**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

**(How to be good disciples of Jesus today)**

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**YOU CAN NARRATE THE THINGS OF HEAVEN**

**When Heaven manifests or reveals itself, that the eye sees and the ear hears, the heart feels or tastes, it is never describable with human words. Earth images can be used, but they are always inadequate.**

**We are on two different worlds. At the moment of the manifestation or revelation heaven approaches the earth, takes the forms of the earth, the voices of the earth, but reality is beyond the earth. The reality is celestial.**

**St. Paul tells us that He was abducted to the third heaven and lives things that no human language might ever describe. It was not heaven that came to him. It was he who was abducted and transported to the world of God. There, things are different.**

**The whole Scripture describes heavenly things with human words, using images drawn from creation. Creation with all its beauty is the work of God. But God is infinitely, divinely and eternally beyond.**

**IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE OUR WILL TO CHRIST JESUS**

**Our will is given to Christ Jesus with obedience to his Law. The first gift is with obedience to the Commandments. If the Commandments are not observed, the initial gift is missing and nothing else can be given to Jesus.**

**The second gift of the will is accomplished when we begin to live in every word the Discourse of the Mountain. That Discourse of Jesus is his will on every one of his disciples. That Discourse is the home of the Christian.**

**Who leaves the Discourse gradually will also come out of the observance of the Commandments. In disobedience there is no gift of will to Lord Jesus. The will is given by living his Word and his Gospel.**

**The third gift of our will to Christ Jesus is in the fulfilment of every Word that He addresses directly to the heart, today. If his Word is not heard today, if it is not obeyed, there is no gift of will.**

**With Jesus everything is lived in obedience to his Word. Even the friendship is lived in obedience. You will be my friends if you do what I command you. He asks, the man works. He commands, the man obeys.**

**If Jesus wants us to remind his Word, his Gospel and we do not do it with perfect obedience, but living in the Commandments and in the Sermon on the Mount, there is no gift of our will.**

**Let no one delude himself of being able to fulfil the Word personally addressed to him by Jesus, if the first two obediences - Commandments and Discourse of the Mountain - are not lived. One starts with obedience to the Commandments.**

**THE CONTEMPLATION OF CHRIST JESUS**

**True contemplation is not that of the eyes, but that of the heart. Contemplating means dwelling in the temple of Christ Jesus, which is his heart, in order to perceive even his most unseen and hidden desires.**

**Contemplating is standing before Jesus Crucified and asking to become with Him, a single obedience of love, a single sacrifice of redemption and a single holocaust of salvation. One contemplates in order to become like Him.**

**Contemplating is placing ourselves before Jesus the Eucharist, who made himself our life and our drink of eternal life, asking that we too can become for him his life, his truth, his light, his love and obedience.**

**Contemplating is having before our eyes the Virgin Mary at the foot of the cross, in the moment she offers the Son to the Father and in the Son she offers herself for the redemption of the world. We also offer ourselves in her.**

**Contemplating is standing before the Holy Spirit and asking him for the wisdom of the heart so that everything may be seen from the heart of the Father, in the same way that Christ Jesus saw and did everything from the heart of the Father.**

**If we leave the heart of Christ, the heart of the Virgin Mary, the heart of the Holy Spirit and the heart of the Father, we will go to live in the heart of the world. We will think according to the world and act according to the world.**

**Contemplating is making of the Gospel, of the Word of Jesus, of his will, our home, without ever leaving it. Either one dwells in the Word of Jesus or in the word of man. Either we are in the house of truth or falsehood.**

**Today the word of the world is entering with power, arrogance and overconfidence, in the heart of the Christian, because the Christian has left the Word of Jesus and his Gospel. Everyone is called to return to the Gospel.**

**Who wants to remind the world of the Word of Jesus, cannot do it by living in the word of the world. First, he must return to the house of the Word and live in it. Only who lives in the Gospel can be a missionary of Jesus.**

**ACTING ACCORDING TO THE MANDATE RECEIVED**

**Who is called by Jesus, by the Virgin Mary, for a particular mission, must abide by the respect of the mandate given to him. If the Lord calls Jonah to go to Nineveh, he must go to Nineveh.**

**If Jesus calls to remind the Gospel to the heart, the Gospel must be reminded to the heart. The heart is reminded talking directly and personally to the heart. We do not speak to the heart by means of mediation.**

**Through ways of mediation we inform, but we do not speak. Jesus sends his disciples all over the world, so that they may speak to the heart of every single person. The heart to speak must stay before the heart.**

**Are not then social media needed? They are needed to inform, but not to convert. In the media all other "means of grace" necessary to seal the conversion are lacking.**

**It is always necessary to make this essential distinction between information and conversion. The Script informs. The written Gospel also informs. The Gospel converts when it becomes a voice.**

**The Gospel becomes a voice not when the Word is drawn from the Book, but from the heart. The Holy Spirit that is in the heart reads the Word that is in the Book, makes it the substance of the heart and as the substance of the heart transforms it into Word.**

**The gospel substance of the heart transformed into Word, planted by the Holy Spirit, in the heart that is in front of him, converts. Then the conversion must be sealed immediately either with the sacrament of baptism or penance.**

**Information must always be transformed into conversion. It happens through the living Word of the disciple of Jesus. Conversion must be transformed into sanctification and here the ministers of the Lord are needed.**

**Knowing is not being converted. Being converted is not sanctifying oneself. Being sanctified is not an achieved perfection. One converts himself to Christ, to his body and to his Church. One is sanctified in Christ, in his body and in his Church.**

**The minister of Christ is essence, substance, truth and grace with regard to conversion and sanctification. Without the minister there is no true conversion, there might never be true sanctification.**

**If every Christian can convert in the Holy Spirit, not every Christian can seal conversion and not every Christian can sanctify. Grace and truth are sacramental gifts to the heart that occur for the minister.**

**What then is the function of Mass-Media? That of informing about the truth of God, of Christ Jesus, of the Holy Spirit, of the Church and of the Gospel. Unfortunately they are often made means of confusion, rather than of truth.**

**Those who use these means which are neutral in themselves are men. The true man uses them according to truth. The bad man according to the wickedness of his heart. Everyone speaks from the abundance of the heart. Without true conversion, there will never be truth.**

**Today, disinformation is created by art. The world in its satanic cunning knows how to turn every word not perfectly true or balanced into a word of approval of evil and falsity.**

**They ask me a question. In good faith I answer that I cannot judge. What does the world do? It takes this word and cries that good and evil are the same thing. So evil can be done.**

**The world deliberately fails to say that judging and discerning are two totally different operations. Judging is evaluating the heart. This only belongs to God. Discerning good and evil belongs to everyone.**

**Everyone, being obliged to do good and to avoid evil, must operate a sound, upright and perfect discernment between what is good and what is bad, right and wrong, light and darkness, truth and falsehood.**

**Who is called to inform, let him inform according to truth. Who is called to convert let him convert with the power of the Holy Spirit. Who is called to sanctify let him sanctify with the gift of truth and grace in abundance.**

**But everyone must know that if he is called to convert and save - go, save, convert – he must always speak to the heart of the individual. There is no true conversion if the heart does not speak to the heart in the Holy Spirit.**

**THE PURITY OF THE HEART**

**When is the heart pure? When God dwells in it with all the power of his light, truth and grace. When it is the abode of the Holy Spirit. When Christ and the Virgin Mary made it their home.**

**For the heart to be dwelling of God, it must be free of all evil. Any transgression of the Commandments must be removed from it. Every vice must be eradicated. Vice and sin make it impure, not habitable by God.**

**Every imperfection makes it a dwelling not fully acceptable to the Lord. The more one works for perfect obedience in everything and the more the heart becomes pure. Never will purity be perfect. There is always something not holy.**

**If perfection is not achieved on earth, it must be achieved in purgatory. One enters Paradise without any shadow, any imperfection and any impurity. In Paradise one must enter as a light without shadows.**

**The Christian is called to reach the highest purity of the heart on earth. If the heart is pure, the whole body is pure. If the heart is impure, the whole body will be impure. Every impurity in the world is born from the impure heart.**

**WHO ARE THE ANGELS**

**Angels are creatures made of pure spirit by God. They lack the body of flesh. Their nature is light and spirit. This is why they are invisible. They are ministers of the Lord, ready to carry out his every order or will.**

**We know that Lucifer, who was the most resplendent Angel of Paradise, was exalted by his light, became proud and declared himself God like God. From light he was transformed into darkness. He managed to drag a third of Angels with him.**

**These rebellious Angels are the demons. For envy they tempt man, so that he never reaches the possession of eternal joy and light. On the other hand, the Angels who have remained faithful to God want man's salvation.**

**Being familiar with the Angels, always invoking them, is not only good but also necessary. God has placed them next to us so that they preserve us from the snares of the Evil One and help us to walk on the path of life.**

**MAKING THE SIGN OF THE CROSS**

**Making the sign of the Cross, we manifest to ourselves and to the world that we want to work everything in the love of the Father and with his power, in the grace of Christ Jesus and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.**

**Making the sign of the cross, with the Words we remind the mystery of our God who is one in Nature and Triune in Persons: One God, Three Persons: Father and Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.**

**Making the sign of the cross we remind the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to be with Him only one mystery of redemption and salvation for the world, towards every man.**

**Making the sign of the cross, it is manifested to the world that one wants to experience all the mystery contained in it. Our life is from the mystery and in the mystery of the blessed Trinity. Our salvation is for Christ and in Christ.**

**IS TALKING WITH JESUS TALKING OF JESUS?**

**When Jesus speaks to a heart the same mystery that is accomplished in Christ Jesus is accomplished. As the Father speaks to Christ so that Christ speaks of his father to the whole world, so it happens when Christ speaks to a heart.**

**Jesus speaks, reveals himself, manifests himself to a heart, so that the heart speaks of Jesus to every other heart. When he revealed himself to Mary of Magdala, he immediately sent her to his disciples to announce the mystery of his resurrection.**

**Speaking with Jesus is always speaking of Jesus. This is why Jesus speaks. Speak to a heart from his truth, so that the heart speaks to hearts from the truth of Christ. Jesus manifests himself to give truth to his truth which is extinguished.**

**When the truth of Christ is extinguished - if the truth of Christ is extinguished, every other truth is extinguished - Jesus immediately intervenes, calls a person, speaks to his heart, gives him his truth and sends him to give his truth.**

**PRAYING WITH THE HOLY ROSARY**

**Praying with the Holy Rosary is praying with the Gospel in hand. It is praying with the life of Jesus and his Mother in the heart. As we meditate on their lives, we ask the Heavenly Father to make our lives conform to theirs.**

**Without this desire of conformity of our life to theirs, the Holy Rosary loses its true end. The world needs Christians conformed to Christ and to Mary. The Holy Rosary must never lose this purpose.**

**Not only must we pray with the Holy Rosary, we must also invite and teach every other disciple of Jesus how to pray with this prayer so dear to the Mother of God. With it the heart is renewed.**

**THE YOUNG ARE THE JEWELS OF JESUS**

**A jewel is not something to be preserved, but to be worn so that the whole beauty of our body, our soul and our spirit is manifested to the world. The jewel gives the touch of beauty to beauty.**

**The young man is a jewel for Jesus because through him He wants to manifest to every man all the beauty of his heart, his soul, his spirit, his great love, truth, peace and holiness.**

**The young must always think of himself as the touch that gives true beauty to the true beauty of Jesus. Indeed, not only does he give it, for Him Jesus manifests himself in all his beauty. In this sense het is a necessary instrument for Jesus.**

**MEETING TO KNOW EACH OTHER**

**When you meet, it's nice to meet and get to know each other. If there is only one person in the Church that is not known, it is a holy thing to present oneself and make himself be known. This must be done with sobriety, discretion, love and prudence.**

**WHAT TO ASK THE LORD IN PRAYER**

**Since prayer is made by the personal heart, it can only be a manifestation of what is in it. Who wants to pray according to truth, must fill his heart with the Holy Spirit, so that He may the one to pray in us.**

**SHORT FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Every person is obliged to know what his vocation and mission are that the Lord has entrusted to him. The mission is always in obedience, never outside of it.**

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**Mother of God, Angels and Saints do not allow the mission to arise from our hearts, our desires and our will. Instead, ensure that it is and always remains very pure obedience to the will of Christ, to his desires and to his every Word.**