

Thought for the Day – Tuesday 2nd November 2021

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Power must bend the knee to love

In the beginning was God. God is love. God is three. Love exists in relationships. Out of love, came power, which created the universe. If God was singular, then what existed in the beginning was power not love, as there would not have been any relationships. Then out of power the universe would have been created and love would have been introduced.

In that case, love would have been subject to power. Love would serve power. Love would be accountable to power.

That is the worldview which drives our world. Love is subject to power. Yes you can love, but it must fit into the walls of power. It can go no further. "We can't afford it", "That is not realistic", "They don't deserve it", "Its the survival of the fittest", "Why should I?", "Its not illegal", "Its not my problem".

Love, moulded by power.

But, it was love, that was there in the beginning. And power came out of love. Power is therefore subject to love. Power must love. Power must be defined by love. Power will be held accountable to love.

Jesus gave us a striking visual image of this, when he bent down to wash His disciples feet.

So, let us use whatever power, authority, influence we have, to do good, by making it bend the knee to love. And let us pray for our leaders, that the Holy Spirit will help them do that, specially now at the COP 26 summit

