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| **Thinking about Montessori in God's terms**Transcendent = above and beyond normal/physical human experience Exploring transcendence – language  Consider that language was created for us by the God of the universe. Just for us. To commune with us.We are so used to words, the torrent of words non-stop – tv, cable radio, and each other that they have become so mundane that we forget the power of words to transcend daily life.Finding gold in the Niagara of daily words is a challenge. Consider that all of creation starts with just “Let there be light.”Poetry and proverbs use few words but touch huge emotions, huge truths. There is a transcendence in words and language that reaches to the eternal – to God. Even our simple prayers - the one and two word prayers of “God,” “Help,” and “Forgive me” unleash power beyond our understanding. That is transcendence.And yet we are also god-like that even our words (blessings or cursings) have power beyond our knowledge or understanding. Consider, again, how the first utterings of “I love you” changed your whole world.Proverbs also reminds us of the beauty and power of our words. “A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” Proverbs 25:11There is transcendence when the words we use are blessed with God’s power and Spirit. There are simple phrases in the Gospels (you know them well) that create action, emotion, faith and life changes – far beyond just the words.“Follow me.” John 1:43, Luke 5:59Fishermen leave their nets, tax collectors their jobs.“Be Clean!” Matt. 8:3; Mark 1:41Said to the leper - whose life is now transformed.“Be opened!” Mark 7:34Said to the deaf mute who can now hear and talk.“Don’t cry.” Luke 7:13Said to the widow who had lost her son. “Come.” Matt. 14:28The famous words said to Peter before he walked on water“Quiet!” “Be still!” Mark 4:39Said the Master of the universe to the winds and waves.“Lazarus, come out!” John 11:43Words that commanded life from death.“Mary.” John 20:16A single word that spoke of relationship, that spoke joy and vanquished despair – all in one word!“Feed my lambs.” John 21:15The calling of a lifetime. There is power in words. Power even beyond just the words when those words are ordained by God. Ecclesiastes 5:2 “Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth so let your words be few.”How ironically pertinent for a Montessori teacher.Let your word be few!Transcendent.  |

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