

On Biblical Business

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The Bible says
Christ multiplied bread
and fish for the people.

If that's so, he did well
and that makes him greater than a great general
who wins a thousand battles in which millions of poor people die.

But at present the North Americans,
to see that bread and fish don't multiply
and that everyone suffers in resignation
the multiplied hunger that's part of big business,
step up production of Bibles
in all the dialects we poor speak
and ship them to us in the hands of blond young men
who've been thoroughly trained by their generals.