

# F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

“In 1940, what were the Polls doing in Russia?” “Holding up the telegraph lines.”

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What did Napoleon become after his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday? *40 years old.*

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

The humble, those who have a lowly opinion of themselves and love to be despised by others, please God the most. He makes it His delight to be with them, to pour upon them the treasures of His grace, reveal to them His secrets, and to attract them sweetly to Himself. – *Thomas a Kempis*

Thais, being converted, never forgot her past disorderly life. Penetrated with confusion at her sins, she never dared to mention the holy name of God. Thus she expressed herself and addressing Him: “Thou Who hast created me, have mercy on me.” By such sentiments of humility, she became so pleasing to God that she obtained an eminent degree of sanctity. A servant of God much esteemed by Saint Ignatius said: “He who thinks he is of no value is worth much; and he who thinks he is of much worth is worth nothing.”

*Prayer*

Lord, I have nothing, I deserve nothing, I am less than nothing, since I am a sinner. I have recourse to Thee. The more wretched a poor man is, the greater is his hope that the rich, to whom he addresses himself, would take pity on him. I beseech Thee, have mercy on me, according to the greatness of my miseries.

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

To bear the cross, to love the cross, to chastise the body and bring it under subjection; to fly honors, to love to suffer insults, to despise one's self, and wish to be despised; to bear all adversities and losses, and to desire no prosperity in this world; – all this is not according to man's natural inclination. But if thou confidest in the Lord, strength will be given to thee from heaven, and the world and the flesh shall be made subject to thee.

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

In Him we live, and move, and are.

†††JMJ††† **This is Serious** †††JMJ†††

What do the enemies of religion reply to the Christian argument for the existence of God? What answer do they get to these proofs, which seem to us so unanswerable?

Some say, “I cannot conceive of God.” In other words, because he cannot put into his tiny head an adequate concept of God, he denies God, which is like trying to pour the ocean into a pail and failing, crying out, “there is no ocean.”

Others say, “God is not a Person, but a kind of Power, a Cosmic Force that is in all things. God is Space – Time, or the ideal tendency of things; the universe is God.” To which we in turn reply, “How can you believe that the universe is God and still deny that a Man might be God, – I mean Jesus Christ? How can you say that God is a society of millions of persons living today, and yet deny that there could be three Persons in God, – I mean the Trinity? If you admit that the universe is guided by law, Who is the Lawgiver? If you grant that the universe is governed by design, Who is the Designer? If you admit that there is a purpose in the universe (and it must be admitted), why not admit God, how can there be purpose without a Mind?”

Others have said that Chance is the only explanation of the universe, but that this universe is the result of chance or accident is simply inconceivable, more inconceivable than that the poems of Milton or Shakespeare could be produced by the accidental grouping together of the letters of the alphabet.

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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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