

Saint Thomas More's Lessons **Clarity - Charity - Brevity**

Thomas More's thoughts, expressions, writings and arguments, displayed an unparalleled quality of cogency and conciseness. Thomas More was fully engaged in the world of his time and understood its quirks and foibles - as well or better than any other of the notables of the 16th century. His consistent excellence of articulation and adjudication, analysis and authorship of classic writings, particularly *Utopia*, are unparalleled models of scholarship and brilliance.

Last week 33 trapped Chilean miners were miraculously extricated from the depths of the earths. Imagine the emotional conversion from despair to the ecstasy of rebirth and new life of each of these men and their families. – A true metanoia experience and personal encounter of the Resurrection.

Thomas More- the man for all seasons – endured his transition from respected official to prisoner to martyr with the faith of the apostle. Thomas More did not form his principles and exercise his religious, legal or moral beliefs merely on the word of others or in conformance with the whims of the powers of his time. He did so to the end embodying courageous charity.

He coined the term: paradox.

Mother Teresa, our woman for all seasons told us:

I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts,
There can be no more hurt, only more love.

In 1929, G.K. Chesterton said, “Blessed Thomas More is more important at this moment than at any moment since his death, even perhaps the great moment of his dying; but he is not quite so important as he will be in about 100 years’ time.”

From the BBC in September:

Pope Benedict addressed Britain's politicians in the very hall where Sir Thomas More, was condemned to death for opposing the reformation of Henry VIII. It was an extraordinary moment, and a reminder of the resilience of Catholicism, across a gulf of years that's consumed thrones, nations, entire civilizations ... because almost five centuries after the Catholic faith was apparently strangled in Britain, their church is still alive.

It is now very near the time to ask for unity and in unity with Saint Thomas More:

Please pray that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, and God's first. Amen

Thank you and May God bless us all.