



Faith Based Posts

From time to time, Paradigm will post a faith-based message. No agenda other than to share a thought in hopes it being of value to someone.

Pilate and Jesus Conversation

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There's some comfort and truth in knowing that many of today's challenges have been faced by prior generations, with so many of them having been overcome. There are also some challenges today that threaten the survival of our republic like never before. The trickle-down effect of this includes things like the American dollar no longer being the global standard. Mix that with a few other things that may not get resolved and millions are facing trying times like no generation prior in this country has experienced.

If you have not succumbed to normalcy bias* and you are informed, may I ask how you cope? If your answer is secular, hopefully your ability to cope will include making others more comfortable as well during the disaster.

But you are invited to explore another dimension, one that eclipses all others.

Pontius Pilate was a Roman governor who presided at the trial of Jesus, the same which led to Jesus' crucifixion. Prior to the trial, as the Bible tells us in John 19, they had a quite brief conversation, largely because Jesus, for reasons only he knows, is not responding to Pilate's questions. Given the gravity of the moment, its brevity, clarity and directness is breathtaking.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" To which Jesus answered, "Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above:"

Jesus could have avoided this moment. In fact, he knew the outcome in advance and walked to it of his own free will, knowing not only the point it was to prove, but that ultimately, he would not be restored.

May you too find this peace, knowing you have a much bigger story than what's going on today on planet Earth.

*Normalcy bias, or normality bias, is a cognitive bias which leads people to disbelieve or minimize threat warnings.[1] Consequently, individuals underestimate the likelihood of a disaster, when it might affect them, and its potential adverse effects.[2] The normalcy bias causes many people to not adequately prepare for natural disasters, market crashes, and calamities caused by human error. About 80% of people reportedly display normalcy bias during a disaster.

