

ORDER OF SERVICE

October 30, 2022

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Giving

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Love is Kind

3 John 1-8

Love In Action Series

Life Change: We prosper on the righteous, often-harder, path

Praying over someone or something

John the Elder shows love in truth

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Presbyteros

Agapao
Alethia

John prays for Gaius' prosperity:

Developing the whole person for the glory of God

Walking in the truth

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Engaging with Christians

Gaius builds others' prosperity:

Living out his faith as one who is loved

Helping brethren move forward

Not partnering with heresy

Partnering in biblical ministry

Not practicing "prosperity theology"

Called to do hard things

2-4

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I do/will do _____ to better develop my whole person.

I do/will do _____ to remember that all is for the glory of God.

I do/will do _____ to help ensure I am walking in truth.

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I do/will do _____ to discern between virtue and vice.

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(con't from other side)

How did you find us?

Online Ad All the Difference Website

Family _____

Friend _____

Are you a member of another church?

Name _____

Location _____

I am new in the community

Do you already have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

Yes No Not sure. I'd like to know more.

I/we made a decision today:

To place my/our trust in Jesus Christ

For a deeper commitment to Christ

To be baptized

To learn more about joining this church

Names of those making this decision:

Prayer Request / Praise

Your request will be added to our Email prayer chain unless specified otherwise (below).

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Refor
SUN

¶ Papa non poteretur esse illa missa nisi approbatum et approbatum res-
tum a deo. ¶ Vnde remittit omnes peccata suorum fratres sibi qui res-
piciuntur precium regni eius.
¶ Nulli proficit remittere omnes peccata suorum fratres nisi in militatu
in omnibus facientem suos vicarios.
¶ Canones penitentia es solidi per se sunt. Et isti sunt los mortuorum
fines et em deinceps non possunt.
¶ Unde si nobis facit spissus in parva exceptio de te misericordia
articuli tui sit et necessitatis.
¶ Unde deinde et male facti sacerdotes si qui modicam
et parvam cum reservantur.
¶ Sicut etiam illa de mutanda pena. Exhortatio ut canentes
atque in servientibus episcopis sententiam.
¶ Tunc quod canonice non posse reiatur
concernit etiam in causa penitentia.
¶ Ceterum in mortali omnibus
penitentia sine earum relaxat.
¶ Exhortatio fuit a seu charitate
quod non contumaciam orationem.
¶ Prolongatio vero horroris latet et
terribilis est proximus desponsatus ho-
stis et infernus purgatorium.
¶ Formato securitas differentia
et ceterum et videt aliam in purgatorio
operis.
¶ Tunc exhortatio fratres videntur respon-
dere in gratia dei et gende charitatis.
¶ Porro fratres si se videbit: quod sunt de sua beatitudine eorte et secu-
re fratres in gratia illius signis.
¶ Tunc ergo exhortatio erit canentes omni penitentia. Et simplicitate
rebus deinde et modo teniendo impositis.
¶ Exhortatio fratres videntur non per papam
tum beneficium sed per solita salutem.
¶ Quemadmodum et in aliis illo purgatorio: quia in hac vita debet
summae caritatis habere.
¶ Si ergo fratres cum omni penitentia sicut dari. certum est et non
fecundum voluntatem fratrum dari.
¶ Tercium exhortatio fratres penitentia prolixiter in differenti illa et in
diffinita et per totum purgatorium.
¶ Qualem inde ab hinc in regno dei dñe. et in talibz quibusque. Con-

Reformation SUNDAY

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE



courtesy Rhonda Ferris

I have been honored to ask God's blessing on:

Worship services

The ill

Marriages

Public buildings

Shops

Civic celebrations

Parents

Christian holidays

Schools

Legislative meetings

Missionaries

A public memorial garden

Mergers

**A long sailing
journey**



courtesy The Mill Community Church

3 John

¹The elder:
To my dear friend
Gaius, whom I love in
the truth. CSB

1 Pet

2 Pet

1 Jn

2 Jn

3 John

Jude

Rev

3 John

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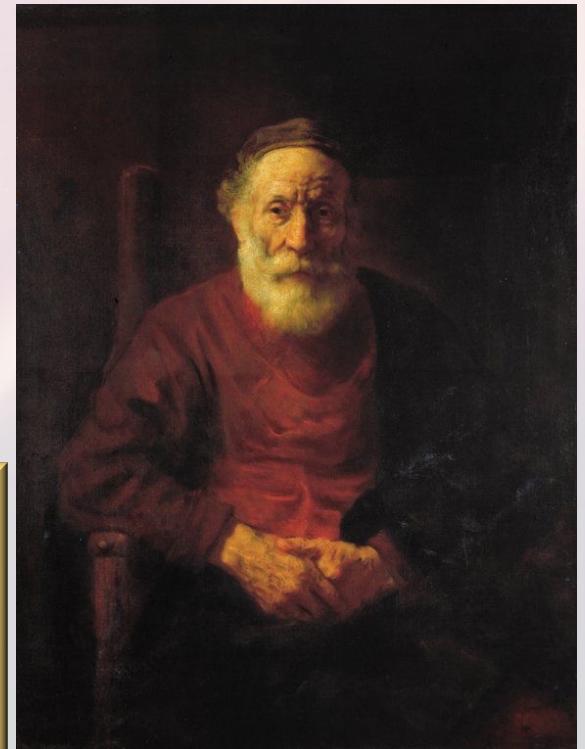
To my dear friend Gaius, whom I love in the truth.

Greek: πρεσβύτερος presbyteros = originally, a completely positive term for an old man; later, member of a board of trustees

Portrait of an Old Man in Red

Rembrandt

1652-4





Old Military Man
Rembrandt
1630

courtesy J Paul Getty Museum

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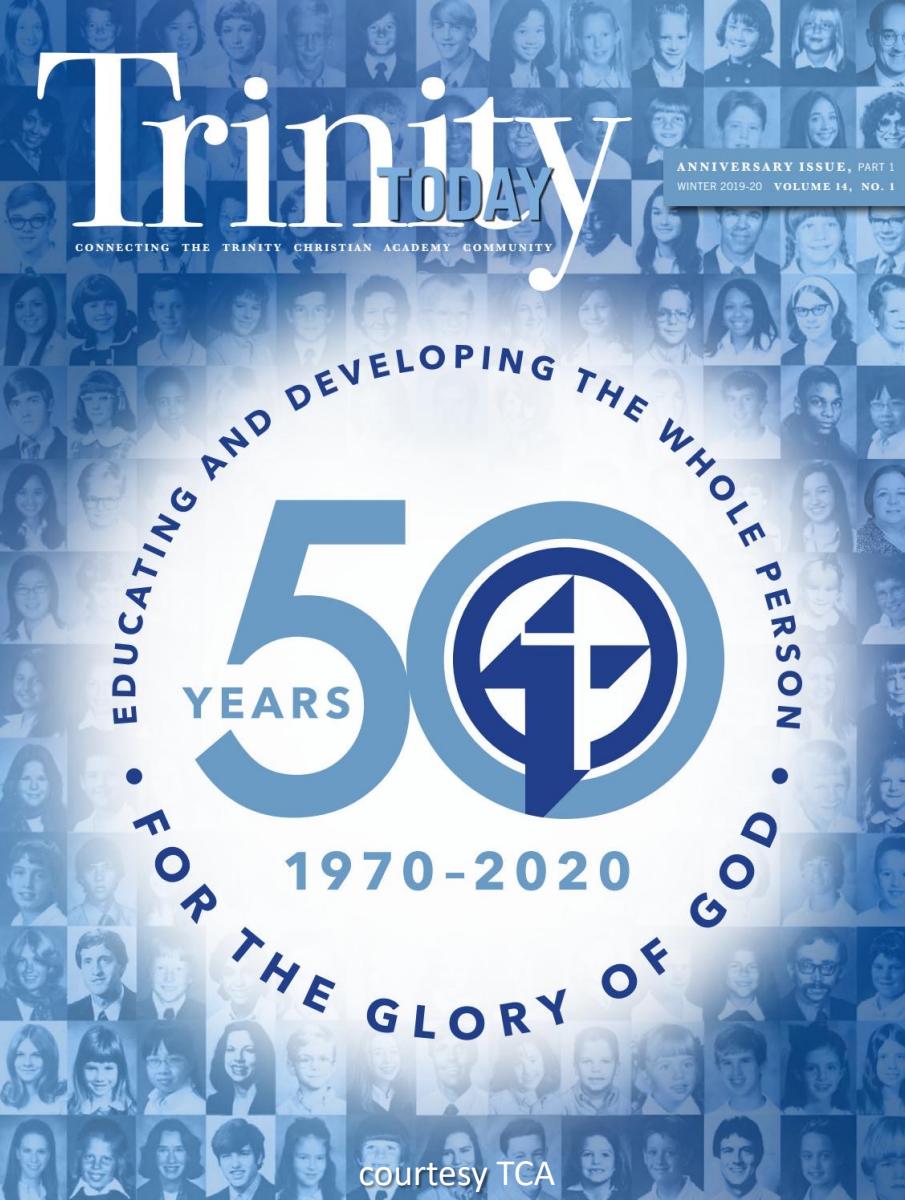
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courtesy TCA

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Embellished a story to make yourself look better?

Lied re: your work time?

Hidden where you were/what you were doing?

**Smudged the truth to get others to do
what you want?**

Done less than your best (quiet quitting)?

Fudged an expense report?



Posted by u/drukqsx 5 days ago 15 7 5 10

Toronto restaurant renamed their burgers so they can be expensed to your job

Mini Dry Erase Whiteboard

(Diamond Chicken Burger) We relabeled our Diamond Chicken...

\$11.00



Ergonomic Aluminum Laptop Stand

(Double Your Fortune) The Double Your Fortune is now a Laptop Stand...

\$12.50



Wired Earphones with Mic

(Emerald Veggie Burger) Been working through lunch or dinner?...

\$10.00



Silicone Keyboard Cover

(BYO Burger) Build your own burger – but make the boss pay. This...

\$10.00



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There is ample evidence that Gaius was “soul healthy.” The elder had received a report from itinerate teachers concerning Gaius...that Gaius was in the truth and walking in the truth. The emphasis is twofold. First, he was faithful in what he believed. Second, he was faithful in how he lived. In doctrine and deed Gaius was commendable, praiseworthy, and consistent. To walk in the truth is to conduct one’s life in the truth. It is to flesh out in conduct one’s confession.



Loyalty to Christ and the gospel marked his life. Gaius continued to do the truth he had been taught.

– Daniel Akin, *123 John*

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6 They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God CSB

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His [Gaius'] truth had not been kept secret in his mind, nor his love in his heart. Both were evident. The brethren had seen both, had been impressed by both, and bore witness to both.

– John R.W. Stott, *The Epistles of John*



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genuine prosperity

caring for your body



enjoying Christian friendships



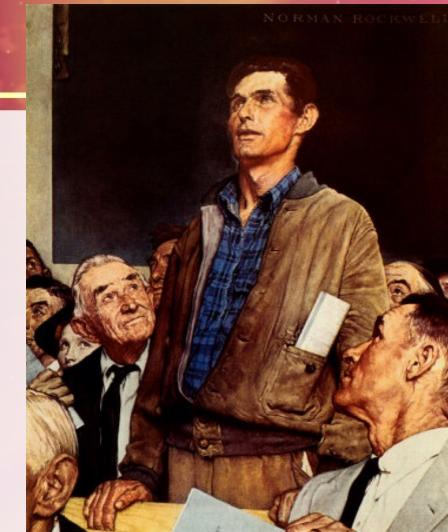
serving others



developing your soul



speaking truth



doing all for God's glory



not true prosperity

material wealth



self-righteousness



gluttony



censorship



listening to lies



serving one's
own desires



Not prosperity:

- Material wealth
- Listening to lies
- Gluttony
- Serving one's own desires
- Censorship
- Self-righteousness

Prosperity:

- Caring for your body
- Developing your soul
- Serving others via business, private or public service
- Giving self to other Christians
- Speaking truth
- Doing all for God's glory

3 John

⁵ Dear friend, you are acting faithfully in whatever you do for the brothers and sisters, especially when they are strangers. ⁶ They have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God, ⁷ since they set out for the sake of the Name, accepting nothing from pagans. ⁸ Therefore, we ought to support such people so that we can be coworkers with the truth.

CSB

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Greek: Ἀγαπητέ agapete = dearly loved one; beloved

⁵ Dear friend, you are acting faithfully

Greek: ποιεῖς poieis
= creatively living out; making

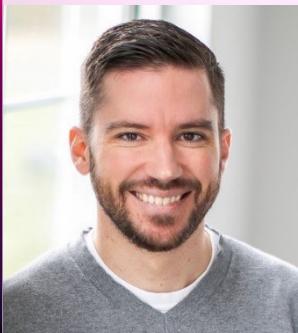
Greek: πιστὸν piston
= of faith; from belief

Objective (what we hope to see God accomplish in us through the study):

That we activate biblical love in every situation.



At the center of the universe is a love so great that it must be shared...Our enjoyment of relationships – even our most ordinary moment with our most ordinary companion – is more profound than we often realize: it



is a reflection of God's own infinitely joyous fellowship as Father, Son, and Spirit.

– Drew Hunter, *Made For Friendship*

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One of the rich blessings of the medieval era was the development of local church pastors who served one flock of Christians. While that occurred on occasion in the early centuries A.D., it was by no means the norm.



Bramber Church, Sussex

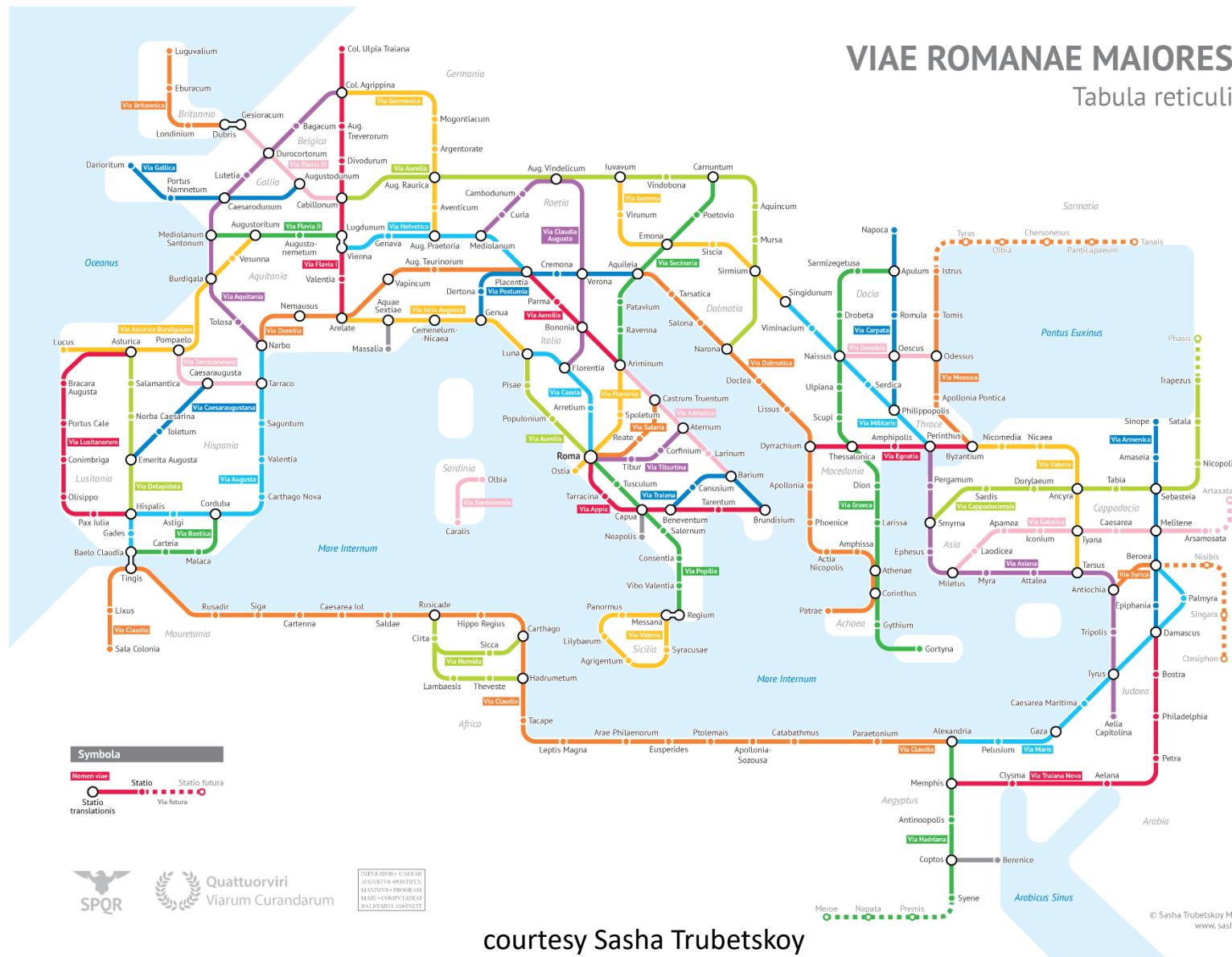
**Road up to church meeting
house at Ilium (Troy) in
Roman province of Asia**



courtesy Janna Braudrick

VIAE ROMANAEE MAIORES

Tabula reticuli



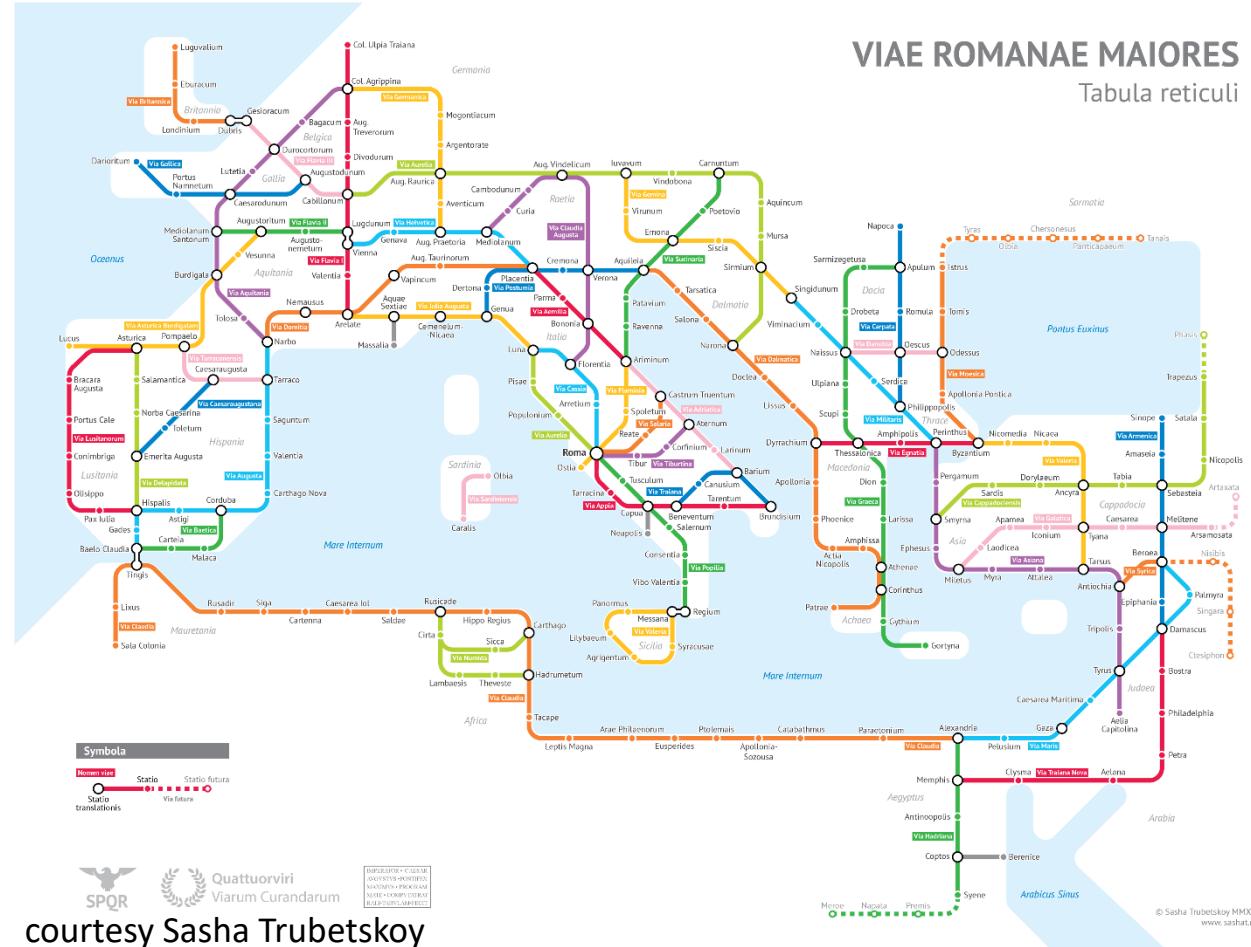
Quattuorviri
Viarum Curandarum

IMPERATOR • CAESA
AVGVSTVS • PONTIFEX
MAXIMVS • PROGRAL
MATE • COMPVTAIRAS
RAI • TABVLAM • FECIT

courtesy Sasha Trubetskoy

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Preachers were supported by churches they served. The Elders of each church oversaw both the teaching content of and the provisions for these wandering shepherds, necessitating that Elders be “able to teach” and thus capable of judging the merit of each new pastoral visitor.





The caravansary system tended to be closed to strangers not known to the business guilds.

Inns nominally overseen by the Legions could require emperor genuflection.





courtesy Pine Cove City

A photograph of a smiling man with a beard and a tan fedora hat, a woman with long dark hair, and a young child with curly hair. They are all smiling and appear to be outdoors in a park-like setting with green trees in the background.

We'd like to stay
there and get
refreshed.

I need to get a lot of work done today, but the lost productivity seems a small price to pay for what I hear going on. The younger children are squealing with happy exclamations as they play with our toys upstairs; the older kids are talking with Janna & Mike; [Wife] is singing as they get dressed up in the guest room next to my office.

He [the pastor] knows I love to listen to him talk about his church. Last night, I encouraged him and offered one suggestion as we talked late. The family loved the huge breakfast we made for them this morning, and before they go home tomorrow, they will get donuts and fruit delivered to their bedrooms. Thank you, Lord, for the chance to imitate Gaius in helping the brethren.

3 John

**⁷ since they set out for the sake of the Name,
accepting nothing from pagans.**



**Greek: ἔθνικός ethnikos =
someone tied to a way of
living or thinking that is not
right; a people group
pretending that right doesn't
matter; that reality is fluid.**

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Gnosticism



New Age



Gnosticism:

- The physical world is evil.
- A flawed Demiurge [identified with God the Father] was involved in creating the universe.
- The self is or can become deified, provided one has enough knowledge (Gr: *gnosis*).
- Love is expressed properly only when one loves self first.

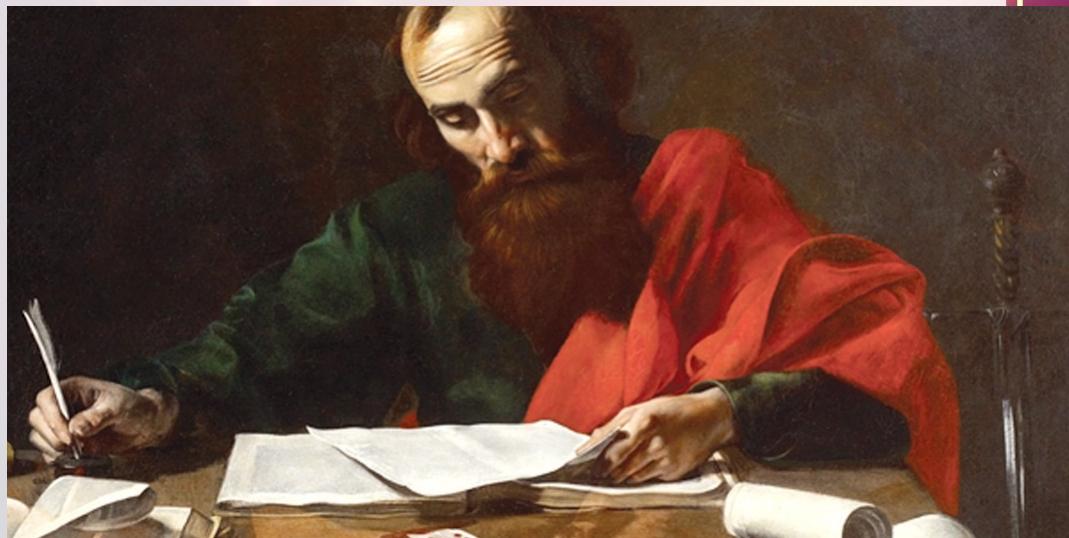


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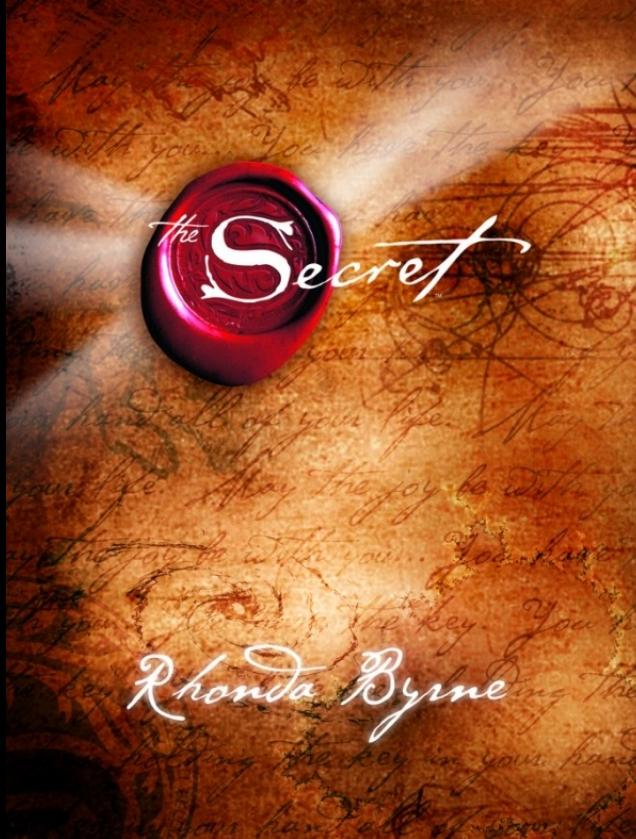


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= someone tied to a way
of living or thinking that
is not right; Jude, John,
and Paul wrote warnings
against this false gospel**



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Gnosticism



courtesy Simon & Schuster; It's no secret – this is unbiblical cow dung.

3 John

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I give to my church, but I am also moved to contribute to All The Difference [Frisco Bible's teaching podcast/radio show]. Since your teaching started on the radio here every day, it has become so much easier for me to talk with people about Jesus and the Bible. I have found it a bit hard to locate Christians who boldly share scripture in a way that isn't off-putting. When I find them, I share with them. Enclosed is my check.

Prosperity theology



**YOU GET SPIRITUALLY
RICH, AND YOU'LL GET
FINANCIALLY RICH!**

- Kenneth Copeland

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**Notice: to be co-
workers with the
truth; not to be rich.**

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**Herakles was trained by an overly-critical music tutor.
Reacting to an unfair and demeaning critique,
Herakles struck his teacher,
unintentionally killing him with a
single blow. Horrified over his wrong,
Herakles traveled deep into the
forest to think.**





Hercules at the Crossroads
Pompeo Girolano Batoni
1753

courtesy Lichtenstein Collection

Vice: Choose me
for a life of
ceaseless pleasure
& no demands.



Virtue:
Choose me for
honor through
labor.

*Hercules at the
Crossroads*
Pompeo Girolano
Batoni 1753

Virtue, and she said: “Choose me, and you will have the honor of your countrymen, but I cannot promise a life without labor.”

Heracles chose the path of Virtue, a choice that led to his prosperity.

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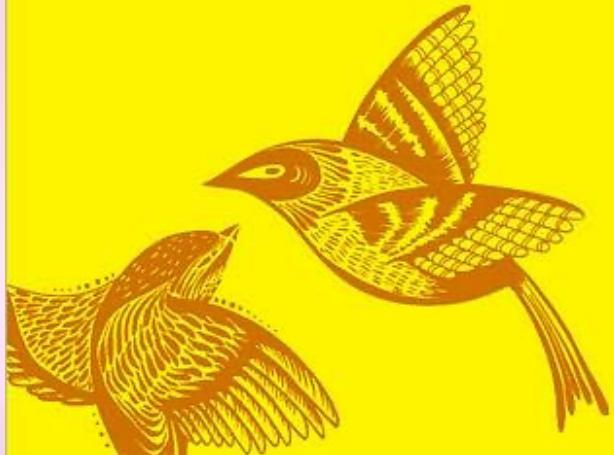


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Greek: εὐοδόω euodoo = highway, later flourishing; always thought of in relation to “Hercules at the crossroads” – doing hard, good things; not seeking ease

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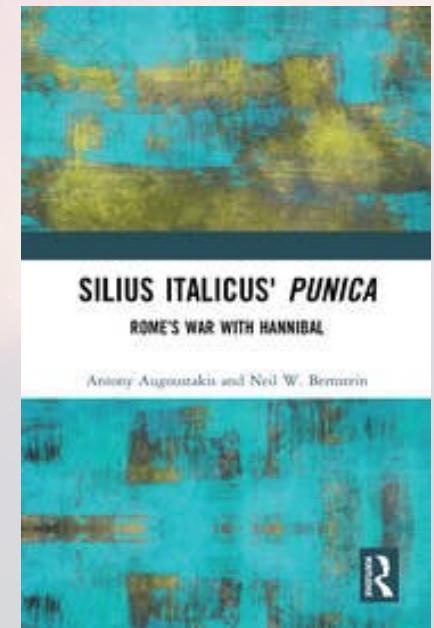


ARISTOPHANES
THE BIRDS

Translation with Introduction and Notes
Jeffrey Henderson

In his play *The Birds* Aristophanes sets up an easy vs. tough choice and calls the hard one εὐοδοῦσθαι euodousthai “prosperous” – and he never explains why that is the good choice. There was no need! Everybody got the reference.

In the book, Scipio faced a great choice – to either take a rough road that was righteous or take a soft road where all was provided for him and virtue wasn't required. The poem, *Punica*, was immediately understood because even way over in Italy, everybody got the Herculean reference.

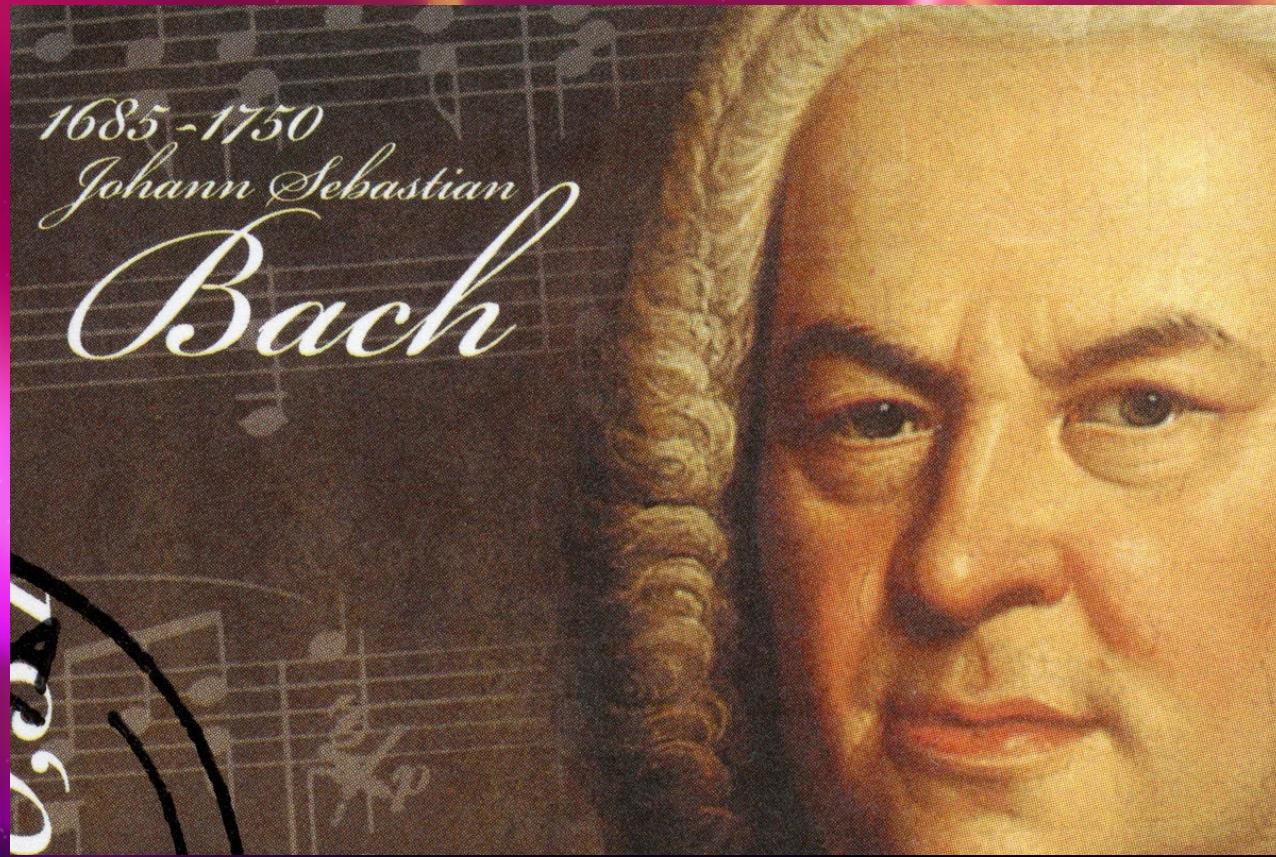


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courtesy WRR

Frederich
Christian, son
of the Elector
of Saxony



Birthday Oratorio, Bach & Pindar, 1733

*Laßt uns sorgen, laßt uns wachen
Die Wahl des Herkules*

Let us take care, let us keep watch
Hercules at the Cross-road

Frederich Christian, son of the Elector of Saxony



Birthday Oratorio, Bach & Pindar, 1733

Frederich had trusted Jesus and chose to follow Christ faithfully. He declared on his 10th birthday – a year earlier – that he would follow Christ alone and lead all Saxony to do the same.

**Frederich
Christian, son
of the Elector
of Saxony**



Birthday Oratorio, Bach & Pindar, 1733

*So mancher Tritt, so manche Tugend.
So many steps, so much virtue
Lust der Völker, Lust der Deinen,
Delight of nations, delight of your people,
Blühe, holder Friederich!
Prosper, noble Friedrich!*

Frederich Christian, as ruler:

- Fired ministers who were inefficient.
- Lowered government costs, including his own stipend.
- Eliminated regulations on businesses.
- Lowered taxes.

Frederich Christian Elector of Saxony

Pietro Rotari

1758



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I do/will do _____ to actively remember I am beloved of God.

I do/will do _____ to better develop my whole person.

I do/will do _____ to remember that all is for the glory of God.

I do/will do _____ to help ensure I am walking in truth.

I do/will do _____ to assist brethren who are serving.

I do/will do _____ to discern between virtue and vice.

WB personal applications

I mediate on scripture to actively remember I am beloved of God.

I swim regularly to better develop my whole person.

I will laugh at myself more to remember that all is for the glory of God.

I listen to partners to help ensure I am walking in truth.

I give to mission trips to assist brethren who are serving.

I will think, pray, and read to discern between virtue and vice.

LOVE IN
ACTION