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Reflections

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'ONE GIANT MACHINE'

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Over the Christmas holidays my daughter and two grandchildren came out from Chicago for a visit. Since the skiing conditions were less than wonderful, we used the opportunity to go to a movie one afternoon. Narrowing the range to appropriate children's movies we went to see "Hugo". I found the movie to be heartwarming and delightfully profound.

Hugo is a young orphan boy who lives in the clock tower of a Paris train station. He secretly maintains the clock while being careful to avoid the authorities. Eventually, he meets a girl his age and they become best friends. One day Hugo shared his philosophical view of the world with his friend. Being familiar with the huge workings of the train station clock, his observation was that the world is like a giant machine. Machines do not have any extra parts and every part has a purpose.

I have thought about this simple philosophy many times over the past few weeks. I believe that the Kingdom of God is like Hugo's understanding of a machine. In God's creation there are no extras. Every person and everything in God's creation has a purpose. There are no throw-a-way parts and no useless people. Perhaps we will experience God's Kingdom on earth as it is heaven when all of the parts function properly and work together for God's purposes.



You are an essential piece of God's magnificent creation. Do you know what your purpose is? Find it, believe it, and live it with gusto.

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