

Dominion, by Margaret Ponga, September 2023:

Greetings Dear Friends, thank you for the invitation to write another letter. I think of you all so often and with many happy memories of my visits to Germany, often with much laughter!

Since moving to Christchurch (on New Zealand's South Island) from my long-time home in Taupo (on the North Island) I have been invited to give monthly talks to the group in Rangiora (near Christchurch) and recently the theme was 'Dominion'. In English, there was a time that the word dominion was used with the same meaning of domination, but actually it is very different. I used to puzzle over this idea of dominion because of that word 'domination' and it took me years to come to the understanding that *dominion* is a spiritual gift, a blessing to all.

In the beginning (Genesis 1:24-31 - 6th day creation) we were made 'in God's image and likeness' and as God is spiritual Consciousness, we are individual Consciousness, which is always expressed outwardly as form. On that 'day' also, we were given dominion over all of creation – the fish, birds, every living creature – which symbolize our having dominion over our own thoughts and therefore our loving recognition, attention and care for all of creation. This dominion is a quality by Grace but mankind has mostly lost this quality by accepting a belief of separation from God and creation.

In Joel Goldsmith's 1973 Letters (now the book 'Seek Ye First') in chapter 1, there is a thoughtful poem:-

'I turned to speak to God, About the world's despair; But to make bad matters worse, I found God wasn't there.

God turned to speak to me (Don't anybody laugh), God found I wasn't there – At least not over half.'

(by Robert Lee Frost)

Taking dominion means we are *consciously* acknowledging our spiritual oneness with God and all creation. *Then* God/Love/Peace is present for us, and we are awake for communication from and with Omniscience.

In Chapter 10 (which is from his 1962 London Closed Class 4:2 /490: 'Dominion'), Joel says, *'We are not egotistical, claiming to have any power or any dominion of our own, but we do claim that we have God-given dominion....I am asserting my God-given dominion over my 'universe', and that sets you free to assert your God-given dominion over your universe....If each of us assumes his God-given dominion over his universe, we will all be working together.'*

That is what we are aiming for, isn't it? That we and all of creation will all be working together?

And in Paul's letter to Romans, chapter 8, from verse 18, he says – *'I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.'*

'For creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God - for creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of him who subjected it.'

That 'him' is all of mankind, which accepted the Adam dream. Creation has been subjected to futility because of this universal belief system which mankind is entertaining/holding. Mankind should be taking spiritual dominion over his own consciousness and if he did, the whole of creation would be responding in consciousness and living in harmony.

And Paul again: *'Because creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons.'*

Oh wow - we cannot just sit around and wait! We have to take action; take dominion of our thoughts (acknowledging Truth, practicing Jesus' two commandments of Love) and it is we who are responsible! Every time one or more of us lift ourselves into spiritual dominion, those spiritual thoughts go out to creation, in Consciousness.

In Loving Oneness, with Joy and Gratitude,

Margaret