

Words of Wisdom by John T Polk II For WECO FM 101.3 and The Fellowship Room All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

9-7–2015 University of Tennessee's (UT) Neutral Pronouns

In Knoxville, The University of Tennessee's Pride Center Director, Donna Braquet requested on their website:

That teacher, rather than calling roll, will instead ask each student to provide the name and pronoun he or she—or "ze"—wishes to be referred by. She says it relieves a burden for people expressing different genders or identities. (**The [Nashville] Tennessean**, *Tennessee students asked to use gender-neutral pronouns*, August 30, 2015).

Why would anyone send their children to be educated by people who don't even recognize basic pronouns? In English, a noun is "the name of a person, place, or thing," and a pronoun takes the place of a noun. What noun are these manufactured pronouns replacing? Try paying U.T. with checks signed by "ze!"

Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes (**Proverbs 26:5**).

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9-8–2015 Labor Day

The Central Labor Union desired a rest day for workers in 1882, which became a Federal Holiday in 1884. Under Moses' Law, God told Israelites:

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work (**Deuteronomy 5:13-14**).

Men originated a yearly rest day, God had a weekly rest day. Solomon said:

Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God (**Ecclesiastes 2:24**).

A "Labor Day" that doesn't remember God is wasted. Jesus said:

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life" (**John 6:27**).

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9-9-2015 Roman Catholic Church Has Not Spirit

But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you (Matthew 10:19-20).

Jesus specifically said the "how," that is the wording of the revelation, and "what," that is, the message itself, should not be premeditated! The Roman Catholic Church claims "Magisterium," or continual inspiration and guidance from the Holy Spirit for its teaching office consisting of its "Pope" and Bishops. After much backroom debates, and controversy, the head of the Roman Catholic Church reads their findings! Every such reading proves without doubt, that the Holy Spirit does not speak to or through the Roman Catholic Church!

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9-10-2015 Roman Catholic Church Annuls Marriage

On September 8, 2015, the Roman Catholic Head issued a "*Motu Proprio*," Latin for "by his own initiative," reducing the process of "annulment" for marriages. Though not sanctioning divorce, Catholic marriages may be declared not valid ("annulled") because it lacked: free will, psychological maturity, or openness to having children. It's sad to think that sin could be labeled "not sin." Jesus said:

"For this reason 'a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matthew 19:5-6).

Calling "divorce" an "annulment" doesn't change it, and human reasons for "annulment" are not reasons for divorce. What God joins, no man can separate by calling it "annulment."

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9-11-2015 Why Were Scriptures Written?

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed (Luke 1:1-4).

- Luke's "orderly account" would make certain what Theophilus had only heard (i.e. "oral traditions," or "gossip");
- 2. This written Scripture completes the "word delivered;"
- This "orderly account" was to certify truth distinguished from "many" other narratives;

4. "Certainty" of faith came from sure, written "scripture" and not from any other source!

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