

"Sometimes I ride a bucking faith while on hand grips and the other flails the air, and like any daredevil I gouge with my heels for blood, for a wilder ride, for more." Annie Dillard, <u>Pilgrim at Tinker Creek</u>

"For me, truth is the sovereign principle, which includes numerous other principles. This truth is not only truthfulness in word, but truthfulness in thought also. The truth that I seek is the Absolute Truth, the Eternal Principle, that is God. I worship God as Truth only. I have not yet found Him, but I am seeking after Him. I am prepared to sacrifice the things dearest to me in pursuit of this quest. Even if the sacrifice demanded be my very life, I hope I may be prepared to give it." Mahatma Gandhi

"If you are a Christian, you do not have to believe that all the other religions are simply wrong all through. If you are a Christian, you are free to think that all these religions, even the queerest ones, contain at least some hint of truth." CS Lewis, <u>Mere Christianity</u>

"Something of God's universal love has rubbed off on Mother Teresa, giving her homely features a noticeable luminosity...It was impossible to be with her, to listen to her, to observe what she was doing and how she was doing it, without being in some degree converted."

Malcolm Muggeridge, Something Beautiful For God

"It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the Universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between Grace and Karma...

You see, at the centre of all religions is the idea of Karma. You know, what you put out comes back to you; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics – in physical laws – every action is met by an equal or opposite one. Its clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I'm absolutely sure of it.

And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that "As you reap, so will you sow" stuff. ...I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to finally be my judge. I'd be in deep shit. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.

The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled....its not our own good works that get through the gates of heaven...

If only we could be a bit more like Him, the world would be transformed." Bono

"We are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it. No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them. It is only with the help of his grace that we are able to persevere in spiritual contemplations with the endless wonder at his high, surpassing, immeasurable love which our Lord in his goodness has for us. Therefore we may ask from our Lover to have all of him that we desire. For it is our nature to long for Him, and it is his nature to long for us." Julian of Norwich