

A Poem



'Crisis'

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I wrote this poem in response to Stephen Pewsey's email question: "I am interested in what you think the Christian perspective is on this whole crisis. For me it begins with a knowledge of humanity's brokenness, and the crisis being a manifestation of that; but upwelling, like magma from beneath that, is the infinite power and capacity of God's overflowing grace and love, pouring out into the world in many manifestations."

This is my response.

Crisis

Let's leave 'elephants in rooms' out of it:
Evil, violence, wars, climate change, plagues
Have always put the word 'God' (together
With our ideas of meaning and purpose)
To the test.

Covid-19 has ramped-it-up
Not only world-wide but in our faces 24/7!
Still, life for humans on planet-earth 'is as it is'
And as individuals and groups we seek
Stories, rituals, science, interpretations.
We reach-out to each other, as for water.

And for those of us who value the Jesus of the
Gospels
(As, I imagine, for all who own faith and religion)
The word 'God' persists – filling us, at best, with
Kindness, hope, courage and compassion.

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