

Into The Light of Knowledge

Archbishop Isidore of Seville, AD 600-636

“ Truly I tell you, where ever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” Mary Magdalene had poured perfumed oil on Jesus, anointing his head to give a sign of her awareness of the sacrifice soon to be made. Jesus told the apostles, “you will not always have me.” This was the first Sacrament of Last Rights in the Christian Faith. {Matthew 26:13, 26:11}

Mary Magdalene followed Jesus to Calvary, her strength matching Mary his mother, and James the Just then Joseph of Arimathea, brother of Jesus.

From Darkness To Light: The Path of God

The moment of Christ's death on the cross, is a death created by intimacy with human nature. To pass to the Light of God, one must pass through the death of Christ on the cross. To pass through the death of Christ means to live in the earthly atmosphere of darkness created by intimacy with the darkness in human nature.

At the hour of Christ's death the darkness in the earthly atmosphere was probably a total eclipse of the sun by the moon. An eclipse of the Son of God. Darkness in a spiritual way had overtaken this time.

This was a crime of ignorance, caused by a lack of insight into the real nature of the Son of God. The eclipse of the sun created a feeling of darkness over the earth. It portrayed the actual experience of anger, jealousy, envy, and hatred overcoming human consciousness. This was an eclipse of the Son of God within the self.

The hour of Mercy, the ninth hour when Christ died, was an hour of darkness. It was the eclipse of the Son of God by rage aggressed on Light, on goodness, on healing. The sky darkened. The soul of the world, in an atmosphere of darkness, is not unlike the dark night of the soul in daylight.

The path is narrow. "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." {Luke 13:34}

A veil had been over the essence of Jesus; a human body. Human consciousness envied the acts of power by Jesus, experiencing him as a man. In the darkness of human consciousness is a need to control and possess human power, a misunderstanding.

Power is a gift. Receptive awareness invites the Presence of God within the self. The Presence of God is power; compassionate power. Jesus was and is the power of the Presence of God. He was not yet revealed to the earth as the Light of God. Jesus told those close to him; "The Father and I are one." The veil of the physical body left those, only observing in earthly ways, confused. And then, they were jealous of the actions of Jesus created by the Light of God.

Those who allowed themselves to be in receptive awareness, perceiving through the soul instead of the earth, saw the Truth. They saw the Light in Jesus, around Jesus.

They knew the meaning of this Light. This Light was not ordinary. This Light revealed a depth of understanding that was beyond human consciousness, and was to be revered.

Even though Jesus was there, the veil was set by the human experience of perceiving a likeness to the self in Jesus' human form. The assumption was similarity, creating the perception of limitation.

All those engaged in crucifying Jesus were assuming that He was limited in the ways all humans experience limitations in their actions of daily life. Jesus said to Ponticus Pilate, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." {Luke 22:68.69}

The Light of God was not perceived, nor understood. The jeering crowd saying, if you are the Son of God then take control over this situation, was too limited. Jesus knew the power of God was greater than the moment of crucifixion. Jesus saying, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.", is a demonstration of his deep understanding of the limits of human perception. They were not receptively aware of the True Light.

One of the thieves crucified with Jesus understood, from his own human experience in the moment, that a human could not endure what Jesus had experienced. The thief said, I see who you really are. You are the power of God itself! Remember me.

The eclipse passed and the sun was again shining. For some, the darkness of the eclipse of the sun continued and was reinforced by the death of Jesus. The burial of his body was in an ordinary way of a respected citizen of that time. He was wrapped in a new linen cloth by his friend, disciple, Joseph or Arimathea, his brother James the Just. Jesus was laid in James's own tomb hewn out of rock. {Matthew 27:59.60}

The tomb of human hearts was also dark with the perception of absence. The devastation of this crime of hatred and its power over someone they loved and revered, impressed their hearts. The friends, relatives of Jesus were filled with confusion and the examination of their experiences in an attempt to understand, and interpret misunderstandings. Misunderstandings of their experience and who God was. God laying in a tomb, put there by ordinary people; being ordinary himself. There was sun light in the days ahead. However, the eclipse had moved to the hearts of those who loved Jesus.

The path is narrow, one has to remember the Truth, against earthly experience. Perception through human eyes and understanding leads a different way.

On the third day at dawn, Jesus awakened from the earthly veil, the human form. He was the Light of his true self. Now, Jesus was only his true self. “The seal placed on the tomb by the chief priests and Pharisees was broken by a violent earthquake. “An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightening, his clothes were white as snow.” {Matthew 28:3} Mary Magdalene and Mary saw this and the angel said to them, “Jesus has risen from the dead and is going to Galilee. There you will see him. So the women hurried away and suddenly Jesus met them saying, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers.’” {Matthew 28:2.10}

The Gospel of John states that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb while it was still dark, discovered that Jesus was not there. She then went to tell Peter and the others. They came and examined the tomb, finding the linen where they had laid Jesus. Peter and the others then returned to where they were living. Mary Magdalene stayed. “She bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body

had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. She turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary Madgalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" {John 20:11.18}

"The Father and I are one." There is only one Light of God.

Those that loved Jesus had yet another profound experience. The experience of divinity. What did my earthly human perception tell me? That this was an ordinary person after all. Then that perception is overtaken by His Presence, full and unharmed.

The eclipse of perception had ended!

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' {Matthew 28:18}

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