**FRAGMENTS OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY**

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

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**Because it is in stark contrast, in opposition and in substitution of the written Word. The written Word commands one thing, the imagined will of God says totally different things. It is as if we had a different God. The God of the prophets and the God of Jesus Christ are eliminated, abrogated.**

**It seems to be with a "new" God, however condemned to live in the structures of obedience of the "old" God. And today, this is the great conflict that reigns within the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church herself. The "new" God urges vehemently to enter.**

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**And in truth. In the past fifty years a lot of dismantling work has been done. The "new" God is more attractive. He has no law, no commandments, no constraints, not a supernatural to defend, nor does he have a secure doctrine to proclaim and a Word to proclaim.**

**With the "new" God, we move from the supernatural to the natural, from transcendence to immanence, from obedience to a Law outside of us, therefore objective, to the feeling that comes from us, from objectivity to subjectivity, from eternity to time and from God to men.**

**We pass from truth to will. What is true is no longer good. What man wants to be good is good. We also passes from tolerance to arrogance, from humility to pride, from announcement and freedom to the imposition by law of evil and death itself.**

**Since Christian love is obedience to the Word of God and of Christ Jesus, not existing Word any longer, neither there is love. We are in the death of true love. We enter the era of non-love set against the dignity of man. Any disorder, of any kind and quality, is worthy of man.**

**Jesus warns his disciples: Heaven and earth will pass away, my word will not pass away. It will remain stable forever. We can also change the "old" God with the new, but not for this we will become real and new men. We will die in sin and foolishness.**

**For Jesus there is only one way to love: obedience to all of his Word. As he loved by obeying every word of the Father, so his disciples will also love by obeying all of his Word. Whoever obeys loves. Whoever does not obey does not love. Christian love is obedience.**

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**When is Jesus the Lord our Shepherd? When we listen to his Word, we obey his every command, we follow his voice and we walk behind him, following his ways. He ahead and we behind. He precedes us and we follow him. He is the Master and we are his disciples.**

**If we get out of the fold of the Gospel, if we get lost on ways of perdition, He will come looking for us. This does not mean that you live without risk. We can fall into some ravine from which we will never come out again. But also we might meet herds of hungry wolves that devour us.**

**Whoever wants Jesus to be his Shepherd must always remain in the fold of his Word. He only knows this sheepfold, he doesn't know others like his. Together with the sheepfold of the Word one must remain in the enclosure of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. It is a life obligation.**

**Each Word of Scripture contains a truth on which faith must be founded. Without truth, the Word remains only one word. Furthermore, every Word of God or of Christ Jesus draws the fullness of its truth from the other Words of God or of Christ Jesus. A Word is not the Word of God.**

**But not even a single truth is the truth of God. The Lord is the Shepherd who guides with his Word, to which we owe obedience. He calls us in his voice that we have to listen to. He feeds us with his body and his blood which we must feed on. It is the truth to always remember.**

**But today Christ Jesus is no longer our Shepherd. He remains forever the Good Shepherd given to us by the Father. We are the ones who rejected him. When the gospel is rejected, the Word it is He who is rejected. When one does not obey the Word it is to Him that he does not obey.**

**It seems to be at the time of the prophet Hosea. Here is the rebuke made by the Lord to his people: «Call him Non-my-people, because you are not my people and I for you am not (Hos 1,9). God is not God for his people.**

**In those days everyone walked through his ways of idolatry and immorality, in full carelessness and disobedience to every Word of the covenant. If we do not obey Christ the Lord, might He ever be our Shepherd? He is the Good Shepherd, but not for us. We have denied him.**

**MOTHER AND SON**

**Mother and Son are one gift for the disciple of Christ Jesus. The Father donated us his Only Begotten Son. The Mother also donated us her Only Begotten Son, offering him to the Father, more than Abraham, for the redemption of humanity. Donating himself to us, Christ also gave us his Mother.**

**Why did he give us his Mother? So that she taught us to always know the true Christ, always distinguishing him from the false christs, she showed us how the true Christ must be loved, with every obedience to his Word, she always kept us in his holy fold which is the Gospel of grace and life.**

**Whoever separates himself from his Mother, from the Virgin Mary, is already separated from Christ the Lord. Love for Christ is love for his Mother. Love for his Mother is love for Christ Jesus. Whoever does not love Christ does not love his Mother. Whoever does not love the Mother does not love Christ. They are one love.**

**The more we grow in love of Christ, the more we grow in love for our Mother. The more we grow in love for our Mother and the more we grow in love for Christ. Instead, if we decrease in love for our Mother, it is a sign that we have decreased in love for Christ.**

**CONVERSION TO GOD’S THOUGHT**

**The thought of God is not the one imagined by us. The thought of God is Christ Jesus. The thought of Christ Jesus is his Word, his life, his death and his resurrection. The thought of Christ is also his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The thought of Christ are his sacraments.**

**Today the thought of Christ is in a profound crisis. We wish we had God without his thought which is Christ Jesus. We wish we had Christ Jesus without his thought which is his Gospel, his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, his Sacraments, his grace, his truth and his mystery.**

**There is no God without Christ. There is no Christ without the Gospel. There is no Gospel without the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. There is no Church without the sacraments, the grace, the truth and the mystery of Jesus the Lord.**

**IN THE LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**Another truth that is urgent to put in its place. The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Word and the Grace are one mystery of salvation and this mystery is inseparable. There is no Father without the Son. There is no Son without the Holy Spirit. There is no Holy Spirit without the Church.**

**There is no Church without the Gospel. There is no Gospel without grace. There is no grace without faith in Christ Jesus, in the Father and in the Holy Spirit. Never must we proceed in isolated truths. The mystery is one and must always be preserved in its unity. In its separation it is not the mystery.**

**When are we in the light of the Holy Spirit? When we are in the faith in Christ, in his Word, in his Gospel, in his Church, in his sacraments and in the fullness of his mystery. The Holy Spirit is the light of the mystery of Christ so that everything can be fulfilled in every one of his disciples.**

**TOWARDS ETERNAL SALVATION**

**How do we walk towards eternal salvation? Walking in Christ, with Christ and for Christ, in the love of the Father, in the Word of Jesus and in the light of the Holy Spirit, dwelling in the fold of Jesus the Lord which is his one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The mystery is one, only one.**

**One does not walk towards eternal salvation by walking only with the Father, or only with Christ, or only with the Holy Spirit, or only with the Gospel, or only with the Church, or only with grace, or only with the truth, or only with charity. All these realities are one mystery. You always walk in them.**

**When these realities are separated, confusion arises. Today a lot of confusion reigns because we want to take everything in isolation: we are without Christ, Christ without Gospel, Gospel without Church and Church without grace. When this happens it is the death of the mystery.**

**Today is the era of the shattering of the mystery. The goodwill of each individual believer is urged to enter into the fullness of the mystery, into the unity of each of its realities. If this does not happen, one does not walk towards eternal salvation. What is the risk? It is the one of remaining forever in darkness.**

**BRIEF FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**It is right for every disciple of Jesus to have a conscience founded in Holy Scripture, according to which Christian love is the purest obedience to every Law, Statute and Commandment given by the Lord to be observed. Nothing in Christian love comes from the heart of man. Instead, everything is from the heart of Christ Jesus and in the Holy Spirit. If this principle or truth fails, everything becomes love, all right, all law of life, all mercy, all compassion and all dignity. We also come to the point of legitimizing heinous crimes as a person's right to self-determination or as his dignity. Without the supernatural objective Law, every man can make his own subjective law. The thought of one is worth the thought of the other and everything is based on reasons of will. We can no longer appeal to nature, even this reduced to blind and indeterminate evolutionism. The reasons of will can justify any wrongdoing.**

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**May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Redemption, help us return to the holy source of true love, of love according to God which is the purest obedience to every Command given to us by the Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. May the Angels and Saints take us by the hand and lead us into the fullness of the Law to give it perfect fulfillment.**