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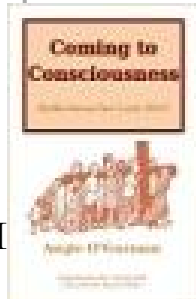
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Easter Sunday: The Resurrection

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Because of Easter I know that evil and sin do not have the last word. It doesn't matter to me anymore if Jesus rose bodily or spiritually or somewhere in between. His followers experienced him as present and in that experience knew they had encountered God. Empowered, they would not let his murder silence his message. Here, I believe, is the fundamental answer to evil: God brings life from death. The infinite heals the finite. Evil and sin do not have the last word, and we participate in that divine evolution.

This does not diminish or deny the suffering caused by the death-dealing horrors around us, horrors in which we freely participate at times. I am simply suggesting that these result from finitude. Evil is a result of the finite in a ~~finite world~~ ^{Easter Sunday}. It says nothing about the infinite. That is the whole point of the resurrection. The infinite draws out life from death, goodness from evil, restoration from devastation. In that fundamental reality is our hope. This is not religious hyperbole. You have experienced it.



118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

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