

One Body, Politics and All
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Romans 12:1-8:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Commentary from Maggie Gough:

What a beautiful blending of our “one body” scripture and someone stepping out of a system of entrenchment. What came as a surprise to me was both the response from the President and that of the far left. It’s no wonder that we all feel so stretched - as demonstrated in last week's Lament. We’re being pulled apart in our very body - split right through our soul. How can we create a better world where we operate as one body?

In the News:

John Kasich, a ‘Deeply Worried’ Republican, Steps Up for Biden

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Former Gov. [John R. Kasich](#) of Ohio, [the last candidate standing](#) against Donald J. Trump for the Republican nomination four years ago, crossed the partisan divide on Monday night to speak at the [Democratic National Convention](#) and call on fellow Republicans to abandon the president in November.

In a move that would have once been unthinkable for a committed Republican who toiled for decades in the Ohio statehouse and Congress for conservative causes, Mr. Kasich declared that the country could not afford four more years of Mr. Trump in the White House because he was pitting Americans against each other.

“I’m a lifelong Republican, but that attachment holds second place to my responsibility to my country,” Mr. Kasich said in his speech, which was recorded at a literal country crossroads in Westerville, Ohio, to signify the choice he sees facing the nation. “That’s why I’ve chosen to appear at this convention. In normal times, something like this would probably never happen. But these are not normal times.”

Continue reading John Kasich, a ‘Deeply Worried’ Republican, Steps Up for Biden by Peter Baker for the New York Times

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