

Eucharistic Entitlement

Whatever our political/ religious affiliations we should realize that social weather winds are created and driven by high/ low pressures of religion and politics. In order to assess societal direction and misdirection we need to discern foul winds from fair and judge responsibly. The turbulence of the times is a barometer with lessons for all.

The emotions of the people are pressured by political winds and expectations of entitlement and are not very well tempered by religious sense. Political sentiments are fired up by entitlement-expectations and Eucharistic sense fails to dampen with realism. Driven by profit motives, the pharmaceutical industry pressures people to believe that every physical frailty has a medical or drug remedy; the medical insurance industry pushes the same buttons for the same profit motives. And politicians are driven by pharmaceutical and insurance lobbies. The prolongation of life at any cost and under any circumstance is advocated as an entitlement, but at what a price?

The reality is that we all age, diminish in vitality, and make way for future generations. This process is nature's pattern of symbiosis and divinity's plan of Eucharist. We are culturally wanting in willingness to embrace Eucharist (expending self for the wellbeing of other) and suppress unreal expectations of entitlement. The conspiracy of religious/ political unreality is unleashing unhealthy appetites and causing collapses of natural resources and accumulations of debt burdens beyond realistic recovery. Compounding the overload are gratuitous violence (corporate profiteering) and wars of-choice.

Above it all hyped greed appetites for nostrums to cure each least discomfort blind us to better judgment in balancing the needs of Eucharist (nature's ecological limits) against the corporate interests of profiteering. It's safer for politicians to give in to the clamor for entitlements than it is to advocate for religious sensibility and resist empty palliatives. In the least, religions should be principled in motivating the public to grace and Eucharistic necessity rather than falling for the deceits of corporate lures.

Faith in religion is deceived when religions become co-conspirators with politicians in defeating religious sense and sensitivity. The crisis of our times is a right-to-life crisis; it is a pro-life crisis. The elephant in the sanctuary of churches is mindlessness toward the crises of nature, the abortion of natural ecologies, from human excesses of entitlement and failed sensitivity for Eucharistic necessity. When churches operate by the same capital presumptions as corporate business they facilitate the deception and exploitation.