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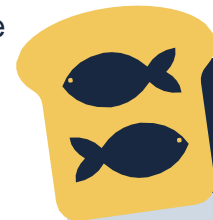
Epiphany: Witnessing Luminosity in All Things

Stars and guidance have followed each other in many different traditions for all of Time. The Magi's encounter with Jesus is far from an unfamiliar allegory for us; it's a particularly memorable and pageant-worthy tale. And while at Epiphany we remember a certain infamous star that guided these mystics far away from their homes to pay homage to one remarkable newborn child, we may find in our own timelines that there are other far subtler luminosities from which to take guidance. If we are curious enough, we can look for the ways in which God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit manifest in the very mundanity of our surroundings. Perhaps in stars, but in other forms of luminosity, too: for me, it's the laughter of a close friend or the way my cat stretches when the afternoon sunlight hits her favorite nap spot just right.

The season of Epiphany is a stark and luminous reminder that signs of the divine light of Christ can be both tenderly subtle and glaringly obvious. You might notice that light and likeness imagery often go together in Scripture. Despite our apparent differences, class, race, or circumstance, we all share in the likeness of God. And in sharing likeness, we all share God's light as well. It's notable that the Magi's encounter with Christ's light on that day also shined a light on their differences, in home, wealth, and livelihood. To imagine their comparatively lavish arrival with gifts of frankincense, gold, and myrrh alongside the humble nativity scene brings light to the fact that all kinds of light can exist in the same space, even if they seem contradictory.

During the Advent season, we prepared our awareness to our inner fullness. For Christmas, we extended that grace to our relationships. And by Epiphany, just like the Magi, we are ready to witness the manifestation of Christ's light in all things, people, and the Earth that we steward. And not only to witness and find beauty and remarkability in it, but how we humbly offer our valuable gifts and reverence for others and the world. As we continue to notice these signs, big or small, there is an abundance of light and likeness to be found in our lives. | tens.org

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Questions For Reflection

Where do you witness luminosity in your life? How will you allow for more than enough light to brighten your life? What light do you offer?

