**Transformation**

*(this definition contains quotes from Father Richard Rohr. For the complete page see* [*http://wmpaulyoung.com/transformation-more-than-a-change-of-mind*](http://wmpaulyoung.com/transformation-more-than-a-change-of-mind)*)*

**The word “change” normally refers to new beginnings. But transformation, the mystery we’re examining, more often happens not when something new begins, but when something old falls apart. Otherwise, most of us would not change at all.**

**What is hard for us to grasp is that when God comes to us, it usually, at least at first, does not “feel” like God. In fact, we often experience God’s presence negatively, because we don’t want the old to fall apart. We don’t like it when something we’ve always understood or counted on suddenly doesn’t work anymore.**

**But the idea of transformation is that hidden in what looks like a negative, God is at work bringing about something positive for us. As we learn to practice patience, and learn to let go of our certitude and control, (in other words, as we learn to trust in God) this unsettling change is actually filled with God’s presence.**

**We like the comfort of what we are used to. We work at living with the illusion that we’re in control of our lives.**

**But life has a way of upsetting our ordered world.**

**Transformation simply means this. We can learn to see this reality of life in a new way…..that this upset very well could be God, knocking on the door of our lives with something new that we could never have expected.**