

Daily Meditations 03/31/22

The Down-to-Earth Mysticism of Creation Spirituality

Good Morning.

Today we're advancing our discussion of our mystical experiences that began with the testimony from astronauts and cosmonauts, coming back talking like mystics from their journeys into space, of journeys to the moon and back. We shared these words of the astronauts and cosmonauts in the last two days of meditations.

But now we want to go deeper, because for one thing, few of us are going to get to the moon. And I do hope that, as I said yesterday, our mysticism is a lot closer than that. Indeed, our mysticism is grounded on the earth, is very down to earth mysticism.

That doesn't mean that those who leave the earth don't get their own special experience and perspective, and share it with us, for which we're grateful. But I do hope that most of us can become mystics without journeying to the moon. And this is, of course, the tradition.

This is what Meister Eckhart is talking about, and all creation mystics, including Jesus: he says the kingdom of heaven is among you. He doesn't say it's off on the moon.

So that's kind of a relief, isn't it? It's already here, and it's among us and within us, so it's really close. So there are some wonderful teachings here, from Meister Eckhart about how close our mysticism is, in the words I cite in today's meditation, or from his sermon, Sermon Number One in my big book on *Passion for Creation*.

And the title of his sermon is "All Creatures Are Words of God"... All creatures are words of God. He says, "Every creature is a word of God and a book about God." And that is the theme that is playing out in this current meditation.

These wonderful teachings, that the entire created order is sacred. The Father speaks the Son, from his creative power, and speak him in all things...in all things, so all things contain the Christ in it, the divine in it.

And "God is constantly speaking only one thing." What's that one thing? In this one utterance, God speaks the divine Son, and at the same time, the Holy Spirit and all creatures. So in the Christian way of naming divinity, the Trinity is being spoken, and it includes all creatures.

So, there's a lot to be listening to, isn't there?...A lot to hear? Very profound things to hear. And this is the gift of Meister Eckhart and other creation mystics: to remind us that the experience of the Divine is an everyday thing. And as close as the creatures are, but we have to learn to listen ...we have to learn to listen. And among those many creatures that are speaking divinity to us, is ourselves, that we too bear the message, and the celebration, the joy, and the wisdom of the Divine. We carry it. We too, are words of God.

Eckhart says every creature is a word of God and a book about God, therefore, a Bible. This is not esoteric. Mysticism is down to earth and every day.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.