

woman at the well

searching and praying and pleading for an answer

longing for months and years

all along, it was there in the flow of the Scriptures

waiting for me all the time, in the familiarity of Living Water

drawn up by “the woman at the well” (John 4:4)

this water that quenches spiritual thirst—

ended the draught separating me from the *Inclusive Jesus*

in a flash of insight, it became crystal clear

**I am the woman at the well— we all are**

divided, unaware, confused, longing

yet, in the patience of the process, Jesus invites, **includes** , loves

Jesus, knowing it was against all customs and traditions,

took the risk and asked her for a drink

shocked that a Jew would ask a Samaritan woman

for anything, much less talk to her at all,

His request for a drink to soothe His thirst

became an offer to her for Him to quench her thirst

with eternal Living Water—and she pleaded for a drink

in this reading, I found that we don't have to prove worthiness  
in fact, the less we try to prove it, the worthier we feel  
we need to take the leap from cliff to cliff  
to be our unique and wonderful selves  
as if we had the confidence of a cougar and the insight of a fire fly  
Divine spark deep within lights the path we are to take  
to further our journey and bond fully with the God of the universe

it is God who brought us here, on this unique adventure,  
and God who will bring us back to full communion  
through the voice of the *Spirit*  
led—in my life—by the person of Jesus Christ

it is this personal relationship, in universal Presence,  
that shepherds me on my path, with the help  
of numerous other teachers and persuaders

so, the Triune God gives me the fourth dimension  
of “Grace and Love” to fulfill the power of my presence,  
and an invitation back to the Source when my well runs dry

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