

The Conversation - Jan Phillips - All the Way to Heaven

You are my Spirit and I call on You to help me remember what I know.
You are the force that keeps me moving on
 when my memory of our oneness starts to go
You are the flame that lights the path I walk.
 A guide whose hand I need to lead me home.
Take me in Your arms and lead me through the dark
 to the spring from which all healing waters flow.

**I am the one whose hand is in your hand.
 will lead you down whatever path you choose.**
**I am your guardian. I'm your dearest friend.
 I'm your deepest intuition. I'm your muse.**
**I am the voice that calls you to the Light.
 The truest of the voices that you hear.**
**Every time you call on me I'm there for you.
 I'm always at your side, I'm always near.**

And do you have the answers I am looking for?
All the answers that you seek you have inside.
How am I to know if what I choose is right?
If you've chose out of love, love will abide.
And when I feel the darkness of the world in me,
 what am I to do with all my grief?
**My child, your world is only what you say it is.
 If you call it dark, then dark is what will be.**
How am I to know what I am here to do?
Just be who you are, the doing will get done.
How can I get past the fear of what's to come?
All that fear will disappear once you've begun.
How can I remember I am of the Light,
 when there is hunger and hardship all around?
**Take the hand of everyone you're walking with,
 and the love you feel will spread that light around.**

Prayer Leader:

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How else would God speak to me?

Joan of Arc



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Our prayer is characterized by silence ~
Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder: Richard Rohr, OFM,

The Universal Christ

Intuitive truth, that inner whole-making instinct, just feels too much like our own thoughts and feelings, and most of us are not willing to call this “God,” even when the voice prompts us toward compassion instead of hatred, forgiveness instead of resentment, generosity instead of stinginess, bigness instead of pettiness. But think about it: If the incarnation is true, then of course God speaks to you through your own thoughts! As Joan of Arc brilliantly replied when the judge accused her of being the victim of her own imagination, “How else would God speak to me?”

...you must receive all words of God tenderly and subtly, so that you can speak them to others tenderly and with subtlety

I would even say anything said with too much bravado, over assurance, or with any need to control or impress another, is never the voice of God within you. I hope I am not doing that here. If any thought feels too harsh, shaming, or diminishing of yourself or others, it is not likely the voice of God. That is simply your voice. Why do humans so often presume the exact opposite - that the shaming voice is the voice of God and grace voices are always the imagination? That is a self-defeating (“demonic?”) path. Yet as a confessor and spiritual director, I can confirm that this broken logic is the general norm.

Reading: Ted Loder, *My Heart in my Mouth*

Eternal God,
since silence seems to be the voice of holiness,
 the only language you speak directly,
then I pray to be steeped in it

until I fear it less and welcome it as an usher to grace,
 a narrator of sacred mysteries;
until silence ceases the fretful conversations of my mind
 with too little else than itself;
until silence:
 calms my heart to an ease,
 convenes my senses to an anchored focus,
 hushes my tongue to a chastened hold;
until I discern in the silence an answer
 to that necessary question which,
 for the very life of me,
 it has not yet occurred to me to ask;
until I am stretched alive and deep to its dimensions,
 and catch, at last and ready,
 your assuring wink at me.
Amen

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

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