

LEARNING HEART: Weekly Reflections

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Week 6 - The Heart of the Cosmos

When our hearts are captivated by God's beauty, they long to open new ways to understand the mystery of creation, to unblock some freeways for new images and insights to seduce our hearts. The mystery of the Incarnation is the 'showing forth' of the love and meaning in the heart of God in giving birth to this amazing world and everything in it.

It is enriching and rewarding beyond measure to reflect on this mystery as a cosmic event as well as a historical one in time and place. Most Christians tend to think of the Incarnation as a one-off event, an intervention by God in the history of humanity, distinct from the wider mystery. Redemption is often mistakenly regarded as a kind of rescue operation on God's part – an intervention at a moment in time to salvage a world gone adrift . . .

Because God is love, God wished to express that love, to give it birth in time and space. This whispered word of love we call the cosmos, and within the cosmos there is humanity, and within humanity there is always this allurements, this demand almost, for transformation and total union with Love herself. In Jesus this was a consuming flame. In this Human One we all became aware of our incredible identity and destiny – as daughters and sons of God growing into total union with Love itself.

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