

GOD IS BETWEEN

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God unfolds within the limits of history
Between Everything and Nothing
Transcendental and Empirical
Presence and Absence
God exists as the difference between these terms we name History
As the divine telos that permeates the event and occurrence

Space and Time

Space and Time are conditions for the expression of the Absolute in the everyday
The Absolute being the origin
And space and time being the means by which the absolute is communicated
The Absolute has to exist as history through space and time
While being itself an infinite and infallible form
It has to exist through finite and fallible forms
Nature itself is an expression of the infinite
In all its fallen-ness and fallibility, glory and magnificence.

Divinity

Divinity pervades the everyday
Within and Without
Every occurrence is the unfolding of a telos within history
Every accident a divine arrangement
Because the infinite finds expression in the finite
And the everyday is an expression of the absolute.

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No longer I

When I partake of my identity in the Absolute
It is a death to the self
No longer an I
But an identity beyond I
Beyond Gender
Beyond Race
Beyond Nationality
Beyond Family
I die to myself to become greater than I
An expression of the unfolding of the absolute

The Self

It is difficult not to perceive the self as a historical accident
When one places oneself into the perspective of the infinite and history
It is difficult not to perceive oneself as dust
When placed in the perspective of the Absolute
Our mortal triumphs pale in comparison with divine glory
But ourselves though dust agents and expressions, albeit finite of the Absolute

Philosophy

Philosophy has many names
But beyond these it is an expression of the Absolute
And transcendental-empirical difference
Philosophy from Plato to Nietzsche is an expression of metaphysics
Whether it has affirmed a centre or deviated from it
The Absolute pervades by its presence whether affirmed or denounced
The Absolute finds expression in all these forms
Because beyond them
It is.