



Our material world is shot through with intimations of the Divine -

Biblical Wisdom : Wisdom 13:1-9 ,”the author of beauty created them...(we) live among the Creators works...(they) give us a perception of the divine artisan

St Paul : “God’s eternal power and divine nature... seen through the things God has made...

Jesus : Gospel invitation continuous to “look/listen/see/hear/observe/learn (eg,Mt6:26:Mk13:28; Lk6:43f)

Church Teaching: “the religious person strives to see signs of God in the daily experiences of life,in the cycles of the seasons,in the fruitfulness of the earth and in the movement of the Cosmos...L.F(35)

Laudato Si – how we relate to the world influences our attitude to the poor/social justice – language /relationship of fraternity –openness and awe or exploitation/consumers –ruthless or carers?

C.C.C. 1146-47 – “As a being at once body and spirit,(human person) expresses and perceives spiritual realities through physical signs and symbols....God speaks through the visible creation. The material cosmos is so present to human intelligence the s(he) can read there traces of its Creator... light,darkness,wind,fire,water,earth,the tree and its fruit speak of God”. Need to bring intentional presence , “Pay attention”(Isaiah 55:2F).

Poetry: G.M.Hopkins(d.1889)Hurraghing in the Harvest –“these things were here and but the beholder wanting;which two when once they meet,the heart rears wings bold and bolder...o half hurls earth for him under his feet”.

Thomas Jones(18th Cen) The Mystle Thrush “we wonder long at your song, your artistry, come among us to teach us of God...in you I see, I believe the clear and excellent work of God...a winged and lively bird that gave us an impromptu sermon...taught us much of the Lord...let us come to receive God’s

learning,unmerited from this learned bird”,Philomelos-love song bird.



“...these are our spiritual directors if we have humility to allow nature to speak...our original soul friends”, Thomas Merton.* To hear,to see,to pay attention, to learn of,experience the Sacred from *these*,requires - waiting,looking,watching,listening: *occulata fidei* (Eph 1:18) - hence import of inner/outer silence –stillness .

“ Waiting patiently in expectation is the foundation of the spiritual life (Simone Weil). “Wait continually for your God “,Hos 12:6 ; see also Psalm 130:6;25:5;46:10;37:7;Hab2:3;Rom8:2

Turning aside to see- Moses Exodus 3:1-6



“ The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”-Marcel Proust. Faith is a way of seeing,encountering the love God has for us-“transformed by (this)love we gain fresh vision,new eyes to see...a vision of the future opens up before us...religious person needs to be open to ‘the God of Perpetual Surprises’,Lumen Fidei 4;35.



“You must sit down says Love,and taste...

So I did sit and eat”, (G.Herbert,Love111)

