

To all my readers

For some reason there was a glitch in the system and only 1/3 of the people were getting my musings for the past 2 weeks. Not sure why that was. I have included those musings in this email, so it might be a little long.

If you would like to be taken off the list please let me know. If you know of someone who would like to be on the list, please give me their email address.

Day 195 – Thursday, October 1 – Elections

In the next few months there are a number of elections taking place. The City of Prince Albert, the Province of Saskatchewan, the Canadian, and the American election. Personally, I have been very disappointed in how many campaigns have been managed. For many years it has been a mudslinging event. The worse you make your opponent look the better you make yourself look. It has little to do with the issues. Yesterday I listened to the news, as I was waking up and heard that the 1st debate in the US was an hour long shouting match, where neither wanted to let the other finish a sentence. I mean these are supposed to be grown men...not children squabbling in the playground.

I think of this and I think of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. "For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?" (I Cor 3:3-4) I would have thought that in the past 2000 years, we would have grown beyond petty squabbles. But I guess not. If we are going to rise above the pettiness of this world, we need to start adopting some divine attributes...starting with Loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, body and soul, and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

Out of principle, I refuse to vote for someone whose whole campaign has been that of throwing mud. One of the bonuses of living in a democracy is that candidates can be voted in or out. Perhaps if we show candidates that mudslinging does not work, then perhaps we can have politicians who have real integrity. In the next few months let us pray that God's will prevails..."On earth as it is in heaven."

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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