



The Real Presence

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Meaning of *Eucharist*?

From *True Devotion to Mary*

By St. Louise Marie de Montfort (1710).

Let us offer up to our Lord, Jesus through the hands of His holy Mother ... all our good works ... which she has purified ... made beautiful and acceptable to her Son.

1. Because her hands are never idle nor uncreative ... purifying all she touches when she receives our good works, our beloved Mother removes any blemish or imperfection in them ... every taint of self-love and attachment to creatures;

2. Our beloved Mother enriches our good works ... by adorning them with her own merits and virtues ... rendering them pleasing to her Son ... as when a peasant, wishing to win the king's favor, goes to the queen and gives her his only possession – an apple – for her to offer to the king. The queen accepts the peasant's humble gift ... puts it on a beautiful golden platter and, on behalf of the peasant, presents it to the king;

The apple ... representing our tainted good works ... would not be a gift worthy of the King ... but presented in person by the Queen Mother ... the Blessed Virgin Mary ... those works of ours ... become delightful for the King of kings.

3. Mary presents our good works to Jesus ... keeping nothing for herself, as if she were our last end ... but, unflinchingly, gives everything to Jesus. Whenever we praise and glorify her, she immediately praises and glorifies Jesus.

4. At Mary's request ... Jesus accepts our gift ... of good works ... no matter how poor and insignificant these are for the King of kings and the Holiest of the holy. Were we to present ... a gift to Jesus ... relying on our own merits, disposition and efforts ... Jesus scrutinizes our gift and, very often, rejects it because of the stain of ... selfish motives.

But, presented with something ... from the pure, virginal hands of His beloved Mother, Jesus is taken by His weak side ... because He does not consider so much ... the present itself as the person who offers it. Mary ... is never refused nor slighted by her Son but is always well-received ... prevails upon Jesus to accept everything she offers Him, regardless of its value ... has only to present the gift ... for Jesus, the King of kings, to graciously accept it.

St. Bernard strongly recommends **See next column >>>**



Obedience – Body of Christ in Procession.

to those he guides along the pathway of perfection: *When you want to offer something to God ... and you want your offering to be pleasing and acceptable to Him ... be sure to offer it through the worthy Mother of God ... if you do not wish to see it rejected.*

We have an advocate ... so powerful with God that ... she is never refused anything. She is so resourceful ... that she knows every secret way ... to win the heart of God. She is so good and kind ... she never passes over anyone ... no matter how lowly and sinful ... you are ... because she is our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary.

Reflection: How does our Beloved Mother lovingly render service to those who have consecrated themselves entirely to her?

Renewed by the Holy Spirit

Testimony of Rev. Fr. Robert DeGrandis, SSJ

Edited by Linda Schubert (1987)

Born 1938 in Lowell, Massachusetts, USA to a family with a history of treating people ... in unloving ways ... with a lot of negativity ... this recognition of my own nature ... and many others ... have become *turning points* in my life ... motivating me to seek healing for myself ... and bring healing to others: *From the futile way of life your fathers handed to you ... by Christ's blood, beyond all price ... you were delivered* (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The experience of first communion ... the death of a neighbor in my childhood ... begged a lot of questions. I found the answer in Jesus ... through the priesthood. I was ordained on 06 June 1959 by the Society of St. Joseph ... with a commitment to work with black people. My father, who had said to mother when I was a baby: *This one will be a priest* ... resisted my vocation to the priesthood ... hoping I would take over his printing business.

I was sent to Miami, Florida and immediately got involved in the civil rights movement ... successfully boycotting a Goodyear tire company for discrimination in the employment of blacks. We made national and international news ... winning a federal case for a black soldier killed in Vietnam but was refused burial in the white cemetery near his home.



After some time, I realized that I was becoming more of a social worker than a *proclaimer* of the Gospel. I felt powerless and ineffective. Over a long period of time ... I yearned for the authentic spirituality **See Page 2, Column 1**

of the New Testament built upon the Holy Spirit. At different occasions, Rev. Fr. Harold Cohen, SJ of Loyola University and Sis. Virginia Clark, DC laid their hands on me. I felt a tremendous power in my spirit ... with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Indeed, the Lord Jesus had baptized me in the Holy Spirit. I began bringing people together ... to study scripture and pray over each other ... formed prayer groups ... trained prayer-group leaders ... held leadership formation in the ghetto ... and many affluent white people living over the mountain came down ... blacks and whites together, singing and praying.

Here were tremendous healings which blew my mind. When people complained of pain and sickness ... we would pray and the pain and sickness would leave. People with difficulty walking would move normally after a pray-over.

I frequently visited a Poor Clare Monastery. I said to the Mother Superior: *This charismatic renewal ... melts the hearts of people ... by the love of God.* She replied: *We do not need that. We have the Holy Spirit.* After much pestering, she agreed to be prayed over. A few nights later, sitting in bed reading the Gospel of John ... she received the gift of tongues. Within two weeks, every nun in the monastery was baptized in the Holy Spirit. She now operates the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) ...and she is known as Mother Angelica.

Some blacks in Alabama ... converted from the protestant style to the Catholic Church ... loudly complained that I was making them protestant again. In Texas, a white female leader of the parish ... petitioned for my relief and transfer, because I was forcing charismatic renewal down their throats. I asked her: *Give me one example.* She said: *You always tell us to read scriptures.*

Incredible! In both cases, I got transferred out ... I struggled with my feelings with the temptation to leave my Josephite community ... and found myself *living by faith* (Romans 1:17). I learned that God anoints the tongue of the speaker ... He also anoints the *ears* of the listener: ***The Spirit in the listener recognizes the Spirit in the speaker.*** This happened in Acts chapter 2: The apostles were praying in tongues but ... because the ears of the people were anointed by the Holy Spirit ... they heard in their own languages.

The Spirit used me as a seed planter ... but I will not see the fruits of these seeds ... my good works ... through which the Spirit molds and changes ... other people, in so many different ways. He does it through sufferings, sorrows, misunderstandings and evil as well ... through our time ... in quiet, in prayer and in scripture.

The Lord does not always speak ... as we pray ... but He always speaks to a person of prayer ... and He prepares the way for us, even when we don't understand. In His time ... you will receive direction and your destination will be very clear to you. **See Page 8, Column 1 >>>**



St. Joseph

From *Living the Beatitudes with St. Joseph*
by Howard Joseph Q. Dee (2004)

6th Mystery: Finding Jesus in the Temple.
Gift of the Holy Spirit: Understanding. **Beatitude:** Blessed are the sorrowful, they shall be consoled.

Meditation – Luke 2:41-50. *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? We do not completely understand ... our selves and the people and events in our life ... and suffering and searching ... the feeling of abandonment and loneliness ... of desolation and consolation.*

Jesus and Mary are unprepared ... for the sudden awakening and realization of their Son's mission on Earth ... coming to an understanding of Him ... a gift of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: *Father Joseph, I entrust my soul to you. Bless me with the Spirit of Understanding as comfort in my sorrow and be the bearer of comfort to others, united with your own and the sorrowful Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Amen.*



Angels and Archangels

Taken from *Breakfast with the Angels*
By Traci Mullins (1996).



The Bible says that, throughout history, angels have carried out God's judgments ... directing the destinies of nations which are disobedient to God. Hebrews 1:7 speaks of angelic forces as executors of the judgments of God ... Who makes His angels as spirits and His ministers as a flame of fire ... thus suggesting ... how awful the judgments of God are ... how burning is the power of angels to carry out God's decisions.

Angels administer judgments in accord with God's principles of righteousness ... *avengers* who use their great power to fulfill God's will in judgment. God has empowered them ... to separate the sheep from the goats ... the wheat from the chaff. One will blow the trumpet that announces ... impending judgment when God summons the nations ... to stand before Him in the last great judgment.

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On Silence

From *The Ragged Edge of Silence: Finding Peace
In a Noisy World* by John Francis (2011)

Days later, walking more than 200 miles, I crossed into California into the Smith River Indian Shaker Church.



This Shaker Church is a fusion of strong elements of Catholicism and Native American traditional shamanic healing. The shamanic state of consciousness approaches the spirit world in a state of silence ... as an expression of deep respect for and humble awareness of ... all forms of life including inorganic matter ... noting that the first thing a person learns in life is silence ... and a feeling for the dynamic force that abides in Mother Nature.

Lesson Nine on Silence: Finding another Teacher.

Objective: Open yourself to other possibilities.

Why? (1) Different religions offer ... **See Page 8, Column 1 >>>**



On Prayer

From *Experiencing God: The Three Stages of Prayer* by Rev. Fr. Thomas H. Green (2010).

Back to Father Green. The importance of knowing ourselves ... of self-knowledge ... is that when we get to know who we are ... in honestly meeting and confronting our self ... in emptying our thoughts, our mind, our life ... with pre-occupation and consciousness of self ... we prepare ... open ... welcome ... the coming of the mystery of Christ ... the in-filling of Christ ... in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

No knowledge of self ... no emptying of self ... no in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit ... no encounter with God. So, learn silence ... quietude ... solitude ... to gain knowledge of self ... which in itself is a sacrament ... God's grace gifted to us ... so that He will fill us with the Spirit.

We are being given exercises ... lessons ... on silence ... through the experiences ... encounters of John Francis. The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises give us three main means to gain self-knowledge in our daily life: (1) The practice of Penance; (2) The Examen or Examination of Conscience or Consciousness; and (3) The work of getting to know Who God is.

(August 2013: The Practice of Penance)



On Apostolic Works of Mercy

In *the Heart of the World* (1997) by Mother Teresa Edited by Becky Benenate

Looking at schematic drawings of electrical circuits, you see wires – big and small, new and old, cheap and expensive – all lined up ... with other elements. Until and unless, current passes through these wires and the elements, there will be no light ... the circuit will not work out its design.

The wires and the elements are you and me. The current is God. We have the power to allow the current ... to pass through us ... that we may become God's instruments ... to light up the world. Or, we can *refuse* God's invitation ... and allow ... by doing nothing ... for darkness to spread.

Mother Mary is the most wonderful wire. She allowed God to fill her ... as Father Green wrote: To be filled with Christ. By her surrender ... *be it done to me according to your word* ... she became *full of grace ... full of God ... filled with Christ*.

The moment she was filled by this current ... by the grace of God ... she went in haste to her cousin Elizabeth to connect the wire *John* to the current *Jesus*. And, Elizabeth said: *This child John leapt with joy at your voice*.

Let us ask our Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary, to come into our lives also and make the current *Jesus* use us to go around the world – especially in our own communities ... such as the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina* – so that we can continue connecting the wires of the hearts of men, women and youth ... to the current of the love of God.

(To be continued August 2013)



On Brotherhood

Merton: A Biography

By Monica Furlong (1980)

Merton's longing for solitude grew intense: *We now have 150 novices ... all-in, we are 270 in Gethsemani One feels more solidly rooted in God ... even though many of them may be morose.*

He thought of becoming a hermit ... to a less structured monastic life ... with more livberty for private prayer and contemplation.

Merton increasingly felt ... hemmed in by the multitude of restrictions ... lack of solitude and privacy ... greater strictness over enclosures ... rigorous control of the monks ... separation from the outside world ... and their helpless dependence. He learned of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima nearly a year later!

In the end, Merton realizes: *If God wants me to be a solitary, then I will be His kind of solitary, no matter the exterior conditions imposed on me My only task now is to remain quiet ... abandoned ... and in the hands of God.*

Juggling monastic life with writing may seem to have taken its toll on Merton. But, by mid-1953, he had published ten (10) full-length books on various aspects of spirituality ... a number of pamphlets, articles and translations. Still to be published were his books *The Living Bread* and *The Silent Life* and *No Man Is an Island*.

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Heroes of the Faith: Eucharistic Adorers – Sinners & Saints

From Wikipedia

St. Clement of Rome identifies Peter and Paul as the outstanding heroes of the faith.

In the New Testament, the mention of the death of Peter says that Jesus indicated its form by saying: *You will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go*. Early Church tradition says Peter probably died by crucifixion (with arms outstretched) at the time of the Great Fire of Rome of the year 64.

Margherita Guarducci, who led the research leading to the rediscovery of Peter's reputed tomb in its last stages (1963–1968), concludes Peter died on 13 October AD 64 during the festivities on the occasion of the *dies imperii* – Latin for *the day of assuming power or Regnal Day anniversary* – of Emperor Nero. This took place three months after the disastrous fire that destroyed Rome for which the emperor wished to blame the Christians.

St. Clement speaks of Peter's martyrdom in the following terms: *Let us take the noble examples of our own generation. Through jealousy and envy the greatest and most just pillars of the Church were persecuted, and came even unto death... Peter, through unjust envy, endured not one or two but many labours* See Page 4, Column 2 >>



On Leaders

From *Becoming a Spiritual Leader: A Life of the Apostle Peter* By Patrick Whitworth (2005)

Formation. The scene opens to Jesus starting His earthly ministry ... along the shores of the Lake of Galilee in the town of Capernaum ... hometown of Simon. Formation starts with a call ... and an affirmative response. Without a YES, there is no formation. At the start, there were five of them – Jesus, Peter and younger brother Andrew, James and younger brother John. The four were fishing partners ... knew each other well ... and were the first disciples.

Capernaum is a lakeside town ... surrounded by highly productive land ... plentiful springs ... with a small Roman garrison and a customs post. Here ... Jesus settled the headquarters of His Galilean ministry ... near the best-preserved synagogue to this day, dated from 4th century BC.

Peter relates to Mark 1:14 what happened in the next fast-paced moments ... on a Sabbath to remember: Jesus was reading in the synagogue when a man ... possessed of the devil came in screaming. Jesus freed the man of the devil ... just like that!

Then, they went up to Peter's home where his mother-in-law was with fever ... too weak to rise and serve them; Jesus healed her ... just like that!! Jesus healed many ... many more! Then, He made complete, a leper, just like that!!!

People were amazed ... astonished ... bewildered ... at Jesus. In contrast, the Pharisees' teachings were designed to show the congregation ... how the people had failed to keep the law ... how they were to observe it more strictly ... to become more righteous and prepare for the future. And ... they loved honor and skin-deep religiosity ... the best seats and flowing robes ... power and especially money (Luke 16:14).

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On Virtue

From *Patience: How We Wait Upon the World* by David Baily Harned (1997)

Patience stand between Impatience and Apathy ... indifference or insensitivity (from *apathea* for *without feeling*). Patience is not always a virtue ... it can serve selfish ends as greed, revenge or Pride. Similarly, Impatience is not always a vice such as that of a prisoner's eagerness to escape his confinement to rejoin his comrades in service of a just war.

Apathy may be prudent recognition of territory which lies beyond our powers of intervention ... with no right nor authority to intrude upon the private affairs of strangers which may turn out to be a meddlesome form of pride ... a presumptuous act of interference. Take note of Peter's intrusion on Jesus' prayer time on the morning after the healing of his mother-in-law.

When Impatience becomes and flares out into ANGER ... because our desires and projects are thwarted in some fashion, then Impatience becomes a vice ... See next Column >>

* On Leaders * On Virtues *

an expression of godless defiance against everything that threatens to block an unrestrained and capricious will ... and expressed in the rebellious cry of Lucifer – the angelic servant who pridefully thought he could be lord ... and so became a hideous demon: *Non serviam! I will not serve!*

Indifference is not triumph of reason over passion ... of discipline and order over unruliness and turbulence of our feelings. Indifference is an utterly ... completely ... uncaring spirit ... seeing nothing and hearing nothing. Indifference or apathy ... does not care for dialogue, mutuality and interdependence ... which are meant to characterize the life of the children of God.

The insensitive self is someone ... who is lacking all ordinary feelings ... unmoved by suffering ... and unable to shed a tear. The ultimate expression of apathy is SLOTH.

These vices speak with one voice ... and they both insist: *I will not suffer!* Impatience regards suffering ... as a hindrance to be overcome; Apathy has banned suffering ... from the precincts of consciousness. These two ... Impatience and Apathy ... form one world ... the world of the *I*, the *Me* and *Myself* ... and are thus very isolated and alone.

Once we were pilgrims ... now we are tourists, meeting in fleeting ways. Pilgrims engage in ... corporate, collective acts in the Presence of the Sacred; Tourists are motivated by curiosity ... impatiently competing for a better view ... a better place ... a more pleasant site ... a quieter table.

Pilgrims are in community ... in moral formation; Tourists are in a crowd ... and very much indifferent to it. And so, impatiently ... we ask: What knowledge can Patience significantly add to the information we have? Wisdom ... and the dictates of the heart.

Patience is best exemplified ... not by the chosen people whose vocation is to wait upon the world ... but by the Lord, *Jesus Christ* ... Who chooses to wait upon a rebellious people ... Who endures betrayal with constant forbearance ... awaiting the repentance of those who flee from His persistent love.

(August 2013: What Patience is Not.)



On Heroes of the Faith ... and at last, having delivered his testimony, departed unto the place of glory due to him.

The apocryphal Acts of Peter is thought to be the source for the tradition about the famous phrase *Quo vadis, Domine?* – Latin for *Where are you going, Master?* In the story, Peter, fleeing Rome to avoid execution, asked the question of a vision of Jesus, Who replied that He was *going to Rome to be crucified again*. On hearing this, Peter decided to return to the city to accept martyrdom.

The story portrays Peter as entertaining second thoughts about his fate. Peter was put to death under Emperor Nero Augustus Caesar and was crucified upside down at his own request, since he saw himself unworthy to be crucified in the same way as Jesus Christ.

The feast day of Sts. Peter and Paul is celebrated on June 29.



The China Mission: At upper center is Jesus. St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius of Loyola are kneeling. Standing: Xu Guangqi and Matteo Ricci.

On Mission

The Master Plan of Evangelization

By Robert E. Coleman (1963)

Principle No. 1: Selection – Men were His method. Let us begin with a reading of Luke 6:13. Let us imitate Jesus. It will be slow, tedious, painful and probably unnoticed by men, at first ... but the end result will be glorious ... even if we don't live to see it.

Train those already in responsible positions of leadership ... but we may begin where we are ... and pick for training a few ... lowly men ... willing to carry on His work ... even when we are long gone.

Jesus devoted Himself primarily to a few men ... rather than the multitudes ... in order that the masses could be at last be served. This was the genius of His strategy. But, Jesus was a realist. He fully realized the fickleness of human nature ... of Satanic forces working against Him and humanity.

Individually, Jesus could not possibly give every human being the personal care needed. So, He got men imbued with His life who would do it for Him. Men whom He would train to lead the multitudes to God.

Twelve is the number of spiritual Israel ... whether observed in ... the 12 patriarchs ... the 12 tribes ... the 12 foundations of the 12 gates of the heavenly Jerusalem. *Twelve* symbolizes the indwelling of God in the human family. *Twelve* serves to impress ... upon those you selected ... of their importance ... in the future work on the Kingdom of God.

Let us read and meditate on John 1:35-51; Mark 1:19, 2:13-14; Matthew 4:21, 9:9 and Luke 5:27-28. In the selection of His disciples, there is no evidence of haste on the part of Jesus ... just plain, dogged determination ... and the significance of their lives would be felt ... in eternity.

Yet ... these men did not occupy prominent places in Jewish society nor in the synagogue. None belonged to the Levitical priesthood ... none were considered wealthy, although Judas Iscariot came from the more refined region of Judea.

These men were mostly ... common laborers ... possessed of basic knowledge necessary for their vocation ... craft or trade ... with *formal* education consisting only of the synagogue schools. They were impulsive, temperamental, easily offended and had all the prejudices of their culture and environment.

These men were selected by Jesus to be His trainees ... representing an average cross-section of their society in their day. They were indeed ... unlearned and ignorant but pliable. In the hands of the Master, these men could be ... molded and re-formed ... evangelized and re-evangelized ... into His image.

Such ragged men ... were willing to un-learn to learn ... to be taught and then to teach ... **See Page 8, Column 2 >>**



The ANF Constitution & By-Laws

Part II, Section II, Chapter I – The Section.

Article 72. A Section is of at least three Turnos.

Article 73. For reason of propriety, the date of canonical establishment of the Section is the feast day of its titular patron.

Article 74. A Section is organized preferably in a vicariate or district, with dialogues held with the *Vicar Forane*, the Parish Priest where the seat of the Section is placed and the Bishop. *ANF Form 20* reflects, at the minimum, the consultation process with, and the approval/signatures of, these three important personalities.

Delete paragraph 2 for reasons of: (1) Conflicting statements. A Section is said to have an *autonomous existence* but *subject to*; and (2) There is no autonomous body in the Mystical Body of Christ. My dictionary defines *autonomous* as *living under one's own laws*; independent; *having the right or power of self-government* without outside control. Satan and his friends are independent of God. I would rather be dependent on ... a slave of ... the Blessed Trinity!

If the Section is autonomous, it cannot be under supervision of a Council. If it is supervised by a Council, then it is not autonomous.

Delete paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 for the following reasons: (1) Paragraph 1 says it all; and (2) No point in limiting ourselves to predetermined courses of action. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to work through us ... with us ... in us ... and for us.

Article 77. The Assistant Father Director is the *Co-Director* — the proper term to use.

(August 2013: Part II, Section II, Chapter II)

Prayer Requests

1. From Bro. Duffy Lomuntad: For the safe journey to and from the United States of our Sisters from Pampanga — Nolina D. Cayabyab, Trinidad A. Gozun and Ma. Ruby J. Dela Cruz on July-August 2013; and the safe journey of my sister Joanne and her daughters Charis and Freya, to Alberta, Canada and back to Frankfurt, Germany.

Proclaim the Coded Message! Spread the Word!

Decode the message. Each number corresponds to a letter in the English alphabet; same number, same letter. Whoever first emails broDuffy the message and its correct Bible source receives ₱500.00 via the nearest LBC Pera Padala branch. **Clue: A = 17.**

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 ... 13 8 1 13 1 14 15 8 16 6 9 10 5 17 15 8 18 16 10 13
 12 5 1 10 6 5 13 8 14 2 1 9 5 13 — **St. John, Evangelist.**

Entries from Adorer/Tarcisians emailed to aglomuntad@yahoo.com are only qualified to join. National Council officers may join but greater consideration is given to entries from Regional Councils down to Turno level. BroDuffy admits to any mistake which eluded his review. But, he stands as sole judge; his decision is inappealable.

May 2013 Message: *All were filled with Holy Spirit and began to speak other languages, as the Spirit enabled them to speak. – Acts 2:4.*



Tarcisian Challenge: Ten Devotions for Youth Groups

Edited by Mike Nappa (1993)

These devotions are meant to help youth to understand and apply God's Word by spicing up Bible studies for deeper meaning in their activities.

Lesson Four: Theme – Gift Giving.

Scripture Readings – Romans 12:3-8/Ephesians 4:11-12.

What you need: Bibles.

Experience: Say: *Today is Gift-Giving Day. Think for a few seconds of a small token you can give to someone in the group – in the form of ... a button, a coin or a piece of paper ... anything that comes to mind.* For the group in pairs ... have the pairs give and receive their gifts .. have them discuss and report on the following questions: What did you feel in giving/receiving a gift? What will you do with the gift? How could this gift-giving exercise be more exciting for you?

Response: Have each pair read Romans 12:3-8 and Ephesians 4:11-12 and discuss these questions: Name one gift God gave you. What does God want you to do with the gifts He has given you?

Closing: Form a circle ... have the members show the gift they received ... and ask them how ... that gift ... reminds them to use their spiritual gifts and God and their fellowmen. Thus, a button may be a reminder to *unbutton* your lips and *proclaim to others the Word of God.*

[BroDuffy: Tarcisians got talents! How may we help you prepare emerging Tarcisian talents for the world stage?]

The Big Business of Slave Trading

From *From Slavery to Freedom*

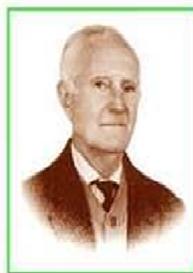
By John Hope Franklin and Alfred A. Moss, Jr. (1947)

Perish the thought that ... trading in slaves involved the simple procedure of sailing into a port, loading up bodies and sailing away. Fact is ... traders remain in one place for 2-3 weeks to find ... kidnap ... enough bodies to fill a ship. In 1788, the ship *Brookes*, a 320-ton vessel could accommodate 450 slaves but carried as many as 609 slaves.

Courtesy visits and negotiations that protocol required ... keeping local leaders in good humor ... scouring interior areas for bodies to force into captivity ... *parking* the ship at 4-5 points to take its fill of its victims ... disposing the goods on board ship for bartering (which may be rejected), taking on supplies for the voyage across the oceans ... were some of the mundane concerns of the ship's captain-trader.

To prevent escape, slaves were chained together ... in mixed groups ... of men, women and children ... carrying food supplies and water; the captors' sleeping bags and the slave-captain's *tent*; marching them over hilly terrain ... in a kind of *death march*. Those who stumbled and failed to rise had their hands and feet chopped off to avoid delays ... and were eaten alive by the predators trailing the slave caravan. The hills and forests reverberated

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Alberto Capellan Zuazo. Declared Venerable on 06 April 1998 by Pope John Paul II. For beatification, do pray: *O God, You granted Your servant, Alberto Capellan Zuazo, a great love for the mysteries of Your Body and Blood, and the charism of finding and serving You in the poor: make me also able to pass through this life intimately united to You, serving You in the neediest of our brothers and sisters. Deign to glorify Your servant, Alberto, and grant me through his intercession this favor that I ask of You (state request).* Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

On Big Business ... with the slaves singing and humming ... their desperate cry for help.

Over-crowding was common. Records have small 90-ton ships carrying 390 slaves in addition to crew and provisions. In this regard, British Parliament felt compelled ... not to stop the trading but ... to specify that ... not more than five slaves be carried for every three tons. This regulation ... like so many others ... was not enforced.

More slaves meant greater profits. At the bowels of the ship ... they were chained ... hands and feet ... shoulder to shoulder ... movement was not allowed ... no freedom to exercise their bodies, even in the slightest. The vessel's crowded conditions greatly increased the incidence of disease. Heat and human sweat ... excreta and urine ... the filth and the stench ... denial of adequate food, water, air and sunshine. Given the opportunity, the slaves chose to jump overboard to drown ... or be torn to shreds by sharks.

Perhaps, not more than half the able-bodied ... men, women and children ... enslaved from Africa ... and shipped to their American, Arab, British, Dutch, French, Portuguese and Spanish over-lords ... ever became effective workers. But, even with these great losses and the high mortality rates in transit ... the slave trade was an important source of European wealth in the 15th-18th century.

Removal of the best of the African population deprived the continent of an invaluable resource. After France abolished the slave trade in 1807, others followed. Now, Africa's European Christian neighbors carved up the continent itself for imperialistic enslavement.

The African holocaust claimed upwards of ten million African human lives ... over a period of about three hundred years. Less than seventy years later, after the end of the slave trade, the Jews lost six million human lives ... in less than fifteen years. If Hitler's last mad gamble in the Ardennes Forest ... the so-called Battle of the Bulge ... had succeeded ... the Jews would have been exterminated.

[BroDuffy: In *Faith and New Evangelization*, published February 2013, Bishop Teodoro C. Bacani, Jr. writes: *Pope Benedict XVI sees a crisis of faith in the world ... a crisis characterized by what the Pontiff described ... as an eclipse of God – a kind of amnesia which, although not an outright rejection of Christianity ... is nonetheless a denial of the treasure of our faith ... a denial that could lead ... to the loss of our deepest identity.*

Bishop Bacani warns us ... Adorers ... that we might lose our identity, Jesus in the Eucharist, just as God left the Temple in Jerusalem due to the recalcitrance ... disobedience ... unloving heart of the Jews.]

Money as Sacrament

Taken from *Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide* By Randy Alcorn (2011).

Luke 16:11 – *If you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of Heaven? What are true riches?* These are the riches that God values. God tests us ... in the handling of money and possessions ... to determine the extent of our trust-worthiness in dealing with, relating to, managing and supervising, PERSONS! ... that is, other human beings with eternal souls.

[BroDuffy: It is uplifting to know that the Church treats people as its most important asset and ... Adorers and Tarcians ... the true riches and treasures ... of the *Adoracion Nocturna Filipina*.]

Deuteronomy 10:14 – *To the Lord, your God, belong the heavens ... the earth and everything in it.* **Leviticus 25:23** – *The land is mine and you are ... my guests.* Well, okay, fine ... *At least, I own myself!* And, God says in reply: *You are not your own ... you were bought at a price* (1 Corintihian 6:19-20). God owns the universe! He owns you and me. We are twice His – first, by creation; second, by redemption.

God is the owner ... we are the stewards. Stewardship – properly serving as God's asset managers – requires ... constantly living ... in the light ... of God's ownership: **Deuteronomy 8:18** – *Remember the Lord, your God ... for it is He Who gives you the ability to produce wealth;* and **1 Samuel 2:7** – *The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up.*

God's ownership of *our* ... money, life, possessions, time ... *our* abilities ... and everything else should be central in *our* thinking. Stewardship is the mark of ... our Christian life. A steward's primary goal is to be ... found faithful ... by His Master ... to have wisely used His Master's resources to accomplish the tasks delegated to him (1 Corinthians 4:2). Those resources include ... but not limited to ... money, time and talent, gifts and graces, ralationships, employment, business and life opportunities.

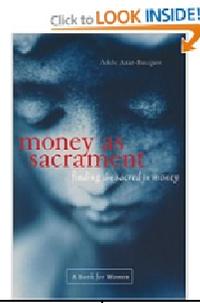
Money ... possessions ... wealth ... resources ... are tools of ... and for ... Christ. These tools must be used NOW ... TODAY. Tomorrow may never come ... for ou and me. There will be no ... next time ... to use *our* present ... *our* money for Christ in eternal life. **See next Column >>**

Wisdom of the Ancients

Matthew 24:48-51. The bad steward thinks: *My Master is delayed in returning.* He begins to maltreat his fellow stewards But his Master returns at the hour he least expects and he is dismissed ... and he will be weeping with gnashing of teeth.

1 Peter 3:10. The Day of the Lord comes like a thief.

Revelations 3:3. I will come upon you like a thief at an hour you least expect.



Mis-managing God's estate ... makes us lose our credibility with people ... and we forfeit God's willingness to entrust us with more people to influence. Managing well His material assets, God graciously entrusts ... to our care and influence ... greater and truer riches – human beings ... created in His image.

To summarize the lessons Jesus teaches us through parables (Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-27) – in regard to the Property Owner, the **Master**:

- 1. Ownership.** The Master owns everything, including the steward; He has the right to do as He wishes.
- 2. Authority.** The Master's will ... decision ... is final.
- 3. Trust.** The Master delegates authority to His steward over His assets ... trusts the steward's ability to manage His assets well ... and, willingly accepts the risk of mistakes from His steward.
- 4. Generosity.** The Master expects the steward to obey and do as He commands them ... and He graciously promises ... reward and promotion to stewards ... who prove themselves faithful.
- 5. Expectations.** The Master exacts high standards ... the steward who is lazy and obedient ... will be disciplined for poor management. The Master takes delight in pouring out rewards upon His faithful stewards.

Now, in regard to the Property Manager – the **Steward**:

- 1. Stewardship.** Be acutely aware that we are the care-takers ... managers ... of the Master's assets ... hence, we are to wisely invest His assets to expand the Master's estate.
- 2. Accountability.** We are accountable ... answerable ... to the Mater for the assets entrusted to us. Incompetence and mismanagement will be dealt with ... promptly. Be prepared to give and accounting ... soon!
- 3. Faithfulness.** Strive to handle the Master's estate to please Him ... unto death. Resignation is not an option.
- 4. Industry.** Work hard and always do our best. Do not be afraid of making mistakes.
- 5. Wisdom.** In managing the Master's assets, choose wisely ... the investment package. The goal is to multiply His assets not to preserve them. Do not lose His assets due to recklessness, idleness nor laziness. Be resourceful and strategic thinkers.
- 6. Respect.** Be motivated by ... a healthy fear ... of your Master Who is just. His instructions are clear and explicit ... His expectations are high. His generosity and rewards are unequalled for wise stewards ... His wrath great on those unfaithful stewards.
- 7. Focus.** Serve your Master well – that alone matters.

When we stand before our Master, it will not matter ... if you wore a golden miter on your head or walked barefoot going to school ... if many people on Earth know you well and called you great ... if schools, hospitals, roads, airports and bridges are named after you ... if your hacienda stretched as far as the horizon ... if your mansions were grand and numerous ... if your cars were brand-new and sporty ... if your funeral cortege drew five million people.

What will matter is one thing ... and one thing only: **What the Master thinks of you.**

In the midst of prosperity ... the challenge ... to you and me ... is to handle wealth so that ... it acts as a blessing ... to you and, through you, to others ... and not a curse **See Page 8, Column 2 >>**



Health Tips

From *Sugar Blues* by William Dufty (1975)

From the Garden of Eden ... through thousands of years ... the ancient books of Mosaic law ... the Code of Manu ... the I Ching ... the New Testament ... the Koran ... sugar was unknown to man.

The Greeks had no word for it. There is evidence that China exacted tribute from India in the form of imported sweet cane.

Nearchus, an admiral of Alexander See Page 9, Column 1 >>



On Renewed ... We all have something valuable to contribute ... most effectively in the implementation of God's plan for mankind ... out of our hearts and pains ... conflicts and depressions ... our bitterness, resentment and unforgiveness ... and even in our sins. Each of these struggles ... can become *turning points* ... if we open ourselves ... to be ministered to ... to be *waited upon* ... and *served* ... by the Holy Spirit.

I believe that, when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit, all His nine gifts mentioned 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 immediately becomes activated ... becomes active ... within. We cannot fulfill our mission stated in **Mark 16:15-18** if we are not baptized in the Holy Spirit.

(More Testimonies: July 2013)



On Silence ... other techniques of meditation; (2) Different beliefs practice alternative ways of finding silence; (3) Build your own treasure chest of knowledge and understanding; (4) We learn and teach each other; teachers learn from students too; and (5) Reading is a special form of listening ... from which greater understanding of self and your journey ... is gained. (To be continued August 2013)

On Leadership ... The truth was that the Pharisees ... never practiced what they preached. Jesus would later say of the Pharisees that ... they would journey and cross ... seas and continents ... rivers and valleys ... hills and mountains ... to make a single convert ... and then that convert would be ... twice as much a child of hell as before!

Jesus taught with authority and power ... changing people's ... attitudes, behavior and their lives. Jesus was one and the same ... at home, in the synagogue and with ordinary people in the countryside. But, the Pharisees ... as soon as they were away from public eyes ... became envious, vengeful, jealous ... and full of Pride.

The next day, the whole town was still gathered round Peter's home ... and when he found Jesus, he intrudes into His prayer, saying: *Everyone is looking for you!* Perhaps, Peter was conveying a message to Jesus to stop whatever He was doing and come to the aid of the people. See next Column >>

But, clearly, the demands of the people were not the final word ... their needs were not paramount. Jesus had a mission to accomplish ... a program to follow. He came to do His Father's Will ... that was what He would do. No demand ... clamor ... nor the imagined needs of the people ... would deflect Him from His mission.

Peter noticed that ... Jesus' presence in his life ... was changing ... not only his life and their small circle ... but also that of other people. Soon enough ... eight more were added ... but, on certain occasions – the healing of Jairus' daughter, the transfiguration at Mount Tabor and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane – Jesus spent more time with His inner circle of friends ... Peter, James and John.

Peter did not know it then ... but Jesus was forming Simon into the leader that he, Peter, would be. (July 2013: **Walking on Water**)

On Mission ... to follow and then to lead.

Jesus can use someone who wants to become ... His instrument. The world can be transformed by individuals who, in the world, have been transformed; individuals can be changed, only as they are molded ... re-formed ... in the hands of the Master.

Hence, select a few ... teachable men. Keep the group small enough to be able to work effectively with them. Acknowledge that a rapidly diminishing priority is given to those outside this group – where preference is shown in the right spirit for the right reason. Pray for these ... chosen few ... in the spirit of John 17:1-20.

(July 2013: **Principle 2 – How Jesus Trained His Men for His Work**)

On Money as Sacrament ... on you. The Master returns ... at His Second Coming ... or the Master, who portrays Himself as a thief (1 Thessalonians 5:2; 1 Peter 3:10 and Revelations 3:3), *robs* you of your most valuable ... most prized ... treasure – your soul and spirit.

At that point, Death comes and ... you die ... and immediately, your service record is *frozen* in its final form ... for evaluation by the Master.

The bad steward of Matthew 24:48-51 ... wastes time ... *borrow*s some of the Master's money, intending to replace it before the Master returns ... thinking that he has all the time he needs to re-place his Master's money before His return but, instead, he embezzles and squanders the Master's money, assets and estate.

The good steward knows the Master will return ... though he knows not when ... but he lives and works as if now ... today is the time of His return ... and today is his last day on Earth.

John Steinbeck wrote Adlai Stevenson on 28 January 1960 saying: *If I wanted to destroy a nation, I would give it too much; then, I would have it on its knees ... greedy, miserable and sick.*

If you are ready to meet your Master ... you will long for His return ... *ika-sasabik mo ang kanyang pagbabalik*. If you are not ready ... *ika-tatakot mo and kanyang pagdating*. Now is the time to get ready.

Reflection: As the Master's steward, what personal ... spiritual ... moral ... changes ... do you need to do ... today ... to get ready ... to prepare yourself ... when you come face-to-face with Him to give an account of your performance as a steward?

(August 2013: **Perspectives that Prevent Faithful Money Management**)

On Health Tips ... the Great, sailing down the Indus River in 325 BC, described a kind of honey growing in canes ... and found natives of the Indus Valley partaking of sugar cane as a fermented juice ... Sanskrit *khanda* became *candy* in English ... 2,000 years later. Roman *Dioscorides*, of Nero's time, records its Latin name: *A sort of concrete honey called saccharum found in canes in India.* In AD 600, the University of Djandisapour, pride of the Persian Empire developed a process for refining cane juice and solidifying it without fermenting it thus allowing for trade and commerce.

The armies of occupation of Islam took from the Persians as a trophy of victory ... the *saccharum* business and the secret for processing sweet cane, finding it better to plant sugar cane than import the end-product ... subjugating the world from the Indus River to the Mediterranean Sea ... Arabia to North Africa ... Spain and the Atlantic Ocean in 125 years.

German botanist, Leonard Rauwolf, writing in AD 1573, credits the widespread use of sugar by Arab desert fighters as the reason for their loss of cutting edge ... cultivating sugar cane in Portugal and Spain ... with African slaves.

The same fate that had *crippled* Arab conquerors was also to afflict the Christian crusaders ... who had acquired a taste for sugar ... from Muslim traders. Across Europe, the breakdown of feudalism ... the rise in population, its concentration and the increase in the size of towns ... the recognition of the strength and power of capital ... the heightened interest in commercial activities ... and the Industrial Revolution ... resulted to ruthless exploitation as powerful Kingdoms rose – Portugal, Spain, France, Britain and, later, Holland.

Portuguese Prince Henry the Navigator, in AD 1444, took 235 African slaves from Lagos to Seville where they were sold into slavery ... though there never was any profitable future for African slavery in Europe. By AD 1456, Portugal had control of the European slave trade.

In AD 1517, Bishop Bartolome de las Casas permitted Spain to import African slaves to its colonies. France and Britain were not far behind. After extricating itself from the control of Spain in the late 16th century AD, Holland launched an aggressive campaign for a share in the sugar trade. Thus was formally erected in Europe one more important economic institution ... *black gold* – the slave trade.

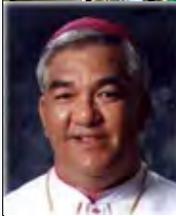
Slaves were a source of great wealth for those who traffic in human souls. French philosopher Claude-Adrien Helvetus wrote in the middle of the 18th century: *No cask of sugar arrives in Europe to which blood is not sticking. In view of the misery of the slaves, anyone with feelings should renounce sugar ... and refuse its enjoyment ... for it has been bought ... with the death of countless, unhappy creatures.*

In *The History of Sugar* (1949), British historian Noel Deerr wrote: *It is no exaggeration to put the tale and toll of the slave trade at 20 million Africans ... of which two-thirds are to be charged against sugar.*

Sugar, slavery and wealth are indivisible. In the beginning of the 19th century, the USA ... **See next Column >>**



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On Health Tips ... less than a century into liberating itself from British colonial domination ... began practicing wholesale economic colonialism of its own in Cuba ... and entered the sugar business ... big time ... using animal bones as charcoal and giant refineries ... to turn light-brown sugar into ... pure white crystals.

In the Philippines, centuries prior to Spain's colonization, Arab traders planted sugar cane in Mindanao then to the Visayas and Luzon, in that order. As in other sugar plantations manned by African slaves, the Philippines has its share of slaves who are dominated over by the plantation owners. **(July 2013: Opium and Diabetes)**

Errata – May 2013 Issue:

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2. On Angels: Page 2, Column 2 — ... one would have thought
3. On Virtues: Page 4, Column 2 — ... angking galing ...
4. On Jean Eudes Page 6, Column 2 — ... providing refuge to prostitutes who wished to do penance ...
5. On Heroes: Page 8, Column 2 — (August 2013: Ideas)
6. On Money: Page 7, Column 1 — ... discretionary income on ... What are you doing today with what
7. On Wisdom: Page 7, Column 2 — ... submerged in violence ...
8. On Health: Page 8, Column 1 — enormous consumption of sugar and white flour.

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Pope Francis complained about *careerism* in the Church — a word frequently used to describe Holy See bureaucrats.

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55th Year – Section 19 Laguna (July 1958);
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 60th Year – Turno 265 Ayala, Zamboanga (1953);
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 55th Year – Turno 632 Los Banos (19 July 1958);
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 55th Year – Turno 634 Sto. Domingo (26 July 1958);
 55th Year – Turno 646 Magdalena (05 July 1958);
 50th Year – Turno 840 Tanza (27 July 1963);
 50th Year – Turno 843 Pasacao, CamSur (21 July 1963);
 50th Year – Turno 846 Panaon, Unisan (26 July 1963);
 45th Year – Turno 988 Sacred Heart, Davao (14 July 1968);
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 40th Year – Turno 1095 Maquiapo, Guagua (07 July 1973);
 40nd Year – Turno 1096 Sta. Elena, CamNorte (28 July);
 35st Year – Turno 1177 Lagro, Quezon City (01 July 1978);
 30th Year – Turno 1263 Malvar, Davao (08 July 1983); and
 30th Year – Turno 1264 Bunawan, Davao (17 July 1983).
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 30th Year – Tarcisian Turno 137 Lolomboy, Bocaue.

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**Constantinople — Legacy**

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Legacy. The most important Christian contribution to the idea of human rights is the notion that: *Laws themselves could be judged by a discernible standard superior to themselves.* In 11th century AD, the Canon lawyers of Paris and Bologna devised the important saying: *Lex iniustitia non est lex – An unjust law is not a law.*

This saying was highly subversive – limiting the sovereign right of a Prince ... of governments ... to make laws or policies or actions ... as he pleased – perhaps because such laws offended *divine law*, later to be called *natural law* or the *law of right reason*.

If laws were unjust, then subjects, or citizens, were entitled to disobey them or, in the extreme cases, rebel against them.

This doctrine serves to test the legitimacy of a Prince's rule ... the reign of governments or one in authority ... and to the degree that that legitimacy of rule was eroded ... so legitimacy was conferred on those who sought to overthrow the Prince ... or government.

Extricating itself from Spanish control in the 16th century AD, the Netherlands States-General put this clause in their 1581 Act of Abjuration ... renouncing the Catholic King Philip II of Spain: *God did not create the subjects for the benefit of the Prince ... to do his bidding in all things ... whether godly or ungodly ... right or wrong ... and to serve him as slaves; but the Prince was created ... for the benefit of the subjects ... without which he is not Prince.*

Perhaps, Galileo Galilei (15 February 1564-08 January 1642) had something like this in mind when he said, perhaps in reference to the silence imposed on him by the Catholic Church's Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition: *I do not feel obliged to believe that the God Who has endowed us with sense, reason and intellect has intended us to forego their use.*

However, in form and content, the modern code of international human rights law is avowedly secular. It makes ... no mention of the Creator – as does the 1776 American *Declaration of Independence* – nor of a Supreme Being – as does the 1789 French *Declaration des droits de l'homme et du citoyen*. All references to the Divinity or natural law were deleted from the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

Thus, it may be deduced that ... the relationship between Christianity and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights ... is characterized, at least, by complexity ... not always close, as expected ... and, at times, by hostility.

The Roman Pontifical Commission *Justitia et Pax* put it well: ... *there have been periods in Church history when, in thought and in action, the rights of the human person have **not** been promoted nor defended with sufficient clarity or energy*

*The Church attitude toward human rights ... has been characterized by ... hesitation, objection, reservation and **vehement** reaction to ... any declaration of human rights ... regarding liberalism and laicism.*

(September 2013: Human Rights in the Church)