

Seek Now the Truth.

[For Choir, Bass, Tenor, Soprano, Harp, Trumpets, Cor Anglais, Strings (cello, viola, violins) and Percussion (cymbal, triangle, gong)]

[Tenor spoken with choral interludes and music]
In the beginning there was an explosion
An explosion which occurred everywhere at once
Filling all space from the beginning
With every particle rushing apart from every other particle.

After one-hundredth of a second
The universe was a hundred thousand million degrees
centigrade.
Particles were continually created out of pure energy
And annihilated again
At four thousand million times a density of water.

When the first three minutes ended
The universe was mainly light, neutrinos and antineutrinos.

Much later, after a few hundred thousand years
It would cool to form atoms of hydrogen and helium
And condense to form galaxies and stars.

[Choir]
[breathing]
[whispered] Listen.
[the sound of wind]
[spoken breathily] I am that I am.

Great is God
Great and noble is his name
Have mercy upon us
And lead us in the way of truth.

[Soprano]
The light the world longs is now shining
It is shining into the darkness
But the darkness does not apprehend
It is shining in the darkness
But the darkness does not overcome.

It is shining in many a soul
And now the new order
Has begun in the kingdom of the heart.
It is shining in many a small group
In a heavenly and earthly fellowship
Of children of the light.
It will always shine and lead many
Into the world of need
That they may bear it up
Into the heart of God.

[Bass enters and ascends a podium]

[Choir]

Great is God

[Bass]

The Oneness of all that is
The merciful, the magnificent
Maker of time

[Choir]

Maker of time

[Bass]

Creator of space

[Choir]

The Everlasting, the Eternal One.

[Bass]

Be with me, o merciful one
When my final hour draws near.

[Choir]

Be with us with mercy to the end of our days.

[Tenor, spoken with music]

I was reticent

And my thoughts troubled me

I doubted myself

And could not speak.

Then I asked

Why am I ashamed to speak of what I see

To say of what I think?

Am I so ignoble

That none will listen?

Am I so far from the truth

That those that hear my words

Will laugh in derision?
And if it be so
Who is the greater fool
The one that says nothing
Or the one that speaks out?
Then hear my words and judge them.

I tell you there are no supermen
Do not be misled
Do not mislead yourself.
If I tell you a table is a chair
Do not say 'Here is a great thinker
We must believe what he says'.
For you know in yourself what is
You can detect who twists the truth.
Do not say: 'He is a great orator
Who has by brilliant arguments convinced me
That a table is a chair'
For there are some things you know in yourself are true
And no amount of argument
Will change the truth into lies
And lies into truth.

[Bass, spoken, no music]
When he saw the crowds he went up a hill.
He took his seat,
And when his disciples had gathered round him
He began to address them.
And this is the teaching he gave.

[Choir]
How blest are those who know their need of God
The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.
How blest are the sorrowful
They shall find consolation.
How blest are those of gentle spirit
They shall have the Earth for their possession.
How blest are those that hunger and thirst to see right prevail
They shall be satisfied.
How blest are those who show mercy
Mercy shall be shown to them.
How blest are those whose hearts are pure
They shall see God.

How blest are the peacemakers
God shall call them his sons.
How blest are those who have suffered persecution
for the cause of right
The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

[Tenor]
This change
This transformation
This defiance and ruination
O pity the suffering of the World
Know that I am with you.

I am also the God within me
The Eternal One
The God of Change
Who dies in each blink of an eye
And whose transformations
Whose coming-to-be
Are in the same breath
Immovable eternity.

[Choir]
O God, why art thou so cruel?
I am a Muslim
I am a Jew
I died on the cross with thieves beside me.
Why hast thou forsaken me?

[Tenor]
Thy servant knows and sees
That wisdom is not my own.
It rests in the humble who have need of Thee.
In the silence of Meeting and in the Mosque
About the table on whose bare wood
The carafe of lilies lies
We seek to know Thee and be comforted.

I am like the grain of sand
That sits so tiny on a shore
That spans between two continents.
Within me is this light.
I am the God that dies within me

And the Universal One
The Cosmos
The Universal Logic that will never change
I am here
I am with you.

[Soprano]
Thou art like a diamond
That sparkles in the light,
The dove whose flight
Through the rainbow of peace
Signifies Thy presence.

[Choir]
When this time dissolves
I shall be with you
In the shadow of candle-light
Holding you in sweet memories.

[Bass, spoken]
May I be thought a good and kindly man, and say

This is the day
I enter the sleep of nighttime
In my fear and anguish I am comforted
You are with me, you are from me.

[Bass, sung]
I knew the world
Its clouds, its landscapes
Its peoples and its living things.
Gone is this instant
But you walk before me.

The being that was
Is the being that will be.
As the Earth rotates
Day becomes night
And night becomes day.

In my striving I sought out truth
None told me, but I knew it there.
Many busied themselves with mundane things
Told lies to further their positions.

I told them, raise your eyes
To the stars, to the galaxies.
These were not created by you.
You claim the power of these
Yet you know not this, you seek not this.

Great is the truth to those that seek it.
In all your strivings seek this truth
And may peace be upon the world.
Then in your mercy and kind heart
Will others know you as you know yourself.

[Choir]

Seek not to destroy, for those that sow evil
Reap the cataclysm.
Be brave in your judgement for the good.
Then will the gift of goodness
Be bestowed upon humankind
And those that seek truth will find it.

[Soprano]

What was is no more
What will be is yet to come.
I speak of my love for you.
To the generations that seek this truth
Then will the world reveal
How great is the beauty of creation
How magnificent the essence of being.

[Choir]

Great is the One
Great and noble is his name.
O Eternal One, stay thy wrath
Lead thy people in the ways of justice and peace.
Great is God.
Great and noble is his name.
God is Great.