Thoughts and Smiles… Monday, March 6, 2023

Here's a thoughtful reflection inspired by John 3:16. It was written by Roddy Hamilton.

A Story of Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son…." John 3:16

gather round
I have a story to tell
of one who reached inside himself
and took a handful of love
like a pile of stardust
and said: this is for you
it is all you need
it is all you will ever need
there is enough here
to change the whole world
take it

many laughed at him
mocked him
and ignored the invitation

but some dared to take it
and those who did
noticed something about this love
they found they could do what the gift-giver could do
they could stand with the lost
welcome the traveler
eat with the hungry
they found themselves doing what the man first did to them
give something of themselves to others
they became like the man
offering themselves
and as they offered themselves
others took the invitation
and many still do
and many still trust
it is enough to change the whole world

*~ written by Roddy Hamilton, and posted on **Listening to the Stones**.*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05nA0cNEEgk&authuser=0

There is a little coffee shop, where two people arrive and approached the counter.
"Five coffees ☕ please. Two for us and three hanging."
They paid, they took their two coffees and left.
I asked the waiter. "What's this about hanging coffees?"
"Wait and you'll see."
Some more people came in.
Two girls asked for a coffee each, they paid & left.
The following order was for seven coffees and it was made by three women - 'three for them and four hanging coffees.'
I was left wondering...what is the meaning of the hanging coffees, they leave.
Then, a man dressed in worn clothes, who looks like he might be homeless, arrives at the counter and asks sincerely...
"Do you have a coffee hanging?"
"Yes we do, sir."
They serve him a coffee.... I got my answer.
People pay in advance for a coffee that will be served to whoever can't afford a hot drink.
This tradition started in Naples.
Amazingly, it has spread throughout the world's cities and towns.
It's also possible to order not only "hanging coffees" but also a sandwich or a full low cost meal.
Wouldn't it be great if we could all start doing this in the cities and towns where we live? Small kindnesses like this can impact so many lives, in ways we could never imagine.

We all of us have chapters
That we wish we'd never written
Pages that we've torn or burned
Or locked away and hidden

We all have masks and costumes
That we wish we'd never worn
And lines that we have spoken
That we wish could be withdrawn

We all of us have characters
We'd strike clean from the page
And maybe big decisions
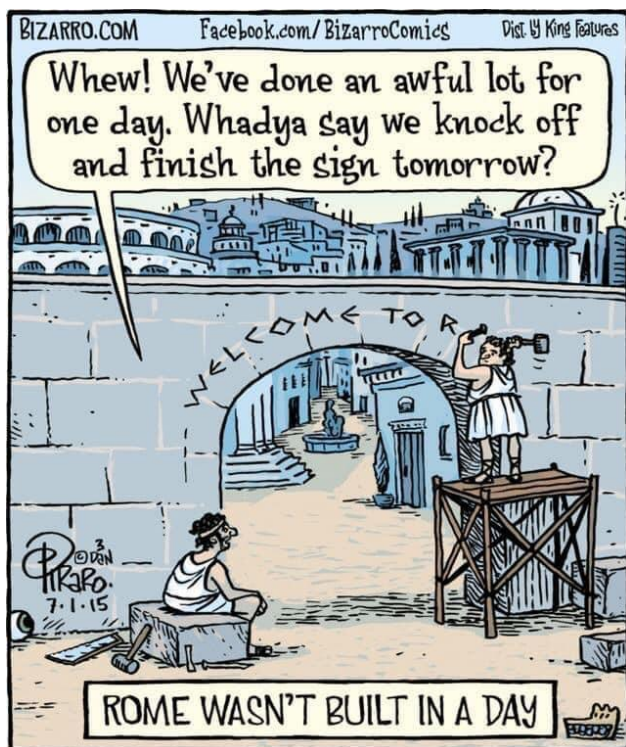*That we're desperate to change*

And we are very tempted
To pretend they don't exist
To tell a perfect story
Where these things are all dismissed

But do not hide those chapters
They're your story's little scars
And they're crucial to your tale
Though you might not think they are

See without them all your story
Isn't quite the one you wrote
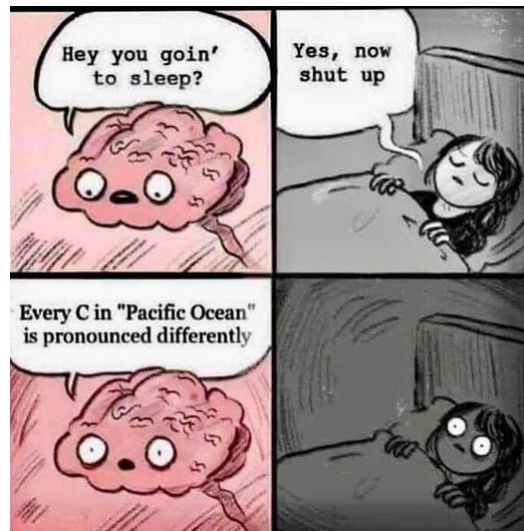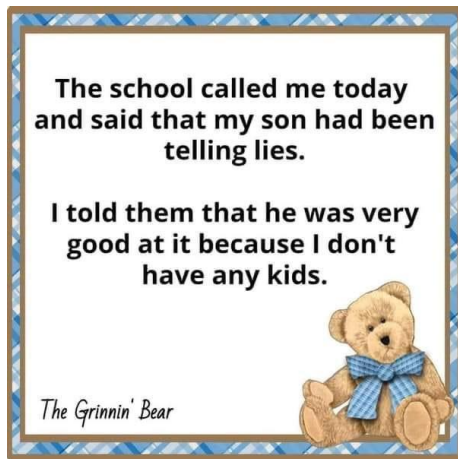*And we have to make mistakes*
If we're to learn what matters most

Yes, without them all your story
Will be hard to comprehend
Remember - some things only make sense
When we're getting to the end

-   *Becky Hemsley*

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Whew! We've done an awful lot for one day. Whadya say we knock off and finish the sign tomorrow?

WELCOME TO R

ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY

This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!

The school called me today and said that my son had been telling lies.

I told them that he was very good at it because I don't have any kids.

The Grinnin' Bear

Hey you goin' to sleep?

Yes, now shut up

Every C in "Pacific Ocean" is pronounced differently

Have a terrific week!

Blessings to you all!
(i.e. May you receive something beneficial to which you will be deeply thankful!)

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