

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, May 26th 2012

Long ago, theologians used to distinguish between “curiosity” and “studiosity.” Curiosity is an empty longing for useless information, usually about other people. Curious persons want to know all about you because their own inner life is empty: there is no point to their questions, they are gulping you down like alcoholics. Studiosity (in the old sense) meant an enquiry that had a point, and a bearing on how to live. Our faith is first and foremost a way of life, not some kind of pointless gossip about the beyond. Curiosity wants to know all about the next life while sleep-walking its way through this one. Our faith is practical. And God, it tells us, is practical: what is revealed is “for our salvation.”

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