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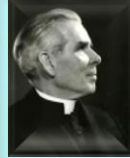
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Documentary of The Week:
Gifts from God

Gifts from God is a series of two excellent documentary films, one on the papacy titled Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy, and the other titled Confession: The Forgotten Sacrament. Both films feature expert priests and theologians presenting in-depth commentary on these two sublime spiritual gifts from God to humanity through the Church, revealing the powerful spiritual significance of the papacy and confession for Catholics.



Week Twenty-Four Selection
Bishop Venerable Fulton J. Sheen
**ON "EMERGENCE OF MORALS"
FROM "THE MORAL UNIVERSE" (PART II)**

Suppose, now, it be granted that God chose a moral universe, or one in which characters would emerge. What condition would have to be fulfilled in order to make morality possible? If God chose to make a moral universe, then He had to make man free; that is to endow him with the power to say "yes" or "no," and to be captain and master of his own fate and destiny. Morality implies responsibility and duty, but these



can exist only on condition of freedom. Stones have no morals, because they are not free. We do not praise iron because it becomes heated by fire, nor do we condemn ice because it is melted by heat. Praise and blame can be bestowed only on those who are masters of their own will...Take this quality away from man, and it is no more possible to be virtuous than it is for the blade of grass which we tread beneath our feet. Take freedom away from life and there would be no more reason to honor the fortitude of martyrs who offered their bodies as incense in testimony of their faith, than to honor the flames which kindle their faggots. Take away liberty and where would be the concern in how children will mold their lives and write their eternal destiny in the invisible ink of their free choice...

We have said that God chose to make a moral universe, and secondly, that He could make a moral universe only on condition that He made man free. This being so, we have an answer to the question, why does God permit evil? The possibility of evil is in some way bound up with the freedom of man. Since man was free to love, he was free to hate; since he was free to obey, he was free to rebel; since he was free enough to be praise for goodness, he was free enough to be blamed for badness. Virtue, in this present concrete order, is possible only in those spheres in which is it possible to be vicious; sacrifice is possible only in those levels in which it is possible to be selfish; redemption is possible only in those realms where it is possible to be enslaved. The world has no heroes except in those battles where every hero might have been a coward...

Take the danger and doubt away from life, and where would be the heroism and faith?