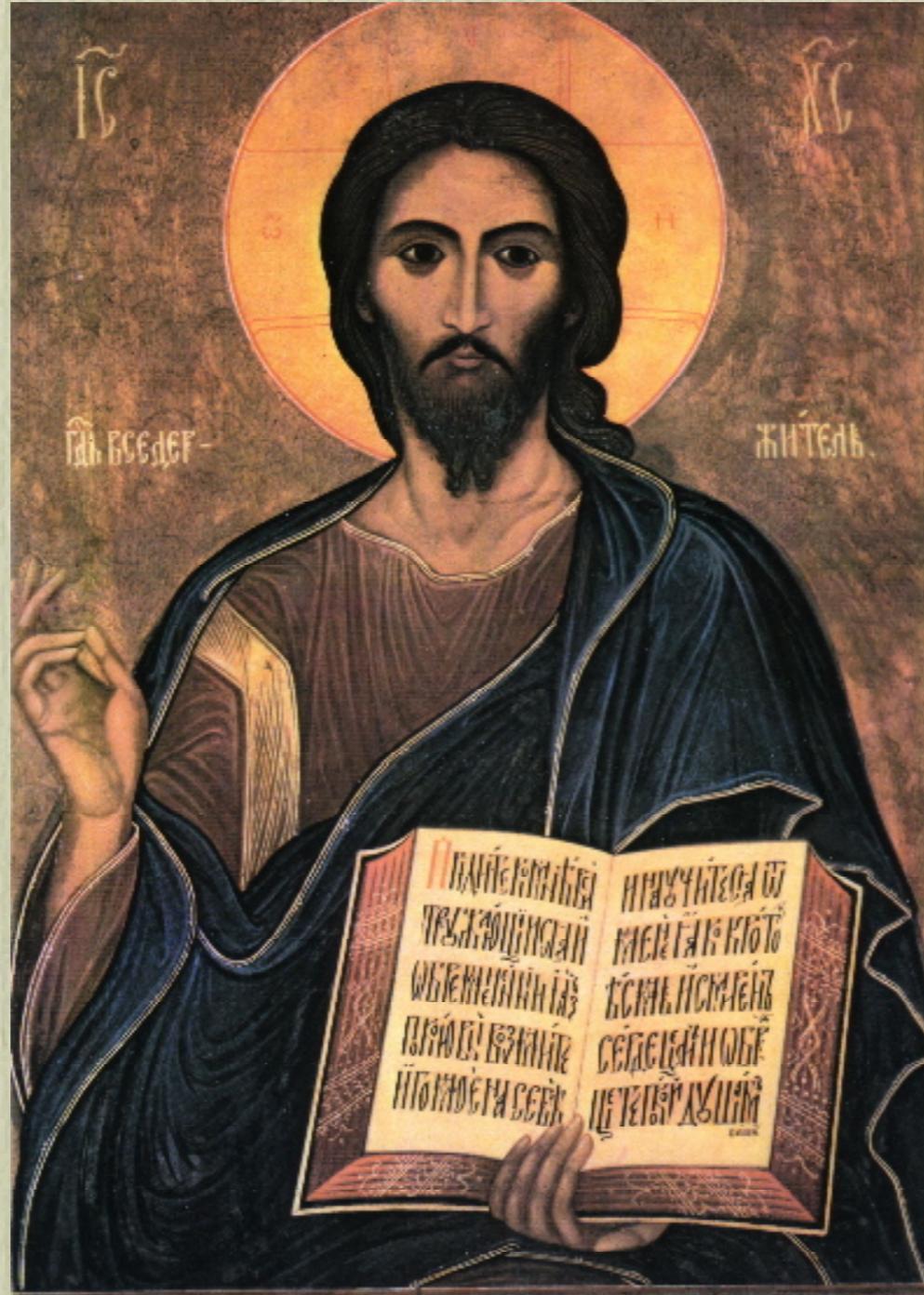


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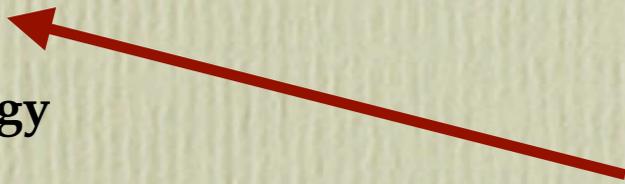
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1 John 1:1-3



‘We declare to you what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you may have communion with us;

and truly our communion is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.’

Raymond Brown (Theological Studies 1981)

‘The Bible is the literary objectification of a faith that is a response to revelation’(page 9).

He goes on to define Scripture as: ‘divine revelation to which human beings have given expression in words’(page 13).

Schmaus, Dogma I, 188

‘What we encounter in the Sacred Scriptures is first of all the objectivization of the belief in and understanding of Christ which was possessed by the Church or the local congregation.

In other words it is the answer to the revelation of God. In this answer, however, the word of God itself is expressed, for this word has entered into the answer of the Church and is effective in it. On the other hand we must not forget that God’s word, which enters into our human answer of faith, nevertheless always transcends it.’

Each Gospel presents its own , necessarily limited, portrait of Jesus, and its own interpretive commentary.

The aim of each Gospel is to communicate the significance of the real Jesus to the communities for which it was composed.

The fact that the four Gospels were treasured, copied, and read in the Christian assemblies in the East, in Egypt, in Asia Minor, in Greece and in Rome, is the source of our confidence that in each of the Gospels and in the four together we are seeing and hearing the real Jesus.

He saw _____ was moved with **compassion** _____ and ...

‘A leper came to Jesus begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you choose to do so, you can make me clean.” Moved with **compassion**, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “Of course! Be made clean! (Mark 1:40-41)

He saw _____ was moved with **compassion** _____ and ...

‘Jesus saw the crowd; and he had **compassion** for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.’

(Mark 6:34)

He saw _____ was moved with **compassion** and ...

‘When the Lord saw the widow, he had **compassion** for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”(Luke 7:13-14).

He saw _____ was moved with **compassion** _____ and ...

‘A Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with **compassion**. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him’ (Luke 10:33-34).

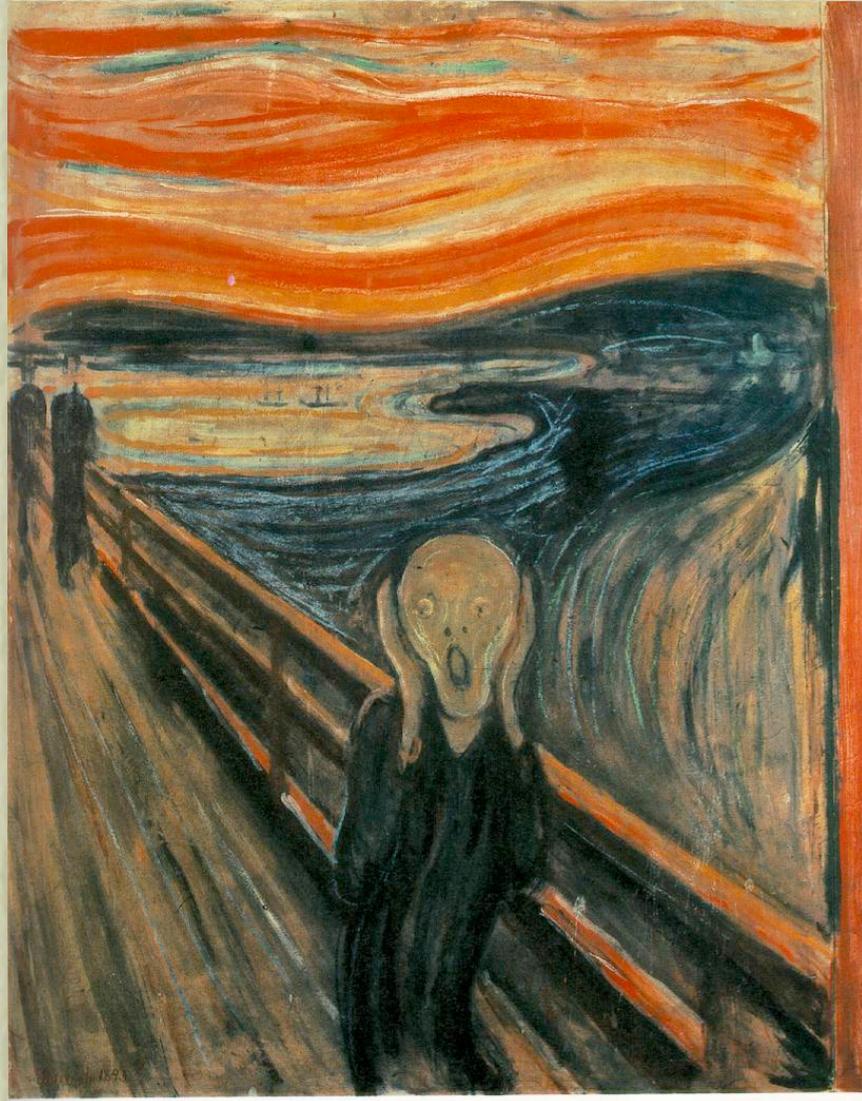
He saw was moved with **compassion** and ...

‘While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with **compassion**; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him’(Luke 15:20).

As they came to know Jesus more they began to realise that he
revealing to them who God really is

God

Sanskrit **Ghu** ('called' 'calling') + **To** ('The one')



God

Centre – Heart

Religious
Experience is

Experience of
Communion with 'God'

God 'The Heart and the Beyond of Everything' (Teilhard de Chardin)

Holy

God's **WORD** (self-gift) is experienced

- in nature
- in people & events
- in words spoken & written
- in works of art

They reveal something of the truth, beauty & goodness of the transcendent & mysterious God

Gerard Manley Hopkins : God's Grandeur (1877)

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs –

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and ah! bright wings.

God's **WORD** (self-gift) is experienced

- the Vedas & Upanishads
- the sayings of K'ung-fu-tzu (Confucius)
- the sayings of Gautama the Buddha
- the oracles of the Hebrew Scriptures
- the New Testament
- the Moslem Qur'an
- the mystics, poets, artists of all cultures

John 3:34



‘He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure.’

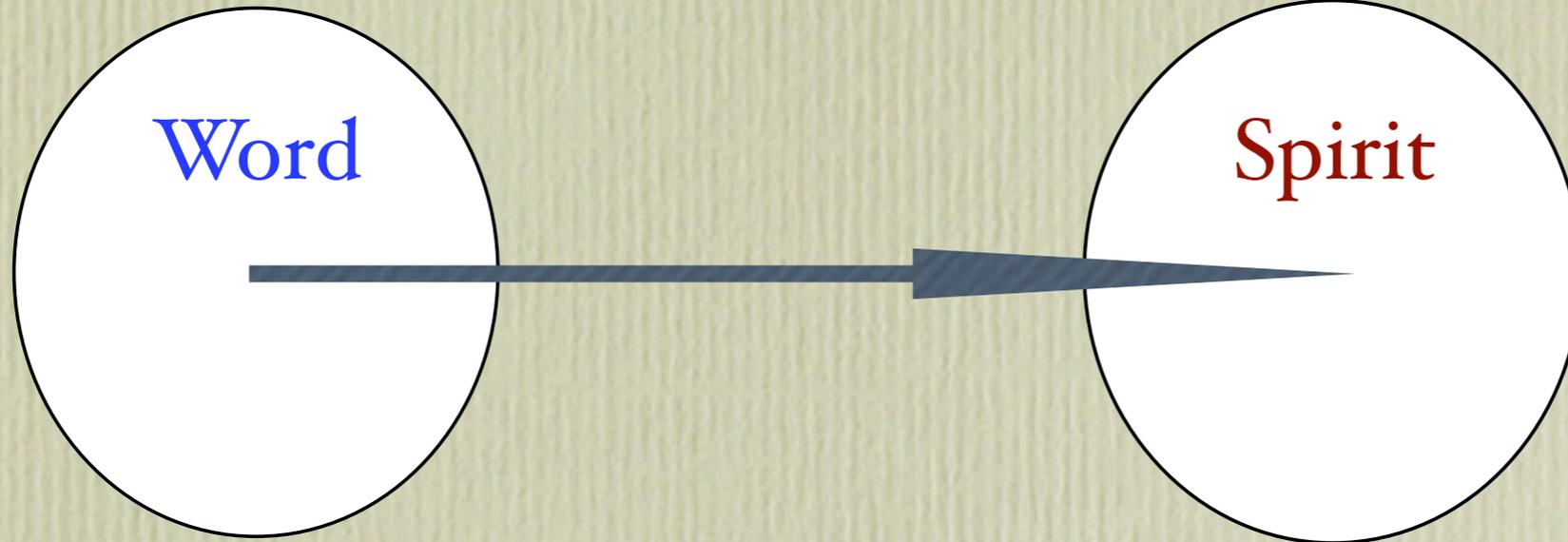
Romans 5:5

‘God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.’

Revelation

Numinous

Mystical



Heart

speaks to

Heart



Matthew 11:28-29

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.’

John of the Cross: Ascent II, 22,5

‘If I have already told you all things in my Word, my Son, and if I have no other word, what answer or revelation can I now make that would surpass this? Fasten your eyes on him alone, because in him I have spoken and revealed all, and in him you shall discover even more than you ask for and desire ... He is my entire word and response, vision and revelation, which I have already spoken, answered, manifested and revealed to you by giving him to you as a brother, companion, master, ransom and reward.

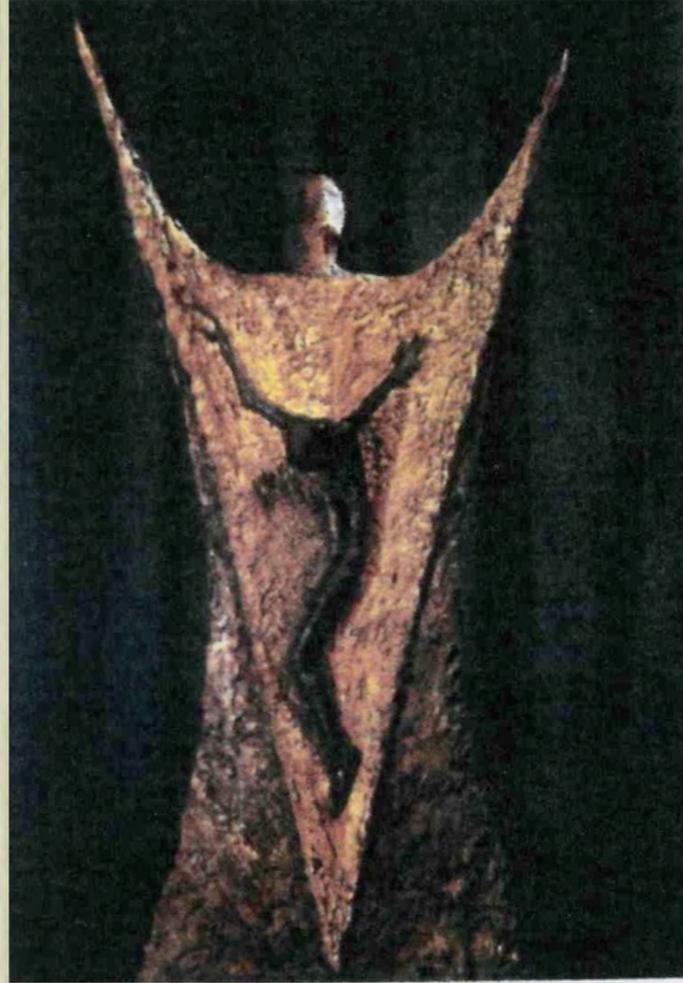
John of the Cross: Ascent II, 22,5

‘Since the day when I descended upon him with my Spirit proclaiming: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him’(Mat 17:5), I have relinquished these methods of answering and teaching and presented them to him. Hear him because I have no more faith to reveal nor truths to manifest. If I spoke before, it was to promise Christ ... You shall not find anything to ask or desire through revelations or visions. Look well at him, for in him you will all these revelations already made and many more.’.

John of the Cross: Ascent II, 22:6

“If you desire me to answer with a word of comfort, behold my Son, subject to me and to others out of love for me, and you will see how much he answers ... The treasures of wisdom and knowledge which he reveals will be far more sublime, delightful and advantageous than anything you would want to know. The Apostle therefore affirmed that he had acted as though all he knew was Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). If you should seek other divine or bodily visions and revelations, look at him become human and you will encounter more than you imagine, because the Apostle also says: “In Christ all the fullness of divinity dwells bodily” (Colossians 2:9).

- ‘I am in the Father and you are in me and I in you’ (John 14:20).
- ‘I pray that they will be one as we are one, with me in them and you in me’ (John 17:21).



Jesus is looking to his Father

The Father is looking towards the Spirit



The Spirit is looking at the Eucharistic gifts on the table.

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The one looking at the icon is invited to join them at the table.



‘I have come to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were blazing already’ (Luke 12:49).

Teilhard de Chardin SJ (1881-1955)

‘The evolution of chastity’ 1934

‘Some day,
after harnessing space,
the winds,
the tides
and gravitation,

We shall harness for God
the energies of Love.

And then,
for the second time in the history of the world,
we shall have discovered fire.’

‘You have made us for yourself, O God,
and our hearts are restless till they rest in you’ (Augustine Confessions I.1).

Roman Catechism, Council of Trent, 1545-1563, Preface 10.

‘The whole concern of doctrine and its teaching
must be directed to the love that never ends.
Whether something is proposed for belief,
for hope or for action,
the love of our Lord must always be made accessible,
so that anyone can see
that all the works of perfect Christian virtue
spring from love
and have no other objective
than to arrive at love.’