

THOUGHTS

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47th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORD TODAY!

Thank you for your partnership and prayers in sharing the love of Christ as recounted in God's Word globally! Over the past 12 months, the Lord has blessed TWT to add five languages: Nebi, Limbu, Albanian, Shona, and Telugu. As of today, all five are now broadcasting! Praise God! I will give further updates as we hear from the listeners.

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The speaker on the program in Albanian shared this, "Although I have been learning and preaching for over 30 years, I felt like a student before these messages. The subjects were sharp and profoundly relevant, yet delivered with such simplicity, clarity, and power that they captivated the heart until the very last minute." God's Spirit is at work in our ministry!

I have a bold dream for us to consider. In three years, TWT will turn 50! Would you like to see TWT reach 100 languages by this time in three years? It would take a work of God to raise up the support, but He can make it happen! It costs approximately \$12K per language. Do you think God has 19 families with the means to support a language annually? I do! Let's work on this and find the people to power the next 20 languages!

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"HAPPY DRAFT DAY"

Jose, a new acquaintance at the health club, wished me a happy draft day (will not legitimize it by capitalizing the letters). At first, I did not understand; the NFL draft started that evening. I suppose that is the level of excitement and joy people have nowadays. As Christians, we can do much better!

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I find it both gratifying spiritually and entertaining to see the reactions on people's faces as five days after Easter, I continue to wish them a blessed Easter. Some respond as though it is a problem, like I am violating a holiday rule, "Easter was last week!" Some, whom I presume are secularists, do not reply. For the most part, only Christians continue to reply with, "Happy Easter!" Rarely, there is an insider who responds with the refrain, "He is risen," to which I reply, "He is risen indeed!"

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One Roman believer makes a big deal of it, "MANY Easter Blessings," he says in reply. He goes on, "And Christmas!" He also jokes that my blessings as a clergyman are better than standard fare and that my spiritual aura casts blessings. Maybe that's why he started to walk on the treadmill near me. Perhaps he wants to pick up spare blessings. Many Roman believers still put clergy on a pedestal. If he continues to walk on the treadmill nearby, he will learn about what the Bible says!



*The Bible is God's Word...Jesus is God's "Word" made flesh...
His death and resurrection, the message needed Today.*

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RUNNING OUT OF ADJUSTMENTS

The men in the midweek 6 am Bible study were discussing age and infirmities. The oldest among us catalogued their new suffering from arthritis, among other maladies associated with age. We smiled as we shared our best methods for adjusting to the pain and loss of strength and mobility. One of our group, an octogenarian, mused, "I'm running out of adjustments!"

Indeed, as we age, we try desperately to hang on to our youth. Christians know it is a feeble attempt, so we accept with grace the inevitable physical losses, knowing that in the resurrection to life eternal, they will be reversed! Perhaps we should think in terms of adjustments to aging bodies as nearing the end of the adjustment period with the old body. Soon enough, we will shuck off this worn-out tent and inhabit our glorious resurrection body, which is fit for life in the Lord's presence!

ROTHKO IN A CAN

Perhaps the young child was trying to send us a message. Dutch curators of the Netherland Museum are trying to determine what steps should be taken after an unsupervised child damaged Grey, Orange and Maroon, No. 8, putting some visible scratches in the unvarnished paint layer. When you pull up an image of the work - please do for entertainment value - you may agree with me that it is not worth its \$56M supposed valuation.

I think the painting should be donated to the Milwaukee Museum. It could be cut up into small pieces and thrown onto the floor - in front of Duane Hanson's Janitor. It could be renamed; Janitor Contemplates Rothko No.8 !

Do not suppose that I have antipathy against fine art! I have deep admiration for the work of the masters such as Michelangelo and have been blessed to see some of the world's finest art pieces. The Sistine Chapel and statues of Moses, David, and the Pieta are stunningly beautiful. While Connie and I were in Venice, we toured the Doge's Palace (no relation to Elon Musk), which was filled with fantastic works.

Rothko's rectangular blobs of paint that are said to be floating color fields are a tragic outcome of modern man's demented idea of beauty. Conceptually, it belongs in a trash can! How dare I make that assessment! Isn't creativity and individuality to be celebrated above all. No, it is not. Many people have neither skill nor sense, and neither is to be celebrated! Humanity is not elevated by fawning over what is pathetic.

[Child damages \\$56M Rothko painting at Netherlands museum](#)

Blessings,
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