

No Beggar Turned Away

English spiritual writer Evelyn Underhill considered that the greatest of the "Christian mystics" is Jan Ruysbroeck (~1293-1381 AD). He was Flemish and lived all his life near Brussels.

Ruysbroeck influenced Thomas a Kempis, author of *The Imitation of Christ* (early 15th century). He also influenced Johannes Tauler (~1300-1361) whose published sermons, a century and a half later, deeply influenced a young German priest named Martin Luther.

I struggle to grasp much of Ruysbroeck's depth, but I share a few nuggets with you:

- * Ruysbroeck talks about being "noughted". Nought means zero, nothing: We are not the focus. God is the Center.
- * "Love can never be lazy." God first reaches out to us, but our part is to actively receive God. Note the mystery here.
- * We taste, but can't understand/grasp. We must act, but also rest, sink down into Love (God).
- * "The Divine Lover turns no beggar away." God receives all who longingly come to Him.



Coffee/tea thought: Allow the Divine Lover who turns no beggar away to enfold you, draw you to His heart today.

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Further reading: One of Ruysbroeck's famous writings is *Adornment of Spiritual Marriage* (14th century).

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英國屬靈作家伊芙琳·安德希爾認為最偉大的“基督教神秘體驗論者”是魯伊斯布羅艾克（主後 1293-1381）。他是法蘭德人，一生都住在布魯塞爾附近。魯伊斯布羅艾克影響了多瑪斯·金碧士，“效法基督”（15世紀初）的作者。他還影響了約翰內斯·陶勒（約 1300-1361），陶勒出版的講道，一個半世紀後，深深地影響了一位名叫馬丁路德的年輕德國牧師。

我很難掌握魯伊斯布羅艾克的深度，謹和你分享幾個片段：

- * 魯伊斯布羅艾克談到“無己”。意思是，零，無有：我們不是焦點。上帝才是中心。
- * “愛是不怠惰。”是上帝先聯繫我們，我們就該積極接受上帝。奇妙就在這裡。

- * 我們品嚐，卻不能理解/明白。我們必須採取行動，也要安息，進入（上帝的）大愛。
- * “上帝的大愛，有求必應，來者不拒。” 上帝接納所有渴望來到祂面前的人。



隨想：讓上帝的大愛圍繞著你，吸引你進入祂的心。

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進一步閱讀：魯伊斯布羅艾克著名的著作之一是屬靈的婚戀（14世紀）。