

## ***The disposition that leads to life***

*This basic disposition (openness of heart, the basic readiness to see and hear what is really there) ...to accept the truth is what enables the person, regardless of moral weakness and lapse, regardless of ethnic or religious background, regardless of orthodoxy, regardless of religious education or lack thereof, to be interiorly “taught by God”. Such a person, no matter how far astray he or she might have wandered, remains tractable and can be drawn by the Father to Jesus.*

*Sandra Schneiders*

Faith- according to Jesus- is critical. But ‘it is not a condition or state of being or possession but an active engagement with God’. Ultimately it’s our only protection against self- deception. No external agency can be a substitute for what Etty calls her ‘inner regulator’ – our conscience trained to be as open as possible to the truth.

**How open are you?**

**How willing are you to say you don’t know?**

**How generous are you towards the Otherness of Spirit,**

**‘the unthinkable and uncontrollable one who knows the depth of God’. (Denis Edwards)**

*Radical compassion, in which an individual puts his own life at risk in order to help another, points to a truth about humankind as being fundamentally oriented toward the other, which is simultaneously a truth which God has revealed about himself.*

*Oliver Davies*

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