

August 7, 2022
Exodus 3:1-5

In the Fullness of Time

- I. Someone else's sermon on the Holy Spirit:
Preacher — Experiences of God's work in our lives => Presence of the Holy Spirit
Me — Experiences of God's work in my life => Holy time => Holy Ground => "Remove the sandals from your feet."
I needed to stop (and let the sermon run on past me); the memory of a holy time becomes a holy time of its own.
- II. The "fullness of time":
Mark 1:15 — Jesus, "The time is full, the kingdom of God has come near, repent and trust the good news."
Galatians 4:4 — "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his son ..."
- III. Miracles and the fullness of time:
Augustine — "We take for granted the slow miracle whereby water in the irrigation of a vineyard becomes wine. It is only when Christ turns water into wine, in quick motion, as it were, that we stand amazed."
C. S. Lewis, *Miracles* — When God intervenes in nature is is not opposed to nature, but reducing the time it takes nature to work to an instant.
When time is full, when it is not linear, when time doesn't move and we don't move through time, then there is no movement from cause to effect and all sorts of things become possible.

(IIIa. Haiku, hokku, renga and the poetry of the moment; thinking outside of linear time.)
- IV. The miracle of the burning bush and the fullness of time:
Corn production in the Delta
Photosynthesis - Respiration (oxidation, burning) = Yield
A bush that burns and is not consumed is like all bushes, only sped up, in full time.
- V. Moses has stumbled upon holy ground; he has happened upon holy time, full time:
If the bush can burn and not be consumed, then miraculous things can happen within Moses.
Moses is no longer who he thinks he is — Exodus 3:11, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
Then he does.
- VI. In the fullness of time:
We are forgiven.
We are born again.
We become disciples.
The diverse many become one.
We rise from the dead.
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The bread is Christ's body.
The cup is Christ's blood.