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Christianity does not confine itself to

the reign of God in the soul;

it seeks to establish

the reign of God upon the earth.

**— Fr. Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, a community of Catholic priests who recognize "the multicultural reality of our society, the diversity of North American religious experience, and the value of Paulists and laity working together."**

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i thank You God for most this amazing

day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees

and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything

which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(i who have died am alive again today,

and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth

day of life and love and wings and of the gay

great happening illimitably earth)

how should tasting touching hearing seeing

breathing any-lifted from the no  
of all nothing-human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

— **e.e. cummings**

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How would you rate yourself on these R's — refuse, reduce, reuse/repair,  
replace/rebuy, recycle?

**Refuse**, make the choice not to generate waste in the first place

**Reduce**, make decisions that decrease the amount of waste produced

**Reuse/repair**, expand the shelf-lives of products; join the growing movement to RE-  
USE

**Replace**, next time consider the recycled and green option

**Recycle**, reclaim the raw materials

(Note that recycling is LAST on the list; it is critically important but isn't as effective  
as preventing waste in the first place.)

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