

The Greatest Gift

I ask you to think for a moment: What is the greatest gift you could give anyone?

While some might think of a hugely exotic present or some totally wonderful experience I am sure that many will think of something more subtle. Is it love? Or freedom?

I think that the greatest gift you could give anyone is to recognise their true being.

After all what is a human being? In front of us stands the person, large or small, friend or foe, or perhaps worse, indifferent. It is too easy to simply see this person as just a body, we all know there is more than that. Yet knowing is not enough, we all tend to see the person in front as a cipher: as 'in the way', or 'a means to an end', as a 'unit of production' or as the one we have to deal with before we can get our shopping out of the door.

Give it a little thought and we soon realise that viewed from the inside a human being is huge, absolutely massive, a whole world. From inside the each of us the "I" can see time flowing, space extending into the infinite, a life planned, love gained and lost and found again. From inside each of us the world looks different, the actions each one of us makes from the smallest gesture of the hand to the largest decision on a life plan, these actions form the world we live in. and yet we know that so much of this happens unconsciously. The more conscious we seek to become the more unconscious we realise we have. It is vast. Out of this vastness flows that which creates what I am: I am the world seeking to become conscious of itself. Every 'I am' is this search.

When I look upon a human being if I seek to see, not their body alone nor their function in my life, greater in size than the body though that is. If we seek to see their function in their *own* life as we look upon them, or even more if we seek to see "who is this person in their reality, from what source and through what points does this person flow in their becoming, through what joys and sorrows does their Self make it's gift to the world?" then we begin to recognise their true being. What greater gift can we make to anyone, in passing or in a life together than that we seek to recognise their true being. Can it do anything less than strengthen their own becoming when we look upon someone with the question: "who are you in your reality, what is your path in this world?"

It is said that Michael the archangel is the guiding spirit of these tumultuous times that we live in. it is said that his name (ending in EL, the ancient name of God, as does each of the archangels) means: "Who is Like God?" perhaps to seek to relate to the true essence of being in each person we meet is to join with the time spirit in creating a more spiritually awake world.