

Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers

God is Ripening

Because once someone dared to want you, I know that we too, may want you. When gold is in the mountain and we've ravaged the depths til we've given up digging, it will be brought forth into day by the river that mines the silences of stone. Even when we don't desire it, God is ripening. ~ Rainer Maria Rilke, "Rilke's Book of Hours"

Miners descend into the depths of our planet every day to unearth gold and diamonds, coal and precious metals. But gold can also come to the surface – without any human assistance – by way of subterranean rivers; water can mine depths where people cannot go.

It is a paradox to me that some of our greatest insights come, not because we are digging so hard for them, but because things that are true simply reveal themselves. God is self-revelatory. Spirit wants to manifest in us and in our world, be embodied in our thoughts, our flesh.

Until we encounter something new, we tend to do what we have always done, think what we have always thought, and believe only in what has gone before. The new is still happening. God is ripening, and we can dare to wonder what that might mean for us, our community, our world. God is ripening...

Prayer: God of all deep places, help me dare to believe what no one ever has. I know you still move and create, revealer of all things. Be in me; be in all that I do this day. Amen.