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IN THE WORLD”**



**“DEEPER INTO THE THICKET OF THE DIVINE WORD: SAVORING,  
LIVING, PREACHING, AND SUFFERING DIVINE THINGS”**

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This talk will build on St. Thomas Aquinas' account of the gift of the Holy Spirit of Wisdom as articulated by the Dominican Rhineland mystics (Tauler, Suso, and Eckhart), especially in terms of their favored theme of the Birth of the Word in the Soul. Finally, we will see how St. John of the Cross builds on this Dominican heritage, especially Tauler, in his account of dark and arid contemplative prayer. All this is ordered to a transformed life in Christ and speaking an anointed living word to our world today as we contemplate and hand on what is contemplated, the encounter with God Himself.