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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011

11:00 AM

In Search of a Golden Calf

Exodus 32 is not the only place to look for a golden calf. In our day, the decision to forge a golden calf is a decision to deny God the rightful and central place in our lives and claim all decisions – and all the spoils of victory - for ourselves. We all forge and carry around golden calves of one sort or another. They may be forged from addiction, greed, or infirmity, and they never go away on their own, but continue to demand more and more of us. Between now and Sunday I invite you to reflect on your golden calf – that which you substitute for worship of God – and on its impact on our lives. Perhaps the following poem, *The Golden Calf's Appetite* by Yakov Azriel will be helpful:

“Bring me the golden necklaces and rings
Your brides are given when they marry; bring
Me all your ornaments, and everything
That glitters; bring me crowns of anointed kings.
Bring me your summers, winters, falls and springs;
Bring me your parents' music, echoing
Within your dreams, as all your children sing
Of sacred temples graced by angels' wings.

“And bring me your souls, as the sacrifice
Which you must offer on my altar's fire.”
Once, I had thought the Golden Calf was dead
And gone for good; but no – like stubborn lice
That will not go away, like shame, like desire,
He gores my mind, demanding to be fed.

Check out the blogs on this theme to help your preparation;
go to: <http://wecanrelate.wordpress.com/>

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