

Module Two

First

Principle and
Examen

READ

⇒ Pages 63-77 of 'The Ignatian Adventure' by Kevin O'Brien SJ

Gitanjali

That I want Thee only Thee

Rabindranath Tagore

That I want thee, only thee – let my heart repeat without end. All desires that distract me, day and night, are false and empty to the core.

As the night keeps hidden in its gloom the petition for light, even thus in the depth of my unconsciousness rings the cry – I want thee, only thee.

As the storm still seeks its end in peace when it strikes against peace with all its might, even thus my rebellion strikes against thy love and still its cry is – I want thee, only thee.

MAXIMS

Maxim 1: In giving a gift, the giver is saying something revelational about the giver. The giver is also saying something about the receiver and is saying something about the relationship between the two

Maxim 2: Responding is relational, reacting is instinctual. God's love invites a more personal and relational acceptance. Reacting is less reflective and less relational, because it is self-centered.

