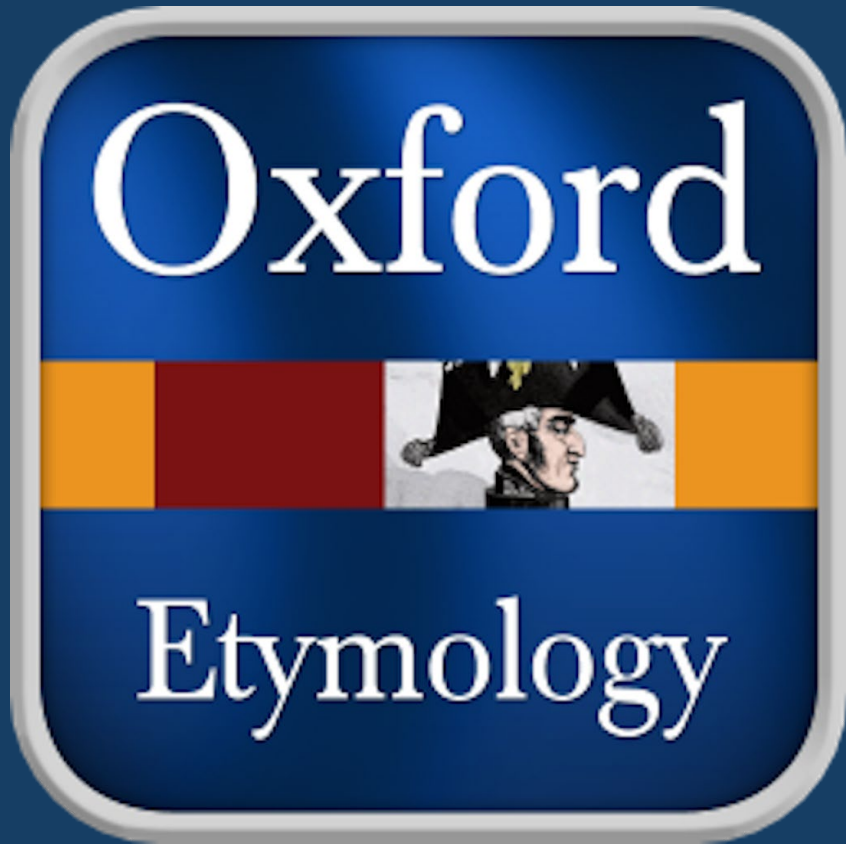


# Living in Obeisance to One Another

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**French: *Obeir (to Obey)***

**Anglo French: *Obesissunce (willingness to obey)***

**English Language in 14<sup>th</sup> Century: *Obeisance = Obedience***

***Use shifted to a description of a bodily act of bowing as a Vassal to a King***

***Sign of deferential deportment or intentional obedience***

# Obeisance in All Beings

## Two Brained Beings Can Demonstrate Obeisance















# Obeisance in Three Brained Beings







***Wushu Baoquan Li – “Kung Fu Courtesy of Covering One’s Fist’  
(The Fist in Obeisance to Unity)***

***Five fingers in right fist = Five Main Lakes  
Four straight fingers of left hand = Four Seas (East West North and South)***

***Union of Everything  
“Across the Five Lakes and Four Seas All Men are Brothers”***

# Obeisance to Our Beloveds











**Obeisance to All Others**

## MASTERING EXTERNAL CONSIDERING

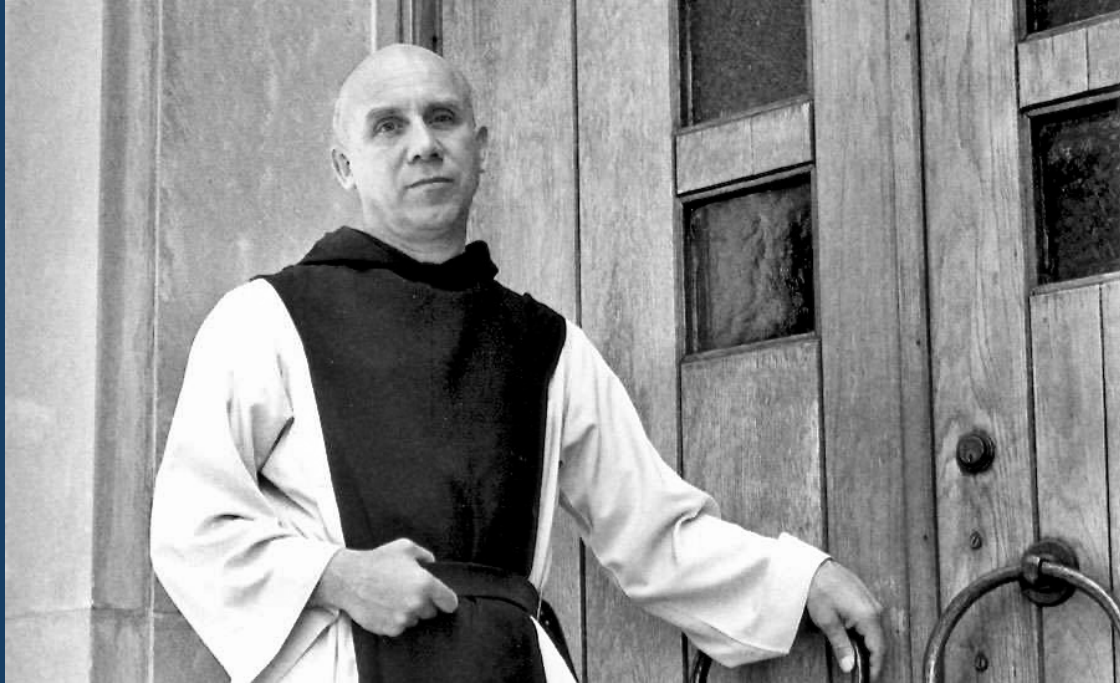


We have, in the Second Line of the Work, to make room for other.

External considering demands listening internally and finding the same thing in yourself.

You cannot influence others if you do not know the other person in yourself.

*Commentaries, "A Note on External Considering, May 3, 1947, Vol 3 p1026*



We can have the mercy of God whenever we want it, by being merciful to others; for it is God's mercy that acts on them, through us, when he leads us to treat them as He is treating us.

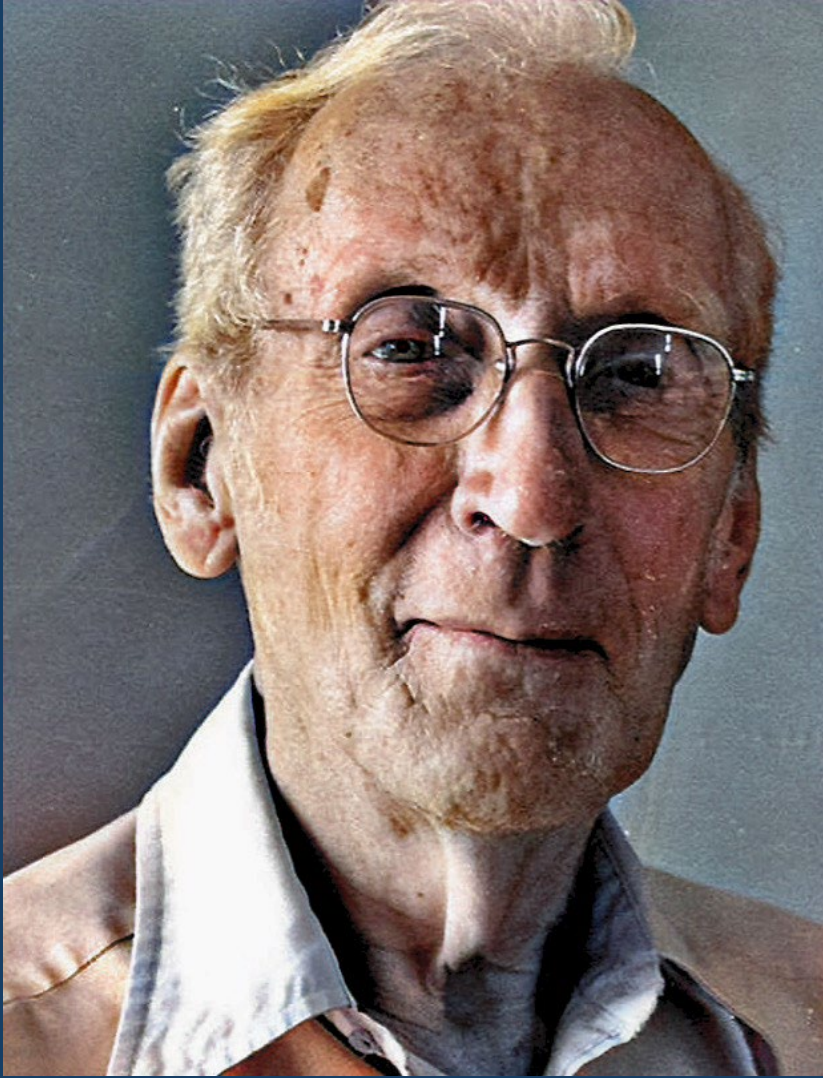
His mercy sanctifies our own poverty by the compassion we feel for their own poverty, as if it were our own.

Such compassion is not learned without suffering. It is not found in a complacent life, in which we platonically forgive the sins of others without any sense that we ourselves are involved in a world of sin.

If we want to know God, we must learn to understand the weaknesses and sins and imperfections of other men as if it were our own. We must experience their poverty as Christ experienced our own.

Thomas Merton *No Man is an Island* p224

**Divine Obeisance for the Conscious Circle of Humanity**



## OBESIANCE AS SERVANT LEADERSHIP

The servant – leader is servant first. It begins with a natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*.

Prophets grow in stature as people respond to their message.

It is *seekers*, then, who make prophets, and the initiative in any one of us searching for and responding to the voice of contemporary prophets may mark the turning point in their growth and service.

Robert Greenleaf *Servant Leadership* p 27, 22.

## FOOT WASHING

- ROUTINE IN ANCIENT PALESTINE
- SANDALS IN FILTHY STREETS
- BAREFOOT INDOORS
- EATING IN RECLINE SO FEET AT LEVEL OF FOOD
- ALWAYS BEFORE EATING OR ON ARRIVAL
- DONE BY LOWEST WOMAN OF THE HOUSE OR SERVANT/SLAVE
- CONSIDERED RUDE FOR HOST TO NOT PROVIDE





# SYMBOLISM OF FOOT WASHING FRANCOIS CLEMMONS AND FRED ROGERS



# John's Gospel : Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet

## The Arcanum of Foot Washing

### (The Journey of Transformation)

#### Jesus Offers Series of New Creation Triads to Prepare the Disciples

- Lord's Supper *before* feast of Passover
- **No Eucharist , No Lord's Prayer**
- **INSTEAD, Sacrament of Washing of the Disciples' Feet**
- Washes *ALL* the disciples' feet, Judas included (**ALL ARE FORGIVEN**)
- Ambiguous departure of Judas
- Washing feet preparation for Triads of the **Farewell Discourse, Post Resurrection appearances and Pentecost with the appearance of *The Advocate* (Holy Spirit).**

## CONCORDANCE OF “THE WAY” IN LORD’S PRAYER AND WASHING OF DISCIPLES’ FEET

Give us this Day our Daily Bread



In the Middle of The Meal

**Jesus’ Obeisance:**

**Moving Center Manifests Affirming Force**

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors



**Demonstrates Forgiveness/ Servant Leadership**

Strips down and Washes All Disciples’ Feet

Those Who **Denied and Betrayed Him**

And Lead us Not into Temptation  
But Deliver us From Evil



**Instruction: DO LIKEWISE**

*“Do you know what I have done for you?”*

*“So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, Have washed **your** feet,  
**you also should wash one another’s feet”***

Instruction in Second Line Work:

**Encourage and Keep each Other on the Path**



Ford Madox Brown  
*Jesus Washing Peter's Feet* 1856

Controversy, scandal at Jesus 'exposure'  
Removed from Museum  
Redone and returned



Ford Madox Brown  
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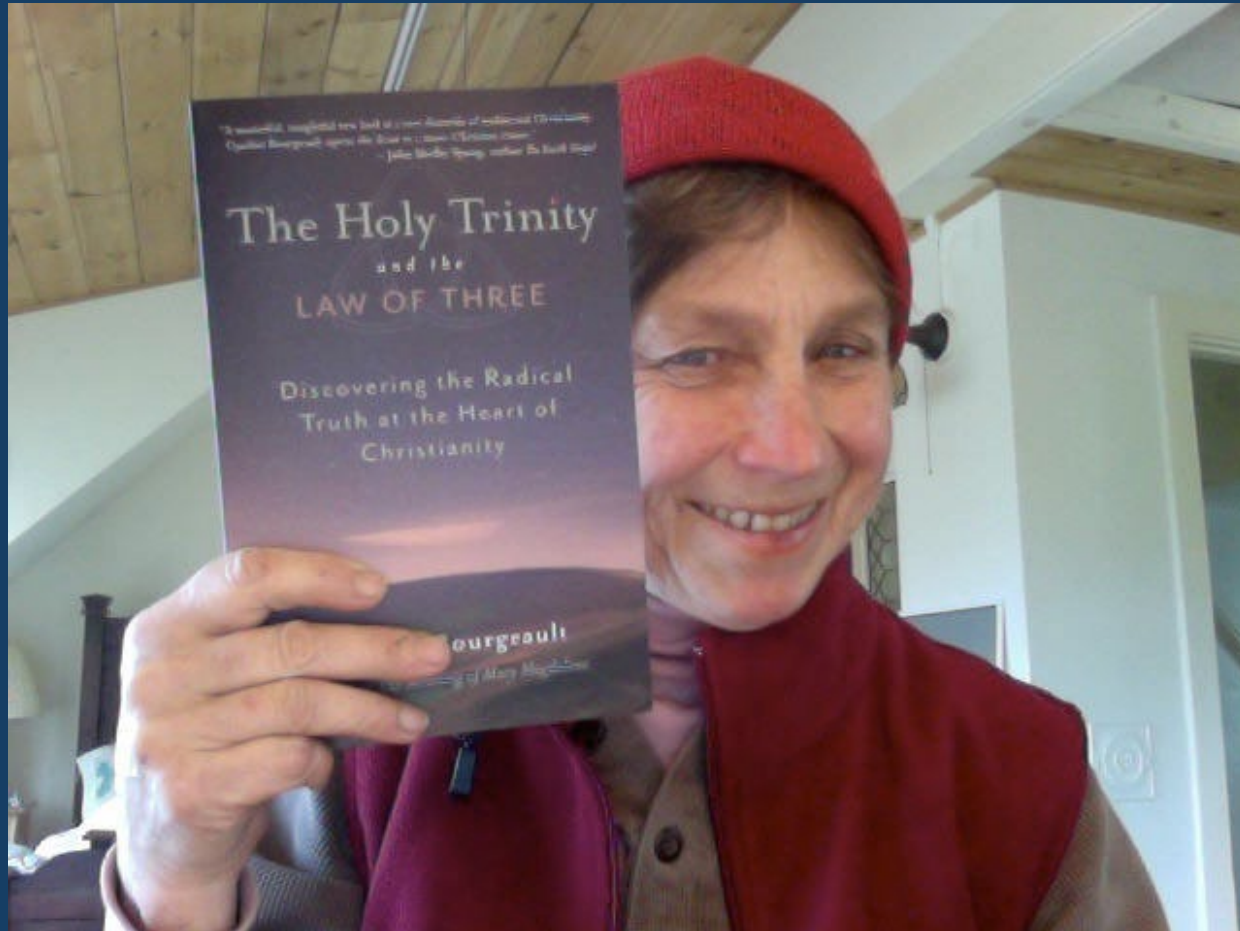
## WASH FEET IN WATER IN A BASIN

“To purify thinking, change the mind, is symbolized by washing with water; this is washing the mind from the senses.

The basin is the receptive vessel to *hold* the water; to concentrate in.

The feet are the lowest in contact with the external world. This must be changed *in this life*”

Maurice Nicoll *The Mark* p 8.

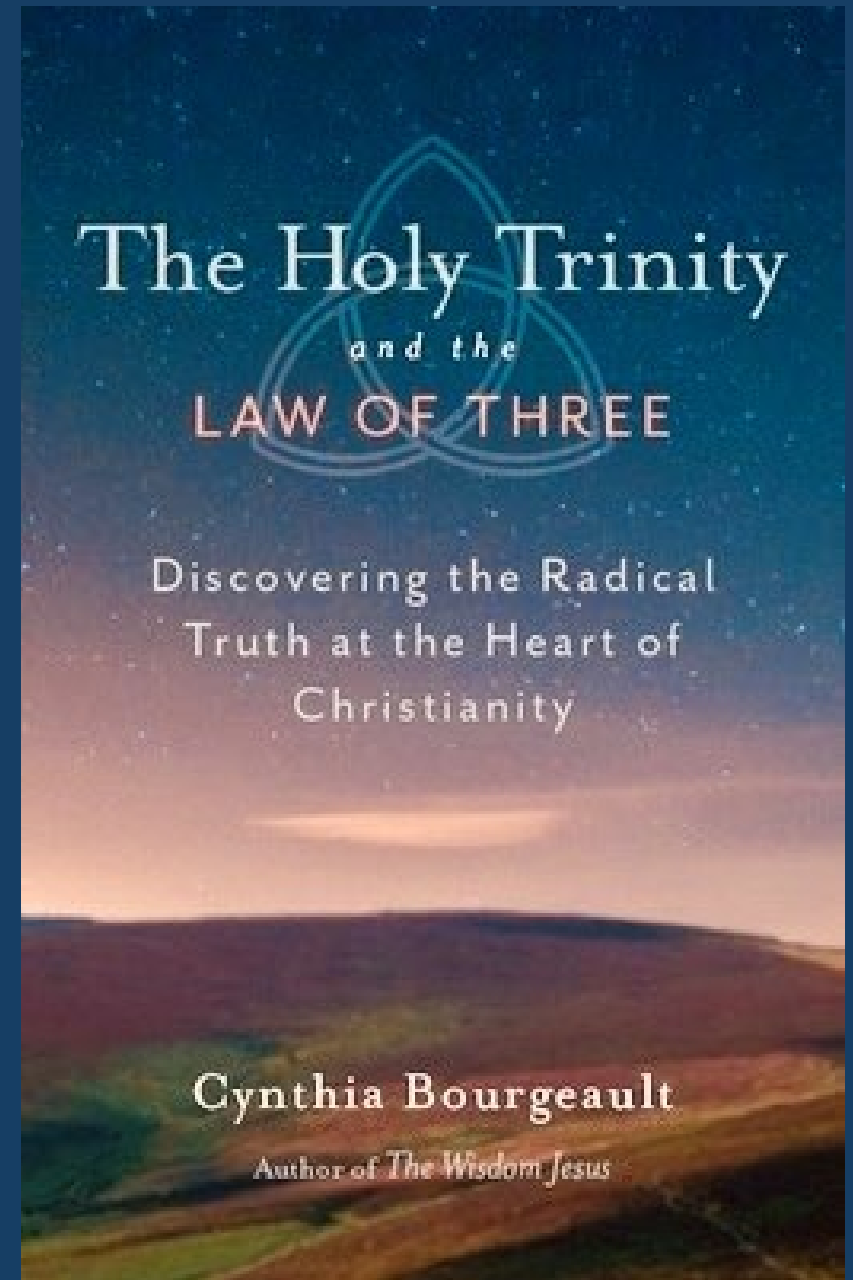


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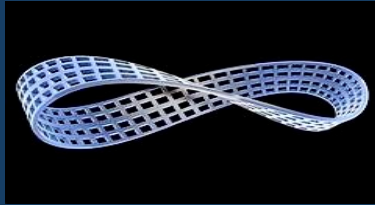
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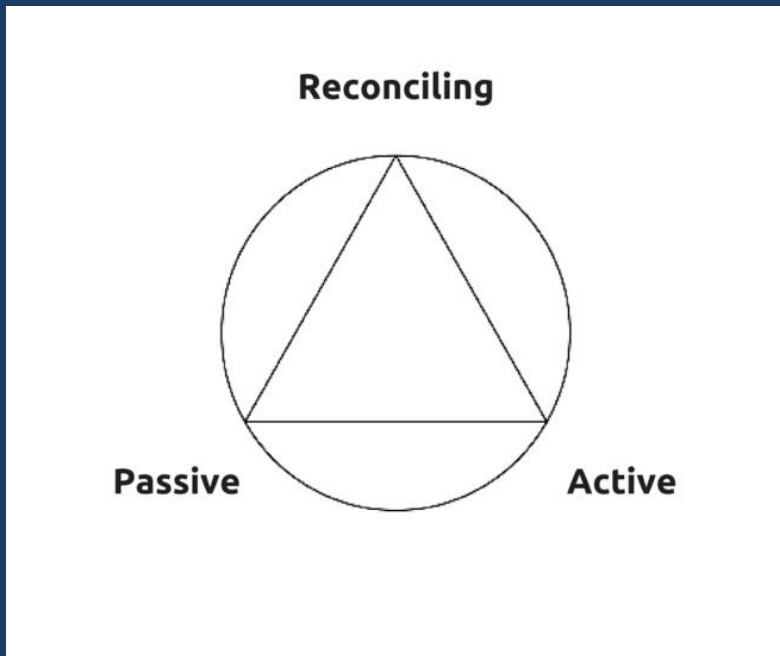
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“The Trinity is the tie-rod, connecting the created and uncreated worlds in a single unified field of exchange”

The Mobius Strip



“The three Forces are *functions*, not identities”  
Cynthia Bourgeault



**1<sup>st</sup> Active Force: Obedient Moving Center Directed by Higher Centers**  
**Act of Perfect Obeisance** *“He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist...he began washing the disciple’s feet.”*

**Passive Force: Resistance in Formatory Intellectual Center**  
*“No,” said Peter, “You shall never wash my feet”*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Inner Active Force: “Unless I wash you, You have no part with me”**  
(You must first prepare yourself. Empty the mechanical).  
**(Higher centers cannot reach unprepared Lower Centers)**

**Reconciling Force: Emotional Part of Intellectual Center**  
(recognizes his longing to love as he is loved)

**Opening to Buried Conscience.**

*“I have set an example for you...  
No servant is greater than his master...  
Now that you know these things,  
you will be blessed if you do them”*

**New Creation: Transformed Peter**  
**FOUNDATION FOR NEXT TRIAD**  
**Now Ready**  
**TO BE TRANSFORMED FURTHER**  
**BY FAREWELL DISCOURSE**





## Prayer for the Disciples

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*I have made your name known to those  
whom you gave me from the world.  
They were yours, and you gave them to me,  
and they kept your word.  
Now they know everything you have given me  
is from you;  
for the words that you gave to me  
I have given to them, and they have received them,  
and they know in truth that I came from you;  
and they believed you sent me.”*

*John 17: 6-9*