

(RVT) The impact faith had on both Donne's and Hopkins' lives varied greatly in some respects, but was very similar in others; they were both impacted by their faith in positive and negative ways. **(SUM)** Their faiths dictated what kind of poetry they would write, their attitudes toward nature and death, in addition to their outlooks on life in general. **(REL)** Faith is a finicky thing and causes many different responses, which is why everyone has such varying views on faith and what it means to them. Today, there are many different religions and options for faith--giving all kinds of people the sense of safety associated with believing in a higher power. This feeling of safety might even be needed now more than ever, with the world growing more daunting by the day--what with the increased violence, war, and weaponry technology. People are looking to their faith to give them a sense of hope in a society that feels increasingly hopeless. Faith continues to influence how people see the world around them. **(CS)** Without faith, some people might just give up. With it, hope springs eternal.