

## **Daniel's Reflection for week beginning 30th September -The Catholic-Christian Faith – told as a Love Story Evolution, Incarnation and Love**

Another point here may help to repeat and clarify this alternative interpretation of the Christian story. It holds that the whole purpose of Creation is for Incarnation, for God's sharing of life and love in a unique and definitive way. God's becoming human is not an after-thought, an event to atone for a mythical original sin and for human sinfulness. Incarnation is God's first thought, the original design for all Creation. The purpose of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is the fulfilment of God's eternal longing in love, to become fully and eternally human. He walked among us, not to restore a lost relationship with God, or show us how to get to heaven, but to teach us how to be fully living and loving human beings on this earth – nothing else. And that is everything. It is our challenge as we now play a central part in consciously participating in, and directing the course of Evolution.

The whole point of everything, personal and cosmic, the first Big Bang (the Alpha, Creation, First Incarnation), the River of Evolution (the work of the Holy Spirit), the Revelation of Incarnation (God's Incarnate presence and love), is perfectly caught in one brief word – love. Everything is a web of the most beautiful love. And the Mystery, the loving Mother-God, is at the heart it all, but now – as us. ('AS' is a thoroughly incarnational inspired word.) The Mystery's (God's) vision, desire and dream is, through the Community of Love (the Church) to keep reminding, renewing, resurrecting the Earth, and all creatures on it, from deep within, despite the evil that stalks it, until that final day (Omega, Heaven, when God is 'all in all'). And the only dynamic for this astonishing evolution is the dynamic of love.

We are called to believe all of this, and much more, so as to perceive our destiny as one with Jesus, the Christ, the Human and Cosmic One – that is to be completely the human enfleshment of the Mystery for the journey of true life to continue. The Mystery became human so that humans could become the Mystery incarnate. The first Flaring Forth was the irruption of an invincible light; the Big Bang was, in reality not a noise, but a love-song. At this current tipping point in time we, the peoples of the world, are now evolving into that incarnate love-song, that love-light, that love-story. The Flourishing of the Multiverse depends on it. As in the time of Jesus, this revelation is too much for many. But scripturally and traditionally the roots of this interpretation, emphasis and truth reach back to the very beginning of Christianity – and then to the sacrament of Creation itself.

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