piece we intend to discuss a link provided by Member Mark Peura offering the viewpoint of an anthroposophical medical doctor on the Wuhan coronavirus with specific and illuminating quotes from Rudolf Steiner. We may also share a remarkable non-mainstream media source provided by Member Adrien Barlup, who quotes from the anthroposophical doctor in Mark's link! Readers who attended Corps de Michael talks on anthroposophical nutrition by Dr. William Riggins and David Lenker will be well prepared for the anthroposophical understanding of disease and bacteria inasmuch as both fields are based on the holistic understanding of the human being won through Spiritual Science. As you may recall, these nutrition events were held in Hershey, Pittsburgh, and Hamburg (near Reading).



In the meantime we are pleased to report a remarkable turn of events on behalf of freedom in the Capital City, Hershey, and the wider Susquehanna Valley. Just over a fortnight ago, Representative Diamond of Lebanon County (near Hershey) addressed a rally on the Capitol steps protesting certain draconian measures of Governor Wolf's

shutdown and curtailment of Liberty. The protest set in motion initiatives that intend to derail the well-laid plans of *The Grim Reaper*, who was portrayed on the Capitol grounds as he set about the sinister business of robbing souls of Liberty and Life...

Subsequent to the rally, Representative Diamond and Representative Ryan, the state legislator for Stonehaven, along with the Lebanon County District Attorney, Lebanon County Commissioners, and local state Senators announced that Lebanon County will reopen most businesses on May 15th regardless of the Governor's decisions for reopening. Currently, the Governor's plan for Lebanon County only allows 'essential' businesses to be open with no clear timetable for 'non essential' businesses to reopen. County authorities will revoke Wolf's stay at home order on May 15th and move Lebanon from the red 'extreme mitigation' phase into the yellow phase with or without Wolf. These actions will be implemented in spite of the Governor's recent extension of the stay at home 'lockdown' until June 4th for all Central Pennsylvania counties.



Dauphin County, home of the Capital City, has joined Lebanon County in announcing additional business openings on May 15th. In a scathing letter addressed to the "People of Pennsylvania"*** Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste rebuked the Governor's dictatorial shutdown. He cited facts and data showing that preventive measures are inflicting more harm on innocent bystanders than is justified by coronavirus fears. Lancaster County Commissioners are joining Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties with business reopenings on May 15th with or without the blessing of Governor Wolf and Secretary Levine. Additionally, the Lebanon County District Attorney has announced she will not prosecute any criminal case cited by State Police under Wolf's business shutdown orders once Lebanon County authorities defy Wolf by reopening businesses and lifting the stay at home lockdown order on May 15th.

Meanwhile, across the *Shining Susquehanna* in Cumberland County, the Sheriff's Office has announced, "We will honor our solemn oath to Support, Obey, and Defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth. Our Office will stand with the citizens in defense of all our Constitutional Rights! Our Office will not be enforcing any "order" that violates our Constitutional Rights. Sheriff Anderson has stated, "I have no intention of turning our local business owners into criminals."

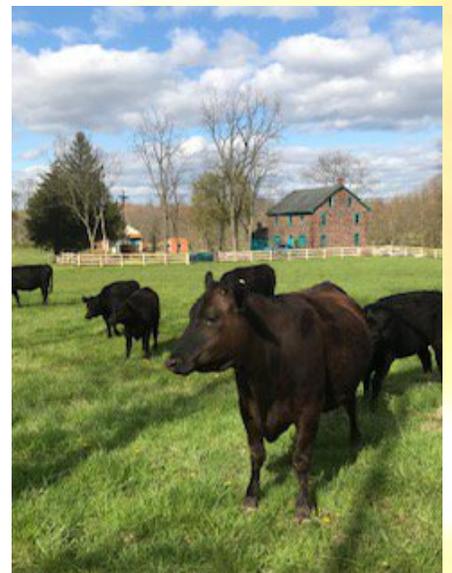
Cumberland County is the home of Dickinson College—the first college chartered in the new

nation. Founded by leaders of the American Revolution, Dickinson was envisioned as a Light unto the westward expansion of American Liberty. At the time of Dickinson's founding the Susquehanna River was generally considered the western frontier of Colonial America. The college was acclaimed a "Bulwark of Liberty", just over the Susquehanna and secured by a US Army outpost, Carlisle Barracks in the wilderness of the new nation. Lancaster County is home to the Ephrata Cloisters, the largest Rosicrucian commune in Colonial America and founded by Conrad Beissel, a pupil of the *Aurora* and additional works of 'The Great Theosopher', Jacob Boehme (1575-1624). Through Anthroposophy, we can appreciate that what ultimately became American Freedom began as a Rosicrucian ideal revealed to Boehme through a higher state of consciousness. True Freedom is the awakening of the Higher Self from the maya of the physical world and the activation of a new form of sense-free thinking heralded in *The Philosophy of Freedom*. Rudolf Steiner indicated that Boehme's 'Sun Initiation' was emblematic of the new form of modern exact clairvoyance that will be won for all human beings through intuitive thinking, Anthroposophy, and the community impulse of branch life.

Although the views expressed in this *Shining Waters* Coronavirus Special Edition—Whitsun 2020 may not necessarily reflect the views of all Members, nevertheless, of all the Members actively communicating, Corps de Michael is of one accord: in the events surrounding the Wuhan coronavirus we discern that fear has been exploited to unduly curtail individual Liberty and harm livelihoods. While Corps de Michael takes no political position as an organization, we are, however, heartened when local public servants take action on behalf of Freedom and Liberty in our region—the heart of William Penn's *Holy Experiment* (spiritual seed of American Freedom and New World cosmopolitanism). Our meeting venue, Stonehaven Farms was founded in 1737 by original grant from the *Holy Experiment*. Stonehaven's founder, Thomas Logan was an American Hero and Patriot, who fought for Freedom in the American Revolution and is interred in Hershey, *the Sweetest Place on Earth*.

While the mainstream media continues to stoke fears via the coronavirus pandemic, Stonehaven is alive with greening meadows, flowering shrubs, roaring streams, and fresh foliage. Organic heifers started Spring grazing on April 15th. Full grown cows continue to supply Hershey and nearby communities with fresh raw milk sold at our partner organic farm. This year's herd includes two mothers and their nursing calves. We close this special edition of *Shining Waters* with a Mother's Day tribute to all Mothers:

*...If aught of truth my life has shown,
Or aught of manhood's high endeavor,
I owe it to the angel one
Who gave me life and loved me ever.
She left her sons and daughters all
A life whose years surpassed each other,
In all the noble traits that fall*



*Upon the sacred name of Mother.
Pile to the clouds the stones of fame,
For heroes who will live in story.
And grave on each the honored names
Of those who fill the cup of glory:
But higher still, and brighter far,
A name will shine o'er every other—
That dearest, sweetest monitor—
That human-upbuilding name of Mother.*

--Noah W. Parker

(Quoted in) *A Tribute of Flowers to the Memory of Mother* (Philadelphia: Union Publishing House, 1894) p. 388.

Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.

--Benjamin Franklin

On behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives to Governor Morris concerning a 1755 Act to supply frontier pioneers in the Susquehanna Valley with guns and munitions in defense against marauding Indians.

Vive le Corps de Michael,



David Lenker

Chair and Co-founder

Susquehanna Corps de Michael—*Anthroposophical Society in Hershey*

Commonwealth Center for Anthroposophy

Stonehaven Farms (Founded 1737)

Hershey, Pennsylvania USA

**For a description of the soul's nightly journey to realms of Spirit see Rudolf Steiner, Chapter 3, 'Sleep and Death', Outline of Esoteric Science. For the communion of soul to soul in realms of Spirit see Rudolf Steiner, Chapter 4, Investigations in Occultism.*

****www.pressandjournal.com/stories/chairman-of-dauphin-county-commissioners-tells-wolf-to-stop-running-state-as-dictatorship-open,92261**

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