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Benjamin Durheim and David Farina Turnbloom, "Tactical Ecumenism"¹ write, "We propose tactical ecumenism so that ecumenical dialogues might continue their hard slog in the fellowship of those who seek to give an account of the hope that is in them (1 Pet 3:15)." [Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.](#) 1 Peter is not beginning with the reason and working toward having hope. That would be strategy .

Durheim and Turnbloom use 1 Peter 3:15 to begin with hope and work toward the reason for that hope. That would be tactical, as distinct from strategic, ecumenism. Durheim and Turnbloom conclude, "if strategic ecumenism is to serve the visible unity of Christians, it must recognize that unity as both a practiced fact and a goal.

Raymond Arroyo has little interest in ecumenical endeavors though such endeavors are what the Faithful live through in their daily lives. Arroyo noted, with satisfaction that the Archbishop of Kansas City, Kansas, Joseph F. Naumann, ordered that Girl Scout cookies no longer be sold on his properties.² Rather than beginning with the reason for hope and winding up selling Girl Scout cookies, or not, a better ecumenical approach would be to begin with selling and buying Girl Scout cookies and winding up with the reason for hope in such an activity. That is the nature of [Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!](#) (Psalm 119:1b) as best that law is perceived in the daily lives of the Faithful.

Material above the solid line draws from material below the solid line. Those uninterested in scholarly and tangential details should stop reading here. If they do, however, they may miss some interesting material.

Readings

First Reading:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20 (1)
Second Reading:	1 Peter 3:15-18
Alleluia:	John 14:23
Gospel:	John 14:15-21

Annotated Bibliography

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² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/05/02/kansas-city-archdiocese-boots-girl-scouts-calls-group-reflective-of-troubling-trends/> accessed May 7, 2017.

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Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

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Acts 8:8

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel ³

Acts 8:14-17

Kevin W. Irwin, The Sacraments: Historical Foundations and Liturgical Theology (New York: Paulist Press, 2016) 54.

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1 Peter 3:13-17

Michael Gilmore, review of Duane F. Watson and Terrance Callan, First and Second Peter⁴
Gilmore reports,

With respect to historical setting, W.'s judicious comments on the suffering described in 1 Peter eschew attempts to link these to any particular emperor or empire-wide policy bout Christians, as some do. Instead, he argues that the "persecution is local" (p. 9) and probably unofficial because it is short-lived (1:6; 5:10) and mitigated by the readers' behavior (2:13-17; 3:13-17 (used here).

³ (Erlanger, Kentucky: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, DynamicCatholic.com, 2014) 10.

⁴ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 2 (April 2014) 386.

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1 Peter 3:15

Benjamin Durheim and David Farina Turnbloom, "Tactical Ecumenism"⁵
Comments above the solid line draw from this article.

1 Peter 3:15

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1 Peter 3:15

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel⁶

1 Pet 3:17

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament⁷

1 Peter 3:18-22

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: Old Testament VII: Psalms 1—72, Timothy George (ed.), general editor, Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor, Herman J. Selderhuis (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015, ISBN 978 0 8308-2957-6 (*hardcover : alk. paper*), P 1, Y 15) 21, 52, 126, 249.

1 Peter 3:18

in Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 124.

⁵ Theological Studies, Vol. 76, No. 2 (June 2015) 327.

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⁷ Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, **484**, 699, 700. `

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John 14:15-21

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John 14:15-17

Chris Keith, "The Competitive Textualization of the Jesus Tradition in John 20:30-31 and 21:25"⁸

John 14:15

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament VI: Acts, Esther Chung-Kim and Todd R. Hains (eds.), general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2014: ISBN 978-0-8308-2969-9 (*print*) P 1 Y 14) 187.

John 14:15

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament III: Luke, Beth Kreitzer (ed.), general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015: ISBN 978-0-8308-2014 (*hardcover : alk. paper*), P 1, Y 15) 200.

John 14:16-18

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegheer, "The Unity of Salvation: Divine Missions, the Church, and World Religions"⁹

John 14:17

Peter-Ben Smit, "The Gift of the Spirit in John 19:30? A Reconsideration of παραδωκεν το πνευμα"¹⁰

⁸ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 2 (April 2016) 335.

⁹ Theological Studies, Vol. 75, No. 2 (June 2014) 262.

¹⁰ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 3 (July 2016) 455.

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John 14:18-19

in Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 110.

John 14:18

in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: Old Testament VII: Psalms 1—72, Timothy George (ed.), general editor, Scot M. Manetsch, Associate General editor, Herman J. Selderhuis (ed.), (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015, ISBN 978 0 8308-2957-6 (hardcover : alk. paper), P 1, Y 15) 353.

John 14:20

Emil A. Wcela, "What is Catholic about a Catholic Translation of the Bible?"¹¹

For more on sources see the Appendix file. A complete set of Personal Notes, dating from the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2002 to the present, is on the web site at www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes.

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the Gloria, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for "heartfelt devotion these days of joy"¹² The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is [Let all the earth cry out to God with joy](#) (Psalm 66:1)¹³ Between November 25, 2011 and November 25, 2012, Personal Notes

¹¹ the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 71, No. 2 (April 2009) 494, 497.

¹² n.a., The Roman Missal: Renewed by Decree of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI and Revised at the Direction of Pope John Paul II: English Translation According to the Third Typical Edition: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (Washington, DC, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011) 425. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

¹³ National Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Roman Missal Restored by Decree of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican and Promulgated by Authority of Pope Paul VI: Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America:

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systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1610 Missal: Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 121125.pdf/htm at <http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes/Personal%20Notes.htm>.

This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists bring to mind with [And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not](#) (Jonah 3:10)¹⁴

Addenda

Due to greater responsiveness at the National Catholic Reporter blog, beginning with the Fourth Sunday in Lent, Reading 032B, March 15, 2015, my interest began shifting from annotating my index here, to engaging conversation there. I may keep up the Bibliography, but without further comment. Time will tell. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, my interest began shifting back toward annotating the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

On Wednesday, December 28, 2016, I discovered that my web site, www.western-civilization.com was receiving 1000 hits per day, from the United States, most of which were for these readings. As of May 7, that average was 639. That complicates my priorities, priorities that require balancing between developing these Personal Notes, engaging writing on the National Catholic Reporter at <https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today>, developing a Cleveland Organizing Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), attending to my archival resources at the Western Reserve Historical Society, and preparing my 1972 dissertation, "Cleveland and the Negro following World War II" for publication at least on the web. I am the founding president of the Hampton Roads, from which the movie "Hidden Figures" arose, meaning that these priorities have potential consequences of note.

Second Typical Edition: Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988) 5418. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

¹⁴ UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living ®: 2016-2017: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 19: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), A. Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2016) 400-401.

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Raymond Arroyo, "The World Over," on EWTN uses fear-mongering, rather than the Joy of the Gospel to entrance its viewers. In the past, Arroyo has responded to my concerns, particularly the Reverend Robert A. Sirico, who rarely appears anymore, with his drivel. Beginning, May 3, 2015, I intend to begin pointing out, here, the role fear, rather than joy, has in "The World Over."

By July 31, I had identified a pattern of attack on Pope Francis by Arroyo. The attack is on what the Pope is preaching about climate change and capitalism, with implications about Donald Trump, whom Arroyo lauds. On May 4, Arroyo let Mary Matalin offer her pro-Trump views without recognizing other Catholic views about what Trump is doing to the vulnerable with his reject and replace approach to Obamacare. In the United States Republicans have firm opposition to such sermonizing against Trump policies, as the forthcoming Trump administration will show . . . or not. To his credit, Trump is working on letting religious leaders speak out without running the risk of losing their tax-free status.

As, on June 23, 2015, I prepared Reading 110B for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time for July 26, I decided to begin reading unread book reviews and articles from Theological Studies for two reasons. The first is I have already read every article cited in the Catholic Biblical Quarterly. The second is that traditionally Theological Studies articles have been more helpful to my prayer life. I also began reading unread book reviews in the Biblical Quarterly. Beginning with the Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017, I realized the Reformation Commentary on Scripture was doing little for my prayer-life and I began to drift away from the time-consuming details I had been recording.