

## Weekly Meditation by Rev. Teri Lubbers

### Alike For All

***I am alike for all! I know not hate, I know not favour! What is made is Mine! But them that worship Me with love, I love; They are in Me, and I in them! ~ Bhagavad-Gita or "The Song Celestial"***

We resist the idea that God is alike for all, that God doesn't have favorites....we resist Jesus' words when he says that God is not a respecter of persons but makes the sun rise on the good and evil alike, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. The nature of God is generosity, abundant, overflowing, cornucopia generosity. We have not begun to imagine it. But if we are attentive and awake we can sometimes get glimpses of it...can sometimes taste the sweetness of it, like honey on the tongue.

Hmmm, we are much more familiar with the idea of a God who keeps a ledger, a kind of celestial Santa who keeps track of naughty and nice and either brings you what you asked for, or leaves behind a lump of coal, depending on whether you towed the line or not. (Not sure whether that is "towed" as in pulling the line, or "toed" as in lining up.) Either way - whether you are behaving well or not - that is not why you are loved. Those ideas miss the point of God-ness, miss the love story of God in whom we are constantly immersed.

We are loved because we are in God and God is in us. Everything is in God and God is in everything. We are God's, whether we know it yet or not. God doesn't take sides the way we think. I marvel at the humility that would flow into the world if ever we got that. God is on everyone's side, unendingly whispering to us our names, calling us into being.

**Prayer: God, in little ways and big ways, help me to not take sides today. Help me to relinquish the desire and drive to be right and help me to see You in every face I meet. Amen.**