

On “High Flight”

A prayer by Rolf Auer

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John Gillespie Magee, a WWII pilot
with the Royal Canadian Air Force
was killed at age 19
on 11 December 1941
in a training flight.

He wrote the famous sonnet
“High Flight” also known as “the pilot’s creed.”

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A poem by John Gillespie Magee

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Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I’ve climbed and joined the tumbling mirth of sun-split clouds,
– and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of
wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence.
Hov’ring there, I’ve chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless falls of air...
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I’ve topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, nor eer eagle flew –
And, while with silent lifting mind I’ve trod
The high, untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John 11:35

“Jesus wept.”

Matthew 12:31-32 Jesus:

31: "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the holy Ghost, shall not be forgiven unto men."

32: "And whosoever speaketh a word against the son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

Ephesians 4:6 [God is the Father, and the Son, and the holy Ghost.]

"One God and Father of all, who is above all, & through all, & in you all."

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son: that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 10:30 Jesus:

"I and my father are one."

John 14:16,26 Jesus:

16: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever,"

26: "But the Comforter, which is the holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, & bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Matthew 28:19

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost:"

I John 5:7

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the holy Ghost: and these three are one."

Matthew 5:10,3 [Jesus, from His Sermon on the Mount.]

10: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Ephesians 2: 4-9 [On being saved: the gift of God.]

4: "But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,"

5: "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)"

6: "And hath raised us up together, and made us fit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"

7: "That in the ages to come, he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness towards us through Christ Jesus."

8: "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of your selves: it is the gift of God:"

9: "Not of works, lest any man should boast."