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Why are we
whispering???

*"WHERE THERE IS NO
VISION, THE PEOPLE
PERISH" – Proverbs*

*"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those
who, in a time of moral crisis, did nothing" –
Dante*

Do the above three "cries from the heart" reflect our failing U.S. culture? Uncertainty, insecurity, fear, anger, frustration – a deep feeling of helplessness. We are a nation that is spiritually exhausted and psychically numbed. **SOLUTIONS WANTED!!!**

"To clasp hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." Karl Barth, at the World Council of Churches.

Commenting on Barth's words, Robert McAfee Brown said: "Prayer can be regarded by political authorities as an act of treason. The call to prayer is the call to subvert unjust structures and powers -if, if, if we believe in the power of prayer. We need to close the false separation between spirituality and freedom, prayer and politics, prayer and collapsing social institutions and social sin."

THE LADDER OF THE FOUR RUNGS, by Guido, the Carthusian Monk

"Reading comes first, as the basis - it provides the matter, and leads to meditation. Meditation seeks most carefully what is to be wished for, and by its digging discovers and lays bare the treasure. But of itself it is unable to grasp it, so it turns to prayer. Prayer, raised on high with all its might to God, gets what it wants, the sweetness, gladness, joy, of contemplation. Contemplation, (Centering Prayer) when it comes, rewards the work of

the other three, while it quenches the parched soul with the dew of heaven. Reading, therefore, is an outward exercise, meditation an inward understanding; prayer has to do with desire, but contemplation is above and beyond all the senses.

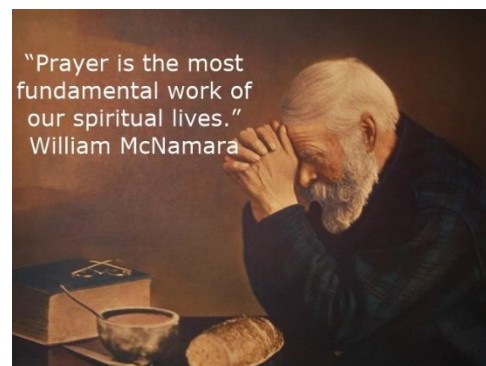
"Reading without meditation is arid, meditation without reading will go astray,' prayer without meditation is lukewarm; meditation without prayer is fruitless; prayer with devotion wins contemplation; to attain to contemplation without prayer is rare or miraculous. . .

There are four things that prevent us from mounting this ladder 1) unavoidable necessity, 2) useful and virtuous activity, 3) human weakness, and 4) worldly vanity. The first is understandable, the second permissible, the third is deplorable, the fourth culpable."



"Contemplation is the central human act that puts us wisely and lovingly in touch with the innermost reality of everything because it is the SIMPLE INTUITION OF THE TRUTH. Pray-ers come to know what is true and what is false; what has substance and what is passing; what is wisdom and what is merely worldly knowledge. Prayer brings us into the transforming power of love and **exposes our hiding places**, the false self. The transforming shift that takes place in prayer is from a SELF CENTERED ME, TO A CENTERED SELF. Prayer leads us to wisdom, which is always dangerous. Centering prayer, try it! - YouTube Cynthia Bourgeault or Thomas Keating.

'Pray-ers' are always ahead of the crowd. People who pray are able to interpret the PRESENT for people and often see the future with vision. They live on the cutting edge of reality. Often, they stir the waters and are called "troublemakers" (like Jesus). Prayer changes things; mainly ME.



Most of the people who are leaders today are so busy or superficial and don't have time to pray. Leaders today don't "future well". Is there any wonder why there is so little wisdom among most leaders, even church leaders? Busyness and laziness are the enemies!

"WE ARE SUPPOSED TO LIVE IN THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES NOT ON THE CIRCUMFERENCE. TOO OFTEN WE CONFUSE THE EDGES WITH THE ESSENCE, TOO QUICKLY CLAIMING THE SUPERFICIAL AS SUBSTANCE. GOD CREATED US WITH A *DIS-EASE*, AN EMPTINESS, A SENSE THAT WE ARE AN UNFINISHED SYMPHONY SO THAT WE MIGHT REACH OUT TO HIM AND FIND A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. IT IS THE ONLY WAY TO COMPLETE FULFILLMENT. *"WE HAVE BEEN MADE FOR YOU, O LORD, AND OUR HEARTS ARE RESTLESS UNTIL THEY REST IN YOU."* - St. Augustine *How slow we are!!*

An interviewer once asked Mother Teresa what she says to God when she prays. *"I don't say anything"*, she replied. *"I just listen"*. Then the interviewer asked her what God says to her. *"He doesn't say anything,"* said mother Teresa. *"He just listens. And if you don't understand that, I can't explain it to you."* **Mother Teresa was a true contemplative.** Like Guido.

A challenge overheard being given by a nun to a group of 16-year-olds about to be confirmed: ***Remember, today you are choosing to follow Jesus; and to follow Jesus is to live dangerously.***

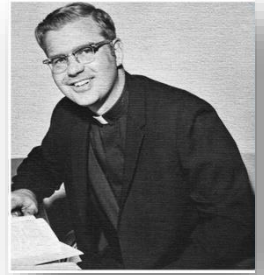


Most Christians live far below their spiritual means.



VISION AND REALITY

AT present in the United States there are over 120 former Episcopal priests who have become Catholic priests serving in Catholic parishes. -along with their wives and children. ***Is celibacy really more important than the Eucharist?*** I am a Catholic priest, a husband, a father. Any one of these vocations makes me better at the other two. We can no longer spend time in the bushes if we want to renew the landscape.



Yesterday, my son John mentioned to me: *"One hundred sixty years after slavery, we call the enslavement of human beings barbaric.* And then he continued: *"Dad, do you think 160 years from now we will call the killing of our babies barbaric?"* The next logical question concerning abortion might be: Are we NOW a barbaric people, but can't see it, don't want to hear it, or just won't admit it and who, ***if this is true about abortion***, who might be the present-day barbarians? JUST MUSING, JUST ASKING? Questions are always good!!! Why are we whispering? **Ready-Shoot-Aim!!**

The Satanic Temple has come out against the more restrictive abortion law in Texas. This alone should cause some people to pause and perhaps rethink their position on abortion.



I am not an alarmist, naïve, gullible, a spiritual lightweight, one given to foolishness etc. but as I write this, I am not suggesting but **STRONGLY, STRONGLY** encouraging you to checkout 'Countdown to the Kingdom'. All of God's involvement (AND HE IS INVOLVED, this is not global warming etc.) in our disintegrating world is now **VERY SERIOUS**. A matter of body and soul survival. **NO KIDDING!!** The pace is rapidly picking up. Just a year ago, I could not even imagine the words and realities that we are experiencing. Time for you to see and decide for yourself what God's prophets are hearing.

On "Countdown to the Kingdom" earlier in the year, Mary told one of the people (visionary or prophet in church language) to whom she was speaking, that 2021 was going to be the year of the **volcano** (26 erupting as I write), the **scorched earth** (unprecedented big fires and crop failures over the earth) and the **earthquake**. I didn't share this because I really didn't think any one would believe it or think I was "tetched in the head". Now it is real and happened and it was all on Countdown to the Kingdom. You can't trust anything 100%, even Countdown, but even 85% is more than enough to be scary.

YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS STUFF UP:

Harvard University, that began as a Divinity School, has just elected an atheist as its new Chief Chaplain, Greg Epstein. So, with no God, Chaplain Epstein is presumed to believe that the earth existed before it existed. Patently absurd!! Ready-Shoot-Aim!!! "Time will prove where wisdom lies." Mt. 11:19.



CRITICAL RACE THEORY- THE PROCESS: The diversity trainer makes an outrageous claim such as *"all whites are intrinsically oppressors"* or *"white teachers are guilty of spirit murdering black children"* - and then when confronted with disagreement they adopt a patronizing tone and explain that all participants who FEEL (long live the FEEL) "defensiveness" or "anger" are reacting out of guilt and shame. Dissenters are then instructed to remain silent and "lean into the discomfort," and accept their "complicity in white supremacy."

Everyone is thereby silenced and are in fear they will be ridiculed or lose their job if they speak-up. - a brutal control of free speech, intimidation, fear, hypocrisy. CRT is no longer a race theory but a tool of inordinate power. NOTE WELL: ALL trainers are as pure (oops! I almost wrote "white") as the driven snow. A **TRULY SINFUL PROCESS**. -a serious religious issue. We have lost our voice. The silence is deafening! **Ready-Shoot-Aim!!**

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Recently the National Educational Association, allegedly, with one voice, at their annual convention, cheered when the resolution was passed to promote the use of the Critical Race Theory in our public schools. Another giant step backwards! I wonder how many delegates went back to their hotel rooms silenced by group intimidation, racism or intolerance? Another slap at free speech! **WHY ARE WE WHISPERING???**

"Why waste time trying to discover the truth, when you can so easily create it?" - Baldacci

A SCHOOL IN MASS. HAS DIVIDED ITS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS BY RACE BECAUSE OF CRT. I PRESUME TO KEEP UP A "PROPER" STAFF AND STUDENT BODY THEY WILL ONLY ALLOW CERTAIN RACES TO APPLY. SOUND LIKE RACISM. WILL THEY NEED BATHROOMS, PRINCIPALS, BUSES AND DRIVERS ETC. DIVIDED BY RACE, AS WELL?

AMERICA, THE COUNTRY THAT PRETENDS TO CARE FOR ITS CHILDREN

TWO WOLVES: One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, *"My son, the battle is between two wolves' inside us all".*



One is Evil. It is pride, greed, lust, laziness, anger, envy, lying, success, arrogance, ego, the false self.

The other is good. It is truth, joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, faith, generosity, the true self. "The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, *"Which wolf wins?"*

The old Cherokee simply replied, *"The one that you feed."*

Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, MD. and Dr. Peter McCullough MD, MPH. have recently been writing about something strange that have discovered that has come over the minds of people all over the world. They say it is happening even in the tiniest islands in the Philippines and Indonesia, the smallest village in Africa and south America. It's the same all over the world. -like a group neurosis or mass psychosis. Normal, average, decent people (like 1939) who would ordinarily question, hesitate or object to being ordered to do or not do something just OBEYING WITHOUT QUESTION. - a bad paradigm. Is this a part of the "fear coma"? Ready-Shoot-Aim!!

"To get America back on its feet we have to get her down on her knees." Billy Graham

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