

## INDUL'GENCE

INDUL'GENCY, *noun* Free permission to the appetites, humor, desires, passions or will to act or operate; forbearance of restraint or control. How many children are ruined by indulgence!

### **Augustine in *On Christian Doctrine*:**

“to **enjoy** a thing is to rest with satisfaction in it **for its own sake**. To **use**, on the other hand, is to employ whatever means are at one's disposal to obtain what one desires, if it is a proper object of desire; for an unlawful use ought rather to be called an abuse”

“invisible things of God may be clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,” (Romans 1:20)

“by means of what is material and temporary we may lay hold upon that which is spiritual and eternal.”

### **John Owen:**

This, therefore, is to be fixed as an important principle in this part of the mystery of God, that **the principal foundation of the susception of this office of a comforter by the Holy Spirit is his own peculiar and ineffable love: for both the efficacy of our consolation and the life of our obedience do depend hereon**; for when we know that every acting of the Spirit of God

towards us, every gracious impression from him on our understandings, wills, or affections, are all of them **in pursuit of that infinite peculiar love whence it was that he took upon him the office of a comforter, they cannot but all of them influence our hearts with spiritual refreshment**. And when faith is defective in this matter, so that it doth not exercise itself in the consideration of this love of the Holy Ghost, we shall never arrive unto solid, abiding, strong consolation...**He will walk both safely and fruitfully whose soul is kept under a sense of the love of the Holy Spirit herein**.

**Cupiditas:** craving that which is **temporal**

cu·pid·i·ty

noun

greed for money or possessions.

**Caritas:** craving that which is **eternal**.

**Caritas** is a Latin word meaning love and compassion or **charity**

**Charity** is “universal good will...”

...and theologically includes **love of God and love of neighbor**).

***Divine Meditation XV  
BY JOHN DONNE***

Wilt thou love God, as he thee? then digest,  
My soul, this wholesome meditation,  
How God the Spirit, by angels waited on  
In heaven, doth make his temple in thy breast.  
The Father having begot a Son most blessed,  
And still begetting, (for he ne'er begun)  
Hath deigned to choose thee by adoption,  
Coheir to' his glory, 'and Sabbath's endless rest;  
**And as a robbed man, which by search doth find  
His stol'n stuff sold, must lose or buy it again:  
The Son of glory came down, and was slain,  
Us whom he had made, and Satan stol'n, to unbind.  
'Twas much, that man was made like God before,  
But, that God should be made like man, much more.**

***1 John 4:8***  
(ESV)

*8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

***1 John 3:10***  
(ESV)

*10 By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.*

***1 John 4:16***  
(ESV)

*16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.*

***1 John 5:2***  
(ESV)

*2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.*

***Exodus 13:14***  
(ESV)

*14 And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.'*

***John 17***  
(ESV)

*The High Priestly Prayer*

*1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come;*

*glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,*

*2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give **eternal life** to all whom you have given him.*

*3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

*4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.*

**Webster 1828:**

GLO'RIFY, *verb transitive* [Latin gloria and facio, to make.]

1. To praise; to magnify and honor in worship; to ascribe honor to, in thought or words.

God is glorified, when such his excellency, above all things, is with due admiration acknowledged.

2. To make glorious; to exalt to glory, or to celestial happiness.

Whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**Romans 8:30**

*(ESV)*

*30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

**Acts 3:13**

*(ESV)*

*13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.*

*5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

*6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.*

**1 John 4:19**

*(ESV)*

*19 We love because he first loved us.*

**1 John 4:8**

*(ESV)*

*8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

*7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.*

**John 14:24**

(ESV)

24 *Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.*

**9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.**

And as a robbed man, which by search doth find  
His stol'n stuff sold, must lose or buy it again:  
The Son of glory came down, and was slain,  
Us whom he had made, and Satan stol'n, to unbind.  
’Twas much, that man was made like God before,  
But, that God should be made like man, much more.

**Man was made like God:**

**Genesis 1:27**

(ESV)

27

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

**God was made like man.**

The Nicene Creed:

Begotten not made.

Being of one substance with the Father  
By whom all things were made.

**Psalm 2:7**

(ESV)

7

*I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.*

**Hebrews 5:5**

(ESV)

*5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;*

**Acts 13:32-33**

(ESV)

*32 And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, 33 this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you.’” 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.*

*11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your*

*name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*

*12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

*13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.*

*14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

*15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

*17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

***John 4:24***

*(ESV)*

*24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”*

***1 John 5:6***

*(ESV)*

*Testimony Concerning the Son of God*

*6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by*

*the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.*

***Matthew 6:19-21***

*(ESV)*

*Lay Up Treasures in Heaven*

*19 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

*18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.*

**Augustine:**

“Nonetheless, there would be no ‘referring back’ if life were not transient. Only because our life has an end (which is already given with its beginning) does the search for our own being require us to refer back. **Death is the utmost removal from our source, that is, from the Creator. Life loses its being to death if life has moved away from the source of its being.** The

peril of man is ignoring this necessary ‘tending to be,’ and failing to refer back in reality; and thus falling prey to a kind of death that is the absolute and eternal estrangement from God (*alienatio a Deo*)” (*Love and St. Augustine*, p. 72).

“This hope is at the same time actualized in love and determines its order. This means that love is derivative-derived from hope” (*Love and St. Augustine*, p.42)

Augustine puts the source of happiness in Creation since the essence of happiness and “the remembrance” of happiness comes from the Creator.

**“The Fall of men originated in ‘pride’ which Augustine identifies as ‘the refusal to return to the Creator’”**  
(*Love and St. Augustine*, p. 50)

*20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.*

*22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

*24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

*25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me.*

*26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”*

**Augustine:**

“...insofar as the future is anticipated in desire, **the ‘highest good’ is drawn into the present** and can dominate and regulate life in this world...

**Augustine:**

There is no rest when one loves that which is perishable (*cupiditas*).

**Isaiah 48:22**

(ESV)

22

“There is no peace,” says the Lord,  
“for the wicked.”

**Isaiah 37:33-35**

(ESV)

33 “Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come into this city or shoot an arrow there or come before it with a shield or cast up a siege mound against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and he shall not come into this city, declares the Lord. 35 For I will defend this city to save it, **for my own sake** and for the sake of my servant David.”

**Isaiah 43:22-44:8**

(ESV)

22

“Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;  
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

23

You have not brought me your sheep  
for burnt offerings,  
or honored me with your sacrifices.  
I have not burdened you with offerings,  
or wearied you with frankincense.

24

You have not bought me sweet cane  
with money,  
or satisfied me with the fat of your  
sacrifices.

But you have burdened me with your  
sins;

you have wearied me with your  
iniquities.

25

**“I, I am he  
who blots out your transgressions  
for my own sake,**

and I will not remember your sins.

26

Put me in remembrance; let us argue  
together;

set forth your case, that you may be  
proved right.

27

**Your first father sinned,**  
and your mediators transgressed  
against me.

28

Therefore I will profane the princes of  
the sanctuary,

and deliver Jacob to utter  
destruction  
and Israel to reviling.

Israel the Lord's Chosen

44

“But now hear, O Jacob my servant,  
Israel whom I have chosen!

2

**Thus says the Lord who made you,  
who formed you from the womb  
and will help you:**

*Fear not, O Jacob my servant,  
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.*

3

*For I will pour water on the thirsty  
land,  
and streams on the dry ground;  
I will pour my Spirit upon your  
offspring,  
and my blessing on your  
descendants.*

4

*They shall spring up among the grass  
like willows by flowing streams.*

5

*This one will say, 'I am the Lord's,'  
another will call on the name of  
Jacob,  
and another will write on his hand,  
'The Lord's,'  
and name himself by the name of  
Israel.'*

6

*Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
**"I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.***

7

*Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.  
Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.  
Let them declare what is to come,  
and what will happen.*

8

*Fear not, nor be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and  
declared it?*

*And you are my witnesses!  
Is there a God besides me?  
There is no Rock; I know not any."*

**Isaiah 48:11**  
(ESV)

11

**For my own sake, for my own sake, I  
do it,  
for how should my name be  
profaned?  
My glory I will not give to another.**

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