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A different perspective

I love football; always have. Even now, well into my 50's, I play the game, and it is always one of the highlights of my week. And yet, as I have been reminded recently, it is easy to take it, (and actually anything we enjoy and find fulfilling), to extremes.



It was listening to one of those after match phone ins, that did it. Of course, it's been a time when matters of promotion and relegation have been decided, so perhaps it's possible to forgive the heightened, one might say, extreme emotions. But then again, maybe not.

The great Liverpool manager, Bill Shankly, famously said "Some people believe football is a matter of life and death... I can assure you it is much, much more important than that."

A great quote, but surely, slightly bonkers. I suppose some might say that this is all rather rich, from someone who's given their life to a shrinking church and a declining faith, (at least in our part of the world). I would certainly have agreed, at one point in my life.

And yet, if God does exist, if he has come to us in a special way in Jesus Christ, and if through him, he has trampled all over our dark side and defeated death, then it puts everything in a different perspective; even football.