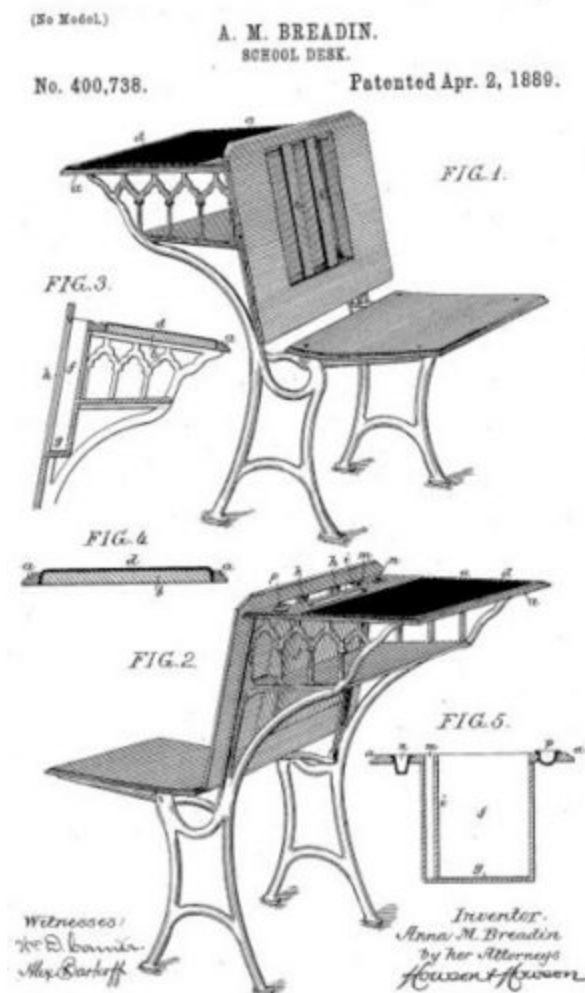


Romans 10:8b-13

By The Rev. Dr. Archer Summers
9:30 am Service on February 21, 2010

As I recollect, Alasdair MacIntyre ventured that English's "morality" was conjured by Enlightenment mavens. The word is based on Latin's word for *custom*, but English's usage references rules. One of the problems: too often we worship rules rather than God.

The focus for today is Paul's huzzah for the resurrection, in the course of which I referenced United's friendly skies, 1789 and the advent of museums, and the Vatican by way of West Virginia. Albeit I ventured hither and yon, the message was summed up with a school desk from my mother's years in a one-room school house. Note that the school desk's seat requires another desk, which presumes that learning (and a healthy spirituality) pivots on thinking out loud with others *and* with God about life as it unfolds.



Luke 4:1-13
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

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When Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ* appeared in Boston, I had to go through a security check to watch the film. The purported followers of Jesus decreed the film blasphemous and sought to protect God by lobbing yuck at the screen.

The devil makes an appearance in today's gospel. I talked about misdirected Christianity: one of the curiosities of Christianity is that we spend so much energy rooting out infidels that we are left little time for transforming the world. In passing, I mentioned Allen Funt's closure of Delaware. *Candid Camera* situated a highway patrol-like camera crew on the bridge between Delaware and New Jersey. "Delaware is closed today," was the script. One individual then wanted to hurry back to New Jersey lest it close, too.

The Good News is that Jesus Christ has opened and left the tomb and now invites us to venture into a promised land (a.k.a. new way of being). I closed with Henry Beard's (*Latin for All Occasions*) phraseology: *Obessa non cantavit*. Read: "Delaware" is still open as the fat lady ain't sung yet.

Bible Study

Liberals, conservatives and those in between are welcome! Please join us for either of two sessions: Monday at 7:30 pm or on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Both sessions are in the Library. For the upcoming week, we will discuss Genesis 16 and Matthew 12.