

Daily Meditation 12/29/2022

Our Giving Birth to the Christ, continued

Good morning.

We are continuing our meditations on the birth of the Cosmic Christ, which is so much a part of Advent and especially of Christmas. And we ended our meditation with an amazing teaching from Thomas Merton:

We do not see the Blinding One in black emptiness. He speaks to us gently in ten thousand things....He shines not on them but from within them.

That is a wonderful naming of the Cosmic Christ, the Doxa, the glory. Here is another teaching from Thomas Merton, and this is from my book *A Way to God: Thomas Merton's Creation Spirituality Journey*, page 233.

Life is this simple, he writes: we live in a world that is absolutely transparent. The divine is shining through it all the time. This is not just a nice story or fable. It is true.

Then he has a beautiful paragraph which culminates in his talking about what he calls "the pure glory of God" that is dwelling in all of us. And he draws very heavily from Meister Eckhart in all of his imagery in this paragraph.

At the center of our being is a point of nothingness, which is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God.

And of course Eckhart talks extensively about the spark of the soul.

The spark belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes of our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our own mind or the brutalities of our own will. This little point of nothingness or absolute poverty is the pure glory of God in us.

...that's the Doxa.

It is, so to speak, his name written in us, as our poverty, as our indigence, as our dependence, as our sonship or daughtership. It is like a pure diamond, blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it, we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely. I have no program for this seeing. It is only given. But the gate of heaven is everywhere.

Very, very rich passage on the Cosmic Christ.

Remember that Thomas Merton also teaches that everything that is, is holy, the spark of the soul. The glory, the Doxa of the divine in all of us, is part of the holiness which surrounds us and to which we contribute and give birth.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.