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PROMPTNESS IN REJECTING ERRORS

The firmness by which Faith makes a soul adhere to all the teachings of Christ as found in Divine Revelation, in the interpretation of the Fathers of the Church, in the pronouncements of the Magisterium of the Church and the instructions of the Holy Father.....this knowledge enables them to promptly reject errors without a second thought. This is the second characteristic of contemplative Faith. The world cloaks its maxims in deceiving language but heroic Faith quickly perceives errors that are even very small knowing full well that what is small can become the cause of a great deviation as all small angles begin small but become great as the sides are prolonged.

This is shown in the soul's confession. His confession is without

routine and meanderings, with a clear view of his sins and with perfect sincerity as is he was reading directly from the book of life written in heaven. Thinking of his sins causes him great sufferings. He suffers equally when seeing the sins of others. As St. Dominic used to say during his night prayers: "O My God, what will become of sinners?"

This promptness in correcting errors makes the soul desire with great zeal to propagate the Faith by teaching others to be contemplatives too, which removes all bitterness and harshness towards error. This evangelical zeal is chiefly manifested by fervent and continual prayer (contemplation) knowing well that this is the soul of the Apostolate or Evangelization.

ON THE ACT OF FAITH

It often happens that when a soul makes an act of faith, he, also, has a secondary or a third reason for doing the things he is doing. Someone may believe in God but also because such thoughts give him a peace of mind. And in the beginning this will happen: that a soul when making an act of faith will always have many other reasons aside from the fact that one just has to believe.

We must purify our faith and act out of pure faith. What is this? We must believe purely because God has revealed it. Every secondary reason must be taken away. After purifying one's reason one must ask God for the actual grace that will enable him to make the act of faith and overcome the temptation to reason against it.

Faith is believing that what God has revealed is for our benefit and infinitely wise and if by God's permission evil is allowed it is so that something holy may be attained. This superior good from all evils are at times dimly seen on earth.

Faith, therefore, is purified from all alloys and no longer dwells on secondary and tertiary motives

which sometimes make it humanly easier to accomplish. All sensible aspects of our devotions to Christ, the Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary must not accompany our Faith. This portion of Faith that remains unknown is what increases our faith. The Apostles during the passion, the Blessed Virgin Mary and John at Calvary—their suffering and inability to understand purified their Faith.

At the end of such trials, faith is considerably increased, tenfold and even more. To glimpse the splendor of supernatural mysteries, reason must have made its sacrifice; it must have renounced seeing by its own light and must have humbly received the divine light. King Louis XVI saw the beauty of God's kingdom at a moment of his trial and so it was more beautiful than his earthly kingdom.



If you should reign over the whole world, you would not be able to buy your soul; whence it follows, *Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

St. Thomas Aquinas

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St. Teresa of Avila

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MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.

The first step in evangelization is to make disciples of all nations. Well, that is in fact the end of all evangelizations; to make all nations Catholic. But let us discuss this gradually. We must, indeed, make all people disciples of God. But there are three persons in One God. So the first step is to make all nations the disciples of God the Father. How do we do that? By teaching them the commands of God the Father as written down in the Old Testament.

The commands of God the Father are for all men. They are all in the natural level; so they can be understood and obeyed by all men.

The Old Testament contains all the commands of God the Father. And they number in the hundreds as compared to the commandments of Christ in the New Testament. But they can be summarized into a few commands; like the 10 commands that God gave Moses. That is the summary of all the commands of God the Father as written down in the Old Testament.



THE FIRST STEP SUMMARIZED IN THE GOLDEN RULE.

In making disciples of all nations, the first step of evangelization, consists in teaching them the commands of God the Father as written down in the Old Testament. But these commands are too numerous.

While some commands are still obligatory, many of them are no longer obligatory in the New Testament.

We can summarize the Old Testament commands in a few words to include the still obligatory commands while excluding those that are passé. All the natural commands of God the Father can be summarized in the 'Golden Rule,' that states; 'Do unto others what you want others to do unto you.' Its negative form is; 'Do not do unto others what you do not want others to do unto you.'

If this golden rule is zealously observed a soul would be obeying all the commands of God the Father and become a disciple of the same God.....thus fulfilling the first step of evangelization.

EVERYTHING IS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF REVELATION

This third characteristic of contemplative Faith enables the soul to see in everything he sees whether it is in accordance or against the teachings of Divine Revelation. Everything can be seen in relation to the salvation of one's soul. The soul also sees itself in all its clarity, its qualities and its weaknesses. The soul also sees all the graces it has received from God and is grateful for them all.

The Lord says to St. Catherine of Sienna: That the intellect becomes more knowledgeable through sufferings caused by the world. And these sufferings enlightens the mind and the more the minds knows the more it can love. Thus the one feeds the other. The perfect soul thus attains to a penetrating faith, which enters the depths of the mystery of Christ, of the Son of God made man and crucified for our salvation. Likewise, says St. Catherine of Siena, the intimate friends of the Lord Jesus suffer at the sight of sinbut they are happy at the same time because no one can take away their charity, which constitutes their happiness and beatitude.

Perfect or contemplative faith leads the just man always to base his decisions not on human but on supernatural motives. This divine light often shines in the face of the soul that one day some robbers were prevented to hurt St. Dominic because of the radiance of his face.



THE GOLDEN RULE IS IMPRINTED IN THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN

When Scriptures wrote that God imprinted the law in the hearts of men.....it is the Golden rule. And this is imprinted in the minds of men.

This is a natural law that is why all men know this law. And nature is the best teacher of the Golden Rule. All nature obeys the Golden Rule. In fact it is the law of nature.

While the Golden rule is available to all men, its specific application can only be acquired through logical reasoning or common sense. So this is not available to those who do not use their heads.

