

Inspired by Love and Anger

Inspired by love and anger, disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias, we ask him once again:
"How long must some folk suffer? How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self-interest turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims of heartless human greed,
Their cruel plight composes a litany of need:
"Where are the fruits of justice? Where are the signs of peace?
When is the day when prisoners and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage provoke the bitter cry:
"Don't query our position! Don't criticize our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets proclaimed a different age,
We offer earth's indifference, its agony and rage:
"When will the wronged be righted? When will the kingdom come?
When will the world be generous to all instead of some?"

God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen, will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome, will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow, will walk the road I show?"

Amused in someone's kitchen, asleep in someone's boat,
Attuned to what the ancients exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
A saviour without safety, a tradesman without tools
Has come to tip the balance with fishermen and fools.

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Imagine Integrity



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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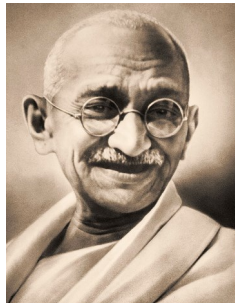
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To Ponder: Matthew Fox: *Meister Eckhart:* *A Mystic-Warrior for Our Times*

Eckhart instructs us to fall in love with Earth and life and existence and to seek a God of creation and justice, a “God of life.”

Eckhart's God is a God fully present in nature and thus suffering when nature suffers. Eckhart assists us when he pushes us to be creative, to use our fertile imaginations, to reinvent things — from language to religion to education to energy to economics. Who is holding us back but ourselves? We are all born for creativity, to birth not only the Christ but the Christ who is “justice itself,” the Christ of the polar bear or the rain forest or the whale or the redwoods — all threatened with extinction. The Christ being crucified all over again by an empire different from the Roman Empire of Jesus's time, but an empire nonetheless. An empire of financial speculators who appeal to greed to satisfy their own greed, an empire of consumer capitalism that takes no prisoners, that rapes Main Street, then borrows from Main Street, and then goes back to abusing Main Street again. Eckhart helps because he tells us to take seriously our experiences of beauty and awe and wonder and not to fall asleep but to wake up when beauty and health are endangered.



Reading: Bruce Sanguin, *If Darwin Prayed*

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Mighty and tender God,
you, the deep within all,
you, the encompassing heart of all,
we enter now into your community of wholeness,
a realm of peace.

We bring our hunger,
and the hunger of our world.
We bring our inner stranger,
and the exiled of the world.
We bring our hurting selves,
and the hurting of the world.
We open to healing

Inspired, we dare to imagine integrity
in our inner life, our relationships,
our planet, and our political systems.

We dare to imagine the reign of Christ,
Love's Servant,
your heart
for an unfolding cosmos.
Amen

Sharing...

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...