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Greetings from God's Messenger to the Host of the Lord

GR^{EAT} is our joy today to celebrate the Host of the Lord. It makes us wholeheartedly glad to know them; they are infinitely dear and precious to us.

Throughout the time of the High Calling until the moment decided by the Lord God, the idea of the Host of the Lord was not set forth by any of the people who delivered the message in the course of the Gospel Age. At the end of that epoch, the time came for *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance) to be delivered to mankind. So, it was right that at that time, we might find out who the Host of the Lord could be, who are mentioned in the Bible, in the Old Covenant.

I sought and discovered in the writings of the Prophets, the description of that holy Army, which is called to do magnificent Work. Now, the question was to identify them, to be in a position to make them out, and to present them in all their greatness and in the exercise of their mission. To be sure, this was something quite new.

Such is the case indeed in the Lord's dealings. They are revealed at the right moment. As the time for the birth of the Host of the Lord had come, the people Malachi tells of were alerted. He says of them: "Those who feared the LORD often spoke to each other, and the LORD listened and heard them, and a Book of Remembrance was written before Him for those who feared the LORD and thought about his Name." That book contains the calling of the Host of the Lord, so that they might become aware of their mission. As a matter of fact, a description of the Host of the Lord is given in the tenth chapter of *The Message to Humanity*, with a demonstration of the Restoration of All Things, of which God has spoken through the mouth of all the holy Prophets since the world began.

When I discovered all those wonderful truths concerning the Host of the Lord, it gave me immense joy. The divine plan spread out before me in all its splendour. It is, moreover, mentioned in the Bible that, at a given moment, when the seventh angel sounds (Revelation 10: 7), the mystery of God is finished. Then, the whole divine plan is magnificently revealed, and the calling of the Host of the Lord takes place.

As I have often told you, when I had written the first chapter of *The Message to Humanity*, I did not realize that that wonderful message was the key to the mystery of God. Yet, so it is, for the Universal Law grants us the understanding that life is due to constant circu-

lation. This circulation is set up by the Almighty and everything He has established.

The Almighty established the Sun; He established the planets, including the Earth. All those wonderful creations present themselves to us one after another as splendid demonstrations of divine wisdom.

We do not know whether there are any living creatures on any other planets or on other stars, but what we do know is that the Almighty is surrounded by spiritual beings who are able to enter into his presence because they are holy and are not confined to an earthly body as we are. They are things which, of course, are not yet clearly known to us, but we have all eternity ahead of us in which to learn everything we have to learn. What we know at present is practically nothing compared with all we shall know and all we shall be at the benefit of in the way of manifestations of grace and the power of God.

So, I rejoiced with heart and soul to perceive, defining itself to my eyes, the mission of the Host of the Lord. It was from Bible texts — gathered a little here and a little there, and by bringing them together — that I was able to understand the Work of the Host of the Lord. For instance, what a magnificent outburst from David's heart there is in the 110th Psalm: "Your people will offer themselves willingly on the day of your power [Host]. In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth."

To fully understand the grandeur of the Almighty, a human above an animal is required: it takes a human personality possessing spirituality, which raises them above all other animal creations on Earth. We are being invited, quite especially now, to develop that spirituality in order to understand the Almighty and his ways, so that we may be promoted to the rank of children of God.

So, it was one after the other that I discovered the texts which refer to that wonderful Army and which inspired my ideas about its wondrous mission. One Bible passage tells us that it is from the rock that the Almighty has cut it. It is also described as a stone cut from the mountain without hands, which falls on the feet of the great statue, seen by Nebuchadnezzar, and smashes it to smithereens. That is the Kingdom that takes the place of the other five kingdoms, symbolized by the statue. That Kingdom will never be destroyed, it will last forever.

The Host of the Lord is also depicted in other texts which describe its Work of burning zeal. It is related how it is to cross the Jordan River dry-shod and enter the Promised Land without passing through death. It stands to reason that it was only little by little that I discovered all the tally marks which enabled me to possess a complete and detailed view of that nation of goodwill.

What I announced, in the Name of God, took place to confirm my prediction in every detail. The Prophets' wondrous flights of enthusiasm over that Army were thus gradually able to take concrete shape as hearts arose in response and understood that such was their destiny. Our dear Saviour referred to the Host of the Lord when he said: "I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must also bring them in. They will also listen to my voice. Then, there will be one flock and one shepherd." Those other sheep are the Host of the Lord, whose mission it is to bring the "everlasting Gospel" everywhere.

Furthermore, we have the demonstration of the High Calling, in Revelation 14: 1 to 4. In Revelation 14: 6, there is described an angel flying in the midst of Heaven, who has the "everlasting Gospel". Thus, we can see the full harmony and the full beauty of the divine plan. It is a wondrous thing; it made me exceedingly glad and comforted me immensely; it carried me away with joy. Family conditions were far from ideal, but it was a magnificent and wonderful consolation for me to understand God's intentions and to know the Divine Family, who is the only one who has any reason to exist and who can stand. Satan, "the god of this world", is doing all he possibly can to prevent its formation. So, it is interesting to note that every time I had to write a message from the Almighty, I was seized by the Adversary in a terrible way. Even while writing the book *The Divine Revelation*, I thought I would die before I had completed it. It had pulled me down so much that I was exhausted.

For *The Message to Humanity*, it was the same. I had less physical difficulty, but other things constantly arose to absolutely hinder me from writing it. All those obstacles had to be overcome by the grace of God. When it came to the book *Eternal Life*, it seemed that every possible contradiction was arising in my way to discourage me. They were constantly being flung at my head without let, to utterly crush me. All this clearly shows us that trials are indispensable. Afterwards, you are far better able to understand what the Lord God has to say to you.

Now, the days ahead of us are wonderful as never

When heart speaks to heart

ROSEMARY, Jeannine and Monica were friends who had kept up a close friendship ever since their school days. All three were employed in offices and liked to get together once a week on a Friday evening, sometimes at Jeannine's and other times at Monica's. Rosemary was an orphan and had been taken care of by an uncle, somewhat of an original, who did not allow her to invite her friends to his house.

Those Friday evenings were always most animated. Over a cup of tea and some pastries, the three friends would exchange ideas concerning topics of the day, which they discussed very seriously.

One evening at the beginning of summer, the subject that particularly interested the three friends was holidays.

Monica was thinking of going to her aunt's, with her young brother, and Jeannine said

she would go with her parents to a chalet they had rented in the mountains. Her mother was in poor health, and she hoped it would do her good.

Rosemary doesn't know what she is doing, but thinks her uncle will send her to the little house where he and her mother were born.

And so it turned out. Next day at dinner, Rosemary's uncle sprang it on her: "I've got just the thing for your holiday this year. You're a little pale; you're looking thinner. You need some mountain air, some exercise and some simple and wholesome food and to also breathe the scent of the pine trees. You are going to your grandfather's house, where your mother and I were born. I have some decent farmers living there. You'll do well with them."

Thus, it came about that a fortnight later, amidst glorious mountain scenery, bathed in the late afternoon sunshine of a bright summer's day, she was driven up to the farm in

an old vehicle which had come to meet her at the station.

The farmer and his wife were standing at the door, waving their handkerchiefs to welcome her. This warm kindness filled Rosemary's heart with gratitude.

The farmer's wife showed her to her little room, which was simple and rustic, but scrupulously clean. A vase of fresh mountain flowers on the table, showed their wish to make her happy.

In a while, the farmer's little girl came to invite Rosemary to supper. The meal was served with kindness and affection. There was something about this family, humble though it was, something very special, which Rosemary found impossible to define. There was a breath of simplicity, honesty and kindness, and above all, a moral cleanliness that did her no end of good.

Next morning, she was shown all over the farm, trying to imagine her mother's

life here as a little girl among all this peace and beauty of nature. In the afternoon, she went for a walk around the vicinity. Along one of the roads, she met a tall young man who greeted her amiably and offered her a paper, with the title *The Monitor of the Reign of Justice*, recommending her to read it. As she obtained a good impression from the young man's bearing, she promised she would. Then, she decided it was time to go back, not to keep supper waiting for her.

They had hardly sat down when there was a knock on the door. It was the tall young man whom Rosemary had met earlier.

"Come in, come in, Mr Gregory!" the farmer exclaimed. "We've been eagerly expecting you. We never received the last *Monitor*, and it always makes us so happy to read them."

"Yes, please forgive me," said the young man with an affectionate smile. "I was prevented from coming sooner."

before. As we have learnt, the Earth is a Test Station where mankind have to obtain their divine education, which must be carried out to its conclusion, so that they may come to the blessing and the destiny of man, which is eternal life. Of course, the more clearly the matter is defined, the smaller the difficulties become, because discernment and faith increase.

It is wonderful to understand the divine programme. When I discovered the calling of the Host of the Lord, and when I realized they were the children of the Little Flock, I applied myself to loving them, and I do love them with all my heart, the dear Host of the Lord. I never scold them. I am happy to assist them, to comfort them and to gladden them. Such are the sentiments with which the Little Flock ought to be animated. One who does not have all the sentiments of tenderness and affection towards the Host of the Lord, is unable to contemplate the divine plan in perfect detail. For you cannot have one without the other. So, we are exceedingly glad to celebrate the Host of the Lord on this memorable day, and to perceive that the calling of the Host perfectly corresponds to the understanding and harmony of the divine programme. As members of the Body of Christ, as the Bride of the Lamb, we therefore have to take our stand in performing our office towards the Host of the Lord. Since we have understanding of the divine plan, nothing must be so precious in our sight as the ministry our Lord entrusts to us. So, we must conform to the conditions of the Kingdom of God, to the education which must be obtained, which is the education of the heart. The fact is that we can forgather, but how do we know that we love one another? We have to prove it to ourselves as well as to everyone else. You can utter a lot of sentences, and very splendid ones at that; however, they are quite hollow if there is nothing in the life we live to back them up. Conversely, when you begin to live up to the conditions of the Kingdom, it is very different. You have to bear your brethren to the Throne of Divine Grace, to be about their welfare and to seek to give them courage. That is the way you begin to love them truly. The Little Flock has to quite especially love the Host of the Lord. For the Divine Family is where you love one another, where you are happy to be together.

To be sure, truth to tell, till today, we have mostly had theoretical demonstrations of the Divine Family, practical demonstrations have not as yet been very numerous. Why? Because we have not yet all been pulling our weight. I am convinced that each of us is endeavouring to love his brethren, but is not yet applying the ardour and the steadfastness called for, that is the hitch.

If we are members of the Body of Christ, the wondrous calling, which is ours, ought to silence in us every objection that could arise to our loving this or that brother or sister. We must pay no attention to faults, failings, mistakes or weak points. We have to be able to perceive the good points, to seek to encourage those good points, and to seek to stimulate the Host of the Lord, most particularly, by oneself living up to the divine programme faithfully. So, in any case, we always have to encourage and never to discourage with an attitude of coolness or indifference, or with bitter recriminations. As consecrated Disciples, if we do not wish to encourage and to love the Host of the Lord, to bear with them, to enfold them and to give them to feel the affection of our hearts, then we cannot say that we intend to lay down our lives, for such is not the truth.

We constantly have to be of a mind to encourage. For that purpose, we do not think of self or of one's personal trials. The Host of the Lord are the children

of the glorious Divine Family, whose father and mother are Christ and his Bride. Those children are, at the same time, part of the Revealing of the Sons of God to groaning and dying creation. We now have to feel that we are related and intimately bound together by divine affection. We need to have immense faith concerning our children of the Host of the Lord, and never be discouraged by any possible errors or slips on their part.

The Kingdom of God must come first, before anything else in our eyes. All pettiness must disappear for the sake of the grandeur of the Work to be done. The Lord God intends to set up on Earth a family in whom all tears are wiped away. With such a plan of love, we ought to be filled with gratitude and enthusiasm. We must attain our destiny. It does not lie in a hole, six feet underground. It is to become children of God who receive spirituality and develop a character which becomes viable with the spirit of the Divine Family crystallising within us.

So, we must learn to love, to give forth that spirit which is kind, affectionate, understanding and always prepared to bridge gaps and to give help. That is what I feel in my heart towards the Host of the Lord. My affection is not theoretical. My heart is steeped in it.

And how joyous it is to realize that the splendid Host is not only described in the Bible, but has now appeared, as it is written: "Your people offer themselves willing...from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth"! While the Host is taking shape, which is today, all the proud and all the evildoers will destroy each other. But for those who fear the Lord, "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays".

The enthusiasm and the vitality of the Host of the Lord, are shown in the illustration of calves released from a shed. It is a magnificent thing to watch them run. It is a phenomenal demonstration of joyous exuberance. It is like someone coming out of a dark tunnel into the springtime sunshine.

So, I found the description of the Host of the Lord in the Bible, and now have them living before me, full of hope and faith. Therefore, I love them with all my heart. It is love that has to bind us together, divine love, which is stronger than death. For the Kingdom of God has love for its foundation, which is life. Without love, no life is possible.

We will therefore form that glorious family who lasts forever, and on this celebration day, we will make the Host of the Lord welcome in "the land of the living", which now has to become God's glorious footstool.

A new diet for a New World

The following report, published by the *BBC News* on the 8th of August 2019, explains the extremely beneficial effect that a vegetarian diet would have on our planet. It also describes how the consumption of meat, all over the world, is anything but harmless.

Plant-based diet can fight Climate Change — UN

By Roger Harrabin, *BBC environment analyst, Geneva.*

Switching to a plant-based diet can help fight Climate Change, UN (United Nations) experts have said. A major report on land use and Climate Change, says the West's high consumption of meat and dairy produce is fuelling Global Warming. But scientists and officials stopped short of explicitly calling on everyone to become vegan or vegetarian. They said that more people could be fed using less land if individuals cut down on eating meat.

The document, prepared by 107 scientists for the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), says that if land is used more effectively, it can store

more of the carbon emitted by humans. ... "We're not telling people to stop eating meat. In some places, people have no other choice. But it's obvious that in the West, we're eating far too much," said Professor Pete Smith, an environmental scientist from Aberdeen University, UK. We're also wasting too much food. The panel estimates that Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with food loss and waste — from field to kitchen bin — is as high as 8 to 10% of ALL global emissions.

The report calls for vigorous action to halt soil damage and desertification, both of which contribute to Climate Change. It also warns that plans by some governments to grow trees and burn them to generate electricity, will compete with food production unless carried out on a limited scale.

The Earth's land surface and the way it is used, form the basis for human society and the global economy. But we are reshaping it in dramatic ways, including through the release of Greenhouse Gases into the atmosphere. How the land responds to human-induced Climate Change is a vital concern for the future! Gases produced by livestock are a major factor in Global Warming, so should we change our eating habits?

How are Climate Change and food linked?

Climate Change poses a threat to the security of our food supply. Rising temperatures, increased rain and more extreme weather events, will all have an impact on crops and livestock. But food production also contributes to Global Warming. Agriculture, together with forestry, accounts for about a quarter of Greenhouse Gas emissions. Livestock rearing contributes to Global Warming through the methane gas the animals produce, but also via deforestation to expand pastures, for example.

The environmental impact of meat production is important to many vegetarians and vegans. A UK-based group, called #NoBeef, lobbies caterers to take beef and lamb off student menus. In the US, vegan-burger patties are made from plant-based meat substitutes, said to taste like the real thing, thanks to an iron-rich compound called "heme" ["haem"].

Peter Stevenson, from *Compassion in World Farming*, said: "A reduction in meat consumption is essential if we are to meet climate targets." But in some parts of the world, such as China, beef consumption is growing. This is despite attempts by the Chinese central government to promote traditional diets.

Can food waste be reduced?

The authors of the report encourage action to stop wasting food, either before or after its sale to consumers. Waste food can sometimes be used as animal feed or, if suitable, redirected to charities to feed people in need. One organization here in Switzerland, called Partage, takes in unsold food discarded by shops and distributes it to local families. It also collects stale bread and turns it into biscuits, and dries fruit, and cans vegetables. All of this helps reduce the carbon-dioxide (CO2) emissions involved in producing food.

Don't trees absorb the CO2 we release?

The extra carbon that humans have put into the atmosphere, is nourishing the growth of forests, especially in the Northern Hemisphere. This can help to mitigate Climate Change, but it all comes down to a balance of factors. Experts say this effect on forests will be negated if the Earth heats up too much. In fact, the report says areas near the equator may already be losing vegetation through heat stress.

Dr Katrin Fleischer, from the Technical University of Munich, Germany, warned that in some places, a shortage of phosphorus in the soil, a key ingredient for plant growth, would also hinder tree growth. She said: "This would mean that the rainforest has already reached its limit and would be unable to absorb any more carbon-dioxide emissions. If this scenario turns out to be true, the Earth's climate would heat up significantly faster."

"You'll stay with us tonight, won't you," the farmer invited him, "and you'll tell us about the wonders of the Universal Law and of the Kingdom of God, and about all those things our hearts need so much for becoming good and for getting attached to the Lord?"

Hearing all this, Rosemary felt she now understood where these people got that influence that set her at such ease in their company. They were seeking an ideal that ennobled them and gave them something to live for.

Supper over, the farmer invited Rosemary to sit with them and take part in their little talk. "Mr Gregory", he told her, "is teaching us to know God as the Kindest of Fathers and the Best of Friends."

Rosemary accepted the invitation with the greatest pleasure. "God is the Kindest of Father and the Best of Friends," she was repeating to herself. "The very words my mother spoke to me on her deathbed! Of course,

I'm going to listen; of course, I'm interested. Never more so."

After a short prayer uttered with faith and fervour, the young man asked the farmer and his wife what subject they would like him to talk about. They asked him a great number of questions, all of which he answered very amiably. Rosemary did not miss a single word of what he said. What interested her most was all that concerned the Resurrection. Since her mother's death, she had thought much about the hereafter. She had heard about Heaven for the good, and Hell for the wicked, but could not see God taking pleasure in watching people suffer eternally. Her mother's dying words would return to her mind, and she would think that those two things did not fit. Neither could she assimilate what she had been taught, that God had created man on Earth only to send him to Heaven afterwards.

And now this young man was making it all clear. In simple words, he explained things

in a way that made her very glad. It came to this: man was created for the Earth and would come back on Earth.

The talk was so homely and intimate that Rosemary ventured to ask questions, of her own, about the Resurrection, mentioning her dear mother. Whereupon the young man described the great power of grace and affection contained in the Ransom paid by God's Son and his Church, and its wonderful effects. He told of the sure Resurrection of mankind, and, of course, of her mother, on Earth, of the Kingdom of God on Earth, and of eternal life for all people in the restored earthly Paradise. So captivating was all this that at eleven o'clock, everyone was still there, very attentive to what was being said.

Rosemary did not sleep that night, and in the morning, her mind was made up. She was going to be one of the Host of the Lord, of whom the young man had spoken, of those meek ones who are working on setting up the

Kingdom of God on Earth, and who, owing to faithfully living up to the divine law, need not die, and may inherit eternal life.

Before he left, Rosemary asked the young man if there were any meetings in her home town. She learnt that an evangelist went to hold a meeting there every month. She said she would attend. She bought *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance) from him, and also the book *Eternal Life*.

She started reading the two books at once and very easily assimilated the glorious instructions they contained. The beauty of the divine plan, and the logic of its conception, filled her with ever-increasing enthusiasm.

She thought of her friends and was joyfully looking forward to telling them all about it. She imagined how wonderful their Friday evenings would be. They would be three champions of the Host of the Lord, valiant combatants for the Kingdom of God.

There was great rejoicing at the reunion

How does soil fit in?

Soil is sometimes neglected as part of the climate system. But it's the second largest store of carbon after the oceans. Plants absorb CO2 from the atmosphere and lock the carbon away in the soil. But deforestation and poor farming practices can damage its ability to do this. When soil is degraded, carbon is released back into the atmosphere as CO2, while further plant growth is compromised.

Climate Change is expected to speed this process up. Higher temperatures can help break down the organic matter in soil, boosting Greenhouse Gas emissions. The report says reducing and reversing soil damage provides immediate benefits to local communities. Better land management, including controlled grazing by animals and tree planting, can boost soil fertility, helping to reduce poverty and boost food security.

"It's really clear that the land is being degraded through over-exploitation, and that's making Climate Change worse," said Professor Smith. "The land is part of the problem, but if we wise up about the way we use it, it can be part of the climate solution."

Can the problems be solved?

Changing the way humans use the land surface is a daunting challenge, especially as it will entail a major shift in farming methods. Nevertheless, scientists say people need to:

- *Protect natural forest, particularly in the tropics.*
- *Eat less red meat and more vegetables.*
- *Safeguard and restore peatlands.*
- *Encourage "agroforestry", where food crops are mixed in with trees.*
- *Improve crop varieties.*

But one practice touted as a Climate Change solution, "bioenergy", has been treated with caution by IPCC experts. Bioenergy involves burning vegetation as a substitute for fossil fuels. To some countries, it appears to be an attractive option because CO2 emissions from the process can be captured. The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicts bioenergy will outpace solar, wind and hydropower in the next five years. But the authors of the IPCC report say converting land to bioenergy could deprive countries of soil to grow much-needed crops. They advise limits on the amount of land used for biofuels.

All of those technical explanations and supporting arguments should suffice to convince humankind to make real effort to eat less meat. But it is unfortunately unlikely that pure logical reasoning will overcome habit. The consumption of meat certainly is a habit. We know that habits form our identity, and we also know that all habits can be changed. A bad habit can be replaced by a good one if the will is strong enough.

And that will should certainly be there now if one knows about the extreme situation that our planet is in and the dramatic consequences that result from it for humanity. But a strong habit is obviously something that is difficult to overcome. When the taste buds are used to a particular taste, then it is difficult to make them appreciate another taste. The same applies to the qualities of the food that our jaw muscles are used to. Humankind loves to chew its meat...

How desirable it would be for the conscience to talk and for humankind to not remain beings without any spirituality, who live for nothing other than the satisfaction of their fleshly pleasures! They have received their place on Earth, as an integral part of it, as well as of the entire Universe, and according to that claim, they should live in symbiosis with everything that surrounds them, and not as outcasts who relate everything to their plates and stomachs. Human beings have unlimited possibilities of interacting with their environment and of manifesting their presence with benevolent actions and thus helping the life of all other beings. If they would

introduce themselves as benefactors into the harmonious ways of the world, they would reap pure and profound joys, which are much greater than the false and passing ones that the fleshly pleasures can give them. But the stubborn selfishness in their heart causes that truth to remain hidden from them. They think that to be happy, they have to provide themselves with pleasures, they have to mainly think about themselves, and they have to satisfy their selfish desires.

In that situation, it is impossible for them to think about others or about the consequences of their actions or choices on others. The clear explanations given in the above report are not able to produce a reaction in them or to change their conduct or their food choices. Currently on Earth, there is enormous sluggishness that opposes any change. In most cases, people do not question themselves if they do not go through personal suffering.

For that reason, despite all the warnings of an imminent planetary catastrophe, only its brutal manifestation will awaken humankind from its selfish sluggishness and routine. It is unfortunately necessary for everything to go badly, even very badly, in order for humankind to recognize its errors and come to its senses. It is even necessary for it to see no way out, in order for it to take the opposite direction.

We know that that Tribulation is announced in the Holy Scripture, because our Lord Jesus said: "There will then be Great Tribulation [Distress], unlike anything that has happened from the beginning of the world until now, or ever again" (Matthew 24: 21). This Tribulation, which one should not look at as a punishment from God, is nothing other than the result of the errors and the stubbornness of humankind with its selfish line of conduct. God will intervene at the critical moment to help all who are ready to recognize their misguidance, to sincerely repent and to really express the wish to reform. Because the Lord God is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1: 3). He foresaw the Fall of humankind into sin, and has operated its Salvation by means of his dear Son, who laid down his pure and sinless life at Calvary in order to redeem the lives of all condemned humankind.

He recommends them to listen to his powerful and remarkable call, and to leave all forms of evil behind them, in order to associate with the benevolent Host of the Lord, whom He is forming today, so that the Earth is restored and becomes its former Paradise again (Psalm 110: 3). Those warriors of peace develop truth faith, in love for their Creator, and in love for their brothers and sisters, which create unity and harmony. They thus become capable of receiving divine power, which is necessary to carry out the colossal and glorious Work of the Restoration of All Things, which Apostle Peter talks about. Acts 3: 21.

The time has now come for that complete change of course, to the New World, where all tears will be dried and will make room for joy and deep peace. All of that will be crowned by the greatest gift that God wants to give to humanity: eternal life through his beloved Son (John 3: 16). In the New World, the animals will also thrive and will no longer have to pay the high price for the appetite of humankind. That is why we do not fear the effort or the change of our habits, so that we can fully associate with the new things in preparation today and that will be accomplished.

From inequality to friendship

Ever since money has existed, there have been rich and poor. Money has given some people the possibility of accumulating and amassing it, inevitably at the expense of other people. That means, if there were no money, there would be no rich and also no poor. Of course, one could not imagine how our modern society would

function without money. Quite simply, with money, one has replaced what should actually naturally circulate among people: love, gratitude, devotion and selflessness, which are not only good qualities, but values that we keep mentioning.

The following quoted report comes from the Belgian-French magazine *En Marche*, No. 1636 from the 3rd of October 2019. It explains to us that inequality is not a stroke of fate.

Inequality is not a stroke of fate

Increasing inequality is not a relentless movement. To reduce it, we need to be aware of the way that our meritocratic system is determined to justify it.

... Economic inequality is continuing to spread around the world. In 1980, the richest 10% of people in India, the United States, Russia, China and Europe, possessed between 25 and 30% of the total income of the population. In 2018, that privileged class had between 35 and 55% of the cake.

When it comes to income inequality, Europe is certainly doing a little better than the United States. And Belgium — which the Gini Index [Gini Coefficient] rates as No. 5 in Europe — is doing better than some other countries on the Continent. But there is little to brag about. Belgium is not a role model in terms of anti-discrimination in education; access to health for all remains a major challenge; discrimination in housing affects people of foreign origin, in single-parent families, on social welfare...

A democratic problem

The big winner in inequality is the division of society. Donald Trump in the United States, Marine Le Pen in France, and Tom Van Grieken (the young leader of the Vlaams Belang political party) in Belgium, coat their hate-filled speeches with social accents, by comparing local poverty with that in other countries. "Closing borders will not bring back relocated factories," warns Joseph Stiglitz, a recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences... But the speeches of intellectuals, no matter how well argued, will not stem the rise of populism or abstentionism, as long as inequality persists. "It is very difficult to envision solutions to other major challenges of our time, starting with climate and migration challenges, if we do not simultaneously manage to reduce inequality," defends the economist Thomas Piketty...

In 2014, American sociologists and mathematicians carried out computer simulations to understand the factors influencing the collapse of societies. According to their calculations, inequality accelerates and worsens the process, whereas societies with greater equality can stabilize themselves better...

Well deserved?

From the India of the Brahmans, to the lords of the Middle Ages, via the colonies, Thomas Piketty traces the history of unequal societies. [He writes:] "All human societies need to make sense of their inequalities, and the justifications of the past, if we study them closely, are not always crazier than those of the present." Why do we disapprove of the Russian oligarchs or the new billionaires in Asia, but simultaneously sing the praises of the wealthy entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley who behave like teenagers on social networks? In the name of individual freedom, answers that economist, our societies have established effort and merit as cardinal virtues. Competition, which allows everyone to rise above the masses, encourages innovation, which, in turn, benefits society. It doesn't matter if everyone didn't have the same chances at the start. It doesn't matter if it is thanks to collective investments, training or research, for example, that this small world has been able to reach enviable heights. "Redistributing wealth is never more than giving back to society the share of what is due to it in what it has given," recalls the phi-

when the holidays were over. Monica was very happy about her holidays, but Jeannine had been unable to go, on account of her mother's health.

When her friends had finished speaking, Rosemary told them everything with which her heart was overflowing. To her surprise, she could only read disapproval on their faces.

"What's the matter?" she asked them. "Don't you like what I'm telling you?"

"No, we don't," they answered in unison. "What's more, we don't intend to spend our Friday evenings discussing your Gospel and your Kingdom of God." Rosemary was seized with consternation. She was attached to her two friends, but saw that if she persisted in the way she had chosen, she was going to lose them.

Once again, she had a wakeful night, but in the morning, her mind was made up.

The following Friday, she explained to her friends that her heart was given wholly to

the ideal of the Salvation of mankind, and that she still hoped to convince them of the divine programme. But in spite of everything she could say, they failed to be impressed. So, as they refused to share what they called her "dreams", Rosemary saw that the only thing she could do was to pray for them and let time do its work.

Six months later, Rosemary was told that Jeannine's mother had been taken to hospital as an emergency case, and that her life was feared for. Rosemary knew how much Jeannine loved her mother, and could imagine her grief. She wanted to comfort her, to let her know she understood. Who better than herself who had grieved so much at the loss of her own mother?

The next day, she received the notification of the death of her friend's mother. It happened to be Friday. The minute the day's work was over, she went to Jeannine's. The poor girl came weeping into her arms. Her

grief was terrible. She had never been away from her mother, and she felt she could not bear the parting.

"To think that's the end forever, forever!" she wept. "I will never see my mother again!"

"Why not believe in the wonderful divine promises?" Rosemary asked gently.

"Oh, if only what you say were true!" Jeannine exclaimed.

Now, the way into Jeannine's heart was wide open. Affectionately, Rosemary let her have the wonderful waves of divine consolation with the message of eternal life, of the Kingdom of God, and of the Resurrection.

"That's wonderful," she said. "How well I understand now! I feel it's all true. If only I'd listened to you before. It made my mother so sad to leave us. How her mind would have been set at rest if she'd known all this! Do come and tell my father and my brother about it."

Rosemary brought with her the brochure titled *A Word of Comfort to Those Who Grieve*. She read it out and explained it to Jeannine and her family, and what wonderful consolation it was for them! The certainty of seeing the dear departed again in the Kingdom of God to be set up on Earth, and the assurance that one day there would be no more death and that all tears would be wiped away in the restored Paradise, all this filled their hearts with a soothing and sanctifying hope.

"How comforted I feel! How wonderful it will be to take up our Friday evenings again with these splendid divine assurances!" said Jeannine.

Rosemary agreed, adding that they would be able to read the precious *Message to Humanity* and *Eternal Life* together. "We shall busy ourselves with the new things," she said, "to bring about your dear mother's return from 'the land of the enemy' by hastening the coming of the Kingdom of God on Earth."

losopher Patrick Savidan. Rich or poor, everyone has to gain. Anxiety, mental disorders, life expectancy, obesity, violence, drug use...the English epidemiologist Richard Wilkinson correlates those indicators with the distribution of income on an international scale. Equality, he concludes, improves the health of all society, including that of the wealthy.

Where there is a will...

While Forbes magazine flaunts its ratings of the richest billionaires on its glossy covers, this summer, the Society magazine devoted its front page to Pascal Saint-Amans, someone completely unknown to the general public. As the boss of the OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Tax Division, he has been waging an idealistic war against tax havens since 2008. And this high-level official has not been attacking imaginary enemies. In January, 127 countries pledged to work on international tax reform aimed at better taxing multinational companies by the end of 2020. Is that a sign that the times are changing? "To explain today that there is no other choice than to exempt the richest companies because they refuse to pay tax and it is too difficult to force them to accept, at a moment of formidable global challenges, such as increasing inequality and climate change, is a sign of thoughtlessness," writes Thomas Piketty, recalling that the problem is not technological, but ideological.

Those figures are informative and speak for themselves: the richest 10% of people in India, the United States, Russia, China and Europe, which means the so-called civilized and most developed countries, possessed between 35 and 55% of the total income of the world's population in 2018. One could imagine that other wealthy people also possess a considerable percentage and that the rest of the population has to divide the remainder, the meagre remainder, which is divided among many people. On the other hand, it is well known that, in society, the richer are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer, and the middle class is tending to disappear.

As the writer of the report says, we find ourselves in a world in which effort and merit have been elevated to cardinal virtues. Certainly, according to the Law of Equivalents, an effort must be rewarded, and the same applies to merit. However, the reward for effort should not be allowed to create inequality. But there is another factor that explains why we have reached such a point: that is competition. Suppose that a business wants to secure the services of a brilliant and well-known economist. It will have to pay a price for that. If another business wants to employ the same expert, it will have to pay even more than the first one. Those high salaries become a standard that other businesses have to align themselves with. In that way, indecent salaries are reached, and to pay them, one must take from the money that is destined for the people. That means, the more that is paid to one person, the less there is for the other people. Regarding merit, which is also mentioned in the report, it is completely relative because, as the writer emphasizes, not everyone has the same chances at the start.

Our society has attributed excessive value to money. Together with selfishness, money has thrown an enormous number of people into misfortune, while only a very small number benefitted from an exaggerated way. It has been the cause of terrible injustices and even conflicts and wars. We haven't yet gone as far as redistributing wealth, as the report mentions. To tax the wealthy, leads to the flight of capital, which is well known. One could therefore ask oneself: "What is the solution to this unsolvable problem?"

The solution or the remedy does exist; however, it is not to be found where one thinks. In our introduction, we said that love has been replaced by money. And that is exactly where the problem lies. It is the emergence of sin that has led to that situation. It is therefore understandable that the solution must correspond to the difficulty.

The above report, which we are occupied with, says that inequality is not a stroke of fate. That statement should be qualified. In the current world, there is inevitable inequality in the measure in which we do not find ourselves in the Reign of Justice. Even with the best intentions, one cannot apply perfect justice as long as one is imperfect and unjust, because of the sin in one. We can attain a certain uniformity, but not equality. In contrast to that, in the Reign of Justice that will soon be established on Earth, thanks to the Sacrifice of our dear Saviour and his faithful Church, there will be no more inequality.

Then, money will be destined to disappear, as well as all the other foundations of our current society. Only one value will remain: love. Love God above all and one's neighbour as oneself. That will be the currency of the New World, which is imminent. Apostle John made it understandable for us when he said: "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brothers [and the sisters]. He who does not love remains in death" (1 John 3: 14). That Bible passage is clear enough, and it's also enough to understand how important sentiments are for the life of a person. When everyone understands that deep truth and is ready to live it, a radical change will occur. Then, "the prince of this world" will no longer rule, as he has done since the day that he applied his politics of "divide and rule", precisely by means of money and all the institutions of the present wicked world. In contrast to that, Christ will rule as the Sovereign Master and educate all people who, under the protection of the New Heaven, will form the New Earth, where justice (righteousness) dwells.

A foretaste of the Restoration of All Things

The following short report was published in the Italian newspaper *La Repubblica*, with a magnificent photo as proof.

A cat "adopts" a bird

The town of Pontedera, Italy: What an unusual couple! This is a true story about a four-year-old cat and a little swallow that had fallen out of its nest and that

was picked up by a compassionate lady. Several days earlier, "Nuvola" (the name of the cat) had given birth to four kittens that did not survive. Then being alone, the cat now cares for the swallow and treats it as if it were one of its little ones.

Such an event can seem to be truly unbelievable to us at first glance, because cats usually pounce on birds and devour them. However, that can only surprise those who think it is normal for one to be destined to be the prey of the other. While in reality, things are different. Not only in the above-reported case, but also generally regarding the "big cats" and other so-called "predators".

The Book of Genesis says to us that after all the animals on Earth were created, God gave them plants for food. The fruit of the trees was especially reserved for humankind.

After the Flood, things changed because the climate and the vegetation experienced a complete change through this catastrophe. From then on, humans hunted animals in order to eat their flesh and to clothe themselves with their skins, while some animals, especially cats, attacked other animals, especially those that had remained plant eaters, and their predators were classified as carnivores.

It is therefore a matter of an abnormal state of things, which was gradually created as the consequence of humankind's Fall. The latter occurred because humankind disregarded God's recommendation that He gave to it in the Garden of Eden. That state of things will nevertheless gradually disappear during the great restoration, which is foreseen in the plan of Salvation, which is contained in the Bible, and for whose realization, Christ gave his life on the Cross as the Ransom.

That plan — which has unfolded exactly as foreseen, especially during the last 2,000 years, called the Gospel Age — has reached its final phase, which the Book of Revelation describes as the fall of Babylon. After that collapse of the politico-military, financial and religious systems, which will create inextricable confusion and unprecedented violence, the above-mentioned restoration of the Earth will begin. Currently still full of lies, humankind will then be led by the staff of the Good Shepherd, instructed in the Truth, and gradually regain its original dignity. Humankind will stop being "an object of terror" for animals, which, once they are in the atmosphere of friendship, will return to their former activities in nature, and will all get along with each other. That will be the time of the great universal reconciliation. There will be no more hunters or hunted. There will be no more bloodshed or fear. All will enjoy peace and enthusiasm for life.

That is why, in expectation of that marvellous manifestation of the general victory of good over evil, we rejoice to see how a cat can care for a young bird fallen out of a tree, as if it were one of its own offspring. That is already a small foretaste of God's Kingdom, and shows us, together with numerous other types of similar occurrences, that love and compassion are able to overcome the wild and murderous impulse that is still inscribed in the character of so-called predators.

News in brief of the Reign of Justice

Every year in the Northern Hemisphere springtime, we have the joy of celebrating the birthday of the Host of the Lord: the class of people who have made a Covenant on Divine Law with God, and who wish to live the Universal Law, that is to say, to become benefactors to their neighbours.

In Cartigny, we will read out a commentary that the Faithful and Wise Servant of God brought in his time, and that shows the great affection he had for the Host of the Lord. We happily reproduce some of its passages as follows:

"We have gathered together, on this special day, to celebrate, with all the joy of our heart, the Host of the Lord, the people of God's good pleasure, who were seen long in advance by divine foreknowledge, and who take their place, at a given time, in the Most High's great plan..."

The New Earth began with the publication of the Book of Remembrance (*The Message to Humanity*), which contains the Universal Law and the calling of the Host of the Lord.

Until then, we only knew about the Law of Moses. The Bible clearly states that God will give a new law. The Book of Revelation speaks about it. So did the Prophet Isaiah. He said: "The law will go out from Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem." We had already received the book *The Divine Revelation*, and we knew that the Lord was going to give us *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance), but I only had the

title. Then, one day, I felt that the Almighty was saying to me: 'The time for writing it has come.' I obeyed...

I dictated the first chapter in one go. As I read through it, I understood that it precisely represented the Divine Law, the Law of Zion, which God had just given to me as the key to the opening of eternal life, in order to communicate it to the holy Host... The Universal Law contains the Law of Equivalents and the Law of Balance. It is therefore the key that opens the door to humankind's eternal life on Earth, made possible by the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is the greatest revelation given to humankind after the revelations brought by our dear Saviour.

In order to write the Book of Remembrance, it was first necessary to identify the Host of the Lord, for whom it was intended. It was bit by bit, a little here and a little there, that I was able to identify it, in what concerns it, in the Bible...

When I understood all of that, and that the Host of the Lord is given to the Little Flock as their consolation, I began to love the Host with all my soul. I am also happy to encourage the Host, to support it, to give my life for it...

The Host of the Lord must make all its own efforts, because it has a sacred role, since it is part of the Revealing of the Sons of God. It must therefore do what is necessary so that interruptions cease and so that stability comes into play. At present, the demonstrations are mostly theoretical. There are not yet any old people who are becoming younger. But it must come. I am firmly convinced of this. All

that is missing is to fully live the conditions...

Everyone can ask themselves: 'Where are my joy, my faith, my courage, my drive and my loyalty?' The Host of the Lord is a victorious Army, in which everyone, for their part, achieves the victory of good over evil, of life over death. So, even now, we should see visible traces of all these virtues and powers...

Two essential and capital points should be taken as a basis for their efforts:

1. Love God above all. From then on, it is always: 'Where, when and as You will, Lord,' with assurance, conviction and submission. So, God can lead them to eternal life and get them through all the difficulties. So, it is each, for their part, who decides their own destiny.

2. Acquire, at all costs, the irresistible and invincible power of God's Spirit through solid sanctification. Energetically reject everything that would prevent it. Now, there are many things that are not bad within themselves, but that have no power for God's Kingdom. They are things that fall into a vacuum. While one is occupied with them, one is not working for God's Kingdom. One must therefore eliminate them...

The members of Host of the Lord must form the incomparably noble personalities that can teach people to praise God in the right way. It is also necessary that the interior corresponds with the exterior. A pure and marvellous divine mentality with feelings of magnificent greatness of soul, and of radiant beauty. On the other hand, words, gestures and an attitude that, at all times, correspond to the height of the ministry of a son of God

on Earth. Dignity, benevolence, tact, kindness, love, humility and modesty: they are the characteristics of a true member of the Host of the Lord. Such a personality makes a wonderful impression. It has weight, a considerable weight, because one feels that it is constantly under the anointing of divine grace. It is the unmistakable result of faith, obedience and faithfulness.

Thus, the process of descent into the grave, stops, and one goes back up the slope of life. One goes from strength to strength and from vigour to vigour. One develops a personality of the Kingdom of God: admirable, sublime, overflowing with joy and conviction...

The very best weapon is joyful, grateful and convinced renouncement. With this all-powerful weapon, the weakest and the smallest can defeat death and joyfully run to victory, under the cover of the blood of Christ and of the Tabernacle of God, currently in office..."

We feel, in those lines, the marvellous sentiments that the dear Messenger had developed at the school of his Master. We attach ourselves to the expressions of his heart, and wish everyone full success in the fight.

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At the time of this paper going to print, we cannot yet announce our next congresses, except for the one in Lyon, France, scheduled, God willing, from the 4th to the 6th of September.

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