

Great Privilege - Pleasure

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Dr. Welch -

faculty -
graduates -
students -
parents -
distinguished
guests -

I've been on the Board here - ~~for nearly~~
- with a student here

The topic was given to me - Action + Cont.

a good topic - high hopes

I'll tell you what I had in mind.

Dr. Foelsch - Dr. Lenksi - Dr. Mumm - pieces of

~~I was~~ stay away from "pious piffle"
- have three clear points -

I was writing - the concept of wholeness
integrity

3 the major thought -

a need for balance -

- Balance in the life of the Xn
- Balance in the life of the church
- Balance in one's ministry -

I would have made a nice speech

two chapters
not like alluring
comments.

along the way - something happened -

New Canons -

- Prior answered -

~~"We come to the cont. reality~~

~~through the pain~~

~~hypothetical~~ "Cont. religion is nothing
in ~~itself~~ more than

coming to terms with the ~~truth~~
benign reality within -"

It's a provocative myth...
I know this is probably to be thinking
about these sorts of things today -
Robert Coates - the church (two lines)
the brain -

① Equal Rights for Women - Equal Rights
Amendment
38% of all persons enrolled

③ After Brown says:
an father / mother

is Psychical seminar today are

② - changing the language - women - keep r
to eliminate the sexist bias - positive
But the point is even strong - influence
for the good superior meant that upon
But we are ? us whether men or women check
are also male & female -
all) us are both -

and he was saying that the relation
act & cont. is
linked to the relation of

male & female -
To encounter the mystical center or the
cent. is to discover the
feminine.

He went on - This, he said, is why
westerners have become "psychological
prisoners" for when confronted by Asian
religions - - -

Because all western religions - cultivate
very dominant male sensibilities -

Judaism - Strong father figure -

Xy -

Salvator, not only through the father, but also through the son -
- through the visible / father & son

Islam - another dominantly male relig -

Calism - down a relig - ? authority

mother - explain the role, the worshipful, jealous, + often angry father -

- how can the child find peace with this father -

Re answer: by identifying with a son whom this father accepts - -

2. put in another way - how does one come to terms with law & authorities -
- by finding a

~~How the religion of the east~~

~~came along -~~

+ they appeal to an alternative

in ~~contrast~~ on behalf of the faith

(14)

One also can't help but notice that the tone
Luther's language is very violent -

It's always as if he's in a fight -
as he was, of course -

Being ~~is~~ challenged by ecclesiastical
authorities -

a scandal to corrupt authorities -

- while being assaulted by the
devil -

You don't have to establish innocence

innocence unless you
perceive yourself to be
under attack

You don't have to go around

saying that "the word is your
shield" - unless you think

themselves know yourself to
be in combat - besieged
or in combat -

But what really does the religious
impulse have to do with the
combat - violence -

warfare -

with the penchant for being right -

for holding fast to the most

correct teaching -

for ~~attending~~ on behalf of the faith

for campaigns on behalf of the truth - ?

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~~in the pleasing contrast -~~

in verifying content.

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But let me pause — for by now you may
be wondering about my own intentions —
a very mysterious —

Now I want to come clean —
and be straightforward, direct, and
candid

The point of all of it is ~~the~~ twofold:

First, for too long, I believe,
we've been working with a
partial key — ~~a key~~ but
without having to —

For there lies within the key itself —

a strong contemplative strain —
— a tradition that is

inspired by the writings of Meister
Eckhart —

The Cloud of Unknowing

Johann Arnold —

Philipp Spener

— Hans Kriesen (Krause) —

Carl of Old Rhenish

— in Dag Hammarskjöld, (Hans von Siering),

Walter Dillies

Thomas Merton —

Heinz Kutter King —

But let me be even more specific —

And when we say that the force we believe in is ~~finite~~ infinite we are confessing that we hold to a certain fulness of things.

- to a fulness that is mysterious
- a fulness that includes the mystery, the relation of male & female -

The Xis tradition provides ~~two~~ ^{two} dominant models or analogs by which we can conceive of our relationship with God

- the parental model, where in God is father (or father & mother) and we are of children

and wifery model, of male & female -

as in the realm of ~~husband & wife~~, man & woman, husband & wife, bride & bridegroom, ^{lover} beloved

Thus, it is not surprising that the dominant literary carrier of the mystical tradition throughout the tradition is the loved & beloved -

the Song of Songs, Song of Solomon

- a Hebrew love poem -

But let me make it clear -

I speak as one among you -

a son of the Lutheran Church

I am grateful for my sonship

I am proud of my church.

But, along the way, I've also come to discover that we don't

relate to God simply

as child to father

or son to father.

It is difficult to explain, and

easy to misunderstand...

but I'd have to say that

along the way it has also become

apparent that ~~we~~

I have been asked to

be a bridge of sorts.

That is, to relate to God, to

the world, to God, in

a new and different way -

So find it best awkward to talk this way -

But I've found examples... in the

Scriptures.

Nicodemus asks how can one do it -

"Can one enter his mother's womb

and be born again?"

If you go out only as sons
under the commandment -
trying to please the father -
you're headed for disappointments
after disappointments --

But if you also go out in this spirit . . .

"Behold, The Bridegroom Comes
Go out to meet him"

It will be a dramatically
different story . . .

Amen

We'll want it both ways, of course
both act + contemplative
and both from masculine -
feminine . . .

all in the Name of the
Father, Son,
& Holy Spirit