

GREAT THOUGHTS



ETERNITY!

O MORTAL, who hast an immortal soul. Study, meditate upon, thoroughly realized that great word ETERNITY!

I may reckon upon 1,000 years, 10,000 years, 100,000,000×100,000 years, so many millions of times 1,000 years as there are: leaves on the trees of the forest, blades of grass in the fields, grains of sand on the seashore, drops of water in the ocean, stars in the sky: and yet I will not yet have begun to tell what thou art O ETERNITY!

A day will come when the sun will have ceased to give light. The world will have been burnt up. The race of man will have come to an end. The living and the dead will have been judged. Ages upon ages will be over; and after this, there will have been abysses of duration since that day of life which passed so quickly; life will appear no longer, save in the immense distance, like those stars which we can scarce perceive, like a dream that has passed away. And there will be still, as much as ever, ETERNITY FOR AN ETERNITY!

For it will always last, it will never end. O ALWAYS! O NEVER! O ETERNITY!

If there is an eternity for me in *heaven*, what an inconceivable blessing! *Always* truth and virtue, life and bliss, the blessed and the Angels. GOD to contemplate, to love, to possess, to bless, *always*. Nevermore any tears, or death or sorrow, or mourning (Apoc. 21: 4).

But if there were an eternity reserved for me in *hell*, what a terrible misery!

Always the stain of sin. **Always** the outer darkness. **Always** the gnawing of worms. **Always** the torment of fire. **Always** the imprisonment in chains. **Always** the overflowing of tears. **Always** the gnashing of teeth. **Always** the blasphemies of the damned. **Always** the torments inflicted by the Devils. **Always** the overwhelming curse of God. *Always?* ALWAYS!

--- And Never ---

A ray of light to give joy. A moment of sleep to restore. A drop of water to refresh. A friendly word to console.

NEVER TO SEE GOD. NEVER! O ALWAYS! O NEVER! O ETERNITY!

O Mortal who hast an immortal soul, there *is* an ETERNITY, and you give no thought to it! You have no thought of it, and that ETERNITY is for you! ***Even now you are on the brink of that eternity!*** And after a little while there will be no more:

Of all that *business* which occupies you.

Of all those *pleasures* that amuse you.

Of all that *life* which you abuse.

ETERNITY!

ETERNITY, and your *works* and your *fruits* will alone remain. The pleasure of the sinner will have passed away, but his sufferings will remain.

Therefore, either the pleasures of time with the sufferings of eternity; or the sufferings of time with the pleasures of eternity.

CHOOSE!

I *have* chosen. I wish to pass eternity in Heaven, I wish to pass it *with* God.

Eternal God, O my Sovereign Judge! Seized with terror, I throw myself at Thy feet. In presence of Thy Eternity I have no hope save in the greatness of Thy mercy, and in the bitterness of my repentance. Pardon, pardon me, for having run the risk, by my sins, of losing Thee for ETERNITY.

I believe in Thee and in ETERNITY. I hope in Thee, and from Thy goodness I hope for a happy ETERNITY. I love Thee, and wish to love Thee throughout ETERNITY. Strike, apply the knife and caustic to my wounds. Spare me not in time, but save me, O save me for ETERNITY!

TIME – The Purchase Price of Eternity

Time is the measure of our lives; so much as we lose of our time, so much we lose of the precious span of our life. The future is not ours; we cannot promise ourselves a single moment of time. The present moment is all we can call our own; it passes away in an instant, and once gone, it can never be recalled.

Time is given us that we may secure for ourselves eternal happiness. There is not a moment in which we cannot store up treasures for ETERNITY. Lost moments are therefore like so many LOST ETERNITIES. Our eternal salvation or damnation depends upon the good or bad use of our time, and ETERNITY hangs upon the tiny balance of a single moment.

Time is short and passes quickly! So do the enjoyments, honors, riches, and pleasures of the world. But ETERNITY endures – ETERNITY and the good and evil which it holds – endures forever, without change, without any mixture of ill in its perfect happiness or any alloy of comfort in its perfect misery.

“God made us without us, but He will not save us without us.” *St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor*

The above reflections on Eternity can always be read at: <http://jmjsite.com/eternity.pdf>

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And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings. (Saint Luke 16:9). To do this let us take money to drive us into heaven by making us reflect on the length of eternity. *In all thy works remember thy last end, and thou shalt never sin.* (Ecclesiasticus 7:40). Our last end is heaven or hell for eternity. *Man shall go into the house of his eternity.* (Ecclesiastes 12:5). Therefore, I suggest we take a coin that is approximately 1 ¾ inches in diameter because that will make its circumference approximately five and 45/64 inches. The old American silver dollars might be close – although I do not have one here present to measure its exact diameter. If we had a coin that was 5 11/16 inches +1/64 of an inch in circumference then we could divide it up into 365 measurements of 1/64 of an inch each. If the coin was that size and we rolled it 1/64 of an inch every day it would roll the distance of its own circumference only one time a year. So, take an old American silver dollar and drill a hole through it so that you could hang it on a nail as if it was a picture on the wall.

How far is it from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil? It is a very long distance if you are going to travel by land as we are now going to do with our silver dollar. Take your silver dollar and roll it in the ocean at King Cove Alaska. By doing so let us assume that the little hole you drilled in the dollar is filled with a tiny drop of water that never evaporates.

Next we will transport that small drop of water from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil by rolling the dollar just 1/64 of an inch every day. By rolling the dollar 1/64 of an inch every day instead of that much every million years, or every trillion years, we will travel at the speed of approximately 5 & 7/8 of an inch every year. Consequently, if we are traveling slightly less than 6 inches per year how many years will it take to travel from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil? Consider that after rolling the dollar 1/64 of an inch each day for **100 years** it is still slightly less than 50 feet from where it started! Reflect also that if the dollar was started on its journey when God created Adam and Eve but only rolled 1/64 of an inch every 1,000 years, then it would only be about 3/32 of an inch – which is less than 1/8 of an inch from where it started! Nevertheless, even at the speed of 3/32 of an inch in 6,000 years, eternity will last long enough to roll the dollar from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil! After that exceedingly, extremely long period of time it takes you to reach Florianopolis Brazil you can empty that first, tiny, small drop of water into the ocean. After you have emptied that drop of water out of your silver dollar you need to make the return trip back to King Cove Alaska where you can pick up the second drop of water. Have you calculated yet how many years it took you to make just one round-trip? No, I doubt that you have and I doubt that man can accurately calculate that number until he will go into the house of his eternity. At that time he may begin to get a slight indication of how long it will be in the house of his eternity!

But remember, the silver dollar only made one round-trip so far. Our project and goal is to transfer all of the water from the ocean from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil. Who can calculate how many trips it will take to transport all of the water from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean from these two points traveling slightly less than 6 inches per year – and hauling only one small, tiny drop of water per trip?

Well, has the obvious truth struck you yet? That project will never be done because by the time you make your round-trip going back from Florianopolis Brazil to King Cove Alaska the first drop of water by then could easily be back at King Cove Alaska – and you will need to carry the same drop of water over, and over, and over again, and again, and again! That is how it is, although it takes so extremely many years to make a round trip from King Cove Alaska to Florianopolis Brazil traveling less than 6 inches per year you will never have enough time to transfer all of the drops of water from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. Nevertheless, and please mark this point very well in your mind, every human being will have enough time in *his house of eternity* to carry every drop of water in the oceans from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. It will be a never ending job; and whichever house we enter for eternity will never end! Let every one of us ask ourselves every time we see any money, “will I be in my house for eternity in heaven or in hell?”

To reach a high degree of glory for eternity reflect very often on how much God loves us and how long God has already loved us! “The Lord hath appeared from afar to me. Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee.” (Jeremias 31:3)

“If thou wilt enter into life keep the commandments.” (Matthew 19:17) Only an un-repented mortal sin will send you to hell for eternity, nevertheless billions of people live in mortal sin, because they do not think about how long eternity will last.

Which of you can dwell in the devouring fire – and that forever? “Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leadeth to life: and few there are that find it!” (Matthew 7:13, 14)

“The sinners in Sion are afraid, trembling hath seized upon the hypocrites. **Which of you can dwell with devouring fire? Which of you shall dwell with everlasting burnings?**” (Isaias 33:14).

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There is something else to discuss with you in the light of eternity. Do you believe that sacred Scripture is the inspired word of God? Do you believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man? Do you believe that Jesus Christ spoke the truth when He said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” (St. John 14:6)? Do you believe that Jesus Christ spoke the truth and nothing but the truth when he said, “I say to thee: That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (St. Matthew 16:18)? Therefore, do you believe that Jesus Christ founded only *one* Church – since this Eternal Truth said I will build My Church – the singular form is used and not churches, as if Jesus intended to build many different religions? Do you believe that Jesus Christ meant what He said and said what He meant when He said, “And if he will not hear them: tell the Church. And if he will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as the heathen and publican.” (St. Matthew 18:17)? Therefore, are you convinced that The Church founded by Jesus Christ must speak infallibly? How can we be bound under pain of eternal damnation by the Eternal Truth to hear a Church if that Church could in any way or at any time teach error? Only one Church, of the many thousands that are functioning in the world today, even claims to speak infallibly – and of course that is the Catholic Church. Now, do you agree that if a church teaches that it is *not* infallible, that that church either speaks the truth or tells a lie? If it speaks the truth, then that man-made church is not infallible! And if it tells a lie then that man-made church is not infallible! Do you agree that any church that is *not* infallible cannot be the guide to eternal life – because it certainly could teach us errors and lies?

The one and only infallible Church – which is the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ – teaches Her children infallibly that outside of the Catholic Church there is no salvation! I hope that you understand how exceedingly serious this is; because if you die outside of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ you will not be with Him and the heavenly court for eternity. Please, please, please reflect on this because eternity lasts too long to be wrong!

After much prayer for the grace to understand, please read very attentively *My Petition for Spiritual Help*, which can be found at: http://www.jmjsite.com/my_petition_for_spiritual_help.pdf. Also, please read attentively my letter to Bishop Giles which can be found at: http://www.jmjsite.com/letter_to_bishop_giles.pdf. There is very much more information at the website, <http://www.jmjsite.com>, to help you understand the Catholic faith, and to learn why the new Novus Ordo sect is just another non-Catholic religion, although it is spoken of by many people living in the world today as if it was the Catholic Church.

The previous meditation above said, “I *wish* to pass eternity in Heaven, I *wish* to pass it *with* God.” You can *wish* to pass eternity with God all that you want, but wishing is not enough. You must do what is necessary to

obtain eternity in heaven with God. That includes dying as a member of the Catholic Church Jesus Christ founded in the state of sanctifying grace!

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Patrick Henry