

Awe, Wonder, and Love

A sense of wonder and awe is the foundation of religion. Too often we associate religion with belonging to a church or professing certain beliefs, but the religious instinct is so much broader than that.

~ Richard Rohr

When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

You don't have to be religious in order to open to wonder. You only have to reclaim a sliver of what you once knew as a child. If you remember how to wonder, then you already have what you need to learn how to love.

~ Valerie Kaur

“You are the Beloved,” and I hope that you can hear these words as spoken to you with all the tenderness and force that love can hold. Every time you listen with great attentiveness to the voice that calls you the Beloved, you will discover within yourself a desire to hear that voice longer and more deeply. It is like discovering a well in the desert. Once you have touched wet ground, you want to dig deeper.”

~ Henri Nouwen

I tremble on the edge of a maybe, a first time, a new thing, a tentative start,
And the wonder of it lays its finger on my lips.

~ Ted Loder

One of the lessons we might learn from the Gospel stories of Mary Magdalene is that, in the great economy of grace, all is used and transformed. Nothing is wasted. God uses our egoic desires and identities and leads us beyond them. In awe, we are all heading for something much bigger and much better.

~ Richard Rohr

I think we need a password, or let's make that a pass-sentence. That way, in case you ever come to my door in an emergency and God and I are busy inside, we could then just shout, ‘*Tell us the password!*’ And here it is in all its glory and truth: *Love kicks the ass of time and space.*

~ Hafiz