

Intro Rom 8:17ff - 27 - Is It Worth It? Cannata

To Question Justice is to say there is

Question we cannot ignore or answer
Everything in life tied to something else.
And we live in hope - vs 19-30 Support vs 17b-18

I - The Glory Before Us - vs 17b-18 - Hope stated in Justice

A Two Facts - Present Suffering & Future Glory - the two

1 - Suffering can't be denied (1) for our sins (Chastisement, James 5) (2) for our testimony - in a world that hates (3)

(3) Creation groans (4 w/ 5) - Phil 1:29 Powerlessness
Weakness

2 - Suffering can't be quantified - "Compared" = lit.
"BRINGING UP THE OTHER BEAM OF THE SCALES" - NOT WORTH COMPARING,
THEY HAVE NO WEIGHT. (1) COMPARED TO SUFFERINGS OF OTHERS
(2) COMPARED TO GLORY. Phys, Psy, Social

3 - Suffering can be identified - PRESENT-AGE - DIFFERENT
WORD IN V. 18 - PATHOS - Evil experience, evil treatment.
PRESENT-TIME & PRESENT-AGE = BOTH A DESCRIPTION & RESTRICTION
PRESENT-AGE IS CHARACTERIZED BY SUFFERING; RESTRICTED TO
THIS PRESENT AGE - NO RESTRICTION ON GLORY

B - FUTURE GLORY - Revealed = NOT CREATED, already EXISTS, but NOT
yet apparent GIN US - UNEXPECTED PRCP. EIS = MOVING TOWARD
TO US & IN US - BOTH SPECTATORS & SHARERS

(3) THE GROUND, BASIS OF THIS HOPE OF GLORY = GRADUALS - AMAZING - he
POINTS NOT TO THE MOMENTS OF ECSTASY AS SIGN OF MORE TO COME, BUT TO
THE GRADUALS, THE SIGNS OF WEARINESS AS SIGN OF GLORY IS TO COME.

KORNELIUS MISKOTTE: "There is a weariness that is not merely a
MANIFESTATION OF THE EXHAUSTION OF CREATURELY LIFE, BUT ALSO OF A
DETERIORATION OF THE POWER OF FAITH TO AFFIRM LIFE."

1 - GROAN OF CREATION = FRIEDRICH VON SCHELLING - "NATURE, ALSO, MOURNS FOR A
LOST GOOD" PSA 19 - BY THEIR MOVEMENT HEAVENLY BODIES PRODUCE A HARMONY
OF TONES - NOT HEARD BY HUMAN EARS - PERCEIVE THEM THROUGH OUR SPIRIT.
NATURE - REJOICES - PSA 92:12; 98:8; ISA. 35:1; 55:12

THERE IS A TIE BETWEEN MAN & NATURE
2 - GROAN OF THE CREATURE - vs 23 - "AND THAT'S NOT ALL!" WE OURSELVES
Emphatic - we also - WITHIN OURSELVES - deep seated longing
The MIXTURE of good & evil, the lurking shadow

Yes - Hunger for food means there is food; Thirsty means there is
water = Inductive Evidence - like dogs howling at moon

Why have I done it this way? "parallel tracks, wheat & Tares,
all things working together"? Because that is the way we
live - AMBIVALENCE - Leave today on high note, men crash!

The point is, the pattern is normal & biblical & the
Crash itself constitutes groan that tells of a coming
Thy = Denial of Ambivalence produces frantic &

futile efforts of denial of death, pretending &