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Daily Reflections



SURPRISING REVELATIONS

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A Quote

“Every human being is a kind of reminder of God (Shiviti), and all things are like traces of God’s footprints in a barren desert...”

ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL, MORAL GRANDEUR AND SPIRITUAL AUDACITY

Reflection

A friend of mine shared that a woman she knows went to check on her older sister, who was suffering through a dreadful heatwave in the Pacific Northwest. A Southern Californian, she opted to drive and, on her way home, decided to stay at motel rather than make the drive over the precarious Tejon Pass at night. As she was preparing to leave the following morning, she was approached by a little boy holding a puppy. He proceeded to implore the woman to take the puppy to his aunt who lived somewhere in L.A. He sadly

explained that four of the puppies from the litter had died from the heat and the only chance for the remaining puppy to live, from the little man's perspective, was to take the tiny creature to a cooler place. He explained his aunt would be expecting her and proceeded to give the traveler an address.

The woman said "yes" to the request and prepared a place for the puppy which included ice, a towel, and an ice chest donated by a maid from the hotel where she had stayed. She placed the canine foundling on the towel "on ice." This may seem excessive; however, the woman explained to my friend that even with the air conditioner on, the extreme heat had caused her internal car thermometer to register over 100°. She wanted to make sure the puppy made it to its foster home safely. The puppy was received by the waiting aunt as planned.

Encounters with the sacred can unexpectedly ambush us and capture our spirits and hearts with movements of love and rightness. Jean Pierre de Caussade, SJ, reminds us, "Divine action has always been the source from which flows a torrent of grace which spreads over everything. Henceforth I shall no longer seek it within the narrow confines of a book of the life of a saint, or a sublime idea." (*Sacrament of the Present Moment*) Who can capture or limit expressions of God's grace and love?



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Reflection and Prayer

You are invited to reflect on the following:

“The present moment holds infinite riches beyond your wildest dreams, but you will only enjoy them to the extent of your faith and love. The more a soul loves, the more it longs, the more it hopes, the more it finds. The will of God is manifest in each moment, an immense ocean which the heart only fathoms in so far as it overflows with faith, trust and love.”

JEAN PIERRE DE CAUSSADE, SACRAMENT OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

- What is your prayer to God?

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