A Trinity of Good and a Trinity of Evil



[Design drawn by Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil]

O blessed light, O Trinity and first Unity! God is eternal blessedness, undying life, unfading light. God is love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God freely wills to communicate the glory of his blessed life. Such is the "plan of his loving kindness," conceived by the Father before the foundation of the world, in his beloved Son: "He destined us in love to be his sons" and "to be conformed to the image of his Son," through "the spirit of sonship." This plan is a "grace [which] was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began," stemming immediately from Trinitarian love. It unfolds in the work of creation, the whole history of salvation after the fall, and the missions of the Son and the Spirit, which are continued in the mission of the Church. ...

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, #257, page 68.)

With respect to God, the Fathers of the Church speak of *theology* as "the mystery of God's inmost life within the Blessed Trinity" Itself, the relationship of the Father (as Lover) who begets His image, the Son (as the Beloved), who together, Father and Son, spirate the Spirit (as the Love between them). This is the eternal "I Am" Who is Love, Who is one with Himself and has no need of anyone or anything else. He is Life itself, eternal and everlasting, infinite perfection, completeness, beauty and holiness, Purity Itself.

In contrast to that immanent life of the Trinity, the Fathers speak of **economy** as "the works of God by which He reveals Himself and communicates His life" to us in created time, in human history. We understand God's nature is Love, and love by its nature must give itself away; it simply cannot contain itself. God, as the perfection of love, is impelled to speak His Love in the Logos, the Word Who is with Him from all eternity and through Whom all things were made, not because God has any need to fill in Himself but only because His magnificent love is compelled to express itself in gift in

order to be true to Himself. When His creatures with whom He shared His life in the work of creation used their freedom to sin and turn away from Him, His love again impelled Him to speak the Word-made-flesh to come and dwell amongst us, to be one of us so He might show His even greater love by dying in our place in order to satisfy divine justice and restore all mankind to His Trinitarian Self through the work of redemption. And when the mission of that Word, that Sacred Humanity was completed and before Jesus returned to the glory of His Father, Jesus' love impelled Him to pour out His Spirit upon us as He gave us His Spirit with His last human breath on Calvary. Then, with the Father once He ascended to heaven and was glorified, together they breathed their Holy Spirit upon us like a mighty wind, a ruah, the fiery Breath of God from on high, and the Church was born out of that Trinitarian union with us on that first Pentecost Sunday, the day of the Lord. It is this Holy Spirit Who will interpret God's Word for us, defend us from the evil one with its Truth, sanctify us with its holiness and give us a passionate desire for God, for it will leave our hearts burning within us in the measure in which we devour the Word. This is the work of our sanctification. It is this magnanimous Trinity that seeks so humbly to dwell within us poor creatures and to share with us Its own divine nature, making us their children born out of the profundity of their Trinitarian Love. This is the mystery and grace of the Divine Indwelling Presence of God. It is the mystery at the center of our Faith and at the heart of the message of Our Lady of America®. It is the essence of holiness which must be immanently and deeply rooted within our own interior life.

On the feast of Our Lady of Snows, August 5, 1957, Our Lady spoke to visionary Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil on the need to cultivate a deep consciousness of the Trinity dwelling within us through sanctifying grace and of our need to live our lives from the inside out, to be sanctified from within.

...as I knelt in my room, Our Lady spoke to me about the Divine Indwelling. It was her life and she lived it perfectly, always conscious of His presence, never forgetting that all her greatness came from within, from Him Who dwelt there, working, loving, and doing good through her. This is what Our Lady means when she speaks of reformation, renewal. It is this about which she is so concerned, namely, sanctification from within.

As Our Lady spoke this, she seemed at the time to be deeply occupied. Though the serenity of her countenance never left her, she spoke with a gravity that made her words all the more solemn. She seemed anxious to impress me with some idea of the greatness of this gift of God to us, namely, His Divine Presence within our souls through sanctifying grace.

(Sister Mildred (Mary Ephrem) Neuzil, Diary, "Our Lady of America©," Fostoria, Ohio, pg. 18.)

So important is this idea of holiness from within through the Divine Indwelling that St. Joseph, Patron of the Interior Life, appeared to Sister Mildred on March 11, 1958 and said:

Kneel down, my daughter, for what you will hear and what you will see will bring countless souls to a new way of life. Through you, small one, the Trinity desires to make known to souls its desire to be adored, honored, and loved within the kingdom, the interior kingdom of their hearts. (Diary, pg. 27.)

It was he who gave Sister the "Secret of Secrets," telling her the fullness of living in union with the Divine Indwelling cannot merely be taught, though it must be studied in order to hunger for its treasure, but it is revealed to chosen souls who surrender themselves to God's desire to live within them. It is a grace we should pray for. It is a foretaste of the glory of heaven given to us while still on earth. This sanctifying Presence makes us God's paradise on earth as was the Holy Family. Unlike pagan gods, our God longs to be with us, the children of His Love, and to have us be with Him, Father of our life, in the glory of His house, our Trinitarian homeland, for He is our beginning and our end, the fulfillment of our destiny, for He made us for Himself. We do not belong to ourselves; we belong to Him and exist for His glory.

As early as July 11, 1954, our dear Lord had spoken to Sister Mildred of His will that every soul and every home should be His Father's house, a house of prayer, a living tabernacle for His Indwelling Presence.

My daughter, I am not loved in the homes of men. And because I am not loved, the Divine Trinity refuses to dwell therein. Children are not taught to love Me, because those who have charge over them have no time or patience to do so. My heart grieves over My children in the world. Their hearts are being drawn farther and farther away from Me. They will not even listen to My Mother, because they have never been taught to listen.

I am a Beggar for love, but how few give to Me the means by which to satisfy My divine hunger. I hunger for the love of My own, and I receive only the crumbs no other would accept.

My children, every home and every soul is My Father's house, for He made them and they are His. But many of them are no longer sanctified by His Presence. Thieves have entered in and stolen from Him His temples of prayer. It is you, My children, who have let them in. If, My children, you will cleanse your temples, My Father will return and We will come and make our abode with you. (Diary, pgs. 5-7.)

In February of 1958, Sister wrote of Our Lady of America's® particular interest in the youth of America.

It is they who are to be the leaders of this movement of renewal on the face of the earth. Their ranks will be swelled by the youths of other nations whom Our Lady also calls to help in the accomplishment of this great renewal. But the youth must be prepared, and this must be done by instilling into them, not only the knowledge of the Divine Indwelling, but a serious study of It, a living in such a way that the Divine Presence becomes, as it were, an intimate and necessary part of their life and daily living. From this will flow a great love, a conflagration that will envelop the world in the flames of Divine Charity. This is what Our Lady is working for, because this is the great desire of her Divine Son, and it is to the youth of America that she is holding out this challenge.

...It was made known to me that those, particularly the youth, who are willing wholeheartedly to follow Our Lady in her great battle against evil would bear the special title of "Torchbearers of the Queen." This torch, of course, is Divine Love, for it is Love alone that will conquer hate and all that hate brings with it.

(Diary, pgs. 24-25.)

Our Lady spoke of this renewal as a call to a "reform of life" as the sign and proof of our love for her. She bids us come to her to learn how to please her Son.

God looks at the heart, and if it resembles the Heart of His Divine Son, it is with the greatest pleasure He regards it. But to make your hearts grow more and more like to the heart of the Son, you must go to the Mother, whose heart is most like His. From this Pure and Immaculate Heart you will learn all that will make you more pleasing to the Divine Heart of the Son of God. The Holy Trinity looks down with infinite delight upon such souls and makes them Its heaven upon earth.

(Diary, pg. 16.)

We see Mary as the model of the Divine Indwelling when she appears to Sister Mildred on November 22-23, 1957, under the image of the Immaculate Tabernacle of the Indwelling God®. Sister describes Mary's appearance as such:

On her breast, as though through a veil, the Triangle and the Eye, which is so often depicted as the symbol of the Divine Indwelling, could be visibly seen. ... It seemed that a strong beam of light streamed from the Divine Presence within Our Lady onto the globe at her feet. Then halfway around the figure of Our Lady above her head appeared a scroll on which were written in letters of gold the words: "All the glory of the King's daughter is within." Though it did not appear that her lips moved, yet I heard these words quite plainly: "I am Our Lady of the Divine Indwelling, handmaid of Him Who dwells within." She seemed suffused in a soft glow of light that appeared to come from within her. It seemed to permeate and, as it were, saturate her whole being, even her apparel and the roses. [on her feet] (Diary, pgs. 22-23.)

Our Lady considers this mystery of the Divine Indwelling so important to our holiness and salvation that she prophesied to Sister a word Sister communicated to Mary, a friend who confirmed the conversation with an affidavit, that the Divine Indwelling would bring the end to Satan's power, and because of this threat to his power, Satan would attack this devotion and the Indwelling Trinity with a fierce and final battle for the souls of mankind. The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph at last against Satan as Our Lady has promised, through the power of the Indwelling Trinity in the souls of her children reborn in this sanctifying grace. Our Lady spoke of all her apparitions converging in this one of Our Lady of America® because of this central mystery of our Faith.

From the beginning of time every prophecy, every vision, throughout the centuries, will have its fulfillment in Our Lady of America® and her message of the Indwelling Trinity living in every soul, which will renew the whole world and destroy Lucifer and all the evil spirits in the fight he is making against the Indwelling Trinity. This will eventually destroy him.

Sister Mildred related to her friend, Mary, how she is always in Our Lady's presence, and she said that Our Lady always extends her hand that holds the lilies and speaks words of encouragement to her.

Have confidence. Just have patience. I know you are suffering a lot. Just trust me and soon you will see the wonders that I am performing, because of my Son and because of the Trinity, [which] will be done throughout the whole world. The young people will be spreading it all over and it will become a new world. This is why the evil spirit Lucifer hates you so. He will do everything he can to stop it [the message of the Indwelling of the Trinity], to make you suffer so that you will lose your confidence. But don't ever lose it. Trust me. It will not last forever. I am depending on you and your confidence in me."

(Sister Mildred Neuzil's phone conversation with Mary Ziegman on August 30, 1995. Sister Mildred stated to Mary that she has visits with Our Lady of America® regularly.)

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen would suggest that something is amiss in the universe since the fall of the angels under Lucifer. This tension is experienced inherently in our natures and in Nature itself. We speak of the universal law of opposites and of contradiction; one cannot be and not be at the same time. These opposites and contradictions are manifest in the ageless battle between good and evil, between light and darkness, between life and death, between love and hatred, between purity and impurity. God is the embodiment of all that IS and is true and good and beautiful. In denying that he is not the cause of his own being, Lucifer cannot be truthful nor pure nor good and has become the embodiment of all that is false and evil and sinister. Lucifer

is always at war with God because he pretends to be god. God is Uncreated Reality; Satan is created and therefore cannot be god. Pride is Satan's earmark. Given the evil nature of Lucifer in contrast to the benevolent nature of God manifest in the redemptive work of the Sacred Humanity and His Immaculate Mother, and given the utmost importance of the message of Our Lady of America® with its unifying theme of the Divine Indwelling, which Our Lady herself declared would be the instrument of Satan's defeat, it is no surprise that the devotion has come under Satan's attack.

In the later messages Our Lady of America® addresses the evil work of Satan and his cunning in deceiving the children of men, even the chosen ones, with his brilliant deceptions and trickeries and manipulations of Truth. Oh the insidiousness of evil! Our Lady says only the pure of heart can see through it and discern it for what it is. Oh the error in abandoning divine wisdom for human wisdom, true good for apparent good. Our Lady warns that even seemingly good people are often led astray and in turn lead others astray with false doctrine and intellectual pride. Satan loves to mock God so it is not surprising to hear of "black masses," "rings of evil," cultic rituals that mimic the Eucharistic celebration and its sacrificial offering, constant sacrilege and blasphemy against God, Jesus and Mary and their purity and holiness.

How often Our Lord and Our Lady bid us to be "in" the world, but not "of" it, for by "the world" is meant all those people and forces that are in direct contradiction to God and to the Sacred Humanity and to the holy ones and holy things of God. Satan hates the Trinity and so mocks it with his own trinity of evil. Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F., a Catholic expert on spiritual warfare and exorcism, defines the "trinity of evil" as Satan the beast, the anti-Christ, and the false prophet. We must learn to discern Satan's mockery and trickery. Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J. in <u>Fundamentals of Catholicism</u> quotes Pope John Paul II as saying: "...bishops and priests must proclaim 'the faith in its entirety' and not just those parts of it that may appeal to them." As regards this battle and what must be our weapon against Satan, the Divine Indwelling, Our Lady stated to Sister in July of 1980:

Sweet child, beloved of my Son and cherished by me, my message has not been heeded nor have I yet found one to further the cause of renewal from within. The Presence of the Trinity within every human being is the focal point, the basis of interior holiness. From this will spring a deep life of prayer and a love for penance as the discipline needed to convert all peoples to a serious preparation for the coming of my Son and His Kingdom.

You must try to make my people understand that the life of God within them is the source of their peace and happiness. There is no other way. This is what my Son came to teach and bring and it was for this He lived and died. Unless this mystery of God's Presence within is

accepted and lived, peace will not come. It is the only way, believe me, my daughter. (Diary, pg. 37.)

If we believe in and love Our Lady, let us pray with all our hearts to surrender ourselves more completely and truly to the Holy Trinity who longs to make our souls living tabernacles for their Indwelling Presence. Let us pray as Sister Mildred prayed so profoundly:

To live in the Holy Trinity, oh that is life, life as God willed it to be and desires it to be; yet, in how many souls is His work frustrated, His great designs made void. I will not be as those ungrateful ones who forget the true Holy Treasure within them. I will remember that the great God Who created me out of nothing is within me who, without Him, would return again into the nothingness out of which I was formed.

O Life, O Beatitude, O Heaven, You only delight of the soul, You who reach down from Your high celestial throne to gather unto Yourself the little ones of this earth and in recompense for the slight sufferings they bear out of love for You, give them Yourself. Look down, I beseech You, upon this, the smallest of Your small ones and have compassion on my extreme weakness and frailty, known even more to You than to myself, and make me entirely Yours.

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