



Advent Reflection for Wednesday, December 21st

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John 1: 1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,* and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Reflection by Peter Saghir:

“All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.”

That’s a lot to take in. It really is. My ego has had a lifelong battle with God, especially as I have tried to raise two kids in Brooklyn. So many choices. So many challenges. I still think I know what is best, that I have the answers and that I know the way forward. I once heard that ego stands for “easing god out.” E.G.O. It is so true, right? The minute I rely on myself, the minute I rely on my own wisdom, I have in effect told God: I got this, maybe next time, thanks. Why do I never seem to learn my lesson? Like all good Christians I believe that God is in charge, I believe that God is sovereign. But what do we really believe in our darkest moments? Why do I find it so hard to embrace God’s sovereignty when I am sitting in my own darkness? Why is my first instinct still to fall back on my own understanding instead of seeking God’s guidance? Ego.

There is one light, and it is not me. Thank God. There is one who can shine light into the darkest corners of our world, and it is not me. That light is the greatest gift we have been given – Jesus. With Jesus, we do not have to walk alone on our journey. He walks with us. He sits with us in quiet moments. He cries with us and he celebrates with us. He is pained with us and he comforts us. This advent season as we prepare the way for Jesus, may we always remember to turn to God first. May His wisdom prevail, not ours. May we remember this advent that “without him not one thing came into being.”

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