

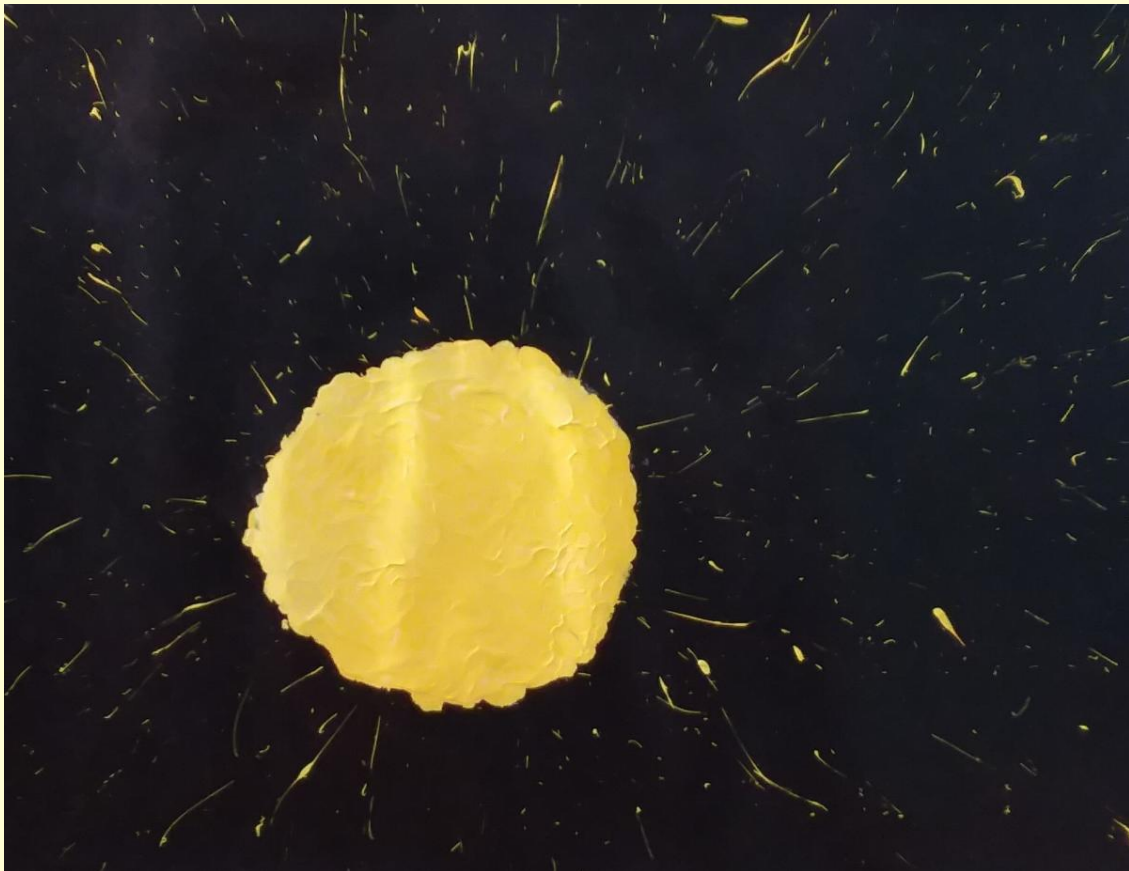
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What I learned in theology school is that revelation (God revealing Godself to us) comes in many forms, not only Scripture or sacrament, but through nature, other people and countless life experiences. What I learned in physics class is that gravity is a mutual force of attraction. What I learned through experience is that God meets us where we are, how we are. God is so very accommodating.

So when I was moved with a deep experience of realizing that God is and always has been pulling me with love, like a massive planet pulls a speck of star stuff, it made sense. It struck home in me...and it remains.

As we celebrate the coming of God among us once more, I share with you a poem and a painting that speak to the attractive power of love that animates all of existence.



Gravity

Your love is like gravity,
drawing me to you,

relentlessly, powerfully, gently, faithfully.
It's easy to forget.
It's easy not to pay attention.
Like gravity our love force is mutual.
There is only one possible trajectory,
one possible end point - union - complete union with you.
Yet I can influence the velocity
through how much or little resistance I offer,
and clinging, clinging seems to be my nature.
And so all I want is to consent completely to you.
And so all I feel is grateful to be in the pull of your love.


May each of us come to know our deepest desire for Christmas and God's
deepest desire for us. And may each of us receive the personalized gift that
God is offering each and every day.

Peace and Blessings,
Clarence

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