**Transformation - Ponderings**

**You have turned my mourning into dancing;**

**You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,**

**so that my soul may praise You and not be silent.**

***(Psalm 30:11-12)***

**He turns the wilderness into pools of water**

**and dry land into water springs.**

***(Psalm 107:35)***

**May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

 ***(Psalm 126:5)***

**Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn,**

**but the world will rejoice;**

**You will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy.**

***(St. John 16:20)***

**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:**

**everything old has passed away;**

**see, everything has become new!**

 ***(2 Corinthians 5:17)***

**He will transform the body of our humiliation**

**that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,**

**by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.**

***(Philippians 3:21)***

**You have stripped off the old self with its practices**

**and have clothed yourselves with the new self,**

**which is being renewed in knowledge**

**according to the image of its creator.**

***(Colossians 3:9-10)***

**You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed,**

**through the living and enduring word of God.**

***(1 Peter 1:23)***

**Behold, I make all things new. *(Revelation 21:5)***

**To the spiritually wise it is revealed that, when man is fully redeemed, he redeems and purifies and uplifts the animals in himself. The animal world will go through a complete transformation when the race is redeemed. *(Charles Fillmore, in The Twelve Powers of Man, p. 81)***

**This transformation is worked out by the individual himself, and is not the result of physical death but rather of the death or annihilation of the erroneous beliefs that ignorance has stored in the cells of the body. It is first a mental resurrection, followed by a body demonstration. *(Charles Fillmore, Atom-Smashing Power of Mind, p. 120)*If energy can’t be created or destroyed, then all we can do in life is transform something that already is. *(Dr. Paul Brenner)***

**We don’t say that all is evil; that would be mental suicide. Just say it is a “goat thought.” We do not kill it but transform it. *(Charles Fillmore)***

**We have to honor what we see in order to transform. *(S. McKenna Penn, in Reflections)***

**A person cannot transform his situation unless he is willing to change his ideas about it. (*Dr. John Lee)***

**Inside each human being is a soul worthy of respect. Whether the body is twisted or the mind is dulled, every soul is to be loved. All life is worth loving. Prejudice comes in many forms, but God’s love is strong enough to transform it. Then all those preconceived ideas we may have quickly vanish in a smile. *(Diane Crosby, in Unity magazine)*Consider how the peace of God within you might need to stretch and stand up, so that being who you are more fully will break the shell of your confinement. Pray to understand that, even if this stretching is uncomfortable, it is not bad or wrong, but simply necessary for the growth and evolution of your soul. Pray to be given the qualities of deep listening, courage and faith, patience and effort. And what that your own transformation supports the healing of the world. (*Diane Berke)***

**At a prearranged signal, the whole world is supposed to change into a butterfly. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The transformation of the world will be brought about not through a lateral but through a vertical effort: it is not only what we do but what we choose to become that will determine the future of the Earth. *(Marianne Williamson)***

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