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REFLECTIONS FROM DOCTOR ALBERT SCHWEITZER

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing.

Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.

From: *Brainy Quote*

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/a/albert_schweitzer.html

FALSE PROPHECIES

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False prophecies can be funny while others have tragic consequences. Sometimes a false prophecy can provide entertainment. One such case is the false prophecy, Y2K. It inspired a television show called Millennium which aired from 1996 AD to 1999 AD. (IMDb, 2017) The Holy Bible has numerous references warning us about false prophecies. Christ warns the Faithful in the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 24 verse 11, "Many false prophets will arise and deceive many". (USCCB, 1986) Unfortunately, some people do not heed this warning. The United States has experienced several false prophecies over the past years.

Y2K sometimes referred to as the Y2K bug was all the rage in the late 1990s. (Britannica, 2014) The world was supposed to come to an end because all the computers would crash. Y2K was premised on the belief that computers could not figure out how to go from 1999 AD to 2000 AD causing a worldwide failure. There were many doomsday preppers who were in mourning when life went forward on 1 January 2000. The only computer mishaps were a few cash registers needed to be updated. I got a good laugh when the news announced at 7:00 pm on 31 December 1999 AD that the power grid did not crash. Power companies use Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) which is five hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Since power companies interact over multiple time zones it is more convenient for them to use GMT. It was comical when the alarmists who were on the news could not explain this one away.

The Mayan calendar caused much consternation among doomsday believers. This false prophecy is based on the belief that the Mayan calendar ended on 12 December 2012 and so would the world. (Roach, 2011) When this date came to pass some doomsday believers worked out the date would be 3 or 4 June 2016 because the Julian and Gregorian calendars account for leap years while the Mayan calendar does not. (Adl-Tabatabai, 2016) Leap years or not the world is still here. Many of the doomsday believers overlooked a simple fact. The Mayan calendar did not end on 12 December 2012 or any other date. It merely reset or started over. (Roach, 2011) Another item the doomsday believers overlooked is only God knows when the end time will be. Christ states this fact in the Gospel of Saint Mark chapter 13 verses 32 and 33, "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (USCCB, 1986)

Wayne Bent founder of The Lord Our Righteousness Church, also known as Strong City, predicted the world would end in 2007 AD. (Oswald, 2016) Mr. Bent also claims to be the messiah. He claimed to be human and divine. Oh well, the world is still here and another false prophecy gone bust, but this doomsday iteration does have a

dark side. In 2008 AD Wayne Bent was convicted of molesting two underage girls in his church community. In the Second Epistle of Saint Peter chapter 2 verse 14 a false prophet is described to warn the Faithful, "Their eyes are full of adultery and insatiable for sin. They seduce unstable people, and their hearts are trained in greed. Accursed children!" (USCCB, 1986)

False prophecies have been in the past, flourish today, and will spring up in the future. Some are humorous and make one wonder. While others have a dark side and destroy lives. The Holy Bible contains the best information on how to recognize these deceptions and their perpetrators.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

REGALIA ITEMS FOR LOAN

Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske has regalia items to loan for members of the Assembly who do not have them. If you want to participate in an Honor Guard event and do not have the required regalia items send email to rod.komlofske@gmail.com.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2017

Faithful Navigator Chris Cooper thanks the Sir Knights who participated in the Presentation of the Colors at Fayetteville Special Olympics 2017:

Honor Guard Commander	Rod Komlofske
Faithful Navigator	Chris Cooper
Sir Knight	Carlos Cortes

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT:

MEMORIAL DAY WREATH LAYING CEREMONY MAY 2017

More Details to Follow

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2017

April 1	Necrology Report Due
April 1	Credentials Due
April 1	Grand Knight Annual Report Due
April 1	District Deputy Annual Report Due
April 8	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree – Raleigh (9709)
April 10	Convention Hotel Registration Due
April 15	Raffle Tickets Due
April 15	Family of the Month
April 16	Easter
April 29-30	5 th Sunday Rosary Program
April 29	State Bocce Tournament

May 2017

May 1 – June 15	Council Officer Elections
May 5-7	NC State Convention
May 6	Bishop Fund Check
May 6	Culture of Life Check
May 6	Columbian Award Report SP-7 (Requested)
May 14	Mother's Day
May 15	Family of the Month
May 20	Knighthood (3 rd) Degree – Greensboro (13236)
May 20	State Bocce Tournament

DEGREE CEREMONIES

Second Degree Ceremony: 25 April 2017. Location: Council 7259, Newton Grove, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

First Degree Ceremony: 1 May 2017. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

First Degree Ceremony: 16 May 2017. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 20 May 2017. Location: Council 13236, Greensboro, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 3 June 2017. Location: Council 11266, Garner, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <https://kofcnc.org/upcoming-degree-ceremonies/>

UN-CONFUSING GENDER CONFUSION COURTESY OF THE HOLY BIBLE

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One of the latest fads to come down the pike is the so called “gender confusion.” Anyone who is gender confused is just a person who does not know The Holy Bible contains the answers to become un-confused on this subject. Many examples are in The Holy Bible to help the most confused person become un-confused. I will cite five in this article.

The first place to start is in the beginning also known as the Book of Genesis. Genesis 1:27 states, “God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (USCCB, 1986) This passage is very straight forward. God only created two genders for mankind: male and female. There is no mention of “fluid”, “trans”, “confused”, “ism”, “questioning”, or whatever the latest buzz word is.

The second citation is Genesis 2:24, "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body." (USCCB, 1986) In God's plan for mankind a man joins a woman [wife] to become a family [one body]. A very simple and uncomplicated concept provided by God to mankind. Once again there is no mention of "fluid", "trans", "confused", "ism", "questioning", or whatever the latest buzz word is.

The third citation is Genesis 6:19, "Of all living creatures you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, one male and one female, to keep them alive along with you." (USCCB, 1986) When God created only two genders, male and female, He kept it simple for Noah and his family. Fortunately, God was in charge. If modern day government bureaucracy had forced Noah to make room for all the "fluid", "trans", "confused", "ism", "questioning", or whatever the latest buzz word is the utter confusion on the ark would have doomed the world.

The fourth and fifth citations are stated by Christ in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Saint Matthew chapter 19 verses 4-6, "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, no human being must separate." (USCCB, 1986) Again in the Gospel of Saint Mark chapter 10 verses 6-9, "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. 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, no human being must separate." (USCCB, 1986) Christ never mentioned any "fluid", "trans", "confused", "ism", "questioning", or whatever the latest buzz word is. He also reaffirmed marriage is between a man and a woman.

Life is so much easier following the answers God provides in The Holy Bible and avoiding the latest cause célèbre.

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IN MEMORIAM:

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the souls of:

All Deceased Knights of Columbus.

All Members of the U.S Armed Forces.

All First Responders.

ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

Any Sir Knight who wants to submit an article to the Newsletter, turn the article into Faithful Navigator Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.