



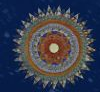
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The background of the image is a composite. The top half features a religious illustration of a saint, likely John the Baptist, with a long white beard and hair, wearing a blue robe. He is standing with his hands raised in a gesture of blessing or prayer. Behind him is a large, golden, textured halo. The background of the entire image is a deep blue space with a starry field and a prominent, colorful nebula or galaxy structure in the upper right. The bottom half of the image is a solid dark blue band.

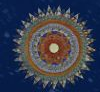
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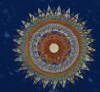
For A New Beginning
By
John O'Donohue



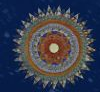
**In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
where your thoughts never think to wander,
this beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.**



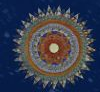
**For a long time it has watched your desire,
feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
noticing how you willed yourself on,
still unable to leave what you had outgrown.**



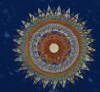
**It watched you play with the seduction of
safety and the gray promises that sameness
whispered,
heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
wondered would you always live like this.**



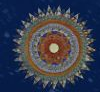
**Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
and out you stepped onto new ground,
your eyes young again with energy and dream,
a path of plenitude opening before you.**

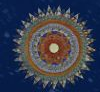


**Though your destination is not yet clear
you can trust the promise of this opening;
unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
that is at one with your life's desire.**

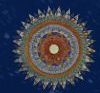


**Awaken your spirit to adventure;
hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
for your soul senses the world that awaits you.**

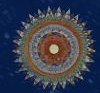




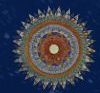
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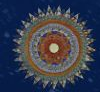
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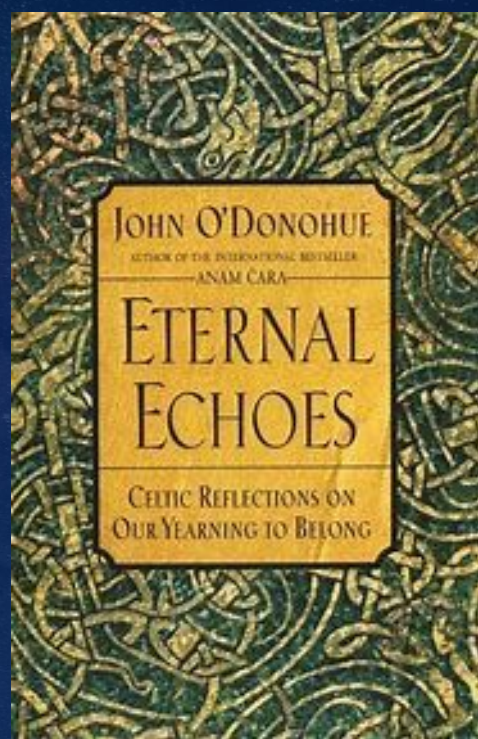
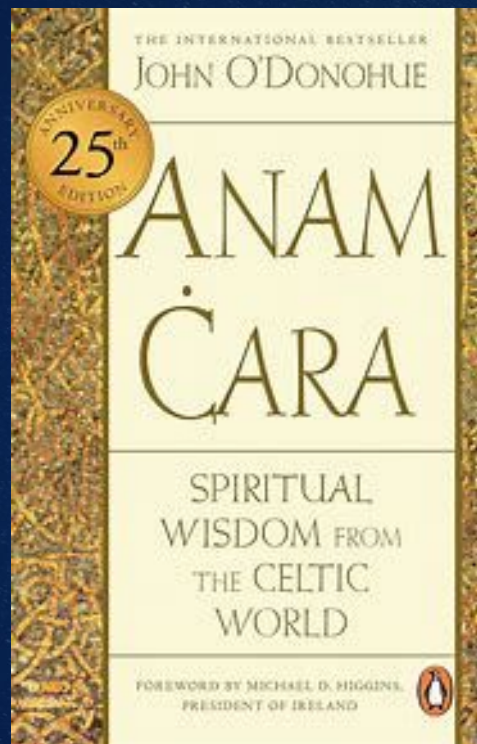


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**Panentheism - the belief that the
Divine is *in* all things without being
contained *by* them***

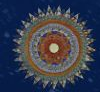
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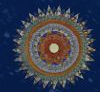
**It may be worth noticing where we have felt
the edges of a faith or framework that no
longer quite fits...**

**not to analyze, but simply to listen for what
might be awakening within us.**



**“When you cease to fear your solitude,
a new creativity awakens in you. Your
forgotten or neglected wealth begins to
reveal itself. You come home to yourself
and learn to rest within”**

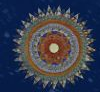
-Anam Cara



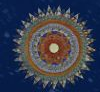
“May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul. May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.”

- To Bless This Space Between

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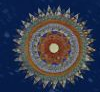
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you.**



**May you trust the quiet beginnings
already stirring within you.**

**May you be given moments of steadiness
when the world feels uncertain.**

**And may you find yourself gently held
by the deeper rhythm of life.**



The background of the slide is a composite image. On the left, there is a religious illustration of a saint, likely John the Baptist, with a pale face and long dark hair, wearing a blue robe. He has his hands raised in a gesture of blessing or prayer. Behind him is a large, golden, textured halo. The entire scene is set against a dark blue, starry background that resembles a night sky or a galaxy. The text 'SAINTS & MYSTICS' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, white, stylized font. Below this, a dark blue horizontal band contains the text 'John O'Donohue 1956-2008' in a white, sans-serif font.

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