

## Article 1: Profoundest Contemplation

*The keenness of profoundest contemplation, on the other hand, once it has perceived the countenance of the truth, neither hesitates, nor slips, nor is ever darkened by any cloud.*

- Eriugena, *Homily on John 1.1-14* (Irish, 9<sup>th</sup> century)

*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

- 2 Corinthians 4.6

Have you gazed into the face of Jesus today, and seen the glory which can be known there?

Jesus is alive from the dead and reigns at the right hand of God in a glorified body of flesh and bones. He has a face, and His face is the most beautiful face anyone could imagine.

His face reveals the glory of God. The glory of God is the very presence of God, which weighs on those who encounter it with spiritual joy and pleasure beyond describing. The Scriptures describe the face of Jesus for us, so that we know what to seek as we turn, through profoundest contemplation, to behold Him (cf. Rev. 1).

Paul prayed that we might have this experience (Eph. 1.15-23). He commanded us to seek it (Col. 3.1-3). As we look, with the eye of faith, on the unseen face of Jesus, we grow to know and love Him more, and we find the Spirit working in us to transform us into the image of Jesus Christ.

The face we see throughout the Word of God becomes, through profoundest contemplation, assimilated into every aspect of our lives.

But profoundest contemplation is required – taking the time, review and meditating on every glimpse of the face of Jesus given to us in the Word of God, holding those images together in our minds, and focusing, with the eye of the heart, until the glory of God comes forth to meet and engulf us.

To see the face of Jesus, and to know the glory emanating from it, is our privilege and calling. Have you looked upon the face of Jesus yet today?