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CHRISTOPHANY  
Christ Consciousness Embodied



"Love is the whole and more than all."

After 80 years of living, this is the distilled wisdom that Teresa shares at our earth liturgy ceremonies, in conversations, sitting in front of our wood-stove (with kitty on her lap) watching the dawn color the sky, or with people she is meeting for the first time. It is the simple center around which her entire life has come to orbit, like an earth around a sun.

I, on the other hand, seem to have need for a few more words. In the beginning of John's Gospel, we hear that the "Word was coming into the world." It seems that Word has been extravagant with words: One becoming Many; One Light showing itself in lavish rainbows of color; One Word incarnating in amazing arrays of forms such as lion, hawk, and child, just to name a few.

Teresa entered a Carmelite Monastery at the age of 21 years old, and lived a life of deep prayer informed by the teachings of Jesus and the living reality of Christ. This discipline and meditation of a life-time has brought her to be a *Christophany*. She lives that light now, held in *Love that is the whole and more than all*.



I ask, *what does this mean to me?*

Words rise in answer:

*Love is the energy that makes the impossible, possible; the unknown, known; the unmanifest, manifest.*

*Love is relationship: within, among and between.*

*Love is the reconciling third force that allows growth/evolution through the dynamism of becoming---of Being be-coming More;*

*allowing polarities to be integrated into a higher octave (a new way of being).*

*Love lives as the animating Spirit of every created thing.*

*Love is the uncreated in every facet of the diamond essence:  
the white light within, behind and through the whole color spectrum.*

*Love is eternal, which is not forever.*

*It is Now ---*

*at the place where the horizontal line of past and future,  
and the vertical line of transcendent and immanent,  
meet at the Center,  
which is an ever unfolding Now.  
This Now is full of love, faith and hope.  
Hope: full of the dynamism of the unfolding universe;  
Faith: full of the tender trust and compassion of the human heart;  
Love: full of the impulse behind the originating Light.*

*Call this light, this love, breaking into human consciousness, into human form:*

*Christ,  
a Christophany:  
A manifestation of the entire human project and the entire cosmos  
as shot through with Divine Light and Love,  
showing us who we are in the temporal-eternal Now,  
Showing us who we are and who we are becoming:  
a Christophany:*

*a shuddering, shattering, shimmering explosion of galaxy  
creating, star-throwing, gratuitous Love  
revealed in a death denying, body resurrecting  
intensity of sheer tender, vulnerable willingness  
to surrender every defense to this cauldron of Divine Fire.*

*Christophany:  
a showing forth,  
a manifestation,  
a revelation of the Divine-Cosmic-Human potential as Incarnation.  
Jesus shows us this Christ.  
Jesus is a revelation of this Christ.  
Jesus is a Christophany,  
not exclusively but completely  
in his capacity for Love---  
to BE Light.*

*Such revelation is now ours to embody---  
A human-cosmic journey into Christ consciousness,  
into being incarnations of love and of light.  
We have a way to go on this temporal plane.  
But, at the Center,  
where time and eternity meet,  
we have everything we need for the journey.*



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