



Trust in the Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are, quite naturally, impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip to the intermediate stages.
We are impatient to being on the way to something unknown,
something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that is made by passing through
some stages of instability
and that it may take a very long time.
And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually - let them grow,
let them shape themselves without due haste.
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time
will make you tomorrow.
Only God can say what this new spirit gradually forming in you will be.
Give our Lord the benefit of believing that His hand is leading you
and accept the anxiety of leaving yourself in suspense and incomplete.

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