

Wednesday Thoughts



Tell the majority of people now that well-known tale from our bibles – see NRSV Jonah:1-2 - and it's more than likely their response would be *“you're having a laugh any idiot knows that no fish however big has a throat lined with baleen so it's not possible for the creature to swallow a whole man – they all live on plankton that are almost invisible to a human eye”*.

And, yes, we do know that. Nonetheless there would be sufficient room in the blue whale's mouth to house a human – possibly not though for 40 days - the animal

would have spat it out pretty quickly just as we do when we sense something unpleasant is in our mouth.

This story is however in the bible in a somewhat roundabout way to give its listeners a lesson – a lesson of understanding

Jonah had been given an important and quite demanding job to do by God but as he obviously hadn't listened or paid proper attention to God's request – he had failed to understand what was required of him and so went his own way and in the exact opposite direction taking what he felt was an easier course of action. He stupidly thought that God might not notice!

A lesson for us all?

We are faced with a difficult and demanding task that perhaps we fail to understand, but rather than knuckling down to it we scout around for an alternative.

Let's not be Jonah's and try to understand just what it is that God requires us to do for him

Blessings everyone.

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