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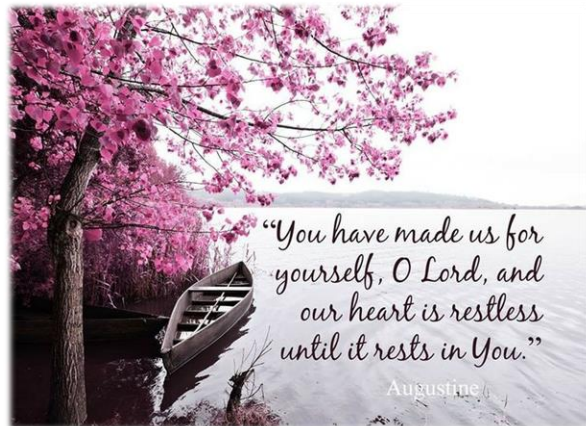
WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING - OR BY PEDALLING

At first, I saw God as an observer, like my judge, keeping track of things I did wrong. This way, God would know whether I merited heaven or hell when I died. He was always out there, sort of like the President. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him at all. But later, when I recognized my higher power better, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, on a tandem bike, and I noticed God was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. Life with my higher power is making my life much more exciting.

When I had control, I thought I knew the way. It was rather boring but predictable. I always chose the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead, He knew delightful cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds; it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He kept saying, "Pedal, pedal!" I became worried and anxious, asking, "Where are you taking me?" He just laughed and didn't answer, and I found myself starting to trust. I soon forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance, and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey. Our journey, that is, God's and mine.

And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away, they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light. I did not trust Him at first to be in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it. But He knew bike secrets, knew how to make the bike bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear places filled with rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I'm learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, my higher power, the ULTIMATE SOURCE, my ULTIMATE REALITY.

And when I am so very sure I can't go on anymore, He just smiles and says, "Pedal, PEDAL, KEEP ON PEDALLING"



"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You."

Augustine

Jesus asked Peter, "**Do you love me?**" NOT Are you THINKING about loving me; OR PLANNING to love me?



FOR OUR CATHOLIC READERS: Like everyone else Catholics are living in a toxic culture, but we have the added pain of a confused and struggling church. Not that other churches also aren't in serious difficulty. The present meeting in Rome looks like it will cause more confusion. For the past 2 or 3 years the Vatican, Pope Francis, has been appointing people in positions of

authority who are clearly moving away and sometimes far away from previous... church teaching. There is an expression that says, "PERSONELL ARE POLICY" that means the people you put in leadership roles will, sooner or later, determine policy. If this is so, the church is certainly heading toward the liberal left. Don't be surprised or upset. God is in control. God is **PERMITTING** the things that are happening and if, and when He see fit, HE WILL ACT!!! BE AT PEACE! God knows what is going on and is in control and God WILL ACT when the time is right.



The Church is both an **ORGANIZATION** and an **ORGANISM**, that is THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST. As an organization, the Church, in 2000 years, has made MANY mistakes; as an ORGANISM, as described by St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians 1;22. Romans 12;4, and 1 Corinthians 12:12. and Pope Pius XII encyclical "Mystici Corporis" (The Mystical Body), you can be sure that in ESSENTIAL DOCTRINE the Church will not err.

JOIN THE RESISTANCE TO NON-TRUTH!!! - TO REJECTING GOD'S PLAN FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY, FOR MARRIAGE, FOR SEXUALITY. The B.L.M. Manifesto declares as policy TO DESTROY THE NUCLEAR FAMILY. Christians cannot support this and so there is pain and suffering and rejection that Jesus predicted for defending the gospel, the Scriptures. - Just ask St. Paul or St. Peter et al.. "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." St. Peter Acts 2.

The words of Jesus fit here. The words are from day four of the nine-day Surrender Novena, given to Father Ruotolo by Jesus Himself. *"Do you see evil growing instead of weakening? Do not worry; close your eyes and say to Me with faith: "Thy will be done; you take care of it. "I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor; and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say, "You take care of it." I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By My love, I promise this to you."*

BE CAREFUL, we are living in a time of a heavy **FOG OF UNIVERSALISM**, EVERYTHING GOES, EVERYTHING IS MORAL 'AS LONG AS I THINK IT' or better FEEL IT. -lying, even lying for Jesus, stealing as payback, cheating, "they deserve it", MAKE-UP court decisions, media deception, political intrigue, payback, lying for the good of the people, covid made in a lab, Mass Formation Psychosis, Cognitive Dissonance, unbelievable fear and obedience, revenge, "get even", sex and gender fixes, say it **"loud and long and OFTEN"** and it becomes the truth, If it FEELS good do it, feelings as "THE" norm for morality is killing us, ***IF it doesn't feel good don't do it or deny it exists***, deception and deceit, "as long as I believe it" or the media says it, Do IT WITH LOVE and all is well, sign-up Jesus and in His name do what you will, baby-killing, loss of parenting skills, no marriage, no babies, lots of dogs and cats, church and religion are obsolete, I am church, churches changing to be accepted by society, etc. etc.. We live in an age of irrationality.

In his book "Mere Christianity" C. S. Lewis with brilliant insight and wisdom writes: ***"Enemy-occupied territory – that is what the world is, as described by St. Paul. Christianity is the story of how the rightful King has landed, you might say in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage."*** I suspect few believers today don't realize that they are living in ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY. How about YOU? Do YOU understand and realize (make REAL) that so much of our world is living contrary to the God's plan for His world? -contrary to the teachings of His Son?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church deals with all these moral ills speaking clearly and calling them by name. *"Not to name the enemy is not to know how to be armed to defeat that enemy."* Things aren't always what they appear to be, and then again, SOMETIMES THEY ARE **EXACTLY** WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE. *I am not a farmer, but I know manure when I smell it.*

"Every time I go out among men, I come back less a man." Thomas a Kempis, 15th Century

"I don't believe there are five people in the world that see reality as it is." Thomas Merton

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who change darkness into light, and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own sight." Isaiah 5:20-21.

YOU CAN FINISH THE ABOVE LIST WITH YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE OF THIS PRESENT DARKNESS BUT PLEASE TAKE IT TO GOD IN PRAYER WITH PEACE. -AND MOVE ON WITH TOTAL EQUANIMITY! To be a true disciple of Jesus, we must think and act like Him and our love for our enemies should transcend their evil deeds. The Beatitudes!! Jesus has paid the price and He is greater than any power of evil. **DO REMEMBER, IN THE END, WE WIN!!**. Peace and confidence and trust and hope are possible with prayer and trust in God. Otherwise, you are blowing in the wind!!

"You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7) The goal of knowledge is wisdom. The goal of wisdom is to lead a life pleasing to God.

"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, the great Italian spiritual writer of the 20th Century. These words were written in 1984.

An old rabbi, the Baal Shem Tov, one day was standing on a hill with his students when they noticed foreign troops invading their town. From their vantage point they were able to see all the horror and violence of the attack. The Rabbi looked up to heaven and cried out, "Oh, if I only were God." A student asked, "But master, if you were God, what would you do differently?" The rabbi answered him, "If I were God, I would do nothing differently, but if I were God, **I WOULD UNDERSTAND.**"

Recently a well-known secular, anti-Christian advocate, Naomi Wolf wrote a shocking article that said, *"I don't think there is any explanation for how quickly things have reversed in our society other than **SUPERNATURAL POWER.**"* How else could things reversed so quickly from a culture that was at least friendly to a belief in God, the Ten Commandments, the church, the Synagogue, to a hostile power wanting to crush Christ, the Church, and Judaism? Was Ms. Wolf writing about Satan? MY, O MY! BEING JUST SPIRITUAL NO LONGER WORKS!!!

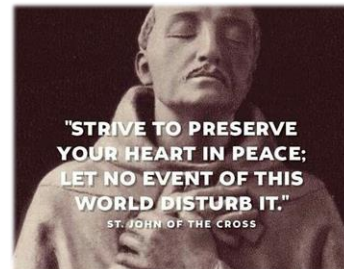
*Cindy, my wife, I and our 2 granddaughters were walking down the main street in Newport Rhode Island. On display in the window of a Christmas shop was a complete nativity scene with DOGS, YES DOGS, SUBSTITUTED FOR ALL the principals in the Nativity scene. The shepherds were dogs; the kings were dogs; the angels were dogs; Joseph was a dog; Mary was a dog, and there, lying in the manger, Jesus was a DOG. Heartbreaking, blasphemous, disgusting! We have created a society where ANYTHING GOES and to question or object is to be excommunicated. In others stores the words on the T-shirts and jewelry etc. were suggestive and offensive. "We are living in a moral landslide, a values garbage dump and to challenge or disagree is to be excommunicated from society." Benedict XVI . **KEEP ON PEDALLING!** Dogs and cats are IN, children and marriage are OUT.*

The President of Nicaragua, declared the Catholic Jesuit Order of priests to be illegal and confiscated their assets.

Today's WOK MORALITY = "You have your truth and I have mine." Jesus says: "I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life." IF IT IS TRUE, IT IS TRUE FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE. The truth is ONE! In today's WOK World everyone is a moral theologian. Don't go to the intellectual or spiritual cleaners. Remember Jim Jones of Jonestown??



On August 10th, I was 86 years old; on Sept. 7th, I was married for 47 years; and we have 6 children. On May 11th I celebrated the 60th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Husband, father, priest; 3 VOCATIONS and any one of them helps me with the other two! Is celibacy really more important than the Eucharist? In the U.S. there are 3400 parishes without a resident priest.



"Abba, Father I belong to you.", pray slowly, thoughtfully, for 20 minutes a day and you WILL be different." Abba means daddy.

The word and reality ANTI-CHRIST are now being used REGULARLY by Cardinals, Bishops, priests, ministers, theologians, prophets, holy people, pray-ers, so much so, that it can no longer be ignored as the craziness of fundamentalists. In fact, most surprisingly, AMAZINGLY, the Venerable (on the way to sainthood) Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen **in 1947, 1947**, in a radio address spoke about the modalities in which the Anti-Christ will work. UNBELIEVABLY ACCURATE!! He writes: *"He (the Anti-Christ) Will write books on the new idea of God to suit the way people live; induce faith in astrology so as to make not the will but the stars responsible for sin; he will explain guilt away psychologically as inhibited eroticism, make people shrink in shame if their fellowmen say they are not broadminded and liberal; he will be so broadminded as to identify tolerance with indifference to right and wrong, truth and error; he will spread the lie that men will never be better until they make society better...he will foster more divorces under the guise that another partner is "vital", he will increase love for love and decrease love for persons; he will invoke religion to destroy religion; he will even speak of Christ and say he was the greatest man who ever lived; his mission he will say will be to liberate men from the servitudes of superstition and Fascism, which he will never define. But in the midst of all his seeming love for humanity and his glib talk of freedom and equality, HE WILL HAVE ONE GREAT SECRET WHICH HE WILL TELL TO NOONE; HE WILL NOT BELIEVE IN GOD.* The sheep are being carried off by the world and the shepherds refuse to sound the alarm.

'In contemplation we let Reality-Love simply be what it is or better WHO it is. **We bathe ourselves in our own immense love-consciousness of Divinity's presence within us and all the world and universe, and we let this love consciousness give life and meaning to everything we are, think and do."** Anthony Massamini. Imagine if everyone did this!! WOW!!



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