

## ***BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW***

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*“While organic evolution seems to build on repeated patterns from the past, it is the lure of the future that directs evolutionary becoming.”*

This quote is from a book published in January 07 – *The Transformation of Desire* – written by Fr. Diarmuid O’Murchu, who is a leading edge Catholic priest. He has been associated with CANA since the start and gave one of the talks at our very first conference. [*He is also due to be the guest speaker at our conference September 09 conference*]. [Click here to view](#). Like Fr Adrian Smith, he is a prolific writer, understanding the critical importance of the Christian world moving from its focus on the past to being fully in the present and responding to the evolutionary pull of the future – a future which depends on us for its’ unfolding. In his book, Diarmuid includes this quote:

*“Theology has conceived of God too much in terms of the notion of a Prime Mover impelling things from the past. Evolution demands that we think of God as drawing the world from up ahead attracting it forward into the future.”* John F Haught (2003)

So, we also need to rethink our notion of God. Just as when a child progresses from kindergarten, it is not that their understanding of 1, 2, 3, was wrong but that they experience an expansion of understanding into how they can manipulate numbers and a new reality opens up. Is this, then, our task? As a grouping which is ‘on the edge’ of Christian experience and thinking is it our task to provide leadership in opening up a space in which a new reality can emerge?

In all spheres of life today we see the need for the emergence of a new consensus for human life on this planet. Of course, the old ego forms feel threatened. The old paradigms of profit and power will fight to perpetuate their reign, but “Onward Christian Soldiers” – no-one promised it would be easy. The path that will emerge will be a new consensus of how we would like the world to be. We can no longer leave this emergence to occur quietly over time. The likely timescales are far too long for this to be an effective strategy in the face of current world pressures and dangers. We need now to become architects of our own destiny and facilitate a new path ahead.

If this is the challenge, then how might we best respond?

At a retreat in Glastonbury in 2007 we explored together the inner path which has been buried within the mystical and Gnostic aspects of Christianity for so long, experienced how this is now resurfacing and how we might work with it towards the emergence of the ‘New’. “Behold, I make all things New”. Now is the time that we are beginning to appreciate the depth of this statement.

And what exactly is it that is emerging? Well, by definition, we cannot know in detail as its unfolding will depend on us. What we can sense is that it will include a return to ‘universal law’ – the principles that underpin all Christ’s teaching for those who “*have eyes to see and ears to hear*”. We can appreciate that every human has the capacity to embrace a higher consciousness and achieve true gnostic awareness. We can also resonate with a growing understanding that what is emerging here is the prophesied ‘Church of Love’. May we respond to its emergence within us.

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This Cathar prophecy was found in 1986

### **THE CHURCH OF LOVE**

It has no fabric, only understanding  
It has no membership save those who know they belong  
It has no rivals because it is non-competitive  
It has no ambition; it seeks only to serve  
It has no boundary; for nationalisms are unloving

It is not of itself because it seeks to enrich all groups and religions  
It acknowledges all teachers of all ages who have shown the Power and Truth of Love  
It seeks not to teach but to be, and by being, enrich  
It knows the time has come for the supreme transmutation, the conscious and free change of  
direction of the ego, a return to wholeness and the holistic direction  
It does not proclaim itself loudly but in the subtle realms of loving  
It salutes all those in the past who have blazed the path but paid the price  
It has no hierarchy of structure, for no one being is greater than another  
It recognises the spiritual purpose of Evolution, which may only be accomplished if humanity  
practises the supremacy of Love  
It has no secret, no Arcanum, no initiation save that of True Understanding of the Power of  
Love; and that, if we want it to be so, the world will change, but only if we change  
ourselves first  
It has no reward to offer either here or in the hereafter save that of the ineffable joy of being  
and loving  
There is no barrier of membership due to any walk of life or nationality  
Those who participate, practice the Truth of Love in all their being  
Members will know each other by their deeds and being and by no outward sign save the  
fraternal embrace  
Each will dedicate their life to the silent loving of their neighbour and environment and the  
planet, while carrying out their task, however exalted or humble  
Each shall seek to advance the cause of understanding, doing good by stealth and teaching by  
example  
They shall heal their neighbour, their community and our planet  
They shall not fear nor feel shame and their witness shall prevail over all odds  
ALL THOSE WHO BELONG, BELONG; THEY BELONG TO THE CHURCH OF LOVE