



God's Extravaganza

Birthdays are anniversaries that measure the time we have been blessed to live on this earth and experience the awesome wonders all around us. The gift of life is unique and worthy of our contemplation. Above all else we have been given the golden opportunity of encountering God and interacting with the Holy One.

Whenever we become reflective about our lives we might find ourselves asking the one big question. As is true of everything in life, learning to formulate the right questions is of paramount importance and the key to all understanding.

One candidate question for us might be: *Is my life only or even primarily about me and my family, or is there something much larger going on in which I am inherently a significant player?* The image of an ant colony comes to mind?

As we learn about the natural world we become more aware that we are a very special part of it. We are connected to it not only interdependently, but metaphorically speaking we share common genes. So integrally are we connected to the natural order that whenever we violate the integrity of the natural world, we inevitably violate ourselves.

Yet, the earth does not exist solely for us, nor are we here only to maintain the earth. We are here to act out an even more important role.

There is a spectacular drama underway! As it unfolds for each of us we get caught up in its power and its enormity. While it boggles our minds it nourishes our spirits.

Only God could present such a soul grabbing production, all the while incorporating us into it. We are crucial and at times inspired actors in this drama in which heaven clearly is nothing more nor nothing less than our being caught up in God's extravaganza.

So what is life all about? It is about being viable actors in God's far reaching extravaganza.



Enjoy the Production!