Creative Integration of the Annunciation Story: Lectio Divina Exercise #2



Chartres Contemplative Pilgrimage, April 2008

Lectio Divina** Begin with a silent one minute prayer.



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Enter the story with your imagination, as if you are present in the scene that is being bescribed.



Imagine yourself as Gabriel, Mary, or some other non-human witness that "is there" while this is happening.

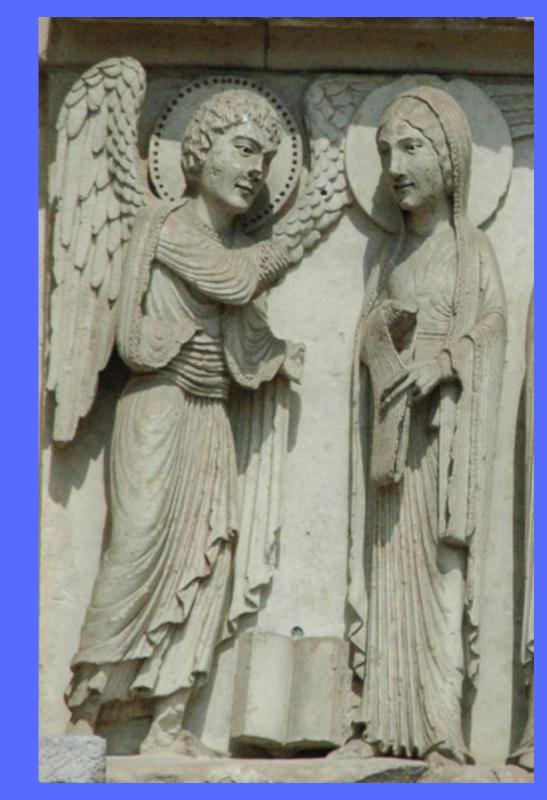


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The Annunciation: West Porch, Mary Tympanun, Chartres Cathebral





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The Annunciation: West Wall, Life of Christ Window, Chartres Cathedral



The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Be will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most Bigh, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. Be will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."



Mary said to the angel, "how can this be, since I am a virgin?"



The angel said to her, "The holy spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most wigh will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. for nothing will be impossible with God."

The Annunciation: Upper Central Eastern Window, Chartres Cathedral



Then Mary said, "here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her. Luke 1:26:38

The Annunciation: South Ambulatory, Life of Mary Window, Chartres Cathedral



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Listen for what The Divine is saying to YOU!

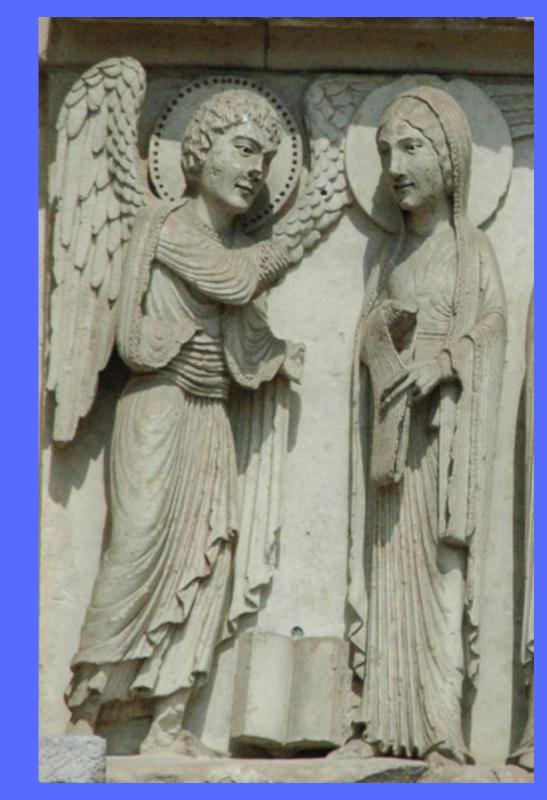


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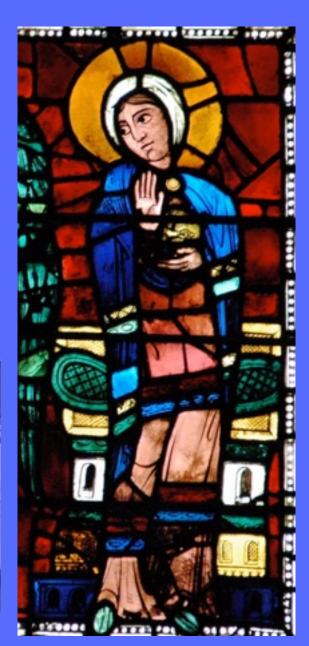
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Is there anything we would like to share with one another?









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