

State of Grace Contemplation



“Blessed are the merciful (compassionate) for they shall obtain
mercy (compassion)

Compassion is the product of faith. It comes from the understanding that everything that happens is happening as an inspiration from God.

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St. Dorothy

Something that frequently gets overlooked is the profundity of Jesus’ final teaching while He was dying on the cross. He looked on His executors and proclaimed to heaven: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing.” This teaching has a number of layers. First, the executioners were soldiers conditioned to carry out orders, no questions. They were told that Jesus was condemned as a dangerous enemy of the state – their state. They had no knowledge of His Teachings or His Works. They were designed to do what they did. They had no real means, internally and externally, to use free will. They did what they were designed to do. Jesus saw them as innocent. Once, when I was in Israel in the town of Jewish mystic study, Safed, a number of rabbi-mystics were having a discussion about the culpability regarding the holocaust. All agreed that the perpetrators should have been taken to the authorities for secular justice, but being mystics, they knew that God was ultimately behind this horrific event. I was a bit self-righteously in disbelief and when I questioned one of them, he reminded me of Jesus’ teaching on the cross. He said something that has imprinted my spiritual perspective for decades; “everyone is doing the best they can with what they have, even if it isn’t good enough.” Everyone has a unique design from birth, deeper than archetypes and enneagrams, (karma) that ultimately dictates how they respond to the circumstances of life. We are each engineered to have our role in the grand “Play of Life.” And, as we see in Isaiah and the works of the mystics, it is God who is ultimately responsible.

“I form the Light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I, the Lord do all these things.” (now that expands one’s perspective, engenders great **compassion**, and initially causes uncomfortable dissonance, since we are deeply, deeply conditioned to believe otherwise)

And going back to Saint Dorothy: **“Let us then never attribute our loses, our disappointments, our afflictions, our humiliations, to the devil or to men, but to God as their real source.** To act otherwise would be to do the same as a dog who vents his anger on the stone instead of putting the blame on the hand that threw it at him.”

Or as Father Fergus interpreted in a most practical way; “you can’t expect a dog to meow or a cat to bark. A snake will bite, and a chipmunk will run away. All according to their nature.”

And Shirdi Sai Baba tells us that **“one acts according to one’s nature and in keeping with God’s Will (for him).”**

And what is more dominant in our lives – free will or predetermination? I will answer as the mystics answer.

Which is more true – free will or predetermination? Yes!

Become compassion!

Now, the human mind can never fully understand transcendental truth, so don’t try. You will only get confused and maybe angry. Let this truth settle in your Heart with no judgment and watch compassion gently become you.

Only Love, Jerry