

**Growing into God's Insatiable Love of Us for us to Share
with Each Other and All Creation**
St. Luke's Reading Group

Reading in:

An Explorer's Guide to Julian of Norwich,
by
Veronica Mary Rolf.

WHEN: Every Sunday after Coffee, roughly from 11:45 to 12:45

WHERE: In Willard Hall below St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Let's take our time with Julian with the help of our exploration guide, Veronica Mary Rolf, and the help of each other. Our ego is sometimes so eager to master and place in our personal control, our power, whatever we are pursuing. We might be tempted to hurry to "master" Julian and to display a Julian diploma of our personal bulletin boards. It took Julian decades to be able to write to our forebears about the revelations she is sharing with us.

Therefore when the insights are shared with us, it might be advisable to take days to digest and find our spirits loved into change and growth as we relax our egos and carry out the "noughting" about which Julian writes.

That does not mean we should not if so inclined read ahead because we want more inspirational insights. But even though we have read ahead, together let us back up to where we are together.

Where did we get to on our first Sunday?

1. We digested the short preface, pp. IX-XVI.
 2. We learned even if we did already know it of Julian's rising popular appeal in the 20th and 21st centuries, 600 years after her writing, and the dangers of not living into the "shewings" she provides...
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- A. We had advance warning of three aspects of God Julian has found: 1. There is no wrath in God. 2. There is a godly will at the core of everyone's being, 3. Julian's theology of the motherhood of God.
 - B. The Guide, Veronica Mary Rolf, writing this exploration cautions us: "You may find Julian by turns appealing, shocking, Challenging, and profoundly life-changing. You will never find Julian dull." (p.xi)
 - C. And Rolf warns us that we might give up because we "might get stuck on a complex sentence or a theological concept and be tempted to give up. And that would be a great loss." Rolf works to help us through getting stuck. One helpful tool is the glossary of Julian's terms, pp. 61-64.
 - D. After the preface we read together much of the chapter, **Why Julian Now?** We finished our reading together on p. 16, just before "Julian the Seeker.

Our next assignment!

If you were present last week, and even if you were not, write a little summary of what you learned re the significance of Julian for our time, our era.
And what you have learned of Julian herself.

THEN, read on ahead of where we will read next time. Note important pointers, something I was going to do in this document, but nursing care has interrupted what I hope to do in advance. We will catch up together.

See you tomorrow at church and coffee and reading Julian together. A blessed day and night to you.

Bruce