

Jeff's Jottings

A collection of commentary

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We all collect things. Coins, stones, bobble heads. I collect articles, because there are so many people out there able to say important things in ways I have not considered and could not speak.

So Jottings this week is three links to commentary on key issues facing church and society today. It's hardly the be-all and end-all to the discussions in these areas, but each made me think, and perhaps they will you too. And for that I am grateful.

The first article is Victoria Atkinson's piece reflects on the false choice we often give ourselves in the church between preserving and improving what we know and cherish, and blowing the whole thing up and doing something new. Too often, we think it can only be one or the other. This article offers a better perspective. Here's the link: <http://bit.ly/2x2ddBR>.

Time magazine (yes, still exists) has put Colin Kaepernick on its cover. He's the former San Francisco quarterback who first knelt during the national anthem; that action has exploded into a firestorm of debate over "privilege, pride, and patriotism" ...and, interestingly, on how one appropriately lives out one's Christian faith. That's why I found fascinating the Washington Post piece contrasting the faith of Kaepernick with a more well-known (but less successful on-the-field) quarterback, Tim Tebow. Here's that link: <http://wapo.st/2fwyvwh>.

And finally, this blog post from my friend John Vest. It's nearly a year old, written just after the presidential election. I read it again recently, and it startled and convicted me again, just as it did last November. See what you think: <http://bit.ly/2xPSikC>.

As always, I'd love to have you add to my collection of articles. Tell me what you've been reading that made you think, or brought you comfort or challenge, or just sounded right. We all benefit when we talk with each other, and not simply at or about each other.

Thanks for reading.