

## Personal Notes

148A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study October 29, 2017

© 2017

Raymond J. Jirran, Ph.D.

The continued attacks by Raymond Arroyo at EWTN on the direction Pope Francis (again, tonight, Thursday, September 21, 2017) is taking the Church resonates with the despairing outlook of the Responsorial Antiphon, [I love you, Lord, my strength](#) (Psalm 18:2). This is especially true for me, as I cope with the sudden, unexpected death of my wife, Bette.

---

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:	Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Alleluia:	John 14:23
Gospel:	Matthew 22:34-40

### **Annotated Bibliography**

#### **Exodus 22:20-26**

Exodus 21:1—22:13

J. Kenneth Kuntz, review of Atoon Schoors, [The Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in the Eighth and Seventh Centuries B.C.E.](#) (trans. Michael Lesley)<sup>1</sup>

Schoors carefully examines Assyrian domination over the dual monarchy. [I will surely hear their cry . . . for I am compassionate](#) (Exodus 22:22, 26) is among the first things written down in Sacred Scripture.

#### **Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)**

Psalm 18:1, 2-7

Lesley DiFrancisco, review of Alison Ruth Gray, [Psalm 18 in Words and Pictures: A Reading through Metaphor](#)<sup>2</sup>

DiFrancisco likes the word elucidate. “

She (Gray) then outlines her own “complementary” approach and intent to engage the “performance function” of metaphor and incorporate

---

<sup>1</sup> [the Catholic Biblical Quarterly](#), Vol. 76, No. 4 (October 2014) 751.

<sup>2</sup> [the Catholic Biblical Quarterly](#), Vol. 78, No. 4 (October 2016) 742.

Personal Notes

148A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study October 29, 2017

© 2017

Raymond J. Jirran, Ph.D.

literary, geographical, archaeological, and iconographic data to elucidate the conceptual world behind the text . . . .She (Gray) further offers iconographic evidence when it is helpful for elucidating the word pictures or concepts that arise in the psalm . . . .analyzing the psalm as “frameless” allows the “internal world of the psalm to speak for itself” and elucidates connections within the text (p. 204) . . . .her approach is a success.

The reason for the lengthy quote is because the triple use of elucidate indicates DiFrancisco has not thoroughly thought through her review.

## **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

1 Thess 1:5, 6

Michael Winger, “The Meaning of Πνευμα in the Letters of Paul: A Linguistic analysis of Sense and Reference”<sup>3</sup>

1 Thess 1:6

Toan Do, review of Hans Dieter Betz, Studies in Paul's Letter to the Philippians<sup>4</sup>

1 Thess 1:8

Robert L. Foster, “The Justice of the Gentiles: Revisiting the Purpose of Romans”<sup>5</sup>

1 Thess 1:9-10

Timothy Milinovich, review of Petr Pokorný, From the Gospel to the Gospels: History, Theology and Impact of the Biblical Term `Euangelion<sup>6</sup>

---

<sup>3</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 78, No. 4 (October 2016) 712.

<sup>4</sup> Theological Studies, Vol. 77, No. 4 (December 2016) 955.

<sup>5</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 4 (October 2014) 686.

<sup>6</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 76, No. 4 (October 2014) 779.

Personal Notes

148A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study October 29, 2017

© 2017

Raymond J. Jirran, Ph.D.

1 Thess 1:10

John R. Coulson, "Jesus and the Spirit in Paul's Theology: The Earthly Jesus"<sup>7</sup>

## **John 14:23**

## **Matthew 22:34-40**

Matt 23:34-36

David A. Bosworth, review of Diego Pérez Gondar, Cain, Abel y la sangre de los justos: Gn 4, 1-16 y su recepción en la iglesia primitiva<sup>8</sup>

Matthew 22:39

Daniel B. Wallace, With Scripture, Subject, and Greek Word Indexes: Greek Grammar: Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament<sup>9</sup>

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).

---

In the gobbledygook prayer at Sunday Mass immediately following the Gloria, the Faithful hearing the 2011 Roman Missal can listen for "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,"<sup>10</sup> whatever that may mean relative to "you" and "God." The Responsorial

---

<sup>7</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 79, No. 1 (January 2017) 90, 93.

<sup>8</sup> the Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Vol. 77, No. 4 (October 2015) 743.

<sup>9</sup> Grand Rapids: Michigan: Zondervan, 1996, 453, 570, 719.

<sup>10</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

## Personal Notes

148A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study October 29, 2017

© 2017

Raymond J. Jirran, Ph.D.

Antiphon for this Sunday is [I love you, Lord, my strength](#) (Psalm 18:2).<sup>11</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 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 [Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly](#) (Nehemiah 9:33).<sup>12</sup> That does resonate with what Raymond Arroyo is doing week after week.

### 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](http://www.western-civilization.com) was receiving 1000 hits per day, from the United States, most of which were for these readings. 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

---

(Washington, DC, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2011) 490. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Missal.

<sup>11</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 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) 917. Personal Notes refers to this book as the Lectionary.

<sup>12</sup> UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary: Precepts for Living @: 2017-2018: International Sunday School Lessons: Volume 20: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), Adonijah Okechuku Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., (ed.) (Chicago, IL 60643: UMI (Urban Ministries, Inc.), 2017) 95-96.

## Personal Notes

148A Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: A Catholic Bible Study October 29, 2017

© 2017

Raymond J. Jirran, Ph.D.

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 Branch of ASALH, from which the movie "Hidden Figures" arose, meaning that these priorities have potential consequences of note.

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." Arroyo would do better to get his "Papal Posse" off the air as well. The bias against Catholic Democratic legislators is unbecoming.

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. In the United States Republicans have firm opposition to such sermonizing, as the forthcoming Trump administration will show . . . or not. On June 4 Trump pulled out of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

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.

As of August 4, 2017, Reformation Commentary on Scripture: New Testament IXa: 1 Corinthians, Edited by Scott M. Manetsch, General Editor Timothy George, Associate General editor, Scott M. Manetsch, (Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic: An imprint of InterVarsity Press, 20167, ISBN 978 0 8308-2972 9 (hardcover : alk. paper), P 1, Y 17) was indexed. My intention is to read and annotate unread sections until the book is entirely read.