

Jammin' with the Wisdom of Jesus

Some Notes for the Reflection on May 17, 2017



Great Sergio Mendes song – ‘So Many Stars’ –
beautifully done!

I love these lines in the lyrics:
“The wind is filled with songs, so many songs.
Which one is mine?”

Let’s play around for a few moments
with the idea that the wind is the Spirit of God,
the Spirit of the kind of loving relationship with the sacred
that we see in the life of Jesus.
That Spirit of love, then, is blowing through us and around us
with songs of love.

And one of those songs
is meant specifically and particularly for you.
It’s a precious and unique rhythm that nourishes your soul.
When you pay attention to the Spirit in the wind,
you will eventually feel and hear and begin to sing that song
in the conversations that spread your influence in the world.
You’ll hear and play so many songs in that search.
Each one will feed you in the depths of your soul
as you practice it and perform it.
But then that song of the Spirit will find you
and you will know it.

And that discovery is really just the beginning.
There are improvisations, new versions, new settings –
all opportunities to claim what is uniquely yours
and play it for the well-being of the whole of creation.

The Brentwood Manifesto of the Christian Faith

How We See God, the World, Humanity, and the Future

*In the beginning, God created the world
and delighted in its diversity and development.
God created human beings
and nourished them to flourish in blessing all of creation.*

*But humanity rebelled, rejecting the limits of their power.
Their rebellion against God’s vision of justice, peace, and joy
brought tyranny, suffering, and death.*

*God never tired of calling humanity home
to work in common to cultivate the well-being of the world.
Through the law and the prophets,
God’s Spirit invited love of God, love of others, and love of self
as the empowering energy for engaging in this mission.*

*In a unique and decisive act of reconciliation and revelation,
God overcame our alienation and loneliness.
God took flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
In the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ,
the creation is restored to its original purpose.
God continues to craft the completion of this redemption.*

*Through the church universal, visible and invisible,
the Holy Spirit empowers people
to participate consciously in their reconciliation
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.*

*By God’s grace in Jesus Christ through the work of the Spirit,
we know what it is to be loved and to love
amidst all the problems of the world.
We are equipped and sent to sow seeds of God’s SHALOM
in all of our circles of influence.*

*In the end, God’s love, healing, and forgiveness
will transform heaven and earth
and bring justice, peace, and joy to full realization.*