A PLACE IN THE WORLD PANTHEON OF RELIGIONS

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Beloved in Christ the Lord! On the Third Sunday of Lent we behold the Lord Jesus casting out a devil. Though we might have expected the hardened Jewish hearts to be moved at the sight of this latest great miracle worked by the Saviour, the satanic blindness of the Pharisees proves greater than all of Christ's miracles. With the very same tongues with which on Good Friday before Pilate they will cry, "Away with Him, crucify Him!", today the Jews falsely accuse God Himself. They accuse the Lord Jesus of serving Beelzebub.

Dear faithful, the father of all the enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ, the father of every lie, of all propaganda, the father of every false accusation is none other than Satan himself, who ceaselessly tries to convince us that the Lord God is mistaken, that He demands too much of us, that we ought not to be obedient to our Creator and Saviour, because surely we human beings know better what we need. My dear friends, God is a just Judge, who rewards the good and punishes the evil, and who, at the end of our earthly warfare, will call every man to account for the good and the evil he has done here on earth, and also for the omissions we have committed. And the devil knows this perfectly well. The devil, who spares no effort to make as many people as possible partakers of his misery. The devil, who burns with hatred for God and for man. The devil, who every day of our lives sets traps, counting on our falling into them.

And rightly does the first pope, Saint Peter the Apostle, warn us with the words: "Be sober and watch, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist ye, strong in faith." To resist Satan, to repel his attacks, we must be, my dear friends, as the first pope showed us, strong in faith. Not in just any faith, not in some faith or other, but in faith in the true God, in the one true religion. We must be faithful to the holy Church, founded by God Himself.

INVITATION TO REJECT CHRIST

Now more and more Catholics, even those who until today seemed to be asleep, are increasingly astonished, scandalised, shocked by the successive doings of that strange man from Argentina. More and more Catholics are clutching their heads as they watch his successive deeds and words, which are the exact denial of everything the Church of Christ has taught for 2,000 years. Jorge Bergoglio, however, is not some chance event in the history of the Church. He is an element of a plan, of a conspiracy against the Church, being carried out on a massive scale for some several hundred years now. A plan of infiltration of the Catholic Church, which reached its apogee with the robber Second Vatican Council, at which the building of a new religion, a caricature of the religion of Christ, was officially begun.

That is why, my dear friends, we should not be surprised, though many people are probably shocked, by the latest nonsense and blasphemies uttered by Jorge Bergoglio in one of his interviews. He declared: "Converting people is pointless, we must all lead one another toward the good. Everyone has his own notion of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them." Dear faithful, this is nothing other than a truly demonic invitation to mankind to reject Christ, to reject His Church, to reject the true religion and to follow one of the pseudo-religions created by the devil himself in order to draw people away from the road that leads to salvation. This is, my dear friends, a call to the whole world to close their souls to the light of God's grace. It is a call for the whole world to imitate the Jewish Pharisees, for the whole world to begin service in the very household of Satan.

And it is hard to delude ourselves that Francis believes in any truth, any Catholic dogma, any morality that comes from the Creator. And rightly did Cardinal Brandmüller, aged 94, say that Francis — he even wrote it in one of his published writings — that Francis is not only a heretic, because a heretic denies a sin-

gle truth of the faith, but an apostate. That is, a person who rejects the entire deposit of the faith, who does not believe in the Most Holy Trinity. For what is the Lord Jesus still needed for in the Bergoglian-Indian church? Perhaps only to be spat in the face, trampled upon and mocked. We must all mix together. And so the traditionalists too must mix. And for them too a place will be found in the new world church, on condition that they no longer claim that truth is objective. In their graciousness they will allow traditionalists to believe in those old, outdated dogmas, they will allow them to use incense, in church [?] to celebrate. But on one condition: that you do not dare to say that this is the only worship that the Lord wants; that you do not dare to say that outside the Church there is no salvation, that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of every man. If you accept that there are many truths, that everyone has — as Francis puts it — everyone has his own notion of good and evil and must choose to follow the good and fight evil as he conceives them, then for you too a place will be found in the world pantheon of all religions.

WITH OR AGAINST CHRIST

And did Christ the Lord not say plainly in today's Gospel: "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth"? Behold how cunning he is in the time of this decisive, final battle for the future of the Church! How many people may yield to this satanic temptation to compromise. After all, there is a place for us. Let us go to that place, to that pantheon, perhaps we shall manage to convert someone. But how are you to manage to convert anyone there, if the foundation of this new world religion is the assumption that there is no single truth, that everyone has his own truth? And you will be able to go to the Tridentine Mass and read your old catechisms for just as long as you do not want to convince anyone that this is the true religion, that this is the true holy Mass. For that long we shall admit you to our world community, for that long you will be our friend, our brother, until you dare to say that there is no salvation without Christ.

My dear friends, in the Book of Job we read: "*Militia est vita hominis super terram.*" The life of man on earth is a warfare. Not Disneyland, but warfare. A daily, laborious struggle with the devil. A daily, laborious struggle not to yield to temptations, to choose what is good and to reject what is evil. And let us not be, my dear friends, like those Jewish Pharisees. Let us not be hardened, let us not be blind to the light of God's grace. Let us not be deceived today by false prophets, the heralds of the new world order, who frighten us now with a pandemic, now with a war, only so that we should join in their great, demonic work of building a new world. Christ the Lord warned us: "Fear not them that kill the body, and are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell."

VENIAL SIN AND CONFESSION

And who, my dear friends, even among Catholics, fears the devil today? Who has within him a dread of transgressing God's commandments? In truth, my dear friends, sin has become commonplace, it has become our daily bread, even for us Catholics, especially those light sins. In which, unfortunately, we are confirmed by the priests of the post-conciliar Church too, including those who today serve in the ranks of the Society of Saint Pius X. I heard this story: when the faithful go to confession in a chapel of the Society, some whippersnapper fresh from the post-conciliar priestly technical school instructs and drills them: "But that is not a sin. Please list your grave sins, please come with sins." So what, the Catholic is to understand that he is not to bother about venial sins? Is there really such a great difference between a venial and a grave sin? Surely both offend God. Are we not called to fight against our frailties, our weaknesses, even those that are small? Perfection, my dear friends, depends on trifles, on detail. How can a priest drill the faithful that they are not to go to confession, not to take up his time and his head with everyday sins? Surely Christ the Lord instituted the sacrament of confession precisely to give us strength to fight every sin. Through the sacrament of confession we are endowed with the graces needed to fight every sin, the grave and the venial alike. And why should Catholics cut themselves off from this, from the source of graces? In the name of what? Of a new, post-conciliar, sugary, lollipop religion?

THE EMPTY HOUSE

Faithful, in today's Gospel there is one more very interesting passage, which the Fathers of the Church apply to the Jewish people, and which at the same time is meant as a warning to every Catholic. It is that demon who is driven out and wanders about. So when God had cleansed the people of Israel — and in like manner He now cleanses the new chosen people, the Church — that demon, who wanders about, who, unable to find a place for himself, returns to where he came from, and finds the house swept and adorned, that is, ennobled by God's grace. But there is one detail that probably escaped you: that house is empty. What did Israel, the Jewish nation, do? It was prepared by the Lord God for several thousand years for the coming of the Messiah. It was swept and adorned, but it did not receive God. That house was empty. So many Catholics, my dear friends, take advantage of, abuse God's patience. The Lord God prepares them to receive Christ the Lord, God's grace, into their hearts, but their house, their hearts, remain empty.

And what does the demon do when he sees such an empty house, such a heart that has rejected God? Or, my dear friends, he takes with him seven other spirits worse than himself, and they all dwell there. And this is, my dear friends, a warning for every Catholic, that we may not share the fate of that faithless people. May we never in our lives become Pharisees, in whose hearts there will be no room for the living and true God.

In the Lenten preface the holy Church cries out: "Thou by bodily fasting dost curb our vices, lift up our minds, and bestow virtue and its rewards, through Christ our Lord." Let us therefore make use of this holy time of Lent, a time of conversion, and let us remove from our lives what is evil, and not return to the evil that we have already abandoned.

"May honour be to Thee, my Jesus, in eternity, for Thy insults, torments and disgrace, which Thou, the only Son of God, didst willingly suffer without guilt." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.