

## Points to Ponder Week of June 14, 2020

Meister Eckhart (1260c-1329) was a Dominican priest, mystic prophet, theologian, and poet. He was noted for prophetic teaching on behalf of the poor in his society. The translations and adaptations and arrangement of Meister Eckhart's words were done by Matthew Fox while he was part of the Institute of Creation-Centered Spirituality at Mundelein College in Chicago, Illinois. These reflections are arranged for meditation and learning.

### Sunday

"Into the sea all the rivers go, and yet the sea is never filled, and still to their goal the rivers go."  
(Qo.107)

All creatures flow and return to their source.

Transformed knowledge and love draw up and lead  
and bring the soul back into the first source of  
the One, the Creator of all in heaven and on earth.

What is created flows out but remains within.

So, when we return to our first origin, which is primal purity, we discover our freedom and are free.

### Monday

Human beings ought to communicate and share all the gifts they have received from God.

If a person has something that they do not share with others, that person is not good.

A person who does not bestow on others spiritual things and the joy that is in them has in fact never been spiritual.

People are not to receive and keep gifts for themselves alone but should share themselves and pour forth everything they possess whether in their bodies or their souls as much as possible.

### Tuesday

By compassion the soul is made blessed.

When Moses descended from the mountain and came announcing a land flowing with milk and honey that milk and honey was humanity and divinity.

Compassion flows when humanity and divinity flow.

### Wednesday

God's peace prompts service among brothers and sisters.

In that way one creature sustains another.

One enriches the other, and that is why all creatures are interdependent.

### Thursday

All gifts of nature and of grace have been given us on loan.

Their ownership is not ours, but God's.

God never gave personal property to anyone not even to his Mother or to any other person or to any creature in any way.

Treat all things as if they were loaned to you without any ownership whether body or soul, sense of strength, external goods or honors, friends or relations, house or hall, everything.

For if I want to possess the property I have instead of receive it on loan, then I want to be a master.

Friday

Love will never be anywhere except where equality and unity are.

Between a master and his servant there is no peace for there is no real equality.

And there can be no love where love does not find equality or is not busy creating equality.

Nor is there any pleasure without equality.

Practice equality in human society.

Learn to love, esteem, consider all people like yourself.

What happens to another, be it bad or good, pain or joy, ought to be as if it happened to you.

Saturday

What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine son takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself?

And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace and if I am not also full of grace?

What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture?

This, then, is the fullness of time: When the Son of God is begotten in us.