

# The Attraction of Modern Times

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This is the great attraction  
of modern times:  
to penetrate to the highest contemplation  
while mingling with everyone,  
one person alongside others.

I would say even more:  
to lose oneself in the crowd  
in order to fill it with the divine,  
like a piece of bread  
dipped in wine.

I would say even more:  
made sharers in God's plans  
for humanity,  
to embroider patterns of light on the crowd,  
and at the same time to share with our neighbor  
shame, hunger, troubles, brief joys.

Because the attraction  
of our times, as of all times,  
is the highest conceivable expression  
of the human and the divine,  
Jesus and Mary:  
the Word of God, a carpenter's son;  
the Seat of Wisdom, a mother at home.