

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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†††JMJ††† **Humor for today** †††JMJ†††

A lady aboard a cruise ship was not impressed by the jazz trio in one of the shipboard restaurants. When her waiter came around, she asked, “Will they play anything I ask?” “Of course, Madam.” “Then tell them to go play shuffleboard.”

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If an apple a day keeps the doctor away, what will an onion do? *Keep everyone away.*

†††JMJ††† **Short meditation for today** †††JMJ†††

He who is profoundly humble can never arrive at a sublimer degree of prayer. – *Saint Teresa.*

Saint Brigid heard these words from Our Lord: that a soul which seeks the things of heaven must lower itself and walk in paths of humiliation. Saint Clare during 15 days was deprived of the heavenly favors with which Our Lord was accustomed to visit her, because she had not resisted sentiments of self-love after having done a good action, although she had not failed to weep and punish herself for her fault.

Prayer

My God, I desire most ardently to be humble, and I will not cease to beg it of Thee, that Thou mayest look upon me with mercy, and give me grace to please Thee here and love Thee eternally in heaven.

†††JMJ††† **Today's reflection from the *Imitation of Christ*** †††JMJ†††

Let Thy Name be praised, not mine; let Thy work be magnified, not mine; let Thy holy Name be blessed, but let nothing be attributed to me of the praises of men.

†††JMJ††† **A Scripture quote for today** †††JMJ†††

God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

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Only God Can Make a Tree

The consideration one of the details of nature, for instance, the tree, is impressive. Can anyone believe that a tree, which serves as shade and food for men and animals, as food and shelter for the birds, and is ornamentation to the landscape, can anyone believe that the tree just happened, that no one planted it and designed it to serve all these useful purposes? The normal human mind cannot believe that the tree “just happened,” but agrees with the poet, who said:

*“Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.”*

Only God can make a tree! Only God would have thought of it, just as only God would have thought of the apple blossoms to proceed the apples. How thoughtful He is, taking endless trouble about things no one else would think mattered, – having all the colors ready for the flowers each Spring, and teaching each bird its proper song!

No wonder that Lord Kelvin affirms that the evidences in nature for the existence of a Greater are overwhelming, that the proof in nature for design and intelligence, is overpowering. Another scientist says, “The universe appears to have been designed by a great mathematician; the universe looks less like a great machine than it does like a great thought.” This is one way of saying that the universe and all its parts, great and small, shows an infinitely thoughtful plan, a deliberate design, and only an intelligent being can think, and fashion, and plan. Therefore, from the evident design of the universe, we must conclude with the very first question in the little catechism, “Who made the world? God made the world. Who is God? God is the Creator of Heaven and earth and of all things.”

What wisdom does the Church of God not manifest in thus impressing upon the child’s mind in its first youth that most fundamental of truths: God is the Creator of Heaven and Earth and of all things. Consider the little child at her mother’s side learning for the first time that God made the sun and stars that shine down on her and that one day she will render an account to Him, her merciful Lord. That child is a wiser scholar, a more

profound philosopher, than any university professor who does not know that beyond space is the Spaceless, the infinite Lord and Master of the universe. What wisdom, then, is manifested by the Catholic Church of God in keeping this truth before our minds from our earliest youth until the end.

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You are invited and encouraged to share this information with others. Thank you for visiting <http://www.JMJsite.com>; and please tell others about this website. I pray that you will live in such a way that the Good God will always constantly Bless you while He keeps you from all sin. May Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph obtain for you every grace you need.

My prayer for everyone; and especially for those on my email list: “May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph grant you and yours all of the Joys, Graces, and Blessings necessary to live and die in the state of Sanctifying grace in perfect Uniformity with God’s Most Holy Will. May you know the truth and live and die in the True Church having obtained that degree of holiness it is God’s Will you obtain.”

I will pray an extra 15-decade Rosary every Sunday and Holyday throughout the year for those who are on my email list.

Thank you for all of your prayers, penances, and sacrifices for me.

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