

Timeline of JHN & Newman University

- 1801 – JHN born in London
- 1822 – 1826 Oxford University student, then tutor & vicar of University Church until 1843
- 1845 – Converts to Catholicism
- 1847 – Ordained Catholic Priest
- 1848 – Founded Birmingham Oratory
- 1852-58 – Founded Catholic University of Ireland
- 1879 – Named Cardinal by Pope Leo 13th
- 1890 – Dies in Birmingham
- 1893 – First Newman Club is established in the US at Univ. of Pennsylvania
- 1902 – Adorers of the Blood of Christ establish St. John's Academy (precursor of Newman U)
- 1923 – Fr. Hull speaks about Cardinal Newman at St. John's Academy
- 1945 – Fr. Lamm lectures at Sacred Heart Junior College
- 1973 – Sacred Heart College becomes Kansas Newman
- 1991 – Declared Venerable by Pope John Paul 2nd
- 1998 – Kansas Newman becomes Newman University
- 2010 – Declared Blessed by Pope Benedict 16th
- 2019 – Canonized by Pope Francis
- 2025 – Declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo 14th

JHN Quotes to Reflect On

GOD has created all things for good; all things for their greatest good; everything for its own good. What is the good of one is not the good of another; what makes one man happy would make another unhappy. God has determined, unless I interfere with His plan, that I should reach that which will be my greatest happiness. He looks on me individually, He calls me by my name, He knows what I can do, what I can best be, what is my greatest happiness, and He means to give it me (*Meditations on Christian Doctrine, Hope in God—Creator*).

Many persons are very sensitive of the difficulties of religion; I am as sensitive of them as anyone; but I have never been able to see a connection between apprehending those difficulties...and doubting the doctrines to which they are attached. **Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt** (CCC 157) ... a man may be annoyed that he cannot work out a mathematical problem, of which the answer is or not given to him, without doubting that it admits of an answer, or that a certain particular answer is the true one. Of all points of faith, the being of a God is, to my own apprehension, encompassed with most difficulty, and yet borne in upon our minds with most power (*APVS*).

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet;
I do not ask to see the distant scene;
one step enough for me.
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that
Thou shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead Thou me on (*Pillar of the Cloud*).

When the intellect has at once been properly trained and formed to have a *connected view or grasp of things*, it will display its powers with more or less effect ... in the case of most men [and women], it makes itself felt in the good sense, sobriety, reasonableness, candour, self-command, and steadiness of view (*Idea of a University*)

...From the nature of the human mind, *time is necessary for the full comprehension and perfection of great ideas*; and that the highest and most wonderful truths, though communicated to the world once for all by inspired teachers, could not be comprehended all at once by the recipients, but...have required only the longer time and deeper thought for their full elucidation (*On the Development of Christian Doctrine*).

Closing Prayer

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me—still He knows what He is about (*Meditations on Christian Doctrine, Hope in God—Creator*).