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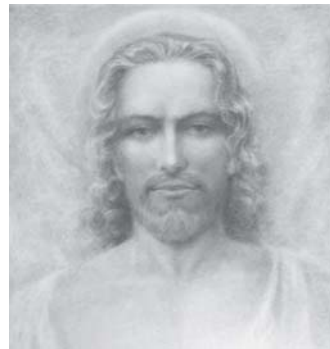
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Dear Friends and Spiritual Family,

What a warm and bright summer we have experienced so far. The light of the sun reenergizes the physical grounds of Questhaven, and also brings its rays into the very atoms that compose our bodies. The Great Ones teach us that the sun radiations bring different energies and spiritual influences into our life.

The first frequency from this spiritual sun is cleansing in nature. Its potencies are called *Sheloah*. May we receive its purifying radiations refreshing our whole being. In the verses of the Gayatri, we are awakened yet more deeply to the meanings of this experience.

Oh thou golden sun of most excellent splendor, illumine our hearts and fill our minds so that we, recognizing our oneness with the Divinity, which is the

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Ongoing Activities—All are Invited

Please call the office for further information—760-744-1500

Meditations on Wednesday evenings in Chapelito at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in this time of reverent attunement led by Jean Michalewicz.

Wisdom Teachings class held in Chapelito on alternating Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Led by Rev. Blake Isaac.

Pranic Healing Clinic: In the Academy the first Sunday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Led by Mary Clark, Ph.D.

Servers in Action: First Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. until noon.

Study Groups

Classes Studying The Christward Ministry Teachings

Monday: (2nd and 4th) at 7:30 p.m. Oceanside

Thursday: (1st and 3rd) at 1:30 p.m. Questhaven—Academy

Special Announcements

Silent Masters' Retreat Saturday, August 12. This is a day of silence and meditation to honor the Great Ones who came to this group 56 years ago.

Michaelmas Retreat, September 29–October 1, Our Feast of the Angels. See article for more information.

Holy Quest II Oct. 20–22. This series includes: *Seven Aspects of God, Historical Jesus and the Living Christ, The Seven Rays, and The Power of Thought*, presented by Rev. Phyllis Isaac, Rev. Susan Cary, Rev. Elizabeth Wood, and Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire.

Planning ahead: A special retreat on **Consciousness Training—Atoms and the Atomic Treatment**, November 17–19.

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A new world opens when we see—

The Wondrous Reality

By Rev. Flower A. Newhouse

An excerpt from Inspiration Magazine, March 1944.



Rev. Flower A. Newhouse,
founder of
Questhaven Retreat,
(photo from 1979).

Great world crises always bring us face to face with realities. In times of worship, crisis, or even during an enjoyment of Nature's beauties, a few persons have known a sudden, rapturous enlightenment of one of the most inspiring realities of the Eternal Creator. They have come into contact with the Kingdom of Angels, a path of God's life well represented in the sacred writings of all great religions and in the poetry and art of every advanced civilization.

Socrates and David

Socrates told his audience about the martyr Theodorus, who was sentenced to be tormented by the apostate Julian. An Angel clad in white ministered to the tortured man and upheld him in sanity and conduct.

David testified to the Angels' unselfish ministrations to human beings. "And the Angels of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear (reverence) Him and delivereth them." (Psalms 34:7)

Until the second century, the early Christian Fathers taught that men are permeated by the influence and kindnesses of Angelic Messengers. Even the learned Chaldeans, Egyptians, Persians, Grecians, Phoenicians and Romans respected the selfless activities of Angelic Visitants. Leaders such as Chrysostom, Athanasius, Augustine, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Origen, Sectus, Molina, Bonaventura, and Suarez accepted the fact of Their guardianship. Christians in the second century also maintained that there was an Angel in charge of each nation, city, church, and person.

Ambrose stressed appreciation for the Holy Orders. At the fateful Council of Laodicea, much that belonged to Christ's teachings was condemned, either as heresy or as

with portraits of these masters on display. Their words will greet you at numerous places on the grounds. Come walk the trails and reflect on these Holy Ones who work to guide us daily.

EL DESEO UPDATE: The work on El Deseo has been completed. From one who recently stayed there, "There is a radiance of beauty and love in this special place." El Deseo's internal transformation has truly made this cottage the *belle of the ball*. Your generosity has been a vital component, breathing in new life and beauty into this special place. To date we've received \$13,228.09. Externally there is still some cosmetic work to be finished. We extend our deep gratitude to all who have given so generously of their time and finances. May it forever bless all who enter with Christ's awakening love.



My Hero

A 4th Grade School Assignment By Summer Isaac

My hero is God cause he watches over us with a special, warm, heart. He's the one who started the world also. I imagine him looking like curly hair, blond hair. He helps me if I need help. If I feel like I can't do something he will help me do it. He watches over me every day. At night he kisses me gently and blows me a kiss. And I go to sleep and he shoos the bad guys away as I'm in a deep sleep. I love my God and he loves me and takes care of me.

Ministry Moments

By Rev. Blake Isaac

PLANNING MEETING: In April, many dedicated individuals gathered to discuss plans and ideas for the ministry to consider for the year ahead. The main insight that pervaded all discussions was that Christ needs to be at the center of all we do. From that vantage point, a new retreat was discussed for November that expands the Great Ones' teachings on atoms. Several themes were presented, with discussions ranging from ways to improve our emergency plan to forming a committee for designing Questhaven "logo" shirts. Thanks to all who attended. We will meet again in October.

COLLECTED WORKS UPDATE: The first volume has just been received by the ministry. This eagerly-awaited edition features a unique blend of Flower A. Newhouse's thoughts on various spiritual topics from both her writings and her lectures. Special thanks to Rev. Phyllis Isaac, Gwen Hulbert, and Evelyn Alemanni for their hard work in pulling this project together.

VERNAL RETREAT WORKSHOP: The nature/photography workshop based on the theme "Hidden Treasures" was enthusiastically received. Participants discovered several gems of beauty on the Questhaven trails, and learned ways to improve their picture-taking skills. A gallery display of nature photographs by the Hulbert family brightened Friendship House as well.

SPIRITUAL TRIP UPDATE: Thanks to Doree Evanoff and Laurel Rivera for pouring their time and energy into the initial stages of preparing a very special spiritual trip. The plans are being set for Divine meeting of God in nature as we journey to the land of lakes and mountains at Glacier National Park. Please see the announcement in this issue for more information.

CHAIRPERSON CIRCLE ONGOING: A marvelous group of seekers comes together once a month to see how they can add to the Sunday service. Through prayer, discussion, and openness they work to improve their speaking skills and their ability to bring in the Light. Anyone who would like to join this dedicated group is welcome. Special thanks to Felice Reynolds for coordinating this group.

SILENT MASTERS RETREAT ON AUGUST 12: On this Saturday, we honor the Great Ones who came to this group 56 years ago. It is our chance to devote an entire day of silence and meditation as we work to tune in to their presence. Chapelito will be open,

doctrine unsuited for universal endorsement. The Phrygian group of Christians continued praising and blessing the Ministry of Angels and their beliefs largely induced the Church's return to a recognition of the Angelic Kingdom at the Latern Council in 1215 A.D. Since this event in the thirteenth century, Christianity has embraced the missions of Angels and called them good.

In the Bible

Because so much concerning the Inhabitants of Higher Worlds is hinted at in the Bible, all the churches and denominations composing Christianity should seek a better understanding of this glorious subject. In sixteen books of the Bible, Angels are mentioned. A few of these accounts reveal how fully the companionship and instruction of the Angels were accepted. In Genesis, Hagar is advised by one of God's Messengers. In Judges we note, "*An Angel of the Lord came... to Bochim, and said, 'I made you go up out of Egypt and have brought you into the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said I will never break my covenant with you.'*" Gideon said, in awe-stricken tone, "*I have seen an Angel of the Lord face to face.*"

Other Biblical Accounts

A Heavenly One encouraged Elijah. Ornan was counseled by such a visitor. Zacharias and Mary heard prophetic news from the Archangel Gabriel. An Angel companioned Jesus in the wilderness and One rolled away the stone that barred the tomb. Peter, Paul, and Elias were released from prison by Angelic Freers. Philip was given the course he should travel by a Shining One. It was an Angel who revealed to Cornelius where his servants would find Peter.

One of our foremost needs in spiritual studies is an overcoming of the vague acceptance we have accorded the reality of Angels for Their actual nearness is too great and wondrous for superficial assent. Those who are earnest shall emerge from dim conceptions of this resplendent Truth, as finer, wiser, and more blessed Christians, because one more veil shall have been parted for their deeper insight.

Meet Jean and Paul Michalewicz

by Rev. Susan S. Cary

Life drew Jean and Paul from their beginnings in the East to Southern California and Questhaven. Jean was born in Morristown, New Jersey to committed Presbyterian parents. Her early Christian direction came naturally. Likewise, family influenced her strong musical inclinations—her maternal grandmother was an accomplished pianist, her paternal grandmother, a gifted singer. Jean continued that tradition, starting piano lessons in grade three and continuing for seven years. Active in church choirs, youth and adult groups, she accompanied their hymns and rehearsals.



photo by Blake Isaac

In college, Jean majored in sociology. Then, in 1970, she was admitted to Drew Theological School where she pursued a Master's of Religious Education degree, but changed course after feeling troubled by the ideas of the German theologians she studied. She expanded her views after meeting Paul and later, Hal Lingerman. Both had a broader view of spirituality that included reincarnation.

After gaining teaching certification in 1974, she taught pre-school in New Jersey and New Hampshire. She later did substitute teaching in Colorado and California. In 1985, Jean began working for the County of San Diego as a social service worker who determined eligibility for the cash aid, food stamp and Medi-Cal programs. For a few years she was a member of their in-house Toastmaster's group. Jean had the opportunity to participate as a commentator on a religious news program that was an Emmy award-winning effort of a San Diego ecumenical group. This show was televised on the local ABC station.

While continuing her social service work, Jean is completing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science. In addition to this already full schedule, she leads the Christward Ministry Monday evening study group and the Wednesday evening meditations in Chapelito. She has coordinated retreats and participated in the movement and handbell choirs. She is a long-time member of the voice choir where her clear soprano voice lifts our Sunday services.

Paul was born in Manhattan, New York. He began public school in the Yorkville area of Manhattan, followed by private school in grades seven and eight. His love of foreign language

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brilliant mass plantings of yellows, whites, and blues. The husband would get up at 4 a.m. so that he would have sufficient time to hand water all his plants before going to work. Do you remember that Flower told us how important it is to hand water plants? She said they enjoy it so much, and that on the inner, the reaction of the plants seeing us coming with a hose or watering can was like a dog excitedly jumping up and down and wagging its tail in greeting.

One night, the people of Washington Court House invited us to a potluck dinner at a church hall. We were surprised to see the man with the fabulous garden sitting at a piano with his 16-year-old daughter standing next to him. After dinner, the daughter sang the most beautiful hymns. As she sang, I heard one and sometimes two distinct voices accompanying her. When she finished, my judging partner whispered to me, "Did you hear the angels singing with her?"

We usually expect to encounter Angels of Song in a church, yet there they were, that night, in the church social hall, singing along with this young woman who had weighed one pound at birth and was not expected to live. Angels of Song help the Angels of Adoration to lift our spirits. Singers who are channeled and self-emptied tune into these frequencies; their voices echo the quality and range of Angelic songs. The majesty of the music resounds in our mind and spirit.

Logan, Ohio, is an Appalachian town whose people are smart, generous, and hardworking. They won the America in Bloom award for community involvement. In their town of 8000 people, in one year, volunteers donated more than half a million hours of their time to various community projects. What a difference they make!

I was given the opportunity to see the restored stained glass dome on the First Presbyterian Church, which was built in 1890. Climbing up the staircase to the very top, we looked down through the colored glass into the church. Just as I was thinking this must be what it looks like to those who are observing us from the inner planes, my host said to me, "Presbyterians believe that there are some areas where the separation between Heaven and earth is thinner, and you can see across. Don't you get that impression when you look through this glass?"

In Corning, New York, the angels who work with animals were much in evidence. Even though this was an urban area, many bird species were present. The parks were planted with berry-producing shrubs for the birds, and lots of trees throughout the town provided habitat for them. Boy Scouts built and installed nesting boxes in city parks, and peregrine falcon boxes were provided at three locations.

What an adventure this has been, observing angels at work everywhere in our country, helping us with every possible thing that we need. This summer the adventure continues as I evaluate fourteen towns in the United States and Canada.

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Garden Angels Across America

By Evelyn Alemanni

For several years, I've volunteered as a judge for a program called *America in Bloom*, a friendly competition between cities of the same size for the best quality of life. When receiving my 2005 judging assignments, I decided to observe carefully as I spoke with people, to try to determine how angels have been helping them and working with them.

Just as the *America in Bloom* program is holistic, so were the encounters with angels. It was not just the nature beings that I had expected. The following are just a few of many examples I experienced on this cross-country experience.

My first trip was to Gardendale, Alabama. At the home of a family whose daughter had been killed in a car crash, church members created a memorial garden with roses, arbors, and walking paths for quiet meditation. The garden was so peaceful and fragrant that neighbors all along the street quickly added similar designs to their own landscapes. The woman who lived there told me, "This is where God is—right here in my garden. This is where I find God every single day."

How they love to pray in Gardendale! Gardendale has 36 churches for a population of 12,000 and the only traffic jams are on Sunday morning. Before leaving Gardendale, I had the opportunity to worship at the First Baptist Church, a mega-church with 8000 members. Their choir's 130 voices were accompanied by a 32-piece orchestra. The power in that church was remarkable. There, I felt strongly the presence of what Flower called the "Religious Angels," the ones whose work is to bring individuals closer to God. They plant the seeds of worship and wonder that undergird religious faith and they set the stage for the experience of the mystical.

In that church, I felt the presence of the Angels of Adoration, who lift the consciousness of the worshipers. They transform them; the difference in the people as they left the service was palpable. The angels had enveloped the speaker with an angelic outpouring of joy and a power. The entire service was a celebration of worship, raying out energies that spread through all of Gardendale and remained in the hearts of the worshipers throughout the week.

As Flower said, the Angels of Adoration work to awaken passive individuals, prompting them to see the light that active engagement of spiritual principles makes possible. They sensitize worshipers to key statements of the speaker. The Angels of Prayer were present in that church as well, giving their gift of love as they watched, strengthened, and assisted the transitions that prayers and meditations undergo as they are received and answered.

In Washington Court House, Ohio, one home was spectacularly landscaped with

motivated a fluency in both Latin and German. He attended a public high school near Lincoln Center. Paul met wonderful music teachers through the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and New York University's College of Music Education. At the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, a gifted organist and choir director trained him extensively in organ construction, literature, and interpretation, as well as in choral literature and its interpretation.

Majoring in organ and piano, and minoring in music education, he got his degree at New York University with a license to teach general, vocal and instrumental music grades K-12.

In 1970, Paul entered the Master of Divinity degree program at Drew University's Theological School. Having experienced numerous mystical encounters, he approached his studies from a visionary perspective. For one of his courses, he wrote a paper entitled, *The Healthy and Pathological in Religious Experience*. Although his advisor suggested he publish it, he declined, but permitted his mentor to use its ideas in a presentation at the Jung Institute in Zurich in 1974.

After completing his course at Drew in 1973, he continued his study of theology and psychology. In the midst of this, his father died—a significant blow which made it difficult for him to re-engage in his work. However, he did complete the course, emphasizing in his ordination exam mystical, inner spiritual direction despite the presiding powers that held orthodox views.

His first ministry was in a New Hampshire church. At that time, he joined a pastoral counseling center. Here he could use his inner direction, along with the study of psychological disciplines, to help people on their inner journey. He recognized the need for further training in how to employ this in his ministry. Two of his teachers, one a clinical psychologist and ordained minister, the other a published author and ordained minister, mentored him in this quest.

Receiving a command from within to give the message of the inner Christ to his congregation, he found them unready to receive it and unresponsive.

After a short ministry in Colorado, he and Jean moved to California, where he made a career change. He studied at San Diego State University, receiving a Master's Degree in Social Work in 1988 with a major emphasis in psychiatric social work and a minor in administration. Licensed as clinical social worker in 1993, he currently works in a local non-profit counseling agency. Here he does psychotherapy, and trains, teaches and supervises other therapists and social workers. Currently he is program manager of a court-mandated service to teach and promote family peace.

Paul now affirms that whatever he has become is largely due to the Inner World's breaking into his life. He seeks to have an inner-directed life and finds himself most successful when he works quietly behind the scenes, out of public view. His key is to be receptive and honor in living the directions received from these inner sources. When he hasn't done so he has paid a price. He learned to listen. During Paul's New England days a lifelong friend, Hal Lingerman, encouraged Paul to go to Questhaven to meet Flower Newhouse. In Flower, he

found a person who had intimate connection with the Divine and who communicated its reality. In an interview after his coming to California, she was able to help him understand the meaning of a mystical transformative experience of years past.

For the past ten years he has blessed Questhaven with his love of and expertise in music. Hearing Angelic sounds from the inner planes, he understands what music points to, and tries to bring people to that place in his work as our choir director. We salute and thank this dedicated couple for their love of and devotion to Christ through their service here at Questhaven and to the surrounding community.

A GOING TO THE SUN TOUR

Questhaven is planning a 2007 spiritual sojourn to GLACIER NATIONAL PARK in Montana. We will travel among mountain peaks, glaciers, waterfalls and lakes for 8 days (7 nights).

Our group will be leaving on or about July 17, 2007. The cost will be approximately \$1500 per person, based on hotel double occupancy and flights from San Diego.

If you are interested in joining our group, please let the office know so we can send you a flyer with more details when it is ready. Bookings will need to be made early, due to limited hotel space in the park at that peak season of year.

The Collected Works, Volume One—Christian Mysticism

The first volume of *The Collected Works of Flower A. Newhouse* is now available. This distillation of over 40 years of Flower's talks and writings was edited by Stephen and Phyllis Isaac. It is an invaluable resource for those interested in Christian Mysticism. This hardbound volume will make a superb addition to the library of anyone seeking truth and can be useful for research and in-depth study, as well as providing inspiration for daily meditations.

Chapters include *The Mystery of God, The Lord Christ, The Holy Spirit, Spirit of Grace, Inner Perception, Experiencing God through Silence, Meditation, Prayer, Healing, Nature, and Beauty and the Arts.*

Books are available at the Christward Ministry office: 760-744-1500.

Michaelmas Retreat 2006

By Jean Michalewicz

Michaelmas is a very special time of the year devoted to honoring all the members of the Angelic Kingdom. They truly are God's Helpers who reach out to humankind, the creatures, and life in nature. Angels of Adoration are one of the many orders within the Angelic Kingdom. They are present when we gather to worship God and Christ. Worshipers send thought waves out into the atmosphere when they pray and meditate. Thought waves are also created by singing hymns and anthems, and by performing rituals. Flower explained that Angels of Adoration dip into these thought waves, "molding and focusing their strong radiations upon persons who need their beneficial influence. Every group that mentions God is like a bonfire, attracting Angels to use its channelship for increasing the recognition of God."

This year we can increase our knowledge of Angels and express our gratitude for these very special beings by participating in Questhaven's three day Michaelmas Retreat. The Friday evening service will focus on the life and spiritual experience of Questhaven's founder, Flower Newhouse. Narration and dance will depict her life from childhood to young adulthood when she had a visitation from the Lord Christ and received the details of her mission for this lifetime. The Christ asked Flower to teach about the Angelic Kingdom and to prepare individuals for higher unfoldment.

On Saturday, all are invited to enjoy the natural beauty of the Retreat grounds by exploring its trails. Other Saturday activities include a guided meditation in the Church of the Holy Quest followed by a class and discussion devoted to learning more about Angels. On Saturday evening there will be a potluck, followed by DVD viewing of a former Friday evening Michaelmas service, *Journey of a Soul*. The Sunday morning worship service, which includes a talk given by Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire entitled, *Michaelmas—Honoring the Legions of Light*, will conclude this year's Michaelmas Retreat.

We invite all who love the Angels and want to expand their awareness of these wonderful beings to attend this retreat.

"Angelic ministrants are occupied with the work of cleansing, quickening, and inspiring mankind from the superphysical levels." Flower A. Newhouse

"For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalms 91:11