

CHOICES OF WISEMEN

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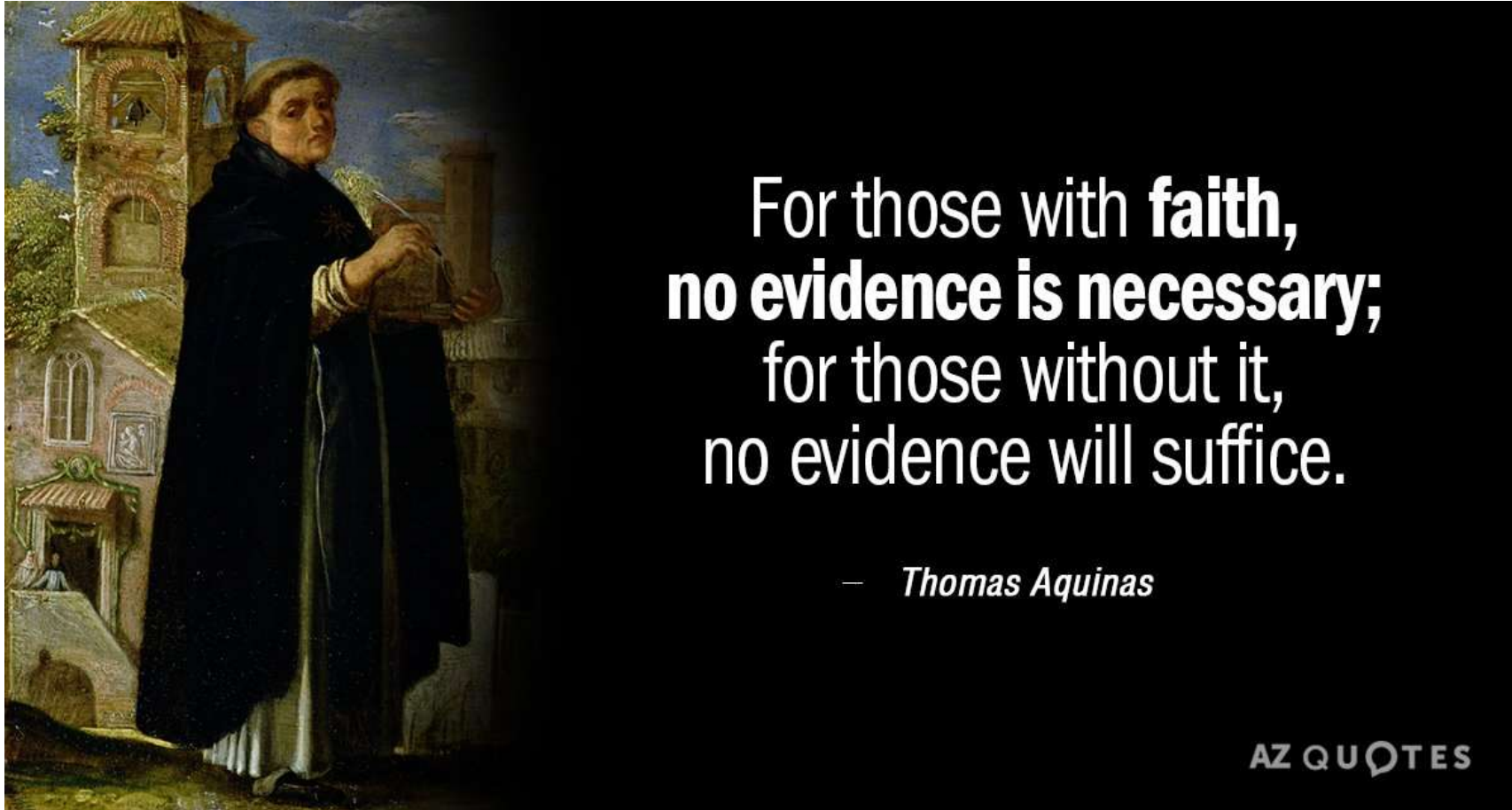
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JEREMIAH 9:23-24

- 23 Thus says the LORD:
- “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;
24 But let him who glories glory in this,
That he understands and knows Me,
That I *am* the LORD, exercising
lovingkindness, [a]judgment, and
righteousness in the earth.
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.



Thomas Aquinas' quotes



Introduction

Matthew 2:1-12

- They were wisemen from the east

-They had a mixed influence-

They started with a **revelation**

Reached the area and went to the wrong place

Got redirected and connected to the divine guidance

Found what they came for and were filled with joy

Allowed to be guided by God of revelation

Points to ponder

- They did not visit with the shepherds.
- They visited a house and not a manger
- They were convinced this was the baby and presented what they brought to a humble and simple home.
- They became sensitive to God's guidance in their lives and avoided meeting Herod and went on their way.
- They are remembered today for their act of adoration .
- They Valued the king of the Jews more than themselves and their gifts.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Who are these people?
- What is the science behind it?
- What made them search for it?
- Was it worth?
- Did they make any mistakes?
- Could they have done anything better?
- What was the outcome at the end?

Who are these people?

- They were men from the east who followed stars and the meaning behind it.
- They applied their wisdom and got a revelation.
- They set out in search of their revelation.
- They overcame skepticism and left with conviction.
- They did not have all the details but had a definite inspiration.
- They left as a team.
- They left to worship a king who was outside their culture.

PURPOSE IN LIFE

- It is a choice.
- We can live for a purpose or may miss the purpose.
- The purpose fulfilled gives the joy.
- People live to satisfy their flesh and fail to be satisfied within.
- The life in the flesh is troubled by anxiety, envy, frustration and emptiness.
- Purpose according to God's plan gives the satisfaction to the soul
- It is not necessarily a fulltime project but a **fulltime connection**

Purpose vs Passion

- People succeed when they are passionate about their purpose
- People are frustrated when their purpose lacks passion
- People are empty when they make their passions their purpose
- People are fruitful when their purpose is filled with passion

DO WE have a Purpose?

Are we passionate about it

WISDOM IN ACTION

- Revelation comes from God wisdom acknowledges it

Wisdom is from God and any science which leaves God out of it is going to miss God's plan for the world

- Revelation is not for understanding alone but also for action

We need to act when we are called and sitting on it is will make us miss the mark

A late action is useless and at times dangerous

- Revelation to a group is verified better

Choice

- Chose to act
 - It was a long journey and they were not sure of the timeline.
 - They chose to set off on an unknown journey.

Wisemen are not afraid to try and are willing to take risks.

- Choice of perseverance

They would not return without worshiping the king.

Choice

- Seeking a purpose
- Act on the revelation- step out of comfort zone
- Stick as a group
- Persevere in the purpose
- Refocus and redirection
- Generosity
- Transformation
- Sensitivity to divine guidance

Application today

- Are we seekers of God's ways?-
- Are we in need of a revelation?
- Have we got a group of likeminded people?
- Are we looking in the wrong places
- Are we willing to serve the Lord God where He is?
- Are we sensitive to God's guidance?