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By religions I do not mean the established, traditional faiths, but those which, support other religions leading to a face to face encounter with the Creator. It extends beyond Hinduism. It is a sanctifying religion, which transforms an individual, and firmly binds himself to the truth within himself. It keeps the heart restless and expectant until reaching a total understanding regarding the relationship he has with his Creator through a complete comprehension of self and the Creator. It is the firm and unwavering part of the human nature, ready to sacrifice all with least regard to the extent and value in pursuit of this total realization.

*- Mahatma Gandhi*  
*All Men are Brothers by Dr. Sri Krishna Kripalani*

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You are my brother. I love you. I like to see you engaged in religious rites and rituals at your kovil, kneeling at the temple and praying in your church. You and I, we all are the children of the same religion. The reason being, that every religion is a protruding finger from the hands of the Most Eminent.

*- Kahlil Gibran*

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Man has always been searching as to whether there is a time beyond the time of present existence; there exists a reality extending beyond all forms of measurements. Reality, eternity, immortality, and totally immeasurable, nameless entity..... these have been the subjects of man's ceaseless search and investigation..... The correct meaning of religion is the revelation of that, which is Nameless, Source of Everything, Absolute Truth and Sacrosanct.

*- J. Krishnamoorthy*

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## This is a Loving Message from Our Lord Jesus Christ to be disseminated throughout the Whole World

Take this message to all communities throughout the whole world, who honour and pay homage to my holy name, who work with a burning desire for a future church which, functions in total obedience to the will of the Heavenly Father. They expectantly wait to disperse this message for the salvation of the world; because they labour in search of my words, my message. **Let neither a syllable nor a word of this message be altered, for it has been written and expressed under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.** Be quick, in dispersing this message for the protection of my helpless sheep. - *1<sup>st</sup> July 1999*

*Therefore you have the permission to print in any language and distribute this message in keeping with the above directives of Lord Jesus.*

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This message is intended for all the people in the world, those who follow any religion as well as those who do not follow any. Christian literary style has been adopted to present this message. The Almighty God, the Universal Creator, the WORD (Dhamma) became man and took abode in this world as Jesus. Jesus who shouldered the sinful burden of the entire human race brought salvation and redemption through His priestly sacrifice, through His death and resurrection. The Glorified Lord Jesus lives forever and ever. Anybody could communicate with God through this message addressing Him as the Creator, the **WORD** (Dhamma).

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Jesus exclaims that the moment for the fulfillment of the prophecy of prophet Joel described in St. Peter's great sermon is at hand.

In the last days, the Lord declares. I shall pour out my Spirit on all humanity. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Your young people shall see visions. Your old people dream dreams. Even on my menservants and maidservants in those days, I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire, and vapor of smoke. - *Acts 2:17-19*

The Lord declared so through the menservants and maidservants of this community, which was chosen, prepared and appointed by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He called it "*My Supreme Community*".

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With a view to educating and appraising, issue a circular with compassion and love in my name to all churches, which reject me, my Heavenly Father, the

inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the my living presence in the Holy Eucharist. This should be your third publication.

*[The above announcement might provide you with an insight as to the contents of the third publication. In this manner we present to you a few of the revelations, which the Lord made to our community pertaining to the contents referred above.]*

God the Father, Son the Lord Jesus and the Comforter Holy Spirit are One God of One Community. Make bold and announce to all those Churches, which do not believe in this that this Community is One God.

In time to come I will reveal my mighty deeds through the Holy Eucharist. I will assist mankind in their preparatory works through numerous interventions through the Holy Eucharist - the precinct of my sacramental living presence. Rally round the Holy Eucharist, as it is the fountain of my redeeming blood. Be nourished with my flesh and blood in the Holy Eucharist and begin your exemplary life of bearing witness to the Lord, as a lamp and light unto others. Believe, in my living presence in the Holy Eucharist, which is made of my own flesh and blood and formed by my own hands.

- Message from Jesus on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999

## **May all be enlightened about this truth!**

A question would have cropped up within you as you read through this publication to this extent. This publication is based on the Holy Trinity and the Holy Eucharist. Does not it deal with the Christian Faith? Then, how could this publication be intended to all people of the world irrespective of whether they are followers of any religion or not? Is it necessary to be aware of the mysteries of the Holy Trinity and Holy Eucharist to attain spiritual maturity and to grow in the knowledge of Dhamma (Doctrine of love)?

Every founder, every great teacher came to this world [*to be exact -sent forth to this world*] for the greater good of the entire human race, not for the well being of a particular religion or a grouping of people. The message they delivered was not confined to a single group of religious followers, instead it was universal and extended to be the possession of the whole humanity. If so - does not the religion, propagated by the **WORD** (Dhamma), who became flesh as Jesus and came in to the world, enlivened by His own life belong to the whole human race? Does not the whole human race need to be shaped and sharpened by it in order to attain spiritual maturity?

This is the opportunity for an increase in the number of those who convert to themselves the potential energy placed by the **WORD** in His teachings (Doctrine of Love) to dynamic kinetic energy through human lives. The perfection or the culmination of the revelation regarding righteousness lies in the teaching, which the **WORD** Jesus Himself gave to the world through His incarnation, words and very life. The time has come for the people of the world whether followers of any religion or not to enter into the perfection and the totality of the holy and

righteous revelations, shunning away their own narrow limitations. The Holy Trinity and the Holy Eucharist form part of the conceptual meaning of this holy and righteous revelation. The gigantic spiritual force capable of exploding the problems and confusions of the present era could be released only if people are nourished by the total, conceptual meaning of the holy revelation.

## HOLY TRINITY

The Creator or the Designer of the whole universe and all forms of life including men and angels is the one and true God. God is Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in action. The three persons the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God. These three persons when taken separately are also God. This is the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

A mystery is a fathomless reality, which cannot be comprehended totally to a finish with the limited cognitive faculties of man. The Holy Trinity is our most eminent and the most absolute mystery. To a certain extent we may understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity but not totally. We can enter to the experience of The Holy Triune Community. Through experiencing a more deep understanding could be obtained. But, total comprehension could not be attained.

Let us find out as to how one God could become three in action. Every act performed by an individual is stamped with his or her nature. In those acts, we can observe the nature, which is very peculiar to him or her. The whole universe is the handwork of the Lord God. Therefore in it is embodied God's nature. Let us turn our attention to only one aspect of that nature. A tendency to receive is found throughout the whole creation, because it is in the Creator too. The tendency to receive is to empty and open up oneself.

The tendency to receive is common and true in respect of all forms of life inclusive of fauna and flora, men and mammals. We will get an insight about this tendency to receive by referring plant lives and a plant leaf. It is to the plant leaves that the Creator has given Chlorophyll, under His plan. As such, each leaf becomes a food-processing factory through its activity of Photosynthesis. The leaf (Chlorophyll) is engaged in a ceaseless set of activities to receive water, sunlight and air. Meditate deeply and understand that the tendency to receive through a process of emptying and opening up is a reality regarding the whole creation including man.

God is the maker, the designer of the whole creation. The whole creation symbolizes His boundless, out pouring love. The whole creation is incapable of containing Him, holding Him. He is great and gigantic, fathomless and immeasurable far exceeding the entirety of the whole creation. He shoulders His creation. The life breath of every living being is held in His hands. All power is His. Yet, that power has not destroyed Him. [*We say so. Because very often power corrupts man, destroys man.*] That enormous power has not made Him proud or arrogant. Even though all power belongs to Him, the Lord is ever ready to receive, emptying Himself and opening up. Therefore, the Lord is exceedingly humble. The patience the Lord shows towards

His creation is really bewildering. Accordingly, the Lord is worthy to be praised, to be adored by us.

Christians, Hindus and followers of Islam who believe in a Creator accept that they should empty themselves and open up to the Creator in order to obtain the Creator's love, life and protection. This is the prayer and meditation for them. Even, Mahayana Buddhism accepts the need for an emptying and opening up towards the primordial Buddha or Bagawath Virochana, who gave life to Gothama Buddha. In our Christian faith, we identify the Heavenly Father as the Fountain or the Source of Dhamma (Righteousness). The Heavenly Father is ready to receive by emptying and opening up himself constantly. Yet, there is none, other than He Himself who is capable of opening up to Him. Therefore, God the Father empties Himself and opens up to Himself again. He is filled with His own love, power, glory and beauty. By this He astonishes. Then, it radiates from Him. It is the very own WORD emanating from the Father.

There is no doubt that you would have experienced, at least to a little extent what was described above as man is a creation of God. Just imagine of a day on which you have visited the western sea beach as the sun was setting down. The sun moving graciously through its downward journey would have appeared as a ripe reddish fruit just released from its stem. The sky was adorned with clouds of multi colours. The sea turned riotous in colours as the colours of the clouds were reflected thereon. The gentle breeze soothed the seething mind and body. If you were a man of tastes, all forms communication among you would have effortlessly come to a halt as you become one with the beauty prevalent around you. Consciousness of self would have gone and awareness of all around you would have been forgotten. You are filled with the magnanimity and the beauty of the scenario. Bewilderment would have been your lot. Then, the experiences of that moment would be radiating from you, out pouring from you. It occurs through a deep breath, through an effortless and easy process of inhaling and exhaling. What we said above is that a similar process takes place within God the Father.

Word of man has a power. The word of God has life. Therefore the Holy Bible describes the word emanates from the Father as the WORD (Dhamma). It is DABAR in Aramaic - the language used Christ our Lord as a man on earth. It is LOGOS in Greek. The WORD emanating from the Father is His son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. It is He, who entered human history as Jesus as a man of flesh and blood.

The Father and the Son, who emanates from the Father, are totally equal. On the day before His death Jesus the WORD who became man said, "*The one who sees me, sees the Father*" [John 14: 9] in vindicating this fact. God the Father is contained wholly within His own great inhalation. Therefore He is also contained wholly within the great exhalation arising from Him. We have heard that some teachers of the old have withheld certain finer points of their teaching from their students in order that they may not become equals with them. How does the Lord Jesus Christ the Son become equal with God the Father? Because, God the Father gives Himself totally to the WORD emanating from Him without withholding any finer points.

But, there exists a great difference of remarkable and noticeable proportions between the Father and the Son. The Son knows that his equality with the Father rests on His boundless goodness and generosity. Jesus Christ the Son knows that He ceases to exist in the absence of the Father.

Therefore, the Son honours the Father ceaselessly, adores Him ceaselessly. The Son dedicates Himself voluntarily, willingly totally to His mission, which is the fulfillment of God the Father's will.

God the Father loves deeply the Son, who comes from Him. The Son loves God the Father greatly. Human love too has power. The burning love between them, emanating from the Father and the Son have full of life. As such the Holy Bible identifies that love as the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). Lord Jesus Christ named Him as the Comforter, the Soul of Truth and the Holy Abettor. The Father and the Son are united again in the Holy Spirit the Flame of Love. The Holy Spirit is named as "RUA" in Aramaic.

Jesus Christ the WORD was not made but begotten from God the Father. The whole creation came into being through the WORD and the Holy Spirit of God the Father. Creation takes place whenever and wherever the DABAR and the RUA act in unison. The Holy Spirit is ceaselessly engaged in the process of renewing the creation, which fell apart as a result of sin. Lord Jesus the Son of God participates as the great mediator on behalf of the whole creation in the presence of God the Father. Lord Jesus wastes himself continuously in the presence of God the Father to fulfill the will of the Father [in order that no one who emanates from the Father is destroyed.] This is the greatest supplication (prayer) that is in progress continuously in the universe. Mary wastes herself for the liberation of the human family by joining in that great supplication as the co-mediator. All the victorious souls of the heavenly abode join that ceaseless supplication. Christian prayer means joining with that great ceaseless universal supplication and identifying with its noble objective. Acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Son of God is a prerequisite to join that great universal supplication. Then, one will be endowed with a soul of a Son of God who could call the Mighty and the Most Eminent as "Father".

The Father is the giver of laws. Lord Jesus Christ the Son is the law comes out from the Father. That law, piercing through the universe has engulfed nature and life and is present in all its forms and states. There is a system of laws that govern the emergence of life from a seed. The fruition of a flower too is governed by a system of laws. The blood circulation and the process of digestion within the human body too has the system of laws. That whole law is Jesus Christ the Lord. He is present among us not only as the Christ of Resurrection, who brought death unto death, but also as the abandoned Christ, hanging on the cross, suffering along with each and every man burdened with grief and agonies of life [as Jesus suffering loneliness, the greatest suffering faced by man.] This is Good News. We would be swaying away from him in face of our defeats and downfalls if Christ were merely a Lord of Victories. In our triumphs, we are one with Jesus the Victorious Lord. In our defeats, we are one with the abandoned Christ. That's why St. Paul boasts in **Romans 8:35** "*No one and nothing can separate us from the Love of Christ.*" If God the Father is the giver of laws, if the Son of God is the law comes out from the Father, who then, is a scientist? No scientist has ever developed a new law. Neither can he ever develop. A scientist could be identified as a person who reveals a law, given by the creator which remained unseen, unfound hitherto. The triumphs of science which stand to magnify the Lord are made possible only when the legal systems of the Lord (God) are identified and adhered to.

The Father represents giving, the Son receiving, and the Holy Spirit sharing. "God created man in the image of himself" [**Holy Bible-Genesis 1: 27**]. God created man as an entity, who could and should knowingly implement the acts of giving, receiving and sharing. When these three qualities are in force sans extremism the Kingdom of God is among those lives. The problem of these three qualities developing in to extreme proportions is in front of man. One thinks that he is full and perfect, and is omniscient. Therefore, he is unwilling to learn anything from any one. He will strive to give forcibly all what he knows with least regard to wishes of the receiver. He will see himself as jug filled to the brim. He will see others as empty vessels. He thinks that the empty vessels must receive from the filled jug. He resents the idea of adding anything from the vessels to the jug. It is a deviation of the fatherly tendencies. Another is of the opinion that he cannot do anything of his own. He depends on others and thinks that others should serve him. He is incapable of standing on his feet. He will try to live as if not severed from the umbilical cord. It is a deviation of the filial tendencies.

God the Father moves towards the Son of God and the Holy Spirit by emptying Himself continuously. The Son of God empties Himself and moves towards the Father and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit empties Himself and moves towards the Father and the Son. This is a universal drama, a universal melody. In many instances, man thinks of his problems, isolating himself from others. It is a symptom of man's egoism. It is his sin.

The Holy Bible starts with a primary revelation regarding the mystery of the Holy Trinity. *In the beginning God created the heavens and earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. God said, "Let there be light, and there was light" [Genesis 1: 1-3].* Is it not a revelation regarding the Holy Trinity? Here, God represents the Father. The Spirit of God is clearly spoken about. "Let there be light" is the word and therefore represents the WORD. Lord Jesus Christ, the WORD who became man dwelt on earth, fulfills the revelation about the Holy Trinity [**Mathew 3:16, 17 & Mathew 28:19, 20**]. Through the expositions regarding the Holy Trinity, which we presented till now, we spoke about the DHAMMA, the WORD - the source of all righteousness. It is His tendency to receive which make elevates Him to be a Triune Community. The WORD is a Triune Community, not a one man action.

***.... For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.***



## **A theoretical knowledge about the Trinitarian Ways of living alone is of no use; the Trinitarian Way of Living should become a Practical Reality within us.**

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind.

**- The Holy Bible - Job 12:7-10**

The creation knows his Creator. But, man, the crest and climax of the creation knows not his Creator, Designer. The relationship, which should exist between man and his Creator, has been shattered. This is the root cause of all tragedies of the present era. Lord Jesus Christ exclaimed... *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers.* [John 15:4-6]

One may not be able to read a great religious chronicle [book]. But, if he could read the Creator's great work-namely **Nature** and meditate on it correctly, as he advances through the volume, page by page, he would be able to identify the life of the Holy Trinity or the Trinitarian Way of Life contained therein, and convert the same into a living experience. The Trinitarian Way of Life means a life filled with love built on giving, receiving and sharing. Look reverently at the mango tree on your compound. A number of limbs have assembled together to form the entity called 'Mango Tree'. [roots, bark, branches, leaves, flowers, fruits] The mango tree lives. It grows. It bears fruits in due seasons. What is the secret behind this? The secret lies in the way of living filled with love, built on giving, getting and sharing seen among the different parts of the tree.

Just, think of the relationship, which exists between the roots and leaves of the tree. The roots of the tree provide the leaves with water. The leaves supply the food, which they produce for the growth of the roots. This process could be described under four stages.

1. The roots of the tree provide with love the water for the leaves.
2. The leaves receive with love the water supplied by the roots.
3. The leaves provide with love the food, which they produce, for the roots to grow.
4. The roots accept with love the food, which the leaves grant with love.

This is the *Triune Living* prevalent in Nature. This is the law of life and living. The law of death and dying will prevail when love slips from any one of these stages.

The parched earth expectantly looks at the sky above for a drop of water. The sky gives the water the earth needs. The earth accepts it with abundant joy. The earth returns it back to the sky. It is the process of vapourization. The sky receives it. The clouds are formed again. The four stages of this process are activated in love and through love. The tree gives its ripened leaves to the earth. The earth accepts them graciously. The earth returns it back to the tree in the form of fertilizer. The tree accepts it with gratitude, grows and bears fruit. Material turns into power. Power turns into material. This is an activity, taking place amidst love.

This Triune Way of Living is an activity, which takes place constantly within Nature. This activity has been shattered within man, among men who enjoy free will. If the triune way of living so evident in Nature fashioned the way of living of humanity, the world would no doubt be a righteous and peaceful place to live in. It is in the name of love that a wife should offer a cup of tea to her husband as he returns from work [Not out compulsion, neither as a routine nor as way of avoiding problems if not served]. The husband should accept with love and gratitude what, the wife gives with love. He should express his appreciation and gratitude by way of a friendly word or fitting gesture. In turn, she should accept it with Joy. How could a classroom enriched with the divine presence of the Lord? The teacher, having prepared himself thoroughly should impart knowledge with love and commitment to the students, treating them as his own children. The students in turn should receive it with love and gratitude. They should honour the teacher by expressing their love and good will, which in turn should be accepted with grace and love by the teacher. If under any one of these stages, the law of love is transgressed the result is the law of death.

In the past, religious books were not as easily available as today. But, righteousness (Dhamma) [the Triune Way of Living] was mixed and mingled with human lives as flesh and blood. What is referred, as **The Primordial Faith (Dhamma) - Primordial Doctrine** is, this. In the past our country was known as the 'Dharma dveepaya - Righteous Land', also the 'Granary of the East'. There is a fine connection between these two. As reported in the Holy Bible, the killing of Abel by Cain ranks as the first murder in the world. At that time, the Lord queried from Cain "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. When you till the ground, **it shall no longer yield to you its strength.**" [Genesis 4:10,12] When the rulers are just and righteous, there will be rain in due season and the ground will yield in its full strength. This is a fact.

An observation of the sea and the green forests will amply demonstrate how a sub-law sacrifices itself to enliven a supreme law. But, there had been an occurrence within the course of human history, which immerses us in bafflement, bewilderment. That is ..... The Supreme Law [Giver of Laws, the Word, who became flesh and lived on earth] made the supreme sacrifice by way of His own life in order that the sub-law [man] may live. He did so, in order to free the man from the law of death to which he was clinging and to lead him to the law of life.

Human societies of the past were simple and thrifty. The people love their environment, fauna and flora, animals and all forms of life. The parents of the old taught their children to refrain from dropping even, a bit of rice while eating. They were so thoughtful, so careful-not to stamp on the food, dropped on the floor; but to collect it to be given to a dog or a cat at home. With reverence, they kissed the book as they closed it after reading. The farmyard was a sacred place

for them. It is with reverence and dignity that, they behaved, talked and worked in the farmyard. They never tasted at least a seed of the harvest until the traditional alms giving was over. They never forgot to return something to the good ground, which yield them much. The ground always repaid in good measure by way of rich harvests. Pests and pestilence never approached their farmyards.

The time for the mankind to return back to the Primordial Faith Primordial Doctrine (Dhamma) [Triune Way of Living] is at hand. The speech made by the **Red Indian Chief Seattle** in 1854 clearly reveals to us the essence of this Primordial Faith (Dhamma). Seattle made this speech in response to offer made by the American President for the purchase of their lands. This is regarded as the best and the most beautiful oration ever made on environment.

The Great Chief in Washington sends word, that he wishes to buy our land. The Great Chief also sends us words of friendship and goodwill. This is kind of him, since we know that he has little need, of our friendship in return. But we will consider your offer, for we know that if we do not sell, the white man may come with guns and take our land.

How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? Every part of this earth is sacred to my people, every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every hearing, and every humming insect is holy in the memory, and experience of my people. The sap, which courses through the trees, carries the memories of the red man.

The white man's dead, forget the country of their birth, when they go to walk among the stars. Our dead, never forget this beautiful earth, for it is the mother of the red man. We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are our brothers, the rocky crests, and the juices in the meadows, the body heat of pony, and man, all belong to the same family.

So the offer of the Great Chief in Washington to buy our land is a serious demand. The Great Chief intimates that he will reserve us a place to live as we please. He is our Father. We are his children. So we will consider your offer to buy our land, but it will not be easy, for this land is sacred to us.

The shining water that moves in the streams and rivers, is not just water, but the blood of our ancestors. If we sell you land, you must remember that it is sacred, and you must teach your children that it is sacred, and that each ghostly reflection in the clear waters of the lakes, tells of events and memories in the life of my people. The water's murmur is the voice of my father's father. The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst. The rivers carry our canoes, and feed our children. If we sell you our land, you must remember and teach your children that the rivers are our brothers, and yours, and you must henceforth give the rivers the kindness you would give any brother.

The red man has always retreated before the advancing white man, as the mist of the mountain runs before the morning sun. But the ashes of our fathers are sacred. Their graves are holy ground and so, these hills, these trees, this portion of earth is consecrated to us. We know that the white man does not understand our ways. One portion of land is the same to him as the next, for he is a stranger, who comes in the night and takes, from the land whatever he needs.

The earth is not his brother, but his enemy, and when he has conquered it, he moves on. He leaves his father's graves behind, and he does not care. He kidnaps the earth from his children, he does not care for his fathers' graves and his children's birthrights are forgotten. He treats his mother, the earth, and his brother, the sky, as things to be bought, plundered, sold like sheep or bright beads. His appetite will devour the earth and leave behind only a desert.

I do not know. Our ways are different from-your ways. The sight of your cities pains the eyes of the red man. But perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand. There is not a peaceful place in white man's cities. There is no opportunity to hear the clatter of the beaming trees in spring or the wings of the birds. But perhaps it is because I am a savage and do not understand this. The clatter only seems to insult the ears. And what is there to life if man cannot hear the lonely cry of the whip-poor-will, or the argument of the frogs around a pond at night? I am a red man and do not understand. The Indian prefers the soft sound of the wind, darting over the face of a pond. And the smell of the wind itself, cleansed by a midday rain, or scented with the pinon pine.

The air is precious to the red man, for all things share the same breath - the beasts, the trees, the man, they all share the same breath. The white man does not seem to notice the air he breathes like a man dying for many days, he is numb to the stench. But if we sell our land, you must remember that the air, is precious to us, that the air shares its spirit, with all the life it supports.

The wind that gave our grandfather his first breath, also receives his last sigh. And the wind must also give our children the spirit of life. But if we sell our land, you must respectfully preserve it, as a place, where the white man is also able to enjoy the air, which scented the plains in the beginning. So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, I will make one condition. The white man must treat the beasts of this land as his brothers.

I am a savage and I do not understand any other way. I have seen a thousand rotting buffaloes on the prairie, left by the white man, who shot them from a passing train. I am a savage and I do not understand how the smoking iron horse can be more important than the buffalo that we kill only to stay alive. What is man without the beasts? If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts, soon happens to man. All things are connected.

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grand fathers, so they will respect the land. Tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives our kin. You must teach your children, as we taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls on the sons of the earth. Men who spit on the earth, in turn are spitting upon themselves.

We know this. Man is not the owner of the earth. But the man belongs to the earth. We have known this. All things remain connected to each other as the blood that unites a family. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. So we will consider your suggestion requesting my people to move to place you reserve for them. Away from you, we will live in peace there. It matters little where we pass the rest of our days. Our children saw, with their own eyes, how their parents were defeated and degraded.

They are not many. A few more hours, a few more winters, and none of the children of the great tribes that once lived on this earth or that roam now, in small bands in the woods, will be left to mourn the graves of a people once powerful and hopeful as yours. Why must I mourn over the destruction of my people? Tribes are just grouping of people. As the waves of the mighty ocean, man may come, man may pass away. Even the white man, who is with a God, who talks and walks with him as a friend cannot escape this common destiny.

However, we are friends. One thing we know, which the white man may one day discover, our God is the same God. You may think now that you own Him, as you wish to own our land, but you cannot. He is the God of man, and his compassion is equal for the red and the white man. The earth is precious to God and to harm the earth is to heap contempt on its creator. The whites too shall pass, perhaps quicker than all other tribes. Continue to contaminate your bed and you will one night suffocate in your own waste.

But in your perishing, you will shine brightly, fired by the strength of the God, who brought you to this land, and for some special purpose gave you dominion over this land and over the red man. That destiny is a mystery to us for we do not understand when the buffaloes are all slaughtered, the wild horses are tamed, the secret corners of the forest, heavy with the scent of many men, and the view of the ripe hills blotted by talking wires. Where is the thicket gone? Where is the eagle gone? Destruction! And what is it to say goodbye to the swift pony and the hunt? - The end of living and the beginning of survival.

So we will consider your offer to buy our land. If we decide to accept, the acceptance is solely to obtain the place reserved for us. We hope, we will pass our final days there, as we like. The last red man may pass from the earth; his memory may become just a lining in the clouds of the sky over prairies; but the spirits of my people will roam the forests and the sandy beaches. Because, they love the earth as a child likes the heartbeat of her mother. So if we sell our land, love it as

we have cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land, as it is when you take it. And with all your strength, with all your heart preserve it for your children, and love it, ..... as God loves us all.

One thing we know, which is our God is your God. The earth is precious to Him. So the white man cannot escape from the common destiny. In the final analysis, are we not brothers?

## **The Year 2000 Great Jubilee of Christ and the Three Years of Preparation in Holy Trinity**

The main objective of The Year 2000 Great Jubilee of Christ is to sing praises to the Lord by uniting the entire humanity in Christ our Lord for the glorification of God the Father. This should be done in two ways. That is by creating an internal renewal - a process of purifying and a system-wise equalization- a process of liberating. The praises, which the humanity offers to God during the jubilee year, are ceaseless with no end at sight. The meaning of the WORD's incarnation as Jesus is - "*.....according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and on earth*" [**Ephesians 1:9,10**]

Number 7, symbolizes fullness and perfection in Jewish tradition. 7 into 7 that is 50 is a year of fullness and perfection. It therefore is a Jubilee Year. In other words a year of Lord's blessings and graces. The Jubilee Year is announced, by blowing a horn [jubel] made of a ram's horn. Jubilee originates from the Hebrew word 'jubel'.

The Year 2000 Great Jubilee of Christ is the period in which all people must be prepared to meet the Holy One, who was, who is, and who will be and to join Him in announcing the '**Great Amen**'. This year has been dedicated to the glory of the Holy Trinity, one God. "Through Christ, with Christ and in the Holy Spirit to God the Father" is the theme of the Jubilee Year. It is also the year dedicated for the 'Great Amen'. 'May it be' is the meaning of the Hebrew word 'Amen'. Also, 'Lord God! May thy will be done' is its meaning. [The mouth, the lips and the tongue jointly act when a word is uttered. When 'Amen' is said the mouth is opened for the "A", the lips join for the "ME" and the tongue completes with the "N"; no further sound is made.]

**This is the most opportune time to look back on the three year preparatory period, which the Holy Mother the Church presented on account of the Year 2000 Great Jubilee of Christ.**



The Jubilee Year was preceded by a three-year preparatory period. The theme of three-year preparatory period was orientation towards Christ in the Holy Trinity [farmyard]. Before communing with the sea, a river, running riotous through its banks deposits the rich fertile soil [it carried in its wake] in the form of Greek letter Delta – i.e Δ. The rich harvest of the field is gathered at the farmyard. [the three-year preparatory period. The theme: Trinitarian Farmyard Delta - Δ , its meaning: the fertile land at the estuary.] The Holy Trinity is the source of righteousness, fullness and perfection, prosperity, peace, orderliness, beauty and all goodness.

The New Year of the Church begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Season of Advent. [usually, it falls either on the latter part of November or beginning of December] Of the three-year preparatory period, Year 1996-1997 has been dedicated to Lord Jesus Christ, Year 1997-1998 to the Holy Spirit and the final Year 1998-1999 to Heavenly Father. The liturgical Year 1999-2000, i.e. the Jubilee Year has been dedicated to the Glory of the Holy Trinity-One God.

According to the preparatory period, the first two Greek letters of the Name Christ and the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet- i.e. Alpha and Omega represent Christ's authority [Lordship]. The white dove represents the Holy Spirit. The divine hand represents God the Father's protective and persevering divine providence. [God the Father's hand extending from the cross is symbolically very significant. It signifies that (i) sin has built a wall of hostility between man and God the Father, (ii) Christ has brought that wall down by the reconciliation process of death on the cross, (iii) God the Father embraces all those who accept Christ [the WORD] as their saviour. [Ephesians 2: 14, 15]

The Nativity of Our Lord and His Easter Resurrection is a symbolic representation of the salvation plan. The babe of the manger at the cattle shed is the Sacrificial Lamb on our behalf. The Paschal Lamb declares victoriously His Lordship as "**Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour**", through the symbol of a fish depicted in His flag. The cattle shed itself symbolizes Mary, the bearer of the Son of God. [Once in the district of 'Caesarea Philippi' He asked His

disciples "Who do you say that I am?" Then Peter replied "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." It will be great if we could emulate Peter and respond in like manner when Jesus asks us "Who do you say what I am?"] This message is recorded on the symbol of the fish. [Iesus, Christos, Theou, Huios, Soter] Meaning of this Greek expression is "Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour." The fish in the flag carries the first letters of these Greek words (IXΘΥΣ).

Incarnation of the Son of God, is the witness of God's ceaseless search for man. Son of God searches after the lamb, gone astray and brings him back to safety. The bond between man and God is religion in itself. 'Emmanuel' is God's presence among us. When man lives in the temple of the Heart of God, is the dawn of the kingdom of God. The Nativity based on the solar year and the Easter [Pascha] based on the lunar year represent the liturgical circles of the Church.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist, where God unites a one with men by becoming their food is the summit of God's love towards men. In order to enlighten ourselves on this matter, we have to understand the following key basic factors:

1. Why should man of God suffer?
2. The different Christian sects.
3. The Beatitudes are the core and the basis of Christian Values.
4. The ways of divine love up to the summit.

### Why should man of God suffer?

The One and True God, the creator of the universe, the WORD says "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.*" [Holy Bible - Isaiah 55: 8-9] Man made concepts revolving around gods and goddesses have defiled the basic principles about the One and True God. Man still remains ignorant of God, the creator of heaven and earth and His specific thoughts and special ways. All these have combined to form a myth about God and cover over truth leading to degradation and depreciation in humanity.

In our second publication we discussed in detail about a few thoughts and ways of God the Most High. In terms of Lord Jesus' teachings, you have no right to pray seeking ill and evil for a person, even if he is your enemy. The Holy Bible clearly reveals that such prayers do not ascend up to the Mighty Lord (Most High). Those who persist in the righteous ways of the Lord offer Him praise and worship which is worthy of Him, due to Him. The Lord rejects the praise, which is not linked to the one's ways of living, but confined to the words only. Lord Jesus explains "*Not everyone, who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who, does the will of my Father, who is in heaven.*" [Mathew- 7:21] *Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps "I will not listen. But let justice roll down like*



waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." [Holy Bible - Amos 5:23, 24] God, the Creator of the universe seeks unison and unity through divisions and differences and has generously designed the relevant prerequisites.

Many believe that the Lord will provide for all human needs and wants, grant plenty and prosperity and eternal life after death. According to the Bible, the Lord assures an eternal life to all those who believe in Him. The Lord says "*First, seek the kingdom of God, all your needs will be provided for.*" He grants to satisfy needs, but not for greed and cravings. The Lord never promises plenty and prosperity through physical enrichment. He says that hardships are in store for all those who submit to His holy will, and are prepared to be led by Him. Why? The search for God is the search for truth, Dhamma and justice. We live in a world constituted of lies, lawlessness and unrighteousness. The world will rise up in rebellion against you as you search for God. It therefore is neither clueless nor a cause for bewilderment.

God loves us in a matured love. Therefore, anyone who submits himself to God and walk in His ways will not be demeaned, degraded, made small. It is a matured love, which could develop a perfect personality. The Lord creates characters, which could face any situation in life and attain maturity by overcoming difficulties and challenges posed by life. ***I am with you. I love you. Fear not.*** This is the basic promise, which God shares with us. Being forsaken by Him is not a matured love. It is a experience that the Lord by placing you in a difficult condition and without permitting you to realize that He loves you and be with you but still being very close to you and protecting you. God's Love will form characters, who are capable of dedicating, sacrificing themselves totally for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Lord Jesus said "*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.*" [Mathew 6: 24] Lord Jesus makes reference to two masters. Lord Jesus refers to these two masters as 'Abba' and 'mammon' in Aramaic, the language He used. He identified God the Father, the source of all goodness and righteousness (Dhamma) as 'Abba' (Father). 'Mammon' is wealth, power, possessions and popularity. Many carrying the name 'Christians' too are engaged in the meaningless process of obtaining 'mammon' through 'Abba'. Lord Jesus said "*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" [Luke 12:34] The Holy Bible bears witness to the ceaseless conflict between God and possessions and the eternal covenant between God and the poor.

All will search God, if their search results in obtaining wealth and power, satisfying all physical needs and realizing their dreams and multi faceted expectations. If that is the case, it will really be search for physical possessions, not God. God therefore, will not approve it, allow it. If you could persist and continue in our journey of searching God, even in face of loss of all possessions, truly it will be a pilgrimage in search of spiritual realism. If you continue in your journey, until the end, in submission to the directions of God, you too would have to say "Though the fig tree does not blossom, nor fruit be on the vine, the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, the flocks be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord is my strength. [Holy Bible -Habakkuk-3: 17-19]

The Lord will ensure that you feel His powerful presence and love at the very onset, when you begin your spiritual journey accepting Lord Jesus Christ as your saviour, shepherd and realizing His redeeming graces. You therefore will be inclined towards Him, interested about Him. The next stage that unfolds is where the Lord closes all doors and openings and says "Search me not for what you get, but because I am God.' Many a man is discouraged and retreats away from God. If you walk through that stage, the next stage where the Lord says "I am your only wealth and possession, therefore search for me even if you lose all." Seldom it is that a person continues through that stage till the end.

God is Holy love. Holiness is referred as 'Kadosh' in Aramaic. It means that God is totally different from the concepts we hold about Him. That difference is a threat (danger) for our selfishness. God will become a purifying fire, if a person allows God's holy love to work within him to the end. Then the Lord will mould him to be totally submissive and obedient. A man of such status only is worthy of becoming a powerful tool in the hands of the Lord. The inner experience of such character will be "Lord unless I achieve something through you, I am incapable." However much the Lord achieves, using such a person as His tool, he would never steal a bit of glory due to Him.

What we tried to explain is that man of God has to walk through a very difficult, hazardous path. Grief and pain is his possession; but not distress and frustration. *So that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold, which though perishable is tested by fire. [1 Peter- 1:7]* St. Peter says so through his personal experience. Christ our Lord said *Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few. [Mathew 7: 13, 14]* It is the way of the cross. It is death for your rights, your desires, your will. That path should necessarily be tough and hazardous. How many are the books penned by discouraged souls, who started their journey with the Lord expecting that the Lord will satisfy all their physical needs, provide them with plenty and prosperity, but failed to see the results; saying there is no Creator?

The true Christian life is an embodiment of submission to 'breakings and mouldings' at the hands of the Lord and sacrifices at the feet of the Lord for the sake of social redemption till the end. Then the Lord will "Take, Give thanks, Break, and Distribute" you. The purification that results within you then will lead to social redemption. That is why the man of God has been destined with to walk in narrow, difficult path. But, it is the path of rejoicing. It is the path of social redemption. It is the path wherein you have to do your utmost with the God-given life on behalf of God, on behalf of human family.

## **The Different Christian Sects**

Under the visible leadership of St. Peter the Catholic Church - the most prominent of Christ's churches was formed by Lord Jesus Christ Himself. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Century [AD], there was a split leading to the formation of the Orthodox Church. At the early 16<sup>th</sup> Century witnessed further divisions as the Protestant Churches were formed. A number of fundamental Christian Churches emerged during the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. It is true that confusion has risen as a result of some fundamental churches ascribing their own personal interpretations to

the Word of God. We do not intend either to deal with the origins of different Christian churches or engage in evaluating them, here. But, we intend to present a few suggestions and opinions in hastening the much-needed unification of all Christian churches devoid of their narrow differences.

1. It appears that there had been differences between Christian communities, though no divisions as sects even during the time of St. Paul. [1<sup>st</sup> Century] ..... *charge them before the Lord to avoid disputing about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers ..... Avoid such godless chatter, for it will lead people to more and more ungodliness and their talk will eat its way like gangrene. Among them are Hymeneaeus and Philetus, who have swerved from the truth by holding that the resurrection is past already. They are upsetting the faith of some. But God's firm foundation stands.* [2 **Timothy 2: 14-19**] During the war against the spiritual man without wearing the lifebelt of Truth (i.e. If your aim is not honest) you will never be able to realize the Truth. [Ephesians 6:14] Then, causation of confusion and conflicts in others by those, who themselves have filled their heads with nonsensical ideas will continue. Therefore, every person should be concerned about the honesty of his aim.

The Word of God is a person's way of salvation. In the case some others, it may become a stumbling block. Some hesitantly approach it, then fall, and wound themselves. If the purpose is sincere, the intentions are noble the Word of God will pave the way for salvation. Many discrepancies and differences could be observed in the descriptions relating to the same event or incident, found in the Gospels. But the central theme, the dynamic message remained the same, unchanged and undisturbed. The man with a spiritual bent turns to the deeper, dynamic meaning and will find the salvation; the worldly man recurses to the shallow external expressions and gets confused; and confuses others.

2. Lord Jesus taught us about the Kingdom of God, the Heavenly Father and the laws of the divine kingdom. St. Paul teaches us about Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the divine kingdom. **Acts. 9: 1 - 19** describes [Saul the soldier becomes Paul the preacher] his experiencing of the conversion brought about in his life. A flash of light surpassing that of the sun brought him down and he heard the voice of Jesus through that light. "Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" he asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." This was the reply. Paul, the persecutor of Christians had heard about the 'Historical Christ'. Through this conversation he felt and realized the 'Risen,' i.e. the 'Glorified Christ'. He did not persecute Christ, but Christians, His followers. When Jesus compares the persecution to an aggression against Him the truth about the Mystical Body of Christ was revealed to Paul. [that is the Church is the body of Christ, Christ is its head, the members of the Church are limbs of the body, pain and suffering that a limb under goes is felt and shared by the other limbs and the head, the pain and sufferings of the head is felt and shared by the limbs.]

When Ananias declares Paul as the chosen tool of the Lord to take the Good News to the gentiles, Paul realizes the truth about the Cosmic Christ. The accepted notion of the yesteryears was that Israel was the chosen people of God and the rest are the gentiles.

Through the above words Paul realized that people of the world are the people of God. Therefore, all those who bear the name 'Christian' should become one with the realization of Paul and gain the experience of Total Christ. Then, all the Christians of the world would be able to unite as one congregation casting away the narrow, divisive and destructive tendencies. All the epistles written by St, Paul are an extension, an expansion the message expressed by [Acts. 9: 1-19]. He sees the arising of the body [the Church] as the head of the mystical body has already risen. [When the deliverer of a message, a faith is aware of Historical Christ only, his message losses intensity and penetrative sharpness. Possession of knowledge about Glorified Christ adds acceptance and sharpness to the message.]

3. It is the Kingdom of God, which will last at the end. The Church [even the different Christian sects] is merely a tool in the formation of the Kingdom of God. Even those, who belong to the Church, may not belong to Kingdom of God. Similarly, those who do not belong to the Church may belong to the Kingdom of God. Lord Jesus clearly presented this truth through [Luke 13: 27-29]. Therefore we should drop away the narrow ideas as "the members of our sect only will be saved". *I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.* [John 14: 6] Here a person who sees the Lord Jesus merely as a person gives narrow interpretations. Lord Jesus is the WORD (Dhamma). Therefore, all what is good, even every religion that lead men to perfection and goodness originate from Him. Narrowness is the greatest tragedy that could happen to a person. Broadness is the greatest good that could happen to a person. Let us therefore, allow God to work within us, destroy our narrowness, however painful it may be and mould us, model us to His broadness.
  
4. Lord Jesus was not only the '*Beloved Son*' of God the Father but also His '*Suffering Servant*'. **Isaiah Ch. 42:1-4, 6-7 Ch. 49:1-9, Ch. 50:4-9, Ch. 52:13 - Ch. 53:12** - provide a vivid description of the *Suffering servant*. Most of those identify themselves as Christians yearn to experience the force of "You are my beloved son." But there are least prepared to undergo the experience of "You are my suffering servant." Under such circumstances will witness the birth of spiritual dwarfs, but not spiritual giants. If the Christians themselves, name the plight of sufferings of the servant of God as lost cause, and all those who enjoy the worldly pleasures are the blessed people of God, truly they are gone astray. The more people, all those who bear the name of Christians who are prepared to grow in the experience of the suffering servant of God, the more expeditious would be the process of unification devoid of all forms of narrowness.
  
5. Lord Jesus received the honourable salutation "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," from God the Father during His baptism on the banks of river Jordan. Lord Jesus did not need a baptism of repentance. He received the baptism of self-dedication. It was a dedication to accept the bog of humanity's sins and pay its price. Then only He could earn the goodwill of the Heavenly Father by being called "You are my beloved

Son." Therefore, the secret or the guarantee of the baptism through the Holy Spirit lies in the dedication to obey the Heavenly Father in order enrich or elevate others.

6. According to St. Paul some demand signs, while some others seek only knowledge. But he said that he lives following the Lord Jesus, who was crucified on the cross. [**1 Corinthians 1: 22,23**] The way of life according to Lord Jesus, crucified on the cross means to follow the way of the cross. It signals death against rights, cravings and self-will. If the different Christian sects abandon their demand of seeking signs and search of only knowledge, and adopt the way of the cross, it will definitely pave the way for unification.
  
7. *Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, .....* [**Holy Bible - Hebrews 1: 1,2**] Maturity of faith means love. Let us grow in love casting aside debates and contentions. *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us* [**Galatians 3: 13**]. Therefore let all of us stand at the foot of Mount Calvary. Those who stand at the Mount Sinai engaged in debating and arguing about the laws of Old Testament should immediately stop their engagements, and devout themselves in the cause of love and faith (Doctrine of Love). Make an honest and firm decision, to submit the entirety of your life to the Word, in order that the world in its entirety may be subject to the demand and dictates of the Heavenly Father as a means of returning your love and devotion in response to His boundless love. Then only, the Word will reveal to you more and more, deeper and deeper, day in day out, "Who you are?" This is a very important realization. Then you will realize that you are merely a small sample within this vast world, the universe. You will understand that the world contains an extension of the expressions emanating from your ego. You will realize that the enemy, yours as well as others, is not a person, neither an organization nor a country; but the one and only, enemy, yours as well as others is selfishness. Then, whenever you see the errors and inadequacies of the Church, Sects, Country and the World, you will be prompted to extend an invitation to the Word to nail your selfishness to the cross for their redemption. And you will permit the Lord for that. This indeed is the Religion of Love.
  
8. Argument is the lengthy way for enlightenment and truth. Accept the WORD as your Loving Father, find refuge in Him, learn from Him and resolve your problems through Him. That is the shortest and the most effective way for enlightenment and truth. Let us learn to talk with Lord Jesus, rather than talk about Him. We need neither this sect nor that sect. All what we need is Lord Jesus the WORD. Let us aim at it. Let us leave behind all teachings impregnated with personal interpretations and believe in Lord Jesus, identify with Him, to form ourselves in His mould, submit ourselves to the Heavenly Father in total submission, sacrifice ourselves on behalf of others. Let's thirst after the Lord, so that

He may break us, make us to suit His desires till the end. The Holy Spirit will intimate the true meaning of the Words of the Lord to all those, who develop such positive state of mind. Neither their level of education nor the extent of their ignorance will be a barrier in this process.

In the absence of such stand, he will not understand the true meaning of the words of God, irrespective of whether he is a priest or accepted as bible scholar. His misguided teachings will destroy others. The Christian life, from its inception to the, ultimate summit could be described under three steps.

1. Faith built on the Word of God,
2. Faith, with total obedience to God,
3. Faith coupled with Hope.

If, the first step is tarnished by misinterpreting the Word of God, destruction will follow suit to the next two steps and that cannot be prevented.

9. If Christians are to be broad and to be united as one, we must learn to stay in the presence of the source of Wisdom in due position to receive the Wisdom. We ought to understand that what is unknown to us is far greater in extent than what is known. It is smaller than a particle of dust amidst the vastness of the infinite cosmos- that is how we should look at it. It generates a state of humility within us. Humility is the magnet that draws us to wisdom of God. [Though, we are so lowly as dust under feet, God has called us to be His beloved Sons. Let us be ever thankful, show our gratitude for this matchless vocation.] Readiness to yield or flexibility is the hallmark, the basic characteristic of a humble heart. We should be a handful of clay in the presence of wisdom, which is the potter. The source of wisdom has placed in front of us an infinite reality, which could be neither fathomed nor investigated to the end, even through the labours of a lifetime. If, a person is of the opinion that he has full and perfect understanding of the faith or he has no more to be learned from some others, he is certainly misguided. It is the height of arrogance. You, therefore learn to stand in the presence of the Holy Spirit with a flexible, humble heart without giving a logical form to the Word of God. It leads to powerful and forceful entry in to an infinite exploration and expedition and a constant source of revelations in the Holy Spirit. **Kahlil Gibran** says the following.

“Your thought is a tree, whose roots have penetrated deep into the soil called traditions. My thought is just a cloud floating in the space. It takes form as drops of water, then converts itself into a stream and flows in a beautiful rhythm in to the ocean. Soon, it rises up to the sky as vapour. Your thought is a strong fortress, which neither a tempest nor a thunder stroke could assail; my thought is a slender leaf floating to and fro enjoying the sweetness of its flight. Your thought is an unchanging, ever constant vision; it could neither change you nor you could change it. My thought is new; in the morning, in the evening it searches me and is being searched by me.”

10. People of the world, especially those who identify themselves as Christians has been called to share in the Divine Motherhood of Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, the WORD made flesh. What is the relevance and significance of this Divine Motherhood of Mary? It represents a **total abdication** from self, a denial of one's rights and privileges, whims and fancies, affections and attachments, in **remaining ever receptive** to God, **to receive** the word of God, **to bear it**, **to enliven and develop** it within self and **to deliver** it to the world at large through self and conduct. This is the mission to which all Christians have been called for, by God Almighty. This is the greatest honour, which we could bestow on Mother Mary. Greater the extent of the working of the above six qualities within those who identify themselves as Christians to that extent the all encompassing unification process would be facilitated. True followers of Christ [righteous and wise] would be generated by those who grow in the qualities of the Divine Motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God.

[The Holy Mother the Church solemnly celebrates the Divine Motherhood of Mary, the Mother of God on the first day of each year. The scriptural readings of the Mass on that day show us that it is feast where we are called and blessed to share in the Divine Motherhood through the maternity of Mary, the Mother of God. [**Numbers 6: 22-27, Psalms 67: 1-7, Galatians 4: 4-7, Luke 2: 16-21**] What is the seed [the Word] that you will be granted, when you empty yourself and raise unto God? "You are a son of God. You therefore, are an heir." Holy Mother the Church invites you to bear that word within you, to grow and develop it and to deliver it to the world at large through you. The relevant homily is "Mary kept all these things in her heart and meditated upon them." "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Lord God eagerly waits to share this great gift with each one of us. We will be able to submit ourselves completely to God to the extent we participate in sharing this right. If we do not own this Good News, it will be difficult for us to believe in God's unfailing, loving protection that follows our total surrender, submission to Him. It is a call to share in God's boundless love, to total submission to be led by Him. The transformation to be a Son of God is a righteous character indeed. Being a son of God, in turn produces more of sons of God.]

11. An encounter with the Creator, the WORD is truly an exploration about the Absolute Truth. The Absolute Truth should be comprehended in a paradoxical manner. It surpasses the logical mind; therefore, it does not correspond with argumentation. A paradox may refer to a contrasting and contradictory matter, yet may also be identified as that, which is true and correct. Light of the Holy Spirit is a prerequisite for an understanding of a paradox. When we are oscillated in the contradictions apparent on the surface, the Holy Spirit will guide us and show us the truth. Arguments and debates based on one outwardly apparent aspect of a paradox will result in confusion and confusion only. Through encyclical - "I sought and I found", **Carlo Caretto** thus praises Holy Mother the Church. "*Mother, to what an extent do I have to heap scorn upon you? Yet, I love you dearly. More than anyone else, you have caused me pain and grief, but I owe much to none, but you. You have harmed my reputation gravely; but, other than you, who helped me to attain holiness?*" If you, who identify yourself as a Christian could understand the

depth and significance of these sentiments, then no problem will arise in your attempt to stay within the most prominent Church, to join the most prominent Church.

## **The Eight Beatitudes are the Core and the Basis of Christians Values (Mathew 5:1-10)**

Lives built on the foundation of the eight beatitudes are truly righteous; truly holy. Impelled by an orientation towards the eight beatitudes, allowing the WORD to dominate us till the end is all what is expected of us; that is our part. Then the WORD will unify us all, as a single congregation, community; not just an ordinary community, but a community bound by a covenant. Life in a community bound by a covenant represents a people, who have resolved to love each other, remain faithful to each other until death. Even two people, who are bound to each other under a covenant, stand for communion life under a covenant. Married life in fact is a covenanted communion life. The experience gained under a covenanted communion life, even with an individual, if continued till the end of life would radiate from you. What radiates from you, under such circumstance would be love of a covenant.

Life, built on the foundation of the eight beatitudes, in a community described above will be formed by the process of breaking, in which the members are engaged. Yielding unto the end is our contribution in this regard. A number of stones different shapes and sizes could be seen in the rivers of the hill country. How did these rough stones get their smooth and peculiar shapes? It resulted from a journey of knocking against one another, shedding pieces in the process while abrading the sandy bottom. A wife after quarrel with the husband, pondering as to reasons, feels that she should change the way of her talking. The husband retracts and thinks that he should have been more patient. That is a process of shedding pieces. The Word begins the process of breaking and making (moulding) through each one of us. Our part is to yield to the process unto the end.

If the piece of ugly, shapeless granite had a mind, a brain and a free will, it would have thought as to why it has to collide against the rocks, break and shed-off pieces and be dragged along the sandy bottom. Then it would attempt to tear away from the community [Church] and find refuge in the riverbanks. Then, it would ever remain as a rough, shapeless stone. The people, who are destined to receive the gift of salvation, must join the WORD, remain within the community where He places them, undergo the process of breaking and moulding, be dragged against the sandy bottom, i.e. time, get chiseled and continue the pilgrimage towards eternity.

### **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

**Anavim** in Hebrew means a divine pauper; i.e. a person who entrusts all his energies in the hands of the Lord and depends on Him for His sustenance. Economic poverty is just a part of it. Place all your possessions in the hands of the Lord. Acknowledge that he is the owner and you are merely a caretaker. Realize and accept that your job is merely a management function subject



to His holy will. With such mentality, you will become poor in spirit. If unification with the WORD is desired, all of us should experience this reality.

Riches, a person owns may hinder his dependence on God for sustenance. It is a great loss indeed. In turn, it is a form of poverty in experiencing God. Extreme poverty [burdened by loans and interest] is a hindrance against belief in God's boundless love. Poverty [no assets amassed, no loans accumulated] is fortunate situation. It is a state, which enables a person to depend on God and experience God through that dependence. That is why the Book of **Proverbs-Chapter 30 : 7-9** says the following *Two things I ask of thee; deny them not to me before I die; Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of My God.*

### **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted**

As shown by the Holy Bible reference could be made to three occasions of shedding tears.

1. **Don't be sad.** [Subject not, to self-pity] There, tears are present. That tear is for one's own sake. That is a sin.
2. **Be repentant.** [Be contrite] There, too tears are present. That is not for one's own sake; but for the sake of the agonies caused to God and man through his sins. Those tears are benevolent.
3. **Blessed are those who mourn.** Here, too tears are present. That is not self-centered, but for salvation to others. It is a crying call to God, backed by fasting and sleepless nights raised by those, who have received divine salvation, enjoy peace and happiness, on behalf of those who, haven't experienced God, especially those who, suffer under the burdens of wealth, power and popularity. It reveals a greatest love.

### **Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth**

You and I possess a unique thing, which cannot be snatched away either from you or me. That is the right to love. You are capable of loving a person even if he beats you, persecute you and kill you. If it is so, what does 'meek' mean? It is a unique characteristic formed within a person, which gives him, no other rights, but the right to love only without remorse or regret. The Holy Bible identifies a person, who is made meek, as a 'worm'. One, who experiences this reality, exerts immense spiritual power over the society. *For, I the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I will help you. Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I will help you, says the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make of you a threshing sledge, new, sharp, and having teeth. [Isaiah 41:13-15].*

A worm has no eyes; therefore sees no faults in others. It has no ears to hear gossip doing its rounds; has no arms to own and possess; has no legs to flee from danger; has no teeth, no nails to retaliate. If stamped; it dies slowly, silently under a foot. Lord Jesus, who sacrificed Himself on the cross, is the example par excellence for meekness and mildness.

## **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied**

*Abraham believed the Lord; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.* [Genesis 15:6] The embryo that sources a righteous life is the burning desire a person has to believe in Lord Jesus Christ; the unquenchable thirst to know Him, to form in the image of Him; the insatiable hunger to grow in Him. The admonition "Firstly, seek the kingdom of God" conveys this message.

## **Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy**

They are confronted with problems and issues, grief and paucity. Yet, they take to their shoulders the issues and problems, grief and paucity of other people and dedicate themselves in bringing relief and solace to them. They firmly believe that the more they care for others, the more the Lord will care for them. They go in search of those who are sick and helpless; suffering under the yoke of injustice and irregularities. They look for sinners and weakly and endeavour to uplift them. They are prepared to tarnish their good name in this cause. These are the merciful; and they surely will obtain the mercy of the Lord.

## **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God**

Jesus speaks about a pure heart. It need not be stressed that when the heart is pure, all that emanates from it i.e. thoughts and perceptions, words and acts would also be pure. How do we have a pure heart? A pure heart is the gift that Lord Jesus offers you when you entrust your heart and mind, body and soul to His care.

## **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God**

Where does peace reign? It is found in unity between God and each individual. Peace reigns in lives, which accept Lord Jesus Christ the Word as the saviour; experience the gift of forgiveness resulting from His sacrifice and share the resultant forgiveness with others. Our lives should be a celebration of forgiveness. How can we share peace with others, in its absence within ourselves?

## **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven**

A description about those who thirst for righteousness had been given above. You may have to suffer a lot on earth, when you adopt a righteous life of such proportions. But, it's a blessing.

# **The Way of Divine Love for the Redemption of Mankind [Up to the Summit]**

All things were created through the boundless love of God. Man disobeyed God and led to the great fall of the creation. Following that great fall, God Almighty promised to restore the damaged relationship between man and God. [Holy Bible - Genesis 3:15] It is God's boundless

love only, which could renew or redeem the fallen creation. God therefore, began the episode of reintroducing His boundless love with Abraham. God's aim was to introduce His love to all mankind. If so, why did God appear as a God of an individual at first? [God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob] The Lord God initiates with a contribution of Alpha proportion. He gradually develops it to the Omega summit. God opened the second stage by naming Jacob as Israel and establishing a people (nation) by appointing the twelve sons of Jacob as leaders of twelve tribes. Exodus was a first and powerful experience about God, which a people gained. Through that experience, God led them and made them residents of a 'Promised Land.'

The Books of the Old Testament witness for God's guidance and intervention for the development of Israel as a nation, following the exodus. **The Song of Solomon** one of the books of the Old Testament [also known as Song of Songs] depicts the relationship between God and Israel as an entry into experience between a lover and his beloved. A breakdown arose in that relationship. Sin, according to the Holy Bible is adultery. It is a wandering after others, forsaking the lover [Lord God] leading to a breakdown in the relationship. Then, the Lord sent His prophets to prepare Israel [her] for the divine-human nuptial union. It is the prophet, who speaks on behalf of God, restores the damaged divine-human relationship.

The moment for the divine-human nuptial union dawned. It is the incarnation. It is the assumption of human form as Jesus by the WORD of God the Father. It is an amalgamation of humanity with divinity. Love can unite many things. The boundless love of God can unite all. The incarnation represents a moment when impermanent things joined with permanent things, holy things with worldly things, finite matters with infinite matters and spiritual affairs with physical affairs. **Chapter 18 Verse 14 of the Book of Wisdom** in the Holy Bible describes this moment as "*When peaceful silence lay over all, and night had run the hall of her swift course, down from the heavens, from the royal throne, leapt your all-powerful Word.*"

Lord Jesus is the Son of God, Son of Man. Seeing Him, as the Son of God only or Son of Man only has led to a number of controversies. The four Gospel accounts of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John are not an autobiography of Lord Jesus. If so, the books would not have remained silent about 18 years of His 33 year earthly existence. The Gospels are a compilation of all what the Lord said and did on account of human salvation. It is misconception to think that the Gospel books have remained totally silent about the 18 years [12-30]; because enough clues have been given to understand those 18 years.

**John 7:15** refutes all the volumes written about the Lord's 18 year period, seeing Him merely as a Son of Man only. *About the middle of the feast Jesus went up to the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So, Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but His who sent me .....*

As we study **Luke 2:40-52** we are compelled to marvel at the insight, the experience which the 12-year-old Child Jesus had about the Heavenly Father and the excellence of His wisdom so gained. **40-** And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. **41-** Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. **42-** And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to customs; **43-** and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not

know it, **44-** but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; **45-** and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. **46-** After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; **47-** all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48-** And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." **49-** And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" **50-** And they did not understand the saying, which he spoke to them. **51-** And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. **52-** And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.

This may appear as an act of disobedience or insubordination on the part of child Jesus. St. Luke refutes this through verse number **51**. This is not an act of disobedience; but a manifestation of the deep insight he had about the Heavenly Father. Here, what would have been the discourse between the Heavenly Father and the child Jesus? We may visualize it in this manner.

["Heavenly Father commands me to stay a few days in the temple. Am I to tell this to my mother?" As a son thoroughly aware of his responsibilities, Jesus would have definitely questioned this way. "No" was the answer received. My parents will search for me and will be troubled' Jesus would have said. "Does not matter, parents will be benefited from this." would have been the response. Then, the child Jesus would have arrived at the conclusion that ... "How different is the Heavenly Father from the human? How dangerous is this difference, this holiness to the narrow thoughts of the mortals? But, how beneficial are these to those, who yearn to transform themselves in to the likeness of God?]

His mother could not comprehend the meaning of the answer given by Jesus at that moment. But, she was a mother who kept them within herself, and contemplated upon them. On the age of 30, when Jesus left home, the mission of her son was very clear to the mother. The mother had a period of 18 years to meditate upon the mission of her son. Turn to verse number **49**. Usually, a son of twelve years acts with maternal and paternal love. The superlative form of love is the universal or the cosmic love. It means showing the same degree of love one shows to parents and children to all the people of the world. Jesus, as a twelve-year old child acted with universal love. Verse number **52** is indicative of Jesus' total development and growth. So, had not the evangelists given a full account of Jesus' 18 year period? If the excellence of the insight and experience of 12 year-old Jesus is such, what would have been the eminence of His spiritual growth [the body of wisdom] during those 18 years? What the mind conceives; the mouth declares it, that's what Jesus said. Is it not what happened during the subsequent three years?

Jesus, who acted with universal love, even as a child of twelve years, calls us all to a life of universal love. *I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it was already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.* [**Luke 12:49-53**] What does this mean? Once, a person determines to act with universal

love, conflicts will arise at lower levels and among inter levels of love. [Maternal, paternal, filial, husband-wife, inter nations] This is inevitable. Jesus thirsts for the dawning of that moment throughout the whole world.

The entire humanity has been called to be Sons of God in Jesus through the incarnation. Even the other faiths, which believe in a God, have found it difficult to accept the mystery of the incarnation. [God becoming man, Creator becoming a creation.] Nothing is impossible for boundless love. But it is difficult to accept this without entering into deep, boundless love. Jesus, the Son of God became man and lived as a 'Carpenter's son'. He was a suffering man. This makes the acceptance of God's incarnation as a reality more difficult for the world at large. If he were a king, a man of all riches and fortunes, it too would be God becoming man [incarnation]. If it had been so, it would have been possible for the world to accept God's incarnation, even with reservations.

He knew no sin; but shouldered the fruits of the sins of the humanity and drank the cup of sufferings. [2 Corinthians 5:21] He was subject to agony and torture; despised and deplored; and made to offer prayers and supplications in mortal fear. [Hebrew 5:7] He was the man, who experienced the cruelty of a cursed state, on the cross. [Galatians 3:13] This is a further step in taking the incarnation further ahead. He left no room for anyone to say that you do not feel my sorrows and sufferings. Why did Jesus become the man, who experienced all sorrows and sufferings of mankind? Incarnation is a marriage between divinity and humanity. God the Father desired this marriage to be a true and meaningful, rather than shallow, outward occurrence. An outward marriage means living together in good times, good health, and fortunes. It is keeping away from each other in bad times, sickness and misfortunes. If, love is persisted with even during bad times and sicknesses, then participation in all the sufferings, accompanying each other's sicknesses as an unavoidable consequence. That's why Lord Jesus [the bridegroom] had to experience all sufferings of the humanity. [The bride]

## **The Holy Eucharist is the Summit in the journey of Divine Love for the sake of Human Salvation**

The Gospels record the post Jordanian baptismal words and deeds of Lord Jesus, the Word who came to this world as a man, freeing Himself from all His divine rights and privileges. You could see how Lord Jesus transformed all what He said and did in to Sacraments [a symbol of holiness, a vehicle through which God's love radiates towards men.] He left no room for any deviation; but ensured that all His words and deeds elevated as a Sacrament. He loved the Heavenly Father. He loved men, even who persecuted Him. Therefore, the vessel i.e. the life the Holy One, who abdicated all His divine rights, was filled with the love of God [divinity], gradually, drop by drop. On the day before His death [Maundy Thursday] His living cup was full to the brim with love. It is on this occasion that Lord Jesus said *He, who has seen me has seen the Father.* [John 14:9]

What is the thirst, the hunger that which Jesus felt when His living cup was filled to the brim with boundless love, after having renounced all His rights as God, and forfeited all His rights as a man? It was a thirst to unite with man; it was a hunger to become one with man. If that is to

happen, the Almighty should decide to become the food of man. Having taken that decision, the Lord established the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, gave it to the disciples and said "**Take, eat; this is my body**". And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "**Drink of it, all of you; for this is the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins**". [Mathew 26:26-28] [On Maundy Thursday, Jesus in His prayer (as the great High Priest) [John Ch: 17] has used the words 'that they may be one' five times. It is so natural to thirst after a desire to 'become one' on the eve of being filled with love, following a freeing from the clutches of ego and self-centeredness.

Food is a symbol of nutrition. What are the activities that ensue on taking food? They are digestion, absorption and conversion to energy. [Absorption is the process of absorbing rich particles of the digested food into blood stream.] These three activities take place within me when Jesus becomes my food through the Holy Eucharist [Lord Jesus' death, His resurrection and the pouring of the Holy Spirit.] The Lord invites all of us to participate in this three-staged process. He shows you even a single blight that harms your life and invites you to die in the process of rectification. He invites you to live as a resurrected new being, freeing self from the clutches and cravings of the world. He empowers you in this regard by the granting the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The Heavenly Father willed to demonstrate the Maundy Thursday act of Christ Our Lord [Holy Eucharist] on Good Friday outwardly on the cross. [What happened on Good Friday was the overflowing of the living cup of Our Lord, which was filled to the brim with love. That is the gift of the Holy Spirit. The internal exposition of the Holy Spirit was made on the cross.] It had been decreed that on Good Friday, Lord Jesus' body should be battered and broken, blood should be shed to the last drop and life should be sacrificed for the sake of human redemption. Accordingly, the public demonstration of His acts on Maundy Thursday [Holy Eucharist] was carried out on Good Friday, on a cross. Lord Jesus, who abdicated all His divine rights, abandoned all His human rights, hides His divinity and humanity and becomes the food of men in the Holy Eucharist. Truly, this is an eternal challenge to the mankind. Freeing or total abdication is the foundation of love, becoming one.

The unique path for a deep bondage with Lord Jesus Christ is the Holy Eucharist, which He gave to His disciples on the eve of His departure from them. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the middle of them.* [Mathew 18:20] His presence in the middle of you, with you does or within you is not the summit of the divine-human relationship. He became man, through incarnation. Yet, He and I are two individuals. He is the man, who experienced all my sufferings. But, He and I are two individuals. He and I, we are one through the Holy Eucharist. God, the most holy and I, a sinner, most lowly are one through the Holy Eucharist. This is the summit of love on behalf of the humanity.

The Holy Eucharist therefore is the summit of the divine-human relationship. It is the living token of Lord Jesus' boundless love towards Heavenly Father and fellowship with men. His presence in the Holy Eucharist is an amalgamation of His divinity and humanity. It is the utmost position in the lives of Christians on earth. It is an encounter with God, and an excellent spiritual exercise. It is the source and manifestation of Christian fellowship. We therefore, must stand

spellbound, in awe and reverence, with deep gratitude in the presence of this divine mystery of boundless love by receiving the Holy Eucharist with due honor and homage.

The Lord granted us the gift of the Holy Eucharist to be our life giving food. Good and only good will result in, if you receive the Holy Eucharist firmly believing that you are a patient, the Lord Jesus is the Divine Healer, backed by a candid desire to be healed by Him. Saying **Eat of me and grow**, Jesus invites us through the Holy Eucharist. Is that all? He admonishes you to allow others to eat of you and grow [i.e. total dedication and sacrifices on your part in magnifying others.] If you could eat of Him and grow, allow others to eat of you and grow, then that would be the greatest obeisance that you could offer to the Holy Eucharist. It is very important to prepare yourself for receiving the Holy Eucharist, through Confession - the Holy Sacrament of repentance and reunion.

The authoritative, clear teaching of the Catholic Church regarding the Holy Eucharist is that Lord Jesus through the medium of the priest transforms the bread and wine into His body and blood during the holy rite of the Holy Mass. It is the process of transubstantiation, where the bread and wine change into the sacred body and blood of Our Lord Jesus, while retaining their physical and chemical elements intact. It also refers to the living presence of Christ our Lord in the sanctified bread. God, who gave form to nothingness, created the universe out of nothing, through His own omnipotent hands faces no obstacles in transforming the bread and wine into the body and blood of His beloved Son. The Catholic Church has steadfastly guarded this truth, over 20 centuries, amidst numerous challenges and obstacles. The Church's endeavors and efforts in this regard are really laudable and deserve admiration. Jesus, Our Lord envisages to bring all Christians under the umbrella of faith in the Holy Eucharist in future.

Many of the Christian sects celebrate the Holy Eucharist merely as a memorial of what Jesus did on Maundy Thursday [**Luke 22:19**] or as an occasion for fellowship among members. Such memorial celebrations do not enable to reap the fruits of Lord Jesus' great gift to His people. If the importance of the Holy Eucharist is limited to a mere remembrance of what Jesus did, all that are connected with it would have been confined to Maundy Thursday only by Our Lord. Then, a need for promises, prior preparations and other challenges would not arise with regard to the Holy Eucharist.

**John, Chapter 6** presents the promises, prior preparations and challenges with regard to the Holy Eucharist. The first, in the line is the miracle of the multiplication of bread. Thereafter, a great number of people come in search of Lord Jesus. *Do not labour for the food, which perishes, but for the food, which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you..... For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world,* said Jesus. "Lord, give us this bread always." The people besought Him. Then, Jesus said ***I am the living bread, which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread, which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.*** In face of that promise and challenge, the people disputed among themselves and dispersed. Only, His twelve disciples remained with Him. It was seen that some among them also were confronted with this matter. "Will you also go away?" Jesus asked them. Peter answered Him "Lord, to whom shall we go?" You have the words of eternal life."

Spiritual Giants could be produced, only through a way of living, based on growing by eating the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, and allowing others to eat of you and grow. Those who do not believe in the living presence of Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist could only produce spiritual infants. The eight beatitudes are the core of the Christian values. Formation in line with the 8 beatitudes demands a commitment to be the food of others. The Holy Eucharist grants the necessary power and guidance in this regard. **Thomas A. Kempis** places the following words in the sacred lips of Our Lord. "*What do I ask of you; other than your total commitment towards me? All that you give me, excluding yourself is of no use to me. I seek you, not your offerings. You may obtain all what you desire; yet in my absence, you remain unsatisfied. Similarly, even in face of all what you give me I remain, unsatisfied in your absence. See, I sacrificed myself to the Heavenly Father for your sake in order that I may totally to be yours, and you completely to be mine. I gave you my body and blood to be your food.*"

Therefore the Lord expectantly waits for those servants, who entrust their burdens to the Lord, and take the burdens of the Lord to themselves. He eagerly waits for those who yield to be burned by His love and to be shaped through His process of breaking. Heavenly Father's heart's content lies in finding a person, who is willing to be broken and crushed himself unto death as Lord Jesus did. Then, the life of Lord Jesus will flow through the broken person. The Lord God desires to train us all to lead a life, resembling Lord Jesus' life on earth. No one can become a dedicated, totally obedient servant of Lord Jesus unless;

1. He pierces his human desires with nails to make Jesus the objective of his desires,
2. He nails himself to the cross,
3. Then rise again with a burning love to be shed for the sake of Jesus.

With this objective in mind, yield unto Him through these 4 prayers, so that you may become the food of others.

“A zealous man in religion is pre-eminently a man of one thing. It is not enough to say that he is earnest, hearty, uncompromising, thorough-going, whole-hearted and fervent in spirit. He sees one thing, he cares for one thing, he lives for one thing, he is swallowed-up in one thing — and that one thing is to please God. Whether he lives — or whether he dies; whether he has health — or whether he has sickness; whether he is rich — or whether he is poor; whether he pleases man — or whether he gives offence; whether he is thought wise — or whether he is thought foolish; whether he gets blame — or whether he gets praise; whether he gets honour, or whether he gets shame — for all this the zealous man cares nothing at all. He burns for one thing — and that one thing is to please God, and to advance God's glory. If he is consumed in the very burning — he is content. He feels that, like a lamp, he is made to burn, and if consumed in burning — he has but done the work for which God appointed him.

— **Bishop J.C. Ryle**



“Heavenly Father, weaken me so that I may open up my clenched fists with all desires. Loosen my craving hands, which cling on to my life, my name and fame, all my possessions and wealth. Take my desires not only to cling on to them but to caress them avariciously from time to time. Oh, how numerous are the occasions that I caressed them with greed, even after I loosened my hold on them? Father, stretch my hands to the nails of the cross as Christ Our Lord stretched His hands on the cross at Calvary, so that I may free myself from all my cravings and clinging. In this manner, may I be released from the bonds that hold me down! Christ, Our Lord forsook His divinity without hanging on to it as His right or inheritance. Oh, Lord, therefore cast away from me all those bonds that tie me down.”

**- Rev. Jim Elliot**

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“Jesus, teach me humility. Do whatever you want to kill the pride within me. Show me, my pride. Grant me the grace to perceive it, even if it pains me. Use any one whom you want as a tool to show me my proud. Allow me to face ridicule and contempt in order that I may become humble. Whatever the pain, whatever the price, it does not matter, because my only desire is to be shaped in your likeness. All, I want is to grow by becoming small. Then, it will be possible for me to be decreased within me, so that you may increase within me.” – The Prayer emanated through the sermon given to Charismatic Renewal of Sri Lanka (Pubuduwa)

**- Rev. Fr. Tom Forrest.**

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Lord Jesus. Meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*  
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*  
From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*  
That others may be esteemed more than I, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be chosen and I set aside, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be praised and I unnoticed, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may be preferred to me in everything, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, *Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

— **Litany of Humility, Rafael  
Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-  
1930)**

## **The Holy Mass, which the Holy Eucharist grants to us through the sacred sacrificial rite**

It is possible that an adherent or a non-adherent of a particular faith would have witnessed a matrimonial Holy Mass said in a Catholic Church, at least once. It would have been a great message of redemption if, they could, on seeing.....

- the bread, perceive that the Creator has become the food of man out of his boundless love,
- the priest breaking the bread, understand the need for breaking away from ego,
- the priest sharing the bread, that they too have to share for the well being of one another.

### **The Holy Mass is a Feast of Word**

It could be described in three stages in the following manner:

1. Read God's word. breaks it, shares it, and transforms it into food.
2. Breaking, sharing and transforming [to food] of Lord Jesus Christ, the WORD of God.
3. Extension of our Lord, Jesus Christ's [the WORD] guiding hands to implant within our souls the words subjected to meditation that day, by giving the Holy Spirit, the first of His gifts.

[The extent to which we make it meaningful by full participation in the Holy Mass decides the extent to which these stages take place within us.]

The Holy Mass is a Feast of Word and therefore, steps should be taken to ensure **that the word of God shared during the Mass is clearly audible to the participants, in order that the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the Mass proceeds smoothly. The readings for the day should be selected carefully. All the readings, without any omission or exception, including Psalms should be presented during the Mass.** Then, the Word should be broken and shared among the people as food. That is a homily rich in content and context, summarizing all the readings of the day Mass should be delivered. The liturgical year of the Church commences with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the season of advent. The Sunday readings have been grouped under three years, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year; and the daily readings have been arranged under two years, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> Year and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year. On completion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Year the Sunday readings revert back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Year, in rotation. Similarly, the daily readings revert back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Year on completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year. The meaning of the Holy Bible in its entirety has been incorporated within the readings of the Holy Mass.

No human mind can comprehend the boundless love of God Almighty in its totality at once. Holy Mother, the Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit has compiled the readings, arranged them systematically, and presented it to her children as fine planner for use at Mass. The Church selects a specific element of God's boundless love towards His people or a specific element of our response to God's love and celebrates it daily through the daily Masses. Suppose that on a particular Sunday God's boundless love, manifested through His unfailing forgiveness has been selected as the theme of celebration. Then, The 1<sup>st</sup> reading would have been selected from the Old Testament [the primeval stage in revelation] reflecting God's ever forgiving, boundless love. The third reading would be selected from the books of the Gospel. That is the stag, where Jesus, Our Lord brought to perfection the love, unceasingly forgiving. The second reading would contain the living witnessing of the early Church, which experienced the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. (A deviation or a difference in the pattern of the daily Mass readings could be observed only during the period between Easter, the feast Our Lord's resurrection and Pentecost, the feast of the Holy Spirit's gifts).

The penitential rites, consecration rites, and the Pentecostal [of the Holy Spirit] rites, serve as the portals through which people enter into a changed way of life, which grants them a first class experience of living Christ. These three, rites or stages are present in the Holy Mass. The Holy Mass commences with the penitential rites. The events that commence with the preparation to offer bread and wine and end with the transubstantiation, where the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus, and offered to the Heavenly Father through Jesus'

own hands, mark the consecration rites. It comes to an end with the Great Amen. During the preparation for the offertory, combine to it your life, all, who are yours and all, what is yours, along with sufferings and the problems of the country and the world. Then, all these, blessed through Our Lord, Jesus would be lifted unto the Heavenly Father. Lord Jesus grants us the Holy Spirit through the Holy Eucharist. This is the Pentecostal rite. You will be worthy enough to call God as "Father", when you bathe, through the penitential rites in the redeeming blood of Jesus, Our Lord and offer yourself to the Heavenly Father through the consecration rites.

The Holy Mass is not merely a remembrance of a past event [sacrifice of Christ, the High Priest on Calvary.] "Cup of my blood overflows."- the agonizing cry of Our Lord reverberates throughout the world even today. Jesus suffers through the sufferings of every man. Jesus therefore, carries a heavy cross, constantly, continuously. We share in the merits of the precious blood of Our Lord Jesus through Holy Mass.

The Evil One tirelessly work for the dawn of a day on which the Holy Mass, established by Jesus on Maundy Thursday at His Last Supper, granted to men through His sacrificial death on the cross on Good Friday, renewed and offered daily on the altars of the world, will be subjected to distortions and deviations. It appears that the echo of the sacrificial rites connected to the sacrifice of His Son on behalf of the salvation of men as willed by the Heavenly Father reverberates in His presence ceaselessly through the Holy Masses celebrated worldwide. The people of God participate in the resultant merits. The unceasing feast in the heavenly abode is the "Feast of the slaughtered Lamb". The mercies of the Heavenly father flows down to the whole creation through those sacrificial rites. The Evil One therefore, labouriously works to remove those parts of the sacred rites of the Holy Mass, which are pleasant to God and downgrade the Holy Eucharist to a mere remembrance, a sharing of food only. **The people of God must be on their vigil as to whether the Evil One would come on to the stage to enact those diabolical activities, even for a short duration.** The sins, committed throughout the world suggest that outpouring of God's wrath and vengeance would be unstoppable and unavoidable if, the outflow of God's mercies towards His creation through the sacred sacrificial rites is stopped.

## THE OMEGA POINT

### [The Eventual Culmination Point in Evolution]

The great extent to which the human moral values have descended is a prominent feature of the modern era. Because of this degradation only that some name it as a 'Black Era'. The extent of the degradation is such that no room exists for further expansion. Rev. Father Chardin has said that the mentality of mankind is set to reach a new, enhanced dimension in future. It appears that this super mental, super spiritual transformation requires a social background facing death and destruction. Righteousness could be restored only in a similar atmosphere. On account of this only St. Paul said "Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin is increased, grace abounded all the more." [Holy Bible - Romans 5:20] The Lord promises to bind the Evil One for a thousand year, to bring forth the millennium of righteousness. *I am the Alpha and the Omega* says the Lord God - [Holy Bible - Revelation 1:8]. It means the Lord God is the beginning as well as the absolute end. The moment when the creation enters the Omega Summit

is dawning. All the sufferings and the attendant vibrations of the universe are the birth pangs of that great birth.

"Evolutionary science and speculation postulate the Omega-point, and indicate its properties. When the light of Christian Faith is brought to bear on this reality, it takes on the figure, form and face of Jesus Christ. The cosmos started from God, the point Alpha and it will come back to him perfected and fulfilled in an organic relationship with himself-in-the-world i.e. the God-Man-Jesus. God unifies the world and brings it to fulfillment by partially immersing himself in it, by becoming 'element' and from that vantage point in the heart of the cosmos assuming the control and leadership of that upward and forward movement we call evolution. Christ is therefore the axis as well as the immanent-transcendent pole or End-Point (Omega) of the evolutionary process; the Centre in which all centres will be in-involved and fulfilled. This Centre is, of course a Love-Centre which attracts and energises all other centres into love-engendering relationships, Christian Agape. It is already present, active, uniting and transforming the noosphere bringing it to its final consummation. As Teilhard himself puts it, "By a perennial act of Communion and sublimation, He aggregates to Himself the total psychism of the earth. And when He has gathered everything together and transformed everything. He will close in upon Himself and His conquest, thereby rejoining, in a final gesture, the divine focus He has never left." Then, as St. Paul tells us, God shall be all in all.

What happened at the level of the individual or the monad is now happening at the social level or in the whole thinking mantle covering the Earth. Ever increasingly complex tangential arrangements of organisation and interaction are raising the intensity of corporate consciousness of mankind as a whole. There is a physio-socio-psychic infolding of mankind upon itself, a planetary collectivisation, which appears to be heading for a mega-synthesis of super-personality which Teilhard calls Omega or Omega Point. *We are faced with a harmonised collectivity of consciousness the equivalent to a sort of super-consciousness. The idea is that of earth becoming enclosed in a single thinking envelope so as to form, functionally, no more than a single vast grain of thought on the siderial scale, the plurality of individual reflections grouping themselves together, reinforcing one another in the act of a single unanimous reflection.*

We may consider Omega Point to be the point of maximum complexity-consciousness of the evolutionary process operating in the noosphere. The hominisation of the planet proceeds by increasing unification towards a goal or centre which is its climax and culmination. In other words the cosmos-in-evolution has a convergent structure; earlier divergences converging together at a later and higher point like longitudinal lines divergent at the Equator, meeting at the poles.

Therefore the universal and the personal grow in the same direction and culminate simultaneously in each other. The Future-Universal is also the Hyper-Personal, Omega Point..... Teilhard sees resistance arising from fears of loss of personality and identity that convergence and unification is likely to create in individuals, and groups, be they racial, religious etc..... It goes without saying that for mankind, salvation and fulfillment ahead lie in increasing unification and synthesis. But this unification must be distinctly human i.e. not from without, but from within, something spiritual, not material, something free and not forced".

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