

## MEDITATION ON THE BEATITUDES

Happy are the poor in spirit  
The Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

-White face symbolizes death to self and taking on the Spirit of Christ.

Happy are those who mourn  
for God will comfort them.

-The teardrop symbolizes the suffering we all go through and the acceptance of that suffering as we answer God's call.

Happy are the meek  
they shall inherit the earth.

-The smile is used to represent the meek because of their gentleness.

Happy are the those who hunger and  
thirst for what is right for they  
shall be satisfied.

-Being able to see what is right and then pursue it is a difficult task. The clown uses the symbol of the eye because it is difficult to get them on straight, the same way it is hard to set our vision straight for what is right.

Happy are the merciful  
for they shall have mercy.

-Age lines are used to symbolize mercy because the elderly truly show mercy & do not judge. They have been in many situations themselves and they understand.

Happy are the pure in heart  
for they shall see God

-The heart symbolizes the purity of love & it's placement in the center of the forehead symbolize the need to center on love.

Happy are the peacemakers  
they shall be called children of God

-The eyeliners are used again because it is only those with true vision that can see that God calls us to be at peace with each other, not at war.

Happy are those who are persecuted  
for God's sake, the Kingdom of  
Heaven is theirs.

-The teardrop symbolizes that as Christians we are called to do things that the standards of today may call foolish. Being a fool for Christ's sake will bring suffering.

Notice now the balance on my face. In the same way if we bring Christ into our lives, and follow his beatitudes, we will find a balance and peace in our lives.