

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Thursday 6th July 2023

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Parable and Paradox. Sell all you have

Mark 10.21

To whom, exactly, are you speaking Lord?
I take it you're not saying this to me,
But just to this rich man, or to some saint
Like Francis, or to some community
The Benedictines, mayb, their restraint
Sustains so much. But I can't bear this word!
I bought the deal, the whole consumer thing,
Signed up and filled my life with all this stuff.
And now you come, when I've got everything
And tell me everything is not enough!
But that one more thing I lack, I cannot get
Sell everything I have? That's far too hard
I can't just sell it all at least not yet
To whom , exactly, are you speaking Lord?
Malcolm Guite. Canterbury Press

I was struck by this poem. I have a lot of sympathy for the rich young ruler.
Don Francisco sings a song "Anybody else but me" which makes me think too