

F&S (Fun and Serious)

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

Mother: "I have been calling you for the last five minutes! Did you not hear me?"

Son: "No, I did not hear you until the fourth time you called."

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Jake: "I hear you broke off your engagement. What happened?"

June: "Oh, it is just that my feelings for him have changed."

Jake: "Are you returning the ring?"

June: "Oh, no. My feelings for the ring have not changed."

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

One day during which we humble ourselves profoundly on account of our sins and miseries brings us more graces than many days employed in prayer. – *Saint Teresa*

St. Francis of Assisi regarded himself as the greatest sinner in the universe, and worthy of hell. He said that he did not deserve that God would deign to cast one look upon him. "I know what I will do to appease Our Lord," said Saint Bonaventure. "I will look upon myself as the vilest on earth; I will be to my eyes an object of horror; and when I see myself humbled, despised, outraged, covered with opprobrium, I will rejoice, I will bless the Lord."

St. Vincent de Paul humbled himself continually before God, and said: "How many sins will I not commit if Thou regulate not my words and actions!"

Prayer

My God, I am worth of Thy anger, of Thy maledictions, and of Thy vengeance, on account of my sins and the abuse of Thy grace. Have pity on this miserable sinner, who dares not raise his eyes to Thee and is penetrated with sorrow.

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

Woe to them who disdain to humble themselves willingly with the children; for the lowly gate of the heavenly Kingdom will not admit them to enter.

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

With the Lord there is mercy: and with Him plentiful redemption.

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Some say: "Does not Evolution explain the universe?"; To which we answer: "Neither evolution nor any other theory throws the slightest ray of light on the **beginnings** of things. Push the world back as far as you like; say that all things, the sun, the moon and stars, and everything, began with a vaporous gas or a gaseous molecule which, by the process of evolution, gradually involved and expanded into our present universe, – we still want to know who made that gaseous molecule, who made that first term of life, who made that primeval cell. "From nothing, nothing can come forth."

Again, what is the answer to the objection that the idea of God arose from a primitive fear which was aroused by witnessing the marvels of nature? The answer is that the storm, a tidal wave, certainly aroused fear in primitive man, as they do now, but how could that make primitive men fear God, if primitive men did not know God? God must be known before we can fear Him. To arrive at a knowledge of God, primitive man need not look at the storm alone. He could look at the stars, which would speak to him of God as eloquently as the storm. The existence of God, the study of religions shows, is the primary conclusion of human reason, that is to say, history teaches us that in all tribes, before there were idols or a multiplicity of gods, there was first a belief in one supreme Being. Only later in their history, because of sin and superstition, did the idols and the multiplicity of gods appear.

"But was not God invented by man?" There is no record in history of such an invention. The last thing man would do would be to invent God, a Being Who imposes an urgent moral law and strict responsibility to Himself. It is sometimes said that God was invented by priests, but here the objector puts the cart before the

horse, because the priests in all religions is a mediator between God and man and, therefore, before there could be a priest, there would have to be a belief in God; the priest cannot be accused of inventing what preceded him.

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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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