

SLIDE 1
A Mutual Relationship

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, who was both a scientist and a mystic, believe that this energy flowing from an erotically charged God and that flowing back from an amorous world is the energy that undergirds the very structure of the universe, physical and spiritual. (Rolheiser 9/9/20)

SLIDE 2
Invitation

How is heaven on earth/paradise inviting me to return to the garden; i.e., to join in an interactive, dialogic relationship through which Infinite Light and Love gain visible finite form?

SLIDE 3
Following

Aramaic: “*talmic*” “*talmidim*”

Refers to followers whose following is so animated and directed by deep identification with and love for what they follow that they can't imagine doing without it

(Brisbin, *Daring to think again: Restoring Jesus' original challenge to the faith we think we know*)

SLIDE 4
Shifting to a Higher Vibration

Our particular and uniquely human task is to set free the qualities of heaven on earth (paradise) that “lie coiled within the physical forms of things.”

(Bourgeault; *The wisdom way of knowing*)

SLIDE 5
Co-Creating Heaven on Earth

“God’s persuasive love we experience as an evolutionary vibration or impulse within us is like a jazz riff from God that elicits a response from us. We respond with our own riff that may or may not be what God had in mind. Nevertheless, based on what we’ve played, God responds to our response in a loving way meant to move us to greater love and wholeness.”

(*Jazz, Evolution, Co-creation with Trinity*; The Omega Center)

SLIDE 6
EN-JOY-ING

“*sebyana*” (Aramaic: God’s will)

God’s desire, pleasure, delight and deepest purpose

Rest: joyous repose, tranquility, or delight

SLIDE 7

What would our lives be like if we could really trust God [the presence of paradise]? If we knew there was a love that would never leave or forsake, that we can always count on, the way we've learned to count on its absence?

What would our lives be like if we began to *interpret everything we experience in life in terms of that love* instead of interpreting that love in terms of the brokenness we experience?

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

How do you believe God is inviting you to return to the Garden?

What are your thoughts about the four responses to that invitation that we discussed?