

# INCARNATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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City officials in Roswell, New Mexico, want to establish a UFO-themed amusement park, given the area's history in which some believe a UFO crashed in the area. Do you believe in UFO's and alien life?

The thirteenth century Dominican friar, Thomas Aquinas, is one of the most brilliant theologians of the last two millennia. His writings continue to be the foundation of philosophical thought in universities throughout the world. And yet, at the end of his life, after an insight into the mystical presence of God, he said all his writings were no more than straw that should be burned. He realized that we humans can only capture glimpses of a God who is far beyond our ability to fully grasp and understand. How can we understand the depths of the ocean by studying a drop of water?

As Christians, we believe that Jesus reveals to us the essential nature of God and yet there is much about God we'll never completely comprehend. Who of us can pretend with our finite mind to see into the mind of God who is infinite? Much of the universe itself continues to be a mystery and at best is explained by science which often is imperfect and at times hypothetical. Is it possible that God has created other life forms beyond those which we know? God can do whatever God wants so the question can never be definitely answered. I imagine that on the day we meet God face to face we'll realize that all our accumulated knowledge will be as so much straw that should be burned.

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