

Grief as Part of the Easter Story Part Three

EASTER AND GRANDMOTHER ANNA

My Grandmother Anna died before I was born...
I never saw her...she never saw me
I took my mother's word she would have loved me.
I spent a couple of months re-reading four Gospels and Paul's letters
all written after Jesus died by people who never saw him...
and somehow passed on a "memory" too good not to share.
Some think we can't get any true words or facts
about what Jesus said or did before he died
because there is no direct evidence from anyone who was there.
I have been writing about grief as part of the Easter stories...
partly because I detect unprovable memory
of the one they never knew
These men who never saw Jesus
"remembered" him from second hand sources for all of their lives
and whose grief at his unfair death is written on their pages.
I only know my grandmother Anna from what I remember from my mother...
I only know that she grieved her mother and loved her beyond life...
and so I grew to love the grandma my mother remembered to me.
I doubt that many of the Easter stories are historically dependable...
but some carry the truth of what grieving feels like
and how long it can stay around.
I hope that I can be sensitive to the human fact
that although we must walk that lonesome journey by ourselves...
many others are also walking their own lonesome journeys.
We'd like a world full of Easters and years full of Spring...
but you can't get to Spring without passing through Winter
or get to Easter without passing through grief.

Art Morgan Palm Sunday Week 2019

COMMERCIAL

Moment Ministries is not a "Church." But we have occasional "never-on-Sunday" times, mostly of family and friends. This will be our 41st Easter. We usually meet in someone's home. This year we gather at Karen and Lynn Peters home in Albany (1440 Shady Lane). Some on this list will have memories from those gatherings. We call it a Champagne Brunch. (10:30) We eat shared Easter food and have a brief "moment" that includes a lot of music. We don't advertise publically but include any who come.

REMEMBERING

Joe Omelchuck (and Barbara) They were Present at our Easter Moment in Portland last year.

Marlene Lorenzen (and Terry) We had many Easters with them on Vineyard Mountain and they rarely missed an Easter or a chance to hear Paul sing "Holy City"

Bob Newton (and Pat) another we will miss this Easter.

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