



Legion of Mary

BECOME AN INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S MIGHTY PURPOSE.

Make your heart one with Mary's heart and Mary's will to save the world. The Legion of Mary offers spiritual guidance, information and more. Contact Delores Rybacki at 206-878-5827 for more information.

Perpetual Adoration Being Buried in Blindness



The One who is the Lord of all worlds will make himself known to me in the manner which suits my condition. He will not show himself to me: he will not appear to me. He will not offer me a vision or be transformed in glory. He will remember my blindness*Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me* (Ps 139:10).

I feel certain that the author of this psalm was blind. Nobody else could have described so powerfully the religious experience of the blind person, or could have interpreted so perfectly the presence of a blind person before God.

We now come to the climax of the psalm. *If I say, "Let only darkness cover me and light about me be night, even the darkness is not dark to you. The night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.* Sometimes I feel that I am being buried in blindness. I am being carried deeper and deeper in. The weight presses me down. Such knowledge as I have is disappearing, is so limited, so fragile, my hold upon it is so feeble. Should I then wish this? Should I accept it with some kind of spirit of sacrifice? Should I plunge myself in the inevitable, so that even my remaining knowledge will sink into ignorance?

Just as blindness has the effect of obliterating the distinctions, so the divine omniscience transcends them. Because I am never in the light, it is equally true that I am never in the darkness. I have no fear of the darkness because I know nothing else. Nobody can turn the lights out on me. So it is with God. He is indifferent alike to both light and darkness. He does not need the light in order to know, and the darkness cannot prevent him from knowing. In that sense, it is true that if darkness is as light, then light is as darkness. The older translation of the Authorized Version brings out the point more vividly: *Darkness and light are both alike to you.* This is not the image of a beam of light penetrating the darkness and banishing it. God does not overwhelm the darkness by his light; he represents that pure knowledge to which both light and darkness in their different ways point.

John M. Hull

John Hull (†2015) was a professor of religious education in England who went blind in his forties.

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Divine Mercy and Holy Hour

Come and join us every Monday evening 6:00 pm in the Church for meditation, scripture and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend.



Our Lady of the Rosary Pilgrimage & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Have Our Lady visit your home for a visit of three to seven days by scheduling an appointment. To make arrangements call any of the following:

Jesus Rodriguez	206-304-1447 (Español)
Richard Tagorda	206-518-7102 (Filipino)
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St. Philomena's 27th year Crop Walk for the hungry is scheduled for May 7th. Anyone wanting to help raise money for the walk call 206-878-8764.

