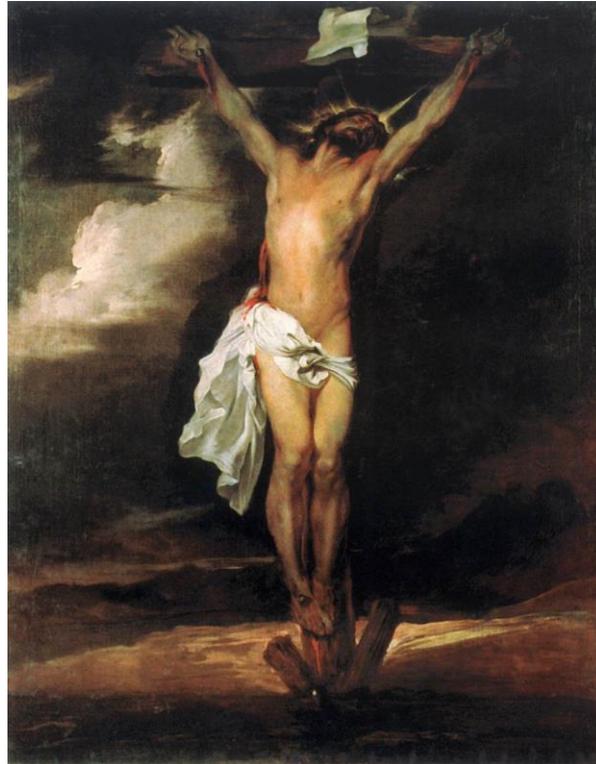


The Weight (Gravity) of Man's Sins, Passions Who Lives in his human will



IV. Interior Penance

1432 *The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart.²⁵ ...God gives us the strength to begin anew. It is in discovering the greatness of God's love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him. The human heart is converted by looking upon him whom our sins have pierced:²⁷ CCC*

Perseverance in faith

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."⁵³ CCC

Hebrews 12:1 [Douay-Rheims]

And therefore we also having so great a cloud of witnesses over our head, laying aside every weight and sin which surrounds us, let us run by patience to the fight proposed to us:

From the Book of Heaven

V3 - Jan. 12, 1900 - "Oh daughter, here is the immense difference between My Humility and the humility of creatures, even that of All of My Saints, which is only a shadow in the Face of Mine; because the creature is always a creature and does not Know, as I Know, how great is the Weight of sin."

V3 - July 10, 1900 - "In living for God, the soul can be subject to disturbances, to bitternesses, to being inconstant, to feeling the Weight of passions, to meddle in earthly things. But the Living in God - no, it is completely different, because the Most Important Thing so that one person May Enter to Dwell Inside another person is to Lay Down all that belongs to him - that is, to Strip himself of Everything, to leave his own passions; in a word, to Leave Everything in order to Find Everything in God."

The Twenty-Four Hours of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sixth Hour - O Please, do not Leave me, Keep me as You Want, as You Best Please, but Keep me With You - Always With You! May it Never happen that I be separated from You, even for one instant! Rather, Let me Soothe You, Repair You and Compassionate You for All, as I see that All sins, of every kind, Weigh Upon You.

Seventh Hour - "Father, if it is Possible, Let this Chalice Pass from Me. Holy Father, Help Me! I Need Comfort! It is True that because of the sins which Weigh Upon Me, I AM Nauseating, Repugnant, the Least among men, Before Your Infinite Majesty;..."

Eighteenth Hour - Ah, my Jesus, the Cross is too light for Your Love, but the Weight of our sins adds to that of the Cross - Enormous and Immense, as the Expanse of the Heavens. And You, My Wearied Good, You Feel Crushed Under the Weight of so many sins. Your Soul is Horrified at their sight, and Feels the Pain of each sin. Your Sanctity Remains Shaken before So Much ugliness, and as the Cross Weighs Upon Your Shoulders, You Stagger, You Pant, and a Mortal Sweat Creeps Through Your Most Holy Humanity. I beg You, my Love - I don't have the heart to leave You Alone - I Want to Share the Weight of the Cross with You; and to Relieve You from the Weight of sins, I Cling to Your Feet.

... Almost dragging You, they take You up to Mount Calvary. As they drag You, I hear You Repair for all the offenses of the souls Consecrated to You, which Weigh Upon You So Much that, as much as You try to stand, You cannot! And so, dragged

and trampled upon, You reach Calvary, Leaving behind You the Red Trace of Your Precious Blood.