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Ponder. Do Good. Love.



Since the catastrophic floods, I start my day with these words by Huub Oosterhuis, They help me to sort myself out. The images were and are shocking and the grief and horror great. Who can remain unaffected?

I ask myself the question: Does it affect me more because it happens in our immediate neighborhood?

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Love.

I hear these simple words as an invitation, as a challenge.

But most of all I hear them as a directive. This is how the words reach my heart.

An instruction to stay on the track of life and the whole creation

despite, and especially because of, the great catastrophe.

Simply carrying on as before, surely cannot be.

What is our responsibility to serve life, beyond our own lives?
How do we interpret the devastating signs? There is enough scientific evidence of climate change.
How many people have been suffering from climate change for years?
Droughts, floods, forest fires are irrefutable facts.
But knowledge alone does not seem to suffice.
How and where can we start in concrete terms? Probably, at first, with the people who are now in need.
But further questions are pressing. How much do we really need to live well?
What can we change, even if it is difficult?
Here we are all, in equal measure, challenged to get used to this.
It may be painful to limit ourselves, but let us honestly ask ourselves the question:
Are we willing to let future generations pay the price?

Many people place themselves at the service of the preservation of creation.
Many people think.
Many people act on it, become concrete.
Many people help, are on the spot with the people who have lost so very much
and who are standing in before the ruins of their lives.
Many people do good.

I am certain that you too, who are now reading these lines, are pondering and doing good.
Ich bin gewiss, dass auch sie, die sie jetzt diese Zeilen lesen, nachdenken und Gutes tun.

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Each according to their possibilities and abilities.
Everyone can contribute something.
The decision begins in each one of us.
That's means me, that means you, that means us.
Let's keep at it, let's stay confident,
and thus stay in good relationships, with ourselves, with our neighbors,
with the whole of creation, and let us continue to pray for life.

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Simple words,
but with a powerful effect,
if we dare to live by them.

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