

Amuse - Bouche

“THE SHARED MEAL IS NO SMALL THING. IT IS A FOUNDATION OF FAMILY LIFE, THE PLACE WHERE OUR CHILDREN LEARN THE ART OF CONVERSATION AND ACQUIRE THE HABITS OF CIVILIZATION: SHARING, LISTENING, TAKING TURNS, NAVIGATING DIFFERENCES, ARGUING WITHOUT OFFENDING.”

~ MICHAEL POLLAN, AUTHOR OF "COOKED"

Amuse - Bouche Questions

1. Please share your name, where you're from and what inspired you to join us for Theo's Feast? What are you looking forward to the most about your meal tonight?

2. Theo's Feast is as much about good conversation and company as it is about the food. We hope to break the taboo of talking about God and spiritual matters at the dinner table tonight with hope that our conversations will enrich our lives as much as the food. How comfortable are you about expressing your beliefs with others?

Adamah Salad

AND THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF THE DUST (ADAMAH) OF THE GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND MAN BECAME A LIVING SOUL. (ADAM) AND THE LORD GOD PLANTED A GARDEN EASTWARD IN EDEN; AND THERE HE PUT THE MAN WHOM HE HAD FORMED.

~ GENESIS 2:7-8

FOR YOU WERE MADE FROM DUST, AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN. ~ **GENESIS 3:19**

Adamah Salad

“THE GARDEN IS OUR OLDEST METAPHOR. IN GENESIS GOD CREATES THE FIRST ADAM FROM ADAMAH, AND TELLS HIM TO “TILL AND KEEP IT,” THE FERTILE SOIL ON WHICH ALL LIFE DEPENDS. HUMAN FROM HUMUS. THAT’S OUR FIRST... CLUE AS TO THE INEXTRICABLE BOND WE SHARE WITH THE SOIL.

~ FRED BAHNSON, AUTHOR OF SOIL & SACRAMENT

Adamah Salad Questions

Do you believe in a creator God?

How does this view of God as an eternal gardener creating humanity and all living things from soil (regardless of your scientific view) influence your view on your connection to God, his creation and one another?

One of the central themes of the Christian Worldview is that God created us in his image for relationship with him. If God created us for relationship, in your opinion, what prevents you from experiencing him fully?

Paradise Lost

“YOU WILL NOT CERTAINLY DIE,” THE SERPENT SAID TO THE WOMAN.
“FOR GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT FROM IT YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED, AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL.”

WHEN THE WOMAN SAW THAT THE FRUIT OF THE TREE WAS GOOD FOR FOOD AND PLEASING TO THE EYE, AND ALSO DESIRABLE FOR GAINING WISDOM, SHE TOOK SOME AND ATE IT. SHE ALSO GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT. THEN THE EYES OF BOTH OF THEM WERE OPENED, AND THEY REALIZED THEY WERE NAKED; SO THEY SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE COVERINGS FOR THEMSELVES.

~GENESIS 3: 4-7 NIV

Paradise Lost

OF MANS FIRST DISOBEDIENCE, AND THE FRUIT
OF THAT FORBIDDEN TREE, WHOSE MORTAL TASTE
BROUGHT DEATH INTO THE WORLD, AND ALL OUR WOE,
WITH LOSS OF EDEN, TILL ONE GREATER MAN
RESTORE US, AND REGAIN THE BLISSFUL SEAT,

~ JOHN MILTON 1608-1674, PARADISE LOST, BOOK 1: 1-5

Paradise Lost Questions

Within 5 minutes of watching the evening news we can quickly see that something is broken with humanity and our world. The Genesis 3 story of the “Fall of Man” is the Christian Worldview’s explanation for why our world is so broken. Adam and Eve’s disobedience has had a devastating impact on all of creation starting with breaking their relationship with God.

How have you experienced the brokenness of our world? How has humanity contributed to that brokenness?

How do you relate to the story of Yeheil De-Nur and his recognition that Eichmann was actually a normal man, in that he (De-Nur) was also capable of such evil?

Salt of the Earth

“LET ME TELL YOU WHY YOU ARE HERE. YOU’RE HERE TO BE SALT-SEASONING THAT BRINGS OUT THE GOD-FLAVOURS OF THIS EARTH.”

~ JESUS, MATTHEW 5:13 - THE MESSAGE

Salt of the Earth

“THE HEBREW WORD FOR THIS PERFECT, HARMONIOUS INTERDEPENDENCE AMONG ALL PARTS OF CREATION IS CALLED SHALOM. WE TRANSLATE IT AS “PEACE,” BUT THE ENGLISH WORD IS BASICALLY NEGATIVE, REFERRING TO THE ABSENCE OF TROUBLE OR HOSTILITY. THE HEBREW WORD MEANS MUCH MORE THAN THAT. IT MEANS ABSOLUTE WHOLENESS—FULL, HARMONIOUS, JOYFUL, FLOURISHING LIFE.”

~ TIMOTHY KELLER, PASTOR, PHILOSOPHER, THEOLOGIAN

Salt of the Earth Questions

Salt is a preservative that had great value in the ancient world. As many of us have a craving for salt in our foods, we also share a similar craving for wholeness or Shalom in our world.

Why do you think we have a craving for wholeness or harmony when we see someone wronged?

If you could be part of the solution and change anything in the world, what would it be?

Do you think that the “evil and injustice” of our world will ever ultimately be defeated, resulting in Shalom? If so, how ?

How can you find or discover Shalom (or fullness of life)?

The Bread of Life

“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL
NEVER GO HUNGRY, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL
NEVER BE THIRSTY.”

~ JESUS, JOHN 6:35

The Bread of Life

JESUS HAS COME TO REDEEM WHERE IT IS WRONG AND HEAL THE WORLD WHERE IT IS BROKEN. HIS MIRACLES ARE NOT JUST PROOFS THAT HE HAS POWER BUT ALSO WONDERFUL FORETASTES OF WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO WITH THAT POWER. JESUS' MIRACLES ARE NOT JUST A CHALLENGE TO OUR MINDS, BUT A PROMISE TO OUR HEARTS, THAT THE WORLD WE ALL WANT IS COMING.

~ TIM KELLER, THE REASON FOR GOD, BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

Bread of Life Questions

Why do you think Jesus states that He is “The Bread of Life?”

What has been the greatest act of love that you have ever experienced? How has that act of love changed you?

Have you ever asked Jesus to be the centre of your life? If so what happened after you did? If not, why not? (What holds you back?)

A Taste of Grace

”FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.”

~EPHESIANS 2:8-9

A Taste of Grace

AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND
THAT SAVED A WRETCH LIKE ME.
I ONCE WAS LOST, BUT NOW AM FOUND,
WAS BLIND, BUT NOW I SEE

'T WAS GRACE THAT TAUGHT MY HEART TO FEAR,
AND GRACE MY FEARS RELIEVED.
HOW PRECIOUS DID THAT GRACE APPEAR
THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED...

~JOHN NEWTON, 1779, FORMER SLAVE TRADER & HYMN WRITER

A Taste of Grace Questions

What kind of transformation are you hoping to experience in your life?

What do think is so amazing about Grace? How has Grace impacted your life?

Has your Theo's Feast experience changed your perception of the Christian faith at all? If so how?

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