

Personal Reflection – August 10, 2023

The Kingdom of God

When? Where? How? What signs? For whom?

What a lot of questions! In 2023, in the midst of a national dry civil war, global fires and floods, I wonder and pray and trust as I can. Walter B. said: “*Every Friday has its Sunday.*”

I watch carefully for those signs and wonders that mark *my* characterization of a *Kingdom of God*:

peace – personal and global

pace: time for reflection

quiet

attention and caring for all

acknowledgment of God as Father, Lover of all, Giver of singular, personal gifts

celebration of abundance

grateful sharing of abundance

a lot of laughter

a beautiful environment for all

honest recognition of pain

celebration of death as home-coming

Wow! I am describing my life!

At 92, I am in my quiet home-garden-forest, with opera and abundant music with time for reflection, with friends who care and come, with abundant food and wine, with daily sharing via Zoom and Facetime, with *constant* gratitude and thanks to God, with peace as, I celebrate Shekinah¹ when it comes. *Wow, again.*

¹ Shekinah is a Hebrew word meaning the felt Presence - daily small signs and wonders.

Quantum thinking (cf. *Learning to Listen Learning to Teach* 2nd edition) gives me the tools to actually celebrate my aloneness, my peace, my quiet life, knowing that what I acknowledge here affects the global community.