

Explore the Theme — A HIDDEN WHOLENESS

Brian Draper probes the mingling of darkness & light, death & life as aspects of a great wholeness; Richard Rohr explores resurrection as a mystery of entering into the wholeness we're made for *for other* "Explore the Theme" postings visit: <https://www.shcj.org/explore-the-theme>

WITH A WHOLE HEART

"... I like to get outside at twilight, to witness **that threshold time between light and dark**, and to meet it with love ... [I]t's an exquisite time to seek for what the Quaker writer Parker Palmer calls 'a great truth' hidden in the plain sight of nature. We discover, he notes, that **'diminishment and beauty, darkness and light, death and life are not opposites**. They are held together in the paradox of a 'hidden wholeness.'

Such a paradox is never easy to compute with minds that merely work in binary. [With a whole heart] we're better placed to yield to the rhythms of ripening and relinquishing, and to sense that **we are part of all this wholeness, too**.

If we try to deny [these diminishments], don't we deny something of the mysterious beauty of our own God-given self, too? It undoubtedly takes practice ... but 'when I give myself over to the endless interplay of darkness and light, falling and rising,' says Parker Palmer, **'the life I am given is real and colorful, fruitful and whole.'** from "Holy Ground" by Brian Draper, Britishwriter, speaker, pilgrim, guide; briandraper.org

unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth & dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest



WE ARE ALL HOLONS!

Resurrection is simply incarnation taken to its logical conclusion: what starts in God ends in God—who is eternal The Risen Christ represents the final and full state of every True Self: God-in-you who is able to see and honor God-everywhere-beyond-you too! In other words, **Christ is more than anything else a "holon"**—a scientific term for something that is simultaneously a whole by itself and yet a part of a larger whole, too. Jesus is telling us that we are all holons! **We all participate in the one single life of God.**

"To God, all people are in fact alive," as Jesus put it (Luke 20:38). We are just in different stages of that aliveness—one of which we experience as dying. from "Life-Death-Life" by Richard Rohr, November 23, 2018; cac.org