

## THAT WE MAY BE ONE DVD 6

### **Fallen, Beloved, Surrendered**

Some theologians are leaving behind the whole idea of original sin as not being viable in a contemporary scientific world.... Some are saying that we came out of a level of innocence into a world in which we had to submit to the growth process and the other natural forces that have been scientifically verified.

Following Teilhard de Chardin, the important work that Ilia Delio is doing is to make his vision of creation as a process of evolutionary development that is focused now on the spiritual evolution of human beings known. What the doctrine of original sin emphasizes, whatever explanation you give...is experienced in all the religions. It is the weakness, vulnerability, self-centeredness, and disregard of the rights and needs of others that characterize the human condition.

It might be liberating to attribute sin largely to our lack of evolution, especially the influence of the emotional programs for happiness developed in early childhood.

The cross of Christ is a symbol of the human condition, which is rejected by Earth and by Heaven and is sitting in the middle of nowhere as a transitional period from animal consciousness to angelic or divine consciousness. And so, we couldn't be in a worse place than neither one nor the other,...It means that in order to live in this world, you're constantly challenged by tormenting desires... and attainments...which enable us to forget how weak and powerless we actually are.

Belief in creation is the basic foundation of the spiritual journey, along with trust in the Creator God. This has a special term in monastic circles. It was called compunction..., it's the acceptance of who we are, which is nobody. We don't have to become anyone, because we already are all that we could possibly be. ..

Sin in Hebrew really means "missing the mark." It's not necessarily a question of guilt. It's simply that you missed the target, which is to be expected... In one sense evolution is just the willingness to learn and keep trying.

You don't forget your identity and you don't avoid using your talents, but there's no attachment to them. ...you are missing the boat if you seek the reward, or even if you seek enlightenment, even if it's God's will for you. If

you seek it too vigorously, it's probably an ego trip. the Divine Being is not an object that you love, but a subjective presence that you surrender to. Surrender becomes your main source of motivation..

Compunction is the capacity to be more and more humbled by seeing ourselves as we really are...but at the same time having an invincible trust that God will take care of it. Even surrender is God's gift. It's more exact to say surrendered... God is calling us to a new level of consciousness that requires going through a new depth of detachment.

Humility is recognizing who we actually are - powerless - and not be distressed by it and even to feel contentment with it. Confidence in God will then grow faster and deeper.

*The mystery hidden from ages and from generations past,  
is now manifested to his holy ones,  
to whom God chose to make known the riches  
of the glory of this mystery:  
it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.*

Cf Colossians 1: 26-27

Sacramental life becomes a public "yes" to the christification of the world ... a willingness to be "membered" to Jesus in costly love and to create fields of compassion and peace ... a choice to focus one's mind on the whole, to think according to the whole, and to act according to the whole.

Ilia Delio, *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being*

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***We don't have to become anyone, because we already are all that we could possibly be. ...***

***At the same time, it's entrusting all our failings to God with confidence in his infinite mercy. It's a balance between our fallen nature and our destiny that has now been given the power through Christ. ... Surrender becomes your main source of motivation. Even surrender is God's gift. It's more exact to say "surrendered."***

"May God heal all divisions -- those within my own mind, heart, soul and body, and those between all people and groups -- that we may be one Body in Christ, unified in every way and on every level, and thus manifest the Living Christ by our very lives. Amen."