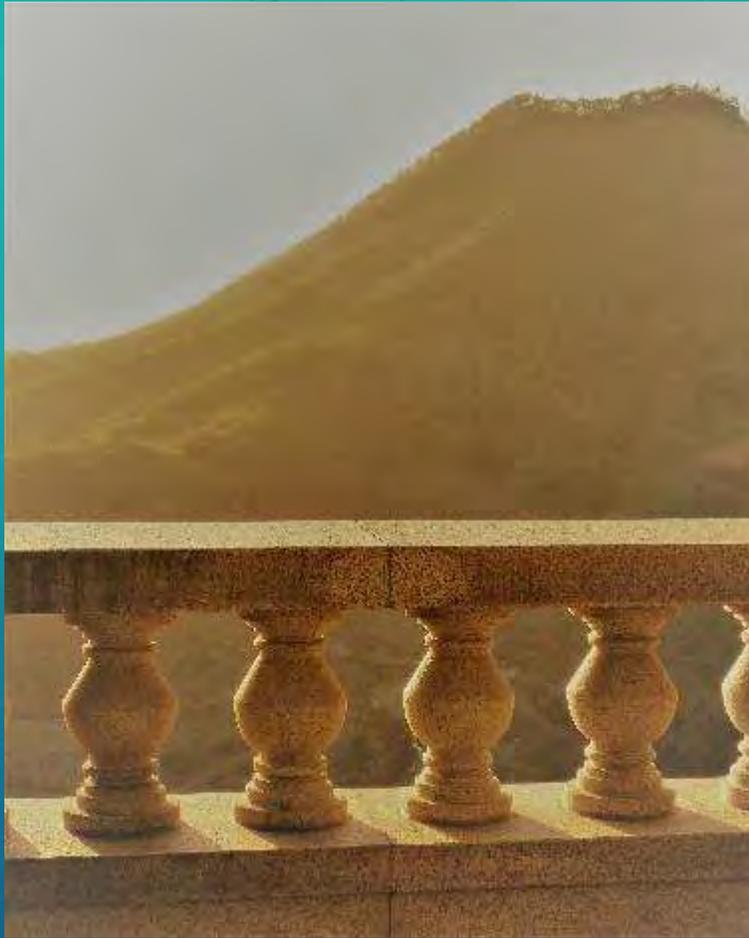


# PRESENCES

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL WERNER (1927-2008)



Walking in Chung Pyung as winter fades away and spring slowly comes, I felt the presence of God and of... Paul Werner, who wrote eloquently. Here are his words put on eight simple pictures, like the eight decades that the Creator gave to him. - Laurent Ladouce in the Hyo-jeong complex



*Sometimes you may feel the aura of God all around you. (...) Inspired! Full of life and enough energy to hug the world! Those are the times many ideas and insights might come to you, and generate a feeling that makes you so glad to be alive and a part of His great plan, you want to shout it out to the world.*



*At other times you probably want to talk quietly to another person, staring into his eyes and pouring forth your heart by sharing precious moments of your oneness with God.*



*Even though you feel His presence all around you, you still are amazed at some of the things you say. You wonder if it is you. Or is it your subconscious? Yes and no.*



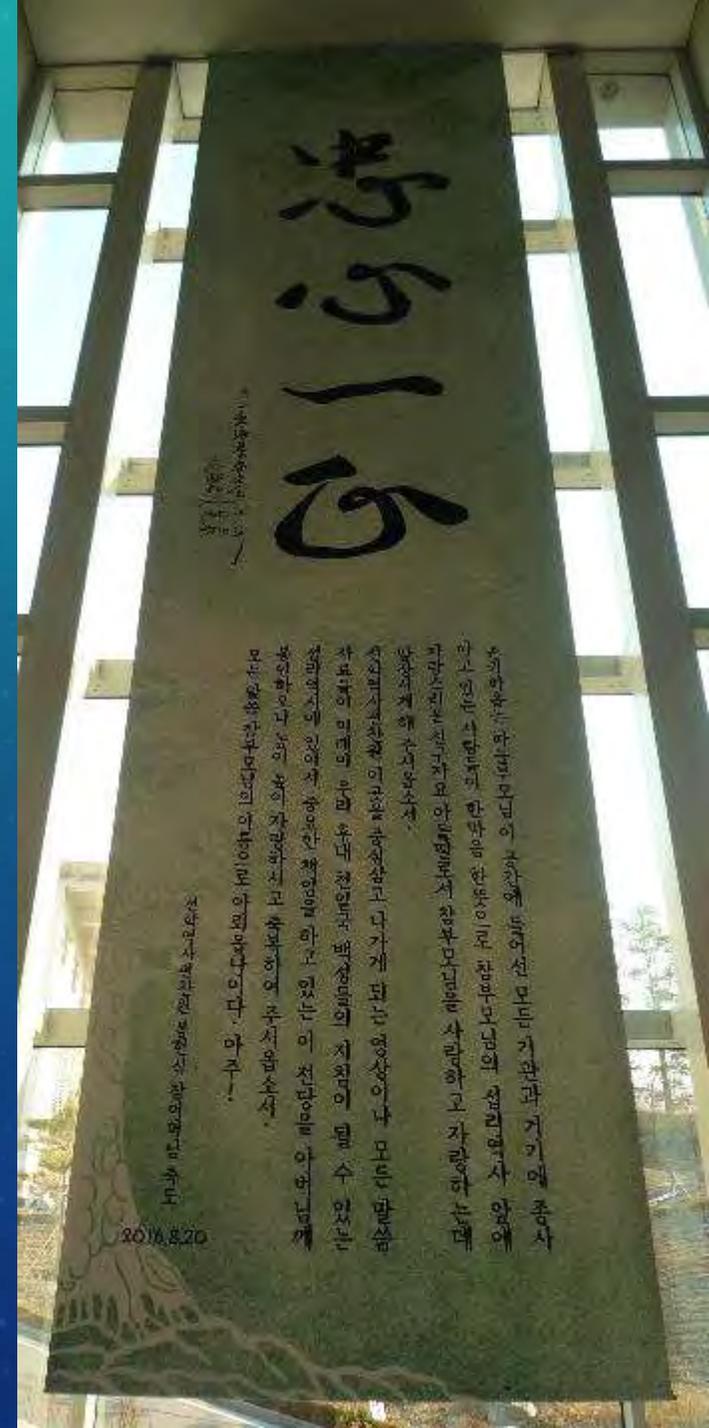
*Actually, it is God.*

*He is the one who "loosens" your tongue,  
and helps spill the emotions from your heart.  
During those enchanting moments, you feel  
the cloak of God's love surround you. You  
know for sure that He is present. And isn't  
that all that really matters?*





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