

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Wed, Jun 20th 2012**

One is left in doubt that a deep truthful interiority is essential to a Christian life. A tree has to sink its roots deep into the ground, otherwise it comes down in the first storm (or perhaps it does not because it has never been able to raise itself up). If you project your imagination down into the ground where the roots are, you find a strange world of darkness, silence, and stillness. This is the opposite of the world above ground; there you have light, noise, movement. We are like trees in that respect. If we identify our life with the public part, the part “above ground,” we will not be able to withstand the storms of life, and we will have no profound resources for growth. Our actions, our lives, like trees, emerge from a rich darkness, silence, and stillness.

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