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Seeing God in everyone

“Seeing God in everyone” is a Christian way of looking at other people with the eyes of faith. It means recognizing that every human being possesses an intrinsic dignity because he or she is created in God’s image and likeness, and that Jesus identifies himself especially with those who are poor, suffering, ignored, or marginalized. Genesis teaches that humanity is created in God’s image, while Jesus makes this truth a direct moral command: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).

Every person bears God’s image and is capable of knowing truth, loving freely, pursuing goodness, appreciating beauty, and entering into communion with God. Those capacities ground an unconditional human dignity.

Thus, “seeing God in everyone” means seeing in each person:

- a creature loved by God;
- a person whose dignity cannot be earned or lost;
- someone possessing unique goodness and lovability;
- someone called to eternal fulfillment in God;
- and, in a special way, someone in whom Christ asks to be recognized and served.

A person’s worth therefore does not depend on wealth, intelligence, health, social status, usefulness, attractiveness, or moral success. Jesus’ teaching extends this dignity even to slaves, prisoners, sinners, the poor, and enemies.

This is why Christian charity is more than politeness or humanitarian duty. The neighbor is not merely an anonymous member of the human species or a problem to be managed. The neighbor is a person loved by God and entrusted to our care.

Consequently, seeing God in everyone should produce:

- respect rather than contempt;
- patience rather than irritation;
- compassion rather than indifference;
- forgiveness rather than vengeance;
- service rather than exploitation;
- solidarity rather than exclusion;

- protection of the vulnerable rather than abuse of power.

It also means noticing people who are easily overlooked: the lonely, elderly, disabled, homeless, imprisoned, depressed, unborn, poor, or socially rejected. A merciful heart becomes attentive to concrete needs and responds through available time, talent, resources, and prayer.

Reflection on Seeing God in Everyone by Neil Ramsey

The same morning that God described to me how to think about free will, He also explained that I had to look at all the people around me differently. He said, you must see them in my image, and He said it is actually easy to do if you change your lens. It is not that hard to see God in all the people you meet if you simply quit focusing on what they aren't or what you think they should or could be and just look at what they ARE and appreciate that good.

Of course He was right. I know as I have gotten older, I have come to believe that most of us want to be better than we are, but we fail. I think God was also saying "have more grace and give people more credit for what they want to be and when they fall short, let that pass." We could all reframe how we see others so that

we can more closely live the Gospel. In addition, at the end of God's "morning lesson" to me, he asked me to think and write down what I thought it meant to "LIVE" and to "Glorify". I did that and as I wrote it became clear He was asking me to recognize they are essentially the same word if we are living right. Seeing people more clearly how He sees us is a big step forward in this.

This opens your heart to others in a way that you can fulfill God's call to first simply carry a positive outlook on the world as you see others as beautiful creations in the likeness of God.

"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he

created them; male and female he created them.” – [Genesis 1:27](#)

It next opens your eyes to treat others with respect and as you want to be treated.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” – [Luke 6:31](#)

As you progress in your understanding of how to view others, you are then called to do more than treat people with respect but to actually take action and help those weaker than us and truly in need.

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” – [Matthew 25:40](#)

And lastly, it begins to open our eyes to the mosaic of God’s creation and that as humans living in nature, we are just part of one Body. This further reinforces and makes it clear that there is a place for all of us and we cannot comprehend the wisdom of where everyone fits in this one body. This is further reason to see

everyone as having an important place and working a little harder to embrace this whether we fully understand it or not.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.” – [1 Corinthians 12:12](#)

There are so many reasons to see God in everyone starting with He told us that we are all created in His image and that not only should we treat each other as we want to be treated but we should care for the weaker amongst us. There is a broader plan for all of us in union as we search for our place in the Body and trust that everyone has a place.

I am four months post-surgery and God is still calling me to think more clearly about my “morning lesson”. Seeing others as God sees us can reframe how we see the world and make it so much easier to live in union with God and come closer to a reflection of Him.