

LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

The above headline appeared in the July 16, 1989 (15th. Sunday in Ordinary Time) Bulletin prepared by the J.S. Paluch Company, Inc. of Schiller Park, Ill. In headline form it introduced an instruction that, in itself, could be classified as innocent enough to the average reader.

GO BACK AND READ THE HEADLINE OVER AGAIN, AND THEN AGAIN, AND SEE IF YOU FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH IT?????

The headline was intended to demonstrate the GREAT COMMANDMENT. You may recall, we quoted the Great Commandment in Bulletin #123.

We shall quote it once again: (St. Matthew - Chapter 22)

"Once a doctor of the law asked Jesus: "Master, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus said to him: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This the greatest and the first commandment. And the second is like it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

We must object to the Paluch Company headline, not so much because it is a distortion of Sacred Scripture, but because it is another excellent example of the theologians who are "percolating" their false doctrine amongst the "People of God."

Is God no greater than my neighbor?? Is God equal to myself?? Does that statement not express the MAN-CENTERED theology in a clear way?? We have moved, in our Religion, from a GOD-CENTERED frame of mind to a MAN-CENTERED frame of mind, and that headline says it all!



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to the point, in so many cases, where confidence has been lost in the Higher Authority of the Church. Sad to say, even in the Highest Authority of all that there is on this earth: - - THE AUTHORITY OF THE HOLY FATHER HIMSELF. Even his words mean less and less to many who long to remain faithful to him, but are now shaken, as it appears, because firm actions are not seen as following from his words. Without a follow-up of action, his words now appear to many as increasingly counter-productive. Is the Holy Father, they ask, a captive of his own Curia, unable to do the good he would do because of the machinations of his own Curia and the unwillingness of so many of his bishops to heed his own words? Something must be done, NOW, if the Church of JESUS CHRIST is to remain what it has always been. Action, real, firm and uncompromising must be taken. The form it has primarily to take is that of dismissal from their posts, however high, of those who are failing in their duty as governors of their dioceses within the Church, or as the case may be, of Religious Orders. In the hierarchical society that is basic in our holy church, under God, the place of pre-eminent authority and influence belongs to the Vicar of Christ on Earth - the pope - then to each in his own diocese, the bishops, each one in full communion with the pope!!!

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY - - like it or not!!!!