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RIBBIT, FROG WISDOM!

One hundred frogs were gathered at the foot of a high mountain. They were tired of living in swampy areas and of always being treated as slow and stagnant, so they decided to prove just what they were capable of, and have a race. The object was to reach the summit of a mountain! The truth is, they knew that from higher up they would enjoy a magnificent view and would discover unimagined landscapes. Their vision of the world would finally change. There was nothing like climbing! The sky was clear, with a light breeze, all to their advantage. Each one hoped to bring home a victory.

All excited, they got into line at the foot of the mountain, determined to conquer courageously the many obstacles that awaited them: fatigue, thirst, discouragement, shortness of breath, scratches on their tender skin, and all the difficulties they could expect just from being frogs. The starting bell sounded, and there they were, launching themselves into the conquest of the mountain. Each one endeavored to leap over obstacles with enthusiasm. But little by little, having to labor hard on a rather steep and rocky slope on the side of the mountain, some of them began to doubt the wisdom of this adventure. They kept their private thoughts to themselves for several minutes. They didn't want any of the other frogs to think they were going to quit in the middle of the race, but, after a new section was conquered only with a huge struggle, they could no longer manage to hold their tongues, and they began to grumble to their neighbors that, after all, the whole thing was more difficult than they had imagined.



Words of encouragement were heard from several of them, but the effect did not last. Before long, all sorts of complaining began pouring out of their mouths, issues of great logical, common sense, it seemed: their ideas and plans were simply too big. It would be better to give up. Yet, the majority continued.

Halfway up the mountain, great agitation developed within the group. Chattering all at once, they complained about having set the bar too high and of having overestimated their strength. Each one had his own analysis of the situation. Finally, the majority declared that they should surrender humbly to the evidence that the mountain was too steep, not accessible to frogs. All of the frogs decided to head back down the mountain to return to splashing around in the old swamp.

All of them, except one little frog who continued to climb, only one. Glancing neither right nor left, little by little he reached the summit. There, he couldn't believe his eyes: the panorama was a thousand times more beautiful and more moving than anything he had ever imagined. He could hardly contain his joy! All his fatigue seemed to evaporate in front of the happiness he felt. Forgetting his weariness and his injuries, he abandoned himself to the wondrous contemplation of the view in front of him.

How was this frog able to climb so high when the others gave up? **Simple: the frog who climbed to the top, was deaf! Be deaf! Become SELECTIVELY deaf!. Deaf to all of the negativity, complaining, media lying, political intrigue, etc.. Be positive!** Decide for holiness, for prayer and its transforming power, love, humility, truth, child-likeness, etc.. "Wax-up" your ears. "Clot up" your gentle heart. Don't lose your peace." As Billy Graham would say: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who turn darkness to light and light to darkness, who replace bitter with sweet and sweet with bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. " Isaiah 5: 20.

"We need transformed people today, and not just people with answers." Rohr.

A DROP OF RAIN...A BIT OF SUN

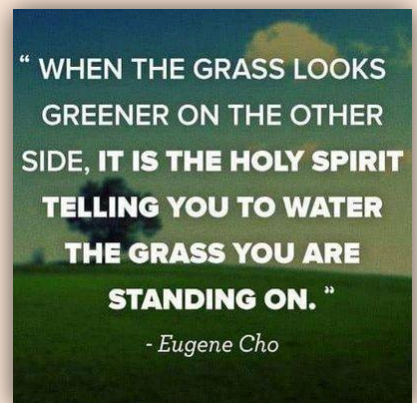
Thomas Keating, the Trappist monk, reminds us: "Quantum physics tell us that a single thought changes the universe." Good thoughts, good changes. Negative thoughts, bad changes. If this is true, can you imagine what is happening to the universe with all of the negative, hurtful, thinking going on in our society?

TWELVE WAYS TO TRANSFORM YOURSELF AND THE UNIVERSE!!

1. Refuse to identify with negative, blaming, antagonistic, or fearful thoughts (you cannot stop "having" them).
2. Apologize when you hurt another person or situation.
3. Undo your mistakes by some positive action toward the offended person or situation.
4. Do not indulge or believe your False Self- that which is concocted by your mind and society's expectations.
5. Choose your True Self- your radical union with God-as often as possible throughout the day.
6. Always seek to change yourself before trying to change others.
7. Choose as much as possible to serve rather than be served.
8. Whenever possible, seek the common good over your mere private good.
9. Give preference to those in pain, excluded, or disabled in any way.
10. Seek just systems and policies over mere charity.
11. Make sure your medium is the same as your message.
12. Never doubt that it is all about **LOVE IN THE END.**

3000 SERMONS: A man wrote a letter to the editor of his local newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. *"I've gone for 30 years now,"* he wrote, *"and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."*

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. *"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but for the life of me, I cannot recall what the menu was for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be dead today."*



VISION AND REALITY

THE VANISHING MIDDLE CHILD; They are the empathetic ones, natural-born mediators. What might their dwindling numbers mean to the rest of us? History's largest birth order demographic will soon be the smallest. WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?" And some on the Left Wing are now strongly preaching, *"Don't have any children; they harm the "carbon foot-print".* Another example of "The law of unintended circumstances"??

THE WISE MAN ASKED, "SHOULD I BE SILENT SO YOU CAN REMAIN COMFORTABLE?"

The latest Medjugorje message to Mirjana, one of the visionaries, -to us , and to the world. HAPPENING NOW! BEST

LISTEN!! This is for REAL.

"Dear children, Pray! Pray the Rosary every day that wreath of flowers which, as a mother, directly connects me with your pains, sufferings, desires, and hopes. Apostles of my love, I am with you through the grace and the love of my Son, and I am asking for your prayers. The world is in such need of your prayers for souls to be converted. With complete trust, open your hearts to my Son, and in your souls He will carve the fullness of His message-which is love. Live in an unbreakable connection with the Most Sacred Heart of my Son. My children, as a mother, I am telling you that it is high time for you to kneel before my Son to acknowledge Him as

*your God, the center of your life. Offer gifts to Him- the gift that He most loves-which is love towards your neighbor, mercy, and a pure heart. Apostles of my love, many of my children still do not acknowledge my Son as their God; they have not yet come to know His love. But you, with your prayer spoken from a pure and open heart, by the gifts which you offer to my Son, will make even the hardest hearts open. Apostles of my love, the strength of prayer that is prayed from the heart-a powerful prayer, **full of love, changes the world**. Therefore, my children: pray, pray, pray. I am with you. Thank you."*

PRAYER, IMAGINE THAT? Mary thinks prayer will change things! Maybe prayer is the reason why so much of the deceit in our country is being revealed!! Prayer is power!!



Sign outside a church: ***JESUS IS COMING: HOPEFULLY BEFORE THE EVENING NEWS!***



CLERICALISM: Pope Francis:

"Clerics feel they are superior, too often they are far from the people.

Clericalism can be fostered by priests or by lay people."

Cardinal Blaise Cupich, of the Archdiocese of Chicago, commenting on the White Paper, "Confronting the Systemic Dysfunction of Clericalism"

that was adopted in St. Louis by the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests on June 24, 2019. "This White Paper is nothing less than a catalogue of horrors, chronicling imperial pronouncements, put-downs, claims of privilege, entitlements, and exemptions from accountability. But also chronicling how clericalism is a culture that is so pervasive that many of the laity have come to accept it as normal. And yes, even have cooperated in maintaining it."

"IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING LOOK CLOSELY AT IT WHEN IT IS BROKEN." FREUD

"How much I must criticize you, my church and yet how much I love you! You have made me suffer more than anyone and yet I owe more to you than to anyone. I should like to see you destroyed and yet I need your presence. You have given me much scandal and yet you alone have made me understand holiness. Never in this world have I seen anything more compromised, more false, yet never have I touched anything more pure, more generous and more beautiful." Carlo Carretto, 'Letters from the Desert'

"We are not converted by ideas, but "by the face of the other." Emmanuel Lavinias



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SPEAKING SOFTLY: "I LIKE WHAT I SEE."

The Father knocks at my door seeking a home for his Son: "The rent is cheap", I say. "I don't want to rent. I want to buy", says God. "I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around." "I think I will", says God. "I might let you have a room or two", I say. **"I like what I see"**, says God. "I'll take two rooms."

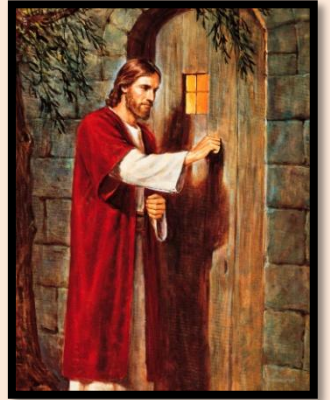
"Maybe someday I might be able to give you more. Truly, I'd like to give you more, but it's difficult for me, you know". I really do need enough space for me." "I know", says God "but I'll wait. **I like what I see."**

"Hmm, well, maybe I can let you have one more room; I really don't need that much space."

"Thanks", says God "I'll take it. **I like what I see."**

"I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm just not sure; I'm a bit afraid." "Think on it", says God "I wouldn't put you out. Your house would be mine and my Son would live in it and you'd actually have more space than you ever had before."

"I don't understand this at all." "I know", says God, "but I can't tell you more about that. You'll have to discover it for yourself. That can only happen if you let my Son have the whole house."



"A bit risky", I say.

"Yes", says God, "but try me."

"I'm not sure. I'll let you know."

"I can wait, says God. I like what I see."

**Have you ever allowed God to
establish in your heart who you
are in the light of HIS LOVE?**

"Lord, help me to believe the truth about myself; no matter how beautiful it IS".

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