**DESIRES**

Think first about something you really want. Let's say it's an original work of wonderful art. There's only one copy of it in the whole world. Or it might be a piece of hand-made furniture - just one exists.

You make enquiries and discover that both of them are in a small house in a big city. Desperate to possess these things you follow up leads with infinite, but desperate patience to find this house - which you do, eventually.

You knock on the door but no answer. Again - no answer. Then you notice on the right hand side in the dim light a little keypad. It needs a code to be punched in to enter. But you don't know the code at all. It could be three digits, or ten digits. You could spend days going through all the permutations and even then you'd not manage it.

Then someone comes along and from a distance you see them approach the door, punch in some numbers which open the door. They enter and close the door behind them. But you still cannot get in. And they don't come out either - it's as if they live there.

The code is clearly one that only those with 'inside knowledge' can understand.

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Now think about a different aspect of life, when we desire things like happiness, peace, joy, friendship and generosity. We might spend our whole lives searching for these, maybe wealth too or perhaps a marriage partner.

Our search is continuous from one thing to the next - sometimes two at once. But we don't get anywhere.

The reason we don't get anywhere is because we've been searching in the wrong places. They are all contained in *one* place - in God.

You won't get that original work of art without going into the house; it doesn't exist outside the house. The furniture too is only present *in* the house; nowhere else.

And so it is with those other factors too - just the same. You can't find them outside God. You have to enter God to discover these truths and the things for which you have been searching for so long. They are present *only in God* and so to find them you have to enter God. You have to form a relationship so close that you are enclosed in God - enfolded in him, so that you almost become part of him.

And there and then you will, at last, find all those precious things for which you have been searching.

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But the odd thing about it all is that it's almost certainly a different code for each person.....so I'll leave it to you to work out what the code is for you.