

LIFE ABUNDANT

Sallie McFague, *Life Abundant* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2001),

The current dominant American worldview (self-image) is that we are individuals with the right to happiness, especially the happiness of the consumer-style “abundant life.” The market ideology has become our way of life, almost our religion, telling us who we are (consumers(and what is the goal of life (making money). Result of this lifestyle are: a widening gap between the rich and poor as well as the unrayeling of the irreplaceable life systems of the plant. Is this loving nature – or our neighbor? (McFague Preface, xi).

We are on a path that is unjust to others and unsustainable to the planet. We keep ourselves in denial because we *like* this way of life, and our economic system and government collude with us. We middle class North Americans are addicted to the consumer lifestyle, even if it means depriving others and putting the planet in jeopardy (McFague Preface xii).

The incarnation (McFague P. 13)