



Feast of the Sacred Heart June 3rd 2016

Inter-Relatedness

Inter-relatedness began about 14 billion years ago when the universe was dreamed into being. Certain experts, with a lamentable lack of poetic feeling, call this event "The Big Bang," but "The Flaring Forth" seems a happier and more appropriate term for the Creator's handiwork of a universe studded with countless billions of stars. The energy or DNA of the Creator was shared with creation and everything which exists received something of this wonderful gift. So we are made of the stuff of the stars and everything else in creation shares something, not only of the Creator, but also of us. The wanton destruction of "Our Common Home" means that something of ourselves is also destroyed and this can leave us shocked and seemingly powerless. But if we recall our inter-relatedness we will surely find ways, possibly only tiny gestures of love, to heal what is so intimately a part of the Creator and ourselves. To look on creation with eyes full of wonder and, like Francis of Assisi, join in the great hymn of praise to the author of the universe is also a holy recognition of our inter-relatedness with all that exists.

But what of the people nearest to us? Is there a relationship of love and reverence between us? When Jesus walked this beautiful earth he called people to follow him and to share his gift with everyone. It was the poor women and men who flocked to him and his gift was to empower them and send them to share his joy at the flowering of the spirit of the people to whom they ministered.

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is an appropriate time to renew our commitment to the companionship of Jesus and to "confirm" and "empower" the people around us. If we listen deeply to them, not always trying to stress the importance of ourselves and our talents, but catching glimpses of the rare treasure hidden within the field of their uncertainty, we will understand a little more deeply the love of the Sacred Heart and the delight of the Creator in the wholeness of all creation.

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