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Week 22 - The Imperative to Create

St Thomas Aquinas sees all of life as resulting from the ever-new and ever-changing outpouring of divine energy into the world each day. He sees this mystery as the activating of the seeds of God already placed by God at creation in the deepest spirit of all creatures. God is in the Human heart, Aquinas insisted, and God's presence tends to spread from heart to heart as fire spreads over a field of stubble. We most resemble God when we are busy setting fire to each other's hearts.

Once aware of the divine wisdom within us, we are eager to empower others with this gift. This happens when we help people to become more aware of the mystery of their own lives; aware of the potential for 'sheer joy' within them; aware of their power to heal and enrich others; aware of the pleasure that such generative commitment brings.

There is a deadly conspiracy in society against the nurturing of the mystic, the prophet, the contemplative; against the nourishing of that community of artists we carry within us who forever image the in-dwelling Blessed Trinity of each human soul. Our minds expand, our pettiness is transcended, our cynicism dries up, and our insecurity is confronted when our divine power is acknowledged and the flow of our creativity is let run free.

When the marvellous gift of connecting begins to happen, when we risk revealing our vulnerability, when we explore our boredom and reclaim our sacred imagination, then there is an immense completing and healing followed by a deep personal delight that also rings true. There is a uniting energy that connects with the God within, that strikes at an all-embracing dualism, and reveals the superficiality of so many of our habitual preoccupations. Only then is sprung the fresh well of the exciting mystery that we are.

(*Passion for the Possible* pp 158, 159).