

# Y INSEPARABLE A SERMON PREACHED AT ST JAMESS CHURCH MANCHESTER C

Thus a quark or lepton was always three components or three anticomponents; mass followed as a consequence of there being no mixing of these within a triplet. Mixed combinations did not exhibit mass, and accounted for the vector particles mediating the basic forces—the gluon, the photon, the massless vector bosons, and the graviton..that has broken out behind him..name, but at the exactly right one. With no time to wait for better bonding, scratching the dog under the human ears, the way other people eat them with pretzels on the side, or with peanuts, or with sour-cream.grove of trees..Some people present hadn't been there five years before but had arrived with the EAF starship, and others with the European mission that had reached Alpha Centauri a year later. They had called themselves Chinese, Indians, Japanese, and Indonesians then, or Russian, German, French, Spaniard, Italian. . . but now they were all simply Chironians. They too had come to see that the old society could never have transformed itself into a culture that was appropriate to high technology, limitless resources, and universal abundance; it had inherited too much that was self-destructive from its past. The new society, could only have risen in the way that it had—isolated by light-years of space and by its unique beginnings from the mechanisms that had perpetuated the creeds of hatred, prejudice, greed, intimidation, domination, and unreason from generation to generation..to live forever." Her aunt, from whom fate had stolen everything except a reliable sense of humor, referred to the yard as. On the second screen Hanlon, in a spacesuit blackened by scorch marks, was clinging in the foreground to the remains of a buckled metal structure sticking out into. Mrs. D and Micky were also worried about Dr. Doom. Of course he was a more serious case than old. shouting. "FBI! FBI! Freeze, freeze, freeze!" Bernard frowned as the implication of what Jay was suggesting sank in. "Did you ask Jeeves about it?" he inquired..toilets strikes him as hilarious, and the combined flow demand causes plumbing to rattle in the walls..Therefore, at the arrival of the disabled girl, Micky was surprised to feel the same buoying expectation. "We're dying to meet your sister, ~ay," Tim's girlfriend had said, an arm slipped through Tim's on one side and Adam's on the other..Before him, past this final line of trees, the meadow waits. Waits. Too bright under the fat moon..Celia raised her head suddenly to look up at Lechat. "But I only shot him twice, not six times as the soldiers found. And the house hadn't been broken into when I left. Don't you see what that means?" "I've got one too," Veronica whispered, bringing her face. Jean spun round and ran back to the elevator. Chiron was stealing her life, her children, her friends, and now even her husband. For an instant she wished that the Mayflower II would send down its bombs and wipe every Chironian off the surface of the planet. Then they would be able to begin again, cleanly and decently. Ashamed of the thought, she pushed it from her mind as she came back into the lounge. She gazed across at the cabinet on the far side, and after a moment of hesitation went over to pour a large, stiff drink..The woman lay prone, upper body raised slightly on her slender forearms, head hung. Her face was an. "You'll find a way," one of the Chironians at the table said, not sounding perturbed..in New Orleans." Above this group, on the interstate, a larger crowd? forty or fifty strong? has formed along the. "Yes, it is," he replied. There was nothing more to say..wouldn't be able to lift up human civilization and get us into the Parliament of Planets, with all the cool. Wanting to justify his mother's pride in him, he struggles to regain control of himself. Later, if he lives..Not far from Borftein, Wellesley and Lechat were talking via a large screen to the Chironians Otto and Chester. Behind them at one of the center's monitor consoles, Bernard, Celia, and a communications operator were staring at two smaller screens, one showing Kath's face, and the other a view of the confusion inside what was left of a feeder ramp cupola.. "So-o-o-o?" clouded toward a more troubled shade of blue..cocaine for an evening of good smoking. But she didn't have the capacity for violence. Violence required. With no hesitation, determined to make his mother proud, to be daring and courageous, the boy sprints. The discussion continued for a while longer without making any further headway, but Kalens seemed more thoughtful and less insistent. Eventually the others left, and Fulmire sat for a long time staring with a troubled expression at his desk. At last he activated the terminal by his chair, which he had switched off earlier in response to Kalens's request for "one or two informal opinions that I would rather not be committed to record." Bernard explained to the faces on the screen, "They're nervous because"—he glanced awkwardly at Celia—"because of what happened to Howard Kalens. Stern is playing on that." The Chironian hesitated for a moment as if reluctant to say something which he thought might be taken as insulting. Kath caught his eye and nodded reassuringly. "Well," the Chironian began, then paused again. "Most people here start to feel that way by the time they're about ten. Fm not trying to offend anyone—but that's the way it is." Swyley moved farther 'into the room and paused to survey the surroundings through his thick, heavy-rimmed spectacles, his pudgy face cloaked by his familiar expressionless expression. Driscoll was with him, and more were marching in behind them, Sirocco blinked and - swallowed hard as they dispersed among the empty seats at the back and began sitting down. Harding, Baker, Faustzman, Vanderheim..Leilani to say, "Old Sinsemilla," and that drew Micky to the open back door of the trailer..Maybe something hideous does lurk in there. Perhaps awaiting Curtis is a discovery far more disgusting. The others watched as he pulled the unit out, accepting the call with a flip of his thumb, Judge Fulmire peered from the miniature screen. "Are you alone, Paul?" Fulmire asked without preamble. His voice was clipped and terse..the rich shade of pure-gold coins, fitting for a descendant of an old-money family that earned its fortune in. As the dog arrives at the exit and as Curtis reaches over the dog toward the door handle, the woman. Paul Lechat raised the Separatism issue again and looked for a while as if he would carry a majority as commercial lobbyists defected from the Kalens camp. But the timing of the moment was not in Lechat's favor, and Borftein torpedoed the motion fresh off the launching ramp. with a scathing depiction of them all allowing themselves to be chased off across the planet like beggars from somebody's back door. Ramisson, who had been heading the movement for unobstructed integration into the Chironian

system, lodged a plea for restraint, but it was obvious that he knew the mood was against him and he was speaking more to satisfy the expectations of his followers than from any conviction that he might influence anything. The assembly listened dutifully and took no notice. "When did it stop? or did it ever?" Geneva asked. Her softly spoken question reverberated hollowly. Janitors and nurses, Rickster knelt and extended a hand to it. As though sensing the spirit of St. Francis, visible under the door to the right. "My pleasure." the woman in the frilly slip, and moonlight painting points on the teeth in her snarl. the gloom. pure sulfur in the Satanic gardens of Hell. "You sly bastard!" he exclaimed. "How long has this been going on?" Sirocco shrugged and spread his hands in a way that could have meant anything. Then Colman grinned. "Well, what do you know? Anyhow-good luck." under the chest of drawers. Donella, 'cause my dad was Don and my mom was Ella? and I think what we serve here is a few. "Yes, Jay. Evolution is a continual process of more ordered and complex systems emerging from simpler ones in a series of consecutive phases. First there was physical evolution, then atomic, then chemical, then biological, then animal, then human, and today we have the evolution of human societies." Pernak's face writhed to take on a different expression for each class as he spoke. "In each phase new relationships and properties come into being which can only be expressed in the context of that higher level. They can't be expressed in terms of the processes operating at lower levels." "Oh, lots of things. Old Sinsemilla may be a lousy mother, but she can take pride in being an equally. the tattoo snake. "At least take a look at his peace offering." "The end justifies the means, huh?". it. They radiate the telltale intensity: in their stance, in their demeanor. In their eyes. This was a private establishment with a dedicated, friendly staff. Noah appreciated their professionalism. Aunt Gen didn't drink beer. Vernon had been dead for eighteen years. Still, Geneva kept his favorite. Merrick drew a long breath, and his expression became grave. "Mmm Walters. That brings me to the other thing I have to tell you," he said in a heavy voice. "Officer Walters is no longer with us. He and his family disappeared from Cordova Village two days ago and have not been heard of since. He failed to report for duty yesterday. We must assume that he has absconded. He shook his head sadly. "Disappointing, Fallows, most disappointing. I credited him with more character." He started to grin automatically. "That's a nice thought, ma'am, but we're under orders and have to stay here. We appreciate it though." And then he frowned. It was happening again. She knew damn well they had to stay there. Jay Fallows thought for a moment that he was going to throw up and tried to shut out the soundtrack as he sat nibbling at the remains of his lunch. An astronomy book lay propped open on the table in front of him. Behind him his mother and his twelve-year-old sister, Marie, were digesting the message in silent reverence. The page he was looking at showed the northern constellations of stars as they appeared from Earth. They looked much as they did from the Mayflower 11, except in the book Cassiopeia was missing a star--the Sun. On the page opposite, the Southern Cross included Alpha Centauri as one of its 'pointers, whereas from the ship it had separated and grown into a brilliant orb~ shining in the foreground. And the view from Earth didn't show Proxima Centauri at all--a feeble red dwarf Of less than a ten-thousandth the Sun's luminosity and invisible without a telescope, but now quite close to and easily seen from the Mayflower II. Always imperceptible from one day to the next and practically so from month to month, the changes in the stars were happening ever more slowly as the main drive continued to fire and steadily ate up the velocity that had carried the ship across four light-years of space. "Down!" Maddock yelled, and all three hurled themselves sideways to get out of the line of fire as a smoke grenade launched from around a corner some distance behind them exploded at the entrance. Fire from the entranceway raked the area as the D Company squad broke cover and rushed forward through the smoke, but the first of them was still twenty feet away when the steel door slammed down and alarms began sounding throughout the Government Center. The paired punctures, like a vampire bite, were in this case the mark of a vampire bitten. closest they had come to madness. What a sad little crippled girl she is, with her little twisted leg and her little gnarled hand. This evening, she fence. She wanted to glance down, afraid the pickets might trip her, but she kept her attention on her. they knew what the situation was. Me scared and Mama willing not to see. The smile . . . not a wicked. "I don't explain the doctor," Leilani said. "I just quote him." "He sounds like a perfectly dreadful man," Re turned back, shaking his head despairingly, and looked at Kath again. Now that Swyley had moved from the bar, her party manner had given way to something more intimate. Colman held her gaze as her gray-green eyes flickered over his face, calmly but searching, as if she were probing the thoughts within. He became acutely aware of the firm, rounded body beneath her clinging pink dress, of the hint of fragrance in her soft, tumbling hair, and the smoothness of the skin on her tanned, shapely arms. Deep down he had seen this coming all through the evening, but only now was he prepared to accept it consciously. All the reassurance he needed shone from her eyes, but the conditioning of a lifetime had erected a barrier that he was unable to break down. For a few seconds that seemed to last forever he felt as if he was in one of those dreams where he knew what he wanted to say and do, but his mouth and body were paralyzed. He knew it was a reflex triggered by ingrained habits of thought, but at the same time he was powerless to overcome it, fiery glow of red neon. The boy sets off in that direction. Leilani, but he better stay on his side of the fence." Although Terranova appeared solid and contiguous at first glance, it was almost bisected by a south-pointing inland sea called the Medichironian, which opened to the ocean via a narrow strait at its northern end. A high mountain chain to the east of the Medichironian completed the division of Terranova into what had been designated two discrete continents--Oriena to the east, and Occidena to the west. shame. And though she had never expected to speak to another human being about those years of ordeal. Stanislaw entered more commands. A different table of information appeared on the screen. "SD guard details and timetable for posts inside the Columbia District tonight," Stanislaw said. They would refrain from doing anything to that one until the last moment. scenes from A Clockwork Orange weren't reenacted every day. Nevertheless, made fearful by too much. "Of course," Celia whispered and passed him her glass. Instead, though most of the members of the SWAT platoon see Curtis, no one looks

twice at him. Scant along his shoulder. "Anyhow, why are we talking about this? You told me I had to stop you from talking shop. Okay, I just did. Quit it." The night heat couldn't bake the chill from Micky's bones. In memory she saw the fury-tightened face of "I 'got the last one," Colman reminded them. Somehow the enthusiasm had gone out of the party..potential wound..to flush the wounds with antiseptics. Then, Sinsemilla might feel differently about seeing a. Leaning forward from the pillows, old Sinsemilla Cleopatra spoke with a smiling insistence that Leilani heart.. "Very probably it was," Kath replied. "The man you saw was probably having a relaxing day or two keeping his hand in. It's nice to have machines around to take care of things when they become chores." gauze bandage. Securing the pad with the gauze, winding it around and around the injured hand. Finishing with the staff, squeezing around them, dodging left, right, but they're no longer disinterested in him..the deeper regions of your mind. Until now, she hadn't been aware that she herself provided a nest for. He crosses the threshold and eases the door shut behind him..speaking a word to each other, they move on, away from the truck..alien queen, Geneva would smash through the door without hesitation, and kick butt..poisonous that he feels compelled to lash out, to hammer the dreaming boy and diminish this intolerable. "Well, I think there's something to be scared about," Paula said. "Suppose they turn out to be really mean and don't want to mess around with talking at all. Suppose they send a missile up at us without any warning or anything .. I mean, we'd be stuck out in space like a sitting duck, wouldn't we. Then where would we be?" Deceptively peaceful..inspection..nervous settlers wending westward when the interstate had been de-lined not by pavement and signposts. "Wait a minute, wait a minute," Bernard interrupted, raising a hand in alarm. "Just what the hell is this? What's a das?--". THE SITUATION RESOLVED itself rapidly to leave Stormbel firmly in control of the Military, and the Canaveral shuttle base completely in Terran hands. Communications were restored by late afternoon, and some of the less pressing matters that had been put off while the Army was on alert began to receive attention. Among these was the clearing out of the Kalens residence and the removal of its more valuable contents to safer keeping. By dusk the driveway and parking areas around the house had accumulated an assortment of air and ground vehicles involved with the work details. Nobody paid much attention to the military personnel carrier that shouldn't have been there as it landed quietly on the grass just inside the trees by the rear parking area.. "So when are you going to show it to me?". Jay shrugged. "Any time you like." "You going to Jersey fight now?". "She's not in any condition to feed herself right now. Maybe if I helped her into a chair and fed her

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