

How Then Shall I Live? *Linnea Good*

Took a walk outside of my walking.
Stepped inside another's shoes.
Walked the dusty borders between us.
Paths I'd never chosen to choose.

How then shall I live?
How then shall I live?
How then shall I live, O God?
How then shall I live?

Heard a sound outside of my list'ning.
Felt the living hum of the ground.
Waited on the voice of the spirit,
singing with its new old sound.

Saw the world outside of my looking.
Gazed upon the eyes of its soul.
Held the hopes and fears of tomorrow,
found the pieces making a whole.

Took a step outside of my walking.
Found within a beat that we share.
Walked with you the length of a lifetime,
and made of life a living prayer.

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A Presence that Disturbs



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: Anthony J. Gittins

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Authentic Christianity is marked by a centrifugal force or impulse: it is outreaching and encountering; it communicates and it ministers; it cannot do otherwise. In other words, the test of true discipleship is the experience of something analogous to what Wordsworth felt: *a presence that disturbs*. For disciples this disturbing presence is the God who both stabilizes and destabilizes, comforts and discomforts. Christianity, like its sibling, Judaism, does not produce complacency, but complicity or participation with others. Therefore we are not permitted to settle for a comfortable symbiosis with nature or even the quiet life. Disciples are challenged to go beyond the experience so telling captured by Wordsworth: they must not only have felt a presence that disturbs; to be true disciples they must actually become a presence that disturbs. This disruption is simply the cost of discipleship. Every disciple is called to practice justice. That call is bound to be disturbing to some people.

Reading: Dorothee Soelle

I believe in god
who did not create an immutable world
a thing incapable of change
who does not govern according to eternal laws
that remain inviolate
or according to a natural order
of rich and poor
of the expert and the ignorant
of rulers and subjects
I believe in god
who willed conflict in life
and wanted us to change the status quo
through our work
through our politics

Sharing. . .

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...