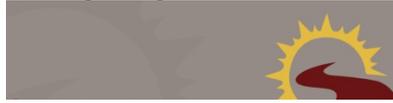


Embers From the Fire ~ Spirituality Beyond Borders ~ Wednesday, May 27th, 2020



A Wisdom Reading ~ a reflection from the Gospel of John ~ **John 17.11b-21a**

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

A Spirituality of Integration

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

Beloved, protect these friends that you have given me, by showing them your very essence. That is how they will come into unitive awareness, just as we are defined by awareness of our unity.

I have protected them all so far, except for the one who was determined to self-destruct ~ such a sad pattern we see repeated throughout our history.

Now that I am on my way to you, I want to say this in their hearing, so that they will find my joy fully developed within them.

I revealed to them the heart of your wisdom, and no-one in society appreciated them for that. To be sure, they are not defined by an oppressive system, any more than I am.

I am not asking you to remove them from society. Just to protect them from oppression. ...

Make them distinct by their integrity, and their unitive awareness. That is, after all, your whole concern and purpose.

You sent me out into a difficult environment, and I am doing the same for them ~ sending them out into a society with difficulties.

I am dedicating my life to their best interests, so that they will be defined by the process of becoming integrated into this awareness of unity. And not only for them, but for everyone who will identify with me, because of the effect of their own growth in love.

That way, we will all discover this kind of awareness of our unity.

Just as you, Beloved, are in union with me, and I am in union with you, so they too will be aware of being in loving union with us.