

THE SILENT CRY

Dorothee Soelle, *The Silent Cry* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001),

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A friend of mine gave me this book as a gift when I had a surgery last summer. At first I thought it was very difficult book to read but the more I read I can fully identify with it because I too had mystical experiences in my life – not going out of myself so much but saw visions, especially in dreams. Because of that vision I have been doing what I have been doing. Anyway, in Chapter 11, she is talking about the prison we have fallen asleep in: She describes two trends determine the First World prison; globalization and individualism. I agree with her on the fact that we are addicted to many things; to materialism, individualism, all kinds of isms. Am I addicted to liberalism? These literatures open my eyes not only to see the world from different perspective but also see myself better and humbles me. While many people use mysticism as a flight from harsh reality and responsibility but she relates it to resistance. She relates resistance to speaking the truth at risk. To know God means to know what has to be done. It is in the same line of Walt Davis who said “we must know what God is doing in this world and become partner with what God is doing instead of blocking God’s work.”

Since this book was a gift, I am going to read all of it on the way home.

God the Economist P. 111. God is community

God is a community, a community of persons united in giving themselves to each other and to the world. ..Triune God is the inexhaustible life that the three persons share in common, in which they are present with one another, for one another, and in one another. God “has” God’s self precisely in giving God’s self away.

This is wonderful concept to describe our community as God is a community to be present in each other and give for one another and die for each other. I always thought of trinity as hierarchical relationship, not mutually sharing and sacrificing community. I am going to apply this community of three persons of God to the concept of community development for the poor and homeless.