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And that through this belief you may have life in his name

In the past, in the great immortal philosophy one used to teach that: "omne agens agit propter finem" and also: "agens non movet nisi ex intentione finis." In the past, in the catechism dating back to Saint Pius X, when asked "Why did God create us?", one used to answer: "God created us to know, love, serve Him in this life and then enjoy Him in the other one in Paradise." Creation is in view of a purpose to achieve. If one does not achieve his purpose, the entire life fails in the eternal perdition. Thus Jesus speaks about our purpose: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" (Mt 16, 26) But there is also another teaching of the great immortal philosophy: "qui vult finem vult media." If one does not want the means, neither does he want the purpose. If one wants the purpose, one must necessarily want the means. If one wants to live for Christ (purpose) he is to eat Him, to eat his flesh and drink his blood (means). If one does not want the means, he does not certainly want the purpose.

The Apostle John writes the "Fourth Gospel". What is the purpose of his accurate and precious work?

Showing every man the way to have life. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, will have the life in his name. Whoever does not believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, will not have life, for life is only in the name of Christ Jesus. He alone is life: I am the way, the truth, the life." Is Christ Jesus, truth of means and of purpose, an imagination of the Apostle John or does He have a firm foundation in history? If He were a fruit of his imagination, everything in the Gospel would be invented. Even the death by crucifixion and the glorious resurrection would be invented, though. All miracles and signs would

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be invented. Since the death is true, the resurrection is true, the eyewitnesses are true, also the truth he announces is most pure. Do you want to enter the way? Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Do you not believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Remain in your death. History attests that what the Evangelist says is tremendously true. Those who do not believe in Christ Jesus remain prisoners of their death. There is no life but in the name of Christ Jesus, the Nazorean.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Proclaiming Jesus by showing Him

God, our God, announces himself first of all in creating heaven and earth. With creation, He shows his truth. He shows his truth also entering the history man has led into death and creating life in it. Christ Jesus, the Only Begotten Son of the Father, his eternal Word, made by Him in the timeless today of eternity, enters history making himself flesh. He is life, truth, grace of history. He is the only way through whom the history of death advances to become history of life. Today the one who is to turn the history of death into history of life, the history of darkness into history of light, the history of war into history of peace, the history of vice into history of virtue, the history of disobedience into history of obedience is every disciple of Jesus. This transformation will happen if the disciple of Jesus becomes one only thing with Jesus, in the same way as Jesus is one only thing with the Father. Jesus and the Father are one only thing. The Father in Christ daily fulfils the transformation of the history of death in which man is immersed into history of life. When the Christian becomes one only thing with Christ, more and more - in the measure in which he

becomes so - the action of Christ will increase, and the history that is immersed in the dense darkness and in death will be turned into history of light and of eternal life. Here is why Jesus must always be announced, by showing Him. In what is Jesus to be showed? In his wondrous work of transformation of a life of sin into a life of grace, of a life immersed in the darkness into a life brought into light, of a life slave of vice into a life living the true freedom coming from virtues, of a life incapable of loving the Commandments into a life whose only joy comes from the obedience to every Word of Jesus.

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He shows Christ, also proclaiming him with the Word. Showing and proclaiming must be one only thing in the Christian, in the same way as in Christ showing the Father and living the Word of the Father are one only thing. This is why those who want to build up on earth a universal religion

having the unique God as unique God to worship, who should be the God who erase all the other gods from history, whether they are true or also false, are in a great mistake. Since the unique and only living and true God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and Christ Jesus is the way through which the Father will turn our history of death into history of life, we can even eliminate Christ Jesus from the religion - thus eliminating the Holy Spirit and the Father, too - but we should know that we condemn ourselves to remain into death forever. Indeed, there is no other name given to men whereby we can pass from death into life. This unique and only name is Jesus Christ, the Nazorean. The Christian is Christian not because he believes in Christ, but because he made Christ his life, his heart, his everything. Everyone can say to be Christian. Christian is the one in whose life Jesus the Lord shows his life and fulfils his works of salvation and of redemption. When the history of the Christian is not turned from history of death into history of life and from history of darkness it does not become history of life, it is sign that Christ does not live in him, as he is not life of Christ.



IF YOU LISTEN...

To be more closely conformed to her Son

The Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, raised by Jesus as true Mother of the disciple He loved, has lived the mission of salvation and of redemption in favour of her children and of the entire world at the highest of her gift to the Son and for the Son to his body that is the Church. Being her gift most perfect, most perfect is also the honour the Son grants Her. He raises Her as Queen of heaven and of earth. He makes Her true Mother of all the regenerated and reborn from water and Holy Spirit. He clothes Her with his same glory. Her throne is at the right hand of the Son. The Virgin Mary is associated, more than anyone else, more than Abraham himself, to the martyrdom of her Son as well. She is made by Christ Jesus the new Eve, the New Mother of the disciple and of the entire humanity. Whoever wants to return to life must accept Her as his true Mother. As Mary is true Mother of Christ Jesus, so also She shall be true Mother of every other disciple of Christ Jesus, true Mother of all his body. Becoming true children of Mary, one becomes true children

of God, since one becomes true body of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Virgin Mary is Teacher for the Church in the prayer. There is no prayer of the body, if the Virgin Mary lacks, in whose heart every desire and every will of all the disciples of Jesus must converge so that She presents the heart of everyone - hearts become one only heart with hers - to the Son, so that He resents it to the Father. Without the Virgin Mary, everyone will pray with his heart.

Thus the Revelation describes the glory of the Virgin Mary, raised as Queen by Christ the King: "Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rev 11, 19-12,1) Truly did the Son raise Her to an almost divine glory. The Virgin Mary is only lacking in divinity and

eternity. God The Lord has clothed the Virgin Mary with his divinity, with his eternal light. He might never clothe Her with eternity, since She will remain creature eternally. The most sublime creature, but always creature of the Father. Mary will confess eternally that She is only work of the Father. She will always proclaim her Magnificat: "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." This is the true humbleness of Mary: She will never fall into the sin of Satan. She will confess herself as only most pure work of God. The greatest work of God, but always work of God.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Jesus attests the creative truth of the Word of the Father, creating He every life as new. This new life has its culmination in his glorious ascension. He has risen Him and turned Him into a body of light, of spirit, incorruptible and immortal body, body of divine glory. Also the history of many other people that from history of darkness and of sickness is turned into history of light and of life attests the truth of Jesus. His Gospel is founded on the rock of the truth of his deeds. The deeds performed yesterday, alone, are not sufficient to found the truth of the Gospel today. It is needed that the Christian makes the Word of the Gospel creative of new life, turning he his life into life of Christ and showing himself to the world with his new life.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

We know that every instinct of sin creates separations, contrasts, disputes that can get to the physical elimination of the others. What is, today, in your opinion, the most lethal fruit of our instinct of sin?

Today the most lethal fruit of our instinct of sin is the separation of the Father from Christ and of Christ from the Christian. This separation involves the constitution of every single person as principle of truth. Having everyone his personal truth, no way is above other ways. Even Jesus's life is a way equal to other ways. Saying that Jesus is the only way, the only light, the only truth, the only life, is abolishing the principle put in being by the instinct of sin governing the heart and the mind of every man. It is declaring non-true the principle of equality among all the words and all the wills attributed to God, but that actually come from our own heart. The affirmation that all religions are equal is fruit of the instinct of sin. The revealed light and the defined light attest, on the contrary, that only Jesus is the Saviour and the Redeemer of every man. He alone is the salvation and the eternal life, the light and the peace of humanity. Affirming that without Christ one can reconstitute the unity of human genre is fruit of the instinct of sin. The unity of man with man is fulfilled only in the body of Christ. One excludes Christ from the mystery of unity and of communion, one is as dead leaves on the wings of a strong storm wind, storm that is of mistake and of lie.

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and each of missionary sent into world to create the mystery of Christ in every heart. This abyss ensure that the missionary does not know Christ and consequently in the heart of the world it creates itself with its falsities. May the Mother of Jesus come and bring the most pure heart into heart.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

The sins against the Word

All the salvific influence of the Blessed Virgin on men

We know that there are sins against the Word. But are there any sins also against the ministries of the Word? Could we know any of them? What is the purpose of these sins? What does one want to achieve with them?

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