

Taste and See

So often I find myself trapped, believing that I have grasped the whole truth. Language, experience and reason at times suggest that certain perceptions are correct, valid and substantiated. It is an eternal trap, one that haunts the majority of humans as they struggle through various stages of discernment. Whether it be politics, religion, economics or any other sphere of knowledge, humans often present definitive stances only to be unraveled by some unexplained or unknown piece of data from this age or the next.

The reality of the divine gift of life is that we need to be constantly aware of God's ongoing action in the world and how best to prepare for such engaging encounters. As Cardinal Newman penned, "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often". Development, growth and evolution are at the heart of God's creative embrace of the world. James Russell from abolitionist days summed it up:

*New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient goods uncouth;
They must upward still and onward,
Who keep abreast of truth.*

To engage the scriptures, is a purposeful stance of anticipating the unexpected. Cracking open the cover of the Holy Bible is an invitation to a life of exploration into the mystery of God – "the true and living word." So taste and see that the Lord is Good!

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