

ness, and self-doubt; and this is the sense of not being for the other, of failing the other. This may lead to irrational self-destruction.

The author's attempt to recognize ourselves in the Jesus story is to see at work, in some ultimate confrontation, our radical desire and its canker, our radical guilt. The story is the story of liberation of the basic desire for being significant in God's eyes from its crippling companion, the guilt. Jesus, our existence without guilt, is able to hear unimpeded the voice of the Beloved: You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased. With this secret, which shapes his whole being in the world, Jesus lifts people up to hear in their hearts, in their fellowship and in the whole world of nature the Yes of the Beloved. With the failure of his mission, and in its bitter conclusion on a cross, he plunges his followers from their height into the original emptiness, the death of God. Coming to them again, through Resurrection, he is God, he is life, he is the unlocking of the Spirit, he is that 'yes' of the beloved over which death, the great human pretext of guilt, has no more power. This approach of the author is very helpful for a full psychological understanding of the story of Jesus.

The author's rediscovery of the belief in the divinity of Jesus, as the Holy Spirit's principal therapy of our Spirit, and the appreciation of the Nicene formulation of faith in the divinity of Jesus as the appropriate witness of the intellect to the liberation of the heart will surely help the reader to understand the way from resurrection encounters to Nicaea. If we have lost this good way of joining mind and heart the present book will prompt us to start again to combine them, and the transformation of the person in Christ would show up in the intellect as well as in the heart.

Another effect of beginning to recognize and to appreciate the experience out of which the New Testament was created will be a renewed sense of the vital role of the Holy Spirit.

The book, therefore, will provoke and satisfy both heart and mind; and it deserves the attention of all who search for the meaning of life, in others and in Jesus. As the author hopes, this book represents a plateau, not just a foothold, and it is spacious enough to accommodate quite a few readers.

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