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## THE FAITHFUL GOD – Part I

1. Everything in Catholic History can only be understood if we see things in the backdrop of the great battle between good and evil within the soul of men; with God encouraging the good while the devil encouraging the evil. Man with his freedom is the factor who decides who will win. God, of course is unbeatable but having given man total freedom God had leveled the playing field.

2. The more man decides on God's favor, the more powerful he becomes in his fight against the devil until such a time when he is able to enter the fort of safety, the Catholic Church, where, unless he becomes extremely careless, he is very safe.

3. On the other hand, the more he decides in favor of the devil, he deteriorates. But God in His goodness

gave man an enormous advantage over the the wiles of the devil. He gave man faculties designed to know and love Him. He has given man Divine Revelation and Tradition; and also the protection of a fort, the Church, wherewith he becomes safe because of the graces, virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit given him. And these advantages accompany man all his life and all through his history.

4. God gave all these advantages gradually at certain times in the history of man. He gave the natural law before the Old Testament; He gave the Ten Commandments during the Old Testament and gave graces, the virtues, the Beatitudes and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

5. After the New Testament, when the Master of the House went away for a

journey, Satan entered the vineyard and corrupted the servants. Christ Himself, prophesied that He will certainly find many servants wicked.

6. Aside from the above helps, God gave mankind, after Pentecost, the guiding light of the office of the Holy Father and the saints He had raised to aid the Popes in leading mankind to the safe port of His kingdom.

7. All these helps had been present for mankind from the beginning of the world, now and up to the end of the world. God is faithful and these helps will always be there available and no effort on the part of the evil spirits can deny man of these helps. This is the safe way God had given man. The way is surrounded by countless dangers but as long as man stays within the way he is safe.

8. But the evil spirits, true to their intelligent nature had devised another parallel road, very similar to the True Way in all natural and physical aspects a perfect duplication. As St. John Chrysostom said, the devil waited for Christ to be born and then devised a false christ, he waited for the 12 apostles and devised 12 fake apostles, he waited for the Christian Church and devised a fake Christian community, he waited for the Pope and devised a fake

pope, he waited for the Dogmatic and Moral theology of the Catholic Church and devised his own Dogmatic and Moral theology. The difference is so slight that it takes a supernatural light of the Theological Virtues to detect it.

9. The devil's parallel road is an exact replica of the True Way ...but it leads to hell.

10. The beginning of Christianity was like daylight for a trip. The way was clear even without sign posts. As Prophesied in Scriptures, and right on schedule, the devil only had to darken the sky with clouds and suddenly the two parallel roads are indistinguishable. How did the devil do that? He understood the workings of human nature. He knew that man cannot think of two things at the same time, especially if one thought is in the worldly level and the other is in the supernatural level. Man cannot think of worldly things and Godly things at the same time. If he thinks of worldly things he cannot think of divine things. And as he thinks of worldly things he becomes more and more incapable of Divine thoughts.

11. So if I were the devil all I have to do is to fill the mind of man with the things of the world. In no time he cannot see the road that leads to God, the parallel

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road that leads to hell becomes very clear, it even clearly appears as a road that leads to heaven. And the 'Viator' will confidently drive straight to hell believing he is going to heaven. What greater tragedy can happen to a soul? But God is faithful. All the aids He had given mankind are still there and will always be there. Man just has to find these helps. In part II we shall see how the devil darkened the sky. Then we shall see how God acted to save mankind in part III.

## VERITATIS SPLENDOR

'Veritatis splendor' was an encyclical written around 1993. Uniquely, it was addressed to Bishops and not the usual universal Church. It was meant for Bishops to explain to their priest that priests in turn may explain it to the faithful.

The letter was the result of a study made by the international theological commission while making researches to advice Vatican II council wherein they examined the Moral theology being taught in seminaries and saw that it was defective: Defective in the sense that around the 10th century Nominalism

entered the course in seminaries and bogged down the spirituality of Catholic Church back into the Old Testament.

While the spirituality of the Catholic Church was very well on into the New Testament from the time of Christ up to the 10th century, suddenly there was a break from tradition. This has been felt up to the present day year 2011. Because of this defect the spirituality of the Catholic Church today is pure Old Testament if not pre-Old Testament.

## THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

The 'New Evangelization' is being hyped up but in recent Catechetical conventions it is obvious that nobody seems to have any idea what it is.

The word was first used by Cardinal Ratzinger when he was the head of the Doctrine of the Faith office. He had been part of the international theological commission and he seems to have learned of the findings on the defect in the teaching of Moral Theology in seminaries. He remembers the uncatholic behavior of the seminarians during the demonstrations at Tubingen that made him resign his teaching post there.

In that document, he wrote that there were two defects in the teaching of Catechism both to laymen and to seminarians. First was the content and secondly was the method. That was almost saying that everything was wrong in teaching Catholic Catechism. And in this document he gave a brief outline on how things should be. He simply re-introduced Catholic Truths as taught from the time of the apostles up to the 10th century. In fact, Cardinal Ratzinger said that this was not a new evangelization. It is the old, classical evangelization that had been tainted with the heresy of Nominalism and taught in the Church for the last 600 years.

## BEATITUDES and FAITH

The promises of happiness mentioned by Christ in the Beatitudes come first in God's Word and designs. They precede the Law and the commandments given to Moses and are evoked in the remainder of the Sermon on the Mount. This ordering has enormous consequences for life and for the moral issues of Divine Revelation. Salvation, freedom, justice, and

happiness come to us from our faith in the divine promises and our hope in mercy and grace, rather than from the merits we may acquire by our own strength in adhering to the observances of the ten commandments.

Faith will therefore come first in biblical and Christian morality and will become the source of good works. It is the foundation stone of Christian action. It is the fruit of the humility of the one who knows he has received everything and who joyously entrusts himself to God. This is in contrast to the secret pride of the one who thinks he can carry out his desires by his own strength.

*The soul should treat the body as its child, correcting without hurting it.*

*Though it is lawful to play games, to dance, to adorn oneself, to be present at proper plays, and to feast, yet to have an affection for such things is contrary to devotion and extremely hurtful and dangerous.*

St. Francis de Sales

