



Feast of the Visitation

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A Reflection - Luke 1 - Alstonville Anglicans

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This inspiring reflection begins with the question:

What if the Incarnation could also be the fulfilment of human history and the final goal of evolution?

The writers trace the evolution of our Universe from its emergence some 13.7 billion years ago, through the production of interstellar dust molecules 3.7 billion years later. Then there was the birth of the sun, the earth and our solar system. The story goes on and on...

*In regard to the Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth the following **Extracts** situate the moment, two thousand and twenty-five years ago, within the evolution of the universe:*

The new stage in evolution is this: the advent of a human being so open to the divine, so open to the Spirit, that his consciousness will become divine consciousness.

Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

The point being made is this: Life on earth developed over millions of years to produce matter, then plants, animals and then humans. A point in evolution was reached where consciousness emerged when evolution became conscious of itself.

Just as all humans inherit consciousness as benefactors of evolutionary history, so too do we inherit divine consciousness.

Divine consciousness, the marriage of our divine and human selves, is the goal of the universe as revealed in the Incarnation and birth of Christ.

For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David, a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! (Luke 2:11)

In the Incarnation which Mary and Elizabeth sing and dance around, much like the moon and earth danced around the sun in the beginning, a new destiny of the universe is revealed - the marriage of the divine and human.

The universal meaning of the Incarnation is ... God is in us .

Ironically, those moments when we are fully human, moments of kindness, gentleness and presence, are those moments when we are fully divine too.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour

Luke 1: 46-56

On the Feast of the Visitation, 2023

We join Mary and Elizabeth in proclaiming the greatness of God, the becoming of all creation, the deepening consciousness that is being born on earth, the evolving awareness that God is with us and in us.