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Many of us receive multiple appeal letters in the mail, but the one I received last week from Richard Rohr and the Center for Action and Contemplation was very unusual. Yes, the letter was asking for a contribution to help the Center continue its good work, but the real appeal (pun intended) of the letter was its inspiration for this Lenten season, of how we are called to reflect both the human and the divine. Do yourself a favor and check out [www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org).

David+

“We are a dynamic universe mirroring a very dynamic God”

...[writer and theologian] Cynthia Bourgeault says, “Don’t be afraid of darkness, of the things that look like they’re going in the wrong direction. The soul has to go through this overwhelm. So often I realize the difficulty was exactly the thing that needed to happen in order for there to be clarity.”

Trust that even when it seems our work is moving backward - away from justice and peace - this friction can help us discover a new way forward.

If the foundation is not solid and sure, everything we try to build on top of it is weak and ineffective. Perhaps it’s a blessing in disguise that so much is tumbling down around us. Otherwise, many of us would have tried to continue with “business as usual,” and try to build on very poor foundational theology. So it is time to rebuild from the bottom up.

Thank you for being part of this journey, for not losing heart of giving up, but joining us in choosing hope. Thank you for doing the hard task of facing the shadows, both within and without, and bringing them to Love’s light. Thank you for being dust whose DNA holds Divine Presence - you can’t help it, it’s who you are!

— Richard

Rohr,O.F.M.=