

APPLAUSE
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I wonder how many people stood up and applauded Jesus for His sermon on the mount? [beatitudes] I wonder how many people cheered and applauded Moses when he brought the 10 commandments of God to the people? Their response was contemplation, reflection, repentance and conversion by some, but not all. It is difficult to change our ways. Today's society, as many in past history, is locked into the idolatry of this world and its comforts. This causes a cynicism to anything but science; the new religion. The easy road is conformity to society. Faith in moral truth has become the source of challenge, entertainment, humor and ridicule. The cancer to faith is the rapidly spreading of grey moral areas. Moral truth and scientific truth are becoming increasingly incompatible. It is interesting to note that the very first commandment God gave to His covenant people concerns idolatry. [false gods]

At the center of this dilemma is the fallacy of free choice. We can condemn immorality verbally but may also support it to achieve other goals. It is impossible to serve two masters at the same time. You will support one and hate the other; or you will love one and despise the other. You will either love God and hate abortion; or you will love abortion and set yourself up as god and judge. [idolatry] Neutrality is to do nothing, which of itself is to do something by its very nature. Neutrality is to call for and welcome the applause of Satan.

Today many are in a state of panic because of a loss of personal and social integrity. We are besieged with all sort of supposed doom: global warming, population explosion, starvation, wars, droughts, flooding, economic collapse, dishonesty of all kinds, cheating. These are NOTHING compared to the impending doom that is yet to come. [the day we die] How many will stand and applaud at our final judgment? Or will we try to argue with God about His judgment concerning our free will choices? What excuse can there be for

cynicism, laxity, disrespect, double standards, hate, violence and self gratification which are all forms of idolatry?

To some, free choice means to say one thing and do another, and they call this conscience. Condemn abortion and its attending activities but vote for its continuance because of a false loyalty to a political party or ideology. This of itself is immorality; an ill formed conscience and free choice fallacy. Has our baptismal commitment to God become outmoded? Has God become outmoded in our lives? Then why do we pay false tribute to Him at Mass and in our daily lives if we no longer believe and accept the teachings of the Church? Of what value is it on the day of judgment; if I uphold the devil while at the same time praise God? One is falsehood, the other is truth. How can you be a Satanist and look God in the eye at judgment? Who is the greater fool? How about some applause for this poor fool, it's all he will ever get from Satan.

The most unfortunate impression of conscience held by many is that conscience is a natural quality instilled at birth and tends to mature as we age. If this were so, then conscience would be distorted through self-seeking and lack of self-control. Emotion would rule. No two consciences could come to the same conclusion; at best it would become a matter of compliance with a social structure [legality]. This would produce more applause for the fool.

There is a certain reality we must admit to: how we may have distorted the intentions of Vatican II and where it is leading us. The simple change from sacrifice of the Mass to the celebration of the Eucharist. This changes our attitude and perspective. Sacrifice is holy, solemn and personal; celebration is casual, light-hearted and posturing. Homilies become jokes, funny stories and informality all worthy of applause; send in the clowns.

The fool has no part in Gods' world. Accountability comes with the passing of time but not forgiveness. Time does not provide forgiveness. The passing of time may help us forget our sins; but it does not forgive. Only repentance and a change in our ways can

offer the hope of forgiveness; while there is yet time. It is playing a dangerous game to wait to the last second to repent. To claim to be Catholic and reject its teachings for temporal gain is to abort yourselves from heaven; for eternity. We abort ourselves with our improper free choices. Some say that we need choices in this life. This is true; the choices we are free to make are for good, we are never free to choose evil even for a supposed good cause. The fool will ask, "But who determines what is good?", for my conscience is my guide. Conscience is not infallible. It needs a proper guide to determine intent geared to charity and justice. Conscience can not stand alone. The mind of a fool is like a broken jar; it holds no knowledge. [Sirach 21: 14] Yet the world and Satan applaud the fool as well intended; a satanic deception to do nothing.

Applause is meant as a reward for entertainment. Christ didn't die on the cross for entertainment but for the salvation of all souls who make the correct free choice of love and life. Do you respect your own life enough to respect the life of others to whom God gives some severe crosses to carry? Do we exercise our free choice to help carry their cross!

PRAYER IS MEANT FOR THE PRAISE OF GOD.
KEEP APPLAUSE OUT OF LITURGY.