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Grand Ball Context

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I think that we are having a ball. I don't know about you, but I am. I think that it is because we have won. I have been strangely aware of these gold walls. I should probably announce that "in-kind— got them for us--or at least 9/10s of them. But what I have been aware of , is that there is something behind them. The future and the suffering world is still there and before us even now. I suppose in all of our minds we are having a ball because that is still there--it hasn't gone away. Or because that awareness that doesn't go away that tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow and the next tomorrow and the next tomorrow, we are in battle. And it is in the midst of that that we are the audacious ones that decided to have a ball. It is not like the fast--you remember the fast there--you were struggling there to get detached. We don't find any struggle here about getting detached. I just don't care. It is something beyond the fast here and you remember the watch how you had to struggle to make your body stay engaged--no struggle here, I was engaged. Almost 3 days ago and the Grand March finished up anything that I was hiding or that I had left out. Or as observed in terms of engagement. It is sort of like the ball is pure consciousness. Or it sort of like the ball is our intensified engagement detachment in such a way that you are just pur consciousness. Something like that. Well, I guess I would say that the ball for me is abandonment. Or is a statment of faith in God. It is the decision that you are just going to abandon yourself to God. No more struggle for tonight--just the abondoment to God. Just the a audacious decideing that God has already won. Any of us who do not have the guts or the stomach or the heart tfor the battle tomorrow--that is okey. God has already won. In the midst of that there is the knowledge that tomorrow is full of the pain and suffering but there is also the awareness that in days in the future when none of us of course will remember as to who we are, know that you had anything to do with it, but they will talk about it as having been the life

and those of us who join in this struggle tomorrow will feel in our wounds and have a kind of pride having had the priviledge of being in this struggle for the new. And so I say to us let us now put Satan to flight . Let us dance, let us abandon ourselves for God has already won. And so let us now proclaim the triumph. Let us dance.

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