**Let He Who Is Without Sin**

**The Jews again picked up rocks to stone him, so Jesus said to them,**

**"I have shown you many good works from my Father,**

**for which of these are you trying to stone me?"**

**The Jews answered him,**

**"We are not stoning you for a good work, but for blasphemy.**

**You, a man are making yourself God."**

**Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are god'"? *(St. John 10:31-34)***

**Another little-understood claim in medical science holds that every creature can become addicted to something. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Remember that everyone you meet is afraid of something, loves something, and has lost something. *(Land Title Guarantee Company calendar)***

**"Everybody does it." Whenever a prominent Democrat or Republican gets caught doing something shady, you can count on partisan allies to present this dubious defense. Take Hillary Clinton's use of a private email address to conduct State Department business, and her subsequent deletion of all emails she deemed private. in Salon.com, Eric Boehlert provides the only possible justification: Republicans did it too! In 2007, Boehlert reminds us, it was revealed that Karl Rowe and 21 other White House aides used private email addresses set up by the Republican National Committee. When Rowe was accused of trying to fire nine U.S. attorneys for failing to show sufficient partisan loyalty in prosecutions, the White House said 5 million emails were missing. "I mean, deleted emails, who cares?" commentator Fred Barnes said to Fox News at that time. The roles are easily reversed. Two weeks ago, 47 Republican senators were widely criticized -- and even accused of treason -- for writing an open letter warning Iran's leaders not to trust any nuclear deal offered by President Obama. But the Republicans' defenders point out that in 2002, three House Democrats went to Baghdad to warn that President George W. Bush was trying to "lie" the U.S. into a war with Iraq. "Last I checked, no one had the three Democrats arrested for treason," said conservative blogger Ed Morrissey in HotAir.com. So there! What does the profligate use of the "everybody does it" defense tell us? For true partisans, principles are completely relative. When your team gets caught, it is a meaningless kerfuffle. When the other team does the same thing, it's outrageous, disqualifying, and perhaps a crime. Intellectual integrity, anyone? *(William Falk, in The Week magazine, March 27, 2015)***

**The dissenter is every human being at those moments of his life when he resigns momentarily from the herd and thinks for himself. *(Archibald MacLeish, poet)***

**According to the experts, 94% of us come from a dysfunctional family background. *(Mile High Church of Religious Science Media Release, November 20, 1991)/***

**Join the Club: Every felt that you are emotionally unbalanced? That you are at times, in fact, emotionally ill? "Worry not. A spokesman for the famed Menninger Clinic was asked how many people are affected by some form of emotional illness. He responded: "One out of one of us." *(Phyllis Battelle, King Features)***

**The same sense of perspective will help to keep our feelings of guilt in line. All human beings do thoughtless, impulsive things which bring them a miserable train of circumstance. Everyone misses golden opportunities through stupidity or inability to understand the other fellow. Everyone is occasionally selfish, thoughtless and unkind. We can’t help being full of despair about the results. But we needn’t feel as though we are exiled from the human race because we have done wrong. *(Ardis Whitman, in Reader’s Digest)***

**No member of our generation who has a mature sense of reality and responsibility can experience a literal freedom from fear. *(Bonaro Overstreet, in Courage for Crisis)***

**Everyone is guilty of something or has something to conceal. All one has to do is look hard enough to find what it is. *(Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn)***

**A nation is a society united by a delusion about its ancestry and by a common hatred of its neighbors. *(William Ralph Inge, theologian)***

**My dear friend, a divorcee, never remarried, and her daughter wanted to know why. "The men I know will bring too much heavy baggage to the marriage and I simply don't want to put up with it," my friend explained. Taking her mother's hand in hers, my friend's daughter said sweetly, "I hate to break the news to you, Mom, but you're not exactly carry-on yourself." *(Jean Bradtke, in Reader's Digest)***

**Can you come up with the name of at least one country that does not have a native method of making liquor? I can’t. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Every nation ridicules other nations, and all are right. *(Arthur Schopenhauer)***

**The Lord showed me that the natures of those things which were hurtful without, were within the hearts and minds of wicked men. The natures of dogs, swine, vipers, of Sodom and Egypt, Pharaoh, Cain, Ishmael, Esau, etc. The natures of these I saw within, though people had been looking without. I cried to the Lord saying, “Why should I be thus, seeing I was never addicted to commit those evils?” And the Lord answered, “It was needful I should have a sense of all conditions, how else should I speak of all conditions?” *(George Fox, a Quaker)***

**Cardinal resigns in disgrace: In a rare demotion, a Scottish cardinal has been stripped of all priestly rights and duties because of allegations that he pressured young priests into sex -- but he is allowed to keep the title of cardinal. Keith O'Brien, 77, was known for preaching against homosexuality and gay rights. He resigned as archbishop of St. Andrews two years ago, when the allegations surfaced, and has admitted that his conduct was "below the standards expected of me." Some clerical abuse victims criticized Pope Francis for allowing O'Brien to keep his title and pension, while other Catholic observers said the pontiff's action was revolutionary. Cardinal resignations are extremely rare; the last was in 1927. *(The Week magazine, April 3, 2015)***

**A preacher put it this way: People, however honorable in their faith, tend to have one common weakness – the inability to see the difference between self-interest and divine will. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**"What was Brian Williams thinking?" asked David Graham in TheAtlantic.com. For several years, the NBC news anchor has been telling an ever more dramatic story about his 2003 trip to Iraq, claiming his Chinook helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade, forced to land, and rescued from the enemy by U.S. troops. But when he repeated that claim in the Nightly News two weeks ago, several soldiers contradicted his account, prompting Stars and Stripes to report that Williams' chopper was never fired upon. Williams, we now know, has been telling tall tales for years, said Lloyd Grove in TheDailyBeast.com. After he covered Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, for example, Williams claimed to have contracted dysentery, witnessed a suicide in the Superdome, and seen a body float by his hotel room in an otherwise dry French Quarter. Williams apologized for the Iraq flub on the air, but this week, NBC suspended him for six months without pay, and the $10 million-a-year anchor was described by a friend as remorseful and "shattered." That doesn't mean he's a liar, said Carl Cannon in RealClearPolitics.com. "Human memory is not a digital record of what actually occurred," and experts say we all change details of the stories we tell every time we tell them. It's entirely plausible that over 12 years Williams lost track of what actually happened. NBC bears some of the responsibility, too, said Ken Auletta in NewYorkers.com. The networks market their news anchor as "God-like figures" who have been "everywhere and seen everything." That's why the anchors are sent off to do theatrical stand-ups in war zones, hurricanes, and earthquakes. A man who feels a need to live up to that exaggerated role could easily fall into telling self-aggrandizing tales -- "and maybe actually believing them." *(The Week magazine, February 20, 2015)***

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