



Life with God

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BEHOLDING



John 1:45-51, ESV

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “*Behold*, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you *know* me?”

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I *saw* you.”

⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Be·hold (bǐ-hōld')

In English

- To see, to look upon, or gaze at



In Greek

- To see, to perceive, to attend to
 1. to see with the eyes
 2. to see with the mind, to perceive, know
 3. to see i.e. to become acquainted with by experience, to experience
 4. to see to, look to

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Psalm 63:1-2

- ¹ O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no
water.
- ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Classical Journey to Wholeness

1. Awakening
2. Purgation
3. Illumination
4. Union

Illumination

To reach a true awareness of Him as well as ourselves, we have to renounce our selfish and limited self and enter into a whole new kind of existence, discovering an inner center of motivation and love which makes us see ourselves and everything else in an entirely new life.

Thomas Merton

Luke 12:24-28

²⁴ Consider **the ravens**: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

²⁷ Consider **the lilies**, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

²⁸ But if God so clothes **the grass**, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!



1 John 3:1-2

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Be still...to behold