

Mysterious Letter:

The following letter was found in the typewriter of Peter P. Orłowski by one of his children two days after his death. To whom this letter was addressed, we do not know, but it could have been written for us. In this letter, Peter expresses his own thoughts about God's plan for each of us, The Blessed Virgin Mary as our model, life after death, the necessity of Purgatory, the need to pray for the dead, and our gratitude to God for His gifts. Perhaps if Peter were alive today, these are the words he would give to those of us mourning his death.

My Dear Friend,

I'm really not very adept at offering condolences, even though this is my foremost intention in writing this letter. My other intention is to fortify the bereaved with the knowledge that because of Christ's incarnation, death has lost its sting, and death is not final. However I am also sympathetically moved by the sadness of departed love that I must respond to your plight. I am also impressed by your apparent ability to weather the storm and I would like to say something in support of your determination to live your life resourcefully in spite of your loss. God has completed the first stage of his plan for your departed loved one but He is still completing, with your consent and participation, his plan of development, in and for you. He had a purpose for creating a unique and gifted person like you. Even at this stage as we look at you, his precious, unduplicated project, our grateful compliments go to your creator for designing a wonderful person like you, for this world and the next. No one can take your place and no one can take the place of your loved one, but God's purpose for creating this recently departed creature is already fulfilled in this world, so consequently, he is now given a place in the next. But the reason you are placed in this specific place in time and eternity is no accident. It is quite obvious that man is a wonderful creation, and his greatest human, the blessed Virgin Mary is more so.

She, in the world's eyes, was nothing but a pure and simple maiden, yet we know she was filled with the Holy Spirit, by whom she bore and gave birth to a divine creature, called Jesus Christ. She lost her husband, and then followed and ministered to her son, together with his disciples, and watched him suffer and then die on the cross. Accepting all this, and gracefully, she carried on until her son decided her purpose on earth was fulfilled, and He had the angels bear her uncorrupted and immaculate body and soul to be united with Him in heaven. Likewise, God can and would do wonderful things for you if you wanted him to. You too can bring Christ into the world, in other ways, if you can say "Be it done unto me according to your word." The potential is there. I don't know you as well as He does, but I can appreciate you, the You that came into being at the very moment God infused your soul into your body.

We are very fortunate to be given this truth that even the great St. Thomas Aquinas would not positively state:

- that She was the Immaculate Conception. And philosophy, spurred on by the abortion controversy, has come to the determination, not by theory or religion, but by plain and irrefutable logic, that we have an indestructible self. Science — with the DNA molecule and spiral formation holding the blueprint of the final structure — confirms that even physically, you are all there from the moment of conception. You are you, a person, unique and indestructible, an ever-after existence. So conscious or unconscious, living or dead, you exist. You are not dependent on a body to exist.

What a revelation! What an exciting, soul shaking revelation. And there is barely a whisper in the world proclaiming this amazing determination. This thesis is falling on deaf ears. Every new discovery is presented on TV, in a blazing display. Sensation is created over the most mundane subjects. But God's greatest creation, Man, the unique and indestructible person, is almost unheard of. And I tell you this because it is very important to you. If you can grasp its significance fully, it will

give you a great deal of consolation. It has been generally accepted that when a person dies, the person ceases to exist; consequently, you may think that your departed loved ones no longer exist. Certainly, in a biological way they are no longer here, but if you think that they no longer exist, you miss the truth by a million miles. The person not only exists, but unfettered by the body and a mind uninhibited by misinformation and prejudice, that person, infinitely expands his dimensions. He loves you more than ever before, his own children and relatives, and all people, are very dear to him. On the other hand, your departed loved one needs your love, and may need all our love. Why? Because in spite of the fact that our personhood is indestructible, it can be so impregnated by the corruptible passions of a very human, and imperfect mind and body. The very essence, or the being, in each and every person could be entirely pure if it did not have a free choice, and used its free choice to assimilate that which is impure or is polluting.

Emerging from the womb, crying and kicking, from the peace and tranquility where it increased its size in blissful harmony, it swims through the river of life buffeted by turbulent and raging passions and eventually this indestructible person leaves this world, shedding the barnacle body, but badly bruised and tarnished by the experience. In some cases where it used its ability to choose and reject the dross of life it emerges more glorious than ever before, illuminated and edified by its earthy acquired mind. Shakespeare wrote "That undiscovered bourne from whence no traveler returns, puzzles the will and makes cowards of us all." But if "in that sleep of death, what dreams must come," is our concern, it would be foolish to ignore the continuing existence of the "person" beyond the grave. Just because that person is in another dimension, no longer perceivable by the human being, and no longer has the means to reveal himself, does not mean that the person no longer exists. That part in the Bible about Abraham's bosom, — that gulf between me and thee — tells us that communication is not possible. But what about the Mind? Is it not like a computer memory chip, a protein

cluster that stores information and when the cells die all information is gone? Since our proposition is that the person exists in time and eternity, I would postulate the point that the mind exists, for it is indelibly incorporated into the person. You know that you are you, you are aware, not only in your mind, but in your very person that you are existing, even that you are assimilating life experiences. Some persons, including myself, have had flashbacks of their whole life experience, not from the conscious mind but from the very depths of their person.

The resilient nature of the indestructible person desires a return to the perfect state and indeed it must, for nothing can exist in that perfect state — Heaven — unless it is perfect. The Universe around us would not hold, if it was not in perfect stability, nor the molecules or components of matter itself. Incorruptible things must have perfect balance. It is only Man that is imperfect and his world. So the person when it leaves the body has to be reconstituted, reconstructed, whatever to achieve stability and perfect harmony. "Pure entities of love, the morning dew of creation runs down the river of life gathering pollution until the sun raises it back into the heavens." So there is your loved one, suffering extirpation and reform so as to return to perfection, yearning for our love and concern to hasten the period of purification. We have the consolation that our loved ones will have a life fulfilled with happiness in that place, "Where the eye hath not seen, nor the ear heard, nor has it entered into the mind of man, what God has prepared for us." In appreciation, we can thank God for what he has already given us existence. So that we have the gate to enter Heaven and also the opportunity to create an atmosphere on this earth that is conducive for us all to enjoy a harmonious transition from this life to the next. So we can thank God, and face Today, and Tomorrow.

For God has Blessed Us With Love

Peter

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