

Is Darkness all we have?

Open for the New



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During these autumn weeks it often takes a long time before the fog disperses and the sunlight can break through. Sometimes the fog lasts the entire day. It can then happen, that we speak of the darkness that is spreading – out loud before others or quietly within ourselves. These are words about nights that are growing longer, about the heavy feeling and perhaps about the heaviness that dwells within us.

Several years ago we were with a small group in the Rocky Mountains and planned to ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain with the gondola the next morning, an altitude of approximately 2.300 m. Yet, the heavens were grey on that morning and I would have rather stayed in bed. We set out, the enormous parking lot at the gondola's Valley Station was empty — understandably! The gondola seemed to run only for us in this dreariness. Slowly we rose higher - and it kept growing darker.

What a delight as slowly rays penetrated the gloom and we gradually emerged from the darkness into a day of creation! The sky was sparkling blue, no cloud was above us – only sunshine!

None of us will ever forget this joy.

We should hold fast to this joy, because the days of fog will return, and then we should remember that fog is not a novelty:

Fog is not a novelty

Pain is not a novelty and illness and death are not a novelty either

But the word

I love you

is a novelty

Raffael's Madonna in Dresden
is a novelty
every flash of inspiration
among small minds
is a novelty
the face of a child
is a novelty

Under the rainbow
of its smile
this world recovers
in each moment anew
from its defeats

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