

## The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality #9

### A Time for Prayer and Solace

Wednesday, December 8, 202

#### Part II – Illumination, Chapter 4 Mount Sinai

“The Cloud of Unknowing, fourteenth -century England, spoke of ascending the cloud -wreathed mountain as a matter of learning how to know God without adjectives. Don’t think about what God is, he declared, that God is. Don’t try to reach into God’s inner mystery by subtle reasoning. Similarly, don’t think about what you are, whether focusing on your competence or incompetence, your weakness or strength. Only be content that you are. When you put those two things side by side—the naked fact that “God is” and that ‘you are’—letting the two exist together in quiet contemplation, you have entered the deepest, simplest mystery of prayer.” (p. 108).

#### Mythic Landscape- Encounter at Ghost Ranch

“It strikes me as odd that sometimes the most ‘irreverent people are the ones most in touch with the holy.” (p.116).

Deut 8:15

Isaiah 34:14

Isa 32:16

Isa 35:1-2