

Company of Jesus and Mary  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery

## Prince of Peace

**“For a Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us. He will bear on His shoulder the sign of His Principality. He shall be called Wonderful, a Counselor, God, Mighty, Father of the World to come, Prince of peace.”** (Prophecy of Isaiah, ch. ix, verse 6.)

The best commentators of Sacred Scripture attribute this prophetic phrase of the great Isaiah to the Word of God Incarnate without a doubt and without any other possible interpretation.

Our Lord is the Prince of Peace, that is, the Lord of order. Order is, as with everything else, that everything should be in its place. To be in its place is, so to speak, to behave, to be and to pursue what we ought to pursue. To say it a little more simply: Let us be what we should be, let us seek what we should seek. It is the key to all order and necessarily the contrary is the key of all disorder and frustration.

To be what we are is nothing more than to correspond to our nature and our essential condition as creatures. If we are men we ought to live as such.

Individually we are not animals, we are neither pleasure machines nor producers of materialism and we cannot be like the pig that only looks at mud trying to find food. We cannot seek to stay forever here amidst everything that passes away and ends or in an earthly life which slips through our fingers with each day that passes. God did not reveal to us His Existence and His Love so that we could just admire Him but so that we could one day possess Him. That is why He made us transcendent beings, made for something higher once this passing life is over.

Socially this condition of men is not the inheritance of just one: Everyone like us has the same condition and the same destiny. This means that our peers deserve the same respect on our part because of their condition, which is what elevates all of us, and this respect means that all of us have the same dignity, even though some have more than others, and that all can and should be loved.

Rocks ignore each other, trees throw shadows on one another, animals have no love and only men can form a concept of what “affection” is.

To be men individually and socially is to respect a natural dignity in ourselves and in others which does not permit egotism and clearly establishes a principal of peace for ourselves and for everyone.

But there is still something missing: Our essential condition as creatures. Not seeing with their eyes anything better, men believed they were the best. That is why God gave us intelligence to realize that neither our goodness nor the goodness in the universe came from us.

To recognize that we are creatures means three things:

- Recognizing a Creator on Whom everything and everyone depends
- Logically, everything does not depend on us, which puts a limit on man's pride because science and technology deceive him making him believe that because he can do a lot he can do everything
- That Creator and Lord did not create on a whim since His Infinite Wisdom has no whims: He created out of Love which is the only explanation for that Someone who needed nothing and was infinitely happy thought of others and thought of their wellbeing. Being that Love was what created, naturally Love cares for His creatures and that means that for us there can be no despair.

Let us say it in a simple and practical way: We are creatures and that means that we should adore God; adoration mean bending our soul's knee, recognizing our smallness in spite of everything we can do and trusting in a Creator Whose capability and might are as great as His Love.

This Creator and Lord of our peace and of all order is the Child born in Bethlehem who holds the entire universe in His infant hand, to him be our adoration, our recognition, and our confidence in life and in death.

Very blessed Christmas!

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