



A Wisdom Reading ~ a reflection from the Gospel of John ~ **John 15.1-6, 11**

*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*

An Organic and Fruitful Spirituality

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.

¹⁻³ “I am the Vine, my Beloved is the Gardener.

The Gardener cuts off every branch of me that doesn't bear fruit, and prunes back every branch that is fruit-bearing, so it will bear even more.

In fact, you are already pruned back, simply by the teaching I have given you.

⁴ So live in me. Make your home in me, just as I do in you.

In the same way that a branch can't bear fruit by itself, except by being joined to the vine, so you can't bear fruit, unless you are joined with me.

⁵⁻⁶ I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I am with you, the relationship is intimate and organic, and the harvest is bound to be plentiful. Separated, you can't produce a thing.

¹¹ Now I've told you these things for a purpose: I want my joy to be your joy. And I want your joy to be fully ripened and mature.