

Random Thoughts Of James Krauss – The Dust Mop – July 25, 2014

From time to time I get these random thoughts that are caused by something that I see or something that is happening around me. This article is one of these thoughts.

I was sitting in a beautiful Church today, just taking a few minutes to think and hang out with God. The Church was quite and clean. It is amazing how this Church can stay open 24/7 and nobody tries to seal or vandalize it. In fact when I am in this town I try to take time to stop in and clear my head. However, I digress, back to what I wanted to talk about. Today, when I stopped in, the Saxon was pushing the dust mop around and dusting off the different surfaces. Now as I said before, everything looked very clean but when he was done with the dust mop he had a good size pile of dirt. Where did that come from? I didn't see that dirt anywhere. But, it was there!

That pile of dust started me to think... We can try to be good people, Godly people, Christians, spiritual or whatever you want to call ourselves, and we can try to do the right thing all the time, but, if you don't take time to look at your inner-self and pull out the spiritual dust mop out and do some cleaning of your spirit you can get yourself into a lot of trouble.

In the Jewish Tradition, no matter how clean the house is at Passover Time the house is supposed to be cleaned again, even cleaner. In fact some traditions say that the corners are to be cleaned using a feather to make sure that all dust and possible leaven is cleaned out of the house. Maybe this is a good idea for everyone to do once in a while with their spirits. We should take some time to look within and sweep out all the old angers and resentments. Get rid of old hates and fears. If you do not clean out these old feelings from time to time they will eat away at you from the inside. You will become very negative and stop seeing the beauty of God's world as well as the beauty in your own life. All my life I have heard of and known "Grouchy Old Men" and "Nasty Old Women," I have now reached that stage when I am considered old (I don't know when that happened or how) and I can feel myself becoming a "Grouchy Old Man." How is that happening? Well, this happens when I allow the anger, hate, fears and resentments build up.

I don't want to be a "Grouchy Old Man!" I know that I can't really change being an "Old Man," but I can change the "Grouchy" part. So, what do I do now? I need to get that dust mop and dust rag out and clean house. I want to be "Jovial Old Man!"

How about you join me and sweep all those negative feelings out of your spiritual house and raise your spirit. You know what? I might even get that feather out and get into those corners. So, if you see me laughing for no reason you will know that I am cleaning and that feather is tickling my spiritual corners!

Until next time

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