

Readings from the Word of God

Sunday, 5 December 2021

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Divine Love and Wisdom §286

The assertion that God could not have created the universe and all its constituents without His being human may be quite clearly comprehended by any intelligent person from this consideration, that he cannot deny to himself that God encompasses in Him love and wisdom, mercy and clemency, and absolute good and truth, because these originate from Him. And because he cannot deny this, he also cannot deny that God is human. For none of these qualities can exist apart from a human being, since the human being is the underlying vessel of which they are predicated, and to divorce them from that vessel is to say they have no reality. Think of wisdom and envision it apart from any person. Does it have any reality? Can you conceive of it as something ethereal or as something flame-like? You cannot, unless perhaps you conceive of it in such entities, and if you do, it must be wisdom in a form like that possessed by the human being. It must be altogether in his form. Not one element can be missing for wisdom to exist in it.

In a word, the form of wisdom is human; and because the form of wisdom is human, so, too, is the form of love, of mercy, of clemency, of goodness and of truth, since these go hand in hand with wisdom.

Apocalypse Revealed §200

All thought, speech, or writing takes its essence and life from the one doing the thinking, speaking, or writing. It has the person in it, along with his character. And the Word has in it the Lord alone.

Still, no one senses or perceives the Divine life in the Word but one who, when reading it, is impelled by a spiritual affection for truth, for through the Word he is conjoined with the Lord. He experiences something inmosty affecting his heart and spirit, which flows with enlightenment into in his intellect and testifies.

Luke 2:7

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

John 15:11

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

John 2:13-17

Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "*Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.*"