



Supplemental information for the teachings of

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Passing Through the Narrow Gate

1. → God goes first in creation. Reality Itself giving reality to all that is real. “God’s non-distinction from all things that is their very reality.” Our capacity to know and say yes to who God calls us to be as manifestations of God. The God-given Godly nature of ourselves in the God-given Godly nature of the world. The cosmic dance. The castle of the soul. What is.
2. → God passes through the gate, awakening us to where God already is within us. A God-given awareness of our God-given Godly nature. These awakenings evoke desire for more daily, abiding awareness of the life at once God’s and our own.
3. ← Desire prompts us to pass through the gate into habitual awareness of God one with us in all things. The gate is so narrow that nothing contrary to love fits through. We pass through the gate through which God perpetually passes into us in a process of conversion, attitudes of faith, love, and hope anchored in daily practice of lectio divina, reflective prayer. A life of holiness filled with hope. The Purgative way into illuminative way from all opaque to translucent to divine light visitation.
4. → God passes through the gate, awakening us to who we are in God; the urgency of love; not to wait until we are dead to live in God living in us. This awakening evokes desire for infinite union with the infinite.
5. ← We pass through the gate, now so narrow that nothing less or other than God can fit through. Dying to all that is less than God as the basis of our security and identity. Disidentification with the finite as having the final say in who we are. Meditation embodying this process of infinite love translating us into itself, drawing us through the gate into infinite union with the infinite. The illuminative way. The visitation leading to an invitation leading to union.
6. →← The transformation in which we and God simultaneously disappear as other than each other. Transsubjective oneness. Trinitarian mysticism. The unfolding fullness of the God-given, Godly awareness of the God-given Godly nature of ourselves, others and all things.
7. →← Post enlightenment living. Passing with God through the gate into places in ourselves / others that are still unawakened, still confused, afraid. The Christ consciousness, the bodhisattva, compassion as union and fulfillment in process. Any claim to union other than ordinariness, any ordinariness is not infinite, gets stuck. All things in God, God in all things.