

God's Grandeur (G.M. Hopkins)

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to greatness, like the ooze of toil  
Crushed why do men then now not seek its rod?"

These lines are taken from "God's Grandeur" which is a sonnet composed by G.M Hopkins. He is a poet of the Victorian age. His poems would be appreciated after his death in the thirties of the 20th century. It is due to his spiritual tension, revolutionary poetic measure and hatred of industrialism etc. His contemporaries could not praise him. He was recognised much later like Donne, the leader of the 17th century Metaphysical poetry.

Through these lines the speaker says that the whole world is charged with the greatness of God. His glory is visible everywhere. It flames out like the shining of the shaken foil. It comes out bit by bit from every nook and corner of the creation. And taken together, they form this greatness - a vast spectacle. Just as oil in the mill, where seeds are crushed, gathers drop by

drop and collects into a mass, so is the glory of God visible everywhere in pieces and they become a miracle like greatness. It ~~does~~ is very surprising why, even after this power of God's grandeur, people do not have their moorings in him, and why do they feel inclined to get their world commercialised and industrialised. He highlights the greatness of God and makes us alert for God's punishment. God has immense power to give us. We should be aware of our misdeeds.

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