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My Fellow Brethren,

As we await the solar eclipse, an awe-inspiring event where the moon covers the sun, let's see it as a metaphor for our Masonic journey.

Sometimes, we face moments of misunderstanding and conflict, just like the temporary darkness during an eclipse. But remember, it's our masonic solid values—like brotherly love, helping others, and being truthful—that help us navigate these challenges.

It's important to ask ourselves whether our actions benefit the whole fraternity or ourselves. By putting aside minor disagreements and working together towards common goals, we truly live up to our Masonic principles.

Please think of this as our version of a Masonic adventure, where, like heroes from our stories, we overcome obstacles by sticking together. This way, we make our brotherhood stronger and shine a light on the positive impact we can have on our community.

Let's use this time to grow closer, learn from each other, and move forward as a united group, ready to turn any moment of darkness into a brighter future for all.

Yours sincerely in brotherhood,

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...Now here's a Lodge in



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Around and About
(News & Notices)

**NUIT DES MUSÉES 2024: VISIT THE
FREEMASONRY MUSEUM IN PARIS BY
NIGHT**



EVENTS TO COME



[Museum Night 2024: visit the Freemasonry Museum in Paris at night](#)

The Freemasonry Museum is participating in the 20th edition of Museum Night, on Saturday May 18, 2024, offering the opportunity to discover the influence of Freemasonry on the evolution of society!



[The Museum of Freemasonry: an organization between History and mysteries](#)

Discover the influence of Freemasonry on society and the History of France over the centuries, in the heart of the Grand Orient of France. The opportunity to learn the mysteries of this organization!

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Coming Soon...

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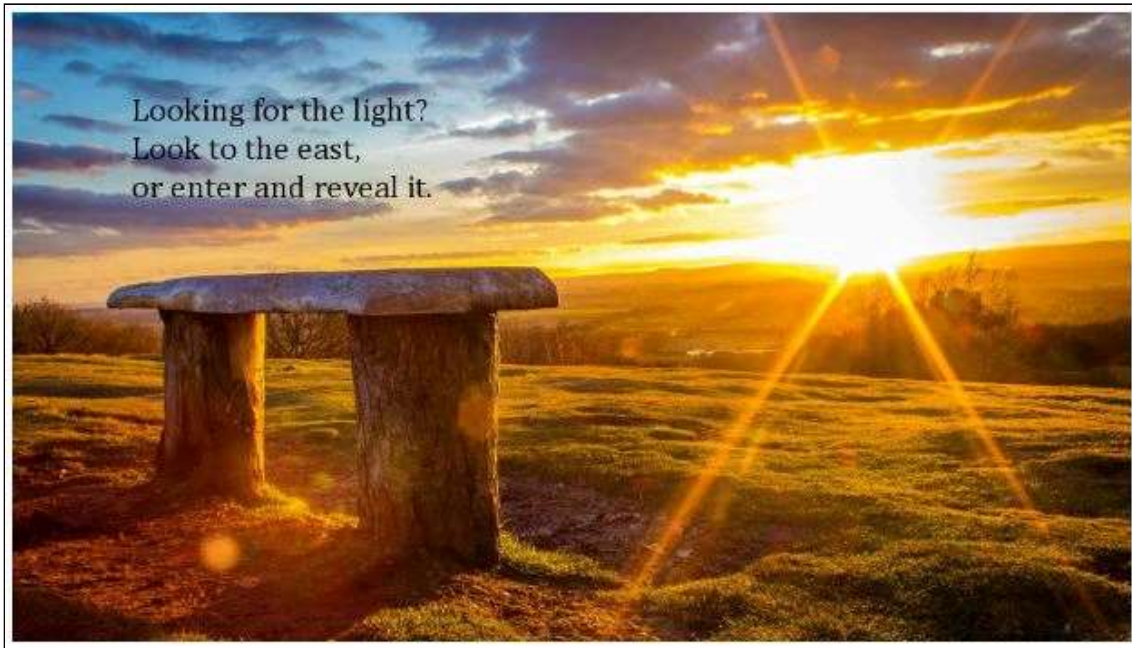
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This Month in History

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the [treaty](#) creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

Birthday April 6 - Renaissance artist Raphael (1483-1520) was born in Urbino, Italy. He created some of the world's greatest masterpieces including 300 pictures with a Madonna theme. He died on his 37th birthday in Rome.

April 8th - Among Buddhists, celebrated as the birthday of Buddha (563-483 B.C.). An estimated 350 millions persons currently profess the Buddhist faith.



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www.grandlodge.on.ca

Nature & Science



Destruction of Ego | Jordan Peterson



Why did Jesus Rise on the Third Day? *New Life, Covenants, and an Ancient Pattern*

The Third Day Matters

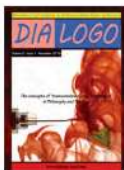
For Jesus and the apostles, the timing of his resurrection has strong theological implications. The three-day timeline matters to the biblical narrative because it is the special day on which God creates new life and activates his covenant with humanity. How did the New Testament authors arrive at this understanding?

Jesus and the New Testament authors are drawing from a consistent third-day design pattern found in the [Hebrew Scriptures](#). Exploring this pattern for ourselves can enrich our understanding of Jesus' resurrection and the significance of the third day.



The SPACE between the notes

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The Universe, the 'body' of God. About the vibration of matter to God's command or

The theory of divine leverages into matter

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The link between seen and unseen, matter and spirit, flesh and soul was always presumed, but never clarified enough, leaving room for debates and mostly controversies between the scientific domains and theologies of a different type; *how could God, who is immaterial, have created the material world?* Therefore, the logic of obtaining a result on this concern (would be) is first to see how religions have always seen the ratio between divinity and matter/universe. In this part, the idea of a world personality is implied by many, so that nature itself was transformed into a person ; others have seen within the universe/the world a Spirit ruling all, connecting all and bending all to God's commands. In a way or another, every culture has gifted the universe/nature with the capability of ruling all, seeing everything and controlling, even determining facts by connecting all together with a *Great Spirit*. What is this *Great Spirit* of all and where it resides? With the analogy of human body in relation to his Spirit we will try to figure out a place or vehicle for the Spirit to dwell the body, and the Great Spirit the matter. The Christianity names this linkage between God and matter as 'the (un)created grace of God', which indwells matter and helps the Creator move and transform things. Is there any scientific argument to sustain such assertion? Can we argue somehow that God's voice makes matter vibrate from within the way it can recombine primer elements into giant stars to the human body? If so, what should be the ratio between theology and science on this issue and with these assertions? How could God command to matter to bring things and beings out of it and what were the material leverages that was supposed to be operated to accomplish His will? However, if we can assume that God resides in the universe – as a whole, His body, or as in its very fabric – can we also figure out how is this even possible, without transforming our explanation into a pantheistic and immanent exclusive one? Through these 'divine leverages within matter' theory, there is no need for questioning evolutionism, creationism, pantheism, deism and many other cosmological hypotheses any longer.

**Primary Source Document
with Questions (DBQs)**

**SEEING INTO ONE'S OWN NATURE
By Linji Yixuan**

Introduction

Linji Yixuan (d. 867) was a Chan (Zen) Buddhist monk of the late Tang dynasty (618-907). Like all schools of Buddhism, the Chan school taught that all sentient beings have the Buddha nature within them and that Enlightenment is achieved by truly recognizing one's own true nature, i.e. the Buddha nature of being enlightened. The Chan school taught that enlightenment comes suddenly, in a flash of spiritual insight. The monk Yixuan, better known as Linji after the small temple in Hebei province where he moved in 851, was the founder of what became the Linji (Rinzai) school of Buddhism. Linji's teaching of his disciples was characterized by shouting and beatings administered suddenly and in such a way as to shock the student out of his everyday consciousness and thus precipitate the sudden flash of insight in which the student would realize his own true nature.

In the sermon below, delivered before an assembly of monks and laymen, Linji explains this concept of "seeing into one's own nature."

Document Excerpts with Questions (Complete document follows this section)

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Leadership Development



Flower Sermon

the origin of [Zen Buddhism](#)

In the story, the Buddha gives a wordless sermon to his disciples ([sangha](#)) by holding up a white flower. No one in the audience understands the Flower Sermon except [Mahākāśyapa](#), who smiles. Within Zen, the Flower Sermon communicates the ineffable nature of [tathātā](#) (suchness) and Mahākāśyapa's smile signifies the direct [transmission](#) of wisdom without words. The Buddha affirmed this by saying:

I possess the true [Dharma](#) eye, the marvelous mind of [Nirvana](#), the true form of the formless, the subtle dharma gate that does not rest on words or letters but is a special transmission outside of the scriptures. This I entrust to Mahākāśyapa.[1]



“Music is the space between the notes”

- Claude Debussy

... by the Lighthouse Beam



How to see clearly through deceptive emotions | Kristen Lindquist

Administration

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