

Glimpses of Lanyon



Ed. Note.

A number of our readers have written to ask if we have any additional information about Walter Lanyon. They have appreciated his keen insights and unswerving emphasis on our mystical oneness in Christ, both in the articles we publish in *Union Life* each month, as well as in the seven out-of-print books we have republished.

Because he carefully avoided publicity and made few references to himself in his writings, we still know *very* few details about Lanyon. However, a note we received the other day from Jack and Cornelia Addington, founders and editors of *Abundant Living* magazine, included three letters written to them in the early Sixties, by their long-time friend, Walter Lanyon. So we decided to share these letters with our readers.

At the time that the first of these letters was written, the Addington's were considering leaving their pastorate and embarking on a faith ministry built around the issuance of a Christian magazine that emphasized our oneness in Christ. The second letter was written after they stepped out on faith, and the third was a response to their invitation to have Mr. Lanyon speak at one of their conferences.

Walter Lanyon was an artist as well as a prolific writer. With the three letters we set out below we also include a reproduction of a sketch he included as part of each letter. We feel that these letters will give interested readers some down-to-earth insights into the man Walter C. Lanyon.

Dear Jack and Company-Ltd. or unltd.

I send this message by Pegasus. He hasn't even let his wings down yet, as he is so full of good tidings and joy for your new venture. He brings a message from Olympus which said, "The kid has come to his senses and now he is going to put everything on *THE Table* (La Mesa)." That is exactly what Jesus did-He put everything on the table and made His word good. So now you are through with all the foolishness and are ready to speak the Word and lay it on La Mesa. It is wonderful.

I have a good feeling that you are going to keep it nice and simple, and are not going to get involved with too much organization and large committees. Many cooks spoil the broth, and too many ideas on the one *idea* often bring out an awful brew.

So, it's all yours. Take it in your nice calm and serene stride. Much chaos is about in all the land and the day is here when the simple direct *WORD* of Jesus Christ is better than a thousand and one teachers with garbled ideas. It is wonderful-and it is all golden.

Blessings, then,

Sent by the Pegasus
Special delivery



Hey there!
Just got in-haven't let my wings down yet.

But wanted to say a great BIG "Congratulations" to you on the new established move-your card came today. I am so glad for you, for I know now you will find out the TRUE Law that operates naturally and actually and doesn't have to have a thousand and one gimmicks and tricks and treats to cause the power of the WORD to operate.

Actually, I should think that some of them that hammer away at it three times a day would suddenly blow up-it is so hollow and filled with everything but the truth. So many come to me saying the same things, "It's all words with no results." And that is about it-it has turned into a business racket, and many of them are unconscious of the dishonesty of it all. But there is the TRUTH of Jesus

Christ that flows through and gives and gives and gives and that is the very thing that is flowing through you and your new expression. I'll bet you are happy-and I hope so -and so I send you and Cornelia along a golden word of newness and power. It is wonderful and so it is.

Bless you,

Dear Jack,

I have just come out of my meditation (see above for picture of same) and have found that I can say yes for the 18th December. I will let you pick the subject, since I will probably mention it once anyway during the lecture.

Life is wonderful when we can quit trying to make it that way and LET it be-just a sort of inner integrity that stays even when the point of the sword is right in front. So many are trying to MAKE it-it's already done, when we can let it happen. The greatest gift of all is always awaiting our acceptance-"This IS Life eternal."

Blessings then,

P.S. I continue to do some lovely landscapes here in England. They sort of edge through and I don't have much to do with them-only letting.