

Post pilgrimage

Book report

Grief

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With all that's going on in the world, life, and the state of the university, I have been feeling overwhelmed thinking about writing this paper. However, I remembered the saying "the only way, is through" -Wanda Walborn

1. Introduction:

The author Barnes states,

To find your calling, you have to quit your job.

To become rich, you have to give up everything.¹

Its important to show both sides of the coin metaphorically speaking.

35“When I sent you without a money bag and without wallet and shoes, did you lack anything? And they were saying to him, “Nothing!” 36He said to them, “From this hour, whoever has a money bag should take it and thus also a wallet, and whoever lacks a sword, let him sell his tunic and buy a sword for himself. 37For I say unto you, this also that is written must be fulfilled in me, 'He was numbered with the evil doers', for all that concerns me shall be fulfilled.” 38And they were saying to him, 'Our Lord, behold, here are two swords.' He said to them, 'They are enough.’-Luke 22:35-38

¹ Barnes Pg 252 chapter 1

Now we know one of those swords was a physical sword because it states in Luke, “
 50And one of them struck the servant of The High Priest and took off his right ear. 51Then
 Yeshua answered and he said, “Enough for now.”

Are we going to ignore how he said enough for now? I won't.

There has been a benevolence associated with Christians because of false Christianity such as
 Catholicism.

Why in Seminary are we not discussing mystery Babylon for who they are presently? Oh Judah
 come up out of Babylon, oh Alliance come up out. Is the Catholic Church not part of mystery
 Babylon?

Revelation says, ³ Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a
 woman sitting on a scarlet-beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads
 and ten horns. ⁴ The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold,
 precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and
 the filth of her adulteries. ⁵ The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

Babylon the great

the mother of prostitutes

and of the abominations of the earth.

⁶ I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who
 bore testimony to Jesus.

Let's discuss the facts! What we do know is that a substantial amount of catholic priest
 like to defile babies and that Vatican itself has spent money to protect it! Are these priest not

dressed in purple and scarlet? Do they not drink the blood from the golden cup? Are we going to ignore the blood of Gods people shed in this institution? I will not. Will the institution of alliance acknowledge it? I believe that this is apart of the determination of the future of the school. The determination predicated simply on will the CMA come up out of Babylon or fall with them. How is that we are a theology school and we do not discuss the difference between the Torah and the Talmud in order to expose the biggest lie of our day! How is it that we do not read paragraphs and paragraphs of the Quran and compare it to the Bible in order to minister to Islam's across the world. For even though we live under grace, the laws of the Torah are not to be negated but in fact upheld. How does Alliance not boldly take a stance against the oppressive lies that are falling apart right in front of our eyes. Could it be potential detrimental ties with the CMA? If they won't come out, I pray the ones who read this do come out regardless if they come out with you. teach the world the truth about who Israel really is. Are we, as Judah not suppose to be the salt of the word?

13You are the salt of the earth, but if salt becomes insipid, with what will it be salted? It is good for nothing except to be thrown outside and to be trodden upon by people. -Matthew 5

“Christendom has done away with Christianity, without being quite aware of it. The consequence is that, if anything is to be done, one must try again to introduce Christianity into Christendom.” – Soren Kierkegaard ²

Lift up a banner against the walls of Babylon! Reinforce the guard, station the watchmen, prepare an ambush! The LORD will carry out his purpose, his decree against the people of Babylon.

² Ibid. 259

Can you imagine how overwhelmed I was to see the occult symbols all within the Catholic Church on the Camino and then have my classmates pray in a place that they perceive his holy.

Perhaps as an undergrad when I was more ignorant, it was more tolerable for me. Now however it is frustrating. Because in higher education I expect my classmates to be studying the truth, in order to teach the truth. However I am certain that you would expect me to be on time with my papers in the scholarly mind-frame in which I speak of. With that being said I am grateful that our group has the Holy Spirit and exercises grace? I would want us to be on a scholarly frame of mind. To say in the same breath one thinks this place (cathedral) is so beautiful with all of its stones and then it be the same place where they rape babies, generation to generation and rape nuns and then kill their babies and make blood sacrifices over and over and over and over again and still think that this place is beautiful? No! Finally. The time is now that **BABYLON IS FALLING; Rightfully so.**

“The matter is quite simple. The bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly. Take any words in the New Testament and forget everything except pledging yourself to act accordingly. My God, you will say, if I do that my whole life will be ruined. How would I ever get on in the world? Herein lies the real place of Christian scholarship. Christian scholarship is the Church’s prodigious invention to defend itself against the Bible, to ensure that we can continue to be good Christians without the Bible coming too close. Oh, priceless scholarship, what would we do without you? Dreadful it is to fall into the hands of the living God. Yes it is even dreadful to be alone with the New

Testament.”

— Søren Kierkegaard, *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard*

You who live by many waters and are rich in treasures, your end has come, the time for you to be cut off. “Before your eyes I will repay Babylon and all who live in Babylonia for all the wrong they have done in Zion,” declares the LORD. -Jeremiah 51

In the book "The Way Is Made By Walking" by Arthur Paul Boers he said “I felt a deep sense of being called by God to that pilgrimage. A longing that was hard to name drove me to undertake something that I could not have imagined even a few years ago. It was very hard and incredibly good – most satisfying achievement ever.” I appreciate this perspective having my own Camino experience. The difficult parts became a satisfying achievement for me. During different part of our journey.

I had shared a fact with one of the guys on the trips that Soren Kirkegaard has been considered to be the father of existentialism. Immediately I was shut down and told that it was not true in the middle of the forest I felt disdain by this person because I knew the truth. I wonder why he was so quick to fight me especially that he was wrong. I was simply just trying to engage on topics I knew and I thought we were in an academic program. I began to feel unsafe and thought it would be better to travel alone. During that part of the trip some men in their vehicles try to pull me over and talk to me on an empty road and I felt more Afraid. That was a rough day. I was able to pinpoint my fears but additionally my strengths. Even though I didn't feel safe around him I reminded myself to not be wounded to think that all men will make me feel unsafe.

As the days went on I became incredibly comforted by God allowing me to experience being around men who do make me feel safe like the Professor, William, Pedro, Nelson, etc. I felt healing being brought to me every time that I was checked upon. That even if it was just for

a moment I got to experience a man having good intentions for me. That I felt the energy of masculine protection around me in a healthy way. As I typed tears fall down my eyes because it was so impactful to my life. To feel a healthy fatherly and brotherly love is exactly what I needed at that very moment. As I prepare for marriage, I needed to feel comfortable standing in my femininity. The hug that Wanda gave me felt like it made my soul melt into her arms. I felt like I haven't held someone like that in too long.

When she spoke to me the night before, questioning me about my intentions and my vision. I was amazed by her graceful sternness. As she was assessing me, holding me to an academic professionalism, she also simultaneously brought the love of Christ wrapped in her affection. Not only was it disarming to my defenses but uplifting to my spirit. I truly thank God for Wanda and I am inspired to become as graceful and powerful as she is. In her book of spiritual journey chapter 6, she writes about having your identity in God.³

When she said "accepting who we are with our weakness and accepting that we need a savior to save us from our selves" breaks a delusion that may come to protect our minds but hinders instead.⁴ In a distant conversation I overheard Ron speaking about disassociation due to abuse. Working for the administration of children services I happen to be familiar working with children diagnosed with personality Disassociation disorder. However, something shook within me when he said that, I even yelled out the name Jesus. Perhaps maybe a conviction in my spirit to be steadfast in the truth. The truth that was being bombarded with false information, such as the museum's or a cathedral.

The trip brought this desperation within me to dialogue about it with my fellow saints in the body of Christ; but early in my journey when I attempted to express my intellectual thoughts

³ Walborn, Wanda

⁴ Walborn, Wanda

on a academic level, I was shut down unjustly and it had affected on me slightly. Yet the person I shared that with had written on his rock the word ego. We all have things that we are carrying.

When I asked to borrow someone's phone to google the father of existentialism, he told me that he looked it up and that I was right. He said that he thought he was thinking of someone else. Which I took as an apology. It was interesting when Ron said those words on the bus that helped me out of what I was trying to protect myself from, and allowed Jesus to come into that place in that moment to be myself again. To open up again and to share with the people that God has soften their heart. Additionally that people make mistakes or get caught up in their ego or pain just like I could. During the time that I decided to go to the hotel due to my Health was an important part of my pilgrimage.

To smoke for so many years straight and to be able to physically stop has been very exciting for me. I am happy to give my yes in my journey to the Lord. Just like one can have a glass of wine, I think someone can smoke and be fine but if they are an alcoholic it is a problem. As a minister of the Lord it was an essential part of my pilgrimage to get rid of my dependencies and completely submit myself to Him. I knew I was doing the right thing so it meant the world when I had the support of Wanda, and really reminded me of my mother. I respected her approach, for it is in the pushback that one is able to identify the root and value of their cause. I feel thankful that she was able and willing to exert her motherly provisional skills on me in that special time, especially with a much needed hug. Since the trip and getting back and finding out about the school it has been another journey of its own. I propose that if Alliance fully closes, that you will join me as soon as I solidify these funds. If not I will still look forward to continuing meeting you along the journey in different parts, in different places, with the same love and the same God. Blessings.

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