

Eco-Sight

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With deep gratitude to Thomas Berry for opening my eyes.

Not a white horse, a satellite transmission, nor a text message,
but an Amazon.com order delivered to my doorstep,
the complex mind of a Visionary inside a simple brown box,
unlimited dimensions of thought on bound planes of paper.

Beside my favorite chair, perhaps from his favorite desk,
his wisdom rested between the covers of his great works,
patient to be read, understood, shared, discussed,
a mindful purpose greater than mindless entertainment.

Sitting to read, I cradled his book in my hands,
but was soon invited from the comfort of my chair into a dream,
a golden meadow across a creek, me cross-legged on wildflowers,
his open book on my lap, my reading glasses set aside.

Magic pages suddenly morphed into two small orbs,
intelligent, compassionate eyes levitating before my own,
covered in translucent words, sentences written on the whites,
paragraphs emerging from the iridal darkness.

His eyes of insight stared through my cataracts of ignorance,
willing at my permission to pierce through my assumptions,
not to blind me for my consumer sins against the Earth,
but to offer Eco-sight, the perception of how the universe functions.

*Earth is primary, humans are derivative...communion of subjects...a single
multiform sequential celebratory event...integral community of the Earth...
arduous transition...irreversible emergent process...reinvent human...cre-
ative periods...alignment with the Universe itself...event in the natural world
is a poem...intimacy...awesome qualities of the universe...participation in a
symphony...emergence of beauty as mysterious as...biospiritual story...*

Sharing his visions awed my heart and mind into conscious alignment,
Eco-sight focused Earth and humankind into a meta-relationship
as the meadow and I expanded into a shared formless creativity
embracing all forms of universal expression.

Gently waking in my chair, my inner eyes forever awoken,
I found a wildflower atop a single paper, my handwriting atop his book,
my gratitude atop his inspiration, my honoring atop his lessons,
my first Eco-sight recorded into reality, his Vision passed forward:

Some hold the vision intact,
while others move to enact;
together the story will proceed
for what is seen cannot be unseen;
we are the present culmination
to join the next transformation;
with Eco-sight we must view
if together we don't eschew
creativity's universal play
into the era of our integral way.