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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Mapping the Future, Living Today

This week I picked up a treasure for a few pesos at a book sale. It was Elie Wiesel's Dawn. He is perhaps the greatest Jewish writer alive today. I have a small collection of his writings. As I read his little book, I saw some of the words dance off the page. I thought, "No one will ever say this with the same beauty and depth ever again". When I went looking for words to quote, I found that the stand-out words made little sense out of context. Wiesel weaves the words and themes into a tapestry that would be ruined by selecting words out of it.

For many years I have been trying to weave together the deepest insights that biblical, spiritual, psychological, historical and literary explorations have to offer. I am also aware that insights gleaned from our everyday experiences are crucial in the 'materials' for a 'map' that leads us into our best humanity. I thought that such a 'map' could also lead me to a surer grasp of the reason and purpose for our being here. Finally, I didn't want the 'map' to tell me about God, but to lead me into God.

I now know that such a 'map' is not easy to discern and frame. The Scriptures, and indeed the New Testament itself, offer a number of

spiritual paths. The details are not always easy to discern. The Scripture are inter-woven, and taking bits and pieces out of them while ignoring the rest of the text has been shown to be damaging and fruitless. Psychological methods and their many 'schools' are hard to keep up with, historical writings have been shown to be more biased than we had thought, and spiritualities abound.

Let us take a look today at an ancient text, that of Psalm 15, to see if we can discern if its insights can help us in the sensitive matter of the creating of life maps that tend to last rather than the many that self-destruct before our eyes. The Psalm reminds us of Jesus' story of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector, in that it appears to breathe more than a trace of spiritual arrogance. But it is Scripture. What does it mean?

Let us explore together! Perhaps it will add some missing pieces to the Jigsaw of Our Life, which is never finished!

Bishop Arthur Jones

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Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 18:20-33; Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Diana Croyston, Beryl Tanner, JPeter, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Benjie Gonzales, Ron Jacob, Ema Duhaylongsod, Cena Quiapos, Bonnie SyCip, Ted Whale Loy Solasco, Fidelia Matthews, Augusto NatividadEmerinciana Gatela, Jovel Llagas, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Johnny Manning Jr, Carrie Angus, Sunny Cabanang, Amy Gonzales, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Janet Johnstone, Richard Kendall, Susan Dalmas, Avelina Collado, Gloria Domingo, Isagani Mauleon, Katsi Araneta.

This week:

Monday, July 19.

- Vestry Meeting, 6:30pm, Rectory.

Tuesday, July 20.

- Bible Study, 10am

Thursday, July 22.

- Midweek Eucharist, 9:00 am, Chapel

The CHT Youth will have its general assembly meeting next Sunday, July 25. Members from the congregation ages 12-29 are encouraged to come and attend the meeting after the church service at the Parish Hall.

**P.S Members 'youth-at-heart' are also welcome to join! ^-^
Agenda: Youth Launch and Other Forthcoming Activities**

	Last Sunday	Year-to-date	Proportionate Budget	2010 Budget
Pledge	P23,800	P2,258,534.16	P2,100,000.00	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P18,930.50	P504,169.78	P506,153.85	P940,000.00

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