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DEAR WALTER.

YOUR ARTICLE IN CHURCH AND LIFE HAS SPARKED A RESOLVE WHICH HAS LAIN DORMANT FOR SOME TIME. I ENJOY YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON GRUNDTVIG. IT IS SO REFRESHING THAT OTHERS THAN DANES CAN FIND THE VALUES WE CHERISH. THANK YOU.

WHAT HAS CAUSED MY REMORSE FOR PROCRASTINATING IS A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM KATE (JOHNSON) BELLAMY. SHE WAS WORKING AT BETHANIA A FEW YEARS AGO. SHE MARRIED QUENTIN BELLAMY WHOM SHE MET AT BERKELEY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. HE IS NOW AN ANGLICAN PRIEST IN RHYL IN NORTHERN WALES AND KATE WHO IS NOT TOO HAPPY THERE IS TRYING TO SURVIVE. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR MARRIAGE BUT RATHER THAT KATE FINDS IT HARD TO ADJUST TO THE CHURCH BEAURACRACY AND CUSTOMS. THE LANGUAGE CAUSES SOME FRUSTRATING TOO.

I SENT HER SOME MATERIAL ON GRUNDTVIG AND IN HER RESPONSE SHE WRITES AS FOLLOWS;

HOW UNCANNY THAT YOU WOULD WRITE WHEN YOU DID. ONLY A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO RECEIVING YOUR LETTER, I WENT TO A LECTURE SPONSORED BY THE RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND WELSH DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE SPEAKER WAS A MAN NAMED DONALD ALLCHIN, AN ANGLICAN PRIEST AND AN ENGLISHMAN WHO HAS FOUND A GREAT LOVE FOR THE WELSH PEOPLE. IN PARTICULAR THE LANGUAGE, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY CELTIC SPIRITUALITY. HE SPOKE ON "CELTIC SPIRITUALITY, FACT OR FANTASY." HE WILL EVENTUALLY RETIRE AND COME TO BANGOR AND WILL ENJOY A JOINT CHAIR IN THE REL. STUDIES AND WELSH DEPT.

IT IS REALLY AMAZING THOUGH, HOW MUCH ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS AND POETRY HAS NEVER BEEN TRANSLATED BEFORE! HE IS SO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THAT SUBJECT. HE REALLY DOESN'T COME ACROSS AS AN ACADEMIC BUT HIS WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND KEEN SENSITIVITY TO COMMUNICATION HAVE EARNED HIM A FAIR FOLLOWING ACROSS BRITAIN AND INTO EUROPE. NOW THE MOST INTERESTING PART; HE HAS DISCOVERED GRUNDTVIG! OF ALL THINGS! HE IS WORKING ON A BOOK DEALING WITH GRUNDTVIG'S STUDIES AT OXFORD. I AM REALLY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH HIM FURTHER. FINALLY SOME COMMON GROUND! I MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOME WORK ON GRUNDTVIG NEXT YEAR INSTEAD OF THE STANDARD TOPIC AREAS.

I AM GOING TO SEND KATE A COPY OF YOUR ARTICLE.

IF YOU WOULD WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH HER HERE IS HER ADDRESS.

KATE BELLAMY. THE CLOSE - PARADISE STREET. RHYL, CLWYD LL183 LW - NORTH WALES.

I HEARD THAT THE MEETING AT DANEBOD HAS 185 ENROLLED.

TYLER HAS SUFFERED MUCH FROM THE WET WEATHER. MANY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEIR CROPS IN.

HAVE A GOOD TIME AT DANEBOD.

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Dear Friends,

For sharing your love and shedding a tear with me,  
thank you!

"And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

Psalm 23

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