

5 WAY

WHY NOT WALK OUT? WILL ROBERS

JESUS IS THE DOOR

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.

FOLLOW ME

HEY! DON'T FORGET V.7

ONE WAY HEAVEN OR "ELECT" HELL

LOVE - FEAR

TRUST - WORRY

COMFORT - ABANDONMENT

DWELL IN ME

"JESUS EMBODIES A WAY OF BEING IN THIS WORLD SO CLOSE TO THE HEART OF GOD THAT GOD CAN BE KNOWN IN + THROUGH JESUS."

JOHN 14:7 IS NOT A THREAT, IT IS A PROMISE... EXCEPT FOR MY SHOWING YOU THE WAY OF GOD YOU'D GET LOST.

RELATIONAL

WAY - SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

TRUTH - AUTHENTICITY + INTEGRITY

LIFE - ABUNDANCE + JOY

LOST IN THE BATTLE AT GORDON-CONWELL SEMINARY

ORTHODOXY VS CHRISTIAN PRACTICE

ORTHODOXY: FUNDAMENTALIST, POST-REFORMATION, AUTHORITY, MAP OR MAZE, THE WAY OF CERTAINTY, NO CLUSTERS ALLOWED.

CHRISTIAN PRACTICE: 17th C. SOCIALLY-AWARE, EXILED JESUS-TYPES, DIGNA CHOSE TO BE A "GOOD" WOMAN ("GOOD" TO SELF), AND GOT LOST IN "TOXIC PATRIARCHY," MARRIED IT TO GOD, A DOBUNT GOD, JESUS (TRANSCENDENT), JESUS (IMMANENT), JESUS (HUMAN), JESUS (GOD), WHERE IS JESUS? LIBERALS JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT JO-OR-NEEY!

THE LESS-TRAVELED ROAD

RISKS

BEWARE OF BULL

LEAVING THE SIN OF CERTAINTY

DECIDED TO STUDY CHURCH HISTORY IT WOULD BE SAFE, ON THIS SIDE OF THE FENCE

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT STUDYING THE PAST COULD UPSET ONE'S PRESENT

WRESTLING

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LOVE

THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH IS DOUBT

EMPIRE

EMPIRE CREEDS

HERESY = TREASON

FAITH + EMPIRE

FOUR MOVEMENTS OF DIVINE LOVE:

- CREATION: WHEN LOVE BECOMES FLUX, LIFE IS CREATED
- FALL: WHEN LOVE IS DEIGNED, PAINT, LIFE IS DEIGNED
- REDEMPTION: WHEN LOVE GOES TO UNDER, LIFE IS BORN
- HOPE: WHEN LOVE GOES TO UNDER, LIFE IS BORN

LIBERATION

SE HACE CAMINO AL ADAR

"THE WAY IS MADE BY WALKING"

STEP AWAY FROM CERTAINTY

JESUS IS THERE

THE WAY

FIND YOURSELF ON A LABYRINTH OF LOVE

(NOT A HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN)

6 PRESENCE

AND REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE MT. 28:20

EARLY CHRISTIANS STRUGGLED

- ONE GOD
- b.t. JESUS?
- SPIRIT?

FORMAL RESPONSE

- TRINITY
- CREEDS

ABOUT HIM

BUT THEY LEFT OUT SO MUCH... WHAT JESUS DID!

LIVING WITH JESUS IS WHERE IT GETS MESSY

WE CANNOT KNOW JESUS WITHOUT

SPIRIT

MUCH, PRESENCE, SHEKHINAH, JESUS, POWER, WISDOM, PRESENCE

DID THE FIRST DISCIPLES EXPERIENCE JESUS

NO PROBLEM WITH THE SACRED BEING FULLY HUMAN

BIRTH

I KNEW CHILD BIRTH WOULD BE HARD, I NEVER KNEW IT WOULD BE HOLY

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

NO ONE CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD WITHOUT BEING BORN FROM ABOVE

BOWELS

WHERE IS JESUS, MOMMY?

DADDY: IN HEAVEN

MOMMY: IN YOUR HEART

TRANSCENDENCE

IMMANENCE

ARCHBISHOP THOMAS SCAMMER + THE PALMIS

IN MY BOWELS

COMPASSION, DESIRE

WHAT IS RADICAL IMMANENCE?

BODY

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

MARY'S BODY

ADOLESCENT JESUS

ADULT JESUS

FOOD, POOP, LAUGHTER, PAIN, WITH SUFFERING BODIES

ALL BODIES ARE HUMAN AND WILL LIVE AGAIN.

MOTHER

SHEKHINAH IS FEMININE

THE MAN JESUS ALSO EMBODIES THE SACRED FEMININE

JESUS AS A MOTHER

JULIAN AT NORWICH

QUOTIDIAN JESUS

PHYLIS THORPE

MEANS PURCH CHURCH

MOST OF THE DRAMA IS IN SMALL PLACES

ORDINARY TIME

GRACE THORPE

BEHAVING AS IF WE WERE SEEING

OUR DOMESTIC LIFE MIGHT BE REVISIONED AS THE VERY LOVE OF GOD

THE LORD IS MY ROCK

ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

JESUS IS A LIVING STONE

CREATION IS DYNAMIC

JESUS IS MET ALONG THE PATH OF SPIRITUAL + POLITICAL UPRHEAVAL

THE RUBBLE IS NOT TRASH

KENOSIS

WE DO NOT BUILD A KINGDOM

WE PARTICIPATE IN CREATION

MARCUS BORG

I'M WRITING A MYSTERY NOVEL

THEOLOGY IS NOT INVESTIGATIVE MYSTERY

IT IS REVELATIONAL MYSTERY

THEOLOGY IS NOT SIMPLY A SET OF TRUTHS TO BELIEVE; IT IS A PATH TO WALK

OR A LONG VISION TO PURSUE

JESUS IS THE LIVING PARABLE

WHAT I KNOW

INDWELLINGS

IS ULTIMATELY UNKNOWNABLE

WE COME FROM MYSTERY

WE RETURN TO MYSTERY

WHERE IS JESUS? RIGHT HERE.

CONCLUSION

THE UNIVERSAL JESUS

"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, THE BEGINNING AND THE END."

- REVELATION 22:13

20 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

2015 INAUGURAL WOMAN'S ASSEMBLY PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

SALT LAKE, UTAH

IN THE CIRCLE

"THE DAY OF MY SPIRITUAL AWAKENING WAS THE DAY I SAW + KNEW I SAW ALL THINGS IN GOD + GOD IN ALL THINGS"

(MECHTILD OF MAGDEBURG (d.1212))

THE LIFE OF JESUS SETS THE PATTERN OF WHOLE-MAKING WHICH INCLUDES RECONCILIATION, FORGIVENESS, PEACEMAKING, + COMPASSION... PERMEATES THE MASS OF CREATION

(Jia Dolio)

THE CIRCLE

BEST ILLUSTRATES MY EXPERIENCE OF JESUS.

TABLES, ALTARS, CAMPFIRES; CLASSROOMS, CHURCH ROOMS; RALLIES + PROTESTS

PURGATIVE - ILLUMINATIVE - UNITIVE

NOT LINEAR, BUT SPIRALING BACK TO INCLUDE PAST WISDOM.

JESUSES I HINTED AT BUT DIDN'T MENTION:

JESUS AS:

- LOVER
- WORD (SILENCE)
- WISDOM/SOPHIA
- BREAD + WINE

WE KNOW JESUS THROUGH OUR EXPERIENCE

MEMOIR THEOLOGY

UNDERSTANDING GOD THROUGH THE TEXT OF OUR OWN LIVES

EXPERIENCE = A TEXT OF CHRISTOLOGY

THE BOOK BEGAN WITH THIS STORY

GET ME OUT OF HERE!

BUT LORD.

THE PANDEMIC SET HIM FREE WITH OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS LOCKED

WE REDISCOVERED JESUS:

- AROUND THE TABLE AT HOME
- ON WALKS + HIKES
- PRESENT IN MUSIC, ART, BOOKS
- VISIBLE IN FACES ON ZOOM

I HOPE WE NEVER FORGET THE JESUS WE HAVE MET IN OUR OWN LIVES IN FEAR, CONFUSION, LOSS, FORCED ISOLATION, + SURPRISING MOMENTS OF JOY

IT ALL MATTERS

ALL

OF IT.

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