Higher Thoughts

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Have you noticed all the chaos and cacophony in the news this week? There was a tanker that ran into a cruise ship and sank it. Fortunately, everybody survived. There was a building that collapsed in Brooklyn, with eight fatalities, leaving a big hole in the ground. There was an airline shutdown caused by a failure in its computer systems, and they are still trying to figure out just what happened.

And then there was the incident of the executive who reportedly had an affair with a Chinese spy. It is worth taking in who this man is: a leading figure in the technology that makes AI possible. Someone said, *Well, I do not think he knew that this woman was a spy.* And the response was, *That is the whole idea of a spy. You do not know that they are spying on you.* So there is plenty of cacophony and plenty of chaos in the world in which we live.

I love these words from Isaiah:

> *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*
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> *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*
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> *Isaiah 55:8–9*

Higher thoughts lead to higher ways, which are harmonious. If you are thinking higher thoughts and I am

thinking higher thoughts, they easily harmonize, and then what we do together easily harmonizes. And if we are not — if we are thinking simply lower, worldly centered thoughts — there is collision, there is chaos, there is conflict.

Of course, in the world in which we live, no matter what you do, there is conflict. No matter how harmonious you are, you are not living in a harmonious world. And so that harmony is in conflict with the chaos. It is certainly not just going along with it.

There is the story of Elijah that tells of this. He was a prophet of the Northern Kingdom after the division of the Kingdom of Israel. The rulers were Jezebel, a Phoenician woman, and Ahab, who had been corrupted by her. They were murdering the prophets of the Northern Kingdom, and practicing child sacrifice, as is clearly shown both in the extensive archaeological evidence and in the biblical record.

> *And they caused their sons*
> *and their daughters to pass*
> *through the fire.*
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> *2 Kings 17:17*

And then Ahab says this:

> *And it came to pass, when*
> *Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab*
> *said unto him, Art thou he*
> *that troubleth Israel?*
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> *1 Kings 18:17*

From Ahab's perspective, Elijah was in conflict with Ahab's own murderous ways and his corruption of Israelite culture. So while Elijah was living and acting from a higher pattern of awareness and action which was potentially the source of harmony, that did not mean he was in harmony with the corruption around him.

The same is true for anyone today. And yet, we have an opportunity as an individual and then together to be a bubble of higher thoughts and a harmonious way of living. It is not going to be instantaneously replicated all through human civilization. That is not realistic. But where it is present, it has an influence and keeps open a possibility.

I have been thinking about the living of our lives, and the function of Mother and Father God, and the dynamics of that as they come through our own life experience. I had the joy of raising my daughter with my wife at the time, Joyce. And there was always *Dad's view* of how things should go and *Mom's view*. And it is not always the same.

If you have raised a child, perhaps you have had that experience. There is *Mom's view* and *Dad's view* and if you are going to

do it successfully, somehow it has to blend. It has to harmonize and be part of one thing. Otherwise, the child will constantly be going to the other parent for a second opinion.

I think those dynamics go on in the world in which we live, not just in families. There are those who represent the *mom's view* and those who represent the *dad's view*, and a manifestation of those views in action.

The larger picture is that this is the dynamic of Mother and Father God at work in the human experience, however clearly or distortedly. I want to speak about what it means to bring Mother God into the world for both men and women. There is the dimension that is about surrounding other people, just as in the birth process, the womb of the mother surrounds the unborn baby.

There is another function of Mother God. Just as the womb receives the seed from the father, when Mother God is at work in human experience, she receives the activation of Father God into herself.

These same functions are at work at a spiritual level in the pituitary gland which we associate with the Spirit of the Womb. It is known medically as the *master gland,* or as my friend, Dr. Carol Robertson, puts it, the *mistress gland*. It presides over the other endocrine glands and thereby enfolds the entire human experience. At the same time, it is next to the pineal gland, the highest point of spiritual connection in the physical body. And it receives the Spirit of Love from the pineal. This spiritual function is acknowledged and perhaps even activated by a ceremony of anointing that applies oil — representing the Spirit of Love, which is the spirit of the Father — on the brow of the one being anointed.

There is a chapter in our Third Sacred School volumes from Martin Cecil entitled *Truth, the Mother.* In it, he says this:

> *It is interesting to note that God created man male and female, to make possible the manifestation of Mother God on earth.*

There is the reality of the Creator, the invisible source of all life. We, as human beings, are not that, even though that is in us. We did not come here to generate that; it is already present. But it cannot be present and embodied in the world in an earthly way without the function of Mother God to receive it and then encompass and steward all of life — care for all of life on the planet, including other people. Yes, we are here to be Truth, the Mother, in all the glory and wonder of what that means.

This all ties back to this quote from Isaiah:

> *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

For me, this brings up the matter of imagination. The identified problem is that human thinking is, as a general statement, not elevated. It is not welcoming the thoughts of Creation, the thoughts of the Cosmos, the thoughts that are harmonious with all of Reality. It is thinking in some kind of earthbound way, trying to figure everything out and trying to create without acknowledging the larger harmonizing factor, that larger creative wisdom.

What is the solution? Or are the words from Isaiah just a put-down? The matter of imagination comes into the picture. Imagination, of course, relates to thoughts.

Biblically, there is reference to evil imagination. It is said to be the cause of the Great Flood:

> *And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
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> *Genesis 6:5*

I guess the women got off the hook on that. And there were things cited, like giants, that were a part of the results of that evil imagination. The way it is put in this biblical story of the flood, it is because of all that evil imagination that the flood had to come.

Does that mean that human imagination is necessarily evil? Far from it. It is an essential quality of human experience: imagination. But what kind of imagination? Imagination that opens up to the possible. Imagination that opens up to the seeds of Creation that are latent in a realm of potentiality, but which cannot take form in the human experience if we will not think the thought. If we will not think the thought, it cannot happen. How else is it supposed to happen? Is it going to be brought by the deer or the elk or the rocks?

They are going to bring what they bring. But imagination is necessary for us to think the higher thoughts of Creation and act on them, as they come to us to know and experience. And how do we have higher thoughts without a mind that is open to think those thoughts? We call that imagination. It is the ability to have a thought of what could be born, what could happen, what is next.

Yes, we can also think about what is already here, but what is already here, in

and of itself, does not have the seeds of tomorrow, it does not tell you what is next, it just tells you what is here. And as long as our thinking is only about that, we have lower thinking and therefore lower ways of acting — usually fear-based — without an ability to see what is looking to be born.

This goes back to Mother God, does it not? Mother God's function includes holding ideas of what is new, what is next, what is possible.

Sometimes I think we see imagination as a rare moment. But truly, are we not supposed to be living that way? Is not our thinking supposed to go like that?

Following the words I have quoted from Isaiah comes this:

> *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*
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> *Isaiah 55:11*

From higher thoughts come higher words and a higher way, and that creates a new world.

It is hard not to be aware of the chaos and cacophony of the world today, near and far. In the face of that, let us turn to the Creator who brings the seeds of a new day. That is what allows life to prosper in this world in which we live.

Let us each be in the flow of higher thoughts, higher words, and a higher way. Let us be in that flow together.

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