

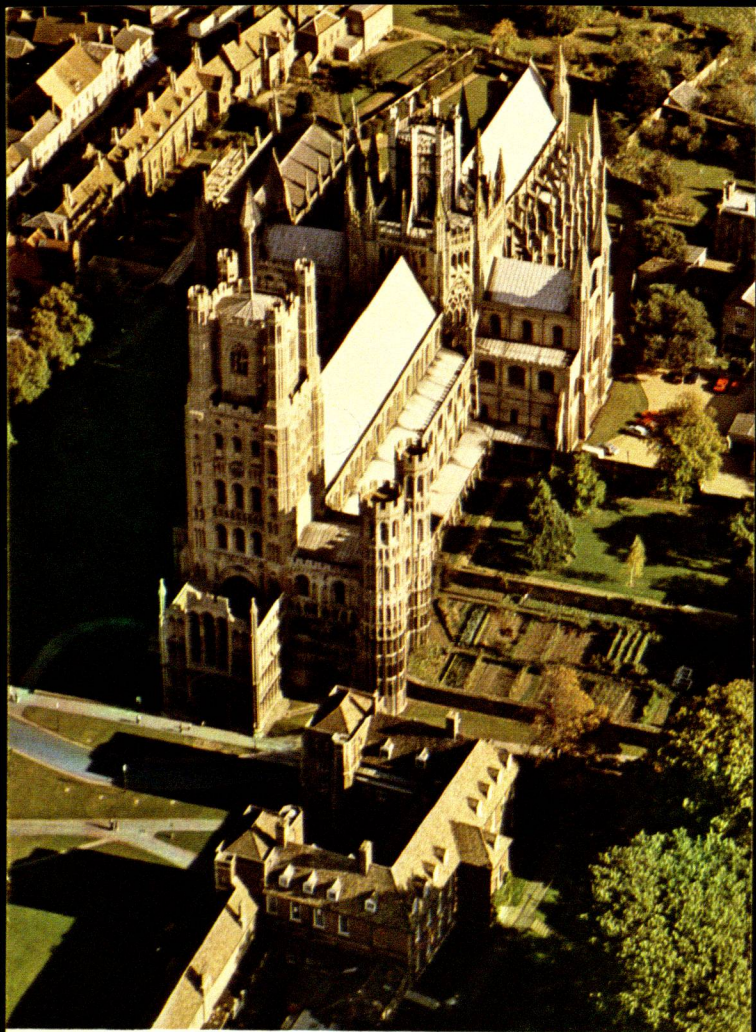
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The Right Honble Mrs. Margaret Thatcher M.P.

22 August 1980

Dear Prime Minister,

I am venturing to send to you one of the writings of Harry Williams, whom I mentioned when you spoke of there being no Christian apologists quite to follow C.S. Lewis.

I know that a number of people among whom is Jean, who has thought highly of him for a long time, and of this work in particular) find that he speaks to them and keeps his appeal.

Will you please accept it as a small remembrance of a time which it was a great privilege to share with you and your husband. It goes without saying that Jean and I will see you on time and our talks with you as privileged in the strictest sense, too.

I also enclose a copy of the letter

from Sir George Thomson which I recalled when  
you spoke of the word of science. I had sent  
him a copy of a University sermon I preached  
in 1967, and he had been pleased that in  
sending it to him I had said that I was always  
very conscious when to feel to me to preach in  
the College Chapel that a sermon must have  
"integrity" if it was going to pass muster with him!  
He taught me an immense respect for the Natural  
Scientist.

I can and I hope very much that you will tell us  
if there is ever a chance of us being able to welcome  
you and Dennis here at Ely. It would give us  
much pleasure. In the meantime, please be  
assured of my remembrance of you in the  
immense responsibilities you carry. We do indeed  
think of you.

Yours ever sincerely,

+ Peter Binn:

March 10.

LITTLE HOWE,  
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Dear Peter

I am touched and made proud by your letter;  
thank you for it and also for sending me a copy  
of your magnificent foreseeing sermon.  
It is hard to know what to think about God's interference  
in the world. By a strange paradox the age which  
accepted without question Newtonian determinism found  
miracles, on the whole, acceptable, but for ours, when  
nature seems basically free within wide limits and  
only acquires precise regularity by its scale, they are  
nearly (but not quite) unbelievable. Yet a God who  
wished to do so could control the world to a  
great extent without anyone knowing he was doing  
it and without breaking any of the rules.  
But does He? Nature seems to me quite <sup>cold</sup> and heartless,  
a beautiful clever attractive woman who neither knows

or cares the consequences of her actions, but goes on  
her own way regardless.

The love which Jesus showed demands our help  
in a struggle against the inhumanity of Nature, both  
outside us and within us. Jesus works through  
man and therefore his power is limited by man.

Is there also a God of unlimited power? This  
brings us back to the problem of evil which one  
really seems to have solved — unless Marcion  
was right.

I think of these things a good deal though aware  
that they cannot be solved intellectually.

Yours ever

George