

## Personal Notes

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This evening, July 22, 2015, MSNBC brought out the political agenda of conservatives within the U.S. Catholic Church, unhappy with Pope Francis. Most notably, Pope Francis is concerned about climate change, a concern that interferes with the money-making activities of conservatives. Raymond Arroyo, with his conservative friends on EWTN, keeps sniping at Pope Francis in this secular politically conservative mode.

With conservatives, Raymond Arroyo, "The World Over," on EWTN uses fear-mongering, rather than the Joy of the Gospel to entrance 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 began pointing out, here, the role fear, rather than joy, has in "The World Over." By July 9, I was bringing the attacks on the Holy Pontiff to attention.

The only force of these Notes is truth speaking to power, power that never acknowledges a causal reaction, as policies change. Did policies not change after making these calls for change there would be less reason to sing *The Lord upholds my life* (Psalm 54:6b), the Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday. The prayer for this Sunday is for an increased devotion to truth in the exercise of political power.

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## Readings

First Reading:	Wisdom: 2:12, 17-20
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 54:34-, 5, 6-8
Second Reading:	James 3:16—4:3
Alleluia:	cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
Gospel:	Mark 9:30-37

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### **Wisdom: 2:12, 17-20**

Wisdom 2:12-16

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Wisdom 2:16

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**Psalm 54:34-, 5, 6-8**

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**James 3:16—4:3**

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Michael Gilmour, review of John Painter and David A. DeSilva, James and Jude<sup>4</sup>

James 3:18

Frank J. Matera, The Sermon on the Mount: The Perfect Measure of the Christian Life<sup>5</sup>

**cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14**

**Mark 9:30-37**

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Mark 9:30-37

Isaac Augustine Morales O.P., review of Dempsey J. Rosales Acosta, La Victoria sobre el poder de la muerte: Ensayo semántico y narrative del texto griego de Marcos 9:30-32<sup>6</sup>

Morales reports that Rosales reflects, "One can learn from Jesus only if one follows him as a disciple, as one can see by the way the passion predictions form the backbone of Mark's central section on discipleship."

Mark 9:30

Dennis M. Sweetland, review of Dempsey J. Rosales Acosta, La Victoria sobre el poder de la muerte: Ensayo semántico y narrative del texto Griego de Marcos 9:30-32<sup>7</sup>

In a manner similar to Morales, above, Sweetland reports that Rosales Acosta reflects, "Christians should have as the center of their lives the son of Man who was handed over to human beings, suffered, died, and rose from the dead."

Mark 9:31

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Mark 9:31-32

Stephen C. Carlson, "The Davidic Key for Counting the Generations in Matthew 1:17"<sup>9</sup>

Mark 9:32, 33-34

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Mark 9:32

John Calvin (1509-1564), "Commentary on a Harmony of the Gospels"<sup>11</sup>

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Mark 9:32

Steven L. Bridge, review of Camille Focant, The Gospel according to Mark: A Commentary<sup>12</sup>

Mark 9:33-37

Anna Rebecca Solevag, review of Cornelia B. Horn and John W. Martens, "Let the little children come to me": Childhood and Children in Early Christianity<sup>13</sup>

Mark 9:33-34

Richard J. Dillon, "Mark 1:1-15: 'New Evangelization'?"<sup>14</sup>

Mark 9:35

Scott D. Mackie, "The Two Tables of the Law and Paul's Ethical Methodology in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and 10:23—11:1"<sup>15</sup>

Mark 9:35

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76 No. 2 (April 2014) 353.

<sup>13</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 74 No. 1 (January 2012) 158.

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<sup>16</sup> Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 233, 302, 453, 570, 706, 719.

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Mark 9:36

Philipp Melanchthon (1497-1560), "An Ecclesiasticall [sic] Exposition upon Saint Mathewe [sic] 17"<sup>17</sup>

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In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the Gloria, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for "love of you and of our neighbor."<sup>18</sup> The Responsorial Antiphon for this Sunday is *The Lord upholds my life* (Psalm 54:6b).<sup>19</sup> Between November 25, 2011 and November 25, 2012, Personal Notes systematically examined the illiterate 2011 Missal. For a more thorough examination of the illiterate 2011 Roman Missal, go to 1340 Missal: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 120923pdf/htm at <http://www.western-civilization.com/CBQ/Personal%20Notes/Personal%20Notes.htm>.

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This is a call for grace that some Black Baptists bring to mind with *Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men* (Acts 5:29).<sup>20</sup>

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