

# Wednesday digest

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- [Highlights](#) from the Occupy-related links all over Facebook
- A poem by Jeff Gundy: "[Natural theology from the Sherman bench](#)"

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