

Conversion of St. Paul 1986

“Saul, Saul...

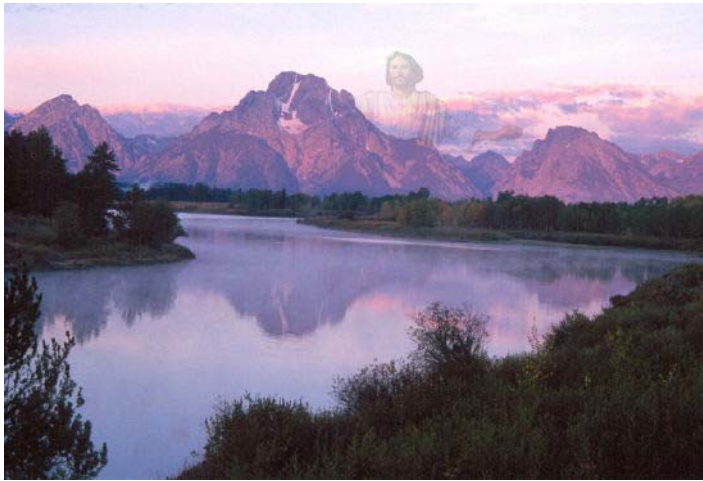
“Why are you persecuting me?” What could be more specific – “I am Jesus the Nazarene.” (Acts 9: 3-5)

“In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled.” “He will be called a Nazarene” (Matthew 2:23). “Come and see where I live” (John 1:39)...”that you may be one as the Father and I are one” (John 19: 21-22).

This is the marvel of the tradition of our Judeo-Christian heritage that brings a unity between the Yahweh of the prophets and the God within each of us, “each person that comes into the world.” (John 1:4)

The God that is so personalized that “in him we live and move and breathe and have our being (Acts 17: 27-28). “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Now the Lord is Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Corinthians 3: 17-18).



This is the Lord who commissions us “to go forth to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation (Mark 16:16).

“The whole of creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal His sons and daughters” (Romans 8: 19-20).

“From the beginning till now, the entire creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth and not only creation but all of us who possess the first fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free’ (Romans 8: 22-24).

Teilhard wrote, “Christ consumes with his glance my entire being. And with that same glance...those who are around me and whom I love. Thanks to Him therefore, I am united with them – through their inmost selves. Christ binds us and reveals us to one another.” Rilke: “We are the bees of the invisible universe.”

Walt Whitman wrote, “The whole theory of the universe is directly unerringly to one single individual, namely, you.” “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” James, James, why are you persecuting me? Each of us must answer this in our hearts.