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ideas strategically throughout the college experience and then seeking a comprehensive integration in the form of a capstone course on the eve of graduation.

In an examination of the resources of various religious traditions, Richard T. Hughes observes that “the Lutheran tradition possesses some of the most potent theological resources for sustaining the life of the mind that one can imagine.” So while the Lutheran tradition, filled with ambiguities and paradox, is a challenging one to grasp and live out in the academy, it is buttressed by an account of reality that is full of hope. It is a tradition that is appropriate to a world that is both wonder-full and broken.

Endnotes

1. This essay was previously published as Chapter 14 in Paul J. Dovre, *The Cross and the Academy*, 170-78. Besides small formatting changes, it is reprinted verbatim here with permission by The Dovre Center for Faith and Learning, Concordia College, Moorehead, MN; Ernie Simmons, Director.

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There will come a day, a last perfect day
When an unblemished Sun makes the cool Ocean roll,
And the great sea beasts cast their perfect white spray
For the very last time with untroubled soul.

It is our conviction that something remain,
Engendering life when our time has passed:
The Sea, the Life-Giver, the clouds and the rain,
Making forms ever new and the drama recast.

For each frail mortal and each questing mind
Stands to the Ocean as foam to the wave.
Before it is scattered, it longs that it find
The pulse of the Deep at the edge of the grave.

When the Sun shall expand, and the great Ocean dies,
When the blues become black and greens become red,
Let it die full of Life! Let its murmurs and sighs
Give the drama a meaning. Let it not, Lord, die dead.

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