

WHERE AM I FROM? WHAT AM I HERE FOR?

“On a recent retreat, while contemplating the Principle and Foundation, I realized that I should have consulted St. Ignatius about my heritage sooner. Because what he offers is critical for me—and for you—to know.”

So when you are asked,
“Where are you from?”

Let me remind you,
You are from the mind of God.
You are from the heart of God,
Creator of the Universe. You are precious,
Chosen,
Cherished, and
Beloved.

Do you feel it,
feel it in your bones—
That boundless Love?

We are God’s.
That makes you, dear, my brother, my sister.
When you hurt, we hurt.
When you rejoice, we rejoice.
So let us go then.
We shall walk together, heads held high,
raising the heads of our brothers and sisters
whose heads have been bowed.
Let us build a land where peace prevails
and justice the norm,
The Kingdom of our heritage—
All of us. Where all are honored,
loved,
and respected,
dignity affirmed,
centered in the Sacred,
that Divine spark,
from whence we all come.

by Rebecca Ruiz, www.ignatianspirituality.com

“I will turn 64 in a few weeks, and it has crystallized in my mind and moral imagination altogether that this is what I am here for:

the nourishing of those who insist on pursuing the highest qualities of being human, and on being of service to healing and transformation on a long horizon of time.

I believe this is our longed-for state of being, but we are bombarded by so much that primes us for its opposite, activates our primal fear of ‘the other’ and a self-destructive desire to wall ourselves away instead.”

from “Stitching What Lies Beyond: Finding Hope and Human Connection in Times of Profound Division,” by Krista Tippett



Incarnational humanism. We believe that there is a mystery at the heart of being human, a depth and density that is also an opening for the divine.

We believe that human creatures, made in the image of a divine creator, live most fully into their nature when they are creative.

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