

F&S (Fun and Serious)

†††JMJ††† **Dust the cobwebs out of your gray matter and solve this brainteaser if you can** †††JMJ†††

Answers to question in F&S=1-8: *Yes. The House of Commons*

†††JMJ††† **Scriptural quiz** †††JMJ†††

Answers to question in F&S=1-8: *Noe's great grandfather, Henoch, was still living when the great flood began, and he is still living; although he left that part of the earth where the flood destroyed all the living people except the 8 people on the Ark. We read in Genesis 5/23, 24: "And all the days of Henoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And he walked with God, and was seen no more: because God took him." We read in Hebrews 9/27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment:"*

The Bible tells us that neither Henoch or Elias have died. Therefore, it is the teaching of the Fathers of the Church that they are waiting in someplace (like the 3rd Heaven) until the reign of the Man of Perdition. Then God will send these two men back to earth to preach 1260 days during the reign of The Antichrist. They will be killed in Jerusalem as we read in chapter 11 of The Apocalypse.

†††JMJ††† **Liturgy quiz** †††JMJ†††

Answers to question in F&S=1-8: *Saint Paul, the First Hermit, went into the desert when he was 15 years old; and lived there until he was 113.*

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

HAVE YOU BEEN HERE...?

I've been in many places, but I've never been in Kahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Kahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family, and boss.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

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I almost had a psychic girlfriend, but she left me before we met.

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

There is nothing more salutary than to meditate each day upon the torments a Man-God has endured for us. The wounds of Jesus Christ pierce the hardest of hearts, they inflame the coldest. – *Saint Bonaventure.*

Saint Magdalene Pazzi, meditating upon the sufferings of Jesus Christ, crucifix in hand, with ardent love cried out: "O Love! O Love! Never will my heart cease to tell Thee that Thou art its dear love." With Saint Philip Neri, let us often exclaim: "Jesus my love."

A fervent Christian who knew not how to read astonished persons of piety by speaking to them of the adorable perfections of God, and of the love of Jesus Christ. One of these persons offer to teach him to read, so that he might be able to read books of devotion. He thanked him, saying, "Before accepting, I must consult my divine Master, Jesus crucified." He did so. This was the answer he received: "What are the books you would read? What use to read? It is I Who am your book. In thinking of Me, you can always read the great love I have had for you. A God suffering and dying for your love – is not this sufficient to occupy you during life and during eternity?"

Prayer

O my Savior, all Thy wounds are so many mouths which tell me how guilty I am, how Thou hast loved me, and how grateful I should be. What shall I do to return Thy love?

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

Grant me, O Lord, celestial wisdom, that I may learn above all things to seek Thee and to find Thee; above all things to relish Thee and to love Thee, and to understand all other things as they are, according to the order of Thy wisdom.

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

All things whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

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

MENTAL PRAYER - ITS END AND OBJECT

2. *We must meditate in order to obtain from God, by prayer, the graces that are necessary in order to enable us to advance in the way of salvation, to avoid sin, and to take the means that will lead us to perfection.* The best fruit, then, that comes from Meditation is the exercise of prayer. Almighty God, ordinarily speaking, does not give grace to any but to those who pray. Saint Gregory writes: “God desires to be entreated, He desires to be constrained, He desires to be, as it were, conquered by importunity.” At times, in order to obtain graces of special value, it is not enough simply to pray; we must pray urgently, and, as it were, compel God, by our prayers, to give them. It is true that at all times the Lord is ready to hear us; but at the time of Meditation, when we are most truly in converse with God, He is most bountiful in giving us His aid.

Above all, we must apply ourselves to Meditation, in order to obtain perseverance and the holy love of God. Final perseverance is not a single grace, but a chain of graces, to which must correspond the chain of our prayers; if we cease to pray, God will cease to give us His help, and we shall perish. He who does not practice Meditation will find the greatest difficulty in persevering in grace till death. Palafox, in his *Notes* on Saint Teresa’s letters writes thus: “How will the Lord give us perseverance if we do not ask it? And how shall we ask for it without Meditation? Without Meditation there is no communion with God.”

Thus must we be urgent in prayer to obtain from God His holy love. St. Francis De Sales said that all virtues come in union with holy love. *All good things came to me together with her.* – (Wis. Vii., 7). Let our prayer for perseverance and love, therefore, be continual; and, in order to pray with greater confidence, let us ever bear in mind the promise made us by Jesus Christ, that whatever we seek from God through the merits of His Son, He will give us. Let us, then, pray, and pray always, if we would that God make us abound in every blessing. Let us pray for ourselves, and, if we have zeal for the glory of God, let us pray for others. God is most pleased to be entreated for unbelievers and heretics and all sinners. *Let the people confess to thee, O God! Let all the people confess to thee.* Let us say: O Lord! Make them know Thee, make them love Thee. We read in the Lives of Saint Teresa and Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi how God inspired these holy women to pray for sinners. And to prayers for sinners let us also add prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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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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