After The Resurrection

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It has often impressed me that God in His wonderful glory causes tremendously interesting things to happen. Who can logically believe that a young teenager by the name of Mary would spiritually conceive a child who in actuality was God Incarnate?

The logical mind finds such an occurrence to be beyond his comprehension. As the child, Jesus, grew it became obvious that He was a young person with vast knowledge and ability. He even was able to heal the sick and do miraculous acts of compassion and love over and over again. Israel was looking for a messiah. The power structure of the Jewish Church and the government of Israel were seized with mixed emotions and various psychopathologic doubts and disbeliefs.

We see this today in the medical realm and in law as well as in education and politics. Man with his reasoning mind cannot comprehend God and His Spiritual endeavors and accomplishments. The scientific mind cannot understand the life of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul discussed this in I Corinthians 2. Even today with all of our education and learning, we find even some Bishops and men of science and philosophy doubting the virgin birth of Christ and His eventual resurrection.

In Tampa we recall the great debate concerning a young woman’s “persistent vegetative state”. Should she be allowed to live when most experts deemed her to be incurable?

Again in Medicine, there was the debate about whether a wonderful professor of ophthalmology should continue in that capacity because he believed in prayer and actually utilized prayer in his excellent practice and in his discussions and lectures with students and residents.

There was a Board Surgeon, who attempted to establish his practice in Oregon. He was denied licensure because he believed in Jesus, His Word, and prayer. He was deemed a “faith healer” despite two Board Certifications and a master degree in Surgery. It might be noted here that Oregon is one state that by law now allows physician prescribe euthanasia for the hopelessly ill.

Here we are after Easter time, Easter and the Passover Seder having occurred on the same holy day. At this time on Earth, human beings are still hating and killing one another. Wars have not ceased. We still fear terrorism even in America. Politicians often do not honor the elected President and other elected officials. Shiites hate Sunnis in Iraq and here in America as well as other parts of the world.

Herein lies the great difference between Christianity and all other belief systems. Christ first of all has given mankind freedom, liberation from the world system and all of its perils and penalties. Jesus tells us (John 11:26) “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, although he may die, yet he shall live.” So Resurrection Power is Jesus’ Power and the sure knowledge that an annulment has been actuated to deprive death of its power against mankind. This then is the good news, the joyous news of Easter, “Christ is risen indeed!”
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