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What is the new thing that is trying to emerge from deep within us and from deep within the collective soul of Christianity?

How do we make Gospel (Mission) fresh for those for whom it has become stale?

How do we, as G.K. Chesterton put it, help people to look at the familiar until it looks unfamiliar again?



The fruit of truth must grow and mature on the tree of the subject, before it can be plucked and placed in its absolute realms.

(Bernard Lonergan, SJ).





“Outside the Church, no salvation”

Pope Francis wants to break the monologue of an Imperial, Patriarchal and Dualistic Church by creating a Synodal, dialogical Church defining itself as the people of God.

.....the capacity to choose to engage in the process of the evolution of consciousness. (Judy Cannato)

Incarnation is ongoing.....

Albert Einstein wrote, “Science without religion is lame and religion without is blind”.

St. Augustine in his *Retractions* wrote, “For what is now called the Christian Religion existed even among the ancients and was not lacking from the beginning of the human race.

Teilhard de Chardin, “Creation and Incarnation are two moments of the one act of God’s self-giving love” “at the heart of matter is the heart of God”.

Illia Delio, “If every created thing expresses the Word, then we would have to say that, in some way, all creation is incarnational”.

- Ears of Scripture (the Word)
- Tradition with vision (tradition without vision leads us away from the Truth)
- Creation (the first Word, the first Book)

Henri Lacordaire, OP reflects, “I have long thought that the most favourable moments for sowing and planting are times of trouble and storm”.

to be catholic is to be whole maker.....to unite what is separate
and thus to evolve to greater unity. (c/f The Emergent Christ....Ilia

Delio



“A bird doesn’t sing because she has an answer; she sings because she has a song”. (Chinese Proverb)

.....because we see things, not as they are, but as we are, so in dialogue we must listen with the Heart, Eyes and Ears of the other.....

Martin Werlen a Benedictine Abbot in Switzerland: “We must keep our hear on the heart of God and our hand on the pulse of time”.

The Church has to listen and re-listen to the Gospel and allow the Gospel to keep renewing it and reforming it from within. (EN 15)

“We humans become the Gospel when we embody and personalise the values Jesus established: the pattern of God’s emerging presence in history”. (Dilio....The Emergent Christ)

So if Christianity is not only to survive but to flourish it need a new imagination for the earth Community, a new dream for the Cosmos, a new understanding of Christ in evolution as the mystery of the whole, which includes other religions, cultures, the whole earth community....(Delio, The Emergent Christ.)



To repent is to respond, to turn, to gaze towards something anew, to stand in a different place, to become reoriented completely and wholly to what one most deeply knows to be true.



Blessed be the longing that brought you here and quickens your soul with longing.
May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire that disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.
May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease.
To discover the new direction your long wants you to take.
May the forms of your belonging – in love, creativity and friendship be equal to the grandeur and the call of your soul.
May the one you long for long for you.
May your dreams gradually reveal the destination of your desire.
May a secret Providence guide your thoughts and nurture your feelings.
May your mind inhabit your life with the sureness with which your body inhabits the world.
May your heart never be haunted but ghost-structure of old damage.
May you come to accept your longing as divine urgency.
May you know the urgency which God longs for you.
(John O'Donohue)

