

## Personal Notes

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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.

As of June 21, 2015, we are reasonably unpacked. In the context of remaining family concerns, I am able to get back to these Personal Notes. The Reformation Commentaries take up a lot of time, but offer a hope of promoting Christian unity after centuries of despair. The Protestant problems continue. My first interest is with these problems as found on the National Catholic Reporter blog.

Since our television provider has necessarily switched away from Verizon, which does not offer television here, we now have Time Warner. I find Time Warner much more complex, but much more complete than Verizon. The bottom line for these Personal Notes is fitting Raymond Arroyo into my scheme of things. Today, for example, at 4:00 p.m., rather than "Our World Over, with Raymond Arroyo," EWTN had a Papal Mass in Italy.

My aim will be to get three months in advance, before thinking about adding annotations to this index. I am reading the material, but am not able to retrieve it for this purpose.

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## **Readings**

First Reading:	Amos 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-14
Alleluia	cf. Ephesians 1:17-18
Gospel:	Mark 6:7-13

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Amos 7:10-17

John T. Willis, review of Wilda C. Gafney, Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel<sup>1</sup>

Amos 7:11, 12, 14

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<sup>1</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 71, No. 3 (July 2009) 607.

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Sara J. Milstein, "Who Would Not Write?' The Prophet as Yhwh's Prey in Amos 3:3-8"<sup>2</sup>

Amos 7:14-15

Michael S. Moore, review of Alan Lenzi, Secrecy and the gods: Secret Knowledge in Ancient Mesopotamia and Biblical Israel<sup>3</sup>

Amos 7:14

John T. Willis, review of Paul L. Redditt, Introduction to the Prophets<sup>4</sup>

**Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)**

Psalm 85:9-13

F. Gerald Downing, "Justification as Acquittal? A Critical Examination of Judicial Verdicts in Paul's Literary and Actual Contexts"<sup>5</sup>

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Eph 1:3-10

Marianne Moyaert, "Theology Today: Comparative Theology as a Catholic Theological Approach"<sup>6</sup>

Eph 1:3

Christopher W. Skinner, review of William J. Larkin, Ephesians: A Handbook on the Greek Text<sup>7</sup>

Eph 1:3

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Benjamin J. Ribbens, "Forensic-Retributive Justification in Romans 3:21-26: Paul's Doctrine of Justification in Dialogue with Hebrews"<sup>8</sup>

Eph 1:3

Jared Wicks, S.J., "Scripture Reading Urged *Vehementer* (DV No. 25): Background and Development"<sup>9</sup>

Ephesians 1:3

Wolfgang Musculus (1497-1563), "Commentary on John 10:10"<sup>10</sup>

Ephesians 1:4-5

Philipp Melanchthon (1497-1560), "Notes on Paul's Letter to the Colossians"<sup>11</sup>

Ephesians 1:4-5

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Ephesians 1:4-5

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<sup>11</sup> in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament XI: Philippians, Colossians, Graham Tomlin (ed.) in collaboration with Gregory B. Graybill, general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2013) 182, fn. 19.

<sup>12</sup> in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament IV: John 1—12, Craig S. Farmer(ed.), general editor, Timothy George, associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2014) 34, fn. 65.

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“Encyclical Letter Lumen Fidei of the Supreme Pontiff Francis to the Bishops, Priests, and deacons [sic] and lay Faithful on Faith”<sup>13</sup>

Ephesians 1:4

Eph 1:4

Benjamin J. Lappenga, “‘Zealots for Good Works’: The Polemical Repercussions of the Word ζηλωτης in Titus 2:14”<sup>14</sup>

Martin Bucer (1491-1551), “Commentary on John 3:19”<sup>15</sup>

Ephesians 1:4

Gallic Confession (1559), Article 12<sup>16</sup>

Ephesians 1:4

Katharina Schütz Zell, “Letter to the Suffering Women of the Community of Kentzingen Who Believe in Christ, Sisters with Me in Jesus Christ, 1524”<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> In Scott H. Hendrix, ed. and trans., Early Protestant Spirituality (New York, Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2009) 109.

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Ephesians 1:4<sup>18</sup>

Johannes Brenz (1499-1570), "Commentary on John 5:23"

John Murcot (1625-1654), "Christ's Willingness to Receive Humble Sinners: A Sermon on John 6:37"

Ephesians 1:4 and 9

Short Confession, 1610, Article 7, Concerning God's Predestination, Election and Rejection<sup>19</sup>

Ephesians 1:4

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>20</sup>

Because Wallace is concerned about a serious mistranslation and because the Protestants are exercised over this verse, I decided to check it out.

Wallace explains:

God chose *us* for himself, *by* himself, or for his own interests. This does not, of course, imply that God needed believers. Rather, just as the chief end of human beings is to glorify God and enjoy him forever, so too, God is in the business of glorifying himself. And as is mentioned three times in Eph [sic] 1, the elect belong to God "for the praise of his glory."

On *εκλεγω* [choose] in general, see discussion above under Luke 10:42.

Ephesians 1:4.5

Caspar Huberinus, "A Sermon for Easter Sunday on Chapter 16 of the Gospel of Mark"<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> 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) 186.

<sup>20</sup> Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 195, 379, **421**(source of the quote), 428.

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Ephesians 1:6

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel<sup>22</sup>

Mark 6:6b-30

Richard J. Dillon, "Mark 1:1-15: 'New Evangelization'?"<sup>23</sup>

Ephesians 1:7

William Greenhill (1591-1671), "Exposition of Ezekiel"<sup>24</sup>

Ephesians 1:7

Georg Major (1502-1574), Commentary on Galatians"<sup>25</sup>

Ephesians 1:9

Mary Collins and Edward Foley, "Mystagogy: Discerning the Mystery of Faith"<sup>26</sup>

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<sup>25</sup> in Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament X: Galatians, Ephesians, (ed.) Gerald L. Bray (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, An Imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2011) 102.

<sup>26</sup> in A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal: A New English Translation: Developed under the Auspices of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, Edward Foley (ed.) (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2011) 88 fn. 56 and 68.

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Ephesians 1:9-10

Jeff Cavins, Tim Gray, and Sarah Christmyer, The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation<sup>27</sup>

Ephesians 1:10

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel<sup>28</sup>

Ephesians 1:10<sup>29</sup>

Melanchthon, "Notes on Paul's Letter to the Colossians 1:20"

Huldrych Zwingli (1484-1531), "Annotations 1:24"

Ephesians 1:13

Kaspar Olevianus (1536-1587), "Sermons on Galatians"<sup>30</sup>

Ephesians 1:14

John Owen (1616-1683), "Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ"<sup>31</sup>

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Ephesians 1:14

Erasmus Sarcerius (1501-1559), "Annotations on Galatians"<sup>32</sup>

**cf. Ephesians 1:17-18**

The church makes this reading available for Funerals.<sup>33</sup>

**Mark 6:7-13**

Mark 6:6b-30

Richard J. Dillon, "Mark 1:1-15: 'New Evangelization'?"<sup>34</sup>

Mark 6:7-13

Earl Muller, S.J., review of Elizabeth E. Shively, Apocalyptic Imagination in the Gospel of Mark: The Literary and Theological Role of Mark 3:22-30<sup>35</sup>

Mark 6:7-11

Andrew E. Arterbury, "Breaking the Betrothal Bonds: Hospitality in John 4"<sup>36</sup>

Mark 6:7

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<sup>33</sup> N.a., International Commission on English in the Liturgy: A Joint Commission of Catholic Bishops' Conferences, The Roman Ritual: Revised by Decree of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and published by Authority of Pope Paul IV: Order of Christian Funerals: Including Appendix 2: Cremation: Approved for use in the Dioceses of the United States of America by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Confirmed by the Apostolic See (New Jersey: Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1998), 252.

<sup>34</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 1 (January 2014) 17.

<sup>35</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 3 (July 2014) 573.

<sup>36</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 72, No. 1 (January 2010) 68, 78.



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Fr. Yozefu – B. Ssemakula, The Healing of Families: How To Pray Effectively for Those Stubborn Personal and Familial Problems<sup>37</sup>

As of May 3, 2015, this book was packed for a move to Vermilion, Ohio. On June 6, the book was unpacked as I worked on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, for July 12.

Philip W. Comfort, New Testament Text and Translation Commentary: Commentary on the variant readings of the ancient New Testament manuscripts and how they relate to the major English translations<sup>38</sup>

On April 7, 2013, with Reading 045C 2nd Sunday of Easter\_A Catholic Bible Study 130407, Personal Notes systematically began to incorporate material from A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal: A New English Translation: Developed under the Auspices of the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, Edward Foley (ed.) (Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2011). The hope is that this approach will help pray with the new Missal, despite itself.

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](http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes).

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the forgiveness of sins, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for “show the light of your truth.”<sup>39</sup> The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation* (Psalm 85:8).<sup>40</sup> Between November 25, 2011 and

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<sup>37</sup> [no publisher or place of publication is listed] [www.healingoffamilies.com](http://www.healingoffamilies.com), 2012, 337.

<sup>38</sup> Carol Stream, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2008,

<sup>39</sup> 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) 475. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

<sup>40</sup> 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

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November 25, 2012, Personal Notes systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 0920 Missal Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 120617pdf/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 *But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin* (Mica 3:8)<sup>41</sup>

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Paul VI: Lectionary for Mass: For Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America: Second Typical Edition: Volume I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord and the Saints (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1988) 699. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

<sup>41</sup> UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living ®: 2013-2014: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 165: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), a. Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2013) 510-511.