

Vital Reading for today's Disciples

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As Pope St Pius X said to a group of cardinals over a century ago: “What is most necessary today is to have in each parish a group of laity who are at the same time **VIRTUOUS, ENLIGHTENED, DETERMINED** and **REALLY APOSTOLIC**.”

Enlightenment is **intellectual** and it comes from reading, thinking and praying. Books are essential.

Here are some recent publications of vital importance. Many of them you will have to get from internet purchasing since we cannot afford to stock them. We help by keeping you informed.

KENGOR, Dr Paul

US America expert on communism, Catholic:

TakeDown, from *Communists to Progressives, How the Left has sabotaged Family and Marriage*: 2015 on Marxism, Freudian-Marxism, and today's Intellectual Freudian-Marxism in parliaments, media, universities, schools: the Long March of the Left through the institutions, with hatred of religion, marriage and family, thus exposing the radical movement to redefine family and marriage.

SIGMAN, Dr Aric

UK psychologist & family man, ex-USA, agnostic: roves world-wide for comparisons with remote cultures like Bhutan, North Korea and Borneo:

Remotely Controlled, *How Television is damaging our lives — and what we can do about it*: 2005: provides solid evidence for many things some of us have suggested for decades.

The Spoilt Generation, *Why restoring authority will make our children and society happier*: 2009/2014; on the usurpation of parents by ‘experts’ and the State: the only solution is old-fashioned manners and discipline.

GROSSMAN, Dr Miriam

US American psychiatrist on campus, Jewish:

Unprotected 2006: each chapter is an anonymous client's medical and psychic disasters brought on by a political correctness cover-up of promiscuity.

You're Teaching my Child What? 2009, on moral corruption of school children through “sex-education”.

ESOLEN, Professor Anthony

US American, Prof. of English literature, Catholic:

Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child, 2010: a demolition on much modern upbringing and schooling.

Defending Marriage, *Twelve Arguments for Sanity* 2014, deals with contraception, divorce, same-sex unions, and concludes with an inspiring vision of real marriage based on “giving and forgiving”.

Reclaiming Catholic Social Teaching, *A Defense of the Church's True Teachings on Marriage, Family, and the State*: 2014: draws extensively on 25 documents from Leo XIII.

COOK, Dr Peter

Australian psychiatrist, seemingly atheist:

Mothering Matters, *The sources of love, and how our culture harms infants, women, and society*: 2011: evils of child-care; a series of learned papers.

SULLIVAN, Lucy

Australian sociologist, Catholic:

False Promises, *Sixties philosophy against the church*: 2012: all evidence from the Australian Bureau of Statistics: compares 1903-1963 with 1963-1993, for continuous rise in immorality and crime.

LENNOX, Professor John C.

Mathematician and Philosopher, Oxford, Biblical Christian, best apologist against, atheist-evolutionists Prof. Richard Dawkins and Prof. Stephen Hawking:

God's Undertaker — Has Science Buried God? Don't think ‘religion versus science’ but ‘theism versus materialism’; has vital chapters on the ‘Designer Universe’ and ‘Designer Biosphere’.

Gunning for God, *Why the New Atheists are missing the Target*: excellent apologetics for Christ's Resurrection; defective on atonement.

God and Stephen Hawking, *Whose design if it anyway?* shows that modern science really gives support to God and certainly not to atheism.

EBERSTADT, Mary

US America sociologist, Catholic:

How the West Really Lost God: correlates family life and religion, which rise or fall together.

Dr Kengor and Dr Sigman are eye-openers! Reading them, you will know good and evil... and priests and laity can work out what to do about it:-

IN the CHURCH there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the Apostles and their successors [i.e. bishops, priests & deacons] Christ has entrusted the office of **teaching, sanctifying** and **governing** in His name and by His power. But the laity [for whose service the life-giving hierarchy exists] are made to share in the **priestly, prophetic** and **kingly** office of Christ; **they have therefore in the Church and in the world their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God.**

VCII: *Apostolate of the Laity* §2; cf. *Handouts* n. 10.

Happy Birthday, Father Jim

Kindly composed by Michele Vieira for his birthday

WELL EIGHTY YEARS have come and gone
since Fr Jim was born:
You'd better get up promptly and greet the early morn;
For God made the early morning to start us on our day
Since Father Jim is with us, it means that we can pray.
To God most high and holy, with Fr Jim we pray,
And thank Him for this very special eightieth birthday.

Well Father's getting older, to us it's no surprise,
He grows in virtue daily and is very, very wise.
His letters to the editor, his help and counsel too,
To any who approach him, he'll see what he can do.
For his life is lived for others, in the service of God's flock,
He'll pray, advise and help you without looking at the clock.

Recessional

Rudyard Kipling

The tumult and the shouting dies,
The captains and the kings depart;
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
A humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet:
Lest we forget; lest we forget.

He walks around the paddock now — it used to be the bush,
For when you're 80 years of age you don't want to get a push;
From falling rocks or huge tree roots or snakes or e'en a wombat
Even in the paddocks it can be a bit of combat;
For snakes still hide in grass unseen until you are upon them,
And fencing wire lies unseen, where fencers have forgotten.

But still he comes out with a smile and cheerily says good morning,
While the wattles all around golden flowers are adorning,
The paddocks and the bush and all of God's creation.
The birds in chorus sing to God in praise and adoration.
So let's all join with them and say a hearty happy birthday
To Fr Jim who we all know, is eighty years today.

Bush Boys' Doggerel

with a simple serious message from Father James Tierney

Never lend your books or tools
To have them stole or broke by fools;
Books won't come back without a hunt
And tools with edges come back blunt.
Borrowed books are often stolen,
Borrowed tools are mostly broken.

THE WORST DAY EVER

The Pessimist

who says gloomily, "The cup's half empty"

Today was the absolute worst day ever
And don't try to convince me that
There's something good in every day
Because, when you take a closer look,
This world is a pretty evil place.
Even if
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
And it's not true that
It's all in the mind and heart
Because
True happiness can be attained
Only if one's surroundings are good
It's not true that good exists
I'm sure you can agree that
The reality
Creates
My attitude
It's all beyond my control
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
Today was a very good day.

Now read it from bottom to top, the other way...

The author of this poem, Chanie Gorkin, is a Hasidic Jewish schoolgirl who lives in Brooklyn, New York. It is a very clever poem because, when read from top to bottom, it makes sense, but is negative.

Read from bottom to top it makes equal sense, yet is very positive, suggesting that no matter how bad a particular day may be for us, God is present in it and his goodness can be encountered.

Jesus did not preach a gospel of inevitability or fatalism. He made it clear that each of us has free will and the ability to make choices. We can choose to accept life as it is or we can make choices which can change the direction we take or the attitude we have.

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... and see what I really feel about my day:

THE BEST DAY EVER!

The Optimist

who says cheerfully, "The cup's half full!"

Today was a very good day
And you'll never in a million years hear me say
It's all beyond my control
My attitude
Creates
The reality
I'm sure you can agree that
It's not true that good exists
Only if one's surroundings are good.
True happiness can be attained
Because
It's all in the mind and heart
And it's not true that
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.
Some goodness does shine through once in a while
Even if
This world is a pretty evil place.
Because, when you take a closer look,
There's something good in every day.
And don't try to convince me that
Today was the absolute worst day ever

"The ultimate freedom is to choose your attitude to your circumstances..."
a message from Dr Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*.