

God's Many Splendored Image
Study Guide
Conclusion

The angels keep their ancient places
Turn but a stone and start a wing!
‘Tis ye, ‘tis your estranged faces,
That miss the many-splendored thing.

The above poem, “The Kingdom of Heaven” by Francis Thomson is where our author found the term, many-splendored.

We can grasp spiritual realities if we stretch our perceptions.

Many facets of the Divine Image

Ch. 1- How freedom and responsibility are gifts from God that constitute central facets of the divine image.

Ch. 2- God has fashioned us in His image so that He will always love us.

Ch. 3- Spiritual perception and relationship. We are called to love God and our neighbors as God intends. Perceive God and our neighbors as spiritual beings.

Ch. 4- Virtues and emotions. It asks the profound question Can I really do good?

Ch. 5- As beacons of the divine image human persona are intrinsically endowed with royal dignity.

Ch. 6- Human embodiment. Early Christians strongly affirmed that the human body is good and has an essential part in the work of the divine image.

Ch.7- All human beings, as God's image are called to a royal priesthood.

Ch. 8- How human reason, creativity and culture manifest the divine image and likeness.