

WHAT DOES NOT EXIST WON'T HAPPEN

1. I agree immediately: It is a curious sentence. We can be pretty sure that what does not exist in fact won't happen. And nevertheless, the sentence has, as far as I understand, a very deep meaning.
2. I begin with some stories:
 - (a) A woman with cancer in her breast. The cancer comes into her bones. The doctors say to her that she will die. She says to them that she does not have any use for them any longer. That she has her own address. She prays and lives in a real relationship with God. The cancer does not exist for her any longer. It disappears.
 - (b) Another woman with cancer in her breast. She refuses that the breast is taken away. "You can take just that little spot, not more". Some time later there is again such a spot and it is taken away. Some time later again, but she does not go to the doctor. He simply is of no use, she says to her flabbergasted friends. She forgets the cancer, it no longer exists and it disappears.
 - (c) A man has to have a talk with somebody. He has to achieve something in that talk and he knows that the other does not like him. So he is afraid and very fearful that he will achieve nothing or worse. And then he forgets everything he knows about the man. He only thinks about what he wishes to achieve. He asks openly, looking openly, without fears, at the other. And the other says: Of course. I am happy to.
3. These are only some examples. Every one of us knows other ones. And we all know the reverse. What we fear for, what exists, happens again and again. Now and then we think that it is knowing that something will happen, that we, or the other, has knowledge about the future. This is not true. By letting it exist, it happens. Time and again we are provoking what we don't wish.
4. Or, and this is an important question: Do we in fact wish. Do we wish to have the difficulty, hoping to win? Do we wish to lose, against the illness, against the other, out of which feelings of hopelessness, of being lost ever?

Put in another manner: How do we achieve, how is it given to us, that we don't let exist, so preventing that it happens? How can we live without anticipating what could happen, only living in this very moment, doing what we have to do, without any anxiety and fear? Cf. John 16,33. All our anxieties, our letting exist, which certainly happens, are, in the language of John, world, tribulation, trouble of the world.

5. "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Mt.10,16). Jesus says this when he sends his disciples out into the world, as he sends us. The two parts of the phrase belong together. We only can be wise as the serpents when we are harmless (in Greek 'akeraios, which means pure, without any bad intention) as doves. Only when we are not anticipating, preventing that whatever "exists" as it is meant in this paper, then we can be wise. All our possibilities are in our freedom.

6. In fact the paper is about having a future together and each of us, because we don't care. We have a future, in Northern Ireland and everywhere. Future is expanding around us when we stop destroying it, stop to destroy it by fearing, by letting it exist and so happen.