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Familiar Truths in Unexpected Places

While reading fairy tales to his children Dr. Francis Rossow became aware that many of the tales carried a “gospel theme”. In the subsequent years he has continued to identify the themes of good and evil as they appeared in literature. Often those themes stood out as a reflection of the conflict between God and Satan.

Other themes such as the imposition of impossible tasks on ordinary mortals and the struggle between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light led Dr. Rossow to develop a thesis that Gospel themes have permeated society to the extent that writers, either consciously or unconsciously, reflect those themes in their writing. Some of the literary appearances represent a reflection of and others a distortion of the Gospel themes.

“The central event of history called the Gospel event (the Son of God’s incarnation, life, death, damnation, resurrection, and salvation) has had so profound an impact on our world,” writes Dr. Rossow, “that it has spilled beyond the bounds chosen by God to convey it.”

Dr. Rossow’s thesis, with eighteen literary examples, has been published by Lutheran University Press, Minneapolis. The book, *Gospel Patterns in Literature*, is available on line at www.lutheranupress.org and other internet sites.

The book includes study questions which make it ideal for book discussion groups or adult forums.

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