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Hatred, Ambition, Salvation

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Definitions

PASSION: emotion or feeling -- There are eleven passions (part of the 26 powers of man) divided into Concupiscibles (love, hatred, desire, aversion, joy, sadness) and Irascibles (hope, despair, fear, daring, anger)

VIRTUE: good habit (either natural or supernatural, acquired or infused)

VICE: bad habit

HATRED: a vehement aversion entertained by one person for another, or for something more or less identified with that other. (Catholic Encyclopedia) As a passion, replaces long-term anger. As a vice, grows out of either Envy or Sloth.

AMBITION: the undue craving for honour. Anciently in Rome the candidates for office were accustomed to go about (ambire) soliciting votes. This striving for popular favour was spoken of as ambitio. Honour is the manifestation of a certain reverence for a person because of the worth or assemblage of good qualities which that person is deemed to have. The excessive desire of distinction is of course a sin, not because it is wrong in itself to wish to have the respect or consideration of others, but because it is assumed that this quest is conducted without proper regard to the mandates of sound reason. (Catholic Encyclopedia)

MAGNANIMITY: (which implies a reaching out of the soul to great things) is the virtue which regulates man with regard to honours. The magnanimous man aims at great works in every line of virtue, making it his purpose to do things worthy of great honour. Nor is magnanimity incompatible with true humility. "Magnanimity", says St. Thomas, "makes a man deem himself worthy of great honours in consideration of the Divine gifts he possesses; whilst humility makes him think little of himself in consideration of his own short-comings". (Catholic Encyclopedia) This virtue is one of four under Fortitude.

CHARITY: St. Augustine says (De Morib. Eccl., xi): "Charity is a virtue which, when our affections are perfectly ordered, unites us to God; for it is by charity that we love him." (Tour of the Summa) The Queen of all the Virtues . . .

Quotes

"Listen and let it penetrate your heart . . . do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle? In the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?" (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next." (Our Lady of Lourdes)

"I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." (Our Lady of Fatima, June 13, 1917)

"He (Jesus) wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. To whomever embraces this devotion I promise salvation; these souls shall be dear to God, as flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne." (Our Lady of Fatima, June 13, 1917)

"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to



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establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved . . .” (Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917)

“[O]n January 3, 1944, I knelt beside the bed which sometimes served as a writing table, and again I had the same experience without any success. What most astonished me was that at the same moment I could write anything else without difficulty. I then asked Our Lady to make known to me what was the Will of God. I went to the chapel at four o’clock in the afternoon, the hour at which I customarily made a visit to the Blessed Sacrament....

“Then I knelt in the middle, next to the rung of the Communion rail and asked Jesus to make known to me what was His Will. Accustomed as I was to believe that the order of the Superiors was the precise expression of the Will of God, I could not believe that this was not. Feeling perplexed and half absorbed under the weight of a dark cloud that seemed to hang over me, with my face between my hands, I hoped, without knowing how, for a response. I then felt a friendly, affectionate and motherly hand touch me on the shoulder, and I looked up and saw the beloved Mother from Heaven. ‘Do not be afraid, God wanted to prove your obedience, faith, and humility. Be at peace, and write what they order you, but not, however, that which has been given to you to understand its meaning. ([E]stá em paz e escreve o que te mandam, não porém o que te é dado entender do seu significado.) After writing it, place it in an envelope, close and seal it, and write on the outside that this can only be opened in 1960 by the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon or by the Bishop of Leiria.’

“I felt my spirit flooded by a mystery of light that is God and in Him saw and heard: – The tip of the spear as a flame unlatches and touches the axis of the earth, – It shudders: mountains, cities, towns, and villages with their inhabitants are buried. The sea, the rivers, and the clouds emerge from their limits, overflowing and bringing with them in a whirlwind houses and people in numbers that are not possible to count. It is the purification of the world by sin as it plunges. Hatred and ambition cause the destructive war! Then I felt the rapid beating of my heart and in my mind the echo of a gentle voice saying: – In time, one Faith, one Baptism, one Church, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. In eternity, Heaven! This word Heaven filled my soul with peace and happiness, so that almost without realizing it, I was repeating for a long time: – Heaven! Heaven!

“The greatest supernatural strength came over me, and I wrote, and I did so without difficulty, on January 3, 1944, on my knees, supported by the bed that served me as a table.” (Sister Lucy) [Carmelo de Santa Teresa – Coimbra, Um Caminho Sob o Olhar de Maria (A Pathway Under the Gaze of Mary), Edições Carmelo, Marco de Canaveses, Portugal, 2013, pp. 264-267.]

“If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of Faith will always be preserved,” etc. (Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 2017)



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“The Angel of the great counsel fills the censer with fire from the altar, adding great quantities of incense, which are the prayers of the saints, to signify that the Son of God filled His holy Mother’s heart with the sacred fire He had come to bring upon earth, and that all the adoration, praise and prayers of her virginal heart proceed from the adorable Heart of Jesus.

“The prayers of the saints are placed in Mary’s heart, represented by the golden censer, to make us understand that the saints place their prayers and all their praise and adoration rendered to God, in the Admirable Heart of the incomparable Mother of their Saviour, that being united to her prayers, their own may become more acceptable and efficacious in the sight of the Divine Majesty.” (St. John Eudes, Admirable Heart of Mary, pg 262)

In a 1957 interview with Father Augustin Fuentes, Sister Lucy said:

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all, spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families, of the families of the world, or of the religious communities, or even of the life of peoples and nations, that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

“With the Holy Rosary, we will save ourselves, we will sanctify ourselves, we will console Our Lord and obtain the salvation of many souls.”

From the Forty-fourth Rose of St. Louis Marie’s Secret of the Rosary:

“Blessed Alan de la Roche and other writers, including Robert Bellarmine, tell the story of how a good priest advised three of his penitents, who happened to be sisters, to say the Rosary every day without fail for a whole year. This was so that they might make a beautiful robe of glory for the Blessed Virgin out of their Rosaries. This was a secret that the priest had received from heaven.

“So the three sisters said the Rosary faithfully for a year, and on the feast of the Purification our Lady appeared to them at night when they had retired. St. Catherine and St. Agnes were with her, and she was wearing a dress brilliant with light, on which was written in letters of gold the words “Hail, Mary, full of grace.”

“Our Lady approached the eldest sister and said, “I greet you, my daughter, who have greeted me so often and so well. I want to thank you for the beautiful robes you have made me.” The two virgin saints who accompanied our Lady also thanked her and all three disappeared.

“An hour later, our Lady, with the same two companions, entered the room again, but this time she was wearing a green dress which had no gold lettering and did not shine. She went to the second sister and thanked her for the robe she had made by saying her Rosary. But since this sister had seen our Lady appear to the eldest sister much more magnificently dressed, she asked the reason why. Our Lady answered, “Your sister made me more beautiful clothes because she has been saying the Rosary better than you.”

“About an hour after this, she appeared to the youngest of the sisters wearing tattered and dirty rags. “My daughter,” she said, “I want to thank you for these clothes you have made me.” The young girl, feeling ashamed, cried out, “O my



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Lady, how could I have dressed you so badly! I beg you to forgive me. Please grant me a little more time to make you a beautiful robe by saying my Rosary better.” Our Lady and the two saints vanished, leaving the girl heartbroken. She told her confessor everything that had happened and he urged them to say the Rosary for another year and to say it with more devotion than ever.

“At the end of this second year, on the same day of the Purification, our Lady, clothed in a magnificent robe, and again attended by St. Catherine and St. Agnes, wearing crowns, appeared to them [and spoke to all three together. There is more to the story but St. Louis Marie draws several lessons from this story] . . .

“1) How important it is to have a good director who will counsel holy practices, especially that of the holy Rosary; 2) How important it is to say the Rosary with attention and devotion; 3) How kind and merciful is the Blessed Virgin to those who are sorry for the past and are firmly resolved to do better; 4) How generous she is in rewarding us in life, at death, and in eternity for the little services that we render her with fidelity.”

“If you keep these twenty-two little rules, when you die, Our Lady will place you as a lily before the throne of God.” Brother Hugh, M.I.C.M.

“Later there will also be an army of the Blessed Virgin. Remember to pray from this moment for this weak army since, hardly will it be thrown into battle when all hell will rise up united against it so that it will appear impossible to stand up against them. But, eventually, hell will suffer a resounding defeat and then the Blessed Virgin will be glorified on earth. So you must pray a lot for this army so that it can fight with keenness and courage right to the end. This army does not actually exist yet, but it will exist later . . .” (Jesus to Marcel Van, paragraph 20 of the Conversations)

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers.” (St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

“The devil will not attain his goal [. . .] because I am the Queen of Victories and the Mother of Good Success.” (Our Lady to Venerable Mariana de Jesus)

“IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH.”

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