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The Kings Arrive

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Dreams

Why do they come
so quickly
in the middle of the night?
These messengers
march back and forth across
the mind like martinets.

When waking comes,
these sentinels
drill quietly in the barracks
of the ordered self
until the reality
of all the other selves
has beaten Taps into the intellect.
Then the squad reappears to
march their tune in
close-knit drill.

Is there no time
when the sergeant
of the soul takes rest
where thoughts sleep,
not answering themselves?
Or does this consciousness
we call reality
consist of answering
at night
the messages which arrive by day?

*“How deep I find thy thoughts, O God, how inexhaustible their
themes!”*

Psalm 139, verse 17

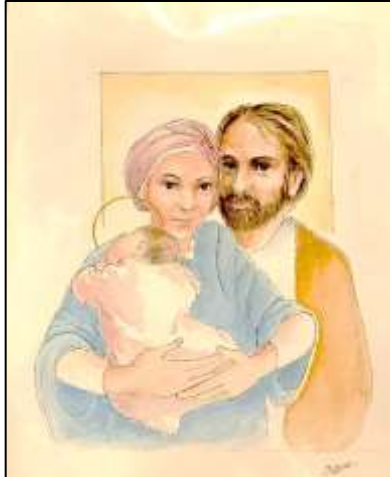
—Francis C. Gray, Holy Cross Village

Projects of Brother James Kane, C.S.C.
Finished and on going projects



Watercolors
and
wood carvings

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Small Bird Carving – a *Comfort Bird* that is held in hand

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Exchange

The existence of the so-called "money changers" in the temple in Jerusalem in Jesus' time is cited in the Gospel of Mark (11:15). The reason for their presence was very specific.

The character of the Roman coinage used throughout Jerusalem during New Testament times was identified by imprints of images of popular Roman gods. One, however, was not, the Denarius, generally used to pay the Roman head tax. Because it bore the image of the Emperor, a taboo due to the First Commandment motivated Jerusalem Jews neither to possess it nor to use it. For them, no transaction in the temple could be carried out with the denarius.

But for the Jews living in the diaspora - Roman controlled territories outside of Jerusalem, the situation was different: with provincial variations in currency, they possessed and used the denarius. So whenever these people made pilgrimages to the temple in Jerusalem, they, of necessity, had to exchange any Denarius for its Jerusalem equivalent. Thus was the need and function of the temple "money changers. "



The superstitious Romans tolerated all of this out of fear of offending any God of the conquered people

Holy Cross Roads Writings for the Journey

An Awakened Heart

Thomas Merton says that prayer is mainly about an awakened heart. By this he means that a person is open to receiving God's love and support not only in formal prayer but cultivating an openness to receiving God's promptings during the rest of the day.

With an open heart in the happenings of daily life, the line between what is sacred and what is secular is dissolved. Everything becomes an opportunity for God to reveal God's self. An awakened heart is our response to God's gift of love throughout our day. It means at times putting aside the chatter going on in our minds which keeps us bogged down in thoughts from our ego of what we have done, are doing, will do, or what is being done to us. In other words, we limit ourselves.

An awakened heart provides a new dimension. It is a way of seeing our lives from God's perspective by which we have an important part in God's plan playing a unique role in God's design for all of creation. We listen to the God within us. God leads us to fulfill what St. Paul says "is lacking in Christ."

- Do you find it difficult to be aware of God's promptings throughout your day?
- Would fingering rosary beads or repeating a few words of prayer help you?
- What has been the result of listening to God during your day?

O God, give me an awakened heart

Brother Carl Sternberg, C.S.C.



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Reflection sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



Epiphany
January 6, 2024



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The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.
~ John 1:5



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Christmas Wreath
Watercolor

Brother
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