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Happy Easter

Although it is hard to believe with the snow on the ground and the a winter landscape, it is spring and Easter is this week-end. Our daffodils know that it's spring as they poke up through the snow by the front step. The magnolia by the pear tree, has little fuzzy buds, much like the pussy willow. And the birds that are back....a new bird song every day as each little feathered creature makes its way back from the south. We have Canada geese in our creek and in the marsh behind the barn, honking stridently as they tell their friends that there is an un-harvested field of corn nearby for them to eat. So the signs are there, we just have to take our minds off the snow and our ears off the hum of our furnaces to recognize them.

When we go shopping these days, the stores are filled with the trappings of Easter; stuffed, plush bunnies, chocolate rabbits, eggs and chickens and Easter lilies. Not many of us stop to think of the origins of these symbols that have for so long been associated with the celebration of the Christian Festival of Easter. Mankind has for as long as he walked upright, celebrated the changing seasons. One of the Roman Catholic Popes, a very wise man, realized that it was preferable to build on the non-Christian beliefs rather than try to eradicate them, so he set the tradition of incorporating these symbols and giving them a Christian meaning.

For the Christian, this is a time of renewal, of the rebirth of the spirit, celebrated at a time when the world is being reborn from the dormancy of winter. It is also a time of great sorrow to the Christian, for allowing greed and ambition, fear and ignorance to crucify the Son of God. Although Christians rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus, this happiness is coloured by the knowledge that we would do the same today, and do, when we deny the rights of others for personal gain, or because of differences of colour or religion or out of ignorance and the right-ness of a belief.

Here is a poem by David Morton,

Symbol

My faith is all a doubtful thing,
Wove on a doubtful loom,--
Until there comes, each showery spring,
A cherry tree in bloom

And Christ who died upon a tree
That death had stricken bare,
Comes beautifully back to me,
In blossoms, everywhere.

However you are going to welcome spring or celebrate Easter, take time to renew family relationships, take time to be thankful for the world around you and if you do nothing else, reacquaint yourself with nature as it emerges from the sleep of winter.

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