

PARADIS GENFUNDET
PARADISE REDISCOVERED

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Mange bruger hele deres liv på at finde vej til deres Paradis. Alle religioner har deres bud på, hvordan Paradis må være for et sted, og hvor det er. Mange føler frustrationer og benytter en stor del af deres liv til at gøre sig egnet til at komme i det Paradis, der er beskrevet i gamle bøger. Nogle tilskyndes endog til at gå i krig for deres plads i paradiset.

Jeg har lært, at paradiset er et sted deroppe i himlen – ude blandt stjernerne i det ydre rum.

Undskyld, men jeg har opfattelsen af, at det kan være en misforståelse. Paradiset er lige her, hvor vi befinder os. På denne planet! Arbejd for fred og sameksistens for alle mennesker. Ingen hegn for at holde nogen ude. Ingen

dem og os. John Lennon har i sit mesterværk Imagine beskrevet, hvordan han forestiller sig en verden med plads til harmoni og fællesskab. Når vi ikke føler, at vores planet er et Paradis, så er det oftest menneskeheden selv, der er årsagen.

I september 2017 deltog jeg i en sejltur i en sydgrønlandsk fjord. Menneskene, jeg var sammen med, var dejlige mennesker fra mange lande. Alle nød vi det smukke fjordlandskab.

Fra Indlandsisen ud til udmundingen i Labradorhavet er fjorden mere end et hundrede kilometer lang. Tænk sig: Det er omtrent den samme afstand, som der er, fra der, hvor du nu sidder, til det ydre rum.

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Many spend their entire lives trying to find their way to their paradise. All religions form an idea of, how paradise must be for a place, and where it is. Many feel frustrations and use much of their lives to make themselves fit to get permission to the Paradise as described in old books. Some are even encouraged to go to war for their admission to paradise.

I have learned that paradise is somewhere up there in heaven – out among the stars of outer space.

I am sorry, but I have the feeling, that it may be a misunderstanding. Paradise is right, where we are. On this planet! Work for peace and coexistence for all people. No fences to keep anyone out. No 'them', no 'us'. In his

masterpiece, Imagine, John Lennon has described, how he imagines a world of space for harmony and brotherhood. When we do not feel that our planet is a Paradise, most often it is humanity itself that is the reason.

In September 2017, I took part in a boat trip in a South Greenlandic fjord. The participating people were lovely people from many countries. All of us enjoyed the beautiful fjord landscape.

From the Ice Sheet to the mouth of the Labrador Sea, the fjord is more than a hundred kilometres long. Imagine: it is about the same distance, from where you now are sitting to the outer space.



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