

“A wheel within a wheel”

Everyday English assigns a sort of pedestrian and potentially misleading meaning, using “*a wheel within a wheel*” to denote a complicated set of forces or influences or a complication of motives or plans. In a Christian tenet, it means the action of the grace of God within our fight against sin.

In a reverse attitude, to denote a complicated off the track meaning, Religion has evolved in a matter of feeling, experience, or at least an opinion. In this perspective, the word “*Cult*” has exchanged different complicated interpretations in public opinion, including in the up-to-date social network, either way as manipulative information or deformation. “*Cult*” most likely took on its unflattering connotations as a result of the early modern period, which viewed all religion as the agent of intolerance, backwardness, and civil strife. The once meaningful distinction between a true divine cult, which is founded by God and facilitates genuine human happiness, and the “occult,” which is steeped in superstition and warps the human mind and heart, was thus eliminated. So, all religion was to be denoted “cultish.”

As a modern interpretation goes all religion stems from an ignorance of natural causes, and a fear of the invisible. Hence, the only difference between religion and superstition is that one is legal while the other is not. How many times we hear “let us talk not about Religion or not about Politics”?

However, “*Cultus*” in ecclesiastical Latin can either mean the worship that is due to God alone or it can signify a more generic respect owed to someone else.

In fact, every important change in language goes back to a profound change in thought. That’s why we can talk about a “post-Catholic” terms or concepts that were once essentially Catholic and that over time have been subject to a modification of their meaning, and becoming “Caotic.” This devolution can be the product of time’s erosive power or of the happenstance of history. Let’s keep in mind that history belongs to the man who writes, instead of the man who does it.

Man spends his time devising techniques of which afterwards remains a more or less willing prisoner. Can you give up your cell phone? What about your I-pod? The ignorance or forgetfulness of our past not only confuses contemporary science or social networks but also confounds our present daily life actions in what is good or evil, and in what is true or error. The more a “screen” gets in necessity for us, the more is in want of correction for its abusive attraction.

Once upon the time, it is said that society sustained in communication between generations in what it was conducted – the children having contact with their elders or ancestors only through the mediation of their parents. They kept their Traditions from generation to generation alive.

It supposes that within a generation or two, human affairs underwent a change, which was not merely rapid, but in times they had changed completely. No human institution of long standing has escaped such devolutions, and/or revolutions of events in the societies. As a matter of fact, our Modern society has a driving force not only from the Industrial Revolution and Enlightenment of couple centuries ago, but also from the cybernetic phenomenon of social degradation in the basic human society – the family.

The fallacy is simple, and it is only necessary to formulate an opinion in a personal level so that it begins to destroy the social criteria of objective Good and Truth into a subjective-personal point-of-view. The written word nowadays vastly facilitates some transfers of thought, which supply a sort of continuity in a civilization. A today’s word is usually loaded with different meanings so that, when using it, is emptied of a real meaning. For instance, the expression “OXOX” is an unknown meaning from some individuals in the modern “txt language.”

As result of modern communication effects, past things seem to have lost authority over the present. Faith has vanished without a trace, and social forms of believing have miscarried personal opinions, many times through techniques of social network. It is common knowledge that on line services, one is free to divulge one’s most praiseworthy, intimate, and perverse behaviors to thousands of friends and few unfriendly individuals.

Merely register, and one instantly becomes a star, inviting the scrutiny of “friends,” as the site identifies one’s correspondents. Further, one’s chosen circle can grow in an extraordinary matter of short time and long distance, since each of one’s friends has the option of suggesting to other’s friends, who can likewise do the same. Should one be up to something exceptional or weird or lurid, one’s friendly circle could possibly rival that of the Almighty’s!

Reality is not any longer what is the matter. It is virtual reality, or make-believe life, what really matter! Actually, the social network believes in its age when privacy is an evolving social norm. (Yucky!). Hence, the potential for Internet abuse is manifold: everything from stalking the young to spreading immorality, from materialistic way of living to destroying the real thing about Religion, and one’s reputation among many others...

One of the ways that social network is very interested is the very large revenue in profits by sharing with advertisers, and researches what its users so eagerly reveal about themselves. If you were retained to reach potential consumers of a new, exotic, and unusually expensive item, wouldn’t you like to know who is regularly selling some item alike?

However, starting and operating one’s own business has never been more difficult and less promising than now. Indeed, hard-working people live on a dangerously small margin of survival. For example, it is amazing how in a few short decades educators, journalists, and statesmen have banished age-old truths from public discourse. Perhaps, because they make no money! It is not matter of truth and reality what it is all about, instead is a matter of wealth, even when reputation suffers by slander or defamation.

Let us not forget that Religion, charity, education, and the arts flourish, especially where there is cultural cohesion. Otherwise, how should it be a connection between practicing Catholic Faith and moral principles according to God’s Ten Commandments?

Doubtless to say, the consequences of the loss of social morale could in the long run be more serious than a short temporal materialist leisure.

Therefore, power of *divine Cult* comes from the conviction of Christian inheritance by Tradition and Holy Scripture. Christians are heirs of a joyous immortality, laying everything for eternal salvation for Christ’s sake. The authority, of a long Tradition and the support and divine writings, spreads - from then to now - the real object of the Cross, which our Lord Jesus carried, dying hung upon, and immortalizes His glorious Resurrection to the end of times.

In addition, in our Lord Jesus Christ, through His death and Resurrection, fundamental milestone of moral and spiritual rebirth, is to be found the main driving force of the victory for the triumph of Christianity. Without Jesus Christ would not have sprung into existence, and from His teachings and His Church, the real world and society would be reckoned as the Western Civilization.

Once again, today’s world is imbued in virtual reality away from truth. More than ever, in order to be preserve from evil and error, we should adhere to principle of eternal life, to practice sincere charity, to have a good moral behavior, to devout a virtue in our soul, so that the real Catholic Church continues the message of His Divine Founder.

Lastly, after the example of our Divine Master, many people disdained not the society of men and women, who oppressed by a sinful life and superstitious practices, have changed their ways of living and believing. In consequence, we should resolve to devote ourselves to a life, not only of virtue but also of curving our unrestrained passions. Absolutely, we have to foster the desire of perfection in order to rule our thinking and willing amidst the violent world we live in. It is well known that while reason embraces a cold fickle attitude, our desires hurry us with a quick impetus over the moment, which lies between the action of God’s grace and the intruding sinful action about to be consented. Let us think during our daily duties the “Wheel in the wheel” that the prophet Ezekiel speaks about.

Viva Cristo Rey!

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