

# Spiritual Geography

## 1. Spiritual geography

- a. Desert
- b. Mountain
- c. Cloud

## 2. Mountain

- a. Instruction, insight, and illumination
- b. New perspective
- c. God's viewpoint

## 3. Desert

- a. Emptiness and dryness
- b. God seems absent
- c. God seems to ignore us

- d. Horizontal edges
- e. Threatening our egos

#### **4. Mountain**

- a. Vertical edges
- b. Awe
- c. God is revealing

#### **5. Liminal places**

- a. Thresholds
- b. Point of transition

#### **6. Mountain**

- a. Flight of the spirit
- b. Universal patterns are seen

#### **7. Desert**

- a. Descent of the soul

- b. Sacredness of the ordinary is seen
  - c. Our incessant need for validation is ignored
  - d. There is no place to hide, so we are found
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- 8. To be committed to the concrete is just as important as to be touched by the transcendent**
  - 9. God is in charge of the entire process**
  - 10. The harder, more hazardous route demands an exercise in radical faith**
  - 11. God uses desert and mountain terrain to lead us into a deeper understanding of who we are**
  - 12. God frequently moves to the edges in order to restore the center**
  - 13. God uses varied terrain to make ready a people wholly given over to trusting in and following after Jesus Christ**
  - 14. "The problem today is that there are no deserts, only dude ranches." --Thomas Merton**