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GENOVAMAAA Genova is the name of my beloved mother who influenced me very very much and died at her young age of 38 when i was in the school.

" Ma" in my mother tongue means Mother.. and " Maa" means i am calling her.

She should be smiling now in heaven when i call her

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„everything In Temporal Nature, Is Descended Out Of The Eternal‘ William Law.

William Law writes:

„Everything in temporal nature, is descended out of that which is eternal, and stands as a palpable visible outbirth of it, so when we know how to separate the grossness, death, and darkness of time from it, we find what it is in its eternal state....

In Eternal Nature, or the Kingdom of Heaven, materiality stands in life and light; it is the light's glorious Body, or that garment wherewith light is clothed, and therefore has all the properties of light in it, and only differs from light as it is its brightness

and beauty, as the holder and displayer of all its colours, powers and virtues' (Liberal and Mystical Writings of William Law, „An appeal to all who doubt' p.52)

As a matter of fact William Law is here spreading the news which a long line of practical mystics had been crying for centuries into the deaf ears of mankind. He was saying in the eighteenth century what Gregory of Nyssa had said in the fourth and Erigena in the ninth century.

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,spiritual Marriage`

The language of deification
and ,spiritual marriage`
is a temporal language
and related to subjective experience
rather than to objective fact.

It is the mystic's sudden,
astonished awareness
of a profound change
effected in his personality.
It is the rapturous
consummation of his love.

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„human Personality And Its Survival Of Bodily Death'

In „Human personality and its survival of bodily death'. Frederic W. H. Myers says:

„It is hardly a paradox to say, that the evidence for ecstasy is stronger than the evidence for any other religious belief... From the medicine man of the lowest savages up to St. John, St. Peter, and St. Paul, with Buddha and Mohammad on the way, we find records which, though morally and intellectually much differing, are in psychological essence the same' (.P.260) .

The ecstasy is simply the psycho-physical agent by which it is obtained. Clearly, the apprehension will vary with the place of the subject in the spiritual scale.

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„Oh Wonder Of Wonders' Cries Eckhart

The one who experiences rapture or ecstasy admits that he is in an irresistible trance.

These are often very short, indescribable moments.

He enjoys a supreme knowledge of or participation in divine Reality.

Under various metaphors, he tries to tell that he attained Pure Being, his source, his origin, his Beloved.

„Oh wonder of wonders' cries Eckhart, „when I think of the union the soul has with God! He makes the enraptured soul to flee out of herself, for she is no more satisfied with anything that can be named. The spring of Divine Love flows out of the soul and draws her out of herself into the unnamed Being, into her first source, which is God alone' (Meister Eckhart, *On the steps of the Soul*, (Pfeiffer, p.153) .

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„poverty Has So Amble A Bosom That Diety Itself May Lodge Therein'.

Accept poverty and demolish ownership.
Atonce the cosmos will belong to you.

You are merged in the greater love of the All.

You become a free spirit in a free world.

and the self begins to move up on its true orbit.

„Poverty has so amble a bosom
That Diety itself may lodge therein'.
(This quotation is from Jacopone da Todi, Lauda lix) .

The All = Universe

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A Continuing Dialectic.

A mystic writer carries within himself
a continuing dialectic, keeping
his thoughts always in process.

His thoughts and his words
change gradually in the course of time.
Growth is a characteristic of life and thought.

The seeds of the mystical thought
is present germinally in such minds.

Sometimes God brings them
into a personal crisis
from which they emerge
as a contemplative of a special kind.

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A Deliberate Fostering Of The Inward Tendency Of The Soul

The mystic way has been
a progress, a growth in love.

It is a deliberate fostering
of the inward tendency of the soul
towards its source, an eradication
of its disorderly tendencies
to temporal goods.

But the only proper end
of love is union: a perfect
togetherness of the lover
and the loved.

It is not an act but a state.
Fresh life is imparted by which
our lives are made complete.

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A Genuine Aesthetic Experience Is A Superrational Intuition.

From the religious asceticism
the artist has many things to gain.

It raises him above his subject
and his material.
It raises him above his art itself.

He is now in control
of his own art.
Usually his own art
controls him.

A poet is prophetic.

The capacity for mystical experience
is enhanced by the poetic instinct.

A genuine aesthetic experience
is a superrational intuition
of the latent perfection of things.

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A Mystic Hears The ,invitation Of Love`..,come Home`.

A mystic hears the ,invitation of love`
which ,draws interior souls towards the one`
and says: ,come home`.

Ruysbroeck saw the possibility of man
as ,deiform`.

He writes:

„When we possess the God-seeing life,
we feel ourselves, there shines forth
upon the face of our inward being
a brightness which enlightens our reason,
and is an intermediary between ourselves
and God.

And if we with our enlightened reason
abide within ourselves in this brightness,
we feel that our created life
incessantly immerses itself
in its eternal life'.

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A Mystic Is A Religious Artist

A mystic is a religious artist
determined to give form to his vision.
Both the vision and the artist's creation
are the products of the love of God.

The artist and the mystic is
inseparably bound together in a mystic.

They are committed to the
passionate search for truth.
It is a real obsession.

The synthesis of mystic graces
and aesthetic sensitivity
enables him to transcend
the rational and intuit the whole
through prehension than
comprehension.

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A Mystic Poet Is Transcended By His Work.

A mystic poet is transcended
by his work.

Artistic discipline
and religious discipline
can complement one another.

Religious ascetics
have much to learn
from the natural
asceticism
of the artist.

It is unself-conscious,
organic, and integrated.

It does not run the risk
of becoming
an end in itself.

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A Really Deeply Human Process

The dark night is then
really a deeply human process,
in which the self
which is so firmly established
upon the supernatural plane,
which thought itself to be so spiritual
is forced to turn back,
to leave the light,
and pick up those qualities
which it had left behind.

Only by the transmutation
of the whole man
can Divine Humanity be formed.

The formation of this Divine Humanity,
the remaking of man
is the mystic's only certain
ladder to the Real.

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A Transfigured Universe, Radiant With Light Divine.

By the synthesis of love and will
which is the secret of the heart,
the whole world is seen and known in God,
and God is seen and known in the whole world.

Being produced by love,
of necessity it produces love in its turn.

It is a state of exalted emotion.

It is as it were a resting place
upon the steep stairway of love.

The self then turns and sees all about it
a transfigured universe, radiant with
that same Light Divine.

It nets its own heart and leads it on.

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Abolishing The Primitive Consciousness

All the way, the self sought for
light and freedom.
It attains it at the deepest levels
of human personality now.

The self is remade, transformed
and has at last unified itself.

The transformation of personality
abolishes the primitive consciousness
of selfhood and substitutes for it
a wider consciousness.

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About The Fire Of Love

The Fire of Love which a mystic experiences is neither ,physical' nor ,non-physical'. It evades human explanation. But the truth remains that they truly experience this fire.

A soul in prayer, in meditation, in devotion and deep concentrated prayer, experiences it as the fire of love for the Almighty God who is beyond all religious concepts and dogmas.

(Modern psychologists have laboured hard to establish the pathological character of this state of consciousness; to find a place for it in the domain of psychic hallucinations. The mystics, however, who discriminate so much more delicately than their critics between true and false transcendental experiences, never feel any doubt about the validity of this „Sense of Presence of God".) .

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Absolute Which Binds The Universe With Love (Dante)

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Dante writes about a vision of the Triune all-including Absolute which binds the Universe with love.

„O grace abounding! wherein I presumed to fix my gaze on the eternal light, so long that I consumed my sight thereon!

In its depths I saw ingathered the scattered leaves of the universe, bound into one book by love.

Substance and accidents, and their relations; as if fused together in such a manner that what I tell of is a simple light.

And I believe that I saw the universal form of this complexity: because, as I say this, I feel that I rejoice more deeply.

Oh, but how scant the speech and how faint to my concept! and to that what I saw is such, that it suffices not to call it ‚little‘.

O Light Eternal, who only in Thyself abidest, only Thyself dost comprehend, and, of Thyself comprehended and Thyself comprehending, dost love and smile!

“ (Dante, Divine Comedy, Paradise, xxxiii,82ff, &121ff) .

(In Dante, the transcendent and impersonal aspect of illumination is seen in its most exalted form, in a wonderful passage, unique in the literature of mysticism)

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Absorbed In This New Blissful Act Of Vision

Ignorant as yet of the final act
of communion, and absorbed
fully in this new blissful
act of vision, the subject forgets
that it belongs to those
who are still on the way.

It is in these descriptions
of the joy of illumination,
in the outpourings of love
and rapture belonging to this
state, that we shall find the most
lyrical passages of mystical literature.

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Aesthetic Suggestion And Musical Rhythm

Poets, mystics and musicians
are on the common ground
when absorbed by the blissful
act of vision, affecting them.

It is only by the oblique methods
of the artist, only by the use of
aesthetic suggestion and musical
rhythm, that the wonder and joy
of the vision can be expressed.

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After An Act Of Utter Surrender

The myseries and the disharmonies
of the experience of
,the absence of God' give way.

Affirmation takes the place of negation.
The cloud of unknowing is pierced
by rays of light.

After an act of utter surrender
which gives the self a footing in Eternity
the old centres of consciousness
are abandoned and there is
a movement towards the new.

The transcendental self,
that spark of the soul
which is united to the Absolute life,
invades more and more
the seat of personality.

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Against The Pseudo Cities Of Steel, Cement And Noise

The mystic cries out against
the pseudo cities of steel,
cement, noise and hucksterism.

In such cities he lives in exile.

A real spiritual seeker
yearns for a sanctuary
where he can experience
a quiet without and within.

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Aldous Huxley Writes:

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„That it is possible for human beings to love, know and.... to become actually identified with the Ground. That to achieve the unitive knowledge, to realize this supreme identity is the final end and purpose of human existence. That there is a law of Dharma, which must be obeyed, a Tao or Way, which must be followed, if men are to achieve their final end. That there is of I, me, mine, the less there is of the Ground; and that consequently the Tao is a Way of humility and compassion, the Dharma a Law of modification and self-transcending awareness“; (Time must have a stop. New York; Harper & Brothers,1944, PP.293-94) .

This self-emptying is no doubt one of the common denominators of mysticism.

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All That He Has, All That He Is, He Gives....

The mystics' strange hunger
and thirst for God,
at once avid and generous
of which they speak in
the most profound passages,
here makes its final demand
and receives its satisfaction.

„All that He has, all that He is, He gives:
All that we have, all that we are, He takes'.
(Ruysbroeck, *Speculum Aeterna
Salutis*, Chp. Vii) .

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Along With The Mystical Awakening

Along with the mystical awakening
in the process of remaking
his consciousness
the deep and primal life
which he shares with all creation
is an intensity of vision
and sureness of judgement.

And the things which the seer
brings back with him
when he returns to common life
are not merely partial impressions
but are truths which embrace
the world, life and conduct.

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An Abandonment Of Trivial And Egoistical Quest.

A total abandonment
of personal standards
of the trivial and egoistical
quest of personal success,
which thwarts the great movement
of the 'Flowing Light',
is the supreme condition
of man's participation in 'Reality'.

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An Instinct For Transcendental Reality

The mystical genius has an instinct
for transcendental Reality,
which seers and creators so often possess.

These people have a measure of illumination.
They are the initiates of beauty
or of wisdom, as the great mystic
is the initiate of love.

In the illuminative state
the subject gets a veritable foothold
in that transcendental world.

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An Invulnerable Serenity.

The chief marks of the unitive state are:

- 1, A complete absorption in the interests of the Infinite,
- 2, a consciousness of sharing the whole strength, resulting in a complete sense of freedom and an invulnerable serenity,
3. the establishment of the self as a power of life, a centre of energy and spiritual vitality.

It urges the self to some form of heroic effort or creative activity.

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Apprehend The Highest And Most Perfect Truth

God is the source of all Reality
Truth and Life itself.
God is pure actuality.

Apprehend the highest and most
perfect truth in a supernatural
intuition born of love.

We have a free will capable
of turning all the powers of being
either toward that truth
or away from it.

It is a spiritual self-discovery.

One who plunges deep into
the spiritual quest and
take personal ascetic steps
is sure to achieve the joys of
the nearness of the loving God.

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Apprehension Of The Heart

When essential goodness,
truth and beauty, light
life and love are apprehended
by the heart, whether the heart
be that of lover, painter, saint,
the apprehension can only be
adequately communicated in
a living, beautiful artistic form.

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Apprehension Of The Reality

Reality may be apprehended
in either transcendent
or immanent, positive
or negative terms.

It is both near and far.
For some mystics that which
is far, is easier for them to find.

To a certain type of mind
the veritable practice of
the presence of God
is not the intimate
and adorable companionship
of the inward light,
but the awestruck contemplation
of the Absolute source
and origin of all that is.

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As A Drop Of Water, Drowned In A Great Quantity Of Wine.

Suso writes:

„When the good and the faithful servant enters into the joy of the Lord... he disappears and loses himself in God, and become one spirit with Him, as a drop of water which is drowned in a great quantity of wine.

For even as such a drop disappears, taking the colour and taste of wine, so it is with those who are in full possession of blessedness.

All human desires are taken from them in an indescribable manner, they are rapt from themselves, and are immersed in the Divine Will.... His ‚being` remains, but in another form, in another glory, and in another power. And all this is the result of entire and complete renunciation“;

(Heinrich Seuse,
Buchlein der Wahrheit,)

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Assuming Full Responsibility For Our World And Our Lives

Only in assuming full responsibility
for our world, our lives and for ourselves,
that we can be said to live really for God.

The whole human reality interpenetrates
the world of nature and the world of history.

The mystic searches for a window
through which he may obtain a broader
and clearer view of the world.

The christian mystic's devotion is to
uncover the mystery of Christ to the world.
He is convinced that Christ is the true light.

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Beauty Is Simply, The Reality Seen With The Eyes Of Love.

There is a harmony
between the mystic
and life in all its forms.

All things are perceived
in the light of charity
under the aspect of beauty.

Beauty is simply the reality
seen with the eyes of love.

The visionary sees the whole universe
transfigured, because he has the
Imagination uncorrupt.

In this state of lucidity,
symbol and reality,
nature and imagination,
are seen to be one.

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Becoming - Alive In Every Fibre.

The unchanging life of Eternal Reality;
that pure being that which ever
shines and shall never fade,
the web of illusion, here thick,
there thin, which hems in,
confuses, and allures, in fact
becoming - alive in every fibre,
related at once to the unreal
and to the real, the mood and
the environment, inspiration
and information, all these
characterises this struggle.

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Being Is Becoming.

The spiritual seeker struggles
to give himself
completely to God.

He wants to give himself in love.

The more one experiences
the presence of God,
the more is his sense
of inadequacy and imperfection.

It is a tremendous discovery
of a way of life
in which one becomes
what he aspires to be.

Being is becoming.

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Being Not Doing Is The First Aim Of The Mystic.

Being not doing is the first aim of the mystic.

The first mystical life is the illuminative way.
The second mystical life is the unitive way.

A period of utter blankness and stagnation
divides both ways in an intense period.

It is the dark night of the soul.

It is of the essence of this state,
that the once-possessed power
of contemplation is now wholly lost.

Those immersed in this dark fire
of purification use the epithets of blankness
and Solitude to describe their pains.

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Catch The Mystics Unwares, Singing Beautiful Songs Of Love.

The mystics sing song of love.
We can catch them unwares
singing beautiful songs of love.

Rolle writes:

„I wish to be made like the little bird
that languished beyond love for his beloved,
but by languishing also rejoiced,
by reaching in himself what he loves,
and in rejoicing sings, and by singing lavishes,
but in sweetness and ardor“;. (Rolle Richard,
The fire of love and the meaning of life,
,Incendium` Chp.42, P.262) .

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Change In The Quality Of The Consiousness Of Mystics.

The induced ecstasies of the Dionysian mysteries,
the metaphysical raptures of the Neoplatonists,
the voluntary or involuntary trance of Indian mystics and christian saints -
all these, however widely they may differ in transcendental value,
agree in claiming such value,
in declaring that this change in the quality
of their consciousness
brought with it an expansive
and unforgettable apprehension of the Real.

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Clear Onward Sweep Of Becoming

Slowly the self becomes aware of
the horrible contrast between
its clouded contours
and the pure sharp radiance of the real.

The self senses its muddled faulty life,
its perverse self-centred drifting
and the clear onward sweep
of that becoming in which it is immersed.

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' Man's Clouded Sun Shall Brightly Rise...And Songs Be Heard, Instead of Sighs...
Godspell)

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Come, Come, Come. I Long For You.

I sought for the one whom my heart loves
My heart never even told me about it.

I feel the movements of the love of my heart.
I watch the cravings of my heart for its lover.

Would you come at least once
to satisfy these yearnings of my heart.

Come to me the lord of my soul.
Come to me to fulfill me.
Come in waves,
come in light,
come in the clouds,
come in the wind.

Come, come, come.
I long for you.

(Sherrie Lynn saved to Freydoon Rassouli my soul craves)

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Consciousness Of The Absolute

The state of consciousness
peculiar to the mystic
is a form of mental life,
a kind of perception,
radically different from
the normal human beings.

The mystic grows in the awakening
of the consciousness of the Absolute
and then conversion occurs naturally.

Love grows which gives depth
and actuality to the religious life.
The purification goes with it.

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Constant Intuition And Supreme Desire

The object of the mystic's final quest
and of his constant intuition
is an object of wild adoration
and supreme desire.

Jalau 'din (Jalaluddin Firuz Khalji) said:

'With Thee a prison would be a rose garden,
oh thou ravisher of hearts.
With Thee hell would be a paradise,
oh thou cheer of souls' (From the Mesnevi,
quoted in the Appendix to 'The Flowers or Rose Garden of Sadi') .

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Dante Sees The Whole Universe Laugh With Delight As It Glorifies God

Dante, initiated into Paradise,
sees the whole universe laugh
with delight as it glorifies God.

„My spirit reel'd, so passing sweet the strain.
And what i saw was equal ecstasy:
One universal smile it seem'd of all things;
Joy past compare; gladness unutterable;
Imperishable life of peace and love;
Exhaustless riches, and unmeasured bliss“
(Paradise, Canto xxviii) . Dante again sees the awful countenance of Perfect Love
adorned with smiles. (cmp. also paradise xx, x, xxiii. In all these passages we
read about Dante's description of the laughing theologians dancing to heavenly
music, the loving Seraphs in their ecstatic joy, the joyful exclamations of the
pilgrim and the perception of love and joy as the final attributes of the Triune
God.

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Deification Influences Philosophy.

The positive language
of the contemplatives
concerning deification
has aroused enmity
among the unmystical men.

The doctrine of deification lies
at the heart, not only of
all mysticism, but also
of much philosophy
and most religions.

„The human made divine“ leads
mystical thinking to a logical end.

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Deification` Is A Metaphor

,Deification` is a metaphor,
an artistic expression
which tries to hint at
a transcendent fact
utterly beyond the powers
of human understanding,
and therefore without
equivalent in human speech.

Since we know not the being of God,
the mere thought of the transformation
of the soul in Him convey to us
an ecstatic suggestion, but never gives
exact information except of course
to the rare selves who have
experienced these supernatural states.

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Deifying Of Man Is A Necessary Corollary Of The Incarnation.

Deifying of man is a necessary corollary of the incarnation, the humanizing of God.

It is the justification of the christian mystics.

To attain the object of their quest the mystics have to undergo the process of the transmutation of the self, that leads to deification.

The necessity of such transmutation is an implicit of their first position.

Eckhart, in whom the language of deification assumes its most extreme form, justifies it upon this necessity.

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Delicate Descriptions Of The Unitive State As Self-Loss

Ruysbroeck describes
the most subtle delicate
descriptions of the Unitive State
understood as self-loss.

He conveys the suggestions
of ineffable joys beyond
all that we had supposed
possible to human utterance
avoiding its pitfalls.

Awe and rapture,
theological profundity,
keen psychological insight,
are here tempered
by a touching simplicity.

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Delicate Playfulness, Instead Of The Morose Resignation.

The transfigured souls move to
the rhythms of a ,love dance`
which persists in incomparable joy.

This joy remains in all outward
and inward hardships and sufferings.

They enjoy the high spirits, peculiar
to high spirituality and shock the world
by a delicate playfulness, instead of
showing the morose resignation which
normally seems to be expressive of the
,spiritual life`. This great joy is declared
by many mystics as an implicit of Reality

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Depending On The Intensity Of Love And Will

The success with which one follows
this way of the mystic to freedom
and full life will depend on the
intensity of his love and will,
his capacity for self-discipline,
his steadfastness and courage.

It will depend on the generosity
and completeness of his outgoing
passion for absolute beauty,
absolute goodness or absolute truth.

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Description Of The Mystical Trance By Plotinus 1

The whole christian doctrine of ecstasy, on its metaphysical side, descends from that great practical transcendentalist Plotinus, who is known to have been an ecstatic, and has left in his Sixth Ennead a description of the mystical trance obviously based upon his own experiences.

„Then the soul neither sees, nor distinguishes by seeing, nor imagines that there are two things; but becomes as it were another thing, and not itself...

But becoming wholly absorbed in Deity, she is One, conjoining as it were centre with centre. For here concurring they are one; but when they are separate they are two...Therefore in this conjunction with Deity there were not two things, but the perceiver was one with the thing perceived, as not being Vision but Union; whoever becomes one by mingling with Deity, and afterwards recollects this union, will have within himself and image of it.... He becomes established in quiet and solitary union“; (Plotinus, Ennead vi.9) .

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Description Of The Mystical Trance By Plotinus 2 -

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Plotinus says in another part of the same treatise that Ecstasy is an expansion or accession, a desire of contact, rest, and a striving after ,conjunction`. All the phases of the contemplative experience seem to be summed up in these words above.

Ecstasy itself is a practical matter and has its root, not in reason, but in a deep seated passion for the Absolute which is far nearer to the mystic's love of God than to any intellectual curiosity, however sublime.

The few passages in which it is mentioned tell us what his mystical genius drove him to do: and not what his philosophical mind encouraged him to think or say. Plotinus the ecstatic is sure, that the union with God is a union of hearts and that more than by thought, by love, he may be hidden in God. (Plotinus, Ennead vi.9)

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Desert, Solitude And Mystical Poetry

Much of the biblical narrative; the pascha Christi, the call of the people of God out of Egypt through the Red Sea into the Desert and to the Promised Land, the theme of the Old and the New man; the theme of the fallen world and the new creation is derived and unified by the motive of the desert.

The biblical testimony maps the way to the promised land through the desert, and periodically throughout the course of spiritual history, men have gone into the desert to find God.

God calls the monk and the mystic to the desert and inspires him to write mystical poetry. It is a divine inspiration.

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Detachment Is An Inner Reality.

Poverty of the mystics is a mental
rather than a material state.

Detachment is an inner reality.

It is the poor in spirit,
who are spiritually blessed.

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Ecstasy And The Apprehension Of The Real.

Ecstasy is an exceptionally
favourable state,
in which man's spirit
is caught up
to its most immediate
vision of the divine.

The consciousness
which the mystic experiences
is an expansive and unforgettable
apprehension of the Real.

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Ecstasy- Inebriation Of The Infinite.

The word ecstasy is a synonym for joyous exaltation, for the inebriation of the infinite.

Of all the subjective experience of religion, ecstasy is that which is most urgently asserted experience.

To the Psychologists, it is the most convincingly accepted, believable and reasonable spiritual experience.

This experience of Ecstasy is not confined to any one religion.

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Ecstatic Apprehension.

Self emergence,
the state of transcendence
where the barriers of selfhood
is abolished, is the communication
of life and beatitude.

All things are consummated and
renewed in the secret of ecstasy
as it was the secret of contemplation.

Where contemplation becomes expansive
out-going, self-giving, and receives a
definite fruition of the Absolute in return,
its content is already ecstatic.

The ineffable awareness
and the union
with the imageless Good,
is not the only, though it is
the purest form taken
by ecstatic apprehension.

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Emerging From The Long And Wondrous Journey

The extremes of sublimity and simplicity
has swept the soul of the mystic
in periods of alternate stress and glory;
tending ever to greater transcendence,
greater freedom, growing in closer
contact with the creator of life.

He emerges from the long
and wondrous journey
to find himself in rest and work,
a little child on the bosom of the Father.

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Entering Into The Fruition Of ,reality`.

A man or woman in the unitive state,
by the substitution of the ,Divine`
for the ,primitive self`, rises to true
freedom and inner joy.

Thus he or she enters into
the fruition of ,Reality`.

The mystic journey is now prosecuted
not only ,to God` but ,in God`.

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Eternal Beauty Waits For You.

The Absolute, which the soul aspires
is constant.
Though all else may fluctuate, the goal is
changeless.

That beauty so old and new,
with whom is no variableness,
which is the ONE of Plotinus,
the ALL of Eckhart and St. John of the cross,
the ETERNAL WISDOM of Suso,
the UNPLUMBED ABYSS of Ruysbroek,
the PURE LOVE of St. Catherine of Genova,
awaits yesterday, today and for ever
for human beings who search
for His everloving presence.

(Graphic: Are you In, Permeated and One with God? Heaven Awaits) .

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Experiences That Flow Through Consciousness

The poet translates abstractions according to their distinctive modality for free formation into representative symbols.

Inner experiences are depicted in relation to life.

Artist and priest both try to weave together the segments of those human experiences that flow through consciousness and achieve a mosaic that gives the total experience of lucidity, vividness, intensity and depth.

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Experiencing The Uninterrupted Pull

A mystic searches for words
to express the deep experience
of the soul and the uncontrollable
longing for God, who alone can
quench his thirst for nearness.

The experience of God's love
initiates a momentum
and the mystic searches
for a vacuum where the force of
divine love would exert an
uninterrupted pull attracting
the soul to the pure being.

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Faith And Doubt

Faith means doubt.
It is not the suppression of doubt.
It is the overcoming of doubt.

One overcomes doubt
by going through it.

The man of faith Who has
never experienced doubt
is not a man of faith.

You have to struggle
in the depths of being
with the presence of doubt.

The seeker comes to
the realization that the end
of man's intellectual quest
for God is the humble recognition
that with the intellect
he cannot know Him.

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Falling Back Into Reason, Only To Find God As ,the Incomprehensible`.

This is the highest feeling
which we cannot experience
in any other way
than in the immersion in love.

So soon as we are uplifted and drawn
into our highest feeling,
all our powers stand idle
in an essential fruition;
but our powers do not pass away
into nothingness.

We stand with an inclined spirit,
with open eyes, but without reflection,
so long we can contemplate
and have fruition.

But the very moment
when we seek to prove
and to comprehend what it is
that we feel, we fall back into
reason, and there we find
a distinction and an otherness
between ourselves and God
and find God outside ourselves
in incomprehensibility.

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Falling Back On The Language Of Love

The personal and emotional aspect of man's relation with his source is also needed if the Unitive Life is to be even partially expressed.

Hence even the greatest of mystics falls back on the language of love to express the content of his metaphysical raptures and the soul's final experience of reality.

He is forced in the end to acknowledge that the perfect union of Lover and Beloved cannot be suggested in the arid though doubtless terms of religious philosophy.

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Fill Your Heart With Goodness.

When you think only good
about others your heart
will be full of goodness.

Thinking only good about
others is a very great Adoration.
It makes you a spiritual being.

It is disease which is contagious.
Health is not contagious.

Bad thoughts and untrue news
spread very fast influencing the thinking.

Bad prejudices acquires a good
place in the heart of human beings.

They are blessed who have a good heart.

(this is very simple writing. with simple writings we convey a lot.

Graphic:

Basic Human Goodness The inner heart Is like the sun That beats forth rays of
love)

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For The One For Whom His Heart Thirsts For.

It is an onward journey
that a mystic poet
experiences that which
he cannot resist.

It is a compelling force in him.

It is a journey
in search of the one
for whom his heart
thirsts for.

(Graphic: BBC World Service - Heart and Soul, Humphrys in search of God...
- with Professor Tariq Ramadan)

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Give Me Lord Your Healing Grace.

Almighty God,
give me healing hands.
Millions are suffering.
Millions are sick.
Many dont have money.
Medical discipline
is a business now.
They destroy the sick
by asking for more money.

The poor cannot approach
the doors of a hospital.
The poor man or woman in rags
are not taken care for.
They die on the road.

Give me the healing power
from your Almighty hands.
Give me Lord your healing grace
so that i may heal most humbly.

Your holy name be praised
For ever and ever. Amen

(Graphic: John of God Crystal healing beds)

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Giving Is Holier Than Receiving.

□

My little soul sleeps
in the sweet rhythms
of an unheard lullaby. □
Angels fly down from heaven
to light my dreams by night.
Fireflies coming from a distant cave
sit on my lips and drink honey.
I tell them i have a lot of love to give you.
and they listen keenly and smiligly.
Giving is holier than receiving.

(Graphic: Magic melody by)

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Giving Oneself Completely To God Through Ascetic Life.

St. John of the Cross writes:

„Strive always to choose not that which is easier, but that which is most difficult; not that which is most delectable, but that which is most unpleasing; Not that which gives most pleasure, but that which gives least; Not that which is restful, but that which is wearisome; Not that which gives consolation, but rather that which makes disconsolate; Not that which is greatest, but that which is least; Not that which is loftiest, and most precious, but that which is lowest and most despised, Not that which is a desire for anything, but that which is a desire for nothing; Strive not to go about seeking the best of temporal things, but the worst... Strive thus to desire to enter into complete detachment and emptiness and poverty, with respect to that which is in the world, for Christ's sake“;. (John of the Cross, The complete works of St. John of the Cross, translated and edited by E. Allison Peers, I, Westminster, Md.: The Newman Bookshop, 1946; P.61) .

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God Himself Draws Us In A Flight Of The Spirit

„Our duty is to love God: our fruition is to endure God and be penetrated by his love.

There is the same difference between love and fruition as there is between God and His Grace.

When we unite ourselves to God by love, then we spiritualize ourselves: but when He Himself draws us in a flight of the spirit, and transforms us in His Spirit, then, so to speak, we are fruition.

And the spirit of God Himself pushes us out from Himself by His breath, in order that we may love, and may do good works; and again He draws us to Himself, in order that we may repose in peace and in fruition. And this is eternal life, even as our bodily life subsists

in the indrawing and outgoing of our breath,,

(Ruysbroeck,

De Septem Gradibus Amoris, Chp. Xiv)

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God Is A Flame Or River Of Fire

God is a flame or river of fire
that filled the universe;
and the deified souls of the saints
are ardent sparks therein,
ablaze with that fire,
one thing with it,
yet distinct.

(Dante and Mechthild of Magdeburg
support this view in their writings) .

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God Is At The Centre Of The Universe.

The mystic sees with purged sight
all things and creatures
as they are in the transcendental order.

He sees the striving of creation
to return to its centre.

In one piercing act of loving comprehension
undistracted by appearance,
the mystic feels, sees and knows
that God is at the centre of the universe.

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God Is Nearer To Us Than Our Own Soul.

From the initial state of mystic pleasure
to the complimentary state of pain,
the self oscillates to and fro, on and on.
The torment of contrition adds to the flavour.
Then the mystic speaks of the first touch of God
in which he realizes that knowing God is
easier than knowing one's own soul.
Our soul is so deep-grounded in God.
God is nearer to us than our own soul.

(Dissolving Resistance And Opening To Abundance: .
Pinterest

Deep inside our consciousness is an oasis of peace....a source of

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God Plays A Blest Game Of Love With The Soul

The mystic attains for a moment
to heights in which he is not able to rest.

He is often flung from some
rapturous vision of the perfect
to the depths of contrition and despair,
the peace and splendour of the illuminative life
and the bitter struggles of guilt and purgation.

The mystics call it the „Game of love'
which God plays with the desirous soul.

(„God plays a blest Game of love with the soul' Meister Eckhart, Eine
Theologische Studie von Martensen. H; P.75)

(Graphic:)

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Growing In The Consciousness Of The Absolute

The mystic grows in the awakening
of the consciousness of the Absolute
and in this process,
conversion occurs naturally
and love grows
which gives depth
and actuality to life.

The purification that goes with it
is closely related to
the mortifications of the ascetic.

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He Feels The Fire Of Love

Accepting the divine love in spirit
the mystic loses himself
in joyful praise, in the sweetness
of angelic praise.

This is jubilation,
the goal of perfect prayer
and of the highest
devotion on this pilgrimage.

This is exaltation of Spirit
that lingers in the soul
to influence all his actions.

This is delight in a spiritual song
that breaks out in peace
and very often in the night.

He feels the fire of love
which affects and mends his life.

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He Is A Part Of The Great Melody Of The Divine

In its freedom from the
taint of solemnity
and self-importance,
in its very childishness,
the quality of that inward life
is expressed, that perpetual youth,
which the ,secret child` of the
Transcendent Order enjoys.

He is a part of the great melody
of the Divine and the music
of the spheres is all about him.

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He Is Created For More Love Than His Will Alone Can Achieve.

For a true mystical poet
his life is his material.

He is created for more truth
than he can see with his own
intelligence and his studies.

He is created for more love
than his will alone can achieve.

Truth cannot live in a mystic
unless he freely and by his
own volition recognize and
cast out the falsity of sin.

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He Is The Lover Whom My Soul Loves

My God is like the moon in my heart
shining in and through the clouds,
the clouds of sorrow and worries.

My God alone is the most powerful one
to remove my clouds whether dark
or shining white piercing in and
through my soul which yearns for Him.

I adore my God.
He is my creator.
He is my saviour.

He is the lover
whom my soul loves
without my permission.

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He Wants To Bury His Life In God.

A mystic poet is convinced
that one finds his life
only by losing it.

He wants to bury his life in God.
He lives in a self-created monastery.

All of his mental and physical
resources are mustered
and attuned to the transforming
and life-giving effects of the
monastic ways that he
imposes up on himself.

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He Who Is Imbued With The Eternal Divine Light

„What is it to be a parttaker
of the Divine Nature,
or a Godlike (literally deified) man?

Answer: he who is imbued with
or illuminated by the Eternal
or Divine Light
and inflamed or consumed
with eternal or Divine Love.

He is a deified man and a
Partaker of Divine Nature'

(Author of Theologia Deutsch..Das einundvierzigste Capitel.

Wie das ein vergotteter Mensch heißt und ist, der da durchleuchtet ist mit dem
göttlichen Lichte und entzündet ist mit ewiger Liebe, und wie Licht und
Erkenntnis nichts taugen ohne Liebe.

Man möchte fragen, welches oder was ein vergotteter oder ein göttlicher Mensch
sei? Antwort: Der durchleuchtet oder durchglänzt ist mit dem ewigen oder
göttlichen Licht und entzündet oder entbrannt mit einiger und göttlicher Liebe,
der ist ein göttlicher oder vergotteter Mensch. Und von dem wahren Licht ist vorn
etwas gesagt. Aber man soll wissen, daß das Licht oder die Erkenntnis nichts ist
oder taugt ohne Liebe) .

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Heart Speaks To Heart

The symbolism of intimate love goes back to the Orphic Mysteries.

It descended through Neoplatonists into the stream of Christian tradition.

There are less concret forms of it free from the dangers of erotic imagery.

Jalalu'd Din, by the use of metaphors charged with passionate feeling, tells like the writer of the Song of Solomon, the secret of this union, in which heart speaks to heart.

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Heights Meet The Deeps, In The Mysterious Death Of Selfhood

In the most dear relationship
with the most loving, Almighty God
all feeling, will, and thought
attain their ultimate end.

All the teasing complications of our
separated selfhood are transcended.

In that mysterious death of selfhood
on the summits, which is the medium
of Eternal life, heights meet the deeps:
Supreme achievement and complete
Humility are one. It is immense joy.

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His Self Is Penetrated By The Ocean Of Love

The mystic begins to translate his experience into his own words and gloss them with an explanation which is beyond the power and province of psychology.

He is conscious that he is now at length cleansed of the last stains of separation and has become, in a mysterious manner that which his heart craved for.

His long-sought correspondence with Transcendental Reality, his union with God has now established and that his self is penetrated by the ocean of love to which he has attained.

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I Am God, Says Love

The anonymous author of
„The Mirrors of simple souls“ writes:
„I am God' says love,
,for love is God and God is love'.
And this soul is God by her condition of love:
But I am God by my Nature Divine.
And this is hers by the justice of love.
So that this precious one loved of Me,
is taught, and is led of Me out of herself...
This (soul) is the eagle that flies high,
so right high and yet more high than
does any other bird; for she is
feathered with fine love'" (157, b) .

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I Entered Into The Secret Closet Of My Soul (Mystical Experience Of St. Augustine)

„I entered into the secret closet of my soul,
led by thee; and this I could do because Thou wast my helper.
I entered, and beheld with the mysterious eye of my soul the Light that never
changes, above the eye of my soul, above my intelligence.
It was not the common light which all flesh can see, nor was it greater yet of the
same kind, as if the light of day were to grow brighter and brighter and flood all
space.
It was not like this, but different altogether different from all such things.
Nor was it above my intelligence in the same way as oil is above water or heaven
above earth, but it was higher because it made me, and I was lower because
made by it.
He who knoweth the truth knoweth that light, and who knoweth it, knoweth
eternity. Love knoweth it' (St. Augustine, Confessions, Bk vii Chp.x) .

Note: It must be remembered that mystics are essentially realists, always
seeking for language adequate to their vision of truth: hence the fact that they
have adopted this imagery is a guarantee that it represents something which
they know and are struggling to describe.

(Graphic: Radiant Light; At the Mass, if we unite ourselves with Christ's...
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I Heard, „thy Voice From On High Crying Unto Me....'

St. Augustine writes:

„I heard,

speaking of his pre-converted period,

„Thy voice from on high crying unto me, ,I am the food of the full-grown: grow and then thou shalt feed on Me. Nor shalt thou change Me into thy substance as thou changest the food of thy flesh, but thou shalt be changed into Mine`„
(Confessions, . Chp.X) .

Meister Eckhart speaks: „Our Lord says to every living soul, ,I became man for you. If you do not become God for me, you do me wrong`"
(Sermon Ivii) .

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I Must Become Completely He

„If',

he says,

'i am to know God directly,
i must become completely He
and He, I: so that He and this I
become and are one I'.

(Meister Eckhart, Sermon xcix.,
Mystische Schriften, P.122) .

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In Illumination The Individuality Of The Subject Remains Separate And In Tact.

The real distinction between the illuminative and the unitive life is that in illumination the individuality of the subject, however profound his spiritual consciousness, however close his communion with the infinite may be, remains separate and intact.

His heightened appreciation of reality governs the rest of his life and increases his power of dealing adequately with the accidents of normal life.

The mind concentrated upon a higher object of interest is undistracted by its own likes and dislikes, and performs efficiently the work that is given to do.

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In The Light Of Ardent Love

In the light of ardent love,
a bitter knowledge of wrongness
of relation spurs the will of man
to the hard task of readjustment.

We live in longing for God.

Until the time we are led
into the intimate depths of God
the purgation of the senses
becomes a self desired need
to become pure enough
to enjoy the loving presence

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In The Secrecy Of Your Soul

The life of every man
is a mystery of solitude
and communion.

In the secrecy of his own soul
he experiences solitude.
There he is lone with God.

Prize your silence.
Value the solitude.
It is there, God murmurs.

They are the most loving
moments of your lives
when God sits in you
to murmur, to fill you
with love, peace and joy.

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In The Stage Of Darkness

In the negative state,
in the stage of darkness,
there is a sort of moral dereliction.

The self cannot control
its inclinations and thoughts.

In the general psychic turmoil,
all the evil part of man's inheritance,
all the lower impulses and unworthy ideas
which have long been imprisoned
below the threshold, force their way
into the field of consciousness.

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In The Transcendent Act Of Union

In the transcendent act of union
the mystic says that he is
conscious of nothing.

The mystic uses a paradoxical language:
Remembering we do not remember,
seeing we do not see,
understanding we do not understand,
penetrating we do not penetrate.

In this wholly indescribable, but
most actual state,
the whole self, exalted
is unified and poured out
in one vivid act of
impassioned perception,
which leaves no room for reflection
or self-observation.

The mystic is attending
exclusively to Eternity,
not to his own perception of Eternity.

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Intellect Lacks The Ability To Comprehend God.

Intellect is not always
the willing ally of the spirit.

Man's knowledge is itself
subjective and shares
in his finitude.
So it lacks the ability
to comprehend God.

It is also capable of being
an obstacle
to that attainment.

Therefore man cannot trust
his own rationality
to lead him to truth.

Meister Eckhart writes:

„.... A man should flee his senses, turn his powers inward and sink into an oblivion of all things and himself..... withdraw from the unrest of external activities, then flee away and hide from the turmoil of inward thoughts, for they but create discord“ (Meister Eckhart, Sermons and Treatises, Vol.1, Sermon 1, translated and edited by M.O'C. Walshe, P.7) .

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Intense And Innocent Joy In Natural Things

The pure soul of the mystic
dwelling on higher levels of reality,
his eyes set on the transcendent world
is capable of combining
with the perfection of detachment
that intense and innocent joy
in natural things as veils and vessels
of the divine, which results from
seeing all creatures in God
and God in all creatures.

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Interpreting The Dark Night

The Dark Night of the Soul is only a name for the painful and negative state which normally intervenes

between the illuminative and the Unitive Life. Interpretation of the dark night by the contemplatives vary. Each type of illumination is in fact balanced by its own appropriate type of 'dark'.

In some, the intellectual darkness and confusion overwhelms everything else and in others, the anguish of the lover who has suddenly lost the Beloved, so to say, the emotional aspect predominates.

The dark night, is really a deeply human process, in which the self which is firmly established upon the supernatural plane, which thought itself to be so spiritual, is forced to turn back, to leave the Light, and pick up those qualities which it had left behind. Only by the transmutation of the whole man, can Divine Humanity be formed. The formation of this Divine Humanity, the remaking of man, is the mystic's only certain ladder to the Real.

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It Is A Conscious Sharing Of An Inflowing Personal Life

The mystic desires to tell us that his new life is not only a free and conscious participation in the life of Eternity, a fully established existence on real and transcendental levels, but also the conscious sharing of an inflowing personal life greater than his own, a tightening of the bonds of that companionship which has been growing in intimacy and splendour during the course of the mystic way.

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It Is Impossible To Lose Our Created Being

„We cannot become God
and lose our created being.
It is impossible.

And if we remain
wholly in ourselves,
cut off from God, we should be
miserable and unblessed'. (Jan van Ruysbroeck,
quoted in ‚The luminous vision`, by Ann Bancroft in Six Medieval Mystics and their
Teachings, P.31)

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It Is So High And So Harmonius With Reality

The great mystics try to force on us the truth
that by deification, they intend no arrogant
claim to identification with God.

But it is seen as a transfusion
of their selves by ,His Self.

It is an entrance upon a new order of life.

It is so high and so harmonius with 'Reality'
that it can only be called divine.

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It Is The Essence Of The Beatific Vision

Such an endless contemplation,
such a dwelling within the
substance of Goodness, Truth
and Beauty, is the essence
of the beatific vision: an entrance
here and now into that Absolute life
within the Divine Being, which shall be
lived by all perfect spirits when they
have cast off the limitations of
the flesh and re-entered the eternal
order for which they were made.

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Johannes Tauler's Thoughts

„A man may die a thousand deaths in one day,
and find at once a joyful life
corresponding to each death.

The stronger the death,
the more powerful
and thorough the corresponding life.

The more intimate the death,
the more inward is the life.

Each life brings strength
and strengthens to harder death.

He finds life in death
and light in shining in darkness'.
(Tauler, Sermon on St. Paul, The inner way p.114) .

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Keeping Time With The Great Rhythm Of The Spiritual Universe

The mystic acquires the art of fellowship
with the 'great life of the All'
and draws strength and joy.

He begins to keep time
with the great rhythm
of the spiritual universe
and feels that he has found his place.

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Learning The Way Of Freedom Through Renunciation.

It is to learn the way of freedom,
the way of authenticity,
a poet monk subjects himself
to renunciation questioning
the evils of material life.

In his sacrifice of worldly pleasure
and comfort, the pleasures of
earthly existence is transcended.

The mystic poet's commitment
to Absolute is thus affirmed.

For some, the way of the desert
is not simply a way, it is the way.

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Let The Heart Be Touched

Touch your heart.
You will know
that the heart is beyond
all your conception.

The Heart has no limits.

Knowing the warmth
will be the greatest discovery.

The fire will burn you.

Touch your heart in prayer
and let it be touched.
You will know the gentleness of God.

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Like The Homing Instinct Of Birds

The sense of the Presence of God
which the mystics express
is not simply a metaphor.

It is a sharp consciousness.

It is like the homing instinct of birds,
which defies denial or explanation.

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Listen To St. Basil From The Wilderness

„ I am living in the wilderness wherein the Lord dwelt.

Here is the oak of Mamre; here is the ladder which leads to heaven, and the encampments of angels which Jacob saw; here is the wilderness where the people purified, received the law, and then going into the land of promise beheld God.

Here is Mount Carmel where Elijah abode and pleased God... Here is the wilderness where the blessed John ate locusts and preached repentance to men. Here is the Mount of Olives, which Christ ascended and there prayed, teaching us how to pray. Here is the Christ, the lover of the wilderness“ (William, H, George, Wilderness and Paradise in Christian Thought, P.39) .

(Graphic: Cimarron Sunset Panorama: San Juan Mountains, Colorado: Mountain...

Mountain Photography by Jack Brauer)

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Living In A Chaos Of Frustration

Living in a chaos of frustration
and spiritual misery,
in the depths of our being
we hate ourselves.

Lonely and helpless
we cannot be at peace
with others because
we are not at peace
with ourselves.

We cannot be at peace
with ourselves because
we are not at peace
With God.

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Love Is The Motive Power Of The Soul

Contemplation can be explored
only as it has been incarnated
in flesh and blood in others or self.

Mysticism is to be scrutinized
not in terms of divine science
but in the form of human life.

William R. Inge remarked:

„Christianity can best be understood
in its embodiment in great personalities
rather than in the philosophical systems
or doctrinal formulas“; (William R. Inge, *Studies of English Mystics*, P.5)

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Lust Fatigues The Soul

We only enjoy true liberty
when we neither possess nor desire.
The relation between the self
and the external world
is spoiled by lust and not by love
and it fatigues the soul.

(Graphic: Psalm 51/12)

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Man Is Under A Mandate From God To Become God.

God keeps on creating man
out of his love for man.

There is a mystical regeneration.
The restoration and perfection
of mankind is a continuing process.

Man is under a mandate
from God to become God.

Human nature cannot
contemplate God at all
until the internal image
is reformed by grace
and it is precisely
the divine image within man
that impels him toward
contemplative union with God.

(Graphic: There is a DIVINE VOICE within us -)

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Marvelous And Superabundant Goodness

The consciousness of the Absolute
is the most constant of all the
characteristics of illumination.

For the mystic soul, it is this
that gives it a pleasure-state
of the intensest kind.

But the mystic, experiences
the gloom of the Dark night
during the illuminated life.

(„ I saw and felt that his marvelous and superabundant
goodness fillet full all our powers.....that it surpasseth all our imagining beyond
all that we can explain or even conceive..Julianof Norwich, Revelations of Divine
Love, Chp.43) .

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May My Bones Burn And Ravens Eat My Flesh

A mystic is a rare individual
who understands the four elements:
The institutional, the intellectual,
the social and mystical elements.

It is the mystical element that
holds together all the others.

The mystic is preoccupied
with the quest for the Divine.

The dominant motivation
is the union with God.

He remains constant in his
contemplative commitment.

So, Thomas Merton would write:
„May my bones burn and ravens
eat my flesh, if i forget Thee“
(Thomas Merton, ‚The Captives-A Psalm‘,
The Tears of Blind Lions (Norfolk, Conn: New Directions,1949)PP.20-21.

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Meditating I Sat On This Shore

Sun resurrects from the womb of the earth
after a night's sleep and rest.

The sun reveals itself in golden rays.
My God created the sun and the moon.
How great and majestic and full of beauty
will be my God in his glorious splendour.

Nature elevates me from the mundane
to the highest levels of adoration.

I am happy to watch the sun rise
sitting on this stone on the shores
of this river and to meditate.

The golden rays fill me with joy.
My heart sings and dances.
Do you come with me
to bathe in the river of joy?

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My Life Shall Be A Real Life, Being Wholly Full Of Thee

The personality of the mystic is not lost
but made more real.
Over and over again they assure us that.

„When i shall cleave to Thee
With all my being,
then shall I
in nothing have pain and labour,
and my life shall be a real life,
being wholly full of Thee“ (St. Augustine,
Confessions, Bk. X. Chp. Xxviii) .

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My Soul Left Me Without My Permission

My soul left me.
My soul wandered
and reached the heights of love.

My soul is surrounded by light eternal.
My soul is in the world of the pure.
My soul dances in the presence of light
to the tunes of the heavenly chore
of angels flying around in mirth.
It is the land and home of my soul.

Breaking off the fetters here on earth
my soul is now liberated to reach
her home of light and purity,
in the holiest presence
of the lover of my soul.

(Graphic: Garden of the Heart, Spirit Heart Gallery)

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My Vocation As A Poet

It is my vocation
to bring the mystical illumination,
the glorious vision of reality
and the joy of the exalted self
within the visionary world
of ordinary men and women.

I want to make them
exult in the joy of
the illuminated self.

(Graphic: 2014

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Mysterious Mystic Illumination

What is the nature of this
mysterious mystic illumination?

What is the form which it usually
assumes in the consciousness of the self?

It appears to them as a kind of radiance,
a flooding of the personality with new light.
Over and over they return to light-imagery.

It is an actual and overpowering
consciousness of radiant light,
ineffable in its splendour.

There is indeed an actual light,
rare and indescribable
lighting the very light.

(A torrent of graces - Painting by Elizabeth Wang Copyright Radiant Light 2005)

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Mystic Poet And The Soul-Searching

For a mystic poet, writing
is a personal soul-searching.

The artistic experience
at it's highest, is a natural analogue
of mystical experience.

The mystic poet is concerned
with the organic whole
of the seen and the unseen.

Dante, John of the Cross,
Blake and Hopkins
were mystics and poets
at the same time.

A certain inner compulsion
energizes them.
The tune that they hear
is not heard by all.

But the mystic poet
may so present it
that others may also
hear the resonances
which he hears in his heart.

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Mystic Souls Immersed In The Absolute

Ruysbroeck speaks in majestic phrases about the fruition of joy and describes it as constituting the interior life of mystic souls immersed in the Absolute.

This translation of the Beatific Vision into the terms of a supernatural feeling-state is often realized in the secret experience of those same mystics, as the perennial possession of a childlike gaiety, an inextinguishable gladness of heart.

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Mystical Contemplation Is A Pure Gift Of God.

Mystical contemplation is absolutely beyond the reach of man's activity. There is nothing he can do to obtain it by himself. It is a pure gift of God. God gives it to whom He wills, when He wills, and in the way and degree in which He wills. By cooperating with the work of ordinary grace we can - and if we really mean to love God, we must - constantly grow and progress in charity and union with Him by our good works" (Thomas Merton, Poetry and Contemplative Life, P.105) .

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Nature Mysticism (Dancing With The Sun)

All veritable and first hand apprehensions of the Divine obtained by the use of symbols are activities of the illuminated mind.

To see God in nature, to attain a radiant consciousness of the otherness of natural things, is the simplest and commonest form of illumination.

Those who experience an overpowering apprehension of the infinite life immanent in all living things they live in „nature mysticism“;

(Rudolf Otto defined nature mysticism as 'the sense of being immersed in the oneness of nature, so that man feels all the individuality, all the peculiarities of natural things in himself. He dances with the motes of dust and radiates with the sun; he rises with the dawn, surges with the wave, is fragrant with the rose, rapt with the nightingale: he knows and is all being, all strength, all joy, all desire, all pain in all things inseparably) '.

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No Progress Without Pain

Creation, becoming, transcendence
are very painful processes at its best.

The passion of Christ is the best proof
for the cosmic journey to perfection.
It is the path of eternal wisdom.

This seemingly dreadful law of inner life
is so bitterly true that it becomes fantastic.

„No progress without pain` is so true
that it asserts itself in the mystical journey.

(Rudolf Steiner | Rileybrad's Blog
Rileybrad's Blog
Age of America Invite to the Wedding Christian Rosenkreuz)

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None But The Deified Know The Secret Life Of God.

None but the deified know
the secret life of God.

They know it by intuitive participation
by emergence, not by thought.

In the Unitive State,
the mystic lives in his native land.

The knowledge he attains
is conferred only by participation,
by living a life, breathing an atmosphere
by „union with that same Light
by which they see,
and which they see“ (Ruysbroek, „De Ornatu
Spiritualium Nuptiarum“, I..V.

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O My Heart, Whence Comes This Love

Heinrich Suso while thinking of the most lovable wisdom, questioned himself and sought persistently for love saying:

„O my heart, whence comes this love and grace,
whence comes this gentleness and beauty,
this joy and sweetness of the heart?

Does not all this flow forth from the Godhead as from its origin?

Come! Let my heart, my senses and my soul immerse themselves
in the deep Abyss whence come these adorable things.

What shall keep me back? Today I will embrace you, even as my burning heart
desires to do' (Heinrich Suso's *Leben und Schriften*, Chp. Iv) .

(Graphic: What is Mysticism? -
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On The Hearth Of God's Infinite Love

Ruysbroeck saw, „Every soul like a living coal
burned up by God on the hearth of
His infinite love“; (De Septem Gradibus Amoris, Chp. Xiv) .

Such fire imagery has seemed to many
of the mystics a peculiarly exact
and suggestive symbol of
the transcendent state
which they are struggling
to describe.

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Only The Thoroughly Detached Is Free.

Pure surrender of selfhood
is one essential preliminary
for the spiritual life.

Only the thoroughly detached is free.

The unitive state is essentially
a state of free and filial
participation in Eternal life.

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Our Own Will Is Our Separation From God.

Nothing has separated us from God
but our will, or rather our own will
is our separation from God.

All the disorder and corruption and malady
of our nature lies in a certain fixedness
of our own will, imagination and desire
wherein we live to ourselves.

They become our own centre
and circumference.

It hinders us to make
that final surrender
which is the price of final peace.

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Our Soul Is Kindly Rooted In God, In Endless Love.

We may not come
to the knowing
of our own soul
until we first
come to know God.

By the grace of the holy
and eternal One,
we shall know
that our soul is deeply
united with God
who is the maker
with whom it is one with.

God is the ground
in whom our soul stands.
Our soul is kindly rooted
in God, in endless love.

((Graphic: Experience the love of God, God is real, love of God precious poster))

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Outgoing Movement Towards A Divine Light,

The transcendental tendency,
the splendid cosmic vision
of infinity exterior to the subject,

the expensive, outgoing movement
towards a Divine Light,

the strange, formless absorption
in the Divine Dark to which
the soul is destined to ascend;

these modes of perception are
equally characteristic of
the illuminative way.

(Graphic: April 2015 Year of Mercy
Year of Mercy -
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Pain And Desolation

St. Theresa writes about the state of desolation: „As long as this pain lasts, it is impossible for the soul to think of anything that has to do with her own being: from the first instant all her faculties are suspended as far as this world is concerned, and they only preserve their activity in order to increase her martyrdom.....

This i repeat is an entrancement of the senses and the faculties....For the understanding perceives very clearly why the soul is in affliction, far from her God.... The pain thus grows to such a degree of intensity that in spite of oneself one cries aloud... this is not a pain which is felt in the body, but in the depths of the soul"; (The interior castle, trans. of El Castillo Interior, Moradas Sextas, Chp. Xi)

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Parallel Of Great Impersonal Forces

Mystic writers use the parallel
of such great impersonal forces
like fire and heat, light, water, air,
to bring out a perceived aspect
of the Godhead, and of
the transfigured soul's
participation in it,
which is beyond
mere personal language.

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Penetrating Into The Divinity Hidden Within

It is a mental lucidity
which enables one to discover
a peculiar beauty and a reality
shining in the meanest of things.

The simple vision of pure love,
which is marvellously penetrating,
does not stop at the outer husk of creation.

It penetrates to the divinity
which is hidden within.

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Piercing Through The Labyrinth Of Branches

Piercing through the labyrinth of branches
I see you shine in golden colours
on the blue mountains.

This labrynth becomes the symol of life
so complicated and full of worries
and i see you there my God
in the form of the sun in golden hue
as if you look at me with great concern
from your beautiful palace on the blue.

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Poverty Is Conceived As A Function Of Solitude

The mystic poet takes
seriously the problem of „Self“.

He wants his mind and heart
to be filled with the ‚wholly other‘.
So he tries to eliminate
all bondage to the Self.

He conceives amore
profound Idea of poverty.
Poverty is conceived
as a function of solitude.

It is a detachment, isolation
from all that is superfluous.

For the greater the delight
in outward things, the harder
it is to leave them.

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Poverty Purifies The Heart

The Spirit of Poverty eradicates delusion,
confers on her lovers the freedom of the universe,
purifies the heart and initiates them
into the great life of the All.

Poverty is the matchmaker
between God and the spirit of man.

(By choosing non-materialistic way of life, we can save money. The money thus saved should be used to eradicate poverty in this world by giving it to the poor) .

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Pure Nothing.

The content of absolute detachment
is seen as pure nothing.
Pure nothing is the highest point
at which God can work in us as he pleases.

Perfect detachment is without regard,
without either lowliness or loftiness.

It is minded to be master of itself
loving none and hating none,
neither likeness nor unlikeness.
Detachment wants altogether nothing.
It leaves all things unmolested.

Only thing it desires to be
is to be one with God.

(Lifehack quotes. Buddha)

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Reaching Out To Grasp The Inner Reality.

The mode of apprehension
of a genuine aesthetic
experience
is that of connaturality.

It reaches out to grasp
the inner reality.

Poetic call is a vocation.
The greatest obstacle
for the realization
of this call is that
which obstructs spirituality.

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Reflections On Personal Experience.

Mystical literature is
inevitably autobiographical.
Mystical theology is neither
didactic or systematic.
It tends to be the reflections
on personal experience.
It is formed by a personal
historical consciousness.

Even from the personal experiences
of the different mystics and seekers
we can discover that there is a
universal element in mysticism.

This conviction should Grow
that by detachment from created things
and by a profound interior transformation
one can enter into direct contact with God.

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Seclusion, Solitude And Renunciation

The Neoplatonists, Mohammedans, Hindus, Buddhists and the christian ascetics follow the purgative way.

In Attar's Allegory of the Valleys, the valley of self-stripping and renunciation comes first.

Al Ghazzali, the persian contemplative follows the way of purgation.

Seclusion, solitude and renunciation of property, conquering desires and struggling with passions, is accepted as a means to purify the soul.

(Graphic: Mystic, Love, Joy, Inspiration, Create, Spirit, Heart, New Mother, New Earth Night Songs -)

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Seeing Purgation As A Privilege

A true lover of the Absolute
sees purgation as a privilege.

Its form is harsh.
Its activities are painful.

It is a break up of the old universe.
He turns to it as an act of love.
It is essential to a mystic.

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Self-Simplification

The essence of purgation
is self-simplification.

It is the simplification of the
involved interests
and tangled motives
and the false complications of
mundane temporal life.

The recognition and casting
away of these is very often
a continuing process.

Until this process of simplification
proceed a certain distance,
nothing happens.

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So That It May Please Him To Whom It Is Joined.

For the nightingale is carried away
the whole night to indulge
in singing and melody,
so that it may please Him
to Whom it is joined.

How much the more should
I sing to Christ, my Jesus,
with the greatest sweetness,
who is the spouse of my soul,
through the present life... so that
i may languish, and by languishing
that i may fail before love!
But in failing i may grow well
and be nourished in love,
so that i may rejoice,
and in rejoicing that i may sing
the delights of love with pleasantness".
(Rolle Richard,
The fire of love and the meaning of life,
,Incendium` Chp.42, P.262) .

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Sojourners In The Land Of Heart's Desire.

All real artists and pure mystics
are sharers in the illuminated life.

They are sojourners in
the land of heart's desire.

The experience of a contact
between a purged and heightened
consciousness and the world
of becoming in which it is immersed,
the contact between such
a consciousness and the Absolute,
are the distinctive signs of growth
in the real illuminative way.

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St. John Of The Cross Writes Again

„But what the sorrowful soul feels most in this condition is its clear perception, as it thinks, that God has abandoned it, and, in His abhorrence of it, has flung into darkness; it is a grave and piteous grief for it to believe that God has forsaken it... For indeed, when this purgative contemplation is most severe, the soul feels very keenly the shadow of death and the lamentations of death and pains of hell, which consists in its feeling itself to be without God, and chastised and cast out, and unworthy of Him, and it feels that He is wrath with it...the waters compassed me, even to the soul, the deep hath closed me round about, the ocean hath covered my head; i went down to the lowest part of the mountains; the bars of the earth have shut me up for ever“; (,St. John of the Cross, The Dark Night of the Soul, (E. Allison Peers translation) , Bk.11, Chp. Vi, Cmp. Eckhart who says: „He acts as if there were a wall erected between Him and us“; (Sermon lvii) .

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St. Theresa's Experience Of Rapture.

St. Theresa writes: When the divine bridegroom decides to enrapture the soul, He orders all the doors of its habitations, even those of the castle and its outworks, to be closed.

In fact, hardly has one entered the rapture, when one ceases to breathe; and if sometimes one retains for few moments the use of one's other senses, one cannot nevertheless, speak a single word.

At other time all the senses are instantly suspended....Rapture lasts but a short time, at least at this high degree; the extreme suspension is relaxed, and the body seems to regain life, that it may die in the same manner, and make the soul more living than before' (The interior castle, trans. Of El Castillo Interior, Moradas Sextas, Chp. Iv) .

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Starbuck Writes In Psychology Of Religion

„When higher centres have become exhausted under the great strain of a developed illuminated life, with its accompanying periods of intense lucidity, of deep contemplation, perhaps of visionary and auditory phenomena, the swing-back into the negative state occurs almost of necessity.

This is the psychological explanation of those strange and painful episodes in the life of great saints.

It occurs after a long life passed in close contact with the transcendental order, of full and growing consciousness of the ‚presence of God‘ the whole inner experience is suddenly swept away and only a blind reliance of the past convictions saves them from unbelief.

The great contemplatives, those destined to attain the full stature of the mystic, emerge from this period of destitution, as from a new purification.

It is for them the gateway to a higher state. This great negation is the sorting-house of spiritual life.

Here the ‚nature mystics‘, the mystic poets, and all those who were content with the illuminated vision of reality stand on a lower level. Those who go on are the great and strong spirits, who do not seek to ‚know‘, but are driven to ‚be‘ „.
(Starbuck, Psychology of Religion, P.24) .

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Superrationalism And The Pseudosalvation Of Science.

A modern mystic sees the blind ally of superrationalism and the pseudosalvation of science.

Thus a mystic becomes an advocate of a spiritual renaissance in the modern world.

Man has a basic need for total integration.

This need expresses itself in a new appetite for works concerned with transcendence and mystical theology.

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Swaying Between Light And Shade.

The struggle of the self
to disentangle itself
from illusion and attain
the absolute is a life-struggle.

It will as a process obey artistic
rather than scientific laws.

It will sway now to the light
and now to the shade of experience.

Its oscillations are great
and sometimes small.

(Graphic: „Don't you know that you yourselves are yahuah's temple and that yahuah's spirit dwells in you? 1st. Corinthians 3,16)

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Telling God About My Intimate Longings

Becoming intimate with God
means that i tell God about
my intimate longings,
my ideas, my wishes and my wounds.

To be intimate with God means,
I tell God about my feelings
which are welling up in me,
which agitate and verberate
for i am afraid of my own feelings.

I express my longings for emotional security,
love and the feelings that i hide in me.

I place my hands, cross over my breast

holding out my desires for intimacy
in the presence of my God.

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Tension Between ,what Is` And ,what Ought To Be`.

The notion of a knowledge
that is beyond facts
and that is obtained
through union with being
is crucial to the mystical quest.

Mystic is a prophet who utters
and announces about
man's own deepest trouble.

It is a manifestation of
existential tension
between ,what is`
and ,what ought to be`.

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Tested In The Complementary Fires Of Love And Pain.

The mystic enters the eternal order.
Moving through periods of alternate joy
and anguish, as his spiritual self wakes up
stretched and is tested
in the complementary fires
of love and pain,
he is inwardly conscious
that he moves towards
a definite objective.

He comes to the realization,
that his objective
is no mere act of knowing,
however intense,
exultant and sublime,
but a condition of being.

It is the fulfillment of that love
which impelled him,
steadily and inexorably,
to his own place.

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That The Interior Word Might Emerge Out Of Silence.

The desert is the door of heaven.
Solitude spiritualizes the whole man.
It transforms the body and soul.
It is not just a way, but the only way.

(Graphic: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry Quote: "I have always loved the desert)

Filled with the desire of God alone,
the mystic's quest is to give himself
to God completely and find joy in it.

Leaving behind the miracles and
convenience of technology,
the license of self gratification,
fashion and comfort, abundance
of food, luxuries and affluency,
he enters into the world of silence
that the interior word might emerge
out of his silence and self-deprivation.

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The All-Revealing Radiance Of The Uncreated Light.

The self sees itself in
the all-revealing radiance
of the Uncreated Light.

It longs ardently
to put on the character
of reality instead
of the character of illusion.

When once love opens
the inner eye of the soul
to see the truth,
then humble love conquers
the being of the mystic.

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Convergence of Parallel Worlds)

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The Ascendency Of The Sacredness Of The Interior Man

The procuring of the ascendency
of the sacredness of the interior man,
the transcendental consciousness
over the distracted and normal personality
dealing with the manifold illusions of life
are achieved in the mystic's purification.

Whatever his religion, character or race be,
impossible is it, for him to escape these battles.

Increasing control of the lower centres,
of the surface intelligence, scattered desires
permit the emergence of the transcendental
perceptions enabling one to enjoy God's presence.

(Buddha Quotes - BrainyQuote)

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The Attention Of The Whole Beingis Called To Task.

Create optimum conditions
for cultivating mystical
awareness Of God's being.

The consciousness sought
is mystical in the sense
of piercing the darkness
and resolving the mystery.

The desert must be endured
to attain the knowlege
and the experience of
the transcendent and
inexpressible God.

It is the attention
of the whole being
which is called to task
in the pursuit of
the ultimate being.

It is the intimate
union with God,
which a mystic
poet seeks for.

By the force of the subdued,
instructed and formed will,
the mind is disposed
to recollection and attention,
and the attention is fixed
on God by recalling thought
when it wanders or reviving
itwhen it fades away.

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The Circle Whose Centre Is Everywhere

To say that God is infinite
is to say that He may be
apprehended and described
in an infinity of ways.

The circle whose centre is everywhere
and whose circumference is nowhere,
may be approached from every angle
with a certainty of being found.

Mystical history, particularly that which
is concerned with the illuminative way,
is a demonstration of this fact.

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The Creative Spirit Strives To Escape All Forms Of Domination.

A mystic poet allows
the consciousness
of the mystery to express
itself by constant purgation.

The creative spirit
strives to escape
all forms of domination.

The mystic poet builds
his own freedom and
forms his own
artistic conscience.

The mystic's role is not
to teach or preach at first,
but to find
the truth and be
in harmony with it.

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The Crosses Of Sufferings In Our Nature

The crosses in nature
tell me that suffering
is on our way and unavoidable.

The God of nature and creation
suffered on the cross and died.
Suffering is so meaningful.
It teaches to become humble
and to rely on the Almighty.

It makes us prayerful and kind.
We smile and smile through life.

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The Dark Night Of The Soul -2

In its mystical awakening, the Self acquires
the exalted consciousness of divine perfection.

But a bitter consciousness of its own imperfection
comes in and leads it to the purgative way.

The renewed and ecstatic awareness of the Absolute
is the governing characteristic of illumination.

During the time in which the illuminated consciousness
is fully established, the self as a rule,
is perfectly content, believing
that in this sublime vision of Eternity,
this intense and loving consciousness of God,
it has reached the goal of its quest.

But sooner or later, however,
psychic fatigue sets in;
the state of illumination begins
to break up, the complementary
negative consciousness appears,
and shows itself as
an overwhelming sense
of darkness and deprivation.

In this experience, all communications
set up between the self
and the Transcendent is broken off.

The intuition of Reality
which the Self had is marred
and the Self plunges into
the state of negation
and unutterable misery
which is called the Dark Night of the Soul.

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The Dark Night Of The Soul-1

The Dark Night of the soul
can be expressed well as
an orderly movement
of the whole consciousness
towards higher centres,
in which each intense
and progressive affirmation
fatigues the immature
transcendental powers,
and is paid for by a negation;
either a swing-back of
the whole consciousness,
a stagnation of intellect,
a reaction of the emotions,
or an inhibition of the will.

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The Death Of The Old For The Sake Of Giving Birth To The New.

The subduing of the passions
and the control of the senses
are not intended to be punishment
or rejection of the natural order.

It is the death of the old for the
sake of giving birth to the new.
It paves the way for the experience
of the goodness of creation
and it is a means of uncovering
the supernatural in the natural.

It aims at a complete metamorphosis.

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The Deep Seated Power Of Perceiving Reality

In the experience of the beatific intuition of the Absolute, the Self reacts upon its own life-process, its slow journey from the many to the one, accepting the peculiar talent of the mystic, that wild genius, that deep seated power of perceiving Reality, which his contemplation has ordered and developed, and his ecstasies express.

His intuitive apprehension of the Absolute, which assumes in ecstasy its most positive form, spurs him on towards that total and permanent union with the Divine which is the goal.

Genova Maaa my mother

The Desert Of Deep Contrition

Come my soul
depart from worldly things.

Enter through the door of
true interior silence and
set out with all your courage.

Be strong to bury and lose yourself
in the desert of deep contrition

(Graphic: Prayer Archives - Catholic Stand
Lent: A Season of Conversion)

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The Discovery Of The Ground Of Being.

Our identity lies in
the discovery of
the ground of being.

Within himself the new man
does not discover
a completed identity
but a potential one.

„The soul of man left to its own natural level, is a potentially lucid crystal left in the darkness. It is perfect in its own nature, but it lacks something that it can only receive from outside and above itself. But when the light shines on it, it becomes in a manner transformed into light and seems to lose its nature in the splendour or a higher nature, the nature of the light that is in it“; (Thomas Merton, *The Seven Storey Mountain*) .

(Graphic: Orange shining crystal vector abstract triangles seamless pattern)

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The Ecstatic State Fills His Universe.

The ecstatic state fills his universe. The mystic is absorbed in his one idea, his one love: he is in it and with it. But this unified state of consciousness does not merely pour upon something already possessed.

Its true business is perception. It is outgoing and expansive: its goal is something beyond itself.

The rearrangement of the psychic self which occurs in ecstasy is not merely concerned with the normal element of consciousness.

It is a temporary unification of consciousness around that centre of transcendental perception which mystics call the 'Spark of the Soul'.

Those deeper layers of personality are active in it: and these are fused with the surface personality by the governing passion, the transcendental love which lies at the basis of all sane ecstatic states.

The result is not merely a mind concentrated on one idea, nor a heart fixed on one desire, nor even a mind and a heart united in the interests of beloved thought: but a whole being welded into one, all its faculties, neglecting the normal universe, grouped about a new centre, serving a new life, and piercing like a single flame the barriers of the sensual world.

Ecstasy is the psycho-physical state which generally accompanies and expresses this brief synthetic act.

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The Ecstatic State Gives The Clearest Vision

The ecstatic state gives the clearest vision one can have of that transcendent standard to which he must confirm.

It entails the sharpest consciousness of the inflow of that life on which his little striving life depends.

The mystic comes forth from an ecstatic experience, humbled yet exultant, marvellously strengthened and ready, not for any passive enjoyments, but rather for the struggles and hardships of the way, the deliberate pain and sacrifice that love brings.

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The Epistle Of Prayer

The unknown author of the ‚Epistle of Prayer‘ says:

„Whoso draweth near to God as it is
by such a reverent affection touched
before, he is one spirit with God.

That is, though all that God and he be two
and sere in kind, nevertheless yet in grace
they are so knit together that they are but one in spirit;
And all this is one for onehead of love
and accordance of will; and in the onehead is marriage
made between God and the soul the which shall never be broken...." (The
Epistle of Prayer, in Pepwell's edition of „The Cell of Self knowledge", edited
by Edmund Gardner, P.88) .

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The Eternal Self Consciously Realizes Its Destiny.

The mystic begins to draw
from those deep levels of Being
that amazing and immovable strength,
that power of dealing with circumstance
that most marked characteristic
of the Unitive Life.

His real, eternal self has now
consciously realized its destiny
and begins at last fully to be.

The self is no more limited
to overpowering intuitions
of the Absolute,
no more dependent for its
emergence on the psychic states
of contemplation and ecstasy.

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The Everlasting Movement Of God's Gravitation.

One who loves God intimately
enters into the everlasting movement
Of God's gravitation.

God whose centre is everywhere,
and whose circumference is nowhere
find this yearning human lover
buring with intense desire for Him.

Through incorporation with Christ
God, leads this soul who loves Him
and incorporates him into his immense
and tremendous gravitation in love.

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The Experience Of The Absence Of God Is Not Uniform Experience.

The experience of the Dark night
is not a uniform experience.
the mystical or transcendental aspects
of the dark night shall not be generalized.

It is only a name for the painful
and negative state intervening
between the illuminative and unitive life.

Each type of illumination
is balanced by it's own
appropriate type of 'dark'.

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The Extraordinaryconcealed In The Ordinary

The artist and the mystic
are concerned with
giving form to the
interiority of things.

The artist tries to bring
to the level
of conscious experience
the extraordinary
concealed in the ordinary.

It is the pleasures of the spirit
that a poet, artist
and a mystic try to convey.

The spiritual joy surpasses
every other joy.

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The Finite Slowly Approaches The Infinite Source.

Sometimes ecstatic states
and flashes of illumination
accompany the purgation.

Whole of the mystical
experience in this life
consists in a series
of purifications,
whereby the Finite
slowly approaches
the nature of its
Infinite Source.

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Mississippi USA)

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The First Form Of Illuminated Consciousness

In Brother Lawrence's ,Practice
of the presence of God',
in St. Bernard's ,Converse with
the word', in Richard Rolle's ,State of song',
,when sweetest melody he took
with him dwelling in mind',
are there beautiful expressions
of the first form of illuminated consciousness.

(Jacob Boehme is rightly looked upon as a typical example of the second: which
is also found in one of its most attractive forms in St. Francis of Assisi. Suso and
St. Theresa perhaps, may stand for the third, since in them the visionary and
auditory phenomena were peculiarly well marked) .

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The Forgetfulness Of Self

„The forgetfulness of self is, in a measure, a transformation in God, who then becomes, in a certain manner all things for the soul.

In this rapture, the soul disappears, but not entirely.

It acquires, certain qualities of divinity, but does not naturally become divine.

The soul is rapt, by the divine power of resplendent Being, above its natural faculties, into the nakedness of Nothing“;

(Heinrich Seuse, *Leben*, chp. iv)

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The Germ Of The Transcendent Life Is Latent In All Of Us.

The mystic experiences
the ever changing human spirit
emerging from the cave of illusion
only to enter into the consciousness
of the transcendent world.

The germ of the transcendent life,
the spring of the amazing energy
which enables the mystic to rise to
freedom and dominate the world
is latent in all of us. I believe it is
an integral part of our humanity.

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The Heart Begins To Live Upon High Levels Of Joy.

The intellect is immersed
in that mighty vision of truth,
known now not as a vision, but as a home.

The enhanced will, made over to the
interests of the transcendent,
receives new worlds to conquer
new strength to match its exalted destiny.

But the heart too enters on a new order,
begins to live upon high levels of joy.

The anonymous author of the Mirror of simple souls
writes: „ This soul, says love, swims in the sea
of joy; that is in the sea of delight,
the stream of Divine influences'.

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The Instinct For Transcendental Reality.

The mystical genius has an instinct
for transcendental reality.

Seers and creators possess it.
They have a measure of illumination.

They are the initiators
of beauty and wisdom.
In their hearts sprout ‚Love‘.

In the illuminative state
the mystic gets a foothold
in that transcendental world.

He begins to experience
the ‚great life of the All‘.

(Graphic: Language of the Heart: : One True Self | Awakening inner tools
It is through my connection with the One that I experience the ‚All‘
or the energies of the world at large. We are not separate from the Eternal
power.

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The Intellectual Confusion And The Emotional Aspect

In some mystics
the intellectual darkness
and confusion
overwhelms everything else.

In others, the emotional
aspect predominates;
the anguish of the lover
who has suddenly lost the Beloved.

Thus, the experience of
the 'Absence of God'
varies in mystics.

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The Journey Inward Has A Destination Beyond Personal Identity.

The mystic monk
and poet directs
all his faculties,
cognitive, effective
and conative,
to the discovery
of the real self.

It is just letting
the divine image
come out and
manifest itself
in our lives
by the way
in which we live.

Before a man
can be open to God
or his fellow men,
he must be open
to himself.

The journey inward
has a destination
beyond personal identity.

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The Knowledge Of Ideal Beauty Is Innate In A Mystic.

The knowledge of ideal beauty
is innate in a mystic.
It is a pure aesthetic experience
and this is known intuitively
in intellectual ecstasy,
without the creation of ideas.

This notion of a knowledge
is beyond facts and obtained
through union with being.

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The Longing For The Beloved Is At The Core

God is eternal work.
But according to the essence
of perpetual stillness,
God is Eternal Rest.

Love and fruition live between
this activity and eternal rest.

Love works without ceasing.
Fruition is ever at rest.

The longing for the beloved
is at the core in which the mystic lives.

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The Lovely Hues Of Sky Just Flash By

Into the world of pools
the sun just dipped
stripped and naked by its own will.

The pinky glow
glazing in delight auras,
the lovely hues of sky just flash by,
the pink and blue fabrics of setting sun.
From the horizon they subtly stretch...
what a beauty, the hour of dusk, i watch
with a serene love just a few seconds.

Be quiet and silent
at these moments of sunset
and perceive with abated breath
the passing beauties and dusky seconds.

They are preciously divine.
Don't you think so?

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The Lucid Vision, Emanation Or Immanence.

The self's psychic make up,
its temperamental leaning
towards pure contemplation,
the automatic expression
or lucid vision, emanation
or immanence, the metaphysical,
artistic or intimate aspects of truth,
all go to determine the life of a mystic.

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The Mystic Discerns A Spiritual Whole

The mystic discerns a spiritual whole in the universe which is not subject to scientific or rational verification.

The apprehension of Reality comes not from scientific reductionism or from rational analogies but through spiritual intuition.

So says Raymond panikkar:

„When the contemplative concentrates, he does not perform a psychological act, but condenses ontologically, actually con-centers the most disparate and widespread circles of Reality, in such a way that in himself, the universe is concentrated and is reflected in a unity which, under the circumstances of the usual dispersion of being in nature, cannot take place“;. (Raymond Panikker, „The Theandric vocation“;, *Monastic Studies*,8: 71-72., Spring 1972) .

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The Mystic Gets Merged In The Absolute.

The mystic gets so merged in the Absolute
that he cannot perceive it as an object of thought
as the bird cannot see the air which supports it,
nor the fish the ocean in which it swims.

He really ,knows all', but ,thinks nought',
,perceives all', but ,conceives nought'.

The ecstatic consciousness is not self-conscious.

It is intuitive not discursive.
Under the sway of great passion,
possessed by a great idea,
it has become , ,a single state
of enormous intensity'.

In this state, it transcends
all our ordinary machinery
of knowledge, and plunges deep
into the heart of Reality.

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The Mystic Is An Artist In His Core.

The state of purgation and illumination
are complimentary to one another.
They do exist side by side
in the individual experience.

The mystical consciousness
belongs to that mobile or
unstable type, in which the
artistic temperment also
gets in, making the mystic an artist.

It sways easily from the extremes
of pleasure and pain in its
gropings after transcendental reality.
(Graphic: 'The Mystic' Oil on Canvas, by artist Allison) .

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The Mystic Life Is A Life Of Love.

The self learns to surrender its will
to the operations of a larger life
in the stress and anguish of the dark night.

The indwelling spirit labours
at his transmutation
from unreal to the real.

It works in the illuminated self
that it may become
the raw material
of Divine Humanity.

We should not forget
that the mystic life
is a life of love.

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The Mystic Poet Points To The Silence.

The mystic poet points
beyond all objects
into the silence in him.

The life and work of the poet
and the mystic are consummated
when they are integrated
with his person
and ultimate reality
into an organic,
spiritual whole
for which he has to go
through the desert
of loving silence.

Mystic poet's work is his own life.

(The Silence Between Mind and Liberation | Science and Nonduality

Called "Silence, Please," the campaign effectively turned silence into
a resource)

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The Mystic Receives The Communication Of Life And Of Beatitude

How delicate are the shades
which distinguish ecstasy
with the highest forms of orison
and how clumsy are the psychologists
who find in ecstatic passivity
an annihilation of the will.

In Self-emergence,
that state of transcendence
in which the barriers
of selfhood are abolished,
the mystic receives
the communication
of life and of Beatitude.

It is the secret of ecstasy.
that all things are consummated
and all things are renewed in it.

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The Mystic's Final Quest Is Of Supreme Desire.

The object of the mystic's final quest
and of his constant intuition
is an object of wild adoration
and supreme desire.

The withdrawal of the object of his joy,
the withdrawal of the beatific vision
is a great sorrow which the mystic suffers
in the period of the Dark Night.

Thus Dark Night entails always,
bitter sufferings far worse than
that endured in the purgative way.

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The Mystical Vision Of Browning

Robert Browning writes in Saul, xvii:

„I but open my eyes, - and perfection,
no more and no less,
in the Kind I imagined full-fronts me,
and God is seen God
in the star, in the stone,
in the flesh, in the soul and the clod“;

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The Mystic's Experience Of Intimacy

The mystic's experience of intimacy are often evoked, abruptly, by the concentration upon, some loved and special symbol of the Divine.

Such symbols bring in ideas and intuitions. The sudden thought of them is enough in psychological language, to provoke a discharge of energy along some particular path, and to stir to life all those ideas and intuitions which belong to the self's consciousness of the Absolute.

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The Mystics Were Not Ivory-Tower Meditators

It is a popular myth
that the contemplative life
requires not only detachment
from the world but a disassociation
from the world and materiality.

The pioneers of the mystical way
were not idle dreamers or ivory-tower
meditators, they were public men,
preachers, administrators and writers
who left their imprints on the world.

(Consider Augustine, Gregory, Bernard and Catherine of Genoa, who utilized
their spiritual resources in attacking political, social and ecclesiastical problems of
their respective periods) .

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The New Perception Caused By The Illuminated Vision.

The illuminated vision in which
all things are made new
can afford to embrace the homeliest
as well as the sublimest of things.

Human conscience
in the course of its transcendence
passes from the normal illusions
to a more real perception of the world.

It is a perception which is symbolised
by the archetypal plane
or the world of platonic ideas.

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The One Who Seeks Nearness To God

The one who seeks nearness to God
acquires a deep sense of that
profound and positive and
elemental reality of love.

The understanding of love
is an incarnational one.

The conflict is between
The real and the illusionary self.

To be in the image of God
means to share in God's
nature as merciful love.

The more one is true to
the image of God,
the more one could discover
his own true self that is in God.

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The Passionate Apprehension Of Spiritual Beauty

The passionate apprehension of spiritual beauty,
its intuitive perception of divine harmony,
the extreme sensitiveness that forms part
of the normal psycho-physical make-up,
are the signs of the mystical temperament.

Hence he needs and longs to be free from
all the fetters of sense to be passionate
for invisible and divine yearnings.

Thus self-surrender becomes
the main spring of mystical life.

(Graphic: Words of Wisdom ~ Spiritual Awareness
spiritual quote) .

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The Perfect Priest And The Perfect Poet Are One

The Priest and the Poet
are concerned with
the concatenation
of the interior
and exterior elements of life.

The union of priest and poet
is among the highest human
possibilities and thus states

Karl Rahner:

„the perfect Priest and the perfect

Poet are one“ (Karl Rahner, ‚Priest and Poet‘ *The Word: Readings in
Theology,*

New York, P.J. Kennedy & Sons, 1964, P.3)

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The Poet Constructs Myths

Art and mysticism gain access
to the world of pure being.

Symbols and forms are used
which enters into the realm
of the transcendental.

The inexpressible is expressed
in extraordinary combinations
of words, sounds and structures.

The poet constructs myths
that portray the fundamental
problems of the inner man.

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The Purification Of The Will

All these forms of the Dark Night, the Absence of God, the sense of sin, the dark ecstasy, the loss of the self's old passion, peace and joy, and its apparant relapse to lower spiritual and mental levels are considered by the mystics themselves to constitute aspects or parts of the one and the same process, namely the purification of the will or stronghold of personality, that it may be merged without any reserve in God where it was first.

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The Reality Lies Beneath The Surface.

The mystic immerses himself
in the spirit to experience
the universal unity.

The reality lies beneath the surface,
below the appearance of things.

There is a spiritual dimension
that invests matter with
whatever meaning and value it has.

The poet mystic synthesizes
the diffused experience of life
into a discernible pattern.

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'The Reality' Which Has No Image

In ecstasy the apprehension
is perhaps more definitely
,beatific' than in the orison of union.

Such memory
of his feeling-states
brings back with him
an exultant certainty.

This certainty is a conviction
that he has known for once
,The Reality' which has no image,
and solved the paradox of life,
than the meek self-loss
in that Cloud of Unknowing
where the contemplative
in union is content
to meet his Beloved.

„(Cloud of Unknowing documents techniques used by the medieval monastic community to build and maintain that contemplative knowledge of God. Scholars date the anonymous authorship of Cloud of Unknowing to 1375, during the height of European monasticism. Written as a primer for the young monastic, the work is instructional, but does not have an austere didactic tone. Rather, the work embraces the reader with a maternal call to grow closer to God through meditation and prayer'.Andrew Hanson)

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Get into Prayer Tap Into The Power of God)

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The Seeker Of A Transcendent Absolute

The mystic of the impersonal type,
the seeker of a transcendent Absolute
tends to describe the consummation
of his quest in the language of deification.

The unitive life infinitely transcends
the sum total of its symptoms.

He declares, he partakes directly
in the Divine Nature
enjoying the fruition of Reality.

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The Self Is In God And God Is In Her.

In the state of intimate communion,
the mystic declares that the self
is in God and God is in her.

It is an advanced phase
of spiritual consciousness.

It is the ecstatic state.

In the ecstatic state, the concentration
of interest on the transcendent
is so complete, the gathering up
and pouring out of life is so intense,
that the subject is entranced,
and becomes,
wholly unconscious
of the external world.

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The Self Becomes An Agent Of The Divine Fecundity

The self, lifted to the divine order,
is to be an agent of the divine fecundity:
an energizing centre,
a parent of transcendental life.

The permanent Unitive State,
or spiritual marriage,
gives first and above all else
an access to creative vitality.

Man's little life is invaded
and enhanced by the Absolute Life.

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The Sense Of Lostness In The Evolving Massive Technocracy

The momentary gratification
of the senses
does not satisfy the deepest needs.

Loosing oneself in the crowd
by immersing oneself
in the corporateness
of the modern civilization
will fail to satisfy
the inward longings.

One has to plunge
into the depths
of one's own being
to find the sources
to pull one's life together.

The sense of lostness
in the evolving
massive technocracy
should provide
the backdrop for
the truth, only to be
discovered in the
sweet aloneness
of being with God.

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The Soul Is Free Like The Birds In The Sky

The soul is free like the birds in the sky,
although very often spend
with amazing mortifications,
vowed to hard and never-ending tasks.

They are free and nothing can hold them,
though they seem to the world fenced in
absurd renunciations and restrictions,
deprived of freedom which
every human being expects.

It is the freedom that enables one
to live in the world fully
and at the same time live in God fully.

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The Spirit's Ascend Towards Its Home.

When the new birth takes place in him,
the new life process of his deeper self begins.
It is the spiral ascend towards higher levels.

He will be impelled to drastic self discipline
that he may receive a new vision of the world.

He will be impelled to total dedication,
an active surrender of his whole being,
to that aspect of the infinite which he perceived.

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The Spiritual Consciousness And Pure Being

On its physical side
ecstasy is an entrancement.
On its mental side
it is complete unification of consciousness.
On its mystical side,
it is an exalted act of perception.

The spiritual consciousness extends itself
In the direction of pure being.

The consciousness of I-hood,
of space and time,
the world of becoming
and our place therein
are suspended in this moment.

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The State Of Sweetness And Song

The last state of burning love
is the state of sweetness and song.
It is the welling up of glad music
in the simple soul.

It is man's natural expression of
of a joy which goes beyond the
descriptive powers of our speech.

In the gay rhythms of the primordial
art he may reveal something of
the secret of religion and philosophy
which are hidden and now becomes clear.

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The Stripping Off Of The I, The Me, The Mine

All the mystics agree
that the stripping off
of personal initiative,
the I, the Me, the Mine,
utter renouncement
and the self-abandonment
to the direction of a large will
is an imperative condition
of the attainment of
the unitive life.

The self is made part of
the Mystical body of God
and humbly takes its place
in the corporate life of Reality.

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The True Poetic Consciousness Of „otherness" In Natural Things.

Lucidity seems to be an enormously enhanced form of the true poetic consciousness of „otherness" in natural things.

It is the sense of unity in separateness.

It is a mighty and actual life beyond the vision of the human eyes.

For a mystic, it is a glorious reality shining through the phenomenal veil.

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The Urgent Push Of An Indwelling Spirit

The illuminated state is a symptom of growth.
Growth is a living process which knows no rest.

The spirit, indeed is invaded by
a heavenly peace,
but it is the peace of ordered activity.

It is a rest most busy.

As the growth of the new man
and the invasion of the
normal consciousness
by the transcendental personality
proceeds towards its term,
the urgent push of an indwelling spirit
aspiring to its home in the heart
of Reality is felt more and more.

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The Vision Of A New Heaven And A New Earth.

The Mystic attains together with
the sense of the Presence of God
or the power of perceiving the Absolute,
the complimentary mark
of the illuminated consciousness.

It is a vision of a new heaven
and a new earth.

It adds to the significance
and reality in the phenomenal world.

This experience at its best balances
and completes the experience
of the presence of God at its best.

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The Vision Of Angelino Of Foligno

Angelino of Foligno

writes about the lucid vision in which she perceived the truth: the twofold apprehension of an Absolute at once humble and omnipotent, personal and transcendent. She writes:

„The eyes of my soul were opened, and i beheld the plenitude of God, whereby I did comprehend the whole world, both here and beyond the sea, and the abyss and all things else; and therein did i behold naught save the divine power in a manner assuredly indescribable, so that through excess of marvelling the soul cried with a loud voice, saying: ,the whole world is full of God`! Wherefore did I now comprehend that the world is but a small thing, I saw, moreover, that the power of God was above all things, and the whole world was filled with it. Then he said unto me: I have shown something of My Power the which i did so well understand, that it enabled me better to understand all other things..... Then was I given so deep an insight into the humility of God towards man and all other things, that when my soul remembered His unspeakable power and comprehend His deep humility, it marvelled greatly and did esteem itself to be nothing at all' Visionum et Instructionum Liber, Chp. Xxii., (English Translation, P.172) .

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I Am with You Always- Encounters with Our Risen Lord in Prayer-Anthony Lilles on the spiritual experience of St. Angela of Foligno

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The Way To God Lay Through ,unknowing`.

When the intellect
and senses are freed
from the illusions,
the person is ready
to step into the unknown.

The way to God lay
through ,unknowing`.

As long as our faculties
are absorbed in the vain
work of trying to see,
to grasp, to understand,
they are unnecessarily
standing on God's way.

It transcends our natural knowing.

God gives grace,
and faith and hope
are man's response.

Mysticism is predicated on
the faith expectation
of the appearance
of the new reality.

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The Whole Of The Interior Man Is Shaken

Intense desire is born
to confirm to Reality
in its aspects of goodness,
of beauty, or of love.

It is so vehement
and so strong
that the whole
of the interior man
is moved and shaken,
and faints within itself,
unable to endure it.

(Mystical love of the Almighty God)

(Graphic: Mysteries Revealed: The JOY of the LORD is My Strength! | BE...
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THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH)

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The World Is Full Of Shadows.

A mystic experiences
disenchantment with
the technocratic world.

He sees a society
worshipping frustration
and barrenness.

The world is full of shadows.
The way from shadows
to substance is a long
and tedious way for a mystic.

His interior turmoil
in this search for a way out
increases day by day.

One has to discern his role
in God's historical process.

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The Wound Of Divine Love.

The self awakes to that which is within,
rather than to that which is without,
to the immanent and to the personal.

Those who look in receive
the wound of divine love.

It rends apart the hard
tissues of I-hood and
its inevitable setting
in relief of their own
poor finite selves,
to a wound.

((Divine Complement and Twin Flames are one and the same- Pinterest) .

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There Is Only One Road From Appearance To Reality

It is the ecstasy of the intuition of the real
that leads the mystic through self-discipline.

The human consciousness obeys
its innate tendency to transcendence.

The mystic's love for Him
who called him, touched him,
and lifts him up to His
eternal, benevolent presence
carries him all the way
and there he finds unending joy.

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They Want To Be Alone (Monachus)with God.

A monk and a mystic poet
seeks to escape the distractions
and temptations of the society
to be alone (monachus)with God.

Many monks and mystic poets
emulated Moses and St. Paul
by preparing for their missions
in seculsions with the Holy One.

Many poets praise the uncluttered
view from the desert and the intimate silence.

„ O desert enamelled with the flowers
of Christ, O solitude where those stones are born of which the Apocalypse is
built, ... the city of the great King.....
How long (he asks a friend)will you remain in the shadow of roofs, in the smoky
dungeon of the cities? Believe me, I see here more of the light? " (Gannon,
M. Thomas and Traub, W. George, *The Desert and the City*, London: The
Macmillan Company,1969) .

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This State In Essence Is The Attainment Of A Heart's Desire.

By the lifting of the self to free union
with the Real, a new life is entered upon,
new powers, new responsibilities are conferred.

This state in essence is a fulfillment of love;
the attainment of a heart's desire.

The three prime activities of the normal self,
feeling, intellect, and will, though they seem
to be fused, are really carried up to a higher term.

They are unified, it is true, but still present in their
integrity; and each demands and receives full
satisfaction in the attainment of this
final honour for which man has been made.

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To Be Human Is Also To Be One With The God-Ground.

The reality of the God-ground
is a mysterious dynamic wholeness
which includes all aspects of ourselves.

For we tend to regard
God and man
as fixed in time and place,
but if we sense them
as the same ,process',
then, to be human is also
to be one with the God-ground.

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To Be Lost In The Purity Of Love

The detachment of a mystic
is the restoration to the liberty
in which the soul was made.

It is a state of joyous humility.
Escaping from external illusion
brings the seeker to this great joy.

The mystic is initiated into
the purer air of that universe
which has one rule of action
to love and to be lost in pure love.

(Graphic: purity quotes | Tumblr)

Paul advises young Timothy to set a good example in two areas-speech and conduct-and three qualities ought to come through-love, faithfulness, and purity.

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To The Contemplation Of A ,`something Other`.

The personal aspect of the Absolute
seems to be reduced to a minimum:
yet all that we value in personality-
Love, action, will - remain unimpaired.

We seem caught up to a plane of vision
beyond the categories of the human mind:
to the contemplation of a ,`Something Other` -
our home, our hope, and our passion, the
completion of our personality, and the
,`Substance` of all that ,`IS`.

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Transcendental Consciousness And Daily Life.

The sense of the divine presence
goes along with the daily life
and normal mental activities.

He need not be an ecstatic
or an abstracted visionary
remote from the world.

Transcendental consciousness,
its perceptions and admonitions
dominate and light up daily life.

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Tremendous Pleasure Of The Mystic Soul.

The consciousness of the Absolute
gives tremendous pleasure
to the mystic soul.

It is of the most intense kind.
The marvellous and superabundant
goodness fills all our powers.

It surpasses all our imagination.
It is beyond all that we can conceive.

Then we can do no more
but behold Him and enjoy
with a high and powerful
desire to be one with Him,
to be received into His dwelling
to delight in His goodness.

(,He` or ,Him` does not in anyway mean that God is masculine. It only means
that human words are not adequate to express the reality of God) .

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The Union Between The Eternal Word And The Soul, Says, Boehme:

Trying to describe the union between the eternal Word and the soul, says, Boehme: „I give you an earthly similitude of this. Behold a bright flaming piece of iron, which of itself is dark and black, and the fire so penetrateth and shineth through the iron, that it gives light.

Now the iron does not ,cease to be`; it is iron still: and the source (or property) of the fire retaineth its own property: it doth not take the iron into it, but it penetrateth (and shineth) through the iron; and it is iron then as well as before, ,free` in itself: and so also is the property of the ,fire`.

In such a manner is the soul set in the Deity; the Deity penetrateth through the soul, and dwelleth in the soul, yet the soul doth not comprehend the Deity, but the Deity comprehendeth the soul, but doth not alter it (from being a soul) but only giveth it the divine source (or property) of the Majesty"; (The Threefold Life of Man, London,1909, Chp. Vi) .

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Turning From The Visible To The Invisible World.

Mysticism results in the remaking
of personality and its entrance into
a conscious relation with the Absolute.

The process lies in the mystic
by the development of an art
expressive of his peculiar genius:
The art of contemplation.

The practice of contemplation
is at first amenable to the control of his will,
and always dependent on his own deliberate
attention to the supreme object of this quest.

In the process, the mystic turns then
from the visible to the invisible world.

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Under The Gaze Of Love

Life whispers to the mystic life.

All things become his intimates.

They respond keenly to his
fraternal sympathy.

The whole consciousness
is flooded with light
under the gaze of love
from which nothing escapes.

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Unification Of Consciousness

A unification of consciousness
in which all outward things are forgotten
is the necessary prelude of union
with the Divine.

Ecstasy for the psychologist
is just such a unification
in its most extreme form.

The absorption of the self
in the one idea, the one desire,
is so profound and
the great mystics are
so impassioned,
that everything else
is blotted out.

The tide of life is withdrawn,
not only from the higher centres
which are the seats of perception
and of thought, but also from the lower
centres which govern the physical life.

The whole vitality of the subject is
concentrated on the transcendental world.

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United For An Instant With The „great Life Of The All'.

The mystic, experiences
the highest
and most joyous of those
temporary and unstable states
in which his consciousness escapes
the limitations of the senses,
then rises to freedom
and is united for an instant
with the „great life of the All'.

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Upon My Flowering Breast- St. John Of The Cross

St. John of the Cross writes:

„Upon my flowering breast,
kept for his pleasure garden, his alone,
the lover was sunk in rest;
I cherished him-my own! -
there in the air from plumes of the cedar blown.
I stayed not minding me;
My forehead on the lover I reclined.
Earth ending, I went free,
left all my care behind
among the lilies falling and out of mind“;. (En una noche obscura or The Dark Night)

(This is the state of perfect unity of consciousness, of utter concentration on an experience of love, which excludes all conceptual and analytical acts. When the mystic says that his faculties were suspended, that he knew all and nought, he really means that he was so concentrated on the Absolute that he ceased to consider his separate existence) .

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Vision Of The World Uttered In The Simple Vision Of Pure Love

William Blake's

„to see a world in a grain of sand',

Tennyson's

„Flower in the crannied wall',

Vaughan's

„Each bush and oak doth know I AM',

and the like poetic expressions are the illuminated vision of the world uttered in the simple vision of pure love, the value of which is summed up in Eckhart's profound saying: „The meanest thing that one knows in God, for instance, if one could understand a flower as it has its Being in God - this would be higher thing than the whole world! ' (Meister Eckhart, *Mystische Schriften*, P.137) .

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Waiting For Love's Encounter

In the illuminative state,
the center of interest
is not the little self
exalted by the greater Self
which dares thus to exalt.

It is the living flame of love
that wounds soothingly
the soul in its profundity.

I shall wait in intimate longing
for the love's encounter.

(Sherrie Lynn saved to Freydoon Rassouli 5 pinterest_zpsqd73hkwn)

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We Drag With Us Not A Treasure But A Chain.

Divide the world into
,Mine` and ,not mine`,
then unreal standards are set up.

Claims and cravings
begin to fret the mind.

We are the slaves of our own poverty.

We drag with us
not a treasure but a chain.

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We Feel Ourselves To Be Swallowed Up In The Fathomless Abyss...

When we follow the brightness
above reason with a simple sight,
and with a willing leaning out of ourselves,
toward our highest life,
there we experience the
transformation of our whole selves in God;
and thereby we feel ourselves to be
enwrapped in God.....we feel ourselves
to be one with God; for through the transformation
in God, we feel ourselves to be swallowed up
in the fathomless abyss of our eternal blessedness,
wherein we can nevermore find any distinction
between ourselves and God.

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We Know God Only As The ,unknown`.

God transcends everything
that we understand concerning Him.

The final attainment of man's
knoweldge of God consists in knowing
that we do not know him.

We know God only as the ,Unknown`.

The object of faith is truth.
A spiritual man seeks the
whole truth, reality, existence
and essence together.

God is the,Unknown`.

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When Genius And Sanctity Meet

When genius and sanctity
meet each other,
it is natural and inevitable
for the mystic to bring in
all the resources of
artistic expression.

Symbols play a vast part
in the realm of illumination.

The intuitions of many mystics
present themselves to the
mind in a symbolic form.

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When I Sing, I Ascend To The House Of God

„I know such great joy in you (Jesus) ,
that I am not able to express it.

I hear the sweet song
and when I sing, I ascend to the house of God;
My heart is filled with uncreated sweetness,
my mouth with the loud jubilation
of divine praise, and my ears with the
sweetness of heavenly song". (The Contra Amatores
Mundi of Richard Rolle, edited with introduction and translation by Paul F.
Theiner, Chp. Five, PP.425-430) .

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When Sensual Pleasures Give Way

When love awakens the soul,
when it fills us with a pure joy,
then the love is real.

When the love burns like a fire
and burns the heart,
it is real love.

When sensual pleasures give way
to sense the spiritual core of a being
It is real love.

(Graphic: Awakening to Love
New Mother, New Earth Night Songs -)

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When The Mystical Instinct Awakes

When the mystical instinct
awakes in someone,
the subject slowly discovers
certain tastes or qualities,
that interrupt the development
of that mystical and godly instinct.

Such tastes and qualities
are a drain upon the energy
of the self, preventing her from
attaining that intenser life
for which she was made
and which demands
all her interest and energy.
(The feminine is used to interpret the seeking soul)
(Graphic: Daughters of St. Philip Neri: May 2015)

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When This Mystic Death Occurs

When this mystic death occurs,
it involves not only the personal
absence of God, but the apparant
withdrawal of that impersonal support,
that transcendent ground,
on which the self has long felt
its whole real life to be based.

The contact between consciousness
and the ,spark of the soul'
is broken off and the transcendental
faculties retreating to their old place
below the threshold are dead
so far as the surface-mind is concerned.

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Wild And Unendurable Desire To See God

In persons of a very highly strung
and mobile type, who tend
to rapid oscillations between
pain and pleasure states,
rather than to the long
slow movements of
an ascending consciousness,
attainment of the Unitive Life
is sometimes preceded
by the abrupt invasion
of a wild and unendurable
desire to see God,
to apprehend
the Transcendent
in its fulness.

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With His Stripes We Are Healed.

His visage and his form was
so marred more than any man.

He hath no form nor comeliness;
and when we shall see him,
there is no beauty
that we should desire him.

To whom are the secrets of the Lord revealed.?

The kings kept thier mouth shut
as Jesus was beaten and killed.

He is despised and rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:
and we hid as it were our faces from him;
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows:
yet we did esteem him stricken,
smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace
was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed.

(leaning on Isiah 53, the book in Old Testament of the Holy Bibel)
(Graphic: WALKING WITH GOD - Through The Fire | Heaven Awaits
Heaven Awaits -
WALKING WITH GOD - Through The Fire)

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Withdrawing God's Presence In The Dark Night.

The self is forcibly detached
from the imperfect
and the perfect is withdrawn
leaving behind an overwhelming
conviction of a lost treasure.

To some the consciousness
of the Absolute
takes the form of divine companionship,
and for them the objective idea

of God becomes the centre fact of life.

For them it seems as though that God,
having shown Himself,
has now deliberately withdrawn
His Presence in the Dark Night.

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Without The Dance Of The Veils

The mystic experiences
an ascent to the supernatural
plane of perception where,
without the dance of the veils,
the theological mysteries
in themselves and in their
changelessness appear
and in which the invisible
and the intangible inundates
with its fires, the dazzled
and sanctified soul.

(Giving Jesus MY ALL - Today! - chrisaomministries

in such a way as to make headlines in heaven, eternal record of my love for you,
that you might smile, as you receive, through me, the reward of your suffering.
Amen')

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You Are God's Precious Jewel

You are God's precious jewel.
God says: „You are mine.
You are my beloved.
I love you with my whole soul.
I shall be always with you.
Day and night I shall protect you.

When you sleep, I will sit by, on your bed.
When you work, I shall be with you.
When you sweat, I see it.
When you smile, I smile with you.
You are mine.
You are my beloved.
You are precious to me.

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You Are Mine.

God says to the lover
In his infinite loving kindness:
You are mine.
I am yours.

You belong to me.
I belong to you.

I have chosen you
from all eternity.
Be mine eternally.

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You Are The Light Of My Intellect.

Almighty God

You are in my heart.

You dwell in my soul
as light eternal.

You give me warmth
when i am in sorrow.

You are the light of my feet
in the world of darkness.

When the modern philosophy
denies you, i shall keep my hands
folded and hold the light in me
that you kindled, safe and burning.

You are the light of my heart.
You are the light of my life.
You are the light of my intellect.
Your light guides me in my
emotional conflicts and
help me to follow only
your perennial and eternal light.

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