

Day 129 (Saturday, July 25)

To my readers

As I was travelling to Winnipeg I noticed the crops were much better in Manitoba. Not only have they been getting the rain, they have also been getting the heat. Well judging from the last few days, it is finally our turn to experience the warm days of summer.

I found another article on the Creed. I will pass it on over the next few days.

Early in Christianity our creed was born in fierce debates about what we believe. The ancient words invite our “*Amen*” to this faith forged by the early Church. It’s like a handshake across the centuries — “a sign of recognition and communion between believers” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 188).

I believe in one God,

*I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.*

We live in a secular age. The media avoid endorsing religion or belief in a power that controls “things visible and invisible.” God is largely absent from official public debate. We become skeptical when politicians play up their religion only to disappoint us later with scandals. Science, too, seems to dominate our culture. Recent discoveries about the origins of the universe avoid mention of a “maker of heaven and earth.”

Yet, when disaster strikes, people ask, “Where is God?” Even when they express doubts about a loving Creator, their words betray a longing for God.

The faith of ancient Israel stood out among its neighbors, who believed in many gods. Abraham and his nomadic tribe came to know God as One, loving and willing to travel with them. Theirs was a personal God, who invites people into relationship.

Our creed assures us that, like Abraham, we’re invited into relationship with God. Our God — creator, all-powerful, eternal — is also personal and loving.

In the light of eternity, we’re here for a very short time, really. We’re here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
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