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

Can the Apostle Peter guide the apostolic body and, through its means, the entire body of the Church since he betrayed his Teacher three times? Jesus comes and gives three truths to Peter that must always be life of his life. If he leaves one of these three truths, both the apostolic body and the body of the Church will fall into the great sufferance and someone or even many others might lose the way of the most pure faith with which one is always to adhere to Jesus the Lord. The first truth wants him to always throw the nets to catch men about the Word of Jesus, rather to always throw the net of the Word of Jesus. When he, even for one only moment or one only work, will not throw the net of the Word, his boat will become light again, for his nets will be empty, each of his work empty. The second truth wants him, Peter, to nourish his heart with a love toward his Teacher that overcomes every other love and the love of the entire apostolic body put together. No one must say to him: "I love Christ more than you." Everyone must confess: "His love for Christ Jesus is greater than

mine."

The third truth is the certitude that must always govern Peter's heart: "The Lord called me to follow Him until the death by crucifixion." This certitude must always accompany him in the hours of the great persecution, otherwise he might fall from faith and abandon the Lord, denying him and saying not to know him. Now Peter can take wheel of the boat of the Church to lead it in the heart of Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus is for Him the true and only safe harbour toward which leading the boat of the Church. This is why he will need to be always governed by the Holy Spirit. However, he must

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know that the love of the Church will grow in him in the measure in which the love for Christ the Lord will grow. Every drop in love for Christ becomes a drop in love for the Church. If the love for the Church falls in him, also the true love for man will fall, for the only love of Peter for men consists of the gift of Christ Jesus to every man. Peter will love giving Christ and teaching everyone how to give Christ. Mother of God, come to our rescue. Let every Christian give his brothers Christ Jesus.

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The sins against the Word

The father of every sin against the Word of the Lord is the non-faith in it. It was the sin of Eve and of Adam. It was this sin that took the death in man and every other disorder on our earth. Since man's life is only God, no longer being able, God, to give his life, man is in the death. However, he might help him with his grace to pursue the way toward the creation of the new nature that will only happen in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit. The sin of the non-faith in the Word of the Lord is always maker of every disorder both material and spiritual, both anthropological and sociological, psychological, economic and even ecological. Whoever does not want to be maker of disorder must necessarily, through the faith in Christ Jesus, let himself be immersed in the water of the baptism to come to new life and become new creature through the work of the Holy Spirit. Until one remains old nature, one is always maker of every disorder. But one becomes new creature only in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit with the mediation of the Church one lives in the gift of the Word and of the grace. The sin of non-faith in the Word is then consumed in history through multiple ways. In the Holy

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Scripture the Lord has always denounced these ways. The first way, that is very subtle and almost invisible, is that of adding or to take away from the Word. Then there is the way of the reduction of the Word of the Lord to a lie. This is the proper sin of the scribes and of those who are ministries of the Word. Jeremiah has words of fire against all those who reduce the most Holy Word of the Lord to a lie.

Another sin consists of substituting the Word of God with a worship. The prophets always denounce and raise their voice against his sin. Today this sin is committed when one abolishes the Commandments and provides some service to man. The worship can be substituted, if one has to provide an urgent service to man. Never the Ten Commandments, though. They must always be observed. Today this sin is becoming true lifestyle. Everything can be transgressed and one transgresses

everything substituting each thing with a service to man. Another most serious sin against the Word is the gift of it with partiality. One gives half Word to one and gives another one to another, always seeing the face of the one to whom one gives the half Word. The Word is

to be given to everyone, always in the greatest purity of truth and of doctrine. The journey in the Word is then tiring, long, impervious. One is to overcome every obstacle set by flesh with the grace of God. To live the entire Word, one life is not enough. This is the reason why one needs all the grace of God and of those who are in charge of helping every man to walk from light to light, from truth to truth, from faith to faith. The first grace is that of filling oneself with a lot of patience, a lot of love, a lot of mercy to encourage and not to discourage, to reinforce the will and not to dishearten it. The leading from truth to truth of a soul is only science and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Many other are the sins against the Word. The most serious and the most dangerous is the offense. Because of the offences, today the disdain for the Church of God is conquering every heart. If the Church is despised, it is its mediation that is despised and without the mediation of the Church there is no true salvation. May the Lord keep us so that we never sin against the Word.



IF YOU LISTEN...

All the salvific influence of the Blessed Virgin on men

It is most pure faith: the only Redeemer, the only Saviour, the only Grace, the only Light, the only Truth, the only Mercy, the only eternal Life given by the Father to man is Jesus. Here is the first salvific influence of the Virgin Mary in the work of salvation. She consecrates all her soul, all her spirit, all her heart, all her will, all her body, her entire life to the Father, putting at the service of the Holy Spirit, not only to give flesh to the Son of God, but also to help the Son of God to grow in grace and in wisdom, needed to the Son to offer the Father his obedience until the death by crucifixion. If the Virgin Mary had not given the body to the Son, no redemption would have been fulfilled. The Father in the Holy Spirit gives the True God for the redemption of the world. Mary, by will of the Father and through the work of the Holy Spirit, gives the True Man. The true God makes himself True man in her womb. The Eternal person of the Word that is before God in the beginning and is God in the beginning is born of her. Redemption becomes possible.

Without the gift to God of the True man, no redemption would have been possible.

The Virgin Mary gives the Only Begotten Son the true flesh. She offers the Father her Son on the Golgotha in sacrifice, with all her heart of Mother, offering all herself in the Son for the redemption of the world. For this offer, She is raised to be the Mother of all the living in Christ Jesus. We can attest that the Mother of God is for Jesus true new Garden planted in Eden, in which the Father, through the work of the Holy Spirit, planted the new tree of life, tree that must always grow in this Garden to become more and more majestic in order to produce every fruit of eternal life for every man. In this Garden, that is the Virgin Mary, as true body of Christ, every member of the body of Christ must plant himself, with perfect will and adhesion, without ever letting himself be uprooted or planted somewhere else, so that, he too, in Christ bears much fruit of eternal life for each of his brother. Whoever does not let himself be planted in this

Garden, will never produce one only fruit of eternal life. From whom is not planted in this Garden, in Christ, one might never gather fruits of true salvation. May the Holy Spirit come and plant us every day in this most pure Garden that is the Mother of God, as true body of Jesus. The tree producing fruits is Christ the Lord. The Garden in which it is planted to produce fruits is Mary.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Jesus is the one who reveals the entire world the truth of the Lord's love, that is love of redemption, salvation, justification, sanctification, forgiveness in repentance and in conversion. It is love of reconciliation and of covenant. Love is gift of grace and truth, light and eternal life, so that we can walk from light to light, truth to truth, justice to justice, in order to achieve the highest conformation in soul, in spirit, in body with Christ Jesus. The world hates Jesus because He attests to it that his love is like a cloud of the morning, that seems to promise water, but then disappears as soon as the sun begins his journey. Today everything is said to be love. However it is a love denying redemption, salvation, justification, light, truth, life, grace.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

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?

Jesus is the Eternal Word made flesh for our salvation and redemption. In order not to accept his Word one denigrated and blackened his person. His relatives said that he was "out of his mind." Might the Word of an insane be true? It is word of man and certainly not of God. There is the subtler sin of the scribes and of the Pharisees. They accused him of blasphemy and of being possessed. Might a person who is possessed speak in the name of God? Never. It will speak in the name of devil. Since these accusations do not take people away from Him, as they were attracted by his miracles, here is the other infamous accusation: Jesus drives out the impure spirits in the name of Beelzebub, the prince of demons. One will well acknowledge that some souls will be taken away from following Christ Jesus before such infamous accusation. One always escapes from the devil. Every calumny, every lie, every dirt must be thrown on Christ the Lord in order to destroy his truth of bearer of the most pure truth of the Lord in the world. One even accused Christ Jesus of being a glutton and a drunkard. When they realized that no accusation stopped Christ Jessu, then they decided to kill Him.

Today what are the sins against the missionaries of

the Gospel? The same that were committed against Jesus. One throws every dirt on those who want to be faithful in the announcement of the Word. One throws it in scientific and sophisticated way, though. The first scientific sin is the accusation of fundamentalism. Announcing the Word as it is, always supported by the wisdom, the intelligence, the science of the Holy Spirit and in the fear of the Lord, is fundamentalism. Today one says that the Word is to be contextualized and one means only one thing as contextualization: offering it with great partiality, even not offering it at all. If this accusation is not enough, one adds another one: whoever announces the Word in its integrity of truth and of doctrine is accused to be a traditionalist, namely a person who is not open to the needs of the mind-set of this time. The Word was for yesterday, it is said.

Today we must let ourselves be governed by the modern anthropological and sociological sciences. If neither this accusation produces its effects, then one passes to an even more infamous accusation. One accuses the bearer of the Word in the world of a total lack of love toward man. This accusation is translated with a word that makes hearts and minds shiver: rigidity, rigor, closure to love, absence of sensibility toward man.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

The Father and I are one

Responsible of being Christian

She is a Mother to us in order of grace

I read that the Christian is responsible of the conversion of the world. How can one only man be entrusted with such a great burden? Is there one only Christian on earth capable to take or bear it?

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