

A "THINKING HEART"

"Otherwise engaged in the Spirit"

The Spirit comes with healing in its wings to a world that cries out for transformation and renewal. The Spirit comes to a world in need of refreshment as the breath of God and the water of life. The Spirit comes to a world fragmented by violence and suffering with the promise of health and wholeness for all creation.

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One of the insights of recent theological reflection is to say that the human person has always been 'otherwise engaged in the Spirit'. Before we have had any religious insights we have had to do with the fire inside us. And that fire, or hidden energy, or Spirit, is within the cosmos, continually working to transform and renew all forms of life – both human and non-human.

This primal relational energy of God is what John Taylor called the 'Go- Between God'.

Look at your relationships.

Imagine this Spirit within them,

calling, dreaming, renewing.

This allows you even to be in touch with the painful, broken dimensions in your relationships –

not as inert or going nowhere, but as possibility and promise.

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