



Forest Home Church

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"Sharing, Loving & Exploring Life in Christ"

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Classic Sayings and Prayers of Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

David Boyd let me in on some insightful quotes taken from his reading Aquinas last week. He inspired me to read some Aquinas too, and the following are some challenging insights from the greatest thinker of the Medieval church. LH

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen."

Man cannot live without joy; therefore when he is deprived of true spiritual joys it is necessary that he become addicted to carnal pleasures.

The things that we love tell us what we are.

"Perfect enjoyment demands intelligence"

"Knowledge puffs up"(1 Cor 8:1), this text applies when science is without love.

No possession is joyous without a companion.

Good can exist without evil, whereas evil cannot exist without good.

It is necessary to posit something which is necessary of itself, and has no cause of its necessity outside of itself but is the cause of necessity in other things. And all people call this thing God.

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

"Peace is the work of justice indirectly, in so far as justice removes the obstacles to peace; but it is the work of charity (love) directly, since charity, according to its very notion, causes peace.

Grace does not destroy nature, but rather perfects it.

The end of my labors has come. All that I have written appears to be as so much straw after the things that have been revealed to me. (Said near end of life after a mystical experience of the Lord while taking Communion)

"Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord."



Who is Sowing in Your Life?

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Remember our loved ones in
- Kenya— Jac Agak, Charles Ngoje, Jacob Randiek, and your orphan(s)
- Lord help those in Kenya undergoing food shortages
- Thank God for return of many from their trips
- Bless all staff & students returning to School/College
- Thank You Lord for the testimony of our older members
- Bless Tommy with strength for Next Right Step activities
- Thank You for refreshing rain
- God's speed to Jim's writing mission
- We pray for the health of our country
- We ask continued wisdom for the elders
- Lord's strength for so many walking in service to others
- Teach us what it is to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our Lord



He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

2011 Calendar

- EACH MON+THURS 5:30-5:50PM@the church Intercessory prayer for anyone
- EACH WED - 4:45 pm @ the church, Women's Bible Study
- EACH LAST WED NIGHT OF THE MONTH - "Branded" for the youth (Grades 5th-12th) 6-7:30pm @ church

Isaac Newton and his Atheist Friend

The following story is told about how the father of classic physics challenged one of his nonbelieving friends during a visit. LH

Sir Isaac had an accomplished artisan fashion for him a small scale model of our solar system, which was to be put in a room in Newton's home when completed. The assignment was finished and installed on a large table. The workman had done a very commendable job, simulating not only the various sizes of the planets and their relative proximities, but also so constructing the model that everything rotated and orbited when a crank was turned. It was an interesting, even fascinating work, as you can imagine, particularly to anyone schooled in the sciences.

Newton's atheist-scientist friend came by for a visit. Seeing the model, he was naturally intrigued, and proceeded to examine it with undisguised admiration for the high quality of the workmanship. *"My, what an exquisite thing this is!"* he exclaimed. *"Who made it?"* Paying little attention to him, Sir Isaac answered, *"Nobody."* Stopping his inspection, the visitor turned and said, *"Evidently you did not understand my question. I asked who made this."* Newton, enjoying himself immensely no doubt, replied in a still more serious tone, *"Nobody. What you see just happened to assume the form it now has."* *"You must think I am a fool!"* the visitor retorted heatedly, *"Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius, and I would like to know who he is!"* Newton then spoke to his friend in a polite yet firm way: *"This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer or maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker! Now tell me by what sort of reasoning do you reach such an incongruous conclusion?"*

Mother Teresa's Wall

(On the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta is the "final analysis" prayer/poem she liked for perspective:)

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy overnight.
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis
it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.



A Scientists Song and Prayer

The following hymn by Thomas Troeger is prayed by numerous present day scientists who believe, particularly Francis Collins (Human Genome Project; NIH), who sings the prayer to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

**Praise the source of faith and learning
who has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray.**

**God of wisdom, we acknowledge
that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge
only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
lies a depth we cannot sound
Where Your purpose for creation
and the pulse of life are found.**

**As two currents in a river
fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver
one coherent steady flow,
Blend O God our faith and learning
till they carve a single course
Till they join as one, returning
praise and thanks to You, their Source.**

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A YOUNG SAMSON PLAYING WITH THE JAWBONE OF A SQUIRREL

DATE	NURSERY (Infants-2 yrs old) During sermon only	LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION	WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
Aug 7	Lois McAlister	Aug Garner	Aug 10 Liz/Dawn
Aug 14	Mari Ann Farmer	Sept L. McAlister	Aug 17 Linda/Lois
Aug 21	Pat Gil	Oct Austin	Aug 24 Ocie/Shannon
Aug 28	Sam Lamborn	Nov VanderLinden	Aug 31 Pat/Karen
		(Sub-Grimensteins) See Jim Grim with questions.	