

## THE EMERGING CHURCH



### **Question of the Day: How do I let Scripture and the present moment and tradition teach me?**

The contemplative mind does not need to prove anything or disprove anything. It looks for wisdom by saying, *“What does this text ask of me, what do I need to change in me?”* Not, *“how can I change others?”*

The contemplative mind lets the terrifying/wonderful moment be what it is and primarily ask something of *me*, not always using it to convert others.

- = The contemplative mind is willing to hear from a fresh beginner’s mind, yet also learn from the old and solid Tradition. =

The contemplative mind has the humility and patience to think “both/and” instead of “all or nothing.” We call this non-dual thinking. It easily leads to a “Third Way” mentality, neither fight nor flight, but standing in between where I can hold what I do know together with what I don’t know. And then I let that wonderful mix lead me to wisdom instead of easy, quick knowledge which largely just creates opinionated people instead of wise people.



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