

Reflections

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The Weak Point: Where the Devil Attacks

Father Kentenich gives a great deal of importance to our weak point (in German: “Bruchstelle,” breaking point). As we reflect on the reality of our life, we should also consider our point, or points, which are weak and vulnerable.

Inner disharmony. From the aspect of original sin, what does the distinctive feature of our human nature consist of? Father asks himself this question. He responds: It consists of a peculiar and mysterious frailty. It is like a rupture or break, an inner disharmony. That structural weakness is further intensified by negative inherited traits or personal sins. As an end result, each human being has his/her own weak point.

It can be a character flaw, a vice, for example: gluttony or excessive drinking, bad-tempered, a weakness in the sexual area or in another area. Therefore, our life’s task is to fully recover our harmony, to heal that weak point. Father Kentenich comments that it is not always possible. We then have to continue struggling our whole life, and at the same time we have to accept that weakness and learn how to live with it.

I remember what our Founder said to one of our fathers: On this point, you are no longer going to accomplish anything; nevertheless, you have to always strive anew. At that time, that father was 33 years old. We can make our own conclusions.

We are a battlefield. Father places that vulnerable point within a larger context: within the context of the battle unto death between the divine forces and the diabolical forces.

We, men and women, are the true battlefield between these two **invisible powers** of history, the good and the bad.

We want to be capable instruments in the hands of God and the Blessed Mother, the great opponent of the devil. But, the “other one” also wants to conquer us.

For that, he searches to locate our weak points. He is like a general who wants to capture a fortress.

The fortress can be an individual, a group, or a family. Like a general, the devil searches for the most vulnerable point of the fortress. There, at that point, he attacks with all his weapons. That means that my weak point is the point where the evil one attacks me, where he bursts into my life. But, on the other hand, it is also the point to where God directs the arsenal of his graces.

What conclusions do we draw from this?

Father asks us to really count on the power and the influence of Satan in our lives. We have to take this destructive force, which is evidently active in our world, more seriously.

What can we or should we do?

According to Father, we should implore God’s blessing on ourselves and on our children more often. We should also pray daily the exorcism prayer from HEAVENWARDS for ourselves, our children, and our home. Another meaningful means is the love of the Blessed Mother, the great opponent of the devil. Our Covenant of Love with Her is like a covenant to fight against the evil one and his influence in our lives. Finally, it is fundamental to study and work through my personal weak points in order to be more attentive and prepared for the attacks and temptations from the devil.

Questions for reflection

1. Do I know my weak points?
2. Am I aware of the devil’s power?
3. Do I pray daily the exorcism prayer?

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