

Thought for the day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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John 3.16-17

So loved the world.          Malcolm Guite

The whole round world, in Greek the total cosmos,  
Is all encompassed in this loving word,  
Not just the righteous, right on , and religious  
But everyone of whom you've ever heard,  
And all the throng you don't know or ignore,  
For everyone is precious in his sight,  
Chosen and cherished, loved, redeemed, before  
The circling cosmos ever saw the light

He set us in the world that we might flourish,  
That his beloved world might live through us  
We chose instead that all of this should perish  
And turned his every blessing to a curse.  
And now he gives himself, as life and light,  
That we might choose in him to set things right.

Parable and Paradox.    Canterbury Press

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.    John 3. 16-17

These are encouraging verses, does Malcolm's poem help us to think about them?  
How do we respond to the idea that 'everyone is precious'?