

Parables of Exchange and Abundance in the Teachings of Jesus

Teachings of Exchange and Coinherence

Beatitudes, especially "Blessed are the Merciful": MT 5
Farewell Discourses (esp. John 15:5; 17:9,12)
John 12:24-25

Parables of Exchange

The Talents (Mt 25:14; Luke 19:11)
Treasure buried in the Field: Mt 13:44; G of T 8,76

Parables of Abundance

Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11)
Good Samaritan (Mt 22:34; Mk: 12:28 ; Luke 10:25)
Loaves and Fishes (Mt 14:13; Mk 6:32, John 6)
Labourers in the Vineyard (Mt.20)

Teachings of Abundance ("Lilies of the Field")

Luke 12:22
Mt 6:25

Quotations Cited in "The Divine Exchange" Seminar

"Where is God in this picture? God is all over the place. God is up there, down here, inside my skin and out. God is the web, the energy, the space, the light - not captured in them, as if any of those concepts were more real than what unites them - but revealed in that singular, vast net of relationship that animates everything there is."

Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Luminous Web*, p.74.

"At this point in my thinking, it is not enough for me to proclaim that God is responsible for all this unity. Instead, I want to proclaim that God is the unity – the very energy, the very intelligence, the very elegance and passion that makes it all go."

Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Luminous Web*, p.74

"All of our discussions ended with an exciting discovery, and it was always the same one: that there is nothing in the world which cannot be replaced with something else; that sounds and colors are being exchanged endlessly, like the air we breathe and the life it gives us; that nothing is ever isolated or lost; that everything comes from God and returns to God along all the roadways of the world..."

Jacques Lusseyran, *And There Was Light*, p.95

"I am one with the source insofar as I, too, act as a source by making everything which I have received flow again - just like Jesus."

Raimon Panikkar, *Christophany*, p. 116

"'Giving is receiving' is the energetic frequency upon which our planet is aligned. All other approaches to energy exchange immediately cause disharmony and dissonance in our life experience."

Michael Brown, *The Presence Process*, p.246

"For you must realize that earth unfolds its powers and properties in union with heaven aloft above, and there is one Heart, one Being, one Will, one God, all in all."

Jacob Boehme. *Confessions*, p. 41

"I died as a mineral and became a plant
I died as a plant and rose to animal,
I died as an animal and I was man.
Why should I fear? When was I ever less by dying?
Yet once more I shall die as man, to soar
With angels blest; but even from angelhood
I must pass on: all except God doth perish.
And when I die to the angels,
What I shall become you cannot imagine."

Rumi, quoted in *The Taste of Hidden Things* by Sara Sviri, p.210.

"Dear Lord: My life looks like a mess of tangled threads and knots. But that's because I only see the underside." (anonymous, "Weaver's Prayer")

Kabir Helminski on the Heart:

"We have subtle subconscious faculties we are not using. Beyond the limited analytical intellect is a vast realm of mind that includes psychic and extrasensory abilities; intuition; wisdom; a sense of unity; aesthetic, qualitative, and creative faculties; and image-forming and symbolic capacities. Though these faculties are many, we give them a single name with some justification, because they are operating best when they are in concert. They comprise a mind, moreover, in spontaneous connection to the Cosmic Mind. This total mind we call 'heart.'" *Living Presence*. p. 157.

"Reciprocal Feeding" Logia from *The Gospel of Thomas*

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Blessed is the lion whom the man devours, for that lion shall become man.
But cursed is the man whom the lion devours, for that man shall become lion. (Pagels translation)

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If you give birth to what is within you, what you give birth to will save you.
If you do not give birth to what is within you, what you fail to give birth to will destroy you. (Pagels)

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The angels and the prophets
Will come and bring you
What already belongs to you,
And you will give them
What you have to give.
But ask yourself this:
When may they come
And receive back from you
What already belongs to them?

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Whoever drinks
What flows
From my mouth
Will come to be as I am
And I also will come
To be as they are,
So that what is hidden
Can become manifest.