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## NEW WORLD GOD - Original Sin

### Editorial

The new god worshipped by the whole world today is Original Sin. It is the sin of both Lucifer and Adam and Eve. It consists in doing one's will in complete disregard of God's will. It was the first people's power in heaven and in paradise, an attempt of a few to impose their will on God. To insist in one's own will is always to impose it on God.

In the history of men vices had always been erroneously worshipped and personified in human form, like Bacchus was the personification of the vice of drunkenness. Virtues are also personified. But today man worships the source of all vices, original sin. This source of all vices had been worshipped during different eras in man's history but never was it worshipped since the French Revolution and more so today. Original sin was even given a feminine form in Lady Liberty and in philosophical form in democracy

(quite different from Suarez's Christian democracy). Its slogan is: I will do what I want and impose my wants on others in complete disregard to what God wants.

This false feminine goddess exists in our historical memory in the image of Aphrodite, then from France to different parts of the world under the term 'democracy' and is the predominant philosophies of US and Europe today. Its spirit is completely contrary to the true Christian religion and especially against the Catholic Church. But it had infected the Catholic Church, too.

Since this sin was the cause of the decline and fall of the angels and of Adam and Eve, of Rome and Greece, it is the primary cause of the decline of the whole world today. With original sin everything goes down.....as Pope Benedict

mentioned last Dec. 20,..... to hell. And in its decline it descends faster and faster as it approaches the bottom (St. Thomas declares.) It was Lucifer's sin. Lucifer used it to destroy Adam and Eve. And Lucifer is still using it to destroy the rest of mankind.

The whole spirituality of the Catholic Church is precisely to overcome original sin and its effects. And so the Church had to defend herself from every move of all governments influenced by this philosophy. Notice that the advice these governments give other nations whatever problems they have is to tolerate anarchy and let the disorder of a few rule the majority. This goes against their concept of 'the will of the majority' which they contradict by encouraging the 'will of a boisterous few'. Doesn't that look like the Reign of terror? Vendee will not be far behind because whatever comes from the author of original sin is meant for the destruction of the Catholic Church. Notice that those giving advices are heads of nations that are in deep trouble? That is an invitation to join them in their decline.

The god worshipped today is the Lady of physical liberty that wants to be like gods and caused the fall of the first angels and the human race.

## THEOLOGY OF THE HEART THEOLOGY OF REASON.

The theology of the heart; is represented by St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the theology of reason is represented by Abelard.

Theology is the search for a rational understanding, insofar as possible, of the mystery of Christian revelation, believed ; fides quaerens intellectum –Faith seeking understanding.

Now, whereas St. Bernard, typical representative of monastic theology, places the accent on the first part of the definition, that is, on fides, Abelard, who is a scholastic, stresses the second part, that is the intellectus-- on understanding through reason.

For Bernard, faith itself is gifted with a profound certainty based on the testimony of Scripture and on the teaching of the Church Fathers. Faith, moreover, is reinforced by the testimony of the saints and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the soul of each believer. In case of doubt, Faith must be protected by the ecclesial magisterium, wrote Pope Benedict XVI.

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St. Teresa of Avila

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## THE FIRST STATE OF THE CHURCH – in the course of time.

The Church has different states in the course of time. The first is called the age of the Father, of the regime prior to the Church. And it describes the world of creation.

Revelation teaches us that our first parents, before the Fall, were established in the divine friendship. However refined may have been their human morphology, their physical makeup, their cultural development, the gifts of grace shown forth in them and a wisdom from on high enlightened them about the things of God and the meaning of life.

This grace of innocence descended from the Trinity without any mediation of an incarnate divine person; without the mediation of any hierarchy. Grace and truth came directly from heaven into the souls of the first man without any intermediary and that which was true for Adam would have been true for his descendants as well.

The law of innocence desired that the spiritual life be communicated from God to the soul and from the soul to the body. The grace that made man a child of God was in

effect transfiguring. This is not to say that it bestowed upon Adam the conditions of a life of glory; rather it flowed over the inferior realities and strengthened the triple natural domination, otherwise fragile and relative of the soul over the body, to the point of excluding death and sickness. It was paradise indeed.

## SIMPLE FAITH –An ASSENT.

There is the simple faith of the typical laymen and the theologian's faith of the experts. The defect in both is often that both who hold the proposition of faith do not apprehend it. No. We must apprehend a proposition before we can hold that proposition. Real assent, the essence of faith, can only occur after an apprehending of the proposition.

John Cardinal Newman distinguishes four kinds of assents: the first he calls 'profession', where you assent to something which you do not fully understand. The second he calls credences, or assents gained by hearsay, opinions or half-thought conjectures. Then the third is presumptions, where we have confidence in some instinctive principles. And the fourth is speculations, the conscious acceptances of propositions explicitly held true.

## SERMON *in a sentence*

There are some who are never satisfied with what they have and always want more. This is lack of moderation, since desire should always be measured according to one's needs: "Give me neither beggary nor riches; give me but the necessities of life."

There are some who are worried from day to day about temporal matters as much as a year in advance. Those who are so concerned are never at rest.... Hence our Lord teaches us that our bread be give us *today*, i.e., whatever we need for the present.

Our natural life is as nothing compared to the life of grace.

The world tempts man by awakening in him an excessive and unbridled desire for earthly goods. For this reason, the Apostle says that "the desire of money is the root of all evils."

To increase our love, we are commanded to keep holy the Sabbath.... Man always tends

downward toward earthly things unless he takes means to raise himself above them. It is indeed necessary to have a certain time for this.

We should sacrifice our possessions by giving alms.

St. Thomas Aquinas

## THREE WAYS OF VIEWING CHRIST.

The first way: many who met Christ were able to see in him only one man among others. Astonished by His preaching, they ranked him among the enlightened or among the political revolutionaries. These saw only the externals.

The second way: these looked upon Christ with a more penetrating vision. They were able to discern exceptional qualities in him. They perceived in His teaching a surprising wisdom. In his holiness of life they sensed something truly unique.

The third way: there were those who looked upon Jesus with the eyes of supernatural faith. They believed in the mystery of the Word made flesh and the miracle of his life was made manifest to them.

