

## **An Untraditional Advent Meditation**

**The Incarnation of God began billions of years ago when the earliest forms of matter were ignited and began the vast cosmic expansion that is home to us all today.**

**Billions of years passed as God patiently worked, preparing creation to bring forth the divinely human Jesus. When that work was complete, in the sacred Fullness of Time, there was an eternally important but little noticed event in which, as Elizabeth Johnson noted,**

***"Real blood was shed at this delivery, by a poor woman of peasant society far from home, laboring in childbirth for the first time. And it was holy."***

**The centuries since Jesus began to open our eyes to our deeper humanly divine reality have witnessed God quietly continuing to develop the Incarnation slowly among us, building communities of trust and hope that may one day evolve with our help into a world of peace with justice and love for all. On that day, conscious of the divine life we each embody, we will embrace God within and among us all.**

**Pierre Teilhard de Chardin reminds us:**

**"Above all trust in the slow work of God.  
We are quite naturally, impatient in everything  
to reach the end without delay.  
We would like to skip the intermediate stages.  
We are impatient on the way to something unknown,  
something new;  
And yet it is made by passing through stages of instability  
And that may take a very long time. . . ."**

**"Only God can say what this new spirit  
forming within you will be.  
Give the Lord the benefit of believing  
that His hand is leading you,  
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself  
In suspense and incomplete."**