

We are equals in the eyes of God

Dear Friends Few months ago we celebrated the Birth of the Prince of Peace. We were reminded "Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people...a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Lk2/10-11 Today we come back to you , Dear friends , from all over the world, to share with you another very good news... Yes ! Despite all the problems and all the obstacles, we proclaim from Jerusalem and from The Galilee, the historical reality and the divine revelation: We have an empty tomb and a risen Lord. Joy? Yes for sure. Trust ? Certainly . Dismissal of fear? Without any doubt...resurgence of hope despite the present and the upcoming persecutions...We have been walking the way of the risen Lord for two thousand years. We have been so often proclaiming the "good news". We ended proclaiming a good news which the frame and risk is to forget the picture . What is the content of that good news? Is it real good news for all or it is at the same time "bad news" for many ?

We are used to proclaim since the resurrection that there is no more privilege for Jews against Gentile, for Man against Woman, for Lord against Slave. We are all equal. This is the good news for the Gentile, for the Woman, and for the Slave. This was proclaimed in the past. Is it still now, in our present day society , the good news for the "Jew," or the "Man," for the "Lord"? Is it good news for those as to see that their privileges are in reality a misery in the eyes of God ? They need a basic liberation from sorting out themselves and from accepting to single themselves out as being different from the others.

We invite everyone and all humans to remember that they were born neither Jew nor Man or Lord, gentile, woman or slave but born BABIES , on the image, and on the likeness of God. The good news is that invitation of all and of every human being to partake in the divine banquet of our common heavenly Father And King. It is a renewed appeal to all of us to remember that we are followers of a gentile Iraqi from Mesopotamia : Abraham the Patriarche, who was called to become the "Father of the Believers"; whose message was delivered and destined for the gentile nations ...

The good news consists in proclaiming the new exciting revelation :God our Father and our King is neither a regional nor a tribal God . It is over ,for good, with the conception of the Namaan the Syrian or with the neo-interpretation of the Promised Land:" Woman, believe me the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem...The hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the `Father in spirit and in truth. For the Father seeks such as these to worship him" Jn 4:21-27

We believe that the message of Christ , the Man from Galilee, is an appeal to break in to pieces the capsule that imprisoned "God with his People" and opens the door for God to be with his creation, in order to join and reflect each other and become a blessing for each other. Yes the creation becomes a blessing for God and God becomes a blessing for His creation to join and to reflect each other. Yes the Creation becomes a blessing for God and God becomes a blessing for the Creation . Extra-ordinary symphony of compassion and of love. We wish to greet you with the Byzantine oriental Christians greeting: Christ is risen ! He is truly Risen.

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