

Share in the life of the Trinity! Midweek reflection # 26 November 24, 2008

“If we believe and hope that we are going to be living with God forever, why not get acquainted with this extraordinary presence now? In this perspective, what other things are as important as this? God’s will for us is to manifest God’s goodness and infinite tenderness in our lives right now. Christian tradition is not merely a handing on of various doctrines and rituals. It is the handing on of the experience of the Living Christ, revealed in Scripture, preserved in the sacraments, renewed in every act of prayer, and present in a special way in the major events of our lives. If we are open and available to this presence, our lives will be transformed. The spiritual journey is a struggle to be ever more available to God and to let go of the obstacles to that transforming process. The Gospel is not merely an invitation to be a better person. It is an invitation to become divine. It invites us to share the interior life of the Trinity.” Thomas Keating, The Better Part

Stages of Contemplative Living , The Continuum International Publishing Group, pages 36,37

I can add little to what Thomas Keating suggests here except to say if you haven’t read this little treasure of a book and the idea of sharing in the life of the Trinity on a daily basis intrigues you, read the book!

Keating’s “perspective” is one that is shared by many others, though often described a little differently. David Runcorn, in A Center of Quiet, refers to this as rooting our lives in the secret heart of God’s presence. Thomas Merton, in one of his journals, thanks God for allowing him to be “rooted in Eternity”.

However we describe this perspective, it involves an invitation to which I want to respond with all of my heart.

May we all be given the grace to arrange our priorities so as to be open and available to God’s transforming presence and share in the life of the Trinity.

Under God’s Mercy,

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