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## Chancellor's Update

### Understanding

In the past two Updates, we discussed Confusion (3/21) and I Am the Good Shepherd (4/21). Since the publication of those two issues, we did a survey among teenagers at first then expanded it to Catholics under sixty years of age. The question was “What do you understand about the meaning of the phrase ‘Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (Spirit)’?” Depending on their age and Catholic education or un-education, their answers were amazing and disappointing.

Since Vatican II, the teaching of dogma, doctrines and morals have vanished or lost their meaning to the general public. Thanks to society (including communist, masonic, atheistic and pagan) the clergy have failed to educate their followers, particularly in reference to the meaning of words in the bible. The following is taken from the Theology of the Old Testament published in 1955, on page 203.

1. Marriage. a) *Holiness of the married state.* The continuance of human society depends upon the sanctification of marriage. Even the most savage tribes esteem the bond which unites man and woman. The purpose of marriage is not to appease lust but to preserve the human race. Upon our first parents in paradise and upon Noe after the deluge God pronounced the blessing, “Be fruitful in order to multiply and fill the earth.” Because marriage was instituted and blessed by God in paradise, it does not rest upon human caprice; it is a “covenant with God ... (a covenant at which) Yahweh is a witness.” Tobias prayed, “Not out of sinful lust do I take my sister (to wife), but out of fidelity to the Law.” The married couple should act with reserve in the presence of each other, “A modest wife experiences shame even in the presence of her husband.” Because marriage is “God’s covenant,” the prophets loved to depict the relationship between Yahweh and Israel in terms of marriage.”

If the clergy would express sin as an offence against God and that the Holy Spirit is within you, the sinner might realize exactly what he or she is doing. For as St. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians Ch. 4 v 7-8: “For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. Therefore, he who rejects these things rejects not man but God, who has also given his Holy Spirit to us.”

One teaching theology must stress to the listener that their actions (sins) are against God, primarily and only secondary to the other person. The modern man believes himself to be God,

therefore, he is accountable to no one except himself. This is why it is very difficult to speak or have a conversation with this modern (modernist) man. He is coming from a completely different view point or premise. His beginning is from a pagan view point. He has forgotten the notion of God or he has never heard of an infinite person (God). You and he are using the same words with different meanings. That is the success of the “woke” movement. You wonder why you can’t reach the person! You don’t realize you are speaking a different language.

This is the reason so many of the clergy seem irrelevant to the younger people. The younger generation doesn’t relate to their sermons and just walks away. The clergy fail to realize that they have not explained the nature of sin, who the sin has primarily offended and that they are subject or accountable to that Person after death.

They may not like the concept of being accountable to the Person, but they did not create themselves, do not maintain their own existence, cannot will themselves to get well, or break the laws of nature. They cannot will themselves to live forever. They may live in a world of virtual reality but death of a friend brings them back to reality. They reject reality, so they reject your premise and choose to live in the world of artificial intelligence until you direct them to the reality of the True God. To sum this up, St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians Ch. 6 v.9-11 and 18-20:

“Or do not know that the unjust will not possess the kingdom of God? Do not err; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor the evil-tongued, nor the greedy will possess the kingdom of God...

Flee immorality. Every sin that a man commits is outside his body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price. Glorify God and bear him in your body.”

When the person understands he does not own his own body, then he will understand why he is accountable to God. Then all the arguments against abortion become clear to him or her. It’s not your own body, but the temple of the Holy Spirit. It’s not your body but the baby’s body whom you are murdering. Then they will understand abortion is murder of an innocent person.

Of course, we must pray that God gives us and the person sufficient actual grace to accept God’s will. Hopefully, that person will accept God’s gift and enter the kingdom of God. St. Paul reminds us that since we are not our own, we have been bought at a great price and should glorify God and bear him in our bodies.

We must never accept the false premises of the “woke” community and always remind them, their bodies are on loan or lease for the duration of their life.

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