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Week 12 - Midwife of Mystery

Mystery is the backdrop to all our searching for knowledge and wisdom. This is so strikingly expressed in the first chapter to Ephesians. In it, 'mystery' is the womb of epiphany. It reveals God's plan for each one of us, and for the whole of creation, as a poem of love. The mystery in the what of the eternal Creator is now made known; what the prophets long to see, what the universe has waited for, what has been revealed to mere children . . . Everyone is a bearer of this mystery, carrying the holy seeds of wisdom. Because of our birth and baptism, we are gifted from the beginning with the promise of this divine wisdom.

The poet sees infinity in an hour, heaven in a pebble, eternity in a smile and divine power in a forgiving word. This vision of the really real, this insight into the mystery of things does not come easy to eyes that are forever clouded by the scales of original sin. There is a discipline to discipleship. We need soul friends who are called to educate and purify our flawed perceptions and attitudes, so as to see the agony and ecstasy, the boredom and excitement, the failures and successes of our lives, to see us with the eyes of Jesus. Only through this miracle of grace can the patterns and motivations, the gifts and the shadows of our days and nights emerge with a clarity that enables us to make a choice for light or darkness.

(New Hearts . . . : pp56,57)