

Questions for January 29, 2012

1. Victor Lee Austin (*Up with Authority: Why We Need Authority to Flourish as Human Beings*) claims that authority is not a result of some problem in human nature. Rather, it is required by our finitude. What do you think he means by this observation?
2. Will there be authority in 'heaven'?
3. What are some reasons we have such a negative view of authority?
4. Why is it foolish to deny legitimate authority?
5. How does the poem *Invictus* (William Ernest Henley) capture the common rejection of authority?

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul....
It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul