

Faith is Strength: But you, remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it. -- 2 Timothy 3:14

"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace."—St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

The Humility of God

While Francis did not live in an age of globalism, he did live in a society of class distinctions. Through his life in Christ he came to see that Christ cannot be limited to a single human person; rather, Christ encompasses the whole creation. Nowhere is this more evident than in his Canticle of the Creatures. By entering into the heart of Christ, Francis found Christ at the heart of the world. The life of Francis indicates to us that to be a Christian is to find Christ in every person and living creature, and to be in union with Christ is to experience God's goodness throughout creation, not just in a church. Christ, the risen incarnate Word of God, encompasses the whole creation.— from the book by Ilia Delio, OSF The Humility of God: A Franciscan Perspective

God's Humble Love Lives in Us

The fullness of the mystery of Christ is completed in humanity; thus, it depends on us human beings and our participation in the mystery of Christ. Because the non-human material world depends on us humans for its completion in God, it, too, is part of the mystery of Christ but can only participate in this mystery in and through the human person. How does this relationship between Christ and humanity relate to the humility of God? Well, if God bends over in love for us in and through the Word incarnate, then we who are little "words" must bend over in love for one another and for all creation if the universe is to find its fulfillment in Christ. God's humble love must live in us through grace and freedom. — from the book The Humility of God: A Franciscan Perspective by Ilia Delio, OSF

