

GOD IS THE LORD OF HISTORY

All Things Synergise for Good

Romans 8:28-29

ALL THE UNIVERSE CONSPIRES

To realize one's destiny is a person's only real obligation.

... When you want something; all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.

–Paul Coelho in *The Alchemist*

ROMANS 8:28-29

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28-29

29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

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**WHAT DOES
PAUL MEAN BY “ALL
THINGS SYNERGIZE”?**

THE UNIVERSAL SYNERGY

- 1 The whole creation groans together.
- 2 We ourselves groan.
- 3 The Spirit groans, intercedes for us.
- 4 Christ himself intercedes for us.
- 5 Even all the negative things in life work together for our good.

Romans 8:19-39

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WHAT IS GOOD?

Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Bless you, prison, for having been in my life! For there, lying upon the rotting prison straw, I came to realize that the object of life is not prosperity as we are made to believe, but the maturity of the human soul.

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**WHAT DOES IT MEAN
TO LOVE GOD?**

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**WHAT IS GOD'S
PURPOSE?**

INVITATION TO RESPOND

- 1** Renounce despair and put total trust in God the Lord of History.
- 2** Rejoice in the Lord always and in all things, in triumph and in tragedy.
- 3** Love God and live for his purpose.