

SEQUITUR SYNOPSIS

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WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO

Podcast: The Literary Life "Best of" Series, Ep. 47: - The Great Divorce

A fantastic introduction to reading medieval literature (Sequitur 8th and 11th graders read medieval literature) and to the Great Divorce by CS Lewis

Audiobook: Sophie's World

An imaginative work of fiction that traces the history of philosophy.



NEWS FOR THE MONTH

- Church of the King Move in Days: July 20, 2023 — we'll be meeting at Istrouma at 8 a.m. to load our items into trucks and trailers, and then move them over to the Church of the King campus
- Camping Trip Meeting: July 24, 2023 — ninth through twelfth grade parents and students interested in the camping trip will meet at the Dunbar's at 6:30 p.m.



WHAT WE'RE READING

Many on our board and administrative faculty just read Wisdom and Eloquence by Robert Littlejohn and Charles Evans. I am proud of our board for their continuing efforts to understand the mission of the school they govern. Ask them about the book when you see them!

IN HIS VIDEO ADDRESS FROM THE NEW SEQUITUR CAMPUS, MR. SWART INVOKED CS LEWIS' ALLEGORY THE GREAT DIVORCE. HE ENCOURAGED OUR COMMUNITY TO THINK OF THE MOVEMENT TO THE NEW CAMPUS MUCH LIKE LEWIS ENVISIONS SOULS TRAVELING ON A BUS FROM HELL TOWARD HEAVEN: AS A JOURNEY TO BECOMING MORE REAL, MORE SOLID, MORE HUMAN.

AS A RESIDENT LOGIC TEACHER, I'M SURE NO ONE WILL BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT WHEN I FIRST READ THE GREAT DIVORCE LONG BEFORE I ENTERED THE WORLD OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, I IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT TO DEFINE THE PHRASE "MORE HUMAN." TO MY MIND, THE GOAL OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WAS TO BECOME LESS HUMAN AND MORE LIKE GOD. HUMANS ARE TOO MAMMALIAN, TOO IRRITABLE, AND OFTENTIMES IN THE LOUISIANA SUMMER HEAT, TOO STINKY.



PLUS, I REASONED, I AM A HUMAN ALREADY. I CAN'T BECOME MORE OF WHAT I ALREADY AM. BUT, DEFINITIONS OF SUCH PHRASES, AS I EXPLAIN TO OUR LOGIC STUDENTS, OFTEN FALL SHORT OF CAPTURING IDEAS IN THEIR FULLNESS. SOMETIMES, A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, OR IS WORTH MORE THAN EVEN A DEFINITION WITH AN SCL LEVEL GENUS AND SPECIFIC DIFFERENCE (PARENTS, ASK YOUR 8TH AND NINTH GRADE STUDENTS WHAT THIS MEANS).

THE PICTURE INCLUDED IN THIS BRIEF ARTICLE IS WILLIAM BLAKE'S PROTRACTEDLY TITLED 'SYMBOLIC FIGURE OF THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY DESCRIBED BY VIRGIL'. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO STUDY THE DETAILS OF THIS IMAGE BEFORE WE ARRIVE ON OUR NEW CAMPUS. OBSERVE CAREFULLY THE FIRE AND ASH FROM WHICH WE COME, AND THE CROWNS WE MAY HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM THE TREE OF LIFE. IF WE ARE TO REALIZE LEWIS' TRUTHS IN OUR SCHOOL, THAT IS, IF WE ARE TO BECOME MORE HUMAN, THEN WE MUST GROW THIS IMAGE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

FROM YOUR IMAGE STUDY, I WELCOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT BECOME MORE HUMAN TOGETHER.