

THE BIGGER PICTURE

Despite prolific history's review
by tracing time's events back to their cause
or to famed leaders, deemed to make them true,
we'll never grasp a shred of all that was.

Enlightened paths proclaimed (but never found)
in shifting social standards of what's real—
pop culture's pull, the latest lyric's sound—
are fleeting dreams that die with their appeal.

No study of the world's philosophies,
the rules and rites that guide religious creeds,
or theories of life's best psychologies
provide the broader scope to meet our needs.

The bigger picture is "*our daily bread*"
we see and praise long after prayer has led.

— *David L. Hatton, 11/16/2019*