



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 11: 29-32

While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah.

Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

At the judgment

the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them,

because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon,

and there is something greater than Solomon here.

At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it,

because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

Our Scripture Reflection

Jesus takes the crowd to task because they demand a sign from Him, that is, a thunderbolt, something flashy and shocking, something extraordinarily remarkable. Well, they will get many signs from Him. He will feed the hungry,

heal the sick and ignored, reach out to the outcast and touch those deemed untouchable. Now that's a sign...but only for those who are humble and loving enough to see it.

Food for your Journey

The great lesson from the true mystics is that the sacred is in the ordinary, that it is to be found in one's daily life, in one's neighbors, friends, family and in one's backyard. To be looking elsewhere for miracles is to me a sure sign of ignorance that everything is miraculous.

--Abraham Maslow, Religions, Values, and Peak Experiences (Important Books, 2014),

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, So many of Jesus' words and actions were misunderstood by the people of His day, even those who were considered religious experts. Why didn't they see what was right there in front of their noses? Lord, help me to be humble instead of haughty. Clear out the fog in my eyes so that I may see and hear in the holy scriptures Your love and Presence in Jesus. Amen