Explore the Theme — A HIDDEN WHOLENESS
Brian Draper probes the mingling of darkness & light, death & life as aspects of a great wholeness; Richard Rohr explores resurrection as a mystery of entering into the wholeness we’re made for
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WITH A WHOLE HEART

“... I like to get outside at twilight, to witness that threshold time between light and dark, and to meet it with love ... [I]t’s an exquisite time to seek for what the Quaker writer Parker Palmer calls ‘a great truth’ hidden in the plain sight of nature. We discover, he notes, that ‘diminishment and beauty, darkness and light, death and life are not opposites. They are held together in the paradox of a ‘hidden wholeness.’

Such a paradox is never easy to compute with minds that merely work in binary. [With a whole heart] we’re better placed to yield to the rhythms of ripening and relinquishing, and to sense that we are part of all this wholeness, too.

If we try to deny [these diminishments], don’t we deny something of the mysterious beauty of our own God-given self, too? It undoubtedly takes practice ... but ‘when I give myself over to the endless interplay of darkness and light, falling and rising,’ says Parker Palmer, ‘the life I am given is real and colorful, fruitful and whole.’ from “Holy Ground” by Brian Draper, British writer, speaker, pilgrim, guide; briandraper.org

WE ARE ALL HOLONS!

Resurrection is simply incarnation taken to its logical conclusion: what starts in God ends in God—who is eternal .... The Risen Christ represents the final and full state of every True Self: God-in-you who is able to see and honor God-everywhere-beyond-you too! In other words, Christ is more than anything else a “holon”—a scientific term for something that is simultaneously a whole by itself and yet a part of a larger whole, too. Jesus is telling us that we are all holons! We all participate in the one single life of God.

“To God, all people are in fact alive,” as Jesus put it (Luke 20:38). We are just in different stages of that aliveness—one of which we experience as dying. from “Life-Death-Life” by Richard Rohr, November 23, 2018; cac.org

unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth & dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest