

From This Uterine Perspective

the moon that can be seen but not possessed
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From this uterine perspective, in that he conceives in the womb, fashions judges and destines in the womb, brings receives and carries from the womb — then an organ unique to the female becomes a vehicle pointing to his compassion, male and female the vehicle whose tenor is the image of god. Thus we compare likenesses by describing the vehicle but we do not describe the tenor — the mystery of otherness bedevils comparison of unlikenesses. God is neither male nor female nor a combination of the two, yet detecting divine transcendence in human reality takes human clues, unique among them — according to our poem of genesis — sexuality. God creates in the image of god male and female. To describe male and female is to perceive the image of god. To perceive the image of god is to glimpse the transcendence of god.