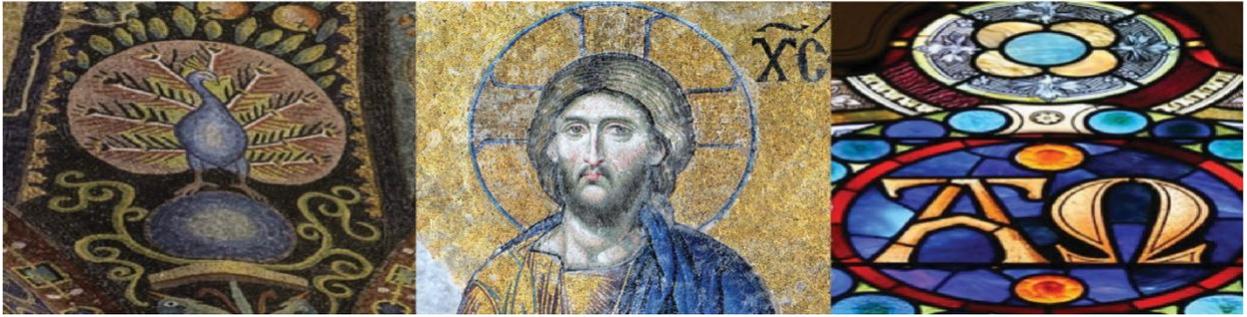


Contemplation



The Desire for God is the Presence of God Within
It is God Experiencing Himself

Once I went to my spiritual director in distress. I could not “feel” love for God.

JT: Father, I don't think I love God. I have no feeling whatsoever no matter how much I want this Love to be real for me.

FF: (Father Fergus) Oh, so loving God is a feeling, is it?

JT: Well sure, isn't that what devotion is?

FF: First of all, son, **the desire to love God is loving God**. That desire is God within you desiring to be known. And there's more. Love has many, many facets and love attracts each soul according to the soul's nature. There is a continuum here from the magnificent feminine aspects of love which have an emotional basis – attachment, affection, nurturing, caring – the Love of the Blessed Mother. And then there is the more masculine aspect of love: the commitment to the highest good. And we saw that when Jesus gave His Life to show us the Way. We say that Love, at its basis, is the great force of evolution that brings all things to completion. (Pay attention here -) Love has many expressions, e.g., mother for her child; father working to support the family; priest bringing Christ to his parishioners; a soldier ready to die for the principles of his country. **Love is putting the greatest good first!** Love is like a powerful, pure laser light behind an immense prism of humanity in which each soul has a unique position. The Light comes through and there is an infinite “rainbow” of colors. Each an expression of Love designed especially for that soul.



Each time we love according to our nature it is God loving through us which is why that mystical statement is so very, very rich: Love – to know God. If you really want to know what God is like, then love, love and love some more. (We say give, give, give until only God is left!)

Disclosure: It took me many years to get over feeling inadequate because the “feeling” is not my nature. However, I am in the camp of the pig! Analogy: in the story of breakfast, the chicken participates but the pig is committed. It starts and ends with Faith.

So, we contemplate the Love of Jesus and the complimentary Love of His Mother - different in expression but united by the principle of commitment to the Hight Good!

Only Love, Jerry