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Paradise recovered

OUR planet, called the earth, is the mother of mankind. The human body is made up of seventeen elements to be found in the earth. The spark of life which turns the body of man into a living soul, springs from the power of the spirit of life, which is the spirit of God. The human body, and the faculties of its organs, are masterpieces of science and wisdom. When each of the various parts of the body, and the brain in particular, are under the influence of God's spirit, man is after the likeness of his Maker. That is why the Scriptures tell us that God made man after his own likeness.

Man's condition is admirable when he follows out the process employed in his creation, that is to say, when he abides in the atmosphere that suits him, that of the Universal Law. That Universal Law indicates that each organ, each creature, each thing has to exist for the good of all the others, if it is not to promote its own misfortune. Although that perfect law was respected in the creation of all things, full and perfect liberty is left to every conscient being either to follow out that law or to pass over it. The Lawgiver, who is also the Creator of all things, keeps that law Himself to perfection.

In His great wisdom, God established that Universal Law to be kept not only by intelligent creatures who are able to think and to appreciate the science that stands forth from its observance, but also to be followed out automatically by the elements, plants and other inanimate things by an impulse of their very nature. When the various elements required for the purpose are present, there results an energy called the germ of life. For instance, in a dried up seed there is no life at all, and it can be preserved intact for thousands of years and even longer. In the ancient monuments of Egypt were found seeds of corn which, after more than three thousand years, germinated in the regular way as soon as they were set in the soil. Once the principles which produce vital energy all came together, a plant developed. It was as full of energy as that obtained from seed that had been harvested only the previous year.

It is the same for the reproduction of animals, and for the multiplication of mankind on earth. Were the latter to take place not only after the principles of the law that works automatically, but also on the basis of that law when it is spiritualised and respected on the mental plane, the result would be the creation of perfect beings. Children born of procreation of this kind would be glorious and powerful creatures, capable of living for ever. They would be good by nature, and

the Universal Law respected in their bodies would not be so, automatically only, by their organs, but would be followed out morally also by their thoughts, words, and actions, all this in perfect liberty. Those children would moreover be quite hostile to everything that is contrary to the Universal Law, as are all the organs of the human body. It is in breaking that law that his mind has accustomed certain of his organs to practices contrary to nature, in doing things opposed to the welfare of the body.

The Universal Law was given to man not as a spoken or written formula, but as something the fulfilling of which ought to be a natural desire. That law is formulated in *The Message to Humanity*, The book of Remembrance, and it is pointed out that at present, as far as his environment is concerned, man does not live in the atmosphere of that law, for the place where he lives has been quite deteriorated by his breaking the Universal Law. We have very often pointed out how man has destroyed harmony on earth by cutting down the tall vegetation, the giant trees, they have disappeared from certain regions, the result has been a rupture in the balance of moisture, which is deprived of its normal passage into the soil via that vegetation. As a result, the moisture condensed and so came what we call the flood. The flood destroyed what remained of the tall vegetation with land-slides, by erosion, and all manner of calamities of a similar kind, casting confusion in the Paradise of God. Thus through many centuries the earth was transformed into a vast glacier. It was in the parts nearest to the equator that it began to heal first.

Before the flood, there reigned in every part of the earth a climate that was favourable to man's prosperity. That delicious climate enabled man to live for a thousand years even after his having broken the Universal Law. Climatic conditions changed immediately after the flood, as the Scriptures inform us in the 8th. chapter of Genesis. And so it is, as we have shown, that man does not live in an atmosphere that suits him. Great heat waves often bring an increase in the death rate, as do also waves of cold. The earth in great part is therefore no longer that agreeable dwelling, that mother who takes care of man, her child, for her motherly bosom has been broken, grieved, violated, and her children have cruelly suffered for it.

That stupid theory which teaches each to live for himself selfishly, will soon have come to the end of its term, for God announces through his prophets that the

veil which covers all people and prevents their seeing the truth is now torn away by *The Message to Humanity*. It casts to the ground the faded crown of those who call right wrong, and wrong right. It shines forth the Universal Law amidst mankind, that all might be enlightened and might recognise the truth. Mankind have despised the earth, their mother, they have exploited her, destroyed her, having selfishly torn from her bosom all kinds of products for the purpose of converting them into cash. That money has burnt them, tormented them, excited them against each other. It often happens that a man has at great pains amassed a pile of money, and when he dies he is hardly in his grave when his sons are already quarrelling over the inheritance. Sometimes they hate each other to death for the sake of that infernal idol called mammon.

And so the earth, the mother of mankind, has become hard on her children; she has closed her breasts, being as a wretched woman no longer able to recognise her own children. She freezes up in winter under the effects of the cold, because she has been robbed of her coat, the tall vegetation. She is no longer capable of feeding her children. When winter comes, she goes to sleep in the sleep of death; a white pall preads over her and covers her completely. And then she is incapable even of feeding her own coat, that is the vegetation with which she is adorned. And so the latter also goes to sleep in the sleep of death, thus showing man how ill he has done in breaking the Universal Law. The consequences of the mad course he has followed draw cries of pain from man, and having shed many and abundant tears, he lies at last in his mother's arms, the cold grave, which is his last resting place. The dust of the earth which had been animated by the breath of God in the coming together of the seventeen elements which make up the human body, thus returns to dust; as the Scriptures declare, because man has broken the law of kindness and of what is seemly, which are attachment to his Maker. It is written in very fact: "Dust thou art, and to dust shalt thou return".

Man receives a new mother

As we know, it was Eve who gave birth to the human race, but she did not give them a good education. Yet, to her, the earth was a kind mother. It reflected the beauties and the glory of divine creation. It reflected the splendours of the sky with its wonderful colouring, going from azure blue in day time, to the dark blue which reigns at night, permitting the stars to twinkle and to demonstrate that in the universe there are worlds, and loving mothers who shall give life to glorious creatures. The earth, then, was Eve's mother, and God's glorious

God's patience is indeed our salvation

IN a charming wooded region not far from a rural town, there lived an aged couple. The husband enjoyed only a small roadman's pension, not sufficient to make ends meet in spite of their very modest requirements. After thinking things over they decided to apply to the Board of Guardians for a child to bring up. They thought the money allowed them for this would be some help. They were at once offered little Henry, who had been abandoned at the age of three weeks. They took him in joyfully.

The child grew up, sharing the heedless way of life of his foster parents who did the best they could for him.

When he was eight years old he found an old missal that someone had thrown away, in which he read the Lord's Passion. He was deeply stirred and wept long over the Sav-

our's sufferings. He made up his mind at once to attend church faithfully. His foster parents, who, whilst believing, were not church-goers, rejoiced at his being so well disposed. Henry's dream was to become a priest. On an ancient table he passed his time in constructing an altar and would play at being the village priest celebrating Mass.

When he came out of school he would go every evening to help blow up the blacksmith's forge. There it came to his ears that the people he was in the habit of calling father and mother were not really his parents... He was terribly grieved by this, profoundly disappointed and revolted. He ran home to ask mother the truth, and she broke it to him as gently as she could that he was indeed a foundling.

It was a great shock to the lad. It upset him so much that he became aggressive. He almost felt he hated the woman in spite of her having brought him up with affection. He

felt most keenly the fact that he had not got real parents like his school mates. He retired within himself and would scarcely talk to anybody, frequently wandering about in the graveyard. He was on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and his foster parents were in despair, not knowing what was to be done.

Taking pity on his condition, the villagers laid information with the authorities. An inspector visited Henry's foster parents and reported that he was living in a hovel recommending that he should be placed in an institution that had just been opened. This was a training centre for backward children. He claimed that there the child would find the atmosphere required for his cure. On hearing this decision the poor mother had such a shock that she never recovered from it.

This was where things really began to become painful for the child. The majority of the children in this institution were either backward or mentally deficient. Discipline

was very severely enforced. War came to increase the difficulty of obtaining a sufficient food supply. Those unfortunate children had to go to the river bank to wash their clothes themselves, and to walk over a mile to fetch water. They were frequently beaten and put on dry bread and water.

The atmosphere all this created deeply saddened Henry. He sought to escape from it by dreaming. He had built up a universe of his own to cut himself off from all this misfortune which was crushing him. He sought real consolation from God. He put all his energy into his school work, knowing that if he passed his exams he would be freed from this inferno. He therefore passed his exams with honours. Since it was still his intention to become a priest, he was placed with some monks to finish his studies. He learnt the art of oratory, and would practice adopting pious attitudes before a mirror. Having a bent for mysticism, he would impose penances

footstool. That mother watched over Eve, and sheltered her kindly under her wing, in a wonderful temperature, for at that time all things existed for blessing, nothing contrary took shape to be a nuisance or to give sorrow. There was only joy, happiness, and wonderful peace. But Eve was seized with a desire to know what could happen if she ceased to respect the divine law. This thought was indirectly contempt of the Lord, a lack of esteem for His affection. After that, Adam broke the divine law himself. This made Eve's transgression irrevocable, for together the twain made up a whole. The fact that Adam was not seduced, he was made directly responsible, for he ought to have been his wife's protector, her shepherd. He ought to have dissuaded her from doing such a thing, and to have guided her into the right road. The woeful result of their disobedience was not long in coming. For Eve it was just as the divine word had announced saying that Eve and her daughters would bear children in pain and would be subjected to their husbands.

As we have learnt, it was the Son of the Morning, become Satan, who seduced Eve. It was he who influenced mankind disastrously through his hellish spirit. *The Message to Humanity* explains how this became possible. Thus man broke the Universal Law; he went after his own interests and became an egoist, which fact led him into terrible difficulties. It is for this reason that sectarianism, which is devilish in its origin, flourishes in the human race. The strong oppress the weaker. Everywhere constraining laws have had to be put into force, and they have nothing in common with the wonderful Universal Law of mutual help and liberty.

All people are selfish, whether great or small. To keep all those egoists in order, Satan has set up a multitude of religions which brandish hell and eternal torments to frighten people and so to hold them within certain limits in the more terrible and frightful manifestations of their selfishness. All those religions, either heathen, Christian, either great or small, are sectarian in nature. They have nothing in common with the true God.

In the past, of the Israelites it was the most religious who opposed our dear Saviour and had him put to death. Religion prevents people from finding the true God. It keeps them prisoners in the hands of the Adversary, and hides the truth from them. So mankind are being deprived in every way; they are deep in misfortune and pain, and go with sorrow into the grave, whereas, in the garden of Eden they had the prospect of everlasting life and felicity.

But God, who is all-powerful, all-knowing, even possessing knowledge of things in advance, had foreseen all this even before the foundation of the earth, and in his infinite wisdom had provided in advance for the redemption of mankind and their restoration, and also for that of the earth. To that end the Son of God came down on earth from heaven voluntarily to do that wonderful work of kindness with his sacrifice. For mankind he became the good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. A few of these sheep, having been redeemed from sin and death by the gift of our dear Saviour, have accepted his invitation to associate with him and to take a share in the salvation of men, fetching them out of their desperate condition by laying down their lives for them with their Master.

Owing to his sacrifice, the Son of God became the new father of men. His associates, his little church, become the second mother of humanity. In the Scriptures they are also called the little flock, the Bride of the Lamb, New Jerusalem. That Jerusalem is built of living stones, as the divine Word says in symbolical language, saying also that in Jerusalem all shall be comforted. Thus the little flock becomes a protecting wall for mankind. They are the battlements of the Kingdom of God which is under the power of the holy

spirit. That is why, within those boundaries no misfortune is possible.

The Kingdom of God already has started on earth. All people who wish to be invited to come to it. For that purpose they have to make an alliance with God, promising to respect the Universal Law, which means henceforth to live for the good of their fellowmen. Then, at the beginning of the restoration of all things, they are considered members of the Host of the Lord, who become fellow-workers with the little flock in fetching to mankind the message of the new world now being introduced on earth.

The Host of the Lord, guided, enfolded, protected and taught by the little flock, settle down first in test stations which, little by little, become demonstration stations of the Kingdom of God in action. Those stations shall go on multiplying to form colonies, countries, and then whole regions. As they develop under our dear Saviour's direction, they will gradually change the wretched conditions now reigning on earth. Accordingly the latter shall by degrees become once more the kind feeding mother of mankind. As time goes on the cities, great and small, shall more and more be forsaken. The lives of men shall become normal; the slavery imposed upon them by the Adversary shall disappear, for in practising the divine law they shall come to know God's blessing. They will be able to acquire the freedom of children of God as Isaiah has shown prophetically, saying that the captives, the Adversary's prisoners, shall have deliverance and shall obtain their liberty. So little by little, the paradise lost in Eden shall be restored, and the earth shall become once more God's glorious footstool.

That magnificent work of deliverance and restoration is even now at the beginning of its achievement. Many people, already, have come forward to make an alliance with God by the divine law. The colonies are in course of formation, members of the Host of the Lord living there under the leadership of those of the little flock still living, are cultivating the earth according to the principles of the Universal Law, to restore it in line with the divine will. Thus condemnation shall be lifted once and for all, and all tears shall be wiped away, and finally all men shall rally to the Kingdom of God. They will say: "Come, let us go up to the Mountain of the Lord", which stands for the terrestrial paradise spreading the whole world over. The earth shall once more be a kind and agreeable mother to mankind, and shall feed them and bless them according to the will of God, who is, and remains for all eternity, the charitable and kindly Father of all creatures.

Air, please!

We know that breathing is vital for function of the human body, but perhaps we underestimate the consequences of breathing contaminated air that contains various toxic substances. We live in an environment that is becoming increasingly polluted in the city and in the country. We might think that the human body can deal with it, but in the Swiss French-language newspaper *Tribune de Genève* on the 27th of February 2017, we read the following short but very informative report:

Toxic air pollution: UN rights experts urge tighter rules to combat "invisible threat"

GENEVA (24 February 2017): United Nations human rights experts are calling for strong, urgent action by States, including legislation and enforcement of corporate accountability, to try to ensure that people around the world can enjoy the human rights to life and health in environments free from contamination.

"Air pollution is a major human rights concern worldwide, and toxic air pollutants are associated with an increased risk of disease from stroke, heart disease, cancer and respiratory diseases, including asthma," the

experts said. Estimates from the World Health Organization (WHO) suggest that approximately seven million premature deaths each year are linked to exposure to air pollution. There is growing research evidence indicating that air pollution has become the leading environmental cause of premature death in the world.

The appeal for better regulation comes from the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and hazardous substances and wastes, Mr Baskut Tuncak, together with his fellow UN experts, Mr Dainius Puras, Mr John H. Knox and Ms Rosa Kornfeld-Matte. The UN Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, joined the other experts in expressing concern. "Children and people in vulnerable situations, including women of reproductive age, older persons, those in poor health and those living in less wealthy communities, remain the most vulnerable," the experts warned.

According to UNICEF [The United Nations Children's Fund], 300 million children — almost one in seven of the world's total — live in areas with the most toxic levels of outdoor air pollution. And the experts stress that paediatricians are referring to the impact on children's health as a "silent pandemic".

That certainly is not the first report that points out the real effects of air pollution on human health. Nowadays, it is no longer possible to underestimate the dangers of these effects. However, effective countermeasures are being delayed. Significant harm has already been done, and more is done everyday, and who knows for how much longer it will continue... Even if countries are discussing this issue and establishing new goals to reduce pollution, it appears as though these goals will be inadequate in the long term. They allow 10 years, 20 years or 30 years, as though the situation is not urgent, but it could deteriorate more quickly than expected.

Of course, this does not only concern the environment and human health. The economy and the financial world also have a word to say, and what a word! Currently, money always has the last word and prevents the achievement of the right solutions. It is those who have most of it, who also have the power to decide, even if it is not officially admitted. They have all the means to exert pressure on governments, so that their interests are the decisive factor, and the health of people is the least of their worries. Millions of people, even children, who live and die in pollution, leave them completely unfazed.

We certainly feel that the current world is directed by the power of Satan who, from the beginning, wanted to have the Earth for himself and to make people his slaves. By kindling selfishness in them, he could divide them and rule over them. He has his earthly instruments for exercising his power, and that is how everything in his kingdom is controlled by an elite whose selfishness and financial interests seem to be unlimited. For them, the Earth is like a mine to be exploited, and humanity is a bunch of workers who have to be made docile in order to get the maximum benefit from them.

In all areas, one can say that the history of humanity, since it was cut off from communion with God, has been a long succession of painful experiences. How many tears and how much blood have been shed on Earth! How much fighting, suffering, grief, anguish and all sorts of misery have afflicted humankind throughout the long duration of its existence! Yet humankind was created for life, glory and happiness. It should have lived in abundance and free of all worry. It should have breathed pure air, been in perfect health and lived in constant happiness. Its days should have been filled with peace and full admiration for its surroundings in the Paradise that God had put it in. Its life should have never ended.

That was the destiny that God had established for humankind, under the condition that it did not follow its

on himself, for instance, walking all the way round the church on his knees.

He learnt book-binding, because the inspector from the Board of Guardians considered it only right that he should be capable of earning his own living. He would spend his holidays working in a hospital, where a fresh universe of pain opened out to him. At the age of seventeen, Henry was apprenticed to a bookbinder who paid him very little, and he had his lodging at the hospital. He had made friends with several lads of about his own age, and they would often all talk together about the ways of God. For his part he found in religion the only ray of hope to brighten his otherwise sad existence.

One day one of his friends invited him home, and the lad's mother told him about a certain ideal with which she had just become acquainted, and which was a great support to her in many of her troubles. She made him

a present of the two books: *The Message to Humanity* and *Eternal Life*.

When he had finished reading them he had perforce to agree to the truth of their contents, but pride prevented his admitting it. Besides, he intended to become a priest. It had become an obsession, and the light of the divine message worried him, for it showed up the errors in religion; he spoke about it to his curate who put him on his guard: "those people have only an imperfect knowledge of Christ", he said. "Keep away from them, and throw those books away." Nevertheless Henry kept the books. He was sufficiently honest at heart to be moved by that Gospel of love which was most certainly true.

He was invited to a meeting of the *Friends of Man*. There he felt very worried, and kept striding backwards and forwards in the rear of the little hall. Thinking he had come into a sect he attempted to combat it. The next day he told his curate all about it, who advised

him to attend those meetings again to spy out what was taught, so that he might warn his parishioners.

The brethren of the little meeting lavished affection on Henry. They even invited him to a Paris congress. The young man applied himself to contradicting everything for the purpose of testing the sentiments of his new friends.

He was still attending Mass besides the meetings of the *Friends of Man*. He also became acquainted with a Pastor who drew him to the Protestant Church. All those contradictory impressions, and above all the declaration of the Catholic Church that outside of it there was no salvation, confused him so much that he fell ill. He had a nervous breakdown and toyed with the idea of killing himself to escape from this terrible dilemma.

However, the Lord was watching over him.

The public assistance inspector from the Board of Guardians had him up on the carpet

and called him severely over the coals. At the end he said: "I've had enough of you. I'm going to get you enlisted into the army, and that'll cure you of your glumps." He served three years in the army. Every time the possibility came his way he attended the meetings of the Lord's school, he enjoyed above all the ambience of sincerity and of fraternity that reigned there. The hymns sung there were for ever running through his head, one refrain especially which had taken hold of him strongly: "Cannon, armament and rifle, all are smashed with willing hand, and are made by God's dear people, into tools to till the land."

One day attending a special arms course, he pulled out his Bible and read over again that passage in Micah: "They shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning hooks." Deep in preoccupation with his reading, he suddenly heard the voice of the instructor speaking to him: "Hi, you,

Seducer and fall into sin. But the Almighty, Who knows the end before the beginning, knew that humankind would fall, become condemned and eat the bread of affliction until the day when it returned to dust.

In view of this apparently hopeless situation, the Almighty, the great God of Heaven, let the most sublime facet of love spring from his heart: mercy, compassion. Through those ineffable sentiments, He could find a solution and grant humankind eternal salvation. He sent his only Son, whom He cherished above all else, to pay the Ransom for sinners. The beloved Son of God came to Earth, full of sinners, to serve them and to let them know God's love. He humbled himself below them, suffering injustices and death on the Cross. In his great love for the human race, he completely devoted himself until his last breath.

His sacrifice, with that of his faithful associates, seals forever the salvation of humankind and enables the Almighty's benevolent intentions towards humanity to be fulfilled. At the end of the Gospel Age, after the great Tribulation that the world is currently making for itself, the Restoration of All Things will powerfully commence. Humankind's mentality will be restored by divine education — the entire Earth, including its climate, will be restored by reforestation — and blessing will gush from all sides. The Lord's redeemed will fill their lungs with pure air that has the vivifying fragrance of the New Earth. God's Spirit will come over them and let them live forever, for they will be children in their Father's House.

The disasters of fishing

At least 90 dolphins were beached on the French Atlantic coast at the beginning of February 2017. This phenomenon is certainly not new, but that does not make it less sad, and there are definite reasons for it, as is witnessed by the following report in the French news service *franceinfo* on the 11th of February 2017:

Fishing boats catch hundreds of dolphins in their nets every year, a phenomenon that alarms observers

A true massacre. On Thursday the 2nd of February 2017, the bodies of at least 90 dolphins were found on the coast in the areas of Charente-Maritime and Vendée. Hidden behind these puzzling deaths, there is a fact that is denounced by scientists: these mammals are the victims of fishing boats.

Franceinfo interviewed Willy Dabin, an engineer at the PELAGIS Observatory in La Rochelle, who researches the populations of ocean mammals along the French coast.

Why did the dolphins die?

The scenario of the death of these dolphins is now known. "The dolphins were caught in the nets of fishing boats." When they get caught in these traps, they can no longer swim to the surface, and they lack oxygen. "They wrestle with death for hours in the depths," the researcher laments. The nets stay underwater for a part of the day: "By the time the nets are dragged up, the mammals have been dead for a long time. The fishermen then have to get them out of the nets, an unpleasant job, which means that they sometimes have to cut up the animals into pieces."

Other reasons for the high number of deaths, as was reported in Le Figaro [a French newspaper], can be the weather conditions, or diseases. But the analysis by Willy Dabin is conclusive: "We examined almost 80 individuals in 6 days, and all of them showed traces of being caught by fishing nets." The Observatory follows strict European protocols by which this hypothesis can be scientifically proven.

These mammals are not the only ones that are thrown back into the ocean by fishermen using drag nets or by other boats. "Other species are caught in nets, such as

turtles, seabirds and even sharks, which are protected species in France."

Why have there been so many in recent days?

Although there has been a significant number of beached bodies, this phenomenon is not new. "Every year in France, between 800 and 1,300 beached mammals are found," explains Willy Dabin. The total number of the population of dolphins is difficult to estimate, but Le Parisien [a French newspaper] reports that there are between 165,000 and 200,000 animals, according to the opinions of experts.

Two factors could explain the latest wave of beached bodies. Kurt, Leiv and Marcel... Those three storms struck the French coast with full force in the first week of February. "The animals were driven on to the sand by those strong winds, this is a scientific phenomenon. When the storms hit, some animals had already been dead for 3 to 10 days." The fish catching season also starts at that time of year. "In the Atlantic, most animals are beached between February and April for this reason."

How sorry we feel for those dolphins, which are such graceful, sensitive and intelligent animals! Friends of humans, as one says. Some of them have saved human lives, protecting swimmers from threatening sharks. These facts demonstrate to us the particular value of these animals and how we should appreciate and protect them.

As always, animals pay a high price for human activities. Many people like to eat fish, and one person's appetite is another person's business. But in the silent depths, dolphins wrestle with death in the nets, and suffocate... Many people do not know this. Some methods of fishing are, of course, not being debated, but, in general, overfishing represents a catastrophe for the environment.

The methods of industrial fishing have become so modernized that in the last 50 years, the planet's reserves have reduced by 90%! Some trawlers cast out nets with a surface area of up to 23,000 square metres, which is the size of four football fields. That is enough for more than 500 tonnes of fish. Some prawn or shrimp fishermen throw between 80 and 90% of their non-target caught animals ("bycatch") back into the water. Thus, for 1 kg of prawns or shrimp, up to 9 kg of other species might be caught and discarded.

In other regions of the globe, "fish aggregating devices" (FADs), which are mainly used for catching tuna, do great harm. There, sharks and turtles are also caught. Without mentioning all the undersize fish and the threatened species. In total, every year in industrial fishing, more than 7 million tonnes of dead or dying fish are thrown back into the ocean.

Welcome to the world of unlimited exploitation! A Native American saying expresses it well: "Only after the last tree has been cut down, only after the last river has been poisoned, and only after the last fish has been caught, will you realize that money cannot be eaten." Everywhere, there is disregard for life, disregard for the suffering of animals, and disregard for our beautiful planet, which then also means disregard for humanity itself, because it is completely dependent on its environment. The environment is sacrificed for money and for pleasure, and there is no way that anyone wants to give them up. More than 100 million sharks are annually mutilated for "shark fin soup". They are thrown alive back into the ocean after their fins have been cut off. They wrestle with death for 90 days before they die, as long as their fins can be sold for 600 euros per kilogram.

It is hard to believe that humankind can be so insensitive and even cruel. A great and final worldwide catastrophe is really necessary, as is announced in the Holy Scriptures, to put an end to the reign of money and evil. After that, the great Restoration of All Things will be needed, as is also announced, in order to restore

the human mentality that has become very distorted under the influence of the spirit of Satan, the Adversary.

In that blessed time, which has been foreseen from the start in God's plan, the Almighty will offer humankind a new education that enables them to attain the glorious salvation of earthly children of God. They will again be able to receive all the blessings and the protection of their heavenly Father, Who, in his unfathomable love, gave them the dearest He had: his beloved Son. The latter suffered all the injustice and shame, and death on the Cross in order to pay the Ransom that redeems humankind and effaces all its transgressions of the Universal Law, the Law of altruism and harmony.

In that time of the divine education for all, Satan will not be able to exert his unfortunate influence on humankind, whose heart will soften through divine grace and open itself to good. Humankind's heart will strive for everything that is noble, benevolent, and stamped with respect. People will then no longer want to be enemies of each other or of the animals or plants. People will therefore no longer be their own enemies. People will be friends with everything that lives, friends with each other, and friends with their Creator. That marvellous Creator, Who has endured so much from his creatures, will then complete his Creation as is shown in his Word: "I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take away your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36: 26.

The soul (the life) of all flesh

In the divine Word, particularly in Leviticus, we repeatedly come across the statement that the soul (the life) of all flesh is the blood. So it is indeed, for the blood is the admirable transport of life. That which sets the blood in motion is the power of the Spirit of God, which is the basis of everything in existence. In the religious world, it has become the custom to consider the soul as separate from human life itself, which has given rise to many errors that hinder a true understanding of God's ways and plan.

When we consider the composition of blood, and the part it plays in the life of an organism, we are able to understand the expression of one man of science who talks of "a particularly extraordinary sap". Human blood, as also that of all vertebrates, is made up of plasma, which is the fluid part of the blood, and of blood cells (blood corpuscles), which float in it. An average adult's arteries, veins and capillaries, if they were laid out in one long line, are estimated to reach thousands of kilometres; through them flows about 4.7 to 5.7 litres (11 to 12 pints) of blood. 45% of the blood's volume is solid matter. In the big veins, the blood flows at a speed of 50 centimetres (20 inches) per second. A blood cell can take about 23 seconds to go through the whole circuit of the body, and do that journey about 3,750 times a day.

There are three kinds of blood cells: red blood cells (RBCs) (also called erythrocytes), white blood cells (WBCs) (also called leukocytes), and blood platelets (also called thrombocytes). The red blood cells are the most numerous: in human blood, there are about 5 million per cubic millimetre [microlitre, µL] (80,000 million per cubic inch). Therefore, there are about 25 trillion in the blood of an average adult. Those blood cells live for 100–120 days before their components are recycled; they are finally broken down in the liver and the spleen. Therefore, they have to be constantly replaced. Concerning this, we are given most astonishing figures. The red blood cells are manufactured in the red marrow of the bones, which has an output of as much as 3 million per second, which comes to about 250 billion per day. Those red blood cells are disc shaped, slightly thicker at the edges than at the centre. 500 of them laid side by side would scarcely come to 3.5 millimetres (one seventh of an inch). So that the total area of the above

over there, what are you doing?" He coolly answered:

"I can't learn how these weapons work, for one day they're going to be changed into tools for tilling the soil."

The class was nonplussed at these astonishing words, and flabbergasted, the instructor could only say: "And to think he's a volunteer!"

Towards the end of his military service the padre invited him to a monastery in the west of the country. He paid a quick visit to the village where he was brought up to pick up his civilian clothes and called on the small family of faith, ever happy to see him. When he told them what he was going to do, he expected to meet with some opposition. But they only said: "You are free to do as you like. Everyone has the right to get his own experience, but don't forget the Lord's House."

He went off, quite sure he was going to be a priest. Nevertheless he knew that this

meant teaching erroneous things, however his ambition was stronger than reason. He was given very hard work to do. Being an inveterate chatter-box and silence being one of the disciplines of the establishment, he received innumerable reproofs. His first night was spent in sleepless agitation. What could he possibly have been about? He knew quite well where the truth was to be found. He must leave here at all costs. He did so the very next day with a few words of explanation to the father superior.

What was the surprise of the little assembly to see him again so soon. They all hoped he had at last realised where was the straight path and that he would take his stand once and for all. However, this was not to be. After six months, he came under the influence of an archpriest who induced him to go into a seminary.

He has come to the stage when it was impossible for him to agree with the things

taught, and would constantly oppose them with bits from *The Message to Humanity*. The father superior realised he was strongly impressed by another doctrine, and advised him definitely to give up the idea of becoming a priest. He got him placed in another monastery. Here living conditions were hard, and he would frequently be homesick for the Lord's little family, for its agreeable ambience of liberty. What more was going to be needed to induce him to choose the right way?

All these experiences were ripening his heart and robbing him of his illusions. It came about that one evening he found himself without the doors of the monastery, with one franc in his pocket, alone and friendless, his one hope that one of his brethren in the faith might receive him. But how was he going to be received after all his veerings and escapades?

He was welcomed as warmly as the prodigal son of the parable; he felt that all his fail-

ings and shortcomings were effaced, and that the only feeling in his brethren's hearts was the desire to help him. This so deeply touched him that he determined to make progress in practising altruism. He found a very good job in a school of the neighbourhood, and promised the Lord never again to leave his assembly, and he kept his word.

The years have passed. Henry is a keen student at the school of the best of Masters. He is filled with emotion when he things that in spite of all his unsteadiness and many escapades, the Lord has never turned him away. He has not words enough to thank his brethren for having so long been patient with him while he was shuffling between truth and error. He values the perfect freedom granted him, the only condition in which it is possible to build up the reactions of a submissive son.

Henry is glad to be in the company of real priests, not of those who offer the sacrifice of Mass, but who truly sacrifice their lives at the

