

Thought for the day – Tuesday 28th February 2023

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Parable and Paradox So loved the world Malcolm Guite

John 3 16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

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 every one 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 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.

Malcolm Guite Parable and Paradox Canterbury Press

I love these verses from John; and Malcolm Guite's poem helps me to think in a different way about God's loving kindness.

PS has anybody else enjoyed Cosmos holidays?