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Rx For The Soul

What's Your *Pleasure*...?



Taxpayers are sending our congressmen on expensive trips abroad. It might be worth it except they keep coming back. *Will Rogers*

It's kinda funny how being old doesn't seem so old now that I'm old. *Facebook*

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. *C. S. Lewis*



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THERE WAS A TIME WHEN
PEOPLE WENT TO CHURCH,
HEARD THE TRUTH,
AND WEPT OVER THEIR SINS.
TODAY... PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH,
HEAR A MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH,
AND IGNORE THEIR SINS.

RON SMITH

During the holocaust, Germans denied knowing of the death camps. Yet, the smokestacks told their story - the stench apparent. Military leaders made photos of those camps, so there'd be proof they existed...in case someone ever said, it didn't happen. Former Iranian leader Ahmadanejad famously did so. That was while he planned the next one! Twisted, huh?

Are we like *those Germans*? Our nation circles the proverbial commode...& we fail to even name 'sin' to those around us *lest* we offend? Even our loved ones.

No one wants to speak up... for right; for good; for truth. Is fear of man the reason? Hadn't we rather fear God...?

I saw this on Facebook:

**If what's ahead scares you
And what's behind hurts you
Just Look Above**

He never fails to help you

In today's world, where converging events and insoluble problems, we might be a little weird or crazy if we didn't have future forebodings.

Jesus promised peace is available in this world, *along with tribulation*.¹ So let's look at antonyms to that peace!

Anyone who has spent time in bars, especially dance bars, are driven by high **energy**. I'm not recommending them, but ...have you ever thought about when people leave those bars, they settle into a quiet church that's boring and predictable!

In other words, the most important story **ever** told is somehow made mundane. *How* does that happen...? It's the devil's very effective trick called "religion."

Jesus didn't come to create another religion- the world was full of it... then and now. But religion makes church dull. It's why we must have the Holy Spirit-More, we need the anointing that breaks the yoke of bondage. Where one

can put a 1000 to flight and two can put 10,000 to flight.

The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Truth...so He doesn't hang around where lies live. That's false religion! The **energy** of the Holy Spirit is always FRESH.

Much of the church believes teaching on the Holy Spirit is *only* denominational. This mindset consigns them to boredom in some measure. These aren't false, but they're often impotent. Often, they preach an anemic gospel the world laughs to scorn because it has no voice on issues where people live.

There is no **energy** in false religion. That's why it's so dull. And because it's all human strength & personality, rules & performance, instead of sweet Grace. "All who **rely** on the works of the law are under a *curse*...no one is justified before God by the law, for 'the righteous shall live by faith'."² Without the Holy Spirit, our works are filthy rags *of a woman*! Yes.

Make sure your church teaches scripture... and 'faith' for without it, it is impossible to please God! Make certain they acknowledge & invite the Holy Spirit to reign there.

Without the Holy Spirit, our works are filthy rags!³

Many believe an endtime revival is near. **So do I**. But that's where agreement ends.

I believe God's waiting on His people to get it right! The path to revival has always been repentance....it can't be circumvented!⁴ Historically, great revival has always been preceded by deep heartfelt sorrow for sins, tears and often wailing. Look it up!⁵

Moreover, the path to effective ministry is always prayer. "*Prayer breaks down resistance; in the human heart and in the heavenlies.*" Corrie ten Boom. She knew!

Paul warned of these times. "The Spirit expressly says that in the end times perilous times shall come."⁵

They're here. Next month, the Pope is coming to speak before the UN, to talk about **One World Order**. He and France plan to introduce a resolution granting *nation* status to the Palestinians... requiring more Israeli land.

NASA says an asteroid may hit South America next month. **Three** respected voices are predicting a \$100 trillion worldwide economic collapse this fall.

As though to confirm it, the Chinese stock market has dropped 35% in 2 weeks time. *Japan* is quaking now

Meantime, God's people are like the disciples were when Jesus came- wanting Him to establish Israel.

Us? We're looking to politicians to re-establish America's greatness. It's not gonna happen! That's why Jesus said disciples didn't know their hour... Nor do we! His clock is ticking on the final countdown & we don't know our hour of visitation either!

Jesus' agenda is that His followers would be doing greater things than He! Do we believe this...? Or, are just living out a half-hearted commitment? I hope not, for Jesus said He'd rather we be *cold* than just lukewarm. What to do?

Do. What. You. Can...!

But first, leave your sins at the altar. Love His Truth. Take pleasure in what God loves! When He comes, don't let Him find that your **pleasure** has been in unrighteousness - else God will permit us to believe a lie.⁶ Strong delusion is coming on all who refuse to love His **truth**.⁷ Do you...?

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Have you no wish for others to be saved? Then you're not saved yourself, be sure of that.” *Spurgeon*

The very church which the world likes best is sure to be that which God abhors.” *Spurgeon*

For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears unto their prayers. But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.
1 Peter 3:12



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GUIDE DOG FOR A MUSLIM WOMAN.
Known as a Barka

A Holy Corporate Groaning

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Death is cruel. No matter where you meet it – whether people, pets or living things in nature, it is shocking. It strikes us as something anti-life...

Praying on the phone with an out of state friend, I remembered Romans eight & that talks about how all of creation **groans** for the revealing of the sons of God, longing to be released from death's sting. ⁹

In that same passage, we **groan** waiting for adoption & the redemption of our bodies.

Thirdly, when we are filled with sorrow or loss, and don't know how to pray for those we love as we ought, the Spirit Himself intercedes with **groanings** too deep for words for us.

I saw an outdoor photo recently of young Iraqi

parents. The daughter was about ten years old and sat between her mother's outstretched legs on the ground wearing a pretty dress, her hands neatly folded over her middle, clasped in her mother's. Meanwhile, the sorely-grieved father stood at the edge of the photo, ...holding her head!

Why write this...? Because this is the **real** world, Friends. And it's why we **groan**...for a better, more just and tender world than this one is.

This is not our home...we don't belong here, Dear Ones

This is happening across the sea, a long way off. Yet it **is** happening to our Christian brothers & sisters! We should be moved to intercede....

This world is filled with sorrow, and compassion moves us to care. To pray. To **groan** with longing for our

real home, where Jesus is! We should be moved with compassion for them; to tears; to prayer for strength!

Things have changed! Times are more evil. Have the floodgates of hell been opened, especially since people are being slaughtered for no other reason than they are Christians...?

The Bible tells older women to teach the younger 'to love' their families.⁸ **Say what?**

Apparently God knows we don't rightly know how to love...! Even moreso today..

Teach your children tenderness, else they become hard-hearted.¹⁰

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AND WHAT'S BEHIND HURTS
YOU**

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Duly Engaged

Dear Agatha: Our family lives in a small town in Florida, which has turned touristy in recent years. It has a village atmosphere and has pulled antiques, fine dining, gift shops and craft shops. We operate a successful deli. But I've noted many of the new businesses are New Age such as Crystals, Zodiac, and Astrology. Why is that? These owners are friendly but distant; some are kooks & I don't enjoy them. They don't really engage other business owners. Is it just *me*? What do you think. Thanks. **Toni**

Dear Toni: You know Toni, I didn't have a business in it, but there was a time when I consulted astrology charts and would hardly get out of bed without checking what the day held for me. I actually thought it was God's counsel

since everybody knew the Bible was so outdated..! True. And my mom went to fortune-tellers and even conventions.

But I became a believer and found this verse: "Beware when you look unto the stars, lest you begin to worship them and not the creator of them." ¹¹

Your question is this:

Does it matter to you that these people are lost and on their way to a Christless eternity? Or hell?

It may *not* matter, but I assure you God cares about them and knows which ones will respond to His love! Not all will, but some...may! Paul said this: "I am all things to all people so that I may win some..."¹² He didn't try to win everyone. Just the 'some.'

Our objective should be to 'win' those misguided folks

who are following the stars, or whatever. The Bible has their answer too!

The question is, How?

Try seeing them through God's eyes. Then think of some random act of kindness to engage them. Nothing phony. Then, find something of equal interest to engage them on – like a business association meeting or? - talk about these! Perhaps they enjoy cooking shows...?

I promise you that your prayers will birth the tenderness where animosity has lived. Get a business friend to agree with you for their souls! This is how to turn lemons into lemonade. And it's how to please God, by going about life conducting the Father's business. It's a whole new perspective, Dear One. Pleasing God. that is.



"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertion, & let not one go **unwarned** and **unprayed** for." C. Spurgeon