



MERGING LIGHT



NEAR DEATH EXPERIENCE

œ The Book of Lyrics œ

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THE MERGING LIGHT MANIFESTO

The dimensions of space and time are seemingly limitless. In the vastness of space our relative position appears miniscule and entirely inconsequential. In the never ending passage of time our moments are here and then gone. We will fade away into eternity with nary a trace of our existence. Yet we occupy the here and now, coalescing at this particular point in space and time with the greatest opportunity imaginable – for we are here to live.

We have minds that we use to bring into physical reality that which we can conceive. Our minds have tremendous power to shape outcomes, and the choices we make will define who we are. We can choose darkness or light. We can choose to indulge ourselves at the expense of others. We can choose to shine light into the lives of those around us. We can fail to set goals, letting our time pass without imprinting it with our own influence. We can dedicate ourselves to worthy pursuits. We decide for ourselves the meaning of our existence.

Our mind is the light within us. It is through our mind that we formulate our thoughts and make the choices that set the path of our existence. And as we set out on life's path we are provided with gifts which will either aid or hinder our journey. Greatest amongst these gifts are love and truth.

Love is powerful. Love is inspiring. And as we give love to those in the world around us, so shall we receive love in abundance. Love helps us forge relationships with one another, lifts us up during difficult times, and brings joy to our hearts. If we fail or refuse to love, surely our journey will be both desolate and lonely. Our hearts are empty and the void can be filled with bitterness and hatred, which bring darkness onto our path. But love causes the light within us to shine brighter and more clearly, and makes our journey ever the more easy.

Truth clears the obstacles from our path. Pursuit of and devotion to truth enlightens us so that we may make better choices as we proceed on our journey through life. The avoidance of truth distracts us. It confuses us. It complicates our journey. We may also encounter the lies of others. Those who would deceive us would lead us into darkness. As we turn from lies, our own as well as the lies of others, we turn towards truth, we are enlightened and our path becomes clearer.

Pursuit of love and truth in our lives enables us to merge our light with those around us for a more meaningful human experience. We can use love and truth to help lift up those around us - and thus we lift ourselves as well. And as we pass on from this human experience, the value and meaning which we enshrine onto our souls will determine the extent to which our light merges with the eternal light of God.

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Track No. 1

Creation

Rise now the beginning
Of all that will be
Spread forth through the universe
For all eternity

All souls shall proceed from here
To live ,love, and learn
Define meaning in who they are
All souls shall return

Go forth heaven's angels
And help where you may
Self indulgence and other sin
Will carry them astray

The light within shall guide them
In time they will know
If they're to enter a higher realm
They must tend to their soul

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Track No. 2

Self-Indulgence

I know a sweet young woman
She's got a smile for me
When I tell her she's my woman
She's so willing to please me

I'll never keep this going
She's fallen in love
I'll just deceive her
'Til I've had enough

I don't mind hurting
As long as I get what I want

I'm spending all her money
Let's go for a ride
I've got a back door woman
And three on the side

We'll go out this evening
When she's not around
I've got her Amex
So we'll hit the town

I don't mind cheating
As long as I get what I want

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Track No. 3

Arrogance - Demonic Warning

I like to make that spotlight shine
I tell the world what's yours is mine
All the serfs who bitch and moan
We can feed them crumbs and bones

All life's losers
Who wait around in line
To take what's given
Wasted souls, Wasted minds
They're just plain stupid
Don't know how to get along
They might try working
Instead of crying the same old song

I've got my money
I stole it fair and square
You're not my problem
I don't know you, I don't care

So take your welfare
And make it on your own
I paid my share
Why can't you leave me alone

No surrender
There's nothing but the fight
Don't ask questions
Sit down, shut up, we'll tell you what is right

True compassion
Is tossing them a bone
We'll ride their anger
And never leave you alone

I am using your arrogance and your contempt
for the disenfranchised
To breed boiling discontent
I will turn their despair into hatred of you and
your disdain into hatred of them
They will feel your derision at the core of
their being

They will embrace it as the cause of their misery
I am lies

I am the source of their despondency and the
cause of your scorn
I am contempt in the hearts of the successful
I am accusation in the hearts of despondent
I am ambition in the hearts of the politicians
who falsely denounce man against woman, rich
against poor, white against black

I will stir anger simmering below the surface
soon to be unleashed to bring chaos, destruction,
murder and mayhem

I am their hatred of you and I am your hatred
of them

I will consume you all
Ignore who I am at your peril

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Track No. 4

Guardian Angels

A child of God, who now walks in the first realm of life, has been charged to our care. And as we must oversee his spiritual evolution, we must help where we may. This child of God has been misguided. He is impressed with corrupt influence, choosing self-indulgence over goodness. He is falsely arrogant, not realizing that his talents, and the fruits thereof, are gifts for which he should be thankful. He cares not for the hearts of those who surround him. He willfully ignores their needs and desires, yet takes of them to serve his own. He must be cleansed of the poisonous attitudes gripping his soul, so that he may be truly contrite. Let us intervene. All that, which he falsely values, must implode.

The fire's demons are vying for your soul

Poke confusion in everything you know

With selfish blindness you slither through the night

You must be humbled to help you find the light

Hell is watching you

Your time is coming due

Fates of Karma are riding on the wind

It is written and so it must begin

All will crumble that's built upon the sand

Vain delusion you're just a mortal man

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Track No. 5

Regrets

Amid the bouts of my depression
I'm trying to find where I belong
Should I offer my confession
So many things I've done so wrong

I've mocked the poor with condescension
Seeds of heartbreak I have sewn
I've obscured my true intention
Tears of women I have known

Much too late for self-reflection
I know I'm not who I should be
I should've climbed much higher mountains
I should've sailed across the sea

With my deceptions and impatience
It seems I've ended up alone
Jeering specters haunt my conscience
On my knees I'm praying
Can I hide my pain if they never see me crying

I always tried to show I had so much
of everything
A façade of lies I never had too much
of anything

Now I find that I'm reaching out for something

As my sunset fades to darkness
And these shadows fill my mind
I can't stop these visions of me
committing suicide
On my knees I'm praying
Can I hide my pain if they never see me crying

Deep in my soul I heard you calling
I just sneered and I turned away
Through all these years I've just kept falling
Now I'm on my knees to pray

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Track No. 6

Dying

I feel my heartbeat fading

I never really tried

I gasp for breath as I am able

To truly come alive

I feel my spirit rising

I could've reached the sky

Above my body on the table

But I never tried to fly

All my memories

Such a life I could've known

Pass before my eyes

But the chance to live is gone

And those who've gone before me

Are waiting in the light

Pain or pleasure

Your life lies before you

The feeling's so strange

Behind you

All perception

And all around you

Has been rearranged

Angels beckon

You have defined who you are

They're calling me home

Can't explain this feeling

Judgment of your eternal soul is at hand

I'm tired of holding on

Their brilliant lights embrace me

Guide me to a new dimension

I feel the pain I caused for

Those encountered through my life

I'm a sinner

Will I be forgiven

I'm damned to face this truth that

There's no hiding who I am

When you break down on your knees

Offer tithings to appease

Strive for truth in all your deeds

You purify your soul

When you're humbled in his eyes

Cast aside your alibis

No longer holding onto lies

You sanctify your soul

But when you turn the truth aside

Embracing self-indulgent pride

Living lies you cannot hide

You then damn your soul

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Track No. 7

Judgment

We're waiting, so come on in
You must answer for all your sin
Enlightened souls will join the choir
Evil souls will burn in fire

You must have thought you would never die
There's nothing left but to wonder why
Enlightened souls fly ever higher
Evil souls will burn in fire

The light in the distance
Will steadily grow
Visions of angels
Shimmering glow

Wonders of Heaven
Or wages of sin
Judgment awaits you
He knows where you've been

Couldn't you ever see the pain in their eyes
Couldn't you feel their hearts were grieving
Did you turn away or did you help them rise
What did you choose
Assist or despise

You lived in the shadows
Your story's so old
You cheated for passion
You cheated for gold

Lies and deceit led
To living so well
Judgment is rendered
Damn you to hell

Please Lord Noooooooooooo
(Satanic laughter)
Sweet Lord in Heaven, please save me
Welcome to Hell, Brother
(Satanic laughter)

Dear Lord, I know I abandoned you
Please don't abandon me here

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Track No. 8

The Light Within

Sometimes
Choosing right from wrong
Is showing
You may yet belong
Angels and prayers
Will guide you to the light
If you're given tomorrow will you light a path
to Heaven

Visions
While you appear to sleep
Of Heaven
While your loved ones weep
Darkness or light
How shall you be known
If you're given tomorrow will you shine the
light of Heaven

The light within will lift you far
beyond tomorrow
Your mortal sin will complicate the way

The light within will lift you far
beyond tomorrow
Your mortal sin will complicate the way

Wisdom
Seems so hard to find
Patience
Or else you'll lose your mind
So many trials
Along the journey of the soul

Put your faith in tomorrow and you'll find your
path to Heaven



Cloister Cemetery in the Snow
1817-1819
Caspar David Friedrich

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1. Make a small version of your art and attach the file to an e-mail message. If large files are sent they will be re-sized so as to work with our site and offer speedy page loading.
2. The 'Subject' of your e-mail should read "Artwork Submission - Merging Light"
3. In the body of your e-mail include:
 - Your Name
 - Title of the Artwork
 - Original Size of the Artwork
 - Medium Used to Create the Artwork
 - A Web Site (www._____) where this piece may be seen and/or purchased.

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If the artist is under the age of 18, he/she must submit their artwork via e-mail (as above) BUT:

1. The e-mail must be sent from the e-mail account of a parent or guardian.
2. The e-mail must include a paragraph indicating that permission is being granted and also provide the full name and phone number with area code of the parent/guardian.
3. The parent/guardian must include in the e-mail a "password" of their choosing that will not be known to the artist under the age of 18. A Merging Light representative will contact the parent/guardian to confirm that permission is being given and the "password" set by the parent/guardian will be required before we can post the artists work.

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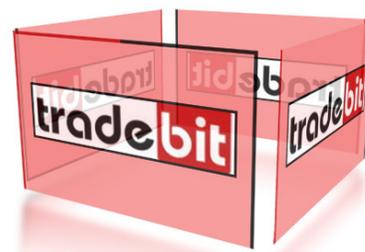


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