

Where there is Isolation, let me sow Interdependence

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Matt 17: 1-4)

I get it! I'm with Peter: "it is good that we are here"! Jesus has shown himself to his chosen ones in a totally new brilliant light. Why wouldn't anyone want to preserve that moment by separating themselves from the crowd below and preserving it with all its serendipity and wonder!

This reminds me of when I pronounced my vows as a Daughter of Wisdom for the first time. I expected great things at the moment that I said my vows. I hoped for a pious saying that would come to me from Jesus, my Bridegroom, so that like Peter, I could preserve that moment just for myself, and come back to that moment time after time. (My piety at the time, with all its initial fervor and separation from the world, as we were taught to be at that time, was gleaned from readings from the lives of the saints and admiring them for their special favors from God.) Then came my turn to make my vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. As I was kneeling there after my pronouncement, waiting for that special word from Jesus, all that came to mind was "WOW"! My reaction was "no, no, that is too profane, too worldly, and couldn't have come from Jesus. I listened again, and again what came to me was "WOW". I returned to my pew, disappointed that I hadn't gotten a special pious thought from my Bridegroom. That was 55 years ago.

Fast forward to a later time when the Daughters of Wisdom rediscovered what we were founded for, to acquire Wisdom and serve the poor in the world by becoming one with them in the world, interdependent with them, not in isolation. We learned that our founder St. Louis Marie de Montfort wanted us to seek Wisdom God and that She has a feminine face. During this learning, I discovered that my only prayer in this new awareness could still only be "WOW". I began to understand the depth and extent of that prayer, and have recognized it through the years as the only possible response to how Wisdom God has been for me in my life, and in the world.

I have been privileged in recent years to receive an education on Cosmology and learned the height and breadth and depth of this God we call Wisdom and Creator, and am still learning. I have become aware that we are all One in God, and that Wisdom God is One in us. We are all connected and interdependent, mutually dependent, on each other for our very existence and that God is the center of all, barring none, holding us all as One.

WE ARE ALL ONE!

WOW!

