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The Father and I are one

Our faith believes and confesses one only God Father, one only God Son, one only God Holy Spirit. The three divine Persons subsist in the unity of the unique and indivisible divine nature. If the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is not placed at the heart of our faith, we lack in the foundation of all the truth of the revelation. Who is Christ Jesus and why can He affirm: "The Father and I are one"? He can affirm it for He is of the same divine nature of the Father. But He can affirm it for He is the eternal Only Begotten Son of the Father, made by Him before all centuries. Every man, who has come, comes, will come on our earth until the day of Parusia, was created and is created through the means of Him and in view of Him. not only is he created, he must also let himself be redeemed and saved to be for Him in view of Him. Jesus was not created, but generated. He was not redeemed, for He is the Redeemer. He was made man, but not as all men. He was made man in the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary through the work of the Holy Spirit. It is his mystery.

blown away by a stormy wind. Not only nothing is remaining of this truth, but one even wants nothing to remain. Here is why with suave and merciful cunning, presenting all things as love for man - all is actually for disdain of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit - piece after piece, we are dismantling the castle of the divine revelation. In the last years, the dismantlement of the castle is getting an unprecedented acceleration. What one used to do in a century yesterday, one does it in a moment. This is not the only difference. Yesterday one raised the heralds of the Lord and contrasted the dismantlement of the divine revelation

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with great strength. Today it is as if the heralds of the Lord were all dormant. It urges the heralds to awake from the torpor and begin to fight the battle for the defence of the truth of their Teacher and Lord, of their Saviour and Redeemer, of their Mediator and Judge, of the Son of God who is one only thing with the Father. May our heavenly Mother descend from heaven and inspire courage to the heralds of his Son.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Responsible of being Christian

The Christian is responsible of being Christian. What does this responsibility consist of? It consists of the fact that he, through his word and his works, makes believable: our heavenly Father, who loves us with eternal love and wants our salvation; the only Begotten Son of the Father made flesh for our eternal redemption; the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and the perennial Creator of life in Christ, that is life of the Father, in us; the Mother of Christ he Lord given to us and received by us as our true Mother; the Gospel, that is the Word that every day, whether obeyed, lead us to live a life worthy our humanity; the Church, constituted by Christ Jesus, Light of the world and Salt of earth, instrument of his universal salvation and redemption. All this divine, supernatural, eternal world, that for the faith in Christ Jesus and in his Word is to turn itself into our life, is made not only vain, but also ridiculed by the world, if every day the Christian does not show it as fulfilled in him. No one might ever believe in what he does not see. In the Christian, one is to make visible, since it is to be turned into his life, the love of the Father, the grace of Christ Jesus, the truth of the Holy Spirit, the obedience of the Virgin

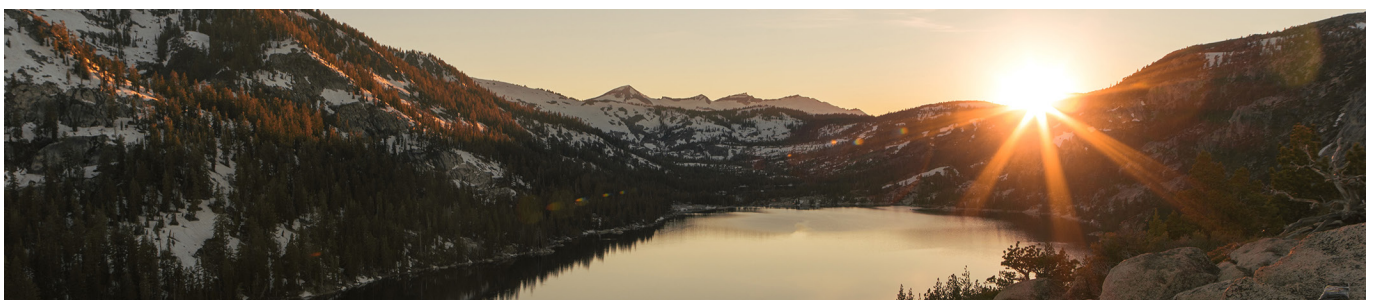
Mary to the Word of the Lord, all the power of the grace capable to make the life of every faithful in Christ Jesus Christiform, the beauty and the light of his being body of Christ.

This is the great responsibility of the Christian: he must believe with resolute faith, with deep convincement in the Holy Spirit that the light of Christ Jesus for him, through his words and his deeds, is to enlighten every man living on our earth. He was not constituted light of some man or light of a part of humanity. He was raised by Christ Jesus to light of the world and salt of earth. It means that if he does not make his light shine in the world and if he does not spread the salt of the wisdom of the truth of Christ Jesus, he is responsible both of the darkness surrounding the nations and of the foolishness and of the ignorance governing the hearts. Depriving the world of the true

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light and of the true salt is a very serious sin of omission. Because of this serious sin, tomorrow we will be called to judgement before our God the lord. To Him, must we give account of every sin one committed on earth because of the light and of the salt not given. However, no one

warns the disciples of Jesus of this personal responsibility. The world has thus conquered us to make us think that just speaking about Christ Jesus is an offence one causes to man, for speaking of Christ Jesus is saying that man must convert, abandon his foolish and ignorant behaviour, often also wicked and cruel, enter the most pure light of the Gospel. Whoever says these things is accused of discriminations, of making difference, of declaring that evil is not good and that evil might never be a good. Speaking of Christ Jesus is outlawing the sin, for today man is nourished with sin, sells sin and buys sin. It is declaring false this world which today we are all condemned to live in. This is the Christian martyrdom: remaining most pure light of Christ Jesus making it shine in this world of universal darkness, wanted darkness, sought darkness, legislated darkness, imposed darkness. If someone resists in the light, it must be suppressed with every law written for him with subtle cunning and with argumentation drawn from the heart of Satan. May the Mother of God obtain for us the strength of being and remaining light.



IF YOU LISTEN...

She is a Mother to us in order of grace

It was not Mary who made herself Mother of the disciple and neither the disciple made himself son of the Mother. On the contrary, it was Christ Jesus, by will of the Father, who, through the work of the Holy Spirit, made Mary Mother of the disciple; and always in the Holy Spirit the disciple was made son of Mary. Here is why Mary has not become. She was made Mother for us. However, not Mother by nature as it happened for Christ Jesus, but Mother in order of grace. What does Mother in order of grace mean? It means that the Lord, in his eternal plan of love, wanted all that is of Christ Jesus to be of each of his disciple too. Christ Jesus is Son of the Father. In Him all his disciples, by grace, become his true children. Jesus is true Son of Mary. In Him, by grace, all his disciples become true children of Mary. As they are true children of God, so they are true children of Mary, by grace. Jesus is filled with Holy Spirit. Each of his disciple in Him, by grace, becomes filled with Holy Spirit. With his Incarnation, Jesus is made Redeemer and Saviour of

each of his brother in Adam. In Him, also each of his disciple, by grace, by gift of the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit, is constituted Saviour and Redeemer of every man. Christ Jesus is the Overcomer of sin and of death. In Him, by grace, through the work of the Holy Spirit, each of his disciple is constituted overcomer of sin and of death.

But all this great mystery is fulfilled in Christ, is lived with Christ and for Christ. It is evident that if each of his disciple participates the life and the mission of Jesus and each of his relation, this participation is infinitively more of his Mother. Always, in order of grace, though. Becoming the disciple of Jesus true Son of Mary, by Mary, must be taken by hand and led until his immolation on the Golgotha. This command of God Father is worthy in eternity: "Mary, take your son, go to the mountain and offer him up as a holocaust for me." What She did with Christ Jesus, the Virgin Mary is to do it for every other of her child. This is the mission God entrusted to Her on the Golgotha: make each of

his child a sacrifice pleasing to his Father. This mission is universal. The one who does not let himself be led by Mary on the Golgotha does not fulfil his mission, does not achieve the perfection of Christ in his life. This mission is of the Mother of Jesus. Unique and universal mission. She is to always take each of his child on the Golgotha. Letting oneself be taken on the Golgotha is the true obedience every child owes to his Mother, Mother by grace.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Christian is responsible of the divine and eternal truth, of creation and of redemption, of man and of things, of time and of eternity, of the Church and of every other mystery revealed to us for our salvation. Science, philosophy, anthropology, even the own theology, if they are not immersed in truth revealed to us, might never be used for the greatest good of man. They will be used for evil and not for good. But also man himself, if it is not filled with the truth of Christ and with Christ his truth of creation and of redemption, wastes his existence in evil and not in good. If the Christian is not filled with the truth of Christ every existing reality, every thought and each thing man does, the world will use the reality surrounding him for evil and not for good.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

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?

The Christian is not only responsible of enlightening the world with the most powerful life he will always have to draw in Christ Jesus, through the means of his Holy Spirit. Not only is he responsible of spreading on earth the enjoyment of truth, of wisdom, of the charity governing his heart, immersed in the heart of Christ the Lord. He is also responsible of the conversion of the entire world. Enlightening the world with the light of Christ is not enough. Neither is it enough to give the entire world the enjoyment of belonging to Christ. The Christian must give everyone the Word of Christ with the announcement of the Gospel and ask everyone the conversion to Christ so that everyone makes profession of faith in Him, and, letting himself be baptised, becomes true body of Christ Jesus, his true Church, his true community, his true presence visible in history. The conversion is to be explicitly asked to every man. And the conversion is to be to Christ Jesus, the faith must be in Christ Jesus, faith and conversion must be according to what the Word of the Gospel commands.

However, today the one who denies this responsibility is precisely the Christian. Why precisely the Christian? Because the Christian is saying and teaching the

Christian that he must not go to every man with a Word of light, a Word of conversion, a Word of invitation in order that one believes in Christ Jesus and lets himself be baptised, to become one only body and one only soul with Christ, to be gathered to the community of the faithful, becoming Church of the Lord Jesus, visible presence of Him in the entire world. We - one is saying - must be in brotherhood, not in conversion, not in announcement, not in gift of the Word. If

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we did that we would present as distinct and separate people from others, we would show up as superior to the others, we would commit a serious sin, for we would offend them. Today this is the devilish trap in which we precipitated. Today, the one who lost the wisdom is precisely the Christian. With great artificial foolishness, he is justifying all his sins of omissions in order to the salvation

of the brothers, imposing the other Christians not to do what he did not, otherwise, if other Christians had to do it, his sin of omission would be unveiled and highlighted. However, the disciple of Jesus must not fall in this trap. He must always preach, announce, say, remember the Word of the Gospel, explicitly asking for the conversion and the faith in Christ Jesus to enter in possession of the eternal life.

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If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself

The seventh day is consecrated to the Lord

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Is it possible to do mission without doing the Church? Or considering oneself Church with no evangelizing mission, for the salvation in Christ, with Christ, for Christ?

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