



Daily Reflections

November 28, 2017

Scripture

Luke 21: 5-11

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him,

"Teacher, when will this happen?

And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?"

He answered,

"See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.'

Do not follow them!

When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end."

Then he said to them,

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky."

Our Scripture Reflection

People have been forecasting the end of time since not too long after the beginning of time and time goes on. When asked when the end will occur Jesus simply says, "Do not be deceived", that is, by false predictors. Horrific events do not indicate the end of time. The true disciple is not to be anxious. The end of time will come when Jesus returns. While we wait, and not neurotically, we have work to do.

Food for your Journey

The end of time is not a bad thing -- it is opportunity. So, cyclical time is exactly that -- it cycles. In fact, recycles. The end of time is simply the beginning again.

Have you ever experienced the end of time? Maybe it was divorce. Or you got fired. Or you graduated. Or you finally got sober. Whatever it was, it was the end of a world and the beginning of another.

--George Cladis, "The end of the world!" Blog entry, <http://cladisconsulting.com/blog/2010/04/13/the-end-of-the-world>. Retrieved May 29, 2011.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace to persevere and never grow anxious or weary with life. May I always trust that everything is in Your hands. May I live life to the full and do the work You have entrusted to me until which time You return in glory. Amen.