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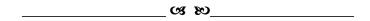
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ANNOUNCING THE THIRD FIAT OF GOD

Creation then Redemption now Sanctification

God is now calling souls back to the Original Order, Place and Purpose for which He created mankind—as it was in the Garden of Eden— in order to fulfill the Lord's Prayer to the Father, "Thy Will be done on earth as in Heaven."

"The Holy Spirit wants to give Christians a 'new and divine holiness' at the Dawn of the Third Millennium" - Pope John Paul II



Reviewing Some of the Basics for Life in the Divine Will

Most of the last several Letters of Gold have been based on rather sublime themes revealed in the "Book of Heaven" by Luisa Piccarreta. Since that last Letters of Gold, I have been able to carefully study the beginning Volumes of the "Book of Heaven" and have been amazed at the power of the instructions that Jesus gave Luisa for forming a solid foundation for Life in the Divine Will.

Without this solid foundation, I am afraid that the way we try to live the more sublime ways of the Divine Will will not have the effects desired by God, and we may be deceiving ourselves into believing that we are sailing constantly in the heights of the Divine Will, when, in fact, we may be stumbling and making may exits from It.

In my own words, here are some of the basics for a good foundation for Life in the Divine Will:

The Passport required for entering Beatitude requires the signatures of <u>resignation</u>, <u>humility and obedience</u>, but it is obedience that provides stability to resignation and humility. With these three signatures, beatitude can be achieved even here on earth; but without these signatures the soul will be prevented from entering the Kingdom of Heaven. The unfortunate soul will have made a god of her own self will.

Only with <u>obedience</u> can the soul achieve true peace. Without obedience apparent peace is false peace—the soul having come to an agreement with her passions but not with the virtues. Yet with other virtues, love of self can exist, but never with obedience.

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Because Luisa was subjected to such stringent obedience at times, she sometimes referred to "Obedience dressed as a terrible warrior." But Jesus told her that the name of this warrior is "Victory" because all victories come to the obedient soul.

One day Jesus told Luisa that obedience is the quintessence of love, adding that this virtue destroys self, allowing one to live again in God, tolerating nothing of human [disorder] in the soul.

Resignation changes that which causes displeasure to human nature from bitter to sweet. A soul who is resigned remains at rest and Our Lord can rest peacefully in that soul. But rest in God also requires <u>interior silence</u>, which is to put one's passions to silence as well as those desires, inclinations and affections that do not call upon God. To arrive at this silence the soul really must annihilate herself in the nothingness she was before God created her and then find herself once again in God.

<u>Humility</u> provides the soul with the key for opening the door of Heaven, which no one can enter without it. Therefore, it is expedient to take good care of that key. Humility causes God and all of Heaven to smile and all of Hell to weep.

<u>Knowledge of one's self</u> brings one to the strength of soul to always ignore both praise and blame from other creatures.

When the soul lacks esteem for others this is a sign that the soul lacks true humility and sweetness. A <u>spirit of humility and sweetness</u> respects everyone and disposes the soul to make a positive interpretation of the thoughts and actions of others.

Jesus likes to communicate Himself to <u>humble and simple souls</u>, and the reason for this is that these souls, even if poor and ignorant, trust in his graces and take them to heart. Those who followed Jesus at the time of the Redemption were ignorant and simple men, and because of their humility and simplicity they were willing to sacrifice themselves more for Jesus.

Jesus told Luisa that He does not give any concessions of graces if not through humility of spirit, nor does He receive any petition without the signature and fragrance of humility. And He urges souls to destroy the seeds of self esteem and desires for honor by striving to love being despised, humiliated and shamed.

One day in February, 1900, Luisa was out of her body, traveling with Jesus, who showed her what various people were doing and planning. As she witnessed these things she remarked, "Ah, yes, it really seems that this [20th] century of ours will be renowned for its pride."

Jesus told Luisa that the <u>most perfect and sublime humility</u> comes by stopping our reasoning and discussing "why" and "how" and by dissolving ourselves in our own nothingness. By doing this the soul will find herself dissolved in God, which brings the soul's relationship with God to the most intimate union and the most perfect love of Him. By giving up her own reasoning, the soul acquires the Divine Reasoning. A most wonderful fruit of this is that the soul abandons all thought of herself, is indifferent to whether she is exposed to cold or heat and whether the things that happen to her are good or bad—her language becomes all heavenly and divine. Such humility clothes her soul in garment of protection such that she remains in the most profound peace, which greatly pleases and endears her to Jesus.

All this leads the soul to no longer recognizing herself in herself but to recognize herself only in Jesus. No longer recognizing and remembering herself, the soul comes to recognize Jesus alone. Continuing to follow this way, the soul comes to the point of no longer thinking with her own mind but with that of Jesus, no longer looking with her eyes but with those of Jesus, and so on with speaking, working, walking, etc., and in the beating of one's heart. To accomplish all this the soul must return to her origin—God and conform herself entirely to Him.

Charity:

Love is not an attribute of God. It is the very nature of God. Those who truly love God will never perish.

Jesus told Luisa that perfect love should be threefold and these conditions of love exist in Him. The first of these are his love for us as Creator, Redeemer and Lover. The second pertains to his love of us in his omnipotence, which created us and all the things created for love of us. Included in this second condition of perfect love is his love for us as his image and his love for us in our uniqueness. The third aspect of his perfect love is his love for us from eternity and for all eternity. Then Jesus told Luisa that this externalized love was a mere breath compared to the love contained within Him.

On our part Jesus wants us to return this threefold love to Him, loving Him as God in whom we are obligated to center all of our being, with nothing going out from us that is not love for Him—loving Him for his own sake and loving Him for everyone and in everyone.

Jesus told Luisa that the virtue of Charity gives life and splendor to all other virtues and that without love, those other virtues are dead and do not attract his eyes or have power over his Heart. He told Luisa to let love inspire even the least of her works and to let them be done in Him, with Him and for Him.

Suffering and the Cross: Luisa stated once that she felt something like an infusion in her—like something arising within her very nature, which filled her with the conviction that the greatest disgrace for a soul is <u>not to suffer!</u>

Jesus told Luisa that Heaven contains various places more or less glorious and that the mansions in Heaven will be assigned according to the greater or lesser sufferings that souls have endured. And He exclaimed that if everyone knew the value of suffering, they would compete with one another to suffer more! He said that the world does not recognize this science and men abhor the very things that could enrich them for all eternity.

Jesus explained to Luisa that before his coming to earth that pain, confusion, disgrace, calumny, sorrows, poverty, etc., were deemed dishonors; but the moment He bore them, they were sanctified and divinized by contact with Him and transformed, making them pleasant and sweet. Jesus said that those who bear some of these crosses receive a great honor because they receive his livery—the livery of the Son of God.

Jesus went on to explain that only those who stop at the surface of the cross feel bitterness and disgust; but those who penetrate beyond the prickly surface find joy, and the cross comes to form their happiness.

Speaking to us through his beloved Luisa, Jesus said that the cross allows us to distinguish the reprobates from the predestined, explaining that on the Day of Judgment the good will rejoice upon seeing the Cross and that even now the cross reveals who will be saved or lost. Those who embrace the cross when it is presented and bear it with resignation and patience, kissing and blessing the hand that presents it, carry the sure sign of salvation; but on the contrary, those who become irritated and despise the cross that is presented to them, and even go so far as to offend Jesus, carry the sure sign of being on the way to Hell. When the reprobates see the Cross on Judgment Day, they will wail and curse.

Finally, for now, I add to the above something more of what Jesus told Luisa. He told her that the cross says everything, that it is a book that teaches plainly without deception how the saint is distinguished from the sinner, how the perfect are distinguished from the imperfect, the fervent from the lukewarm. He told Luisa that the cross communicates so much light to the soul that, even in the present, that it allows one not only to distinguish good from evil but also those who are to be more or less glorious in Heaven. Jesus went on to say that all the other virtues remain humble and reverent before the virtue of the cross.

It is good to know that so many souls, who love the Divine Will are now, more than ever, doing the Hours of the Passion. Especially notable is the way the Priests are doing these Hours and recommending this practice to the religious and laity. Remember to fuse your will with that of Jesus when you begin to do these holy Hours of the Passion.