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A Path to the Future

Spirituality for Adventurers 3



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In the same conversation between God and Moses, it becomes clear to Moses that he is to cross yet a third border. In v. 10 we read: »And now go...Lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt!« Moses is to lead the people into a new and Promised Land. He is to lead them to a land where there room for salvation. Yet, he is supposed to do it in a way that does make him play the role of the saviour.

In other words, Moses is to cross the border into the future and accompany the people into a land of promise. And those who wish to cross this border have to ask themselves some questions. What can we take with us? What must remain behind? As communities, we also have to pose these questions. What can take with us into the future? What must we leave behind? For one thing is clear, if painful: we cannot take it all with us, neither the works and tasks, nor the customs and traditions.

The Church frequently speaks of setting forth and being in a stage of change and transition. Yet, a biblical culture of adventure demands more than clichés. If we wish to take the wisdom of the biblical stories seriously then we need to deal with these three borders: the border between the place of home and the place of a new experience of God, the border to the past in order to retrieve what is crying out to live, and the border to the future, which we can only cross if we master the high art of limitation.

What we should not lose sight of is where the burning bush stands in all of this. For this place of encounter with God stands at the center, between all the borders. This place of the burning bush (the experience of God) lures us over the first border out of the comfort of home. And from this place we are sent across the other two borders. The burning bush (the experience of God) is the supporting centre of the story. It is also the sustaining centre of the culture of biblical adventure

Here there is a fine balance. On the one hand we need personal initiative: Go past the border of your comfort zone, take a closer look at the bush, take a chance on a new conversation. On the other hand, there is also something driving us from the outside: For God points out a path to Moses and to us, which we, of our own accord, would not take.

To be continued.

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