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The Door of the Heart

Meeting of 3 Spiritual Masters

- **Raimon Panikkar** (1918 – 2010), Cosmotheandric World-Thinker and Cosmo-Philharmonic Maestro
- **Michael A. Windey** (1921 - 2009), Jesuit priest, friend of Mahatma Gandhi and Bede Griffiths, an authentic Jivanmukta.
- **Willigis Jäger** (1925 -), Benedictine monk and ZEN-Master

Roland R. Ropers inspired Raimon Panikkar, Michael Windey and Willigis Jäger to write down a brief statement on Meister Eckhart's wonderful text passage „**The DOOR of the HEART** “:

„You need not seek GOD here or there: HE is no farther off than the door of the heart. There HE stands and waits and waits until HE finds you ready to open and let HIM in. You need not to call HIM from a distance; to wait until you open for HIM is harder for HIM than for you. HE needs you a thousand times more than you can need HIM. Your opening and HIS entering are but one moment.”

Panikkar: These are wonderful words, but it is not my language. I feel that Meister Eckhart would agree with me that GOD has no will. Irrespective of that Meister Eckhart's words are still too anthropocentric.

Windey: GOD is within you. HE has his home in you. There HE abides, ever active, ever attentive, ever moving with you and challenging you, supporting you: bringing his light into the remotest, darkest hidden corner of your heart. Oh, wisdom and joy, within our reach, that should be the source of all hope and spreading love.

Jäger: GOD wants to be human within me. Therefore I became human. We need to live GOD rather than to revere Him. At this very moment, at this place, in my present Gestalt HE wants to walk across this earth.

N.B. On 21st October 2004 **Raimon Panikkar** had been awarded “**honorary doctor**” of the **University of Tübingen**. On that day Raimon Panikkar and Michael Windey celebrated their **50th anniversary** of their first encounter in India in October 1954. Also on that Thursday our common friend **Wayne Robert Teasdale** (1945 – 2004) died in Chicago from palate cancer. Wayne wrote his doctoral thesis on “**Bede Griffiths**” at **Fordham University** in New York. His entire life was a great struggle to be accepted as a living mystic. With all respect for what he did, I do remember our many serious conversations during which I once said to him: “**You**

are always a couple of seconds before or behind enlightenment!"

I had witnessed a dialogue between **Wayne** and **Dom Bede Griffiths** on **11th September 1992** in the ***Vivekananda Monastery*** in **Ganges/USA** (4 hours north of Chicago) during which Dom Bede got extremely furious about Wayne's unrealistic visions and speculations. We all have supported financially Wayne's ***sannyasa life*** in America. R.I.P.

- Michael Windey died at the age of 88 in September 2009
- Raimon Panikkar died at the age of 91 in August 2010
- Willigis Jäger celebrated his 93rd birthday on 7th March 2018
- Hans Küng celebrated his 90th birthday on 19th March 2018

Kardiosophie (Cardiosophy – Wisdom of the Heart)

Above word is my etymosophical creation and is the title of my new book (in preparation)