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SECRETS

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him — but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God (1 Corinthians 2: 9, 10)

‘**Three may keep a secret**, if two of them are dead’ — so said Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), American statesman, scientist and philosopher. >>>

THE FOUR RIVERS OF EDEN

Genesis 2: 10-14, in describing the geography of Eden, states that from one river, four rivers flowed: >>>

In the Rear-View Mirror

‘English social experience since the death of Victoria is the only lengthy experience any country has ever had of really mature industrialization. . . . In so far as the industrializing process is to be described above all as a change in the scale of living . . . only in England does it seem to have been virtually complete by 1901. What has happened since then has been a matter of the levelling up of standards, the lengthening of life, the diminution of poverty, the universalization of education. . . . It is difficult for us now to realize what it meant in 1901 for England to have to recognize that after a century of leading the world in economic matters, when she was still undoubtedly the world’s greatest political and military power, still in many ways the world’s wealthiest power, a quarter of her population was living in poverty, in something like destitution.’

Peter Laslett, *The World We Have Lost: England Before the Industrial Age* (Charles Scribner’s Sons, New York, 1965), 204-205

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Items of interest from the World Wide Web

The Prime Minister’s tribute to U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy
<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page20442>

Fictional Sovereignties, by Professor Robert Skidelsky

‘Today’s upsurge of micro-nationalism is not just a consequence of the revolt against empires: it is also a revolt against globalization. There is widespread resistance to the idea that modern states’ chief function is to slot their peoples into a global market dominated by the imperatives of efficiency and cheapness and heedless of the damage it does to non-economic activities. This feeling is strengthened when the global economy turns out to be a global casino. National assertion is a way of combating impersonal forces and remote authorities.’

Full article at <http://www.skidelskyr.com/site/article/fictional-sovereignities/>

'Ideal' sitting posture?

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2009/08/26/2666473.htm>

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