

# *Anointing, a Relational and Solar medicine.*

***“He who does not hope will never attain the un hoped-for.”***

*(Heraclitus, Greek philosopher 550 – 480 BC)*

In our days, ***Anointing*** is either tied to the liturgical sphere : “The application of sacred oil on a person, to consecrate him to God, to confer on him grace to fight against evil or illness”, or tied to the medical sphere: “A gentle rubbing of the skin with a pomade containing some active principal”, or it is restricted to the relational sphere: “A particular gentleness of gesture and manner of speaking.” So, at the very heart of the meaning of “***Anointing***” as it is understood today, we find a division between body, soul and spirit;

In this way, when we speak of ***Anointing***, people may easily connect this word to its ecclesiastical connotation, with all that that may convey of the archaic and loaded conventions of the collective unconscious, relating to a disincarnate and sickly mysticism. Or on the other hand the term may remain purely medical. There is a dissociation of meaning between the physicochemical action of ***Anointing*** and the same action in the emotional and spiritual sphere.

The Church looks after the Sacred, Medicine looks after the body. Human care being the reflection of people’s consciousness of their relationship to the Divine, there has not always been this dissociation between chemical action and spiritual healing. The use of oils and perfumed oils has always been very widespread. Present in all traditions they tie the human being to his sacred dimension. Thus, from ancient times, therapists, often doctors and priests, cared at the same time for bodies and spirits. The human being was considered as a single whole, in harmony between both earth and heaven. Ancient medicine joined science and transcendence.

The Egyptians practiced the sacred art of ***Anointing***. Numerous texts and engravings bear witness to this. In the reign of Pharaoh Akhenaton (BC 1372, 1374), ***Anointing*** was very widespread, influenced especially by the cult of the single Sun-God, Aton. Akhenaton, madly enamoured of his Father, the Sun, taught the infinite non-judging love of the Great Sun for his earthly children. God became the unique source of radiant Light, available for all. Aton, the Sun-God gave his love and peace to the whole world and to all humans.

We find here the premises of another teaching, in which the notion of love, radiating from an infinite source, neither elitist nor judgemental is something very new for human consciousness. Under Akhenaton, humanity, still immature, was not ready for active participation in this love.

It was not until the birth of Jesus that the possibility of an active relationship with the Divine would see the light. The human being as partner of the Divine. ***Anointing*** took on its full sense, tied to the therapeutic art of Jesus-Christ, Mary Magdalene and the early Christians. (Jesus-Christ), from the Greek “Christos”, means “he who is anointed.” Jesus, the one who was anointed, began his priestly life by the reading of the prophecy of Isaiah: ***“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has consecrated me by Anointing, to bear good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim deliverance to captives and to the blind restoration of sight.”*** (Lk 4, 18,19)

We cannot separate the Anointed from the *Anointing*. *Anointing* is therapeutic Christic act.

In this sense that it is a relational vehicle between the Breath of the All-loving and the beings wounded by their original wounding, the illusion of separation.

*Anointing* is a solar and re-unifying act which reprogrammes our cells with their living and radiant wholeness. Did not Jesus, the Anointed One, tell us: "I am Light and Life."?

Jesus, the Son of Man, is anointed in his "filiation" as Son of God.

He opened and showed us the Way of Return. A Man who, taking on completely his human condition, becomes able to open himself to his divine and light-filled dimension.

Sanctification of Matter and of Life...

He came down into the darkness of betrayal by men and abandonment by God, a descent into hell necessary for Light to be produced, available to all.

This is the sense of every way of therapy. What is not seen and accepted cannot be transformed. Thus at the crossroads of his personal Cross, the heart of man cries out his original wounding: "Why have you abandoned me?"

In the tomb the Shadow is embraced; it becomes clarity; the stone can be rolled back...

This is the resurrection of the flesh in its divine dimension.

The Man-Christ has taken on all the energies of man, as a bridge between the created and the uncreated; He is the accomplished Man, the new Adam; the Spirit can descend...



The Son of Man is "Anointed" sacralized, crowned.

From health to Holiness: this is where we are led by recognition, acceptance and transformation of our original wounding.

Mary Magdalene was the first to recognise in Him his dimension of Christ-Anointed, by her *Anointing* with rare perfumes, in a sensual gesture, tender and carnal, she signifies the incarnation of the Man-Christ, and likewise an action of *Anointing* which is both physical, relational and spiritual. Her gestures, coming from a heart overflowing with Love, make of the *Anointing* the key to a healing relationship.

The gift of Love of Mary Magdalene, making sacred the relationship of two people, lead the ordinary and perishable pair along a way that is both transpersonal and extra-ordinarily non-mortal.

Love is a bridge between two river-banks; immortal, it is the essence of reunification.

Mary Magdalene, the first witness of the new-born Christianity, saw the resurrected Jesus through the eyes of her woman's heart in Love. She had faith in Love.

It is marvellous to realise that we can see exactly the same sense given to *Anointing*, 1300 years earlier in Egypt. The Solar gesture, reunifying, illustrated admirably on the famous throne of Toutankhamon.

The day of the Anointed has taken body. *Anointing* has taken body. On the day when the Anointed has come to accomplishment in his body, *Anointing* has been able to transmit itself to all and through all.

*Anointing* bears in itself the double seal of the Man-Christ and the Woman-Christ to radiant and united Solar hearts. *Anointing* bears in itself the dynamic and relational balance of this double seal: the sign of sanctified health.

The *Anointing* of the Sick is a sacrament that Jesus Christ himself instituted. *Anointing* with Oil is tied to the gift of grace. It is a sign of the New Covenant, a bridge between our human and divine sonships.

