

rather than a real faith, but I wouldn't judge. But that's the impression I get from the book. But he has about three pages in it where he talks about people believing in a Heavenly Father who does ~~nothing~~ everything good. And then he tells about some great man who has some terrible disease, and he lies there and suffers. And he says, "A loving Father," he says, "a cosmic jinni." And then he describes another one, someone with a great outlook in life, and then misery and suffering came to him, and he says, "Talk about a heavenly father, a ~~loving~~ loving father, a cosmic jinni." He has about three pages like this. And he does not anywhere express that there is any other interpretation of it. I just wonder, ^{whether} with all the education he had, ^{with} ~~and~~ a Christian background, whether none of it penetrated his understanding. He was longing so, for things that he wasn't supposed to have, that he couldn't think through the opportunities that he did have. But to the Christian, ^{the} the Christian knows that this is a world in which there is suffering, and there is misery, and it is here because there is sin in the world; ^{and} it is here because there is sin in each one of us. But ~~the~~ the Christian doesn't say, "May God immediately transport me to the skies on flowery beds of ease, and take me out of it all." He knows that God leaves him here for ~~a purpose~~ a purpose, and God wants him to experience the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ, and God wants him in some way to be God's instrument to help in advancing the great work that Christ did when He gave Himself on the cross; and to the unbeliever he may be much reason to say (unclear) life is just a lot of accident, a lot of circumstance; some are lucky and some aren't. But the Christian knows that God controls all things, and that if he truly belongs to Christ nothing can come into his life except it is for a purpose. And if he has good success, and things do well, he can praise God for giving him these great blessings. But if, through no fault of his own, and in ~~spite~~ spite of the best he can do, the best he tried, things go wrong, he can know that God ^{has} a purpose in it, and he can rejoice ^{if} ~~that~~ God enables him to have something of a fellowship with the sufferings of Christ. If we can to some extent be crucified with Christ, not only in that most important

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