

I HAVE MY PURPOSE!

God has created me to do some definite service;
God has committed some work to me
which has not been given to another —
I have my purpose!

I may never know it fully in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
God has not created me for nothing!

I shall do good!
I shall be an instrument of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place,
even when not intending it —
if I but show love.

Therefore, I will trust God.
Whatever I am, wherever I am,
I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness will serve God.
If I feel I have failed, that too will serve God.
If I am in confusion or sorrow,
those feelings somehow serve in the Divine Plan.

Nothing happens in vain —
Somehow everything fits together —
Even if my friends are taken away
and I am thrown among strangers;
if desolation makes my spirits sink
and the future seems hidden from me —
still, somehow, all things work together
for good in God's plan of Love!

Indeed, God has committed to me that work
which has not been given to another.
I have my purpose in this life!

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman