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“Do whatever He tells you.”

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Reflections

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1 Cor 13:12 Now we see only reflections in a mirror, mere riddles, but then we shall be seeing face to face. Now I can know only imperfectly; but then I shall know just as fully as I am myself known.

After reading this verse, a number of times, I came to this understanding (my logic): I took it a piece at a time. **“Now we see only reflections in a mirror,”**- Corinth was famous for mirrors. They did not have clear glass then, so they made mirrors out of metal. Unfortunately, polished metal is not as good as today’s glass mirror. It would reflect the image of a person, but not a perfect image. **[John said, ‘we know that when Jesus appears, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he is’ (1 John 3:2). God already knows us completely. In the next age, we shall understand God’s ways. We cannot understand them completely in this life.]**

What does one see when one looks into a mirror? One sees a reflection, just a flat non-material image. One may try to see God and understand what He wants us to do for Him or for our own protection, because he loves us. We know we love Him because we cry when we celebrate His birth and cry when we see Him crucified? We try to comprehend by interpreting His word, but it is unclear; it is a blurry reflection, but one keeps trying. To me, this is having faith in God.

“mere riddles”- when we look at ourselves, we may see a pimple or a blemish on our face, our hair is getting thinner, we look older, our skin wrinkled, our hair is gray, we see only the external differences on our person, nothing more. The Word is written for all to believe but it is also written for one to find comfort in its message. Interpretation is in the mind of the reader; some verses are clear in one’s mind but fuzzy in others. Therefore, it seems to me that we are trying to know God, we are trying to find our way to Him, but we are in a sort of maze. To me this is having hope.

“But then we shall be seeing face to face.”- If we received the gift of sanctifying Grace before we died, we will see God face to face.

“Now I can know only imperfectly”-we know as much as God wants us to know; we are finite individuals and could never know as much as our infinite God.

“But then I shall know just as fully as I am myself known”- *eye has not seen, ear has not heard, or has it entered the heart of man what things God has prepared for those who love Him.*

We are made in the image and likeness of God; and when we see Him face to face we will experience the gift of sanctifying grace in all its power and glory with all of the darkness gone we shall be bathed in the light of God. To me this is true love; this is charity, the greatest gift of all.

In conclusion, I find that many of us are becoming that empty reflection in the mirror. Some of us have become so caught-up in the pleasures of the world we have turned our back on the light and are living in a dark world of deception. There is nothing in that reflection that is made in the image and likeness of God; that reflection is immaterial, it has no depth, it has no heart, it has no mind, it has no soul, it has no spirit, and it has no conscience. A mirror shows a reflection of one's external details, it projects a view of what you determine needs to be altered externally only, the image is changed only after you make the changes. How sad that some are becoming more like that reflection, some of us are living as if we were without a heart, a mind, a soul, a spirit, or a conscience.

The world is going through a calamity of sorts; to those of us who know why we are here and where we want to go, I suggest that you stay focused and be ready for the worst and who knows, maybe the worst here is really not so bad if you are ready for the next step.

Facebook Adds Expected Child to Celebrate Baby's Coming Birth

As social media has completely revolutionized the way we communicate and share ideas, it has also given a voice to those among us who have no voice, the unborn.

Facebook's 750 million users now have the option of adding family members still in the womb to their list of Friends and Family on their profiles with Expected Child. □ They also have the option of adding a photo of their unborn baby, the baby's name and a due date.

In a clear display of humanity, the unborn child is listed right alongside born family members, emphasizing that each member of the family is equally important and valuable. Once added, a notification is posted to the newsfeeds of all of the user's friends, giving everyone a chance to witness and celebrate the new human life.

With innovative technology like 4-D ultrasounds, iPad apps and social media to shine a light on the humanity of the unborn child, it is no wonder young people are more pro-life than the previous generation. The General Social Survey, which has collected opinion data on abortion using the same line of questioning since the 1970s, found that in most years, respondents between the ages of 18 and 29 tended to be the least sympathetic age group toward the pro-life position. However, that all changed around the year 2000 when the General Social Survey has found that those between the ages 18 and 29 have actually become more pro-life than their parents.

Rick Perry Becomes Latest Pro-Life Republican 2012 Hopeful

On Saturday night, Texas Gov. Rick Perry became the latest Republican hopeful seeking to secure the GOP nomination to take on pro-abortion President Barack Obama. Perry enters on the heels of polls showing him to be a top-tier contender for the nomination.

Perry told a gathering of conservative activists meeting at a conference sponsored by the Red State blog in South Carolina and he told them, I full well believe I'm going to win.

Perry started the speech with pointed criticism of President Obama, saying, this President's unbridled fixation on taking more money out of the wallets and pocketbooks of American families and employers and giving it to a central government.

But of course, now we're told we are in recovery. Yeah, he continued. But this sure doesn't feel like a recovery to more than nine percent of Americans out there who are unemployed, or the sixteen percent of African Americans and 11 percent of Hispanics in the same position, or the millions more who can only find part-time work, or those who have stopped even looking for a job.

Page one of any economic plan to get America working is to give a

pink slip to the current resident in the White House, he continued.

While Perry spent most of his speech on economic issues that are at the forefront of the minds of voters, he has received A grades from the two top pro-life organizations in Texas and the head of a third gives him high marks as well.

Pro-Life Gov. Tim Pawlenty Leaves Republican Presidential Race

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty has become the first casualty of the Republican primary election campaign deciding to drop out after a third place finish in the Iowa Straw Poll.

I wish it would have been different, but obviously the pathway forward for me doesn't exist so we are going to end the campaign, Pawlenty said after huddling with top advisers Sunday morning following the event in the first primary battleground state.

Pawlenty officials indicated the governor was not willing to risk plunging the campaign into debt merely to soldier on in a race that, from all appearances, would not likely result in victory.

The candidate told ABC News he would endorse a fellow Republican eventually and that he wasn't interested in a Vice Presidential slot at this time: I've been down that road before. That's not something I'm even going to consider.

Governor Pawlenty excited pro-life advocates early on in the campaign who appreciated his extensive pro-life record as the governor of Minnesota combined with his experience as governor and a former state legislator, his knowledge of public policy issues and a conservative platform on fiscal and foreign policy issues.

More 911 Calls Show Women Victimized by Botched Abortions

A pro-life group has obtained more copies of 911 calls made by two abortion businesses in Albuquerque, New Mexico concerning eight more women who have been victimized by botched abortions. State officials are already looking into the problems.

A series of botched abortions in New Mexico have prompted state officials there to launch investigations into three late-term abortion practitioners exposed by Operation Rescue.

After the release of the original calls, involving Southwestern Women's Options, an abortion clinic in Albuquerque, and UNM Hospital, which operates its own abortion business, the UNM Center for Reproductive Health, OR told LifeNews it has been notified by the New Mexico Board of Physicians that three Albuquerque abortion practitioners are under investigation. Shelley Sella and Susan Robinson, late-term abortion practitioners who formerly worked for the nation's largest late-term abortion clinic in Wichita, Kansas, prior to its closure in 2009 are two of the three facing probes. Texas-based abortion practitioner Curtis Boyd, who owns Southwestern Women's Options in Albuquerque, where the 911 calls originated is the third.

Now, Operation Rescue has obtained eight new 911 recordings that reveal a further pattern of botched abortions at the two Albuquerque abortion clinics. Together with five 911 calls released last month, the 13 calls show that life-threatening abortion complications requiring emergency assistance occur at the rate of one every 10 weeks, the group says.

The eight newly obtained calls were placed between November, 2008 and December, 2009, with six originating from Southwestern Women's Options, owned by Curtis Boyd, and the UNM Center for Reproductive Health, the abortion training grounds for the University of New Mexico.

Rick Perry Admits Mistake on Gardasil-HPV Vaccine Decision

On his first day on the campaign trail, Texas Gov. Rick Perry admitted he made a mistake on the sole issue some pro-life advocates bring up as a concern despite his sterling pro-life record.

Perry, in a conversation with a New Hampshire voter, walked back his decision to mandate the vaccine Gardasil to 11-year old girls. According to a Politico report, a voter confronted him on the issue explaining his remorse for the decision and indicating he put an opt-out provision in place allowing parents to decide not to have their young girls receive the vaccine.

Perry explained that, in his zeal to protect children, he went too far. I signed an executive order that allowed for an opt-out, but the fact of the matter is I didn't do my research well enough to understand that we needed to have a substantial conversation with our citizenry, he said. I hate cancer. Let me tell you, as a son who has a mother and father who are both cancer survivors. I hate

cancer. And this HPV, we were seeing young ladies die at the early age. What we should have done was a program that frankly should have allowed them to opt in, or some type of program like that, but here's what I learned when you get too far out in front of the parade they will let you know. And that's exactly what our legislature did. The explanation and apology seems to be going over well with pro-life advocates so far, as Joshua Mercer of CatholicVote.org praised Perry in a blog response, calling Perry's decision to address the issue head on with an apology good housecleaning.

Santorum Gets Boost After 4th Place Finish in Iowa Straw Poll

Rick Santorum was not expected to coming in 4th place in the Iowa Straw Poll on Saturday ahead of better-known and better-funded candidates. And with the Republican presidential race partly becoming an expectations game, Santorum gets a boost by performing much better than expected.

Santorum came in fourth behind expected winner Michele Bachmann and expected second place candidate Ron Paul, both of whom turned out their evangelical and libertarian supporters. Tim Pawlenty, who lost the expectations game, placed third and withdrew from the race over the weekend.

Now, Santorum hopes the strong finish will boost his fundraising and allow him a better chance to compete with top tier Republican candidates, including Mitt Romney and Rick Perry who did not compete in the Iowa poll.

I am incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support our campaign received today, said Senator Santorum in a statement to LifeNews. The press and pundits had written us off and chose to ignore our message. But voters rallied around our message, that America will be great again if we elect a President who has the record of results through proven leadership. The people of Iowa sent shock waves through the political establishment and our success though does not end here in Ames today, but moves forward to the Caucuses and beyond.

Chicago's Rosary in the Sky

Judi McLeod [Monday, August 15, 2011](#)

The courage of 20 elementary-school aged girls and their counselors participating in a summer camp endeavor at a Chicago Catholic Parish last Friday did not go without notice.

In launching their yellow balloon, 75-foot handmade rosary skyward from Chicago's Michigan Avenue bridge claiming the Magnificent Mile for Mary, they had to carry their rosary, cross-first, through downtown Chicago's peak traffic.

The little girls met with the same dignity the jeers along with the cheers of pedestrians and motorists watching their progress.

For the school girls, there were lessons to be learned in the response of onlookers like the homeless people who gave high fives, street preachers who burst into the singing of Gospel songs, and in the semi-truck drivers who shook the streets sounding their truck horns in approval.

"I was completely ecstatic the whole time. I loved seeing how many people on a random street corner were thrilled. It is a lot more than we tend to think," said one participant. ([Sanctamissa.org](#), Aug. 14, 2011).

"A passerby tweeted, "A balloon rosary in the air. My faith confirmed:)", while another surprised Chicagoan wrote, "What the ...giant balloon rosary, with cross just floated heavenward from the Michigan Avenue bridge."

Was it the innocence of elementary-school aged children that made the 6-foot gold cross sparkle in the sunlight as it ever so slowly ascended between the Tribune tower and the Wrigley building?

To the delight of the girls and witnesses who spotted it, the 75-foot rosary of helium-filled yellow balloons bearing the word LIFE then floated down Michigan Avenue over the Hancock Tower and past North Ave Beach. Cameras and cellphones flew into action as people responded to the unexpected sight.

Trustingly the girls had first prayed the rosary in front of the Washington Blvd. Family Planning Associates, with all the fervour of school children, for an end to abortion.

Believers knew that the floating rosary happened just in time for the August 15 Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

Brother Joshua Caswell described the rosary over Chicago as "the latest of a series of spontaneous acts of joy across the United States involving the yellow LIFE balloons."

"Sightings of LIFE balloons at prayer vigils, country fairs and flash mobs leave many wondering if the trend will impact this year's March for Life in Washington, DC."



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Bachmann and Perry Will Headline Pro-Life Gala in November

Two of the pro-life Republican presidential candidates will head up a gala sponsored by Americans United for Life this November to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the legislative and political organization.

National leaders and political luminaries will join together in November to mark the anniversary of one of the premier pro-life legal groups that works to advance pro-life legislation on the state and federal level. AUL undertakes educational efforts and waded into the 2012 congressional elections with advertising discussing the records of candidates on abortion issues.

The event will feature an impressive list of pro-life leaders serving as honorary hosts of the much-anticipated evening and they include Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, both competing for the support of pro-life advocates looking to defeat pro-abortion President Barack Obama next year.

AUL president Charmaine Yoest noted that the anniversary gala would mark the accumulated pro-life victories AUL has earned through years of public service and the people who made them possible.☐

Connecticut Pours Millions Into Embryonic Stem Cell Research

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Bioethics

You may have missed it, given that such occurrences have sadly become all too common, but another state has wasted good taxpayer dollars, pouring more money on unethical and unsuccessful embryonic stem cell research and ignoring life-saving adult stem cell research.

The State of Connecticut recently announced the award of \$9.8 million in state taxpayer funds for twenty stem cell research grants. The list of new award winners was announced by the Connecticut Governor's office on July 21. While it's difficult to know definitively due to the paucity of information provided, it appears that of the twenty grant awards, all or almost all fund research on human embryonic stem cells and/or human induced pluripotent stem cells, with no obvious funding for any adult stem

cell research.

The Connecticut program was passed by the Connecticut state legislature in 2005, dedicating \$100 million in state public funds over ten years toward “stem cell research on embryonic and human adult stem cells.” So far, \$59.04 million has been allocated for stem cell research in Connecticut.

While both embryonic and adult stem cell research supposedly are eligible for funding, the vast majority of grants have gone to keep the embryonic stem cell researchers afloat. The legislation also claimed that it “bans the cloning of human beings in Connecticut”, but factually all it bans is the survival of cloned humans; the legislation allows cloning of human embryos for experiments, and requires that the cloned humans be destroyed and not gestated. Definitions in legislation are paramount, and the Connecticut definition reads:

“Cloning of a human being” means inducing or permitting a replicate of a living human being’s complete set of genetic material to develop after gastrulation commences.

Gastrulation, which begins around 12 days after conception for conception, is simply another stage in embryonic development, leading up to specific organ formation. So what the Connecticut legislation does is allow cloning of human embryos, but requires that any human clones be destroyed within the first two weeks of life.

Connecticut might want to take notice of California’s moves regarding embryonic stem cells, since they obviously copied the essence of its legislation. In 2004, California passed Proposition 71 (Prop 71), which put \$3 billion state taxpayer dollars over ten years towards embryonic stem cell and cloning research.

As in Connecticut, pro-embryo research advocates touted the cures that would come from embryonic stem cells and human cloning, not to mention the many-fold return on taxpayer funds invested in such research.

Now nearing the end of the ten-year feeding trough with nothing to show to the taxpayers of California, they have increasingly invested money the last two years in Adult Stem Cells. Of California grants aimed toward getting something into the clinic in the next few years, only 9 of 33 grants have gone toward embryonic stem cells, and zero toward cloning. For a return on investment, only adult stem cells are helping patients and saving lives.

**An eye witness account from New York
City**

on a cold day in December,
some years ago: A little boy,
about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the
roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering
With cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said,
'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!'
'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into
the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks
for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water
and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back
part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed
his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with
the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him
a pair of shoes..

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks
and gave them to him.. She patted him on the head and said, 'No
doubt, you will be more comfortable now..'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid
caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears
in his eyes, asked her.
'Are you God's wife?'

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