

AVE MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

17 February 2021

ANSWERS TO THE ASSIGNMENT ON FAITH AND REASON

1. THE HUMAN FACULTIES THAT DIRECT US TO GOD ARE THE:

a. THE INTELLECT

b. THE HEART

c. THE WILL

a. THE INTELLECT: WE ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, AND HE HAS GIVEN US THE FACULTY OF REASONING. HE MADE US HIGHER THAN ALL THE ANIMALS. IN THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE ST JOHN PAUL II [FEDELIS ET RATIO], THE SAME QUESTION ARISES FROM DIFFERENT RELIGIONS SEEKING TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE. THE INTELLECT MAKES US TO KNOW AND SEEK OUR VERY EXISTENCE "GOD", THE TRUTH.

b. THE HEART: ACCORDING TO ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO OUR HEART IS RESTLESS UNTILL IT REST IN GOD. THIS IS TRUE. MAN LONGS, DESIRES FOR THE TRUTH (GOD) EVEN WHEN HE DOES NOT DISCOVER. WE SEE THIS IN THE ACTS OF APOSTLES. THE EPISODES OF ST PAUL AND THE TEMPLE DEDICATED TO AN UNKNOWN god. GOD HAS PLANTED THIS DESIRE IN OUR HEART.

c. THE WILL: MAN IS HOMO LIBERTUS. WITH THE WILL TO DO WHAT HE CONSIDERS GOOD. WHEN WE COME TO KNOW GOD WITH THE INTELLECT, WE LOVE HIM WITH OUR HEART THEN WE CAN SERVE HIM WITH OUR WILL. DOING WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO.

IN SUMMARY THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7 SAY THOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT (WILL).

2. NO WE CAN NOT ACHIEVE OUR FULL POTENTIALS WHEN WE NEGLECT OUR HUMAN NATURE, BECAUSE WE CAN NOT BE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT BEING HUMAN. WE MUST BE HUMAN LIKE CHRIST WHO IS PERFECT GOD

AND MAN. ACCORDING TO ST THOMAS OF AQUINAS, 'GRACE PERFECT NATURE' HOW CAN WE THEN NEGLECT IT?

3. THE HUMAN PERSON HAS A VOCATION TO COMMUNION SINCE WE ARE IN GOD'S IMAGE, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THERE IS THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD. GOD THE FATHER GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. WE ARE SOCIAL BEING (HOMO SOCIALIS). IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS WE SEE THAT WHEN GOD CREATED MAN HE TRIED TO FIND A SUITABLE PARTNER FOR HIM, FOR IT WAS NOT GOOD FOR HIM TO STAY ALONE. THAT IS WHY CHRIST UNITED THE CHURCH TO HIMSELF MAKING US ONE WITH HIM. MAN LIVE IN COMMUNITIES.
4. IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE RELIGIOUS AND AT THE SAME TIME POLITICAL BECAUSE, MAN IS A POLITICAL BEING. SINCE MAN LIVES IN ORGANISED COMMUNITIES. MAN IS HOMO POLITICO. BEING IN US. A TRUE CHRISTIAN MUST DIRECT ALL TO GOD AS OUR SUPREME HEAD. AND CHRIST HAS GIVEN US THAT POWER AS KING TO CONQUER SIN IN US.
5. THE HUMAN PERSON CAN KNOW AND LOVE GOD BECAUSE THIS IS THE VOCATION OF EVERY MAN. GOD HAS PLANTED THAT DESIRE IN OUR HEARTS. IF TRULY WE SEEK THE TRUTH AS POPE ST JOHN PAUL II SAYS; FAITH AND REASON ARE THE TWO WINGS THAT RAISES THE HUMAN SPIRIT TO THE CONTEMPLATION OF THE TRUTH (GOD). FOR CHRIST IS THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. WE MUST REMEMBER ACCORDING TO ST IRENAEUS OF LYONS THE GLORY OF MAN IS GOD.