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## The decisive victory of good over evil

**D**IVINE ways are wonderful in every respect. They contain nothing but goodness and blessing, for God's law, which governs everything in the Universe, is the law of good, the law of love. Everything the Almighty does is always done with a view to blessing. He Himself is the inexhaustible Source of love, of happiness and of felicity.

The Lord created Heaven and Earth through the agency of the Logos, his dearly beloved Son. The material employed was God's Holy Spirit, which crystallizes into an infinity of forms. The Earth and everything it contains, are the fruit of innumerable such crystallizations.

One of the principal elements of the Earth is water. Indeed, the greater part of the Earth is covered with water. Lakes, watercourses, rivers and streams are constantly in motion. All of that is a display of obedience to the divine law, that is to say, to the law of circulation. That is the point to be faced, for the divine law is also the law of circulation. There is only one article in the divine law: "All things exist to do good, and all creatures and things have intercommunion." All that circulates in accordance with the divine law, always results in good. For instance, even a watercourse that is polluted becomes purified in time. That is the law of good in operation.

It is the same in our bodies. The blood circulates through our whole system. It is replenished by the food we eat. The food is masticated, swallowed and then digested. After that, it is transferred to the small intestine and then assimilated and transported throughout the ramifications of the lymphatic system to enrich the blood. The blood is constantly being filtered by the liver and the kidneys, always for the good. There is an exchange of mutual service constantly in operation, each organ existing for the common good. That beneficial co-operation would never stop if man's spirit were in agreement with the law that governs his system.

Thus, whatever is seen in the Universe is also seen in our bodies. They are also a gospel if we will take the necessary lesson from them, so that we may spiritually follow what goes on quite naturally in our organism.

Unfortunately, the minds of men are under the devilish influence, which makes them selfish. That infernal spirit constantly places the nerves under tension till it has so far exhausted the human machine, that it is quite out of order. That then is death, which comes after a

deal of pain and sickness. If, on the contrary, man is animated with God's Holy Spirit, the nerves are relaxed instead of being under tension. That facilitates the circulation of blood, which takes place with ease under that beneficial influence, and the result is well-being.

Therefore, for mankind, everything depends on which spiritual power they permit to influence themselves. One leads to joy, but the other to depression, discontent and sadness. Mankind are utterly monopolized by Satan, the Adversary, who sends out his deadly waves to them and obtains a complete hold on their minds. That "creature of darkness" used to be called the Son of the Morning. The Almighty had appointed him to watch over man and to direct things on Earth. Unfortunately, he permitted a selfish sentiment to arise in his heart, and he said to himself: "I will raise my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the mountain of the assembly. ... I will make myself like the Most High." He suggestionized our first parents, and they placed themselves under his terrible influence, which makes man selfish and wicked. In that way, all their descendants were pitched headlong into misfortune and confusion. If mankind would turn around completely and begin practising altruism, they would quite naturally return to God.

Satan, the Adversary, does what he wants with mankind. He holds them through their selfishness. He employs religious people for his own ends and keeps his kingdom going through them. Instead of being occupied with the Kingdom of God, they work in the occupations the Devil has given them. One is taken up entirely by his grocery store, another by politics, another is kept busy judging and condemning his fellow men, etc. Some are property owners and capitalists, and others are workmen, and there is conflict between capital and labour. With all that, the peace of the Kingdom of God remains out of the question. That is why, there is, on Earth, nothing but the wars and disputes of the Adversary's kingdom, which is the reign of selfishness and evil.

The Adversary covers all that with a cloak of philanthropy and good works, to make believe that all is good. To be sure, in all religious denominations, there are people worthy of esteem. Satan confers advantages on them because they are ornaments in his kingdom, and that so cleverly deceives everybody, that none are able to see through the fraud.

People do not know anything at all about God's Kingdom, which is founded on goodness, kindness, benevolence, tenderness and love. In that Kingdom, you exist solely for the good of others, and so are joyful, blessed and prosperous. Adam had no need to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. He had a profusion of everything in the Garden of Eden. Had he not forsaken his Maker (his Benefactor), to follow Satan (the Usurper), all his descendants would have been at the benefit of those wonderful conditions. Whereas at present, instead of enjoying the blessings of the Kingdom of God, mankind live and die in the Adversary's kingdom. There, there are religions, unions, trusts, and large and small businesses, and all those things are dancing around worldly wealth. It is all commerce from the top to the bottom of the ladder. That is what mankind are doing, painfully earning their living as slaves, while their destiny is to be children of God. That makes them run here and there with their nerves ever-increasingly on edge. No one is able to perceive that it is the Devil who directs everything. There is every reason for the Scriptures to declare that "darkness covers the Earth, and deep darkness the people".

Only God's true children understand the Truth and so are in a position to see through the Adversary's trickery in the midst of all that power of error at work in the world. They are familiar with the Lord's ways. Today, quite especially, they are called to enlighten mankind concerning their condition and concerning the wonderful ways the Lord has foreseen for them.

The fact is that we have come to the time when "the covering that is cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations", are destroyed. The time has come for the introduction of the Kingdom of God on Earth. That is why the conditions prevailing in that Kingdom must be made known to mankind. Till today, the Earth has been a Test Station where mankind have experienced evil for having chosen evil. In the Reign of Christ, about to be set up on Earth, they will be able to become acquainted with the results of good when it is lived up to, and they will be able to choose good with knowledge. Good preserves; evil destroys. In the Kingdom of God, there is nothing but good. That is an everlasting circulation of blessing.

The Universal Law is the basis of all divine creations. As we have already said, it requires all things to exist to do good. That is the law of circulation for the good of all, the law of life. It is therefore the law of altruism. To be able to subsist in the Kingdom of God, one has to lay selfishness aside and to become an altruist. One has to give up lying, stealing, being a hypocrite,

### It happened while evangelizing

**F**RANCE, in 1937. I was in partnership with a cousin: we were running a café-restaurant in a very busy main street in the centre of a big town.

I personally was in very bad health, particularly with unbearable pain in my stomach, and cursing life and everything that goes with it. I strongly objected to having anything to do with the medical science of the world, but I had come into contact with a lady doctor who cared for the sick with the laying on of hands. This woman — who showed me some affection, which, for my part, I returned — claimed to have received a gift from God, and that gave me a certain amount of confidence.

Without any warning, I, one day, had a visit from an evangelist of the Kingdom of God, who left, in my hands, a book whose title appeared to have some relation with

the promises given in the Bible: its title was *Eternal Life*.

I immediately began reading what that precious book had to say, and realized, at once, that an incommensurable treasure had come into my possession. I read that the door to eternal life was open to all who were willing to make a Covenant on the Law with the Creator of all things. At the same time, the book inspired one with the conviction that sickness, which all men are heir to, was solely due to their bad dispositions.

I had long heard it whispered around me that I was hardly sociable, that my dispositions left much to be desired. I used to think the opposite was the case. However, I had to acknowledge myself to be in the wrong, to come to the conclusion that I was giving pain to those around me and that I was carrying a heavy burden of selfishness and pride.

On the Sunday following the evangelist's visit, I went to the meeting of the Angel of the

Lord (the Philanthropic Association). There, I found what I had always been looking for, the Gospel of Christ put into practice.

I immediately began to work on that, asking for the prayers of the assembly, and paid no more visits to my kind lady doctor.

After a few weeks, that kind friend sent me a message, for she was worried about my failure to visit her and wanted to see me for the purpose of giving me her new address. She was going to leave town and to open a consultation room in a rural district, several kilometres away.

I went to see her, and she received me very kindly, as she always had. After our customary greetings, she questioned me, and I seized the opportunity to tell her about what I was doing now. Perhaps I was somewhat clumsy. The Truth appeared so wonderful to me, and the dear Messenger's advice so right, that I wanted her to know about them.

I told her right out: "I now know why I'm sick, and I know the only cure. I am afflicted with wicked dispositions. I am eaten away with nerve tension, and I am causing a lot of pain to those around me. Whereas the Word of God says: love God above all and your neighbour as yourself: do that and you shall live. So, I can be cured by doing that."

As the lady doctor listened to me, her face lost its habitually kind expression. The smile with which she had greeted me, had gradually faded out, and she said with scorn: "Well, well. I always thought you were an intelligent woman, but what a mistake I made."

With those rude words in my ears, I left her. I was sorry she had been incapable of meeting me in thought. I liked her very much and wondered, in some perplexity, how my words could have offended her. Thinking the matter over, I finally understood. If all her patients were to speak to her so, that would put an end to her living and to what she felt

a backbiter and killing one's fellow men, in short, being a malefactor.

Mankind are sunk in evil. Now, they need to be taught the Truth, so that they may learn to overcome evil with good. It was to give a demonstration of the victory of good over evil, that our dear Saviour came to Earth. He preached a sublime and wonderful Gospel. He gave the blind back their sight, and the deaf their hearing, and he cured the lame, the paralyzed and even the lepers. The dead were raised. All of that was a striking and phenomenal manifestation, a demonstration, in a small way, of what will be done in the Kingdom of God.

It is sure that all who, in those days, were relieved of their afflictions grew old just the same and died. They certainly had been cleansed of evil by the Son of God. But as they went on doing wrong, the wrong they did intoxicated them once more till it destroyed them. Indeed, when one permits selfish or self-interested thoughts to subsist in one's heart, they influence the sensory nerves and obstruct the circulations, and that is the beginning of the process of destruction. That is set in motion in all sorts of ways. For instance, people lose their teeth, and their hair falls out. What is the cause of all that? Simply, lack of circulation. Circulation is life; stagnation is death.

The effects of the wonderful Work of good done by our dear Saviour, could not take decisive effect during his ministry on Earth, for the time for the introduction of the Kingdom of God had not come yet. He first had to pay, with his life, the Ransom of mankind, and to choose, educate and establish his Bride, his small faithful Church. So, he came to Earth to give his human life as the Ransom. In the course of the Gospel Age, his faithful Church consecrated itself to death in Christ, and also gave its life, in very fact, as its participation in the Ransom of Christ: Head and Body. We have come to the time when the whole course of God's plan is reaching its conclusion, so that the fruits of it can come to maturity, that is, the Restoration of All Things, the Kingdom of God restored forever on Earth.

The cures and the resurrections produced by our dear Saviour when he was a man on Earth, were simply illustrations, in a small way, of what is to definitely take place during the Restoration of All Things. Then, the sick will be cured forever and will never fall sick again. The dead will rise to never die again, always on condition that they get into harmony with the Universal Law of good that governs the whole Universe. They are outstanding assurances given to us by the Bible. They are given, in detail, in the books *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance) and *Eternal Life*. Those precious books teach us that the time has come when good is about to overcome evil effectively and forever, for the joy of the meek who shall inherit the Earth.

## Earth Overshoot Day, and the Day of Deliverance

We quote the following report from the French newspaper *Ouest-France*, which was sent to us without an indication of its publication date or issue number:

### Earth Overshoot Day [2020] postponed

*But only once, as the COVID-19 pandemic slowed down human activity and consumption.*

### What is Earth Overshoot Day?

*It is the changing annual theoretical date, after the 1st of January, when humanity has consumed more natural resources than the planet can produce in a year. Oth-*

*erwise said, from that date onwards, for the rest of the year [in the year 2020, it was the 22nd of August], we start using only non-renewable resources. The date, since 2003, is calculated by the American NGO Global Footprint Network to illustrate humanity's ever-increasing consumption on a limited planet.*

### Why is the [2020] date postponed?

*This year is exceptional: due to the economic crisis associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, it took us an extra three weeks, compared to last year, to consume the planet's renewable resources. But in the long term, we can observe the opposite tendency: in the year 1970, the Earth was in an approximate balance (Earth Overshoot Day was the 29th of December), but since then, the date has been hopelessly moving forward, and in the year 2019, it was the 29th of July.*

### Can it continue to be postponed?

*For the experts at the United Nations, the necessary actions have been clearly identified: a reduction of the Greenhouse Gas emissions, an exit from fossil fuels, a change in the food-production model... They are the same as the fight against Climate Change. For the Global Footprint Network, "a 50% reduction of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions would postpone Earth Overshoot Day by 90 days, and halving the meat consumption would postpone it by 15 days...". But is all of that really compatible with the relaunch of the economy?*

We are living on credit, and our debts are constantly increasing. The planet is our creditor, and if we can believe the above figures, since 1970, which is 51 years ago, we have been consuming, in less than one year, the total annual renewable resources of the planet. In 1970, they were consumed on the 29th of December, but Earth Overshoot Day has been constantly moving forward and reached the 29th of July in 2019. That calculation resets the counter every year and therefore does not take into account the "overshoot" from the previous year, which means that, in reality, our debts are accumulating. We have therefore been bankrupt for a long time.

That makes us consider things very carefully, and we can ask ourselves these questions: "Are there too many people on Earth, or are our consumption habits excessive? For how much longer will we have natural resources at our disposal, because we are increasingly exhausting our reserves every year?"

There aren't too many people on Earth. The Earth can easily accommodate all the people living on it. The problem is quite simply our consumer habits. In reality, the equation is more complex because it is not a matter of the excessive consumption of the world's population, but of the consumption of the richest countries and of the well-off in these countries. In the world, there is great inequality of income, of resources and of consumption. For example, in the USA, each inhabitant uses more than 250 litres of water per day when one includes the needs of industry and agriculture. In sub-Saharan Africa, it is 10 to 20 litres (figures from 2019).

Instead of misusing nature, instead of exploiting the Earth until it is depleted, and instead of consuming until one becomes sick from it, one should appreciate everything that makes us happy. One should create something and contribute to the general blessing. Unfortunately, individuals prefer to think about themselves. They are indifferent to the prosperity of others.

To conclude, we can say that, in the world, a radical change of habits is necessary. That programme is planned and even began long ago. It is God Himself Who has envisaged it with regard to the Reconciliation with us sinners, whom we currently are towards the Universal Law. He even sent his beloved Son to pay the Ransom for us.

Now, all who wish to can join that programme and learn about the principles of life, which are detailed in *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance).

It was published in 1922 and clearly tells us: "No one will want to carry on the revolution against the Universal Law, even if the present interests that he has been defending until today provide him with a privileged position. He will not want any more to please himself in a selfish and cursed mentality."

We will happily provide more information to all interested people, and we invite them to join the Divine Family who is in formation on Earth, in view of the Restoration of All Things, where all people will be happy, and where there will be no more pain, tears or even death.

## The sense of touch: a wonder

From the Swiss French-language weekly *Migros Magazine*, on the 2nd of June 2020, we quote the following part of an article, written by Nadia Barth, that deals with the problem of the sense of touch, with regards to new technologies. The title is:

### Does "touch" still have a purpose?

**"Contactless" credit cards, multiple monitors, Virtual Reality... Is the "digital culture" impoverishing our fifth sense? The point of view from three experts in technology, anthropology and psychology.**

*One of the things that we most frequently touch every-day certainly is the screen of our smartphone. Mobile and within reach, we tend to spend an incalculable number of hours on it, so much so, that the question of a possible addiction has become a real public health problem. ...*

*There is no longer the need to feel a silk scarf before buying it, to be physically near someone for a discussion with them, or to be in another city or a museum in order to visit it. "Virtual culture" and complex technology are becoming more and more sophisticated and are daily increasingly separating us from our sense of touch. Does that mean that technology is dematerializing our world so much, that this "fifth sense" is becoming obsolete? If you can believe it, so-called "haptic technology" ["3D touch"] is being developed, which can copy our sense of touch...nothing is certain anymore.*

**With the acceleration of "digitization", are we heading to "a contactless world", which means, "a world without touching"? Julien Tauvel [technologist]:**

*... The dominant trend is digitization, which is supposed to bring prosperity for all... That "virtualization" seems unstoppable, driven by Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR). Thus, the world is increasingly dematerializing. ...*

**In a world where reason seems all powerful, is there the impression that the body and consequently touch are secondary or trivial?**

*In a thought derived from some "enlightenment", a thought of linear progress based on intellect and reason, the body is rather seen as a burden. One also finds that idea in religion, which pits the soul, the spirit and the body against each other. ...*

**What would be an alternative to that point of view?**

*Today, as we enter a new cycle, we can see a return to nature and to organic, which again bring the body and our senses into the centre of the world. That new momentum is reinforced by a better understanding of how we are attached to nature and the importance of the "biotope". ...*

**Is there a type of hierarchy among the senses? David Le Breton [anthropologist]:**

*Yes, but it is different in our society compared to other human societies. The most important sense in our society is sight. It has the priority. We are in a society of spectacles, of looks and of appearances. In every respect, sight is the most noble sense in our society. The second*

her services were worth, for people were even in the habit of coming from foreign countries for consultations.

Several years went by, and I joined the Angel of the Lord (the Work) as an evangelist, after having got rid of my burdens and my chains, as we sing in one of our hymns.

One day, as I was chatting about our ministry with one of the brethren, he mentioned some of the subscriptions which he was busy renewing, and there cropped up a name with which I was not unacquainted, and the location was also familiar.

"What does that woman do now?" I asked.

"She is a former healer," he told me.

I was somewhat astonished by that information and decided I would go and see her if the opportunity to do so should ever arise.

Sometime later, happening to be evangelizing in that village that was about three kilometres away, I knocked on the good lady's

door, a little uncertainly, but with my heart brimming over with joy.

What a change I found in her! In the past, she was full of life and exceedingly active. In those days, she had many patients. She used to love life and its pleasures. Now, she was a crumpled little figure with trembling hands. She gave me a kind smile and invited me to sit down beside her.

Being at a loss for something to say, I waited for her verdict without any apprehension. It was she who then began: she talked, at some length, about *The Monitor*, about the riches each paragraph provided her with, wishing that young people, of the present time, might also be informed of the divine teachings. She talked a long time, and I listened without interrupting her, thanking the Lord inwardly for the gladness I was feeling, for what she had also understood was that true wisdom was to turn away from evil, as the dear Messenger has so often said.

After a while, somewhat exhausted by the sustained effort, she took my hand, compelling me to stand up, and said very kindly, looking straight at me all the while: "Kiss me, young woman. You have chosen the good part."

It would be impossible to describe the joy and enthusiasm that filled my heart. I had the feeling of being carried on wings as I carried my message from door to door all along the village streets. What splendid wages from the Lord's hand! He encourages us, day by day, to be steadfast in the good fight, so that, at last, we may see all people happy.

That was the last time I spoke to her. A short time after that, my lady doctor went to sleep. But I know the day is not far off when we shall meet again and we shall take up that conversation once more where we stopped it, but this time, in the earthly Paradise, under the benevolent eyes of the Almighty, when the beneficial rays of "the sun of righteous-

ness" will give perfect consolation to all the children of the Resurrection.

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It is the spring of 1969, with several of us evangelizing the city of Grasse, "the perfume capital of the world", bathed in the sunshine of the region of the French Riviera (*Côte d'Azur*, the Mediterranean coastline of the south-east corner of France). For several days, we had been undergoing a trial of steadfastness. At last, at my knock, a voice from within invited me to come in, and as I did so, I came face to face with a man and his wife.

Sorrow and anguish were making their mark on those two faces, which underneath, one could see, were very pleasant. Happiness, however small it may have been, had deserted that house, and I wondered whether I was going to win those two hearts over to the cause of the Kingdom, for, without a doubt, they were in great need of consolation.

I offered them some literature with a few

sense is hearing, because we are also living in a society where people are constantly talking, for example, with the mobile telephone. Sight and hearing were already privileged in antiquity, because hearing was naturally the means of communication from the teachers and the priests. The sense of smell is particularly looked down on, because it is perceived as something that makes us similar to animals.

#### What about the sense of touch?

It has been greatly devalued in our societies. When we say that someone touches everything, it is not very nice. At the same time, we remember that touch is one of the primary senses of existence, because it is the first sense that we develop. Touch is therefore essential, and yet in our Western societies, it is frowned on: we do not touch just anyone, anything or anywhere.

#### In our societies where we are experiencing an acceleration of digitization, is touch in danger of extinction?

Yes and no. There is already some decline, and that is what simultaneously leads to brutal aftershocks, for example, the practice of so-called "extreme sports" and also the increase of many external stimuli in our Western societies, such as alcohol, drugs and tranquilizers. Because this type of alienation from the world, this type of escape from reality, makes one feel that something is missing in life. One is ambivalent...

#### That means...

Look at the success of yoga, of jogging, of walking, of meditation... They are ways of regaining contact with the world. We try to use body techniques to feel alive. We are in a world that is unrealistic, psychotic and dematerializing, but that is also full of practices aimed at averting those shortcomings. We could also use the examples of gardening and cooking, which are elementary ways of finding contact with the ingredients of a meal. There is therefore a lot of opposition and resistance to this dematerializing world. At the same time, there is a type of decline of relationships with others and with the world, because there are more and more technologies coming into play.

#### Édouard Gentaz [psychologist]: "There is a transformation of the meaning of touch, but no decline."

... Touch has never been so present. Besides, today, the aim of digitization is to include this sense. Before the advances in Virtual Reality technology, there was the predominance of the sight and hearing senses. But in the last 20 years of technological progress, there has been greater capacity for other senses, including touch... I would therefore rather speak of a transformation of this sense, but in no way a decline.

New technologies have certainly and significantly changed our habits. It is also true that eyesight and hearing are greatly used in our relationships with our fellow people. But the most badly used sense is our spirituality. It is the ability to think, to reason, to consider. The great danger of our technological achievements is that they push people into the background. There are already robots that can do work that we are completely incapable of, for example, in the field of electronics, the manufacture of printed circuit boards (PCBs) that are constructed of increasingly small components. Our computers can carry out extremely complicated calculations in a fraction of a second, and can manage enormous quantities of data that would simply be impossible for us.

Another step has been taken with Artificial Intelligence (AI). One may rightly ask oneself: "How much further will technology go?" Furthermore, in this field, there is the matter of ethics, which cannot be ignored. Technology is fascinating, but should we let it control our lives? That is what it is about. Where is the line

between comfort, which technology offers us, and dependence, which it can lead to?

The sense of touch — which develops as the first sense in approximately the eighth week of the life of an embryo — along with the sense of taste, is often regarded as not the most important.

On that subject, we quote several passages from the French-language publication *Cahiers jungiens de psychanalyse. Toucher, (Jungian psychoanalysis notebooks. Touch.)* 2006/2 (No. 118), written by Josy-Jeanne Ghedighian-Courier:

*Touch has been censored, from which the body struggles to free itself. ... Research on the development of newborns and on early interactions, offers us a completely new light. ... The sensory system of touch is complex: it combines several subsystems, using neurons and chemical substances in the blood circulation, in order to transmit signals from the skin, which it combines with information about the condition of various aspects of the body. ... Contact also depends on several relays, and thanks to a combination of movement feeling, of eyesight and of hearing, it becomes an extremely powerful exploration tool. ...*

*Virtual culture and increasingly sophisticated levels of technology, separate us more from this sense every day, which is based on physical contact, which is fundamental and vital at the beginning of life. ...*

*We know that touch has an important role in the earliest development stages of self, both physically and mentally. But the value of the exchange is based on the quality of the presence of the person by whom one is accompanied. ... To be held in the arms of a mother, allows one to acquire the very first identity. ... If that is not possible, we fall apart. ...*

One should not forget that humans are beings equipped with five physical senses. And if our latest achievements benefit one aspect but not another, they nevertheless do not change our nature, apart from perhaps allowing some of our abilities to atrophy. If we are no longer in contact with anything apart from the virtual, we thus lose some of the notions that our ancestors were familiar with.

It would firstly be appropriate to understand the usefulness of our senses. We generally tend to use them for selfish satisfaction. Even if, by means of them, we are able to understand the world which surrounds us and which we enjoy, that is nevertheless not the main reason for the use of our five physical senses. Just like everything in the Universe was created and submits to the Universal Law — according to which, every being and every thing exist for the good of each other and have communion with each other — so should our physical senses be used for that, to exist for the good of those around us. But ever since the emergence of sin on Earth, those two important principles have been completely ignored. Selfishness rules as the absolute master, which leads our senses to be used in a selfish way and to be atrophied.

Now, humankind was not only originally equipped with the five senses that we know. The Creator brought humankind into existence as a wonderful and perfect creation. Of course, humankind was capable of perceiving physical impressions by means of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, but it was also equipped two more senses of a spiritual nature. The "sixth sense" is an accumulation of the other five, and it should form humankind's divine spirituality and enable humankind to be in contact with the Almighty, its Creator, without seeing Him, without hearing Him and without having physical contact with Him. The conscience is humankind's "seventh sense". That sense is so important that it is called "the pendulum of life". The seventh sense is essential for humankind to attain its destiny: eternal life.

As we said above, the appearance of sin has diverted humanity from its first destiny and has turned it into dying beings. For us to be able to regain our original

destiny, our dear Saviour, Jesus Christ, offered himself as the Sacrifice. Since that time, all those who want to bring themselves back into harmony with their Creator, can do so. That becomes possible through the Sacrifice of Christ, which assures us justification by faith. Then begins for those who accept and receive that, a new education which, among other things, encompasses the discipline of the five physical senses, and which is so wonderfully detailed in *The Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance), which all people should read. The development of sin actually begins on the spiritual level. Satan, God's Adversary, tempts humankind by touching its sixth sense, its spirituality. But if temptation firstly shows itself on the spiritual level, then sin is carried out on the physical level through one or more of our five senses. They must therefore be re-educated in some way.

In chapter 8 of the precious *Message to Humanity*, we can read in Article 7, Section (§) 4A, regarding the sense of touch:

*My people shall touch none of those things which could revive in them the former habits made in "the kingdom of darkness". On the contrary, they will be desirous of assisting their brethren in keeping and living up to the law of God, so that they may be a blessing to them.*

We would also like to add that when religion "pits the soul, the spirit and the body against each other", as mentioned by Julien Tauvel, then that is a false idea of the Truth, which, on the contrary, actually wants to unify those things. Our organs all automatically obey the Universal Law, by existing for the good of the entire body. When the Bible, in numerous passages, talks about the flesh and the spirit, then it is to show the duality that exists between the body, created according to the image of God, as it is today, and our character which must be reformed.

We understand, through the preceding explanations, that the sense of touch has a purpose, especially when it is used in an altruistic way, as is with all the other senses. That will occur in the approaching Kingdom of Christ, where all of humankind will be restored and become God's children who inherit eternal life.

## Unexpected outcome

The following extraordinary story, reported by J.-M. Nicole some years ago, is from the French magazine *Soleil d'Automne (Autumn Sun)*, a monthly publication by ADIREP (an association of regional provident institutions), which has its headquarters in the French town of Epinal.

#### Minette, the "expert surgeon"?

*Do not believe in an invention or a legend, or a fable or a dream that might make the impossible possible.*

*You should know that this report, from beginning to end, is absolutely true and that I have it straight from the man who fortunately experienced it.*

*Henry, who was nine years old in February in the year 1907, was having dinner with his recently widowed mother, Mary. Minette, the beautiful female cat with silky charcoal-grey fur, born in 1902, seemed to be peacefully asleep on the chair of father who had died too soon.*

*Let us try to imagine the family situation, both modest and simple, but also warm-hearted and dignified, to have a better understanding of this young widow's home life. Mary was sitting next to her only son and having a meal with him on a winter's evening. She had just put a log in the kitchen range, the only source of warmth in the small flat where they lived, an oak log, which "burns longer", as our grandmothers used to say.*

*The times that young Henry and Mary lived in, were very hard. There was no financial compensation for wife or family, for father's death, following a work accident*

words to explain our ideal. Then, the young man spoke up, giving vent to all his indignation against his employer, in whose service he had been injured, and who refused to take him back to work in spite of having given him all sorts of promises; his wife joined him, passing a very harsh judgement on his employer. They were very sorry for themselves and very bitter.

"If your God exists," he said, "should He allow such things? I'm sick of everything and feel unable to count on anyone at all. I'm out of work and at my wits' end."

He went on talking for a long time in the same strain. I did my best to comfort him. As I took my leave, after having left them a pamphlet and a *Monitor*, I said: "Pluck up courage, and take patience. It will all change for the better, you may be sure."

A few months later, my visits taking me that way, I knocked once more on their door. I was surprised and pleased to come face to

face with a smiling and peaceful couple.

After a few words of greeting, I said: "I didn't expect you to recognize me."

"Of course, I do," the young woman answered, "My husband and I were talking about you just the other day, and I was saying to him: 'Do you remember what a feeling of peace we had when that evangelist came to see us? And then, after she left, how much better we felt!' Well, when you left us, you said it would all change for the better. The very next day, my husband found a job, a job we are very pleased with. I remembered you had invited us to one of your meetings held in this town once a month. I shall come as soon as I can. Just now, I have to look after my mother, and I can't leave her by herself."

The minutes I spent with them passed delightfully. They took out a subscription to *The Monitor*, and I left a *Message to Humanity* (Book of Remembrance) with them.

As we parted, the woman said: "Whenever

you're passing this way, do come and see us."

I do that, and we always spend a few very pleasant moments together, talking about the divine promises.

I know that in all such experiences, all the glory belongs to the Lord, for it is He Who gives the increase. It is just like a garden: you have to grow your plants and tend them with a lot of love, as the Lord does with us.

We are given such splendid encouragement that we are going to cultivate ever-deeper gratitude, so that we may be fit to work on the introduction of the great Day of Liberation, in the course of which, mankind will come to know the joyful felicity of Paradise restored.

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It is August 1969. I am still evangelizing in the city of Grasse. Early in the day, my knock is answered by a woman who invites me in with a somewhat anxious expression, and I tell her what I have come about.

"The Angel of the Lord (the Philanthropic

Association)," she says, "Oh, I know them. I've had *The Message to Humanity* for years. It came into my possession in Bordeaux (a port city in south-west France). I was devoted to that cause for about a dozen years, but was kicked out over a trifle. However, although I was so mightily disappointed, I have always followed the precious guide the Lord had given me: the dear Messenger's splendid *Message*. The other day, I was praying fervently to the Lord to send me an evangelist, for I have only recently come to this city, and I so much need the association of the brethren."

How glad it made me to hear her speak so! As we very soon understood, it was for having by mistake followed a different association, that our dear sister had so long been cut off from the spiritual food the Lord has given his dear children through the faithfulness of the dear Messenger. However, God's faithful children are still there and are steadfast in that clearly marked road, so well lit, along

