

Though the human body is born complete in one moment, the human heart is never completely born. It is being birthed in every experience of your life. Everything that happens to you has the potential to deepen you. It brings to birth within you new territories of the heart.

(O'Donohue, 1997, p. 26)

The Magi came to Bethlehem armed with knowledge. They possessed great understanding of astrology and prophecy and this led them to the manger and the Christ child. Their gifts were symbolic and underscored their conviction that they were in the presence of a great king. It was their hearts, however, which were challenged by this experience. The biblical story tells us that they worshipped and then went home a different way to avoid Herod's murderous plans. They were changed by the journey and their encounter with Jesus.

The Advent Gift of Wisdom

*Pause for
Reflection*

*What events in your
life have nourished
your heart with the
gift of wisdom?*



We need to open the treasures of wisdom in traditions other than our own. Not only do they have much to teach us, but they also hold the key to unlocking depths within our own religious inheritance that we know nothing of as yet.

(Newell, 2014, p.122)