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If, upon my death,
I discover that the myth
was correct after all,
and I face St. Peter,
and he does not call
my name to pass through the gates
because I merely lived
as well as I could,
failing to worship—
with proper piety—his deity,
I will simply turn away.

For after a lifetime fighting
the arrogance of the earthly almighty,
why, I ask, should I have any desire
to spend eternity
with a heavenly variety?

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