

**ANIMALS HAVE
SOULS:
GUARANTEED**

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this book is to provide a selected listing of references for the religious community and the animal-lover – sources from art, education, philosophy, history, and religion.

“The bee is more honored than other animals, not because she labors, but because she labors for others.” – John Chrysostom

The data has been collected by way of an internet search and reading published materials.

“It is far better to be happy than to have your bodies act as graveyards for animals.” – St. Clement of Alexandria

Methodological steps include the employment of research techniques, identification of media, analysis of data, categorization, and arrangement of data for utilization; for example, more than 200 religious scholars have been reviewed.

“...in the small prayerbooks given to children a question dealing with the treatment of animals should be part of the form for self-examination before confession.” – Miss BarclayCarter, Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare, January 31, 1938

Findings of this author support the inclusion of animals and their souls as part of the professionalization of Catholic priests. This project started because my Parish Priest does not agree with my teaching to adult Catholic class members that animals have souls. I have “set-out” to challenge this belief: “An animal cannot do any of these things. That which makes you able to do them is your soul... think, do things without being forced, refuse to do things, to make things, enjoy a joke, a book or a movie, talk, work out mathematical problems.”-- A CATECHISM FOR ADULTS, by The Reverend William J. Cogan, “Lesson 7, #5: How do you know you have a soul?”, p.22. Evidently, Priest Cogan disagreed with his Pope.

“...the animals possess a soul and men must love and feel solidarity with our smaller brethren...they are as near to God as men are...”

Pope John Paul II, 1990

The included data is required of persons who need to become acquainted with sources of information pertinent to the on-going debate regarding animal souls.

“Many Christians believe that nonhuman creatures do not have a place in heaven. The reasoning seems to go like this: life with God after death is only possible for human beings who have received the gift of new life with God through baptism. Only humans have intelligence and free will and thus the capacity to enjoy fullness of life in heaven. Similarly, animals and other nonhuman creatures do not have human souls and are thus excluded from heaven, according to this mind set...One thing we *do* know from the Genesis stories is that animals, plants, and other creatures found happiness in the first Paradise. Why then would God – or anyone else—want to exclude them from the paradise that is yet to come?”

Friar Jack Wintz, 2010

During recent years, the debate regarding animal souls has reflected two trends: (1) a growing appreciation of the fact that animals do possess the ability to aid, love, and desire a safe environment

and (2) recognition that discovery and analysis of animal behavior calls for continued research and publication of media for world populations. People are seeking animal-orientation education regarding research facilities, health, training, organic foods, and abuse.

"He whom I believe in and worship looks after and feeds all these creatures, to whom He has given birth." —St. David of Garesja

The external frame of reference I have applied is to evaluate an annotated resource for the dissemination and use of knowledge relating to animals as soulful.

"Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and donkey may rest." —Exodus 23:12a

This book offers readers a basic resource tool that introduces them to a cornucopia of information for the animal-soul debate. Information retrieval is a continual problem due to the growth of mass media. An attempt has been made to include authors, dates, titles of works, publication data, and quotations.

I encourage readers to keep this data current by adding their own discoveries; to encourage educators to include animal-care in their curricula; and to support organizations such as PETA, Best Friends, The Humane Society of the United States, and their local shelters and rescue groups.

Pictured are the portraits of all my pets who have "crossed the rainbow bridge". They have been painted on my bedroom wall, in order that I can say "good night" to them all. The artist is Mark Hannah, 352-467-0664.

Their poem:

Though we walked in the shadow of death

We feared no pain

As our human comforted us

From litter through departure;

For we will meet her once again

When she climbs the rainbow steps

To be with us forever.

A DOGS SOUL

**Every dog must have a soul
Somewhere deep inside
Where all his hurts and grievances
Are buried with his pride.**

**Where he decides the good and bad,
The wrong way from the right,
And where his judgement carefully
Is hidden from our sight.**

**A dog must have a secret place
Where every thought abides,
A sort of close acquaintance that
He trusts in and confides.**

**And when accused unjustly for
Himself, he cannot speak,
Rebuked, he finds within his soul
The comfort he must seek.**

**He'll love, though he is unloved,
And he'll serve though badly used,
And one kind word will wipe away
The times when he's abused.**

**Although his heart may break in two
His love will still be whole,
Because God gave to every dog
An understanding soul!**

~ Author Unknown ~

Acts 3:21: "...until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through His holy prophets."

Anatole France: "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."—
"No heaven will ever Heaven be; unless my cats are there to welcome me."

Angels: Animals are angels because of their spiritual characteristics: love, joy, healing, forgiveness, patience, courage, and gratitude toward/for humans.

Anthony Quinton: "In the history of philosophy the soul has been used for two distinct purposes: first, as an explanation of the vitality that distinguishes human beings, and also animals and plants, from the broad mass of material objects, and secondly, as the seat of consciousness."

Art: St. Menas with two camels; St. Ulrich with a rat; St. Brigid with ducks and geese; St Benedict with raven; St. Hubert with stag.

Ashanti (West Africa): Believe plants, animals, and trees have souls.

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius: Roman Christian Poet who abstained from animal food.

Bear: A bear came to drink water at Zedazeni Mountain, was tamed; and protected the Zedazeni Monastery.

Biochemistry/microbiology: All complex compounds are degraded to the smallest compounds (water, carbon dioxide, ammonia). These compounds then fuel other organism; therefore, never die.

Birds: symbols of the "winged soul".

"Birds in Heaven": "And to this day, whenever a little bird who loves his owner dies, whenever a dog or cat or other pet loses his grip on this world, St Francis of Assisi reaches down from above and lifts the little one up to Heaven, there to await the arrival of his dear friend." (Author unknown).

Blessed Ida of Toggenburg: A nun who received light from a stag antlers. She is painted with the stag's antlers aflame; a raven with a ring in its beak; and with a dove over her head.

Book of Tobit: Story of Tobias, Angel Raphael, and "angel" dog.

Bossuet: "Soul in animals...the most difficult as the most important of all philosophical questions."



Rainbow Bridge



Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together.

There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by.

The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent; His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together....

Author unknown...

Brother David SteindlRast: "...Christians have their share of the exploitation of our environment and in the mistreatment of animals. Sometimes they have even tried to justify their crimes by texts from the Bible, misquoted out of context. But the genuine flavor of a tradition can best be discerned in its saints...Christ himself is called the Lamb of God...the survival of our planet depends on our sense of belonging—to all other humans, to dolphins caught in dragnets, to pigs and chickens and calves raised in animal concentration camps, to redwoods and rainforests, to kelp beds in our oceans, and to the ozone layer."

Larry Brown: "How Can So Many Christians Be Indifferent to Animal Suffering?", July 1013. Meeting with pastors, he heard the following excuses: I am not interested; Animals do not have souls; Humans have dominion; You are elevating animals to human level; Our focus is on souls; You are excessive and a heretic; Mercy does not apply to animals; Yes, I can picture Jesus hunting with a gun; Jesus ate fish; I feel no mandate concerning animals.

Buddha Nature: The doctrine of rebirth is that a human can reborn as an animal; an animal can reborn as a human; thus, the inter-connectivity of all life.

Butterflies: Symbols of the transience and delicacy of the human condition. Butterflies symbolize the beauty of the natural world and the soul's release and journey to heaven.

Camel of the prophet Saleh will be at heaven.

Cat: When pictured with the Virgin Mary, the cat is a symbol of good because a cat gave birth to a litter of kittens inside the stable at Bethlehem.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Animals are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness. ...It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly."

Cardinal John Henry Newman: "...cruelty to animals is as if a man did not love God...there is something so very dreadful, so satanic, in tormenting those who have never harmed us and who cannot defend themselves; who are utterly in our power...think of your feelings and cruelty practiced upon brute animals and you will gain the sort of feeling which the history of Christ's cross and passion ought to excite within you."—"Let me never forget that the same God who made me, made the whole world and all animals that are in it."

Catholic Eucharistic Prayer No. 4: "...yet you, who alone are good, the source of life, have made all that is, so that you might fill your creatures with blessings...giving voice to every creature under heaven..."

Catholic Concern for Animals: Papal support from Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI.

Chaitanya Charan das: "Nonliving systems have three phases to their existence: creation, deterioration and destruction. Living organisms exhibit three more phases: growth,

Last Night

I stood by your bed last night; I came to have a peep.
I could see that you were crying you found it hard to sleep.
I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear,
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."
I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,
You were thinking of the many times your hands reached down to n
I was with you at the shops today; your arms were getting sore.
I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.
I was with you at my grave today; you tend it with such care.
I want to reassure you, that I'm not lying there.
I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.
I gently put my paw on you; I smiled and said, "It's me."
You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.
I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.
It's possible for me to be near you every day.
To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."
You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew...
In the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.
The day is over...I smile and watch you yawning
And say, "Goodnight, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."
And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.
I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.
Be patient, live your journey out...then come home to be with me.

— *Author Unknown*

reproduction and maintenance. These additional phases, the Vedic scriptures explain, are due to the presence of the soul...animals exhibit the six phases that characterize ensouled matter."

Charles Bukowski: "Dogs and angels are not very far apart."

Chief Seattle of the Suwamish Tribe: "If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth."

Christ: "...preach the gospel to every creature."

Cuckoo of Belkis will be at heaven.

Dean William Ralph Inge: Author, "The Rights of Animals".

Dog Collar, Inspiring stories of clergy and their dogs, by Richard Surman.

Dogfessions, by Nikki Moustaki, "The window of your soul can be seen by your dog".

Dogs: Faithful to St. Tobias and St. Roch. A dog with a flame is a symbol of St. Dominic. Black and white dogs were symbols of the Dominicans (*Domini canes* = dogs of the Lord). The friars wear black and white robes. Kratim, dog of the Seven Sleepers will be at heaven.

Dolphin: A dolphin with an anchor represents the Catholic Church.

Dove: A symbol of the Third Person, The Holy Trinity. Seven doves represent the seven spirits of God or the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 11:1,2) Doves are connected to the prayer of St. Catherine of Siena; St. Benedict who saw his sister, Scholastica, fly to heaven; and St. Gregory. – Dove would bring food to St. Shio of Mgyme.

Dr. John Harvey Kellogg: "...Adam, in his pristine state in the Garden of Eden was both a monogamist and a flesh-abstainer...Christian ethics enjoin a return to the Edenic example in matter matrimonial. Physiologic science as well as human experience call for a like return to Eden in matters dietetic."—Author, The Simple Life in a Nutshell ("Biologic Living").

Eagle: Psalm 103:5: "thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."—Isaiah 40:31: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."—The eagle symbolizes Christ.—Symbolizing the four evangelists: Ezekiel 1:5, 10: "...out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures...as for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion...the face of an ox...the face of an eagle..."—Proverbs 23:5 KJV: "...they fly away as an eagle toward heaven"—Exodus 19:4 KJV: "Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings."—Deuteronomy 32:11-12 KJV: "As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So The Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with Him."

A letter from your pet in heaven

Author Unknown

To my dearest family,
some things I'd like to say.
But first of all, to let you know,
that I arrived okay.

I'm writing this from the Bridge.
Here I dwell with God above.
Here there's no more tears of sadness.
Here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy
just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I am with you
every morning, noon and night.

That day I had to leave you
when my life on earth was through,
God picked me up and hugged me
and He said, "I welcome you.

It's good to have you back again,
you were missed while you were gone.
As for your dearest family,
They'll be here later on."

God gave me a list of things,
that he wished for me to do.
And foremost on the list,
was to watch and care for you.

And when you lie in bed at night
the day's chores put to flight,
God and I are closest to you...
in the middle of the night.

When you think of my life on earth,
and all those loving years,
because you are only human,
they are bound to bring you tears.

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Ecclesiastes 3:19: "Man's fate is like that of the animals; the same fate awaits them both: As one dies, so dies the other. All have the same breath; man has no advantage over the animal."

Ecclesiastes 12:7: "...the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." *Ruach* is Hebrew for spirit connection with animals and humans.

Edward Hicks: Quaker painter of *Peaceable Kingdom*; images from Isaiah 11 and Isaiah 65. Theologically he believed souls are redeemed.

Egyptians: Death rites were performed for all animals (cats, crocodiles, ibises, etc.); animals remained with owners during afterlife. Animals were seen as living beings like humans and gods. In the Shabaka text it states that creative forces are in 'all gods, all people, all cattle, all crawling creatures, all that lives'.

Elijah D. Buckner: **The Immortality of Animals**—"...The Bible, without the shadow of a doubt, recognizes that animals have living souls the same as man. Most of the quotations given are represented as having been spoken by the Creator Himself, and he certainly knows whether or not He gave to man and lower animals alike a living soul, which of course means an immortal soul."

Ellen White: "The intelligence displayed by many dumb animals approaches so closely to human intelligence that it is a mystery. The animals see and hear and love and fear and suffer. They use their organs far more faithfully than many human beings use theirs. They manifest sympathy and tenderness toward their companions in suffering. Many animals show an affection for those who have charge of them, far superior to the affection shown by some of the human race. They form attachments for man which are not broken without great suffering to them."

Ermine: Represents purity (white fur); prefers death to defilement.

Eric T. Olson: "There may be a vast psychological and moral gulf between human animals and organisms of other species. We may be very special animals. But for all that we may be animals."

Falcon: Represents a Holy person or Gentile converted to Catholicism.

Fish: Represents baptism; Tobias, St. Peter, and St. Anthony of Padua.

Father Dom Ambrose Agius, O.S.13.: Chairman, Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare (1938), which received ecclesiastical approval and the papal blessing: "...bring our own lives as closely as possible into line with the intention of the Giver of all life, animate and inanimate."

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Unknown**

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Father Frank Mann: "What distresses me, however, is the puzzling and distressing lack of any vibrantly clear and vocal opposition to such animal cruelty within the Church. The Church has always been a stalwart champion for the dignity of human life amidst a culture of death. I am rather disappointed and saddened with the stark and silent absence of any significantly inspirational and motivational preaching, writing and teaching with regard to such urgent issues as animal rights and welfare...The voices of billions of abused and neglected farm animals (as well as companion animals) need to be heard, and with a strong and determined clarion call for valiant support from the church, the breeding misery of animal torment will be starkly exposed and heard."

Father Gabriel Burke: Memorial of St. Fintan, "God will want an account for the killing of animals but man is deputized by God to avenge the murder of humans."

Franciscan "Blessing of Pets":

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

Frank L. Hoffman, Pastor: "Every day we hear from people who have been turned away from the church because of the hardness of heart that they have encountered coming from the clergy and church leaders, particularly when it comes to animal issues and the people who care about them and don't eat them."

Friedrich Nietzsche: "The deeper minds of all ages have had pity for animals."

Frog: Represents resurrection because it returns after winter hibernation.

Funerals: Anderson-McQueen, one of Florida's largest family-owned funeral parlors and crematory, handled 3,500 animal funerals and cremations, 2012.

Ganapati/Ganesh: Indian deity with elephant head.

Gary Kowalski: **The Souls of Animals**, "Just because they haven't invented static cling, ICBMs or television evangelists doesn't mean they aren't spiritually evolved...Animals, like us, are microcosms. They too care and have feelings; they too dream and create; they too are adventuresome and curious about their world. They too reflect the glory of the whole...Animals, are living souls. They are not things. They are not objects. Neither are they human. Yet they mourn. They love. They dance. They suffer. They know the peaks and chasms of being."

General William Booth: Founder of the Salvation Army. "It is a great delusion to suppose that flesh of any kind is essential to health."

POEM : When God Created Kitty Cats by Author Unknown

POEM :

When God created kitty cats,
He had no recipe;
He knew He wanted something sweet,
As sweet as sweet could be.

He started out with sugar,
Adding just a trace of spice;
Then stirred in drops of morning dew,
To keep them fresh and nice.

He thought cats should be soft to pet,
Thus He gave them coats of fur;
So they could show they were content,
He taught them how to purr.

He made for them long tails to wave,
While strutting down the walk;
Then trained them in meow-ology,
So they could do cat-talk.

He made them into acrobats,
And gave them grace and poise;
Their wide-eyed curiosity,
He took from little boys.

He put whiskers on their faces,
Gave them tiny ears for caps;
Then shaped their little bodies,
To snugly fit on laps.

He gave them eyes as big as saucers,
To look into man's soul;
Then set a tolerance for mankind,
As their purpose and their goal.

Benevolent ... and ... generous,
He made so many of them;
Then charged, with Fatherly Concern,
The human race to love them.

When one jumped up upon His lap,
God gently stroked its head;
The cat gave Him a kitty kiss,
'What wondrous love,' God said.

God smiled at His accomplishment,
So pleased with His creation;
And said, with pride, as He sat back,
'At last. . .I've reached purr-fection!'

Genesis 1:30: (God said) "And to all the animals on land, to all the birds of the sky, and to everything that creeps on earth, in which there is the breath of life..." Animals become nephesh, living soul.

Genesis 9:9-10: "Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth."

Goldfinch: Symbolizes Christ's crown because the bird eats thistles and thorns.

Gorillas: Time, November 11, 2013: "The genetic difference between a gorilla and a human being is tiny—we share 98.4% of our DNA...Gorillas have something in their soul very close to humans, says Andre Bauma, a ranger at Virunga National Park...to lose them would be to lose a part of ourselves..."

Hare: Symbol of men who place their salvation in Christ and His Passion.

Hawk: Egyptian Creator.

Henry David Thoreau: "It often happens that a man is more humanely related to a cat or dog than to any human being."

Hosea 2:18: "In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety."

Hymns: "All Things Which Live"; "Go Tell All Creatures"; "All Things Bright and Beautiful"; "All Living Things"; "For Gentleness to All Creatures".

Ibis: A human hybrid form of the Egyptian god, Thoth.

Indian Star Tortoise: Helped the devatas (devas) attain the nectar of immortality.

Isaiah 11:6-9; 65:17-25= wolves and lambs, leopards and goats, lions and calves, bears and cattle, snakes and children in peaceful coexistence.

Jack Van Impe Ministries: Video, *Animals in Heaven?* = "...proof have always been right there in the Bible: animals are indeed in heaven."

James Herriot: "If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot humans. You've nothing to worry about there."—(Re. afterlife), "I do believe it. With all my heart I believe it."

Jamgon Kongrtul Monastery: Dogs living at the monastery perform daily koras.

An Owner's Plea

Please, God, if You should
hear a scratch on Eden's
Gate tonight,
A gentle whine, a muffled
bark; have Peter take a
light
And open up the Pearly
Gates and call his Spirit in,
For I think he lived in
Heaven once; please
take him back again.

He may have been a
mongrel, without a
pedigree,
Yet he was noble, kind
and good; I think You will
agree:
That he'll be very useful
where the souls of
children play.
He'll romp with them, and
see; Dear God; they do
not go astray.

Just tell him that we're
sorry that we could not
pat his head,
And whisper how we loved
him 'ere his Spirit fled.
I pray that when death
beckons, and my soul
surmounts life's fog,
I'll rate a place in Heaven,

Dear God, right beside our
dog...

Author Unknown

Jessica Pierce, Ph.D.: "According to the poem, when companion animals die they go to a place called the Rainbow Bridge, right across the road from heaven. Next to the Bridge is a lovely meadow where our animals, restored to health and relieved of all pain and suffering, frolic and chase balls and rabbits and eat as many bones or sprigs of catnip as they want. Here in the meadow they run around and wait for us, their human companion, for however long it takes. When finally they see us coming, they bound toward us (running once again), and after our joyful reunion we walk across the Bridge hand-in-paw, and enter heaven together."

Job 12:7-10: But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you. Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; And let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know That the hand of the LORD has done this, In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?"

John Austin Baker: Bishop of Salisbury, England: "It is the battery shed and broiler house, not in the wild, that we find the true parallel to Auschwitz. Auschwitz is a purely human invention."

John Greenleaf Whittier: (Quaker poet/abolitionist) "...The sooner we recognize the fact that the mercy of the Almighty extends to every creature endowed with life, the better it will be for us as men and Christians."

John Wray: "You ask what is the use of butterflies? I reply to adorn the world and delight the eyes of men; to brighten the countryside like so many golden jewels. To contemplate their exquisite beauty and variety is to experience the truest pleasure. To gaze enquiringly at such elegance of colour and form devised by the ingenuity of nature and painted by her artist's pencil, is to acknowledge and adore the imprint of the art of God...These Nests some of them so elegant and artificial, that it is hard for Man to imitate them and make the like. I have seen Nests of an Indian Bird so artificially compos'd of the Fibres, I think, of some Roots, so curiously interwoven and platted together, as is admirable to behold..."

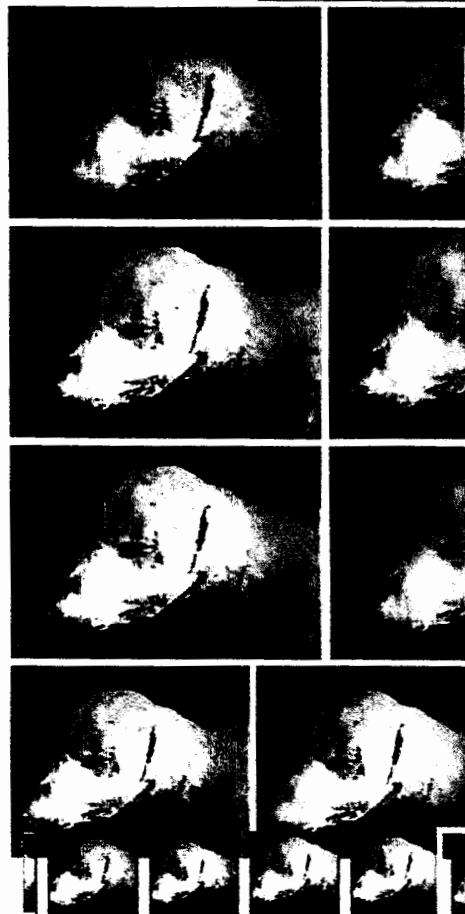
Jonah's whale will be at heaven.

Joseph Butler (English theologian): "Neither can we find anything in the whole analogy of Nature to afford even the slightest presumption that animals ever lose their living powers, much less that they lose them by death."

Joseph Fielding Smith: "I do not believe any man should kill animals or birds unless he needs them for food, and then he should not kill innocent little birds that are not intended for food for man. I think it is wicked for men to thirst in their souls to kill almost everything which possesses animal life. It is wrong, and I have been surprised at prominent men whom I have seen whose very souls seemed to be athirst for the shedding of animal blood."

Joshua Evans: (Quaker): "...I considered that life was sweet in all living creatures, and taking it away became a very tender point with me...I believe my dear Master has been pleased to try my faith and obedience by teaching me that I ought no longer to partake of anything that had life."

ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN



Julia Sage (Sisseton-Wahpeton): "Everything was made by the same God, and we all go back to the same God when we pass. I believe I'm going to see deer, bear, buffalo, eagles, dogs, cats, birds, even snakes."

Kangaroo: Some people have claimed seeing kangaroos at heaven carrying infants in their pouches.

Kevin E. Mackin, O.F.M., Holy Name Province: "...I believe every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator."

Khirbat al-Mukhayyat: Church of the Holy Martyrs Lot and Procopius. The church includes two sheep facing a tree (elevated presbyterium); two birds (side of altar); panels (pairs of animals facing each other= two bulls, duck nestling on papyrus plant, two geese at side of plant, aquatic animals, and two gazelles facing a tree).

Kyoko Yamaji: Artist of "Rest in peace until you go again".

Lamb: Represents innocence, gentleness, patience, humility. The lamb is a symbol for Christ, the Lamb of God.

Lark: A symbol for priesthood humility.

Lion: Represents the Resurrection. The lion is associated with Ezekiel, St. Mark, St. Jerome, St. Mary of Egypt, St. Euphemia, St. Onuphrius, and St. Paul the Hermit.

Locusts: A symbol of conversion of nations to Catholicism.

Luke 3:6: "...all flesh will see the salvation of God." King James Version.

Luke 12:6: "Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them is forgotten before God."

Lupicinus (Greek and Roman Wolf Charmer): A tribesman who could communicate with wolves. Lupicinus was able to "sing" with the wolves and led them away from the livestock. Some said he had the power to become a wolf.

Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs: The charity flew five Golden Retrievers to Boston, and were stationed at a local church in order that the dogs could comfort Boston Marathon bombing victims at Tufts Medical Center (2013).

Maimonides (12th Century Jewish philosopher): From, His Guide for the Perplexed, love between a mother animal to her young is no different than a human mother to hers. (*Ruach* = the emotional level of the soul.)

FOR ALL THE GOOD CRITTERS

... and the people who love them...

A man was riding his horse down a road, his dog padding along by their side. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that his horse and dog had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother of pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He nudged the horse toward the gate, and as he got closer, saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friends," gesturing downward towards his horse and dog, "come in, too?" the traveler asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept animals." The man thought a moment and then turned his horse back toward the road and continued the way he had been going.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

Laurence Mancuso: Founding Abbot of the Monks of New Skete, initiated the breeding and training of German Shepherd dogs. At New Skete, the monks and nuns have the dogs by their side at all times. They teach a holistic approach to dog training.

Mark 16:15: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 10:29: "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father."

Matthew Priebe: "How We Treat Animals—Does God Care? Should We?" "So animals, possessing the breath of life are also living souls. In that respect they're identical to us."

William Metcalfe, MD: "They [friends and family] assured me that I was rapidly sinking into a consumption, and tried various other methods to induce me to return to the customary dietetic habits of society; but their efforts proved ineffectual. Some predicted my death in three or four months, and others, on hearing me attempt to defend my course, hesitated not to tell me I was certainly suffering from mental derangement, and, if I continued to live without fleshfood much longer, would unquestionably have to be shut up in some insane asylum. All was unavailing. Instead of sinking into consumption, I gained several pounds in weight during the first few weeks of my experiment. Instead of three or four months bringing me to the silent grave, they brought me to the matrimonial altar."

Monks of New Skete Monastery Prayer: "O loving Saviour, after you taught us how to pray to your heavenly father, you used the birds of the air as a reminder of his all embracing providence, for everything that breathes is the work of your hands and acknowledges, each in his own way, the presence of your all holy and life-giving spirit...As we gather today this day to ask you to bless these various animals, let us see in them the goodness and beauty with which you endow all your creatures..."

Mormon Wiki: "Like people, animals also have souls and were created in the preexistence. Not only were their roles determined, but they even partake of the Plan of Salvation. Like men they will also have the opportunity to enjoy the companionship of their creator in the next life..."

Moses 3:5: "For I the Lord God, created all things, of which I have spoken, spiritually, before they were naturally upon the face of the earth."

Muhammad: To this day, cats are welcomed into mosques. Muhammad's cat, Muezza, saved Muhammad from a deadly snake.

Native Americans: One custom is the belief of the Spirit who breathes creation, and lives within all living animals. Spirit=breath=soul.

Neshamah: word for soul; breath. Animals have breath.

Nightingale: The bird's song was representative of trapped purgatory Christians. Christian symbol of the righteous soul anticipating the arrival of Christ.



"Excuse me!" he called to the reader. "Do you have any water?" "Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there" The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in." "How about my friends here?" the traveler asked. "There should be a bowl and a bucket by the pump."

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old fashioned hand pump with a bowl and a bucket beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a long drink himself, then gave some to the dog while he filled the bucket for his horse. When they all were satisfied, he led his horse back toward the man who was standing by the tree waiting for them, the dog following faithfully behind.

"What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is heaven," was the answer. "Well, that's confusing," the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was heaven, too." "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell." "Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?" "No. I can see how you might think so, but we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'll leave their best friends behind."

Author Unknown

Nikitas Stithatos: "...and you will be shut out from love because you minister solely to yourself and do not succor your fellow beings when they are in need. Like some polymorphic monster..., you will be the implacable enemy of God, man and the animals."

Noah's dove will be at heaven.

NOVA: *Decoding Dogs*.

Olympias (mother to Alexander the Great): Initiated with the rites of the Cabiri (dieties associated with fertility of animals). She kept snakes as pets, and slept with a giant snake on her bed.

Our Church.com: "Our mission is to prove without a shadow of a doubt that when God made animals He made them with spirits and souls and intended that they have a place in Heaven."

Owl: Symbol for Christ's wisdom.

Ox: Symbol for Jewish nation; for Christ; winged ox for St. Luke. Moses' ox will be at heaven.

Partitions: by Amit Majmudar. A novel relating the separation of Muslims and Hindus into the States of Pakistan and India. One character within the story is about a physician, Masud , and the stray dogs who travel with and protect him.

Partridge: Symbol for Church and truth.

Peacock: Symbol for immortality and "all-seeing" Church; for St. Barbara. The peacock is an emblem of resurrection, immortality, and the incorruptible soul.

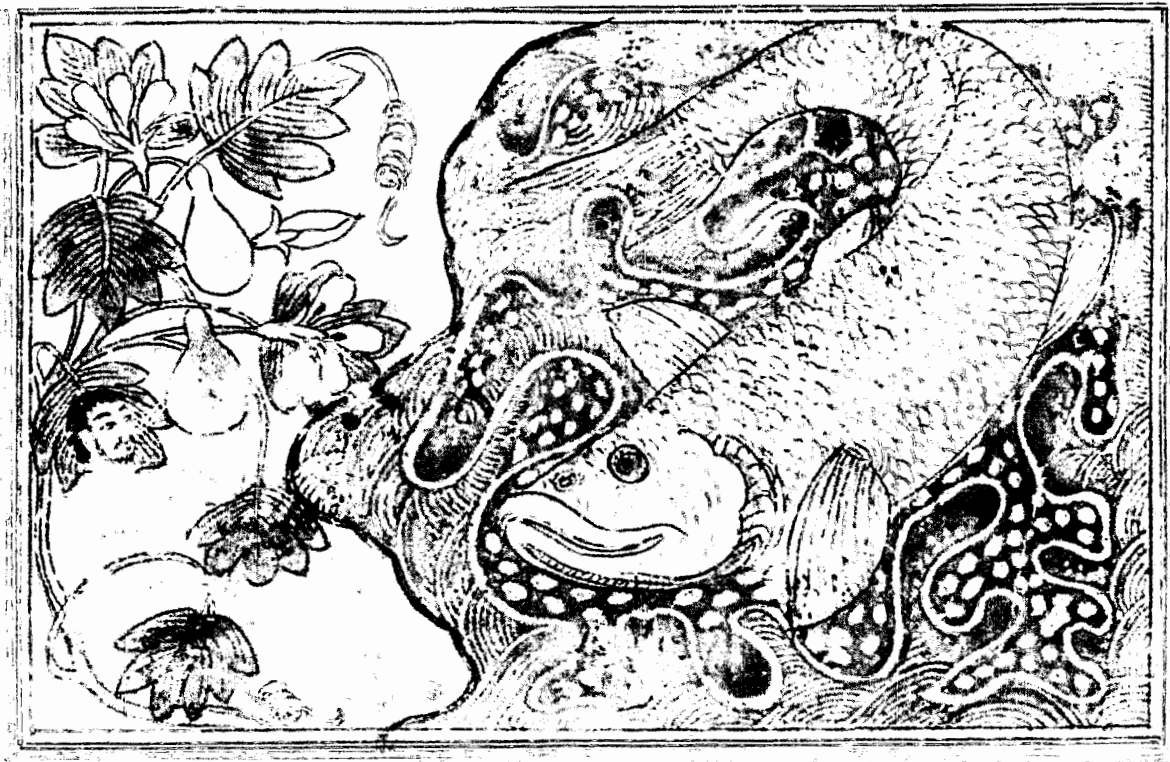
Pelican: Symbol for Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Peter Sakas (Niles Animal Hospital and Bird Medical Center): "Yes, one of these days we will find out and if I do make it to Heaven I am hoping to see all my pets and the animals I have cared for over the years as a veterinarian."

Pope Benedict XVI: "...we can see that they are given into our care, that we cannot just do whatever we want with them. Animals too, are God's creatures..." (2002, to PETA).

Pope Clement I: While in prison, he found that prisoners suffered from lack of water. He knelt in prayer, and looking up, he saw a lamb on a hill. He went to where the lamb had stood, struck the ground with his pickaxe, and released a gushing stream of clear water.

Pope John Paul II: 1990, His Holiness proclaimed that "the animals possess a soul and men must love and feel solidarity with our smaller brethren"..."they are as near to God as men are". Animals possess the divine spark of life—the living quality that is the soul—and they are not inferior beings.



In Sura 37:139-148 the Qur'an tells the story of Jonah and the Whale, in a shorter version than the biblical story. The prophet Jonah (or Yunus) flees by ship from his calling, ends up in the sea during a storm, and is swallowed and spit out by a huge fish.

This painting was made with gouache paint, gold and ink. It is an illustration in a 14th century manuscript by Rachid al-Din Tabib, a Persian physician and historian of Jewish descent. Tabib lived in the city of Tabriz, in northwestern Persia.

In the Bible Jonah sacrifices himself in order to save the ship. The Qur'an has it that he drew the wrong lot. On the beach Allah grows a "tree of gourd", to provide shadow and food to the weakened prophet. After that episode Jonah would perform his tasks as prophet.

Pope Francis: Went against ceremonial rules (2013), and blessed the guide dog (Asia, Labrador Retriever) of a visually impaired journalist (Alessandro Forlani).

Pope St. Fabian: Was selected Pope because a dove descended upon Fabian's head. Those selecting the Pope were reminded of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Saviour.

Proverbs 12:10: "A good man is concerned for the welfare of his animals".

Psalms 36:6: "Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep, O Lord, you preserve both man and beast."

Rabbi Adam Frank: "In closing, it would be incorrect to believe that if animals do not have a 'soul' they are merely ambulatory organisms not worthy of consideration or compassion. Though Judaism does not place animals on the same plane as humans in terms of capacity to manifest the attributes of God, human treatment of sentient creatures is legislated by Jewish law."

Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liady: wrote in the *Tanya* that humans have two souls—an animal soul and a divine soul.

Ram: Symbol for Christ, leader of the herd. The ram caught by Abraham and sacrificed instead for Isaac, will be at heaven.

Raven: Symbolic to St. Vincent (guarded his remains); St. Anthony Abbot and St. Paul the Hermit (brought them bread while they lived on a desert).

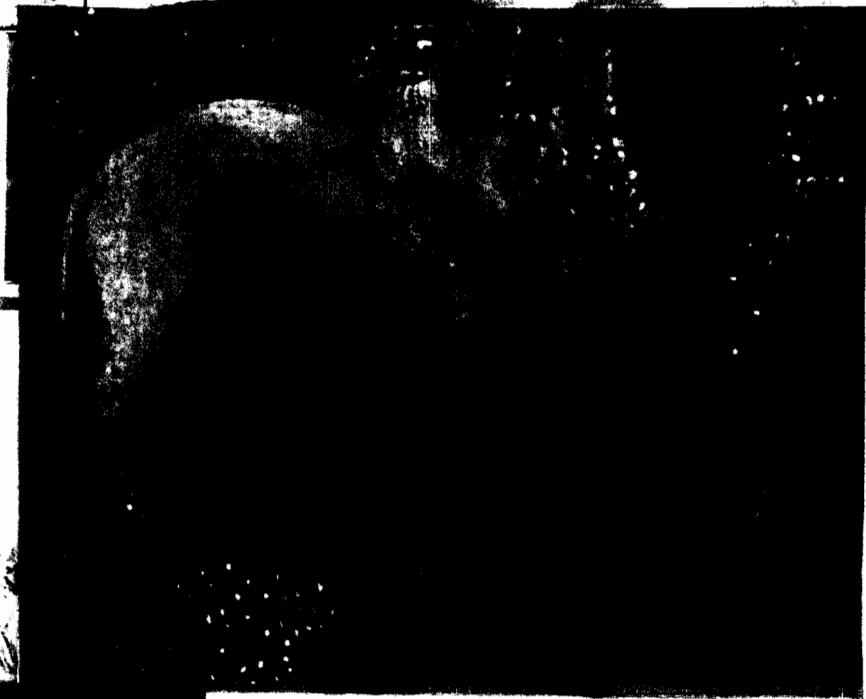
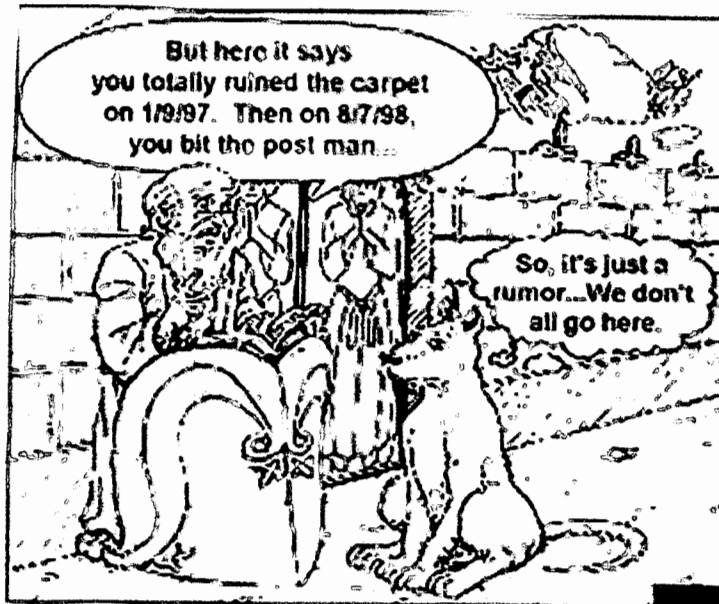
Revelation 4:5-9: "...and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.' And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever."

Revelation 5:13: "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!'"

Rick Dunkerly (Christ Lutheran Church): "...the One we call 'Lord', who was born in a stable surrounded by animals simply because he chose it that way."—"In scripture, the contrast of the hunter is the shepherd, the man who gently tends his animals and knows them fully. The shepherds of the Bible are Abel, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and David." [Hunters were Nimrod, Ishmael, Esau, Revelation's rider on the white horse].

Robert Louis Stevenson: "You think dogs will not be in Heaven? I tell you, they will be there long before any of us."

London's Times



Quakers: Society of Friends, London, 1795, resolution= "...let our leisure be employed in serving our neighbor, and not in distressing for our amusement, the creatures of God".

St. Aegidius: A red deer was wounded by a hunter and she looked for protection with Aegidius. (She had nursed him, the only non-martyr, among 14 helpers, he withdrew to St. Giles Convent.) He cured the deer.

St. Anselm: The boys of his household, with their dogs, chased a hare. The hare fled between the hooves of the horse on which Anselm sat. The horse remained still. "You laugh, do you? But there is no laughing, no merry-making, for this unhappy beast. His enemies stand round about him, and in fear of his life he flees to us asking for help. So it is with the soul of man: when it leaves the body, its enemies—the evil spirits which have haunted it along all the crooked way of vice while it was in the body—stand around without mercy, ready to seize it and hurry it off to everlasting death. Then indeed it looks around everywhere in great alarm and with inexpressible desire longs for some helping and protecting hand to be held out to it, which might defend it. But the demons on the other hand, laugh and rejoice exceedingly if they find that the soul is bereft of every support." He forbade the dogs to chase the hare any more.

St. Anthony: "In the name of my Creator, Whom I am not worthy to hold in my hands [sacrament], I command you [mule] to draw near and prostrate yourself before my God, to give due honor to Him, so that heretics may learn from a mere beast how they ought to worship their God in the Blessed Sacrament."—"Blessed be the eternal God, for the fishes of the sea glorify Him more than the men without faith, and the animals without reason listen to his word with greater attention than the sinful heretics."

St. Anthony Abbot: According to legend, Saint Anthony Abbot cured a sick pig, who then became Abbot's companion. The legend centaur is a symbol for St. Anthony Abbot because the part horse/part man pointed Saint Anthony Abbot the way to reach St. Paul the Hermit within the desert.

St. Aventine of Troyes: Protected wildlife (fish, deer, birds).

St. Basil: Vegetarian. Author of poems relating to animals: "May we realize that they live not for us alone, but for themselves and for Thee and that they love the sweetness of life even as we, and serve Thee better in their place than we in ours."

St. Benedict of Nursia: Lived as a hermit in a cave for three years; reported to have been fed by a raven.

St. Bernard of Montjoux: St. Bernard built two Alpine hospices. Two mountain passes were named Great and Little Bernard. The dog breed, St. Bernard, was named from the Great St. Bernard Hospice.

St. Blaise, Patron Saint of Wild Animals: Deliver us from all evil of soul and body, especially toward wild animals. (Before St. Blaise was killed, he spoke to a wolf and told it to release a pig

They say memories are golden, well maybe that is true.

I never wanted memories, I only wanted you.

A million times I needed you, a million times I cried.

If love alone could have saved you, you never would have died.

In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still.

In my heart you hold a place no one could ever fill.

If tears could build a stairway and heartache make a lane,

I'd walk the path to heaven and bring you back again.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same.

But as we are called one by one, the chain will link again



it was harming. The wolf obeyed. Saint Blaise was going to be starved but the owner of the pig secretly gave him food in order to survive.) Read his story in THE BOOK OF SAINTS AND FRIENDLY BEASTS by Abbie Farwell Brown.

St. Bonaventure: "...For every creature is by its nature a kind of effigy and likeness of the eternal Wisdom. Therefore, open your eyes, alert the ears of your spirit, open your lips and apply your heart so that in all creatures you may see, hear, praise, love and worship, glorify and honor your God." He believed the nightingale's song joyful, for a final release from earthly life.

St. Brendan of Clonfert: Patron to whales.

St. Brigid: Traditionally, farm animals are especially taken care on Saint Brigid's Day, February 1. "Let a man fear, above all, Me his God, and so much the gentler will he become towards My creatures and animals, on whom, on account of Me, their Creator, he ought to have compassion."

St. Callistratus: "...And the earth He adorned with things which blossom and grow...with four-footed animals and creeping things and with fishes did he fill, and the air with birds...and then at last He fashioned man out of dust..."

St. Catherine of Siena: "The reason why God's servants love His creatures so deeply is that they realize how deeply Christ loves them...And this is the very character of love to love what is loved by those we love."

St. Ciaran of Saigir: His first "pupils" were forest animals. He restored a bird. A fox, badger, and wolf worked with Ciaran and his monks to cut wood and build huts. He made a fox repent.

St. Clare of Assisi: Spoke with, nursed, and soothed the fears of animals. She would bring injured or abandoned animals to her hermitage for healing.

St. Clement of Alexandria: *Clementine Homilies, Homily XII*= "...The unnatural eating of flesh meats is as polluting as the heathen worship of devils..."

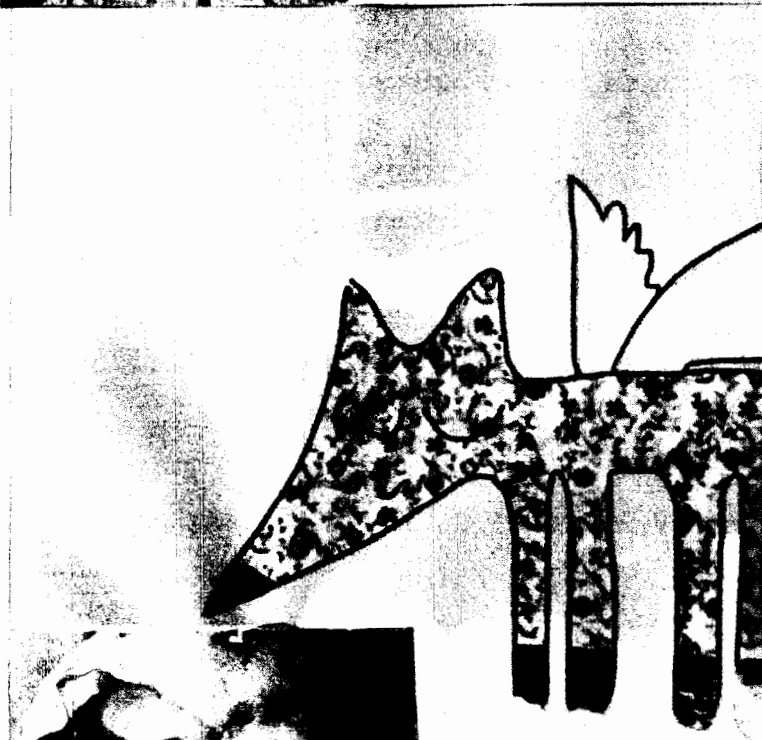
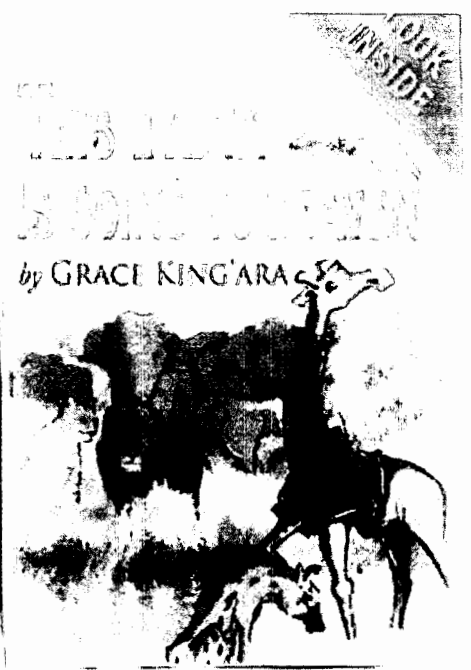
St. Colman: A lover of birds and animals. A pet rooster woke him for night office; a pet mouse was trained to prevent him from falling asleep; and a pet fly "book-marked" the Saint's service book.

St. Comgall of Bangor: The animals he communicated with were a mouse, a rooster, and a fly.

St. Cuthbert: All through each night, Cuthbert would pray while at a sea, in the water, as well as, on shore. Two otters would follow him on-shore, and pant on his feet to dry the feet, as well as, snuggle against his body with their fur to warm him.

St. Daria: Daria was sent to a brothel, where she was defended by a lion.

St. Erasmus: For the protection of domestic animals.



St. Euphemia: Was thrown to wild bear inside an arena. The bear would not eat him.

St. Eustace: As a Roman soldier (Placidus), he was hunting a stag. The stag turned and approached Placidus, who saw a crucifix between the stag's antlers. Placidus became a Christian and changed his name to Eustachius. He was thrown to the lions. The lions would not kill him. He and his family were then encased in a bronze bull, and roasted to death.

St. Filippo Neri: He took the mice caught in traps away from people's houses and set them free in the fields and stables. He was a vegetarian. "Ah," he exclaimed. "If everyone were like me, no one would kill animals."

St. Frances of Rome: When Frances' son, Battista, was delivered to Neapolitan troops as a hostage, and put upon a horse, the horse refused to move, even as whipped. Soldiers saw "the hand of God", and returned the boy to his mother.

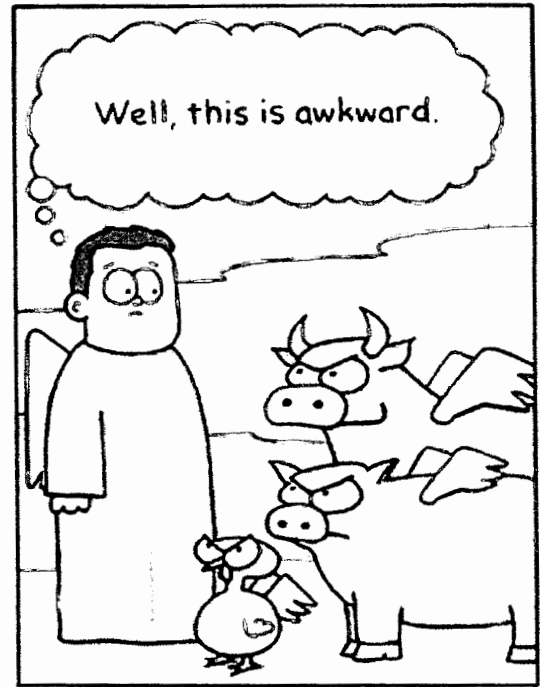
St. Francis of Assisi: "My brother and sister birds, you should praise your Creator and always love him: He gave you feathers for clothes, wings to fly and all other things that you need. It is God who made you noble among all creatures, making your home in thin, pure air. Without sowing or reaping, you receive God's guidance and protection." St. Francis found a rabbit in a trap. He advised the rabbit to more alert in the future. The rabbit would not leave St. Francis. St. Francis would always return a caught fish to the water, warning it not to be caught again. Francis taught a wild wolf to stop terrorizing town people and their animals. The wolf placed its paw in Francis' hand as a sign of the pact. The wolf lived among the townspeople for two years, going door to door for daily food. When the wolf died of old age, the townspeople of Gubbio were sad. St. Francis felt a kinship with all creatures. He called them brother and sister, knowing they came from the same Source as he. St. Francis taught, "All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man...God wants us to help animals, if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected."

St. Francis of Paola: Stories include his compassion for animals, and how he gave back life to animals that were killed to be eaten. St. Francis of Paola called animals by their names even after their lives had ended. His fish was "Antonella"; his lamb, "Martinello". He believed they continued to exist after their deaths.

St. Gall: St. Gall was travelling Switzerland forests. One evening, he sat at a fire, warming his hands. A bear charged him. St. Gall told the bear to behave; the bear retreated to the forest. Later, the bear brought St. Gall wood for the fire. The bear followed St. Gall for the rest of his life.

St. Gerasimus: The Saint made friends with and trained a lion. The lion was given an obedience at the monastery and named Jordan. When St. Gerasimus died, Jordan was led to his grave by the Monks. Jordan gave one last mighty roar, struck his head on the ground and died on the Saint's grave. The lion's love and devotion to St. Gerasimus exemplifies animal love and

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obedience and glorifies God.

St. Giles: "The Ballad of Saint Giles and the Deer"=....His forest home a rocky cave/Beneath an aspen tree;/And for his friend Saint Giles did have/A Deer, who wandered free./A gentle red and mottled Deer/Who made her home close by./Who at his call came without fear./Forgetting to be shy. (The deer was chased by hunters; protected by St. Giles, who intercepted an arrow.)He fell, but falling laid his hand/Upon the trembling Deer,---/"My life for hers, dost understand?" /He cried so all could hear. At Spain, September 1, is when the Basques attend Mass with their Rams.

St. Godric of Finchale: Best remembered for his kindness toward animals. He once protected a stag from hunters, as well as, allowed snakes to warm themselves at his fire.

Goose: An attribute to St. Martin of Tours.

St. Guthlac: Untamed birds and marsh fish would come to his call. "Have you not heard in the Holy Scriptures that the wild beasts and birds come closer to him who has led his life according to God's will?"

St. Guy of Anderlecht: His grave, which was lost for years, was uncovered by a horse.

St. Hilarion: Watch the birds and the animals...nature is adapting and following its instincts to survive, grow, flourish and perpetuate its kind.

St. Hugh of Lincoln: A whooping swan appeared at his ordination as bishop. He kept the swan as a pet for the rest of his life.

St. Isidore: Within Spain, the people have a procession in honor of St. Isidore, to bless their farm animals.

St. Ivo of Kermartin: OUR ANACHRONS ™, illustrates St. Ivo with a dove, a dog, a lion for courage, a crane representing keeping watch over others.

St. James of Venice: Bought and released birds sold at Italy as toys for children. His charity recoiled from cruelty, even to the most diminutive animals.

St. Jerome: "...neither is it permitted to us to put away our wives, nor are we circumcised, nor do we eat flesh." Jerome helped a lion by removing a thorn from the lion's paw. The lion and Jerome became friends for life. Read, THE GOLDEN LEGEND, by Jacobus de Voragine. View the painting by Giovanne Mansueti.

St. John Bosco and the "mysterious dog", Grigio-the grey one: A huge grey dog would appear suddenly at moments of danger for St. Bosco. Some believe the dog was an angel.



I'm Still Here

***Friend, please don't mourn for me
I'm still here, though you don't see.
I'm right by your side each night and day
and within your heart I long to stay.***

***My body is gone but I'm always near.
I'm everything you feel, see or hear.
My spirit is free, but I'll never depart
as long as you keep me alive in your heart.***

***I'll never wander out of your sight-
I'm the brightest star on a summer night.
I'll never be beyond your reach-
I'm the warm moist sand when you're at the beach.***

***I'm the colorful leaves when fall comes around
and the pure white snow that blankets the ground.
I'm the beautiful flowers of which you're so fond,
The clear cool water in a quiet pond.***

***I'm the first bright blossom you'll see in the spring,
The first warm raindrop that April will bring.
I'm the first ray of light when the sun starts to shine,
and you'll see that the face in the moon is mine.***

***When you start thinking there's no one to love you,
you can talk to me through the Lord above you.
I'll whisper my answer through the leaves on the trees,
and you'll feel my presence in the soft summer breeze.***

***I'm the hot salty tears that flow when you weep
and the beautiful dreams that come while you sleep.
I'm the smile you see on a baby's face.
Just look for me, friend, I'm everyplace!***

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St. John Chrysostom: "...saints are exceedingly loving and gentle to mankind, and even brute beasts. Surely we ought to show [animals] great kindness and gentleness for many reasons, but, above all, because they are of the same origin as ourselves."

St. John of the Cross (Spiritual Canticle): "[God] is present not only in the best and holiest souls, but also in evil and sinful souls, and in all other creatures, for by His presence He gives them life and being."

St. John of Kronstadt: "Remember, that animals are called to life by God's mercy that they may enjoy their existence as much as they can during their short life."

St. John the Baptist: Camel's hair represents temperance, and is St. John's symbol.

St. Joseph of Cupertino: Lambs and sparrows listened to his prayers and words.

St. Macarius and the Hyena: St. Macarius told a hyena that she may only take her prey from creatures which had died naturally. The hyena would visit St. Macarius' cell when food was scarce, and Macarius would share his food with the hyena.

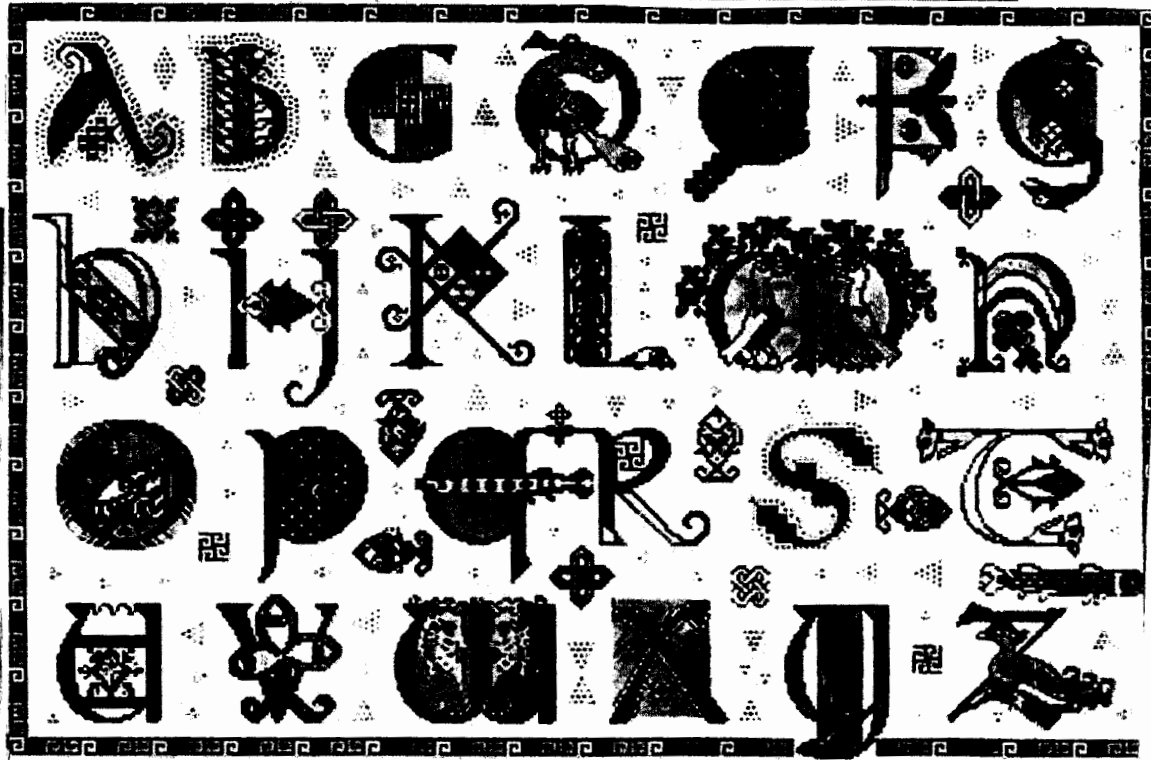
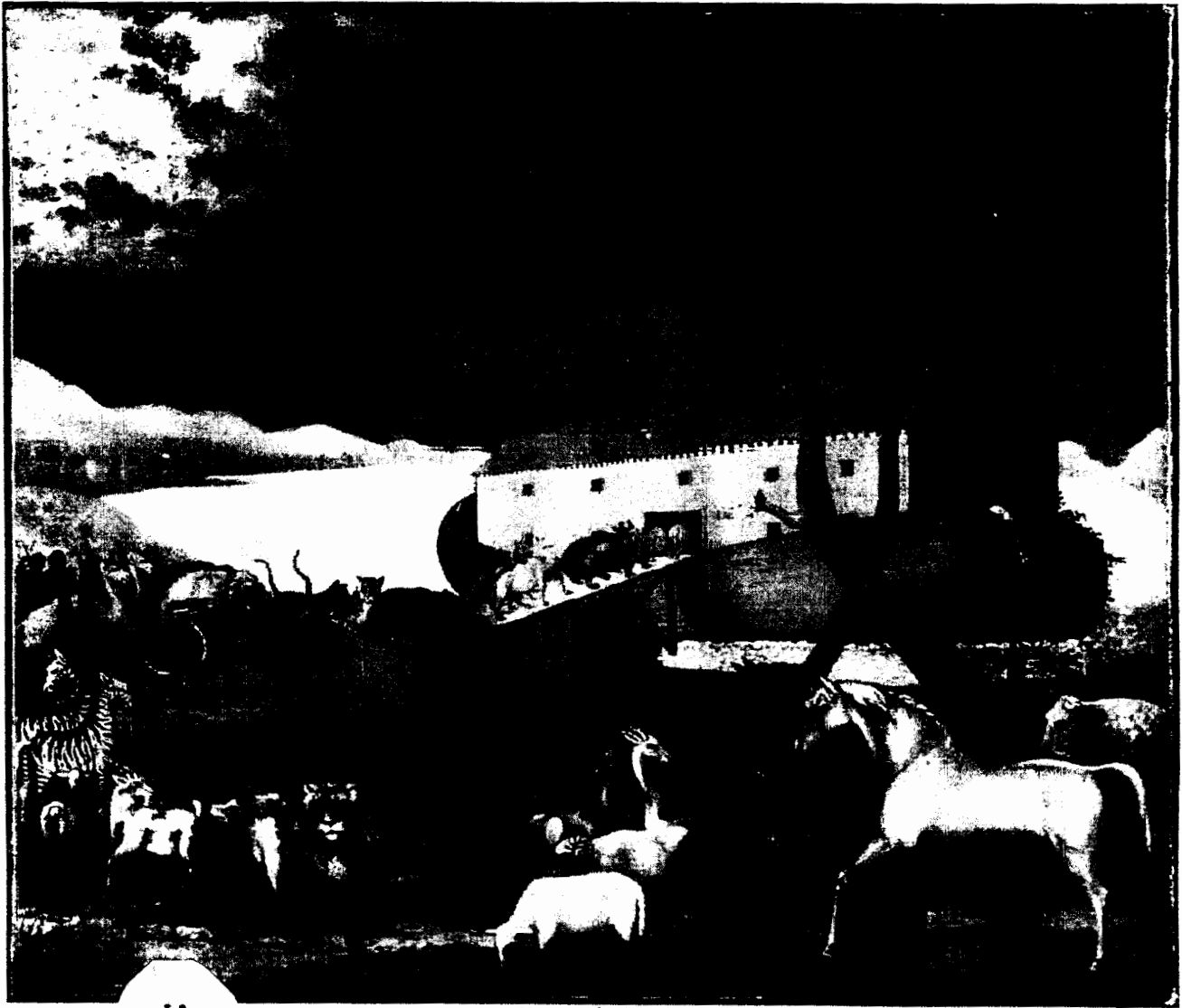
St. Marcan: (also known as Marian) He was a cowman and shepherd for the Abbey farm at Merille. Notice was taken that animals within his care thrived and multiplied; birds flocked to eat out of his hands; bears and wolves would leave at his command; and a hunted wild boar fled to him for protection.

St. Margaret of Cortona: Her "lover's" dog came to her whining and tugging at her dress. She followed the dog into the forest, where she found the murdered man.

St. Mamas: The image of St. Mamas on a lion's back reminds us of the theology of the Eastern Church regarding creation. He rides the lion, illustrating our dominion over all animals. The lamb in his arms dictates our stewardship for all living things. "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth". (Genesis 9: 12 & 13)

St. Martin de Porres: St. Martin considered animals children of God. He never passed a sick or suffering animal, rather, he took each home with him and treated them with herbal formulas and/or surgery (1579-1639). When a group of mice infested the monastery's collection of robes, Martin would not let the monks set out poison. He told the mice he would find them a new home. Martin led the mice to a new home. (From *Saint of the Day*): "...a remarkable rapport with all animals. His charity extended to beasts of the field and even to the vermin of the kitchen. He would excuse the raids of mice and rats on the grounds that they were underfed; he kept stray cats and dogs at his sister's house."

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN: Pet Blessing Services.



St. Mary Magdalen De'Pazzi: She was an advocate regarding the salvation of our fellow-creatures.

St. Matthew: Evangelist. Portrait with lions.

St. Molua: Because of his kindness to all animals, at the Saint's death, all living creatures cried.

St. Modestos Patriarch of Jerusalem: protector and healer for animals. Prayer= "O Lord Jesus Christ my God, Who are merciful and All-good, Who in wisdom created every visible and invisible creature, Who pours out His compassions upon all that He has created, Who through Your all-good Providence foresees and troubles over for all Your creatures...To You, therefore, I pray, O All-good Master and Creator of all, and I entreat You, the cause of all life, hearken to this my entreaty, and drive away every fatal sickness and danger from the oxen, horses, donkeys, mules, sheep, goats, bees, and any other animals in true need to the life of Your servants who call upon You, the giver of every good...grant compassion on the suffering animals...For if You even call rational beings to this sympathy: 'A righteous man has compassion upon his animals', as is written..."

St. Nicholas of Tolentino: Patron to sick animals. He restored a roasted fowl to life.

St. Paul, The Hermit: Throughout sixty years, ravens brought bread to Paul's desert retreat. When he died, two lions knelt at Paul's body and roared their sadness. The lions dug with their paws, Paul's grave. St. Antony blessed the lions: "Lord, without whom no leaf lights from the tree; nor a single sparrow falls upon the ground, give unto these even as thou knowest."

St. Richard de Wyche of Chinchester: Labourer, Scholar, Bishop, and Saint, "...Ah, poor little creatures! If you were rational beings and could speak, how you would curse us. For we are the cause of your death; you who are so innocent, what have you done worthy of death?" St. Richard abstained from animal-food.

St. Rita of Cascia: The day of her baptism, a swarm of white bees flew around her while she slept in her crib. The bees did not sting her as they entered and exited her mouth. Bees are the symbols of tireless activity.

St. Roch, Patron of Dogs: St. Roch, a plague victim, prepared for death when a dog brought him bread and licked his sores. Roch became well. Roch and the dog returned to Rome, where they worked together to heal and comfort the dying.

St. Ruman of Tavistock: Troparion of St. Ruman Tone 5=

Thou didst dazzle us with a jewel, a treasure,/a pearl of great price, O righteous Father Ruman,/in the God-pleasing life and asceticism of the desert./Thy selfless devotion, love of animals/and patience in the face of calumny are our guiding lights./Wherefore, O Saint, pray that the unprofitable servants who hymn thee/be granted great mercy.

St. Senoch: Animal stitch pattern available at ABC Stitch Therapy.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



ST. MAMAS THE GREAT MARTYR [1]



St. Shio: The saint prayed to God to stop a wolf from killing donkeys at the monastery. The wolf became the protector of the donkey herd.

St. Stephen of Mar Saba: He communicated with animals. He would not let a worm be stepped on.

St. Sylvester: Revived a dead bull.

St. Theodore the Sykeote, Bishop of Anatsiopolis: Known that wild animals would eat from his hands.

St. Werburgh of Chester: Geese are the symbol of this saint because she brought the bones of a goose back to life.

St. Wulfstan, Saxon Bishop of Worcester: Staying overnight at a Wycombe inn, the building began to sag and everyone, except St. Wulfstan ran outside shouting for the saint to follow. He refused to leave until all the animals at the inn had been released. The building collapsed afterward.

Albert Schweitzer: "While so much ill treatment of animals goes on...while so much brutality likewise prevails in our slaughterhouses...we will bear guilt."

Peter Singer, Philosopher, THE GREAT APE PROJECT: "If we regard human rights as something possessed by all human beings, no matter how limited their intellectual or emotional capacities may be, how can we deny similar rights to great apes?"

Snakes: The Second Coming of the Lord restores creation and peace will exists between humans and the animal kingdom.

Solomon's ant will be at heaven.

Sparrow: Symbol for the Holy Family, humble and obedient to the will of God.

Stacy Mantle: "Now, I can't prove that animals have souls. But then, I can't prove that you or I have one either. And for those people who firmly believe that animals don't have souls—well, I suppose if there really is a heaven, you'll probably have the job of cleaning out all the litter boxes..."

Stag: Symbol for solitude and purity of life. Saints Eustace, Hubert, Julian the Hospitator, and Giles are associated with the stag or hind.

Stork: Symbol for prudence, vigilance, piety, chastity, and the Annunciation.

Susi Pittman: ANIMALS IN HEAVEN? CATHOLICS WANT TO KNOW! "She explains that now the gates of heaven are open to all creation—not just human beings." (squidoo.com).

Swallow: Symbol for resurrection.



Tertullian: "The whole creation prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray, and bend their knees, and coming forth from their stalls and lairs look up to heaven, their mouth not idle, making the spirit move in their own fashion. Moreover the birds taking flight themselves up to heaven and instead of hands spread out the cross of their wings, while saying something which may be supposed to be a prayer."

The Dogs' Book of Romance: "Give from your soul."

The Reverend Alvin Hart, Episcopalian Priest: "Many Georgian saints were distinguished by their love for animals. St. John Zedazneli made friends with bears near his hermitage; St. Shio befriended a wolf; St. David of Garesja protected deer and birds from hunters, proclaiming, 'He whom I believe in and worship looks after and feeds all these creatures, to whom He has given birth'...Saints Wales, Cornwall and Brittany of Ireland...went to great pains for their animal friends, healing them and praying for them as well."

The Reverend Andrew Linzey, Anglican Priest: "To stand for Christ is to stand against the evil of cruelty inflicted on those who are weak, vulnerable, unprotected, undefended, morally innocent, and in that class we must unambiguously include animals...Look around you and see the faces of Christ in the millions of innocent animals suffering in factory farms, in laboratories, in abattoirs, in circuses and in animals hunted for sport."—"...Christian theology has allowed itself to promulgate notions that animals have no rights; that they are put here for our use; that animals have no more moral status than sticks and stones."—"...Animal rights remains an urgent question of theology". --- "...I receive hundreds of anguished letters from Christians who are so distressed by the insensitivity to animals shown by mainstream churches that they have left them or on the verge of doing so." --- "The time is long overdue to take the issue of animal rights to the churches with renewed vigor."

The Reverend Basil Wrighton, Roman Catholic Priest: "...the one case of cruelty to which most men refuse to extend their compassion, is the case of slaughter for food...The acceptance of that cruelty is what conditions men to accept and tolerate other cruelties like vivisection, hunting and trapping."

The Reverend John Beauchamp, Church of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Luke's Church, Beccles: "Dog is not by accident God spelt backwards".

The Reverend Juliet Stephenson, St. Swithun's Church, Retford: "My days off walking around Clumber Park Lake with Hector the Rector are a joyous way of being with the creator and the created."

The Reverend Richard Bardusch: "Our pets have emotions just like us. I think animals have souls too. People have people souls; animals have animal souls. The Scripture says that God will redeem all of creation, and all of creation includes animals."



Creation of Living Things mormon



God's Garden Must Be Beautiful
 God saw you getting tired
 When a cure was not to be.
 So He wrapped His arms around you
 And whispered, "Come to Me".

You didn't deserve what you went through,
 So He gave you rest.

God's garden must be beautiful.
 He only picks the best.

And when I saw you sleeping,
 So peaceful and free from pain,
 I could not resist you back
 To suffer that again.

~ Author Unknown ~



St. Columba and the White Horse

The Reverend Richard Dean: *An Essay on the Future Life of Brute Creatures*.

The Reverend V.A. Holmes-Gore (Anglican Priest): "That animals are not things should be obvious even to persons of the lowest intelligence. They are highly sensitive beings—capable of intense feeling and affection and, what is more, they are (like ourselves) creatures of our Heavenly Father."

The Reverend Carl Skriver (Evangelical Lutheran Minister): "The Jewish prophets started a heroic fight against the custom of animal sacrifice. And their condemnation of animal sacrifice was not only an attack on a religious system which was an aberration, but also on an incorrect and human-centered conception of God."

The Reverend Marc Wessels (International Network for Religion and Animals): "The most important teaching which Jesus shared was the need for people to love God with their whole self and to love their neighbor as they loved themselves. Jesus expanded the concept of neighbor to include those who were normally excluded, and it is therefore not too farfetched for us to consider the animals as our neighbors. To think about animals as our brothers and sisters is not a new or radical idea. By extending the idea of neighbor, the love of neighbor includes love of, compassion for, and advocacy of animals. .."

The 13th Karmapa (18 century): Taught animals.

Theophile Gautier: "Who can believe that there is no soul behind those luminous eyes!"

Thomas A'Kempis: "...and if thy heart be straight with God, then every creature shall be to thee a mirror of life and a book of holy doctrine, for there is no creature so little or vile, but that showeth and representeth the goodness of God."

Thomas Moore: Poem= "The Donkey and His Panniers".

Thomas Tryon: According to Tryon, the main tenets of faith are pacifism and non-violence to animals.

Trappist Monks: Vegetarians until 1960s.

Turkish saying: "If you kill a cat, you need to build a mosque for God's forgiveness."

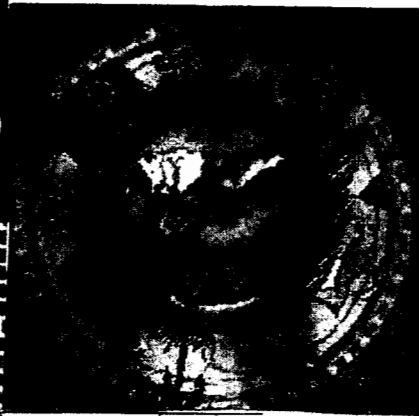
Vegetarian Christian Saints: Mystics, Ascetics & Monks: by Dr. Holly Roberts. Dr. Roberts lists 150 canonized vegetarian saints.

A Vegetarian Sourcebook: by Keith Akers. ..."Both Athanasius and his opponent Arius were strict vegetarians. Many early church fathers were vegetarian, including Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Heironymus, Boniface, and John Chrysostom...Vegetarianism is at the heart of Christianity."



This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my rainbow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Genesis 9: 12 & 13



Deo 6 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.



St. Hugh and the Swan of Stowe



Vulture: Vultures are believed envoys of Dakinis (Tibetan angels). Dakinis take a soul to heaven to be reincarnated.

Watchman Nee: From his book, The Normal Christian Life: "...and the distance that which separates us from the life of God is vastly greater than that which separates us from the life of the lower animals."

John Wesley: Wesley (founder of Methodism) taught that animals are heaven-bound "... (animals) shall receive an ample amends for all their present sufferings...I am persuaded you are not insensible of the pain given to every Christian, every humane heart, by those savage diversions, bull-baiting, cock-fighting, horse-racing, and hunting." "Reason, set aside that ambiguous term: exchange it for the plain word, understanding: and who can deny that brutes have this? We may as well deny that they have sight or hearing." "Something better remains after death for those poor creatures also." "...Yea, let us habituate ourselves to look forward...to the happy time when they will be delivered therefrom, into the liberty of the children of God!" Read Wesley's SERMONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

Will Rogers: "If there are no dogs in Heaven, then, when I die, I want to go where they went."


William Blake: "The Tiger".

John Woolman: Quaker preacher who traveled American colonies attacking slavery and cruelty to animals "...convinced in my mind that true religion consisted in an inward life, wherein the heart doth love and reverence God the Creator and learn to exercise true justice and goodness, not only toward all men, but also toward the brute creatures...a tenderness toward all creatures made subject to us will be experienced, and a care felt in us that we do not lessen that sweetness of life in the animal creation which the great Creator intends for them."

Xanthus (Greek horse): Given by Poseidon to Pelopes as a gift to draw the god's chariot across the sky.

Yonassan Gershom (Hasidic Jew): "One thing Judaism does clearly say, however, is that animals are living beings with feelings, that they were created by God, and that we are commanded to care for them properly."

Yonathan Mizrachi (Founder, Emek Shaveh): "You don't need physical proof for your beliefs."



Light appears as the earth cries
The sun goes dim
As the moon grows shy
When butterflies fly in Heaven

Wars will be forgotten
If only for a while
When friends all remember
Why butterflies fly in Heaven

Broken hearts will be held
All together with love
And soft words will be spoken
As butterflies fly in Heaven

So goodbye my friend
And let yourself soar up high
Taking your love to the souls that fly
Like butterflies fly in Heaven

~Rest In Peace Rhoda~

CONCLUSIONS

Social ecologists maintain that no human will be free unless animals are free; that humans try to justify that animals are inferior beings. Anyone who has loved an animal knows that God will rejoin us with our animal, for how can we be blessed at Paradise without every animal who touched our souls? Some philosophers write that human intelligence is greater than an animal's because animals cannot create or acknowledge right from wrong. Any person who has loved or cared for an animal knows that individual animals can create many things – their lairs, their offspring, their games, their language, etc.—and that animals do learn right from wrong, just as a young child, from repetition. I rescued a dog who constantly wanted to bite me. I taught him the words “no bite”, and he soon learned to stop. I'm certain many of my readers have similar stories. I had a wonderful, intelligent Labrador, Cleopatra, who recognized that the word “school” meant we were going to attend agility class. During her life span, she recognized 300+ words and responded to them all.

A prayer from Friar Jack Wintz for your animal who has died:

Loving God

Our beloved pet and companion (name),

is on its final journey.

We will miss (name) dearly

because of the joy and affection

(name) has given to us.

Bless (name) and give him/her peace.

May your care for (name) never die.

We thank you for the gift

that (name) has given us.

Give us hope that in your great kindness

you may restore (name) in your heavenly kingdom

according to your wisdom, which goes

beyond our human understanding. Amen.

There are many Bible interpretations for the inclusion of animals within heaven:

Matthew 6:26: “Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”; Psalm 104: 10-14a: “You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches; From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the livestock...”.

Working with animals, I KNOW, that they sense death and mourn when any of their own are ill or die. They speak to me as well as to others. They can sing, grunt, howl, moo, baa, with each other. They notice when their environment changes physically. They can create their own form of play. They know right and wrong.

I ascertain my goal proving animals have souls go beyond the statement of some, "If you believe animals are at heaven, then, they are". This belief is not an individual choice. God has affirmed.

"The soul is the same in all living creatures; only the body is different." Hippocrates of Kos,
Greece (460-377 BCE).

Internalize Chief Seattle's message below. I would be so sad without the multitude of wildlife and domestic life that I can view, love, and study. Their eyes are the most expressive of their being.

"What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone,

Man would die from

a great loneliness of the spirit.

For whatever happens to the beasts

soon happens to man.

Chief Seattle

Read the email correspondence with Father Edwin Palka, included in the Appendix: "...So, if you find a parish which teaches that animals possess immortal souls, run far away quickly, for it is not a truly Catholic parish...and will likely lead the parishioners to hell..."

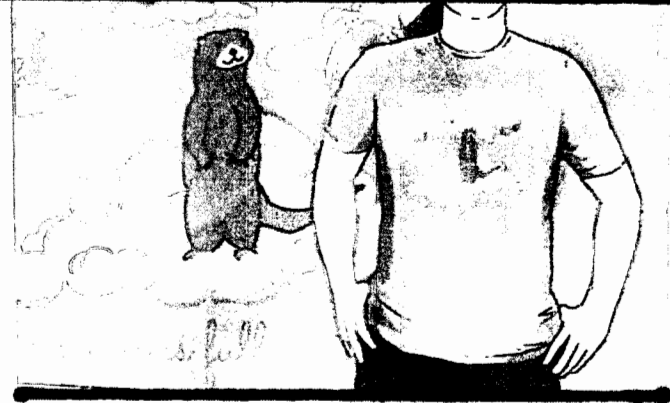
NO, NO, NO! Don't waste your time trying to educate a parish, instead locate one that supports your knowledge and animal welfare. Use this manuscript as your guide.



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ST. MAMAS AND ST. JOHN OF THE FAST [4]



APPENDIX

Verizon Message Center

Friday, Nov 29 at 2:22 PM

From: Father Edwin Palka <fatherpalka@saopcc.com>
To: Karen Lynn klynnlynn111@verizon.net
Subject: Re: Re: Re: Question

Karen,

I am truly sorry that you are so dogged in trying to deny what is Church teaching. Please do not let your emotions conquer your intellect. As humans we can choose to follow God and His Church or we can choose to fight them both. Animals and plants cannot do that. We are not only significantly different from all other creatures, we are *essentially* different from them. Our souls will live forever either with God or without Him and fighting on His side or against Him can determine how that plays out. Plant and animal souls will simply cease to exist at their death. This is God's teaching in and through His Church. Emotions make one cry for the loss of a pet and the thought of never seeing it again. Emotions also make one cry at the loss of a loved human even when we believe we will see him again (like Jesus before He raised Lazarus from the dead). But the human intellect overcomes the emotions (without denying them), looks at Divine revelation, and understands that the pet, unlike man, was not made in the image and likeness of God. Man was created for God, plants and animals were created for man. Man will only be fulfilled with God, not with any creature. If man feels that he needs, truly needs, a creature, it means that he has turned it into a god. Going down that road leads to eternity without the real God.

As for the book you showed your priest, unfortunately I can show you many unfaithful (or at least mistaken) priests who have written books promoting other things that contradict Church teaching as well. That does not make the unfaithful priest right and God wrong. Once again I am sorry to disappoint you but plants and non-human animals do not have eternal souls and do not go to Heaven. If you read supposedly Catholic books which contradict this teaching, beware of anything else taught in its pages for it could be poisoned as well.

Look at some other popular emotional pleas that are often made and which often lead people toward hell.

1. Euthanasia. No different for grandma than for a dog that needs to be put down. Call it mercy killing. Don't let either Fido or Granny suffer. But if both have immortal souls (and that would include rational intellect in order to freely choose good or evil) and there is redemptive suffering (as shown by Christ's passion), neither can be killed to avoid pain. If there is no immortality, if there is no suffering savior, both can be killed indiscriminately. Only if there is an essential difference between the two (as the Church teaches), is there grounds for putting the dog out of its misery and allowing grandma to offer up hers as a powerful prayer, penance and means of expiating sin.

2. Homosexuality and bestiality. Who is God and the Church to say that two men who love each other cannot express that love in sexual terms? That is a huge emotional argument today. But either God and His Church are right (sex is reserved for marriage, which is one man and one woman joined together in a lifetime commitment, preferably a sacramental one, for the sake of procreation and unification of the family in order to educate children in the Faith and present immortal souls to God) or the emotional appeal is right (sex is for pleasure). If emotions rule and two men can have sex and two women can have sex then also two men can have sex with two women and humans can have sex with other animals or plants or self. If the only limit is pleasure, then anything goes. Further, and absurdly, if the Church is wrong about the mortality of plant and animal souls but right about sex then it would be proper for a man to have sex with a dog or tree but only if said dog or tree was female and they got married.

3. Nope, that's enough to show the emotional point that emotions rule some of our most "cherished" arguments of society today while the truth lies beyond emotion and in the intellect enlightened by God.

You know the truth and you have been exposed to falsehoods as well. The choice is yours as to which path you take.

On Sun, Nov 24, 2013 at 9:13 AM, <klynnlynn111@verizon.net> wrote:

Thank you again, Father, for the thoughtful

information. One additional question I want to ask, re. Franciscans. I recently gave a book to Father Eric (St. Joseph's) written by Friar Jack Wintz, which included, "Many Christians believe that nonhuman creatures do not have a place in heaven. The reasoning seems to go like this: life with God after death is only possible for human beings who have received the gift of new life with God through baptism. Only humans have intelligence and free will and thus the capacity to enjoy fullness of life in heaven. Similarly, animals and other nonhuman creatures do not have human souls and are thus excluded from heaven, according to this mind set...One thing we do know from the Genesis stories is that animals, plants, and other creatures found happiness in the first Paradise. Why then would God--or anyone else--want to exclude them from the paradise that is yet to come?"--Ecclesiastes 3:19-21...Who knows that the breath of man ascends upward and breath of the beast downward to the earth?; Genesis 9:9-10...Now behold, I Myself do establish My covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that comes out of the ark, even every beast of the earth; Luke 12:6...Are not five sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of

them is forgotten before God; Matthew 10:29...Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. Karen.

On 11/23/13, Father Edwin Palka<fatherpalka@saopcc.com> wrote:

Karen,

Blessing animals does not indicate that they have immortal souls nor does it bestow upon them an immortal soul. Admitting that we are of the same origin--God--does not mean animals have an immortal soul or else rocks would have immortal souls, too, for they have the same origin. Quoting saints when they seem to say something other than what Scripture says, is a waste of time. Either the quotes are taken out of context or the saints were wrong, plain and simple.

For instance, in Mark 7:15 Jesus, not a saint, says, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

And, if the words of our Lord Himself are not enough, Holy Scripture, in tenth chapter of Acts, shows once again the very clear command, to eat animals and to not dare call such a thing profane. This vision was given to Peter. "The next day, while they were on their way and nearing the city, Peter went up to the roof terrace to pray at about noontime. He was hungry and wished to eat, and while they were making preparations he fell into a trance. He saw heaven opened and something resembling a large sheet coming down, lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all the earth's four-legged animals and reptiles and the birds of the sky. A voice said to him, "Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat." But Peter said, "Certainly not, sir. For never have I eaten anything profane and unclean." The voice spoke to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you are not to call profane." This happened three times, and then the object was taken up into the sky."

Again, I do not wish to give you bad news but simply give you the truth of Church teachings. Both Scripture and Tradition are clear on this. I am sorry you were not taught them before but I am glad you are now searching for the truth. Now that you have it, please embrace it, even if it hurts. Truth, not emotions, must rule the intellect.

Fr. Palka

On Sat, Nov 23, 2013 at 11:18 AM, <klynlyn111@verizon.net> wrote:

Thank you for your response. I will add this: Pope John Paul II (1990), "...the animals possess a soul and men must love and feel solidarity with our smaller brethren...they are as near to God as men are"; Pope Francis went against ceremonial rules (2013), and blessed the guide dog (Asia, Labrador Retriever of a visually impaired

journalist (Alessandro Forlani); St. Clement of Alexandria, Clementine Homily XII, "The unnatural eating of flesh meats is as polluting as the heathen worship of devils..."; St. Filippo Neri: "If everyone were like me, no one would kill animals!"; St. John Chrysostom: "...but above all, because they are of the same origin as ourselves."; etc.

On 11/22/13, Father Edwin Palka <fatherpalka@saopcc.com> wrote:

Karen,

Sorry but I may disappoint you with my answer. My "stand" doesn't matter a whit. The Church teaching is that men have rational souls, which are the spiritual component to men and are immortal. Men can choose to obey and love God or choose to disobey and despise Him. Animals cannot. Therefore, animals cannot merit God's grace and eternal life. The souls that plants and non-human animals possess are material and die with the body. Men possess spiritual souls which are not effected by the body's death but continue to live on as a substance (St. Thomas calls this a substantial sou, possessed by man but not other animals). So if you find a parish which teaches that animals possess immortal souls, run far away quickly, for it is not a truly Catholic parish. It is only teaching what might temporarily make you feel good but it is still false. Beware, for it will also teach other falsehoods, preferring the praise of men rather than the praise of God, and will likely lead the parishioners to hell while encouraging them to enjoy the journey.

Below are two sources to help explain this. The first is the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which mentions St. Francis' love for animals but certainly does not quote him as believing animals have immortal souls. It also does not directly state that animals' souls don't go to Heaven but by stating that we can use them and eat them and that we are not to love them as we would humans, it certainly shows clearly that there is a huge distinction between man and other animals. That distinction includes immortality of man only. The second is an answer which can be found at EWTN's website. I hope this helps.

Fr. Palka

2416 *Animals* are God's creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. [Cf. Mt 6:26; Dan 3:79-81] Thus men owe them kindness. We should recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Philip Neri treated animals. [344]

2417 God entrusted animals to the stewardship of those whom he created in his own image. [Cf. Gen 2:19-20; 9:1-4] Hence it is legitimate to use animals for food and clothing. They may be domesticated to help man in his work and leisure. Medical and scientific experimentation on animals is a morally acceptable

practice if it remains within reasonable limits and contributes to caring for or saving human lives. [2234]

2418 It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly. It is likewise unworthy to spend money on them that should as a priority go to the relief of human misery. One can love animals; one should not direct to them the affection due only to persons. [2446]

Pets in Heaven?

A question that comes up frequently is whether people will see their pets in heaven. Now the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does not directly address this question. But it does hold principles which lead us in the direction of an answer.

One principle is that all living things have a soul. Here soul is defined as what makes an organic body live. Now when any living thing dies, its soul is separated from its body. In the case of plants and animals the soul goes out of existence. But in the case of man, the soul remains in existence because it is a spiritual or immaterial thing. Consequently, it differs from the souls of animals in two important respects. First, it is the seat of intelligence or reason. For this reason a man is held responsible for his actions in a way that animals are not. Secondly, the soul is immortal. A thing which has no physical parts cannot fall apart or be poisoned or be crushed or be put out of existence. For this reason the souls of the saved will always be aware of themselves as enjoying the vision of God for all eternity. This enjoyment will be the result of having chosen to act on earth in such a way that one did the will of God rather than one's own will. And the souls of the damned will be aware of themselves as never attaining this vision of God because they have shown by their lives on earth that they did not wish this vision but instead preferred their own will.

In the light of this essential difference between human beings and animals, it would seem that we would not see the souls of our pets in heaven for the simple reason that they do not have immortal souls and are not responsible for their actions. They do not have the intelligence which allows them to choose either God's will or their own will. There is, then, an incomparable distance, say, between the soul of the sorriest human being who ever lived and the most noble brute animal that ever walked the earth.

Now a child might be heartbroken at the thought that he will never see his pet again. He cannot yet understand this explanation about the difference between the human and the animal soul. I suppose that one could tell the child that when he hopefully gets to heaven, he could ask God to see his old pets if he still wished to. There would be no harm in that. For we know that when a person finally sees God, he will not be concerned with seeing old pets or favorite places but rather will be captured in the complete fulfillment of the joy of which old pets and favorite places are but little signs. We adults know that, even if the child does not.

For more information on how the Church sees animals in the lives of human beings, check the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2415-2418. You will learn, for example, that the Church, while it condemns cruelty to animals as an offense against the dignity of man, allow experiments on animals if done in a reasonable way. Again, you will learn of the tremendous difference that the Church sees between the lowliest of human beings and the most noble of the animals. It will allow animals to be used for food or clothing, but will defend the right of an innocent human being to live against Kings and Nations. The Church will demand that animals be respected as part of creation while at the same time insisting that the dignity owed a human being should never be given to an animal.

Answered by Dr. Richard Geraghty, PhD

On Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 1:58 PM, Mark Rosendale <mark@saopcc.com> wrote:

Liturgical.....

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <klynnlynn111@verizon.net>
Date: Mon, Nov 18, 2013 at 1:47 PM
Subject: Question
To: church@saopcc.com

The Catholic Church of which I am a member, does not support the philosophy of St. Francis' of animals possessing souls. I am searching for a church parish which does. What is your "stand" re. this matter? Thank you, Karen Lynn, [813-782-4732](tel:813-782-4732), PO Box 922, Zephyrhills, FL 33539.

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Animal Angel by LuLebel on deviantART

Day 6.

Heaven animals.

Mummified dogs.

Noah's Ark.

St. Roch, by Hank Schlau.

Susan Brack

Worship of the Creator

...6and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind. 7The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. 8And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."...



Ezekiel 1:10

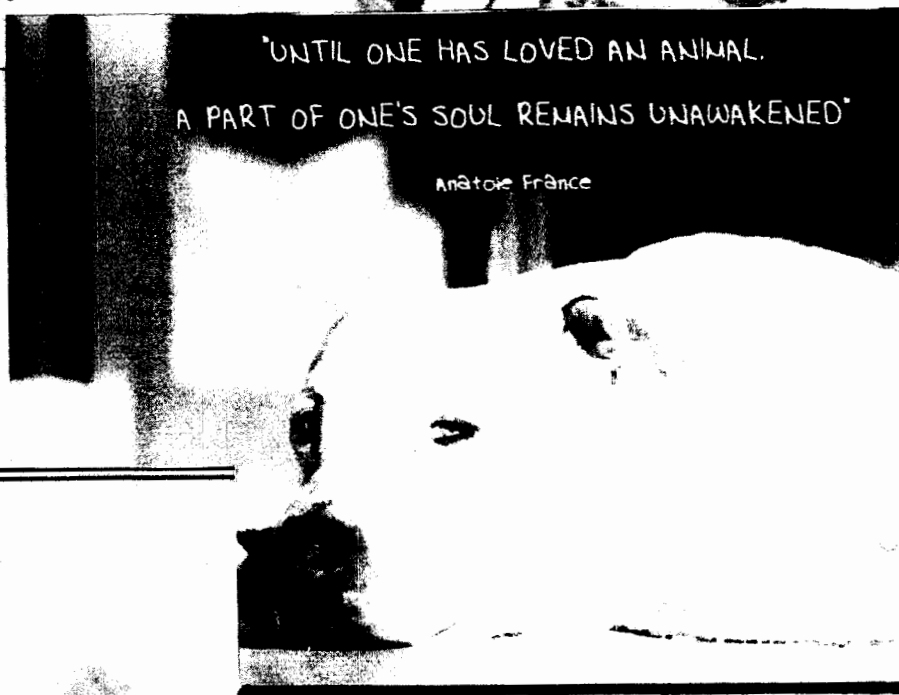
Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.



Male Bloodhound

Chien de Saint-Hubert

St. Hubert Hound



"UNTIL ONE HAS LOVED AN ANIMAL,
A PART OF ONE'S SOUL REMAINS UNAWAKENED"

Anatole France



"Dogs and
angels are
not very far
apart."

~Charles Bukowski



The fish come to listen to the
preaching of St. Anthony



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Remembering

God Saw You...

by Author Unknown

God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you,
and whispered, "Come to me".
You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best
And when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.





St. Kevin Anachron

St. Kevin's Feast Day is June 3rd. He is the patron saint of Dublin and Glendalough. This anachron shows Kevin standing in the lake, holding an egg that a black bird has left in his hand. An otter offers him salmon and apples grow on a willow tree. Other animals featured in legends of Kevin are also depicted.



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