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[“What’s It All About, Alfie?”](#) was a song from the 1960’s reflecting on the purpose of life.

Life in this world makes demands for care of the body, the home, health, necessary possessions. At the same time, these demands can overcome the priorities of the Christian to work out salvation in fear and trembling.

Fr. John Eudes reveals below the truth of life to us Christians in this excerpt from his treatise.

1. Christ has a plan for our salvation.
2. It is fulfilled in various stages.
3. Our call is to strive to unite to Jesus in the various stages, and to allow Him to transform us toward completion on the last day.
4. It is done by praying to Jesus to bring them to completion (thy kingdom come, thy will be done).
5. The mysteries are not yet completed or fulfilled in us.
6. Jesus extends us a share in his incarnation and suffering.
7. The sharing is done through grace first, then the works He wishes to accomplish in each person.
8. All of us contribute (we are mediators of graces received from Jesus.)
9. Completion occurs on judgment day.
10. Meanwhile Jesus forms himself in us and is being reborn in our souls through the blessed sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. He fulfills his interior life in us, hidden with him in God.

The Christian’s day should start with prayer to ask God for the graces to see whom He will bring into our lives that day, what situations he will allow us to encounter, submission to His promptings to allow Him to work through us and for us not to stand in His way.

Certainly a state of grace from the Sacrament of Penance is essential as is the profound unity of soul with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

A habit of returning to short prayer throughout the day, perhaps before or after completing a task for reflection with Him, brings the Christian back to consciousness of his role to live for Jesus and to allow Jesus to live in the soul, in order that the tasks of living in the material world take their rightful place *BELOW* the task of God’s plan for fulfilling His mysteries in us toward completion in salvation on the last day.

This is what it is all about.

From a treatise on the kingdom of Jesus by Saint John Eudes, priest
(Pars 3, 4: Opera omnia 1, 310-312)

The mystery of Christ ***in us and in the Church***

We must strive to follow and fulfill in ourselves the various stages of Christ's plan as well as his mysteries, and frequently beg him to bring them to completion in us and in the whole Church. For the mysteries of Jesus are not yet completely perfected and fulfilled.

They are complete, indeed, in the person of Jesus, but not in us, who are his members, nor in the Church, which is his mystical body. The Son of God wills to give us a share in his mysteries and somehow to extend them to us. He wills to continue them in us and in his universal Church.

This is brought about first through the graces he has resolved to impart to us and then through the works he wishes to accomplish in us through these mysteries. This is his plan for fulfilling his mysteries in us.

For this reason Saint Paul says that Christ is being brought to fulfillment in his Church and that all of us contribute to this fulfillment, and thus he achieves the fullness of life, that is, the mystical stature that he has in his mystical body, which will reach completion only on judgement day. In another place Paul says: *I complete in my own flesh what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ.*

This is the plan by which the Son of God completes and fulfills in us all the various stages and mysteries. He desires us to perfect the mystery of his incarnation and birth by forming himself in us and being reborn in our souls through the blessed

sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. He fulfills his interior life in us, hidden with him in God.

He intends to perfect the mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection, by causing us to suffer, die and rise again with him and in him. Finally, he wishes to fulfill in us the state of his glorious and immortal life, when he will cause us to live a glorious, eternal life with him and in him in heaven.

In the same way he would complete and fulfill in us and in his Church his other stages and mysteries. He wants to give us a share in them and to accomplish and continue them in us.

So it is that the mysteries of Christ will not be completed until the end of time, because he has arranged that the completion of his mysteries in us and in the Church will only be achieved at the end of time.