

Secure Way

Believe me, you will bring your soul more safely to the goal by relying on Holy Scripture literally, even if it may not always be such a fortunate translation, than by surrendering to the statements and teachings of esoterics, gurus and the like. If one day you will stand before GOD, it will be much easier for you to say: „LORD, I have believed and lived according to Holy Scripture!“ than: „Dear GOD, please excuse me, I have just stuck to the teaching of doctor, professor, theologian so-and-so, I have latched on to some or other miracle-worker.“

It is a pity that there are hardly any scholars like, for instance, Thomas Aquinas, Anthony of Padua, Albert the Great, Bernard of Clairvaux, Francis of Sales and many others who have struggled on their knees for the HOLY SPIRIT that He may enlighten them, that He may let their work be fertile. – However fantastic and genuine the contents of a book, a teaching, a message may sound – examine it! Examine it to see whether it agrees with Holy Scripture. Holy Scripture is the guarantor of faith!

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon of the *Sword-Bishop*

Go into the Whole World Teach Them to Observe all ...

It is like an epidemic: So many people make their own beliefs nowadays – everyone to his own liking, at their own discretion. There are religious communities which only take parts from Holy Scripture, others say: „I will find GOD up in the mountains, in nature, I can do without the Church“; still others believe presumptuously: „If I just avoid doing evil, I will surely go to Heaven.“ Strange teachings win recognition even with the highest Church authorities by saying: „They do worship GOD, after all.“ This, my beloved, is a big mistake. The SAVIOUR gives His unambiguous magisterium and missionary task: „Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Mt 28, 19f If JESUS' teaching were only an irrelevant matter, then the crucifixion alone would have sufficed for our salvation. Then the SAVIOUR could have saved Himself the trouble of preaching and teaching, He could have carried on working as a carpenter until the age of His offering on the Cross.

Holy Scripture – Guarantor of Our Faith

Apostle Matthew, Apostle John as well as the Evangelists Mark and Luke wrote the Gospels under the inspiration of the HOLY SPIRIT, but to some extent they also wrote down literally what the SAVIOUR said to them. Paul, who in the beginning had no communion with the Apostles and with the teaching of CHRIST, was taken away in order to receive the teaching directly from Heaven. So these writings are an absolute warranty of our faith. We must build on them. – How often have I been appealing to every family, every household that they have a Bible. How often have I been asking: „Read Holy Scripture!“ Who is making an effort to do so? So many ignore these warnings. Are you not aware of the trouble it costs

us, when year after year we keep asking for the simplest Christian duties and we have to recognize how few live up to them? Do not deceive yourself. If the Church teaches from GOD's heart and you shut your heart to it, GOD will one day have to call you to account.

In GOD's Service

It has often been assumed that the HOLY SPIRIT is no longer active as He was in the days of the Apostles. This may in part be true. Yet He is still active! But He needs instruments. GOD has a plan for every soul, but only few answer the call. Some He calls as hermits in the desert to work for humanity, others are called to be preachers for large crowds, still others to be mothers, fathers ..., yet you never live just to yourself. Bear in mind, the twelve Apostles would not have been able just by themselves to fill the world with CHRIST's teaching like that, as has been the case. Be a sower, therefore, yet do not worry about success.

In the lesson we have read, Paul tells us how the HOLY SPIRIT works through each person: „God indeed has placed some in the Church, first Apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers: after that miracles, then gifts of healing, services of help, power of administration, and the speaking of various tongues, and interpretations of speeches.“ 1Cor 12,28 However, now comes the second part of the teaching which is no less important: „Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have the gift of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?“ 1Cor 12,29f I know from GOD that many elected souls who had received a gift of grace, e.g. the healing of the sick, all of a sudden began to think that they had also received all other gifts of grace. They started to judge Church matters, they started to criticize, they prophesied, they published teachings and so on, and all this without any mission and without the grace of GOD. That is why GOD could no longer work with them; they became false guides and caused much confusion.

The Apocrypha

The SAVIOUR gave praise and a wonderful testimony to the Apostle Bartholomew, even before he was appointed Apostle: „Behold a true Israelite, in whom there is no guile!“ John 1,47 In the Apocrypha there are texts which are in all probability written by Apostle Bartholomew. You must know, Bartholomew was a scholar and so one may safely assume that he wrote apostolic letters.

The Apocrypha also include other, really authentic, very valuable letters of the Apostles, among which are also letters of Peter. Apocrypha are texts that are not incorporated in the biblical writings accepted by the Church (canon) because of their uncertain source, however, they are very close to the accepted writings, collected as the New Testament. Only those texts have been incorporated that, seen from several angles, were confirmed and which were in content identical with other texts. One speaks, for instance, of the three synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, because these are very similar to each other in content, in many places they are even literally identical. It is, however, very dangerous for someone with no charisma of the distinction of spirits to read in these Apocrypha, for there is many a pseudo-gospel to be found in them indeed. They came about because some souls with the best of intentions, others also out of selfishness or for other inferior motives, wrote down what they had heard from some or other Apostle, and also what they had heard from others in a roundabout way about this Apostle. For Christians visited one another and naturally told each other what they had heard.

Literature Permeated with the Smoke of the Evil One

Do not forget: The smoke of Satan has entered the Church right to the top! He is raging in the middle of the Church; theologians have become his sarcastic toys. If he has settled down so firmly there, then he must have reached his goal for sure! There are books on the market in which I clearly feel the evil one has a hand, although they partly contain such fantastic texts that I could use them to guide the souls to holiness. Look, if you go fishing, you will hang tempting bait on your fishing rod depending on the kind of fish you want to catch. You hide your true intention from the fish. Satan acts in exactly the same way: He offers you fantastic bait and only when you have swallowed it you will feel the hook or you will just not, since his poison and stench are really treacherous. But then it might be too late, unless someone enlightened by GOD rushes to your aid. For instance, you go to faith healers or to so-called privileged souls because they pretend to be pious, light up a candle, say nice prayers, and you will fall for it before you know it. Let me warn you, therefore! What use is it to you if a book or a teaching contains two thirds of valuable information, yet the remaining third leads you to a siding, to a sideline, to a wrong track? It is often assumed that the evil one will come with visibly vicious attacks. Well, there was a time when he could come just like that; today, however, he preaches more piously than many preachers in the pulpit, so shrewdly in fact that you are not able to recognize that false light without a special charisma. My continuous warning only to read books approved and checked by us is, therefore, no whim.
