

Red Letter — I Will Be With You

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Matthew 28: 16-20

Presence is the point.

Because...

1. It (presence) permeates our human stories.

And it's the **central plot** of the Bible.

2. It pilters our human philosophies.

In the beginning we chose to be <u>Over</u> not <u>with</u> and we've been doing the same ever since, in our relationships with friends, family and people groups.

The Prayer of the Will To Power is "Lord, may all the universe align to my desires and opinions."

I'd like to propose the Will To Presence.

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

IT'S AN <u>INVITATION</u>: God is inviting us back to hang with Him.

The prayer of the Will To Presence is

Lord grant me the grace to will One thing.

When we are fully present to God, Heaven happens.

3. It (<u>Presence</u>) is the answer to life's biggest dilemma.

If God simply spoke and the Big Bang happened, entropy schmentropy.

Where He is there is energy enough to <u>re-create</u> or <u>re-invigorate</u> all the broken places and people the world has ever known..

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

4. And the answer to life's hardest question - Suffering.

The answer to this question and all others isn't a formula, or a treatise, it's a person.



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