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The Spiritual Life of Children

By Robert Coles



ow do children view the meaning of life? How do they perceive death? What is their vision of "god?" "THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHILDREN," by Pulitzer Prize-winning Robert Coles gives unique insights into these and other topics.

This is the last volume in Coles' monumental "Children of Crisis" series. Previous books dealt with poverty, migration and racial prejudices. Preparation for the book included over 1000 interviews with children of different ages and backgrounds.

In the seven years it took to complete and assemble the material, children spoke candidly about their fears and beliefs of god, the devil, dying and sickness, and recovery. Especially insightful are the drawings and paintings which depict the visual support of the children's theories and beliefs. Coles worked a great deal with art as a means of expression of ideas.

His talent as editor lies very much in his non-judgmental comments, and his ability to get even opposing groups of kids involved in very stimulating discussions.

Perhaps the best aspect of this original work is its unique balance between a highly accessible, easy to read book, and a very important scholarly work on the nature of children's phi-

Chapters include: "The Face of God," "Islamic Surrender," "Jewish Righteousness," and "The Voice of God."

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