

# John McKenzie on the person who brings meaning

“We recognize that the person whom we have encountered speaks to our innermost being, supplies our needs and satisfies our desires. We recognize that **this person gives life meaning**. I do not say a new meaning simply, for we realize that before we encountered this person life had no real meaning. We recognize that this person has revealed to us not only himself, but our own true self as well. We recognize that we cannot be our own true self except by union with this person. In him, **the obscure is illuminated**, the uncertain yields to the certain, **insecurity is replaced by a deep sense of security**. In him we find we have achieved an **understanding of many things** which baffled us. We recognize in his person **strength and power** which we can sense passing from him to us. Most certainly, if most obscurely, we recognize in this person **we have encountered God**, and that we shall not encounter God in any other way.”

—John McKenzie