



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 19:3-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?" He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said, For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate." They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?" He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery."

His disciples said to him,
"If that is the case of a man with his wife,
it is better not to marry."
He answered, "Not all can accept this word,
but only those to whom that is granted.
Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so;
some, because they were made so by others;
some, because they have renounced marriage
for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven.
Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

Our Scripture Reflection

For Christians, Jesus' teaching on marriage is both Gospel and Truth, no exceptions. Whether married or celibate, we have an honorable purpose: to help build the Lord's Kingdom here on earth.

Food for your Journey

The idea that the world's population is either too high already or heading that way is dangerous. Very dangerous.

Malthus started this when he predicted in 1798 that the world would be out of food by 1890, due to population growth. He recommended killing off the have-nots in the world to ensure there was enough food for the rich.

Malthus' ideas underpinned the theories of eugenicists of the early 20th century who gained power in a variety of countries and enforced marriage restrictions, segregation (both racial segregation and segregation of the mentally ill from the rest of the population), compulsory sterilization, forced abortion and genocide.

--Laurence O'Bryan, "The dangerous lie in Dan Brown's Inferno,"
lpobryan.com.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have created me in this life for a wonderful purpose. May I fulfill my vocation by loving and serving You and Your people. Amen.

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