

Daily Meditation 12/14/2022

Advent and the Coming of the Godhead

Good morning.

We're talking about Advent. We're talking about the Divine Feminine's presence.

In Advent, it's a time of darkness and repose, silence that winter brings with it. And in today's meditation we call upon the old theme of the Godhead, as distinct from God--the Godhead being feminine; God being masculine in many languages, including German and Latin which Meister Eckhart spoke.

I'd like to share with you the power of his sermon, an amazing sermon. I used to tell my students that it's one of the most amazing passages in Western literature. It's on page 77 of my book, *The Passion for Creation*, a collection of 37 of Eckhart's sermons, with commentary after each.

So here is the fuller picture. I allude to a short passage of it in the meditation, but here's a fuller teaching.

"God becomes God where all creatures express God." There, God becomes "God."

"When I was still in the core, the soil, the stream, and the source of the Godhead, no one asked me where I wanted to go, or what I was doing. There was no one there who might have put such a question to me."

So he's talking about his pre-existence in the Godhead.

"For when I flowed out from there, all creatures call out 'God!'" (So, when he flowed off from the Godhead, when he entered human history, people saw another expression of divinity in each creature and each one of us.)

"I was asked, 'Brother Eckhart, when did you go out of the house?' For I had been inside. In this way all creatures speak about God." (So, you see, we are all words of God. We are all Cosmic Christ. We are other Christs; we are expressions of the Divine.)

"All creatures speak about God, why don't they speak about the Godhead? Everything within the Godhead is unity. And we cannot speak about it."

So again, God is the place of history. But the Godhead is a place of mystery.

"God accomplishes, the Godhead does not do so. There is no deed within the Godhead." (So, God is about action and deeds. The Godhead, no.)

"The Godhead never goes searching for a deed. God and the Godhead are distinguished between deeds and a lack of deeds." (The Godhead is about being. God is about a history of deeds.)

"When I return to God, and then do not remain there, my breakthrough is more noble than my flowing out. I alone bring all creatures out of their spiritual being into my understanding, so that they are one with myself." (So he's saying that in meditation, for example, we can return to this experience of the unity of the Godhead.)

Now he's going to talk about death.

He says, "When I come into the core, the soil, the stream, the source of the Godhead..." (Now there's many returns.) "...no one asks me where I'm coming from, where I've been. No one has missed me in the place where God ceases to become."

So God, the God of history is becoming. And the Godhead is about being. And when we return to the Godhead, no one asks us where we've been and what we've been doing. There's no judgment, in other words.

Now he ends his sermon with this amazing observation. "If anyone has understood this sermon, I wish him well. If no one had been here, I would have had to preach it to this offering box."

So this was a truth that he had come across, that he had found, that he felt compelled to share.

"There are some people, some poor people, who will return to their homes and say, 'I shall sit down somewhere, eat my loaf of bread, and serve God!' I swear, however, that these people have to remain in their errors. They can never attain what these others attain who follow God in poverty and in exile."

So, there is a dimension of surrender and of sacrifice that takes you more deeply into divinity.

Thank you. We'll see you tomorrow.