



Questions:

1. Are there situations in which you realize that you know very little? If so, what are they? How do they affect how you think and act?
2. What stood out for you from Exodus 36: 2-7? In your experience what happens when people bring their own gifts to share freely and abundantly?
3. What gifts from your own religious tradition do you feel are worth carrying forwards and sharing with others? What gifts do you suspect might be available to you from people of other traditions even those that may seem quite different from your own?
4. Why do you think Convergence is happening at this particular time? What factors and forces might be in play?
5. How important is Convergence? What is at stake? Are our best times ahead, or our worst? What can we do about it either way?

EPISODE TITLE: "Gifts of the Indigo Tent"

The Great Convergence, Episode 1

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Exodus 36: 2-7

2 Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work;³ and they received from Moses all the freewill-offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill-offerings every morning,⁴ so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed,⁵ and said to Moses, 'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.'⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: 'No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.'⁷ So the people were restrained from bringing; ⁷for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

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