“Bidden or unbidden, God is present.” – Erasmus (popularized by Carl Jung)

*Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit*. (*Called or uncalled, God is present.)*

This is actually a statement that Jung discovered among the Latin writings of Desiderius Erasmus, who declared the statement had been an ancient Spartan proverb. Jung popularized it, having it inscribed over the doorway of his house, and upon his tomb.

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“. . . global climate change . . . challenges our ecological understanding as never before, because it defies traditional tools of conventional science. It poses a greater threat to the integrity of creation than any other human –caused environmental problem. . . . [it] cannot be managed through conventional government regulation: It will require every person, every business and every institution to choose an alternative path . . .”

“Ultimately global climate change is a theological challenge too because it requires us to reexamine our relationship with the Creator.”

Paraphase:

Sister Water comes through faucets.
Brother Fire comes to us when we turn on the furnace or car
The fruits of the soil of Sister Mother Earth comes to us through the supermarket
“Yet Brother Wind comes to us unbidden! “
We have the least direct control over the air, weather or climate . . .

“The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:8

Wind: the Greek word pneuma (as well as the Hebrew ruah) means both "wind" and "spirit." In the play on the double meaning, "wind" is primary.

“Trees and stones will teach you that which you can never learn from masters.”
–St Bernard of Clairvaux

“When one tugs at a single thing in nature, one finds it attached to the rest of the world.” –John Muir

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MERTON PRAYER

Let this be my only consolation, that wherever I am You, my Lord, are loved and praised. The trees indeed love You without knowing You. The tiger lilies and corn Flowers are there, proclaiming that they love You, without being aware of Your presence. The beautiful dark clouds ride slowly across the sky musing on You like children who do not know what they are dreaming of, as they play.

But in the midst of them all, I know You, and I know of Your presence. In them and in me I know of the love which they do not know, and, what is greater, I am abashed by the presence of Your love in me. O kind and terrible love, which You have given me, and which could never be in my heart if You did not love me! For in the midst of these beings which have never offended You, I am loved by You, and it would seem most of all as one who has offended You. I am seen by You under the sky, and my offenses have been forgotten by You—but I have not forgotten them.

Thomas Merton *Thoughts in Solitude*