

TLIG Mail Unity Week

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Welcome to the many new readers of the True Life in God newsletter! This week in the Christian world is dedicated to unity. I was one of those people who enjoyed reading TLIG mainly because of the understanding it gave me of Jesus and to experience His mercy and consolation. The beauty of the messages, their poetry lifts our hearts to want to love God. The messages give bucketfuls of hope!

It was only in stages that I began to understand unity and the importance of unity. For years I did not really "get it." Maybe some of our old readers and new readers also do not quite "get it." My attitude was ... "unity...eh - thats for the church leaders to figure out and has nothing to do with me." How wrong I was!

It is a coincidence that yesterday, Jan 17th [the hands of the doomsday clock were moved from 7 to 5 minutes from midnight?](#) Now this decision was taken in consultation with 18 nobel laureates. Unity has a lot to do with all of us clergy and lay people. More today than ever unity is the medicine we all need in our countries, our church, in our families and in our hearts. The teachings on Unity in TLIG are a priceless [treasure](#). Would it be possible if Christians made unity and really loved one another as scripture commands us, that humanity would stand in a position to destroy itself with nuclear weapons? Unity in LOVE first is the root...and who should be able to really LOVE, demonstrate brotherly love? THE CHRISTIANS!!! If we cannot do it...who is going to do it? Our God is Love! Who will do it...the atheists? If Christians cannot practice unity and love one another as Vassula has said so many times it is a scandal! In the Bible John 13:34 and 13:35 we read:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Jesus says, "[I am the Lord of Peace not of dissension...](#)"

Those who dismiss Unity fail to understand. Jesus says: "I am shouting and I am trying to break through your deafness to save you..."

Jesus tells Vassula in the same message,

["...your mission, little one, is to bring My people under one Name, My Name, and break bread together..."](#)

Unity is a major focus of the work of TLIG. We the readers of TLIG should have a special commitment not only to understanding and practicing unity, **but also praying for unity**. This week in our busy lives maybe we can take time to refresh and deepen our understanding of unity and especially to pray for unity. All week this series of e-mails will be focused on trying to help us in this direction.

A Spiritual Echo of Unity

An Address given by Vassula Ryden to the Ecumenical Conference of the World Council of Churches

You can read or you can listen to the audio recording of the actual talk.

The following is a transcript of Vassula Ryden's address to the Ecumenical Conference of the World Council of Churches, held during Unity Week, January 23, 1992, in the Ecumenical Center, Geneva, Switzerland.

Listen to a recording of this talk >>>[HERE](#)

[Ms. Vassula Ryden is a voice of spirituality and unity. She speaks to all Christians, Orthodox, Catholics, and Protestants, transmitting a message of peace love, and unity: "May they all be one," by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Many who have listened to the message have found it to be a deep source of inspiration. She has been invited by interested colleagues.]

(from the material introducing Vassula's talk)

I will read you a small introduction about myself, and then later on I will read you a few messages of unity. [read more](#)

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As part of Unity week here is a second meditation for new and old readers of True Life in God. Vassula delivered this speech in the Holy Land in 1998. It was for the international TLIG pilgrimage. On this pilgrimage we had clergy from many denominations and participants from over thirty countries. This powerful speech gets to the very heart of the meaning and import of Unity. At the same time it reminds all of us exactly where we are going and brings immense refreshment and hope!!! A friend of mine once said if something is worth reading once it is worth reading many times. This definitely holds true for the talk below!

Unity from the Heart

by Vassula

Holy Land Pilgrimage 1998

Unity will come in the conversion of our heart; that means by our love and our faith. It is not a matter of a signed treaty and it will not come either by the mighty who are fragmented; unity will come and will be lived by those who would have allowed the Holy Spirit to touch them in their poverty and be their Light. Unity will come when we use the two keys our Lord is offering us, which are: humility and love. If we use these two keys, unity will triumph over our division which is a sin. Unity will come when we truly begin to love Jesus Christ. Unity will come when we will die to ourselves. Unity will come when we lower our voices to hear Christ's voice and thus do His Will. Unity will come when we lower our heads and allow Christ's Head to be seen. Unity will come when we will start looking after Christ's Interests and not ours.

"Today there is a division in My Church as never before; like Cain and Abel, brothers, yet unlike one from the other; one blood, yet different; one was sincere, the other one not, one was well disposed, the other one was ill-disposed and displeasing Me..." [to read more click here](#)

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This third meditation for Unity week is a very short talk given by Monsignor Isidore Battika to the international pilgrims of [TLIG in Syria in 2005](#). He had never read True Life in God and had never heard of Vassula. Our visit there was a surprise to him. When you read his comments

it is a very powerful confirmation of teachings on unity in the messages. His talk is what you could call "real life" - as it is based on actual experience in Syria. The footnote at the bottom of the page is a must read along with the article .

Good evening!

My problem is in which language I should speak. In Greek? Ellinika? Arabic? Or do you prefer French? English is better. So you have to support my poor English. OK? If you don't understand you tell me, so maybe I speak in Arabic.

Welcome in Damascus! I am the Patriarchate Vicar for the Greek Catholic in Damascus. I will tell you the reality of the church in Syria. to [read more click here](#)

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This final meditation for Unity week is a speech Vassula gave at a place called Farfa outside Rome. This talk has been hand delivered to hundreds if not thousands of clergy in all the churches. Every Christian on earth could benefit from reading it, and all of us should forward it, print it and give it to as many people as possible. For old and new readers of True Life in God it is worthy to read again and again. It gets to the very heart of the meaning and purpose of Unity. This talk fires our will to work and pray with more fervor than ever for Unity!

TLIG e-news editor

Ecumenism and Spirituality

In November, 2001, Vassula was invited to an official symposium on ecumenism at a place called Farfa, outside Rome. It was held by the sisters of St. Birgitta. Vassula was to represent the point of view of unity from a lay person. Each participant had to speak for an hour to be followed by a debate with questions. The whole committee consisted of Roman Catholics and Lutherans. The Catholic Bishop of Sweden was there as well as many professors of theology and Monsignors and different clergy. The four day symposium had many speakers all of whom were theologians and clergy apart from Vassula.

When Vassula had finished her talk and was waiting for questions to come in and a debate to start, the theologian who led the symposium was weeping. He then said: "This sermon on unity we have just heard was the most fervent sermon I have ever heard in my entire life. Therefore... [to read more click here](#)