True Joy

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Icon of the Mother of God, 'Joy of All Who Sorrow'

True joy comes from seeing God in all things, knowing God in all things. To know of God in the wisdom of the mind, this brings shimmers of peace and a foretaste of joy. Yet such joy is bounded, able to be swayed; for he who knows God's presence but in part, still is able to imagine His absence. One who sees God only in this place or in that, sees Him missing from those places in between. His joy is fleeting, for as in a moment it arises in the perception of God's presence, so it retreats in the illusion of His absence. ($\pi\epsilon\rho\iota\sigma\sigma\acute{}ot\epsilon\rho\alpha...$)