

SOUL LIGHT - Fifty Eight

Time for The Presents

It's that time of year again. Once more it's time for the presents.

And once more the emphasis is on giving.

For some of us this is done under the watchful eye of Old Saint Nick. Others copy-cat three wise men from the East. And many others amongst us just fall into the trap of maintaining tradition.

Yet what do we give? Things. Big things, little things. Brightly wrapped things. Budget things, expensive things. Practical things. Useless things. Asked for things. Things to impress, Things to prove we haven't forgotten. Things to show we still love.

Even the humble Xmas card is a given thing – appropriate and cost-effective for giving out in large numbers to family, friends, neighbours – even favoured tradespeople, work associates, clients and customers.

Christmas has become a time to give give give things things things..

Not to give things is seen to be miserly, mean, selfish, uncaring.....

Yet is this what Christmas has come down to – 'Pass the Present'?

According to the commercial world, yes.

How can you deprive your children of the latest X-box?! This is the time to show her you care via that expensive necklace, now reduced to half price! Impress your family this Christmas with the latest twin cab ute.....and we'll throw in a bonus tax break, too!

The present with the greatest value is your own Presence.

Christ-mass isn't about presents. It's about the Presence.

The Presence which you are, already, deep within.

It's about sharing that Presence with your family, your friends, your neighbours, total strangers.....

It's about a birth says a Mum in the front row. Correct. The birth of consciousness. Of the Presence within humanity. The Presence which exists deep within you, as you, right now, right here (even as you read/hear these words).

It's about gifts says a small child. Correct. The three most valued gifts of all - one's Presence, one's Acceptance and one's Love.

Forget the things, even the expensive or the exclusive things - the frankincense, the myrrh and the gold. They're still just things.

It's your Presence, your real and divine Presence, freely and joyfully given and shared which is the real value, the gold – your divinity.

It's your Acceptance, the ability to include everyone (regardless of their behaviour) as a child of the Divine which is the real activity, the frankincense – your spiritual integrity.

And it's your Love, your very expression of the Godlight within you, which is the real spice, the myrrh – your life lived authentically.

These gifts don't need the excuse of a tawdry, over-commercialised Christmas festivity.

No gaudy lights. No fancy trees. No 'dreaming of a white Christmas' carols (which we croon unthinkingly under scorching hot skies in Australia!).

These gifts just need YOU to allow them to be birthed, moment after moment, day after day. Anyday. Everyday.

Pretty ordinary really. And yet wondrous, too.

But then, so was the birth of my good friend, Jesus.

May you have a peace-filled festive season in which love overflows abundantly.....

For myself, I give you my Presence, my Acceptance and my Love.

Peace Be Within You this festive season

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