

TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
*Believing in Christ | Creator of Heaven and Earth §42-47*

GOD AS CREATOR (§42-44)

**Question:** Why did God create anything/all things?

**Question:** How does God our Father, who is the Creator, shape our lives ethically?

“VERY GOOD” (§45)

ORIGIN OF SIN (§46-47)

## 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 a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck\* his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

\*pay heed to something