

Reflections

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The Triune God, Center of Our Life

The Blessed Trinity should be the center of our faith and of our daily life. And there is no doubt that our God wants to be the source, the meaning, the goal and the joy of our life. Facing a world which flees from God, we want to and should cultivate in our soul the hunger, the longing and the eagerness for God. Our life should be a permanent pilgrimage to the heart of God, a progressive return to the bosom of the Trinity. Here we can now find many conclusions and consequences for our daily life.

1. If the Triune God is the center of my life, then I should be permanently connected with that vital source. So, I must cultivate my life of prayer, even unto reaching that sublime ideal of “to pray without ceasing” (1 TH 5, 17). What does it mean? It means to always adore the Will of God, to always respond YES, never deny HIM anything, to be permanently open to his wishes.

2. Also, I should live daily in the light of Practical Faith in Divine Providence. That faith helps me see God in the midst of life, behind daily happenings, persons and things. The spirit of faith gives me the ability to perceive God’s pace in my life, to instinctively feel HIM present everywhere. It helps me to understand my life as a love story with HIM, as a chain of greetings and responses of mutual love.

3. If God is the soul of my life, then I should learn to be surprised and amazed of his presence and his acting. I think it is the fruitfulness of being in love with HIM. If I do not love sufficiently, I am not surprised, I do not allow HIM to enter, I do not discover how marvelous HE is. I am too much immersed in myself, too much occupied by my own things.

4. If I was created “in the image and likeness” of God (GEN 1, 26f), then I have to strive to be a reflection of HIM. And since the essence of the Triune God is love, throughout my life, I must transform myself into a mirror, a transparency, a sacrament of his love.

If the greatness of God is his love, then also, my greatness should be love. There we have an entire program for life.

5. I am not only an image of God. I am also a living temple, a dwelling and sanctuary of the Trinity. Or, as Father Kentenich often said: I am “*a small church of the Trinity, consecrated and inhabited by the Triune God*” (1954 Mary, Mother and Educator, 350). Or, another beautiful image of HIM: “*I have Heaven within me. Where the Trinity is, there Heaven is.*” He then adds: “*We will never become saints if we are not aware of the God present, of the Trinity present in our soul*” (Texts 2000, 102, 105). And Father Kentenich especially recommends for this the moment of Holy Communion.

In conclusion, I should take seriously the presence of God in my Heart Shrine. I should visit HIM, greet HIM, converse with HIM and permanently connect myself to HIM. I should adore the God of my heart, cultivate in silence..... prayer, meditation, ejaculations. I should embrace and fulfill his suggestions and inner inspirations.

6. If the Triune God is the center of my existence, then I should seal – at some moment of my life – a Covenant of Love with Him. Our Father and Founder invites us to do this: “*More and more, the Covenant of Love with Mary should become a Covenant of Love with Jesus, with God the Father, with the Holy Spirit, with the Triune God*” (1946 Coronation of Mary, 87f). There the circle of my Covenant closes. My love and surrender culminates there. There I am at the center and goal of my existence.

Questions for reflection

1. Is the Triune God really the source, center and goal of my life?
2. Is He the center of my personal interests, of my marriage and family interests?
3. Is God truly the center of my life, of my apostolated

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