

The Bible Tune TiS 142

We receive the Hebrew Scriptures
And the Christian Scriptures too
As collections, human writings
Rich in mem'ry and review;
These describe attempts, responding
To the 'sacred', sensed as true.

Indispensable, this Bible
Is part of our heritage,
In tradition, pers'nal journeys
It finds us at every stage;
Reading, list'ning and debating,
Finding wisdom from each age.

Yet we claim the right to question;
Take responsibility
To interpret texts and stories,
Searching each quite critically;
Then empowered with life's schooling
Wrest its wisdom honestly.

We accept that other sources;
Stories, poems, many a song
And imagination pictures
Of our life, both weak and strong,
Join the process of our searching
For the 'sacred'; all belong.

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In scripture's pages we can move
To annals of the past,
To ancient cultures, years ago,
To when their lore was cast.

From God who once destroyed all life,
And led the troops to war,
We move to Jesus, hear him say,
"Forgive, love and restore."

God lived inside the temple walls -
That's what the priests declared,
But, "God is found in human hearts",
Is what Christ Jesus said.

And cov'nants made in ancient times
Were on a national line,
But Jesus welcomes everyone;
Says, "Yes" with bread and wine.

We can continue in our faith
To ponder and review;
Like priests and prophets as before
Replacing old with new.

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