



God Is Life

Geese veer north gabbling of new nests, leading millions of birds and moths; maples, willows, crocuses and lilacs swell; deer, rabbits, skunks and foxes rouse after the cleansing warm rain. The Great Bear turns east, Orion rides westward, — favorites of Job who wondered Who made them. It is Spring on unfailing schedule through aeons, and Spring is Easter. The Hebrew word for God is life. Life may come on other planets than our earth, suggests a new book, "We Are Not Alone".

"There is no God, the fool hath said in his heart", was quoted from Psalm 14 by the inimitable bishop in *Les Miserables*".

The Christian Church emphasizes the triumph of Jesus Christ over death by insisting on a new moral birth in each believer. Its prayers are that God by his grace will put into our hearts new desires (ideas, ideals, plans) and help us to carry them out; to die daily from sin that we may live with Him in joy; to find God in bread and in all His works; to live purely in truth; to thank God for life, — a great discovery. These calm, simple prayers make sense in a flood of modern hysterical verbiage. "My religion is of no value", said a good friend, "unless it makes me want to help you". Every Sunday is a weekly Easter in the Church; each day can bring dawn of resurrection.

If a man dies will he live again is a question as old as humanity. St. Mark's, the earliest Gospel ends in trembling fear and amazement of women first at the tomb. Later accounts gain in confidence telling of a dozen appearances of the Risen Jesus. The Church leaves us in overwhelming awe, a majestic mystery of beauty and hope holding to a new life in Christ. Words cannot tell of the glory of the handiwork of God but a new life in him shines in a darkling world. Like His Son, we can place our lives in His hands.

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