

SIN AND VIRTUE

“Before I knowed it, I was sayin' out loud, 'The hell with it! There ain't no sin and there ain't no virtue. There's just stuff people do. It's all part of the same thing.' I says, 'What's this call, this sperit?' An'

I says, 'It's love. I love people so much I'm fit to bust, sometimes.' I figgered, 'Why do we got to hang it on God or Jesus? Maybe,' I figgered, 'maybe it's all men an' all women we love; maybe that's the Holy Sperit-the human sperit-the whole shebang.

Maybe all men got one big soul ever'body's a part of.' Now I sat there thinkin' it, an' all of suddent—I knew it. I knew it so deep down that it was true, and I still know it.”

- JIM CASEY, THE “PREACHER”

The Grapes of Wrath (1939)

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