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*The Recall of the Creature to the Order, the Place,
and the Purpose for which it was created by God*

"That which I say to you about my Will is but the development of our Decree, made from all Eternity in the Consistory of the Most Holy Trinity, that Our Will must have Its Kingdom upon the earth; and our decrees are infallible; no one can impede Us from effectuating them. As was the Decree of Creation and of Redemption; so, too, the Kingdom of Our Will upon the earth is our Decree." –

(Jesus to Luisa Piccarreta - Oct. 2, 1938)

Dispositions for Living in the Divine Will

Over the many years that I have studied and promoted the spirituality of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta, it has been my primary objective to instill a motivation in others to want with all their hearts to participate in this unprecedented Divine Initiative to establish the Reign of the Father's Kingdom in souls. The human problem began with our father Adam's mistake, when he introduced the reign of the human will, having freely chosen to reject the Reign of the Divine Will, which God had established in our first parents to be passed on to all generations.

Now, in my old age (62), it has been in my heart lately to explore more carefully those dispositions and attitudes, which Luisa allowed Our Lady and the Holy Spirit to cultivate in her soul. Then she could sail swiftly through the degrees of sanctity foreordained for her by the Blessed Trinity for the fulfilling of her most sublime mission. Those of us, who have had the great privilege of being introduced to the Reign of the Father's Will, will do well, if we haven't already, to be attentive in allowing Our Lady and the Holy Spirit to sow and cultivate in us the same types of dispositions and attitudes which aided Luisa so well.

Even though the Reign of the Divine Will in our souls is an unmerited Gift, God will not be satisfied to give this Gift, nor will we make proper use of this Gift without the appropriate dispositions and attitudes. It is easy to deceive ourselves in believing that we have arrived at some imagined spiritual level of participation in the Divine Nature, only because we have read some very exciting passages in Luisa's diary, "The Book of Heaven."

Here are some things associated with Luisa's spiritual dispositions and attitude which we may want to imitate under the influence of Grace, so that we might grow more rapidly in the Life of the Divine Will:

Childlike attitude and great confidence in Jesus. True devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. True contrition and compunction for our sins. Correspondence with Grace. Develop a real knowledge of ourselves. [Learn about the four basic human temperaments (*Sanguine, Choleric, Melancholy, Phlegmatic*) and which is our own predominant temperament; its strengths and weaknesses.] Attentively practice acts of humility. Become convinced of their own nothingness and powerlessness and God's great Allness. Promptness in Obedience. Self Denial. Die to oneself and live solely for God and in God. Mortification of desires. Interiorly ignore both praises and scorns. Strictly avoid judging the motives of others; avoid looking at what others are doing. [Those in authority, of course, have the duty of knowing what their subordinates are doing.] Genuine love of neighbor ordered to their love of Jesus. (cont'd next page)

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True religion consists in looking at one's neighbor in God and God in one's neighbor. Esteem others; for lack of esteeming others is a lack of true humility. Interior silence. Develop a regular prayer life. Think about the Passion of Jesus. Develop a love for the Eucharist. Abandon oneself to the Divine Will and abandon one's life over to Jesus for Him to live. Develop a habit and attitude of attentiveness to the action that Jesus wants to constantly do in us. Develop the interior victimhood of self-surrender. Detach our affections from creatures and attach our affection entirely upon God; that is, truly love God above all things at all times. Develop the virtues of constancy and perseverance in working only to please Jesus. Luisa developed a true love of suffering for Jesus' sake; even to undertaking voluntary suffering for God and neighbor. Allow Jesus to live the life of perennial peace within us. Work with purity of intention and simplicity. Avoid discouragement, which is the great killer of souls. Be always very grateful to God in all circumstances.

Excerpts from Luisa's Volumes pertaining Dispositions for Living in the Divine Will:

Volume 1: Jesus detaches her from the external world; He separates herself from herself. Creatures must disappear for the soul; she must look only at Jesus and act only with and for Jesus. The soul must first die completely to her own ego, mortifying her will constantly. The soul must be resigned in deepest humility. The soul must practice perfect conformity to the Divine Will and be absolutely detached from everything.

Volume 2: The soul, knowing herself, must interiorly ignore both praises and scorns from creatures. Purity of intention. The love of neighbor enters into My Heart, says Jesus, but it must be so connected to the love of Me that it must form one alone without My being able to discern one from the other. On the contrary, that other love of neighbor that is not transformed into love of Me, I do not even look at it as something that pertains to Me. One must not judge one's neighbor. Jesus told Luisa, "The best way to be fair with one's neighbor is to not look at all at what he does, for to look and to judge is all the same. Then, looking at one's neighbor, (one) ends up cheating his own soul; therefore, it happens that it is not proper for himself, nor for the neighbor, nor for God!" Responding to Grace attracts new gifts from God, not responding converts Graces into punishments. The soul realizing its defects need not be discouraged. Obedience is the quintessence of love, destroying self love.

Volume 3: The most perfect humility produces in the soul the most perfect union with God. The cross is the food of humility. The soul must recognize itself in Jesus, not in itself; living not only for God but in God. Confidence = stairway to the Divinity. Voluntary defects form spiritual clouds. Mortification must be the breath of the soul. Necessity of repose and interior silence. The passport to enter into the beatitude that the soul can possess on earth must be signed with three signatures: resignation, humility, and obedience. Calumnies, persecutions, and contradictions serve to justify man.

Volume 4: In order to enter into Heaven, the soul must be all transformed into Jesus. The beginning and end of our actions must be the love of God. Tribulations are necessary for the one who lives in the shadow of Jesus. Contradictions are precious pearls.

Volume 5: What makes the souls most beautiful, amiable, and dear to God is perseverance in working only to please Him. The more the soul divests itself of natural things, the more it acquires supernatural and divine things. The one who seeks to unite himself with Jesus grows in the life of Jesus and develops the graft with Him which He brought about in the Redemption, adding other branches to the tree of his Humanity.

Volume 6: The one who lets himself be ruled by the cross, destroys in his soul the three wicked kingdoms—the world, the devil, and the flesh; and builds there three good kingdoms—the spiritual, the divine, and

the eternal. Stability alone is that which makes known the progress of the divine life in a soul. The human will falsifies and profanes even the holiest works. For however much the cross knocks the soul down, that much more light does it acquire. True donation of self is to keep one's own will continually sacrificed, and this is a martyrdom of continuous attention that the soul gives to God. Prayer is music to the hearing of Jesus, especially from a soul united to his Will.

Volume 7: Uniting our works with Jesus' works; losing our will for God's Will. Total dependence upon God's Will. Divine Life consists in loving. Only actions done for God's glory acquire light and value; peace is light to the soul. Simplicity fills the soul with grace. What pleases the Lord most is who loves more, not who does more. Hidden works are worth more than a million exterior works. Trusting in God rather than self; detachment (material and spiritual). Voluntary suffering for God and neighbor surpasses all other suffering.

Volume 8: Abandonment; God and oneself. Obedience. The Cross. One's nothingness and the All, who is God. Distractions or troubles = soul not completely devoted to Jesus. Three Steps: Be transformed interiorly into Him; operate exteriorly with Him, and doing so for the benefit of all creatures and for God. Fruits of Cross and Grace = patience and resignation. Understanding Jesus in this life leads to greater beatitude in Heaven. True charity = love of the poor. Deprivation here = eternal wealth. Continuous act of doing good = always having grace. Closest union with Jesus and divine fruit of communion = recognizing only the Divine Being within. If soul values suffering, soul is in good state.

Volume 9: Of what is the sign of much talking?— If one speaks much it is a sign that he is interiorly empty; whereas one who is filled with God, finding more enjoyment in his interior, endeavors to avoid losing such enjoyment by hardly speaking. Thought of self displeases Jesus very much. Not to look at the past but only the present. Others seeing within you goodness, patience, charity, consistency in everything, they will in turn feel blessed by remaining close to you. To live in complete security there are two supports: The Will of God and the firm will and continuous intention of not offending Jesus. Usefulness of miseries and weaknesses. Do good and teach the Truth. It is necessary to pay attention to what one must do, not to chatting with others. Every virtue that the soul acquires is a Heaven that is formed. The three arms against disturbance: Pure intention, good and just work, and acting only for love of Jesus.

Volume 10: There are many bad effects of holy deeds done with human ends [necessity of purity of intention]. Whoever wishes to obtain from Jesus must be full of confidence in Him and forgetful of one's self and one's own miseries. The one who worries about difficulties and about himself grows weak and dies. To be able to perform great works for God and live the Divine Life it is necessary to destroy one's own self esteem, human respect, and one's own nature and to take into account only esteem for Our Lord and what concerns his honor and glory; and it is necessary to crush and pulverize what is human in us and to be able to live in God.

Volume 11: My daughter, sanctity is formed in little things; therefore the one who despises little things cannot be holy.

Volume 12: The more a soul despoils herself of herself the more Jesus vests her with Himself.

Note: Beginning with Volume 11 there is much less text about dispositions for the Gift of the Divine Will than in the lower volumes. This seems to be due to the fact that, beginning with Volume 11, Luisa's writings take a giant leap forward in concentrating upon the Mystery of the Divine Will and possessing and living in It, according to the Lord's Prayer that the Father's Will be done on earth as in Heaven.

A Profound Teaching of Our Lord about the Gift of the Divine Will

(from volume 14)

"My daughter, rise up, rise up more, more, so that you arrive at the Bosom of the Divinity. Your life will be amidst the Divine Persons. Behold, to make you achieve this I have formed my Life in you, and I have enclosed my Eternal Volition in whatever you do so that it flows in everything in a wonderful and surprising manner. My Will is acting in you in one continual and actual act. Because I have formed my Life in you, and my Will is acting in you and in your acts, then your will has been impregnated by Mine and transfused into Mine. Thus my Will has life on earth.

Now it is necessary for you to elevate yourself and take with you my Life, my Will, so that my Will on earth and my Will in Heaven can fuse together. There, in the Bosom of the Divinity, you will live for some time, and your will shall act with Mine to enlarge your will as much as is possible in a creature. Then you will descend anew to earth taking with you the Power and prodigies of my Will. Their presence in you will shake creatures, will open their eyes; and many will come to know the meaning of living in my Will. They will know that it means living in the likeness of their Creator.

This will be the beginning of the coming of my Reign upon the earth and of the ultimate fulfillment of my Will.

Do you believe it is a small thing to live in my Will ...? It has no equal, nor is there sanctity that approximates it. It is Real Life, not an illusion, not a figment of one's imagination. This Life of mine lives not only in the soul, but also in the body. Do you know how this Life of mine is formed? First my Eternal Will becomes the Will of the soul and then my palpitations, beating within its heart, conceive my Life. The soul's love, its sorrows, and all its acts done in my Will form my Humanity. These make Me grow so much within the soul that I cannot remain hidden, and the soul cannot help but feel my presence. Don't you feel Me alive within you?

That is why I have told you there is nothing even remotely resembling the sanctity of living in my Will. All other sanctities will be as small lights, but this new sanctity will be a great sun transfused into its Creator."

Commentary: It would be very good for those who have seriously committed themselves to the spiritual doctrine of the Divine Will reigning in souls to meditate on the profound meaning of Our Lord's words that nothing even remotely resembles the sanctity of living in the Divine Will. Some thoughts to ponder might include the terms: Real Life; or Eternal Will becomes the will of the soul; and the related concepts that God wants us to possess his own Holiness, to participate to the highest degrees in his Divine Nature (i.e., in the divine activity associated with his Divine Essence), doing with God what He does, participating with Him in his creative, conserving act; and with Him providing prime movement to all created movement. Oh! if souls only had an inkling of what the Reign of the Divine Will means!! —that blessed fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer!!

For those who have wavered in their commitment to the spiritual doctrine contained in Luisa Piccarreta's diary, the "Book of Heaven," which presents the Divine Call for creatures to return to the order, the place, and the purpose for which we were created, we suggest the reading of Chapter 8 of St. Luke's Gospel about the parable of the sower and the seed, some of which fell to wayside, and the birds of the air devoured it; some fell upon a rock and withered away; some fell among thorns, which eventually choked it; and some upon good ground, yielding fruit a hundredfold. Congratulations to those all around the world who have been good ground!

Many readers have written, asking us to publish Tom and Kathy Fahy's history in the promotion of the spirituality of Living in the Divine Will. Perhaps we will do that for the next issue of Letters of Gold. We look forward to seeing many of you at the "New and Divine Holiness" Conference at the Embassy Suites in Jacksonville, Florida (November 15 -18). Call 904-389-7313 for Information.