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Whom does the Earth belong to?

THIS is surely a particularly important question to find an answer to. When you answer it truthfully, you put an end to all kinds of quarrels and difficulties. All matters are then settled once and for all, in line with the real reason for them, and their true destiny.

Of course, the Earth belongs to its Maker. All the elements to be found in the atmosphere recur in solid form on Earth. It is by the power of the Almighty's will that this solidification has happened.

This fundamental truth, concerning the ownership of the Earth, should be respected by mankind. This would lead them to respect God's plans. He intended the Earth to be a demonstration of his manifold wisdom. This wisdom has admirable results and is indispensable for the education of intelligent creatures, that is, mankind, so that they may have the desire to bear living witness to what the Almighty is able to bring into existence.

The Lord created the Earth so that it might be a manifestation of the glory, of the power and of the wisdom of divine love. God's dearly beloved Son, our dear Saviour, reminds us, in the Beatitudes, that "the meek" shall inherit the Earth. Therefore, no parcel of ground can any longer be acquired through a financial transaction of any sort, for none can be acquired definitely in this way. The truth, as we have frequently repeated, is that present owners, who lay claims to properties, all die without exception, and it is the Earth that possesses them in the end, and they themselves can never possess it in fact. On the other hand, those who are heirs of God, owing to their character, will inherit the Earth if they succeed in becoming of the meek, who have eternal life.

That is one of the essential conditions for being of the blessed who, after all, are God's heirs because they follow out his ways with all their heart. What proves that they have done so is that they have become meek, people capable of living on without going into the grave.

Today, one generation comes and another goes, without it being possible to go on living on Earth. As for those who lay claims to ownership, all are, sooner or later, accompanied to the graveyard. All their claims and the deeds of ownership made out to them, come to nothing at that moment and are valueless, for they become null and void. Only their heirs appear to profit from the situation, but their turn will come in due course, and they will go to join their forbears in the grave. Moreover, in some countries, they will have had

to pay such heavy death duties that any advantage they have gained does not amount to much.

Life today is one long disappointment and will remain so until mankind recognize the Almighty as the Sole Proprietor of the Earth. Then, they will honour and respect Him as their Father. This will be the start, for them, of an entirely different life and a quite new atmosphere, which will mark a complete change from what they have been used to.

In the countries in which we live, which are said to be Christian, we should behave in accordance with divine teachings, given to us by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It hardly needs be said that if anyone wishes to possess the Earth, as a child of God and one of his heirs, one must become meek and worthy of eternal life, since it is useless to have all sorts of title deeds in your strong box if you are doomed to pass away. It is certain that the mania for possessing what people look at as desirable values, mainly properties, whether built on or not, in no way confers on them the right of ownership, since the Sole Proprietor of the Earth is the Almighty and no one else.

To explain all that to narrow-minded or obstinate people, can lead you nowhere. The only thing that will convince them is to be backed against a wall by inexorable circumstances. An unforeseen death may intervene, or some authority may adopt measures towards them that are arbitrary and quite unfair, not concerning itself with the question of justice. It takes every possible liberty, as indeed the nations do when it is within their power, and international conditions appear to demand it.

Although it appears today that this question of ownership cannot even be discussed, and although mankind would rather anything but that, we are now nevertheless coming to the end of a dispensation, and to the start of a new one, in which no vain claims will prevail, and in which we shall have to make up our minds, yes or no, about accepting the divine teachings and siding with sound reality.

It is sure that the most selfish, that is to say, the greatest evildoers, obstinately thrust away that vision, which is very different from the solutions and half measures mankind are still willing to adopt. They will, when all else fails, grudgingly grant some of the workers' claims. Some will go to the length of becoming communists, such as communism is today. But all this is nothing

but palliatives. So, things will go on as long as there are profiteers, whether capitalists, or instigators of the proletarian masses, who, whatever happens, intend to maintain the immediate advantages that go with being leaders and privileged, and will say yes to everything except the true Kingdom of God. There, to be sure, the personality of every individual is respected, and the whole thing is a matter of high morality, centring on love for others.

Our Lord Jesus never said there would be a war of extermination against those who were not meek. That essential trait of character, however, is a must for obtaining eternal life, so that anyone who will not be one of the meek, deprives oneself of the power of the Vital Fluid, which is indispensable for obtaining this essential quality, which ensures one of having lasting life.

The Almighty does not intend to deceive mankind. He intends to receive them as his children and to make them heirs to his possessions, that is to say, to the Earth. Mankind have quarrelled over the Earth to the point of being left for dead. This goes on till the last contest, the last arrogant one, has had six feet of earth shovelled on to him and been relegated to silence, having learned nothing.

Till now, no one has been willing to bear a word about true things, in spite of weeping and mourning. In the end, mankind say that everyone goes to Heaven except those who are not in agreement with recognized religion. Some send dissidents to Hell. Good Protestants usually leave them alone, except in the small denominations, out of which bitterness and gall flow more freely than from any others.

As we said above, mankind will give their assent to the most absurd theories, and they will set up the most diverse and arbitrary governments, but will not hear a word about the truth. It is the religious and political leaders who allow themselves to be employed in resisting the Almighty's kind offers made to us through the agency of his Son, the glorious Saviour who leaves everyone free. At the same time, he calls our attention to the fact that we cannot submit, with impunity, to mankind's utterly perverse spirit, which leads to misfortune and destruction.

The Lord Jesus invites us all kindly. He says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." That weariness and that burden are made up of mankind's mentality. On the other hand, the promised rest consists in the changing of that warped mentality. Mankind must come to recognize the Almighty as the only true God, to Whom everything belongs, the Earth in particular.

The wondrous consolations
of the Kingdom of God

IN a village in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, there lived a family of honest people who were liked and respected by all their acquaintances. Father was a steady and skilled workman who delighted in his family life. He was in the habit of spending all his evenings at home, being exceedingly fond of his wife and children. Mother was a clean and tidy housewife, and the three children were well brought up. They enjoyed the kind atmosphere that prevailed at home, and were therefore closely attached to their parents. Jeremy, aged 12, was a thoughtful lad. Martha, the middle child, had just started school. She was a lively and intelligent little girl. Charlotte, the youngest child, was a charming 3-year-old who was the joy of the little family. Thus, everything was running as smoothly as could be in this simple and

agreeable household, thanks to the wise care of the mother.

Of course, there were the inevitable difficulties of daily life to be reckoned with, seeing the general selfishness of the world. Accordingly, there were some clouds looming on the horizon. At the workshop, there was talk of a scarcity of raw materials, and of the possibility of unemployment. There was a feeling of imminent peril, a Sword of Damocles hanging over the workmen's heads. Father thought: "If I became unemployed, how would my family manage?" He refrained from mentioning his worries at home to avoid affecting his wife, who had delicate health owing to a weak heart. The youngest of the children took after her mother in this respect. So, all this added to the care of the small household. Fortunately, father and mother lived in close harmony together, both striving to give each other mutual encouragement and joy, doing their best to see the bright side

of life, and not dwelling on its more difficult aspects. So, their days went by in peace and quiet. If one of the parents let slip a thought of slightly accentuated fear, the other would counterbalance it with an expression of optimism. Thus, life for them all was as happy as it was possible to be among the groaning and dying human race.

The highlight of the children's day was their father's return from work in the evening. Their great delight was to wait for him on the doorstep and to give him a rousing welcome. How happy he was to feel the affection of all his little world! He was most lavish in returning their fond embraces and expressions of attachment.

One day, as mother was attending to her household duties peacefully and happily, a messenger delivered a telegram. It was the first she had ever received in all her life. She was, at once, invaded by a terrible feeling of anguish: she was sure that some misfortune

had taken place. She dared not open the envelope for fear of the news it would reveal. Her heart was beating as if it would burst. At last, she plucked up the courage to tear open the envelope. The telegram, from her brother, read: "Mother, sudden death, accident."

It was a terrible blow to the poor woman. Shortly before, her mother had visited her and was then in perfect health. So, the shock was too sudden in her delicate state of health, and she fainted and sank to the floor.

When she regained consciousness, she felt like her heart was going to fail her. She did her best to be occupied with her housework, but the task was almost too much for her, and she could scarcely wait for her husband's return, to feel the comfort of his presence. She felt very weak and that her legs were unable to support her. She had a terrible pain in the area of her heart, and big sobs were shaking her whole body. Seeing their mother weeping, the children all started crying together.

To be sure, that is a complete reversal of the devilish and religious state of things that prevails on Earth, for, in that case, the question is to set aside everything self-ish and hypocritical. For instance, if, in Switzerland, we say: “We will be a nation of brethren,” then let us be so. If we go on to say: “One for all, all for one,” then let us do what is needful for obtaining this glorious result. However, for that purpose, a number of things must be set aside, so that we might reach concord.

Let us then have the courage to take our dear Saviour’s words seriously: “If anyone wants to be my disciple, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.” The banker denies himself of his bank. The farmer and also the landowner, deny themselves of their idols, to which they cling in desperation to their very graves. At last, all honour will be rendered to God, Who has found, for us, such a glorious salvation in Jesus Christ, our dear saviour. This wonderful Saviour, if we will follow him, will make true children of God of us, the meek ones who will inherit the Earth and can live there forever, owing to the altruistic mentality acquired at the School of Christ, who redeemed them at Golgotha and set them again on the road to life.

Whale songs

Whales sing. This is what we have learnt from an article in the French newspaper *Ouest-France*, dated the 20th of August 2025. But as a result of human activity in the oceans, their food is running out. To conserve their energy, whales sometimes stop singing. We reproduce the following text from Jeanne-Marie Cunin:

Hungry whales sing less.

American researchers studied three species of whales. When food becomes scarce, some sing less in order to conserve energy.

The film The Silent World *[so dear to its co-director and co-writer, the Frenchman Commander Jacques Cousteau] remains a landmark among marine documentaries, but its title is rather misleading. Underwater, between natural sounds and those produced by human activities, there is a tremendous amount of noise. Maritime transport, oil exploration and tourism are increasingly disturbing marine animals, causing growth retardation, deafness, a decline in reproduction... There are numerous problems.*

The largest animals on our planet, whales, are known for much more melodious sounds, often called “songs” [or vocalizations]. They are also profoundly affected by the constant noise below the surface, making communication difficult. Noise is also not the only disruptive factor.

Marine heatwave

For six years, researchers from various Californian institutes listened to three species of cetaceans [blue whales, humpback whales and fin whales] off the west coast of the United States, using underwater microphones, called “hydrophones”. Published this winter, their study shows a possible link between the decline in food availability after a marine heatwave, and whale songs.

“The study began in 2015 at the peak of a devastating marine heatwave [known as ‘the blob’]. This heatwave disrupted the marine ecosystem and left the whales starving. As a result, 2015 was the year researchers heard the least amount of whale songs. However, when temperatures cooled and the marine ecosystem slowly recovered, the whales found their voices again,” wrote Patrick Pester at Live Science, a science news website.

“We can imagine that if they have to dedicate much more time and energy to foraging, then there will be less time and energy available for other behaviors,” explains John Ryan, the study’s lead author, to Live

Science. Yet singing is vital for these animals, even if some aspects of this behaviour remain unknown.

A diet for singing

Reserved for adult males, songs could be linked to reproductive behaviour, foraging, migration, or even the cultural transmission of behaviour, according to the study’s introduction.

The study is also interesting because of the major difference among the three species studied: the blue whale (the largest animal on the planet), the fin whale (the second largest) and the humpback whale. The first two feed almost exclusively on krill (small shrimp-like crustaceans).

After the 2015 marine heatwave, krill became scarce in this part of the Pacific Ocean, and those two species struggled to find food and to sing. In contrast, humpback whales have a more varied diet. They are also able to feed on anchovies and sardines, which are also found in this ocean. This species can therefore do without krill...and continue to sing.

We didn’t know that whales sang! But for them, as for other creatures living on this planet, survival is becoming problematic. All types of nuisances — such as pollution, noise and overfishing — are disrupting their habits. They are forced to go further afield in order to find food or get away from dangerous areas. No one on Earth is spared this. Even the largest animals have their share of difficulties.

When we think that animals as huge as whales can feed on krill, then we can imagine how much they need to satisfy their hunger! From 2 to 16 tonnes per day, depending on the species. They filter enormous amounts of water through their baleen plates, which act like a sieve to capture their prey. Whales do not eat this much all year round. They consume up to 83% of their annual requirements in just 90 to 120 days, during their migration in areas rich in food.

All of that certainly contributes to maintain a balance within the oceans. As soon as one link in this chain is missing or no longer exists in sufficient quantity, the balance is broken, with all the consequences that may follow.

It is interesting to note that even within the oceans and seas, despite their immense surface areas and impressive volumes of water, imbalance has also appeared. This is a sign of the condemnation that has come as a result of humankind’s sin, and we will have to wait for the Restoration of All Things to remedy it. We already know that this imbalance will reach its peak in the Great Tribulation (the Great Distress, the Great Suffering), announced by the prophets and by our dear Saviour in the Book of Matthew, chapter 24.

We also know that those days of anguish will be followed by the Kingdom of God, which will be a time of singing. Whales will then be able to return to ideal living conditions, and to resume their singing in unison with all of creation.

The fight against evil spirits

The Swiss French-language daily newspaper *20minutes*.ch, from the 23rd of January 2025, informs us that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lugano, which covers the Swiss canton (state) of Ticino, is using the services of an exorcist priest. We partly quote the article as follows:

The Diocese of Lugano appoints an exorcist

Ticino: A new “demon hunter” will deliver the faithful from evil. Switzerland has three exorcists, two of whom are in the French-speaking part of Switzerland.

“Demon hunters” do exist in Switzerland. The Diocese of Lugano has just appointed a new one, as the Swiss German-language newspaper Tages-Anzeiger revealed yesterday.

There are now three official exorcists in practice in Switzerland. In addition to the canton of Ticino, two priests are active in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg. They were appointed by Bishop Morerod. Several volunteers assist them, according to the diocese’s website, which states that they work in collaboration with psychiatrists and doctors. However, the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Sion, of Saint Gallen, of Chur and of Basel [all in Switzerland], no longer employ them.

But what are they actually doing? Those involved prefer to remain discreet. According to [clergyman] Canon Paul Martone of the Diocese of Sion (which instead has a listening and discernment group) there is nothing violent, like in the movies. Most of the time, there are only minor exorcisms, which are simple prayers for deliverance, which can be performed at any time. Very rarely is a major exorcism performed. This ritual requires prayers, the sign of the cross, the sprinkling of holy water, litanies, psalms, passages from the Gospel, the laying on of hands, a profession of faith, etc. Not to mention the main exorcism formula, which is a prayer to God, and a command to the demon, explains Franz Kreissl, who is the head of pastoral services in the Diocese of Saint Gallen.

According to Vatican regulations, this ritual may only be performed by specially trained priests and with the bishop’s authorization, and only when all other resources have been exhausted.

Throughout history, humankind has always had to contend with the influence of evil spirits, at certain times more than others. However, all humankind is under this influence, which is not easy to break free of. Even in the time of Moses, the Lord had forbidden the people of Israel from consulting evil spirits (Leviticus 20: 6). Apostle Paul clearly states: “We do not fight against flesh and blood, but against...wicked spirits in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6: 12). While more and more people struggle to believe in God, even fewer believe in the Devil. This is one of his tricks: to make people believe that he doesn’t exist, in order to deceive them more effectively. How can we fight an enemy whose existence we are unaware of? Fortunately, the testimony of “the man of God of our time” has revealed the Adversary and his actions. In his *Message to Humanity* (the Book of Remembrance), F.L.A. Freytag clearly explains, in chapter 4, what the world of impure spirits is. There, the tricks and schemes of Satan are exposed. No one can go astray.

Some will ask: “If Satan exists, did God create him?” Indeed, it is difficult to imagine that evil could exist in the midst of good. However, this can be easily explained. As F.L.A. Freytag (also known as “the last Messenger of our time”) shows, good is a balance. Evil is a disruption of this balance. So, Satan was not created as he is today. The Bible teaches us that he was originally a protective angel “who covers” and “perfect in beauty”, and to whom the Lord had entrusted the stewardship of the Earth and humankind. Lucifer should have developed great gratitude in order to balance this special honour that was bestowed on him.

Instead, he wanted to rise even higher, and rather than serve, he wanted to rule over the Earth and over humankind, who had been entrusted to him. From that moment on, iniquity was found in his heart — through lack of gratitude, and through ingratitude — and he thus became the Adversary of his Benefactor, the Lord God, Who had placed such great trust in him and had shown him so much love. Satan then devised a plan to cause our first parents to fall into sin, so that he could have them in his power. He thus established a kingdom of which he is the god. This kingdom is made up of humans, and of angels who followed him in his fall, thus becoming demons.

Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians: “The god of this

At last, father came home, and mother told him of the great misfortune which had befallen them. He, too, was deeply affected, for he was very fond of his mother-in-law, who inspired respect and affection. He concerned himself with his wife, to give her every assistance and comfort. However, the poor woman was inconsolable. The bad news, which had fallen upon her so unexpectedly, had shaken her terribly, showing that her health was even worse than realized.

Next morning, she was unable to get up, and her heart was paining her more than ever. The doctor was called in, and after examining her, he shook his head without a word. He wrote a prescription, went out of the room, signalled to the husband to follow him, and said: “I must inform you that your wife is very seriously ill. Her heart was already extremely weak. You are certainly living in close harmony together, otherwise she would not have stood up to the housework and now

the shock that she has received. So severe was it that her condition is most critical. In any case, she must be spared all emotion and have perfect rest. What we have, at all costs, to prevent is hemorrhage.”

The poor man was utterly crushed. What a change had come over them since the previous day! Theirs had been such a peaceful life. The children clung to their father, quite upset at seeing their mother so ill. Distress had suddenly come into this home, so happy a while before.

As the sick woman had dozed off for a while, her husband was thinking deeply of all she meant to him. Never before had she seemed so precious in his eyes. Could it be possible that all the joy they had had together and all the affection and the care she had lavished on him and the children, was to end forever? “No,” he thought, “my dear wife can’t die and leave us now. It’s impossible for such a thing to happen.”

Jeremy, the eldest of the three children, was kneeling at his mother’s bed, crying softly to himself. Martha was busy with her little sister, with a motherliness which came naturally to her.

Father sent the three children to bed and watched over his wife all night. Towards morning, there appeared to be some improvement in her condition. Hope revived in the poor man’s heart. Then, a kind neighbour came in and said she would watch the sick woman while he went to work.

Father wrote to his wife’s brother, telling him how matters stood and giving him to understand that it would be impossible for him to attend his mother-in-law’s funeral. At the same time, he asked for details of the accident which had caused her death. His brother-in-law answered by mail. Unfortunately, the letter arrived when the children were all at home. Jeremy took it in, and mother asked him to open it and read it to her. On hearing

of the terrible accident which had overtaken her mother, who had passed away under the wheels of a heavy truck, the sick woman burst into tears, which caused the hemorrhage that the doctor had warned them against. It was then that her husband came in, just in time to witness the disaster.

The doctor was called in urgently, and when he saw the state the sick woman was in, he said: “The thing I most feared has happened. Well, that’s done it. There’s no more hope for your wife.”

Deeply pained, the man returned to his wife’s bedside. He took her hand and knelt down by the bed. After a while, he felt a slight movement in his wife’s hand. He immediately got to his feet and leaned over her. She signed to him to come nearer and said in a faint whisper: “I think I’m going to die. I remember the Bible text of my First Communion. It was: ‘Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.’ I haven’t sought

world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel" (2 Corinthians 4: 4). When our dear Saviour came to Earth, many people were captivated by his testimony and the healings he performed. However, few truly believed in him, for, as Apostle John tells us: "They loved praise from men more than praise from God" (John 12: 43). Our Lord Jesus himself declared: "How can you believe when you accept glory from each other, but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?" John 5: 44.

As we can see from the above, the main factor that prevents humankind from believing, is selfishness. Under these conditions. Satan has a clear path to carry out his plan: to destroy humanity. He knows that the seed of the woman will crush the head of the serpent (Genesis 3: 15), and he wants to prevent this prophecy from being fulfilled by any means necessary.

Exorcist priests have good intentions. They want to deliver the poor souls who are tormented by God's Adversary. However, they do not have much power against this force of evil, because they themselves are subject to it. During his earthly ministry, our dear Saviour delivered many who were demon-possessed. These were not miracles. The Spirit of God, which rested on him as the equivalent of his Sacrifice, gave him divine authority that nothing could withstand — neither the raging elements, as in the storm on the lake (Mark 4: 37 to 41) — nor the impure spirits. This shows us that to effectively fight against the Adversary and his demons, God's Spirit must rest on us.

In fact, to truly escape the Adversary, we must make a Covenant on Sacrifice, with God. Only those who have made this covenant with the Lord during the Gospel Age, have been able to escape the Adversary and fight him effectively. No other human being, religious or not, can resist him.

But those who have followed the Lord's ways during the Gospel Age, were few in number. They formed the Little Flock of true priests who want to give their lives for humankind, like their Saviour, and they have faced opposition and persecution, especially from religious powers.

Fortunately, we know that good is stronger than evil, and that it will ultimately and completely triumph. Good lasts forever. Evil cannot last and will disappear forever from the Earth and from the atmosphere that surrounds it. Our dear Saviour, by giving his life on the Cross, overcame the world, the Adversary and death. From then on, all power in Heaven and on Earth, was given to him. Satan is the Adversary, who has already been defeated. Even if he can still act and cause harm now, we know that his rule is coming to an end.

That is the wonderful Good News of the Gospel, which we can bring to those around us who are suffering and struggling under the difficulties of the End Times. We can tell them that the day is coming, and it's not far away now, when all who are in the grave will come out at the voice of the Son of God. Nothing will be able to resist his power. He is coming to bless, not to punish. He will establish his Kingdom on Earth for 1,000 years. After that, he will hand over all things to his Father forever, so that the Lord may be all and in all.

What is a true priest?

To answer that important question, we reproduce a passage from the book *Eternal Life* by F.L.A. Freytag, the last Messenger of the Lord, which illustrates, using the symbols of the Old Covenant (Old Testament), the divine anointing that must permanently rest on every true priest who wishes to respond to our dear Saviour's invitation to follow him on the path of sacrifice.

"The consecration of Aaron and his sons, symbolizes the baptisms of our Lord Jesus. We say baptisms, in the

plural, because for our Lord Jesus (the High Priest) and his disciples (the priests), there are two baptisms: the baptism of water, which shows the covenant made with the Lord. It is expressed prophetically by the Psalmist, who says: 'I delight to do your will, O my God. Your law is within my heart. ... A body thou didst prepare for me'. Then comes the baptism of the Spirit, expressed and obtained by a mentality that guides their lives in divine love, going as far as sacrifice. ...

In the consecration of Aaron and his sons, which is symbolic, blood from a ram, and anointing oil were used to sprinkle Aaron and his sons. ... That sacerdotal practice shows that in the Body of Christ, the members, the disciples, have to be covered by the blood of the covenant of our dear Saviour, in order that their sacrifice may be holy, living and acceptable to God. Apostle Paul writes that there is no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ.

The oil of anointing and the blood show the sanctifying power of the blood of Christ, obtained by the power of God's Spirit, exerting, above all, a moral influence and providing with a good conscience those who are at the benefit of it. This is demonstrated in the exercise of all redeeming power. ... This is the settlement of an equivalent, both material and moral. ... It is in this way that the moral power of the redemption of the blood of Christ takes effect.

Our Lord Jesus gave his life to purify us of a bad conscience. We receive that assurance by means of faith. Our moral sense is therefore convinced that the transaction has taken place and so is freed from a bad conscience. That is what is symbolized by the oil of anointing and the blood of the goat with which Aaron and his sons used to be sprinkled, as it had been ordained in Exodus, chapter 29. ... The oil of anointing poured on Aaron's head, that oil symbolized the Holy Spirit of God. The anointing of Aaron, which symbolized the anointing of our dear Saviour and of the members of his Body, was a glorious ceremony; it was the most important part of Aaron's enthronement. His God's oil of anointing was a crown upon him. ...

Those who have been chosen [during the time of the High Calling] have displayed, in themselves, the power of penetration of the anointing of which they were the object. They thus displayed the great esteem in which they held the Lord's Work. It was for that reason also that God's Spirit did its work in them, and thus transported the disciple priests out of darkness into glorious divine nature, into that nature that is able to understand all things, know all things, and to obtain all power by the power of the Spirit of God.

Anointing therefore stands for the dispositions expressed by the Holy Spirit that penetrates into a disciple's heart in proportion with the zeal displayed by him and with his faithfulness in honestly living up to the principles. It is certain that our dear Saviour received the Spirit in full capacity. The anointing he received at his baptism continued after, as he himself showed, saying that he had yet to receive a baptism, and how much he wished that it were already accomplished (Luke 12: 50). ... For our Lord, it was exactly the same as for his disciples. After the baptism of water, which, as we have shown, is only a symbol, but nevertheless an engagement, renouncement has to follow and to be faithfully kept up, and the sacrifice has to be made, day in, day out. This sacrifice will allow the Spirit to do its work in a process that uplifts the soul consistently, freeing the disciple priest from his mentality of slave and egoist. A condemned human being who he was, he becomes a sacrificer, a priest and a king, after the Order of Christ. This work has been going on all along the time of the High Calling in the course of the Gospel Age. ...

Our dear Saviour received the plenitude of the Spirit on the morning of the Gospel Age. During the whole

time of the Gospel Age, on the other hand, the disciples of Christ, the priests, have been required to deny themselves and to faithfully live up to their consecration, accordingly, a magnificent anointing was granted to them. However, the full power of the anointing makes itself felt, in all its glory, only at the end of the Gospel Age. ...

The Little Flock, the Royal Priesthood, should have it at heart to be absolutely faithful in its ministry. For it is at the price of sacrifice, faithfully and punctiliously carried out by our dear Saviour and the members of his Body, the Little Flock, that their anointing becomes definitive, eternal and glorious. ... It is the attainment of divine nature, of the eternal Source of glory, that is going to pour out the Holy Spirit on all flesh [on all people]. Joel 2: 28. ...

Disciples of Christ should get thoroughly into their minds the inestimable value of the anointing they have to receive if they wish to share in the Inheritance of the Saints in the Light. How closely they should keep watch over themselves, over their every thought, word and deed, over their whole line of conduct, in order to be constantly under the power of the anointing of the Holy Spirit! The disciple priests must therefore not permit the 'spirit of the world' to work in their hearts through the lusts of the flesh. Moreover, Apostle John recommends us to not love the world or the things of the world; he says: 'If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him' (1 John 2: 15). He further says: 'You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.' 1 John 2: 20. ...

One who has received this anointing is at the benefit of a new life that requires denial of self in accepting sacrifice, and in laying aside all the works of the flesh. ... Those who are guided by the Holy Spirit of anointing...have to keep themselves from all impurity and from all sin.

The disciple...counts it all joy when he has trials of renouncement, as well trials by slander or even by blows. ... The disciples knows quite well that all these things are the consequences of his participation in the sacrifice. He is also able to exactly recognize all his own defects and failings. ... It is in those conditions [trials] alone that they have the possibility to behave after the principles of a priest and sacrificer. It is in this way that the impulses, latent in them, are curbed. ... It is in this way that the disciple who wants to become an accomplished priest is anointed, little by little, with the Holy Spirit, and this has the result of changing his dispositions. ... It was also said of the priest in office in the Old Covenant: 'The priest...on whose head the anointing oil is poured, and who is consecrated to put on the garments. ... He must not defile himself. ... He must not leave or desecrate the sanctuary of his God, for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is on him. I am the LORD.' Leviticus 21: 10–12.

The disciple priest has to constantly remember that the anointing oil of his God is a crown on him. His thoughts, words and actions therefore have to respect that anointing that he receives day by day. Should he not respect that anointing, he will not be able to acquire the quality of mind sufficient for being a heavenly priest and king in Glory. ... He will let every opportunity for atoning slide. ... If the disciple priest will live out the divine programme correctly, his mentality will change a little every day into the likeness of that of God's dearly beloved Son, and for a reward, he will receive the Crown of Life, according to the promise of the Lord, who says: 'Be faithful even until death, and I will give you the crown of life.' Revelation 2: 10. ...

It is interesting to note the transports of gladness David felt for the Royal Priesthood, for the disciples who fully live out their Vow of Consecration. He says: 'Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil on the head

Him. In any case, if God grants me life, I shall serve Him with all my heart. He will have the first place in our home, won't He, my dear husband?"

Her husband, torn between the tragedy of her imminent death, and the gleam of hope her words gave him, answered: "He surely will, my dearest. Whatever you wish, if God will grant you life!"

The night went by in deep anxiety, for the patient was extremely restless. Jeremy had witnessed all these painful happenings and had been thinking a great deal. His mind dwelt on Claud, one of his schoolmates. This boy had recently lost his mother, and although he wept for her, he spoke of an immense consolation he had received. He spoke of a new era, the New Earth, in which all would love one another, and in which there would be no more war, no more tears and no more death. He also said that his mother would rise again on Earth in the Kingdom of God,

and that then there would be no more fear of her dying. Owing to all this, Claud had been jeered at by the rest of the boys, yet remained amiable and affectionate. Above all, he appeared quite convinced of what he said, and this had made a deep impression on Jeremy.

As he watched his mother motionless in bed, he thought: "If only it were true and the time when we won't die anymore were here. Then, my dear mother would certainly get well. I must go and talk to Claud and ask him to explain these things. He's always friendly and kind; he's sure to tell me about it." He remembered that there was some shopping to be done, and Claud lived close by. So, after doing his shopping, he knocked on Claud's door. He was trembling a little as he waited, and it was Claud himself who opened. With tears in his eyes, Jeremy told him the misfortune that had overtaken them, and how interested he had been in what he

had told him.

"My poor Jeremy," said Claud. "Listen, my sister Lucy has just come in. I'm going to call her, and she'll explain much better than I can. She'll know how to console you and give you the wonderful hope that has so comforted me due the painful departure of our own darling mother."

Claud's sister, who had heard voices in the hall, appeared at this point. In a few words, Claud explained why his friend was here. She took Jeremy's hand and invited him in to sit down. With infinite kindness and exquisite tenderness, as one who herself had suffered and was able to understand the pain of another, she spoke to the child. What she said was beautiful, so touching and so wonderful, that Jeremy thought: "Can it possibly be true? What a wonderful hope! Certainly, mummy and daddy have no idea about all this. Otherwise, they would have told me about it."

Entirely influenced by the impressions

that Lucy's words made, Jeremy had, for the moment, forgotten the misfortune which had brought him to his school-friend's home. Suddenly, his mind returned to the poignant reality.

Lucy, watching the change of expression on the lad's face, went on with great kindness: "My dear Jeremy, cheer up and, above all, trust in God. He is the Comforter of those who grieve, He has everything in hand, and He knows all things and can do all things."

"But Miss Lucy," responded Jeremy, "the doctor said there was no more hope and that my mother will die!"

"My dear Jeremy," said Lucy, "that doesn't mean a thing. We're going to pray for your dear mother. I can't go with you to see her just now, for I've got to make dinner for Claud and our father, but as soon as I'm free, I'll run over. Place everything in the Lord's hands, for with Him, there's nothing to fear, not even death, since there's the Resurrection after."

