

Good Shepherd

The sheep trust the shepherd. They do not think to deeply. They do not choose as such.

But as a result of familiarity.

As a result of experience they follow and accept.

The Shepherds at the time and place of Jesus travelled huge distances to find grazing for the sheep.

They provide more than simply protection from predators.

They provide the security that make life possible for the naturally fretting animals.

We are naturally fretting animals.

Perhaps being compared to sheep is not the greatest compliment that humanity has had in its history.

However in our so called technological and sophisticated age not so much has changed.

We have people referred to as influencers on social media. Setting fashions which millions follow.

We have well-tanned and uniquely groomed political leaders ignoring truth, and directing millions

We have scientists setting agendas as a result of discovery and not intention

We have eating patterns as a consequence of advertising and not health

We have socially accepted norms based upon face book, and soap opera's

Do we choose?

How much choice is there?

For so many things

from how we look,

to how we fill our days

We just follow the crowd

We just act like sheep

Then when things go wrong we blame the shepherd

But who is more stupid

the sheep or the shepherd

Only those deluded by arrogant pride can believe themselves totally independent

We all to one extent or another follow the crowd

Follow the shepherd

Baa Baa Baa

Who then are you to place your trust in?

With what then are you to develop familiarity?

Develop familiarity

Such that your subconscious reactions are directed

Not by Facebook

Not by fashion

Not even by respectability

But by Christ

Recognise that in so many things you are no different from the crowd

Recognise that in so many things you are just one of the sheep

Baa Baa Baa

Then choose your shepherd carefully.

In those precious moments when you actually think.