Embers From the Fire ~ Spirituality Beyond Borders ~ Wednesday, May 20th, 2020



A Wisdom Reading ~ a reflection from the Gospel of John ~ John 16.12-20

Andrew's translation and contextual adaptation, based on a reading of the Greek text, with the interpretive principle of dynamic-equivalency ~ The Process, the Twiddy Interpretive Version

The Great Spirit Is at Work

Jesus spoke to his close friends, on the night before he died, and shared with them some of his most intimate teachings about the nature of life and love, and the evolution of human consciousness and society in regard to that.

'My friends, I still have many things to tell you, but you are not yet able to carry the weight of them.

When the Spirit comes ~ the Unitive Spirit, it will guide you on the path of total integration.

It will not act purely independently, but will speak based on what it hears, and it will advise you of what is coming next.

The Spirit will take the substance and heart of who I am, and explain it to you.

Everything about the Beloved is a shared experience between us ~ it's totally mutual!

That's why I said the Spirit understands my experience, and communicates it to you.

Now, for a little while, you will stop seeing me. And then a little while after that, you will see me once again.'

At this point, some of Jesus' friends said to each other privately, "What does this mean 'For a little while, you will stop seeing me. And then a little while after that, you will see me once again'? And what does it mean 'I am going to my Beloved'? and what is it about this idea of 'for a little while'? We don't know what he is talking about!"

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him something, and he said to them, "are you asking each other for an explanation of my saying 'for a little while, you will stop seeing me; and then a little while after that, you will see me once again.' ?

"Let me tell you something absolutely definitive. You are soon going to be the outsiders here, weeping and lamenting. And the insiders in the system will be rejoicing.

And yes, you will indeed grieve at first. ... But later your grief will turn into joy."