

THE ULTIMATE ICON

showing the icon

I then invite

everyone at the stillness

to

look at it please

forgetting what you have

been told about it

don't think what it is called

who painted it

when

these are all assumptions

look at it as a blank

then tell us what it

made you think **honestly**

**WHAT DID IT TELL ME IN THOSE 3 MINUTES
OF SILENCE ?**

that all is well

in spite of living in

a nuclear age

in spite of living in

an age of the internet

everything will be alright

there is hope

why? it is

only an image

a resemblance

an image

icon means that in Greek

yes but an image of what?

Christ? but not necessarily

no artist ever saw Him

Pantocrator? nothing to identify it as that

Salvator Mundi same thing

they are all assumptions

forget these

it still soothes me
as I wander lost and
lonely in a formless
mass energy of universes
and galaxies
and earths solidified

why?

it shows me a
picture of a face
one that stares out at me
declaring

“I am looking at you”

as we look at it

I once wandered the
Pindus Mountains of Central
Greece alone and lost
and spent the night in
a stone chapel
I found on a hillside
in it was a crude
painting of what we think of
as Christ an icon

I felt comforted
and slept secure

so

“The Ultimate Icon”

chosen for the stillness

turns out to be

“The Salvator Mundi”

recently discovered and

declared to be painted

by Leonardo da Vinci

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