



The Tau Interfaith Franciscan Monastic Community.

Uniting all Faith Groups as ONE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY through Love, Prayer and Service

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BROTHER SEAN'S MESSAGE TO ALL YOUR HEARTS FOR A BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS 2010

Before we really get stuck into making those awful New Year's Resolutions which are usually broken by end of January each year, I would dearly love to share with you something truly beautiful which may be of interest for your heart. In perusing the internet for information about the Cosmic Christ for my own personal quiet times, it would seem that Divine Providence came to my rescue in trying to find a synopsis about the Cosmic Christ rather than a literary interpretation which would not resonate. Suddenly, I came across a truly spiritually thought provoking piece of work by Matthew Fox OP, about Saint Hildegard of Bingen, or better known as, Saint Hildegard von Bingen. This inspirational soul was not only a Benedictine Abbess who founded many monasteries for women in a male dominated Church and paid the price for daring to be different, but Hildegard also wrote many books as well as composing the famous Scivias, or sacred canticles put to music. Hildegard was a respected 'authority' on Holistic Medicine and Homeopathy.

*Matthew Fox has this to say, **'Has there ever been a time in human history or the history of the planet when illumination, light, wisdom, was needed more than now?'** Please read the enclosed transcript enclosed about Hildegard's perception of her Beloved, The Cosmic Christ and Mother God.*

There is change in the air and I sense that 2010 is going to be a year where many who call themselves 'Light Workers' will experience the 'Mother of all Tests!' I say this, because so many use the title with no real understanding of what being a Light Worker is and rather than say one is a Light Worker, I believe the word 'Light Bringer of Peace' is more in keeping with what is now

being asked of all of us as we embrace the final phase of our spiritual preparedness for 2012.

2010 is a special time for all to 'surrender' their hearts to their Loving Father Mother God and inherit their spiritual abundance! Yes, so many are fearful of this word, 'surrender' for they perceive it as, 'losing control' of their life or worst still, having no say whatsoever! If we truly believe that we are 'co creators of God' then why do so many still flinch when the 'G O D' word is used in conversation? Why is it that enlightened souls continue to blame GOD for the state of the world's ills instead of facing their inner fears of God or about GOD and taking responsibility for their actions by surrendering them to their GOD? I see a role here for each member of the Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community to remain completely detached from the world's dramas by being focused as prayer partners living in the modern world as lay monastic's. The real difference here is that separates us from society is that though we are in the world, our hearts are not! Why is that? I sense it is because we have found an alternative spiritual community that is not associated with a specific Church or other ecclesiastical body whose ancient traditions could well overthrow the simplicity of the vision given to our hearts by Saint Francis, Lord Kutumi back in 2006 when he asked us to, 'restore all GOD's people through embracing the Natural World-the Soul of the Franciscan through compassion and love.'

Throughout 2008 and 2009, my heart was guided in prayer to share the vision 99.9% of our clerical brothers and sisters within mainstream Christianity to come and share AGAPE with us as a lay monastic community in service to the same God of Love. Though they refused to come and meet with us, we will continue to remember them in our daily prayers trusting that God's Spirit of CHANGE will empower them one day to 'COME AND SEE.' Until that time comes, we will refrain from defending our ministry as this should be left to God not us! Otherwise, we run the gauntlet of appeasing their ego and entertaining not Angels at God's Agape but the Anti Christ. His sole agenda is not to win us accolades or acceptance but more to destroy God's simple vision for all faiths to unite in brotherly and sisterly love in their united celebration as children of the One True God of all.

As members of the Tau Interfaith Franciscan's Lay Monastic Community, we endorse God's message to all our hearts about LOVE. And we accept equivocally one TRUTH, that Jesus, the Cosmic Christ, is the Son of God and that His Ministry was more about demonstrating God's love to all, regardless of what faith or Church one attended. If the Buddha and Prophets since the time of Christ can endorse that Jesus came from God and spoke about God in a loving

way, then why should we pretend otherwise? Interfaith does not mean we do not acknowledge that Jesus was the Christ or that He was not the Son of God. To dishonor the name of Jesus is to welcome the anti Christ into our hearts and thus be deceived by the father of all lies.

Recently, I sent to you information about how we can recognize the face and deeds of the anti Christ.....if we are unsure how to spot the antics which the anti Christ uses to deceive our hearts, then we shall risk losing our own soul because we were either spiritually arrogant and refused to honour God's message to our hearts or that we are just plain ignorant of the facts. 2010 I believe will be a year of great trials and tests for all who say they are followers of Spiritual Truth. It is my belief that God will not allow any harm to come to us but here is where we have to be vigilant against the attacks from the anti Christ. One important way we can safeguard our spiritual life is by remaining a people of prayer- a people who take seriously their commitment to honour one's covenant or promises made to God as a 'Covenanted People set apart to praise God.' One practical way which we can do this is by supporting each other in love through Franciscan Nurturing! That involves giving of our time, our energy, our love and our gifts to support those who are desperately struggling in their faith or life.

The vision of the Tau Community is not restricted to Brother Sean, Mother Olivea or Sister Theresa.....NO! The vision is for everyone to claim it as their prize from a Loving Father Mother God who wants each person to come together and share one's material goods for the sale of the whole family. It is a vision that will challenge a materialistically society driven by greed to abandon their meaningless lives to live a life of abundance devoid of fear, oppression, hedonistic tendencies even Epicureanism. The vision is about embracing the Natural World where all of God's creation is loved, nurtured with respected and where all creatures are treated as equal partners in God's survival plan for the universe.

The vision is one where many will come together to live as a community of like minded people within a wider interfaith spiritual community supporting the monastic's who have committed their hearts as active Prayer Consultants for a safer and cleaner world where all God's children are loved and can come and receive compassion endorsed by our Franciscan Hospitality. As members of the Tau family our message to all who are skeptical about us or the vision, we can safely say that no one is expected to convert to a religion, even to handing over vast sums of money to undergo courses or initiations, prior to being welcomed as Friends or Members of the Community. In saying this, we are aware that the vision will attract what we once called the 'monastic tramps' or New Age Hippies

who seek to self indulge rather than share their collective gifts as hand's on key participants of the community. Regrettably, there can be no place for idle hands or day dreamers who seek to glorify their egos at the sole expense of jeopardizing the equilibrium of the whole community. The Tau vision is not selective unlike many monastic communities whose criteria imposes many restrictions on potential members to be of the same sex, single, celibate and under thirty five years old! Members seeking admission to our eco sustainable eco pods/ community will be welcome from all faiths and none; from single to married couples or partners; to the twenty one's up to the eighty's. Those who chose chastity, or celibacy or whatever, are welcome too including brothers and sisters who are of same orientation. In other words, all are welcome here providing one is clean from alcohol and illicit drugs.

Above I referred too 'eco pods' as being the most suitable choice of accommodation for the members seeking admission to the Tau family. Ideally, those who choose to come on board to support the vision will be encouraged to purchase their own eco pod and in the event of their demise, they will leave the property to the community. So, no need to worry about having to live in a dormitory and live with another's snoring, etc. each member will secure their own eco pod and dress it according to their religious beliefs thus keeping the communal areas free from religious memorabilia for fear of causing offense to another's belief. The monastic's and non monastic members will gather three times daily for interfaith celebration through song, dance and praise as a family committed to living the simple life of Franciscan Spirituality sharing all goods in common for the wellbeing of the whole family. Money will not be used by any member within the family as bartering for goods and services will be the norm for survival.

As I write this New Year's message from my heart to yours I am inspired by the desire within our small interfaith community of like minded souls who are desperately seeking that alternative sense of real community where one feels loved and respected without fear. On Christmas Day, Mother Olivea with Brothers Murray, Sean, Rob and Murray's sister, Evelyn came to celebrate that wonderful event in our calendar. That Day, history was being made as it was the very first Christmas when members of the Tau Family came together as a loving family. It was an awesome feeling considering how fragmented many of us are through distance and time zones. However, I endorse the heartfelt words from our beloved Mother Olivea who reiterated many months ago that she felt in her heart that God was waiting for us to formulate a loving spiritual community first before being shown the way forward re: establishing the Monastery of Saint Francis of Peace and Compassion- our interfaith community. The hope which is

now being generated within our hearts creates a sense too of not having to retire alone or be placed by one's relatives into a Government run care home to await one's death. Within the Tau vision, provision will be guaranteed for all who have specific needs and it is hoped that as a caring community we shall care for all in need, regardless of disability or a life threatening condition. The latter is what is the true meaning of being a member of a loving interfaith community where all are one and one is everyone! And the only way forward for us is UP!

On New Year's Eve, 31st December, we sent out a personal request to all our members and Friends to come here to Chapel Gap, the Monastery of Saint Francis in Storth, the South Lakes, to celebrate our many blessings in 2009 and more importantly, that we now manifest our abundance for the Tau Vision in 2010 to become a visible reality by land being offered with the funds. The newly formed Tau League of Friends though struggling somewhat to find the volunteers to support their application for charitable status as well as preparing the many applications for funding, need the support and inner strength from the entire membership. There is no point us reneging on our commitment to the vision by saying we are interested when our hearts drift along with the local tides! I hold the simple belief that GOD has already appointed all of us to be Their Ambassadors or Spiritual Olympians to prepare many who now need the benefits of the Tau family to get their sleeves rolled up and help Richard our Chair and Eric our Treasurer of the Tau League of Friends. They cannot do this single handedly nor should we dare presume otherwise. So, on Sunday 17th January 2010, Mother Olivea, Sr. Theresa and myself have endorsed an EGM whereby all our Friends and Members, Oblates and Monastic's are cordially invited to come and share their views and hopefully offer practical skills to manifest GOD's vision for the wider community. Are you sufficiently interested or do you have any practical skills such as clerical, funding, public relations, media, fundraising, networking, etc. to offer? The time is now when we amalgam so as to consolidate our gifts and thereby allow GOD work through each one of us, their chosen sons and daughters. The time is 12.00 noon- 4pm and a light lunch will be provided for a small donation to the Tau funds. Please let us know if you intend on joining us here on Sunday 17th January 2010.....bless you all!

As we are governed by our Governing Document, we who now live as Lay Monastic's are prohibited from applying for any form of funding to support our existence, even to the day to day running costs. However, we do manage to just break evens by selling our home made produce and various gifts. Raising funds for the eco pods and land is an entirely different ball game which will demand a skilled Project Manager to give of their time in a voluntary capacity. Interested? Then, if so, please can you make contact with either myself,

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*A Spirit Filled 2010 and may your heart's desires be abundantly enriched
empowering you embrace the Natural World- the Franciscan Soul of
simplicity.*

DETAILS OF OUR FORTHCOMING RETREAT DAYS FOR MEMBERS,
FRIENDS/ OBLATES AND MONASTIC'S ARE ALL LISTED ON THE WEBSITE
AT: www.interfaithfranciscans.com