



Commentary

Generosity is the only true unwavering mark of spiritual maturity.

On one level we say that we give our life to God. That means fulfilling the commandment of Love. The first is Love God. In essence that means being fully committed to the Highest Good. Love others? Same commitment to their Highest Good. Love yourself? Same commitment to your Highest Good. Loving "self" and "other" does not mean you have to actually like yourself or the other at any given time. Likes are irrelevant in the higher order of things. What matters is commitment - giving, giving, giving yourself to a Higher Good. This giving for a Higher Good is called "kenosis". It is the basis of the Incarnation. You will see at the Christmas Retreat how Jesus modeled this selfless generosity as the **core value** in the spiritual path known as Christianity. It was not so much about dogma, ceremony and beliefs that made one a true follower, it was the capacity and act of giving of oneself to something greater.

Once I asked my spiritual director what the core essence of Christianity is? What is the one thing absolutely necessary? and he said, reflecting the wisdom of the mystics of all traditions: "give, give, give of yourself until the only thing left is God"

This will seem gratuitous, but that's OK. I have a big responsibility in keeping StillPoint alive and well. Soon, you will be getting a letter with a description of the StillPoint Christmas 2021 Program and a description of our retreat. This retreat is unique in many, many ways. Not the least of which, this is the first time we have brought out clearly and coherently the teachings of "How to be human." This is the great and somewhat hidden gift of the Consciousness of the Christ flowing into mankind. So, please make a donation. If funds are tight, I recommend you send us the cost of a cup of coffee. The amount doesn't matter. What does matter is that you have

energetically connected yourself to the mission of StillPoint. You are supporting the community of "Lovers of God" without pretense of an exalted teacher, dogma, doctrine and ritual. We are students of the great God Realized ones of all time practicing immersion into the universal Divine Silence, living as we can the Pure Knowledge and just being ourselves!

Please give what you can. "You are loved by Love Itself" - the Christmas Message.