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THE LESSON OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

"At that time Jesus taketh unto Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringett them up into a high mountain apart; and hu was transfigured before them." (Matt. xvii The present with man is for the

God has so arranged it that future. our deeds bring, as a rale, not full recompense at the time they are parformed, but gain for us a right to a future reward. It is well that this is so, for the payment we could get in this life would be only temporal. This existence is a short one, but our future will be starnal, hence we would wish fall recompanse for our good works where it will last. Naturally, we get what we need to live physically, and here allow ourselves certain pleasures ; but what belongs to us spiritually, because of our marit, our eternal enjoyment, must come in the world beyond the grave. He who lives but for the present will be rewarded only in this life, for he lives a life other than that intended for him by God. The world abounds in seekers of the joys of the present moment; but the lifs of the hereafter, where joy will be eternal, can not be given them unless a change is effected in them before death. True wisdom is that which makes us sorve the present only for the fature, as far as real happiness is concerned

As the reward for our good works, if we persevere, is not to come until of the present life closes, God has hidden from us, until that tracted because all the people of the time, arrives, a knowledge of the earth were in the thross of a new enjoyments upon which we are to birth, it seemed in many places as enter. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear if the cause of religion were hope-heard; neither hath it entered into less. The hordes of humanity were the heart of man, what things God bent merely upon scearing what hath prepared for them that love they would eat and what they would Him." However, a few occasions drink and wherewithal they would chronicled in the lives of the saints be clothed. It was evident on the afford us reason for a conjecture, at face of things that this earth effered least, that all will be, as theology nothing worth while to a soul that teaches, in the vision of God. When had had the vision of universal then will we be totally consumed, as peace. it were, in our attention and love. we do not marvel that chosen souls decire for happiness. The Gospel of might forget the world and even this Sunday should tend to humanity and where in sweet solistrengthen our faith in the destrine inte they might converse with the of the Church regarding heaven. Absolute and the Eternal. The disciples saw Christ transfig-nred; they were satisfied to remain in the presence of their transfigured as well as some of the first rare and

Lord ; their joy was full. But rather than speculate on the beauty of heaven itself, or the exact with God, and they found God in the nature of the generations to be exper-ienced there - since it is certain that endeavor to have a greater love for They made their vision of God. the things that will help to bring us ful that other weary men sought to that happy home, and for those them out and became their disciples who dwell in that sacred mansion. Thus it was that around them graw The disciples loved Christ; for this up monasteries. These monasteries reason, He allowed them the vision became the centers of attraction for recorded in today's Gospel. They souls hungering after God. And thus were happy when with Christ ; they holiness has always had to seek out sought happiness nowhere else. So a favorable environment as well as should it be with us; if we are not the vital elements of sanctity. disciples, let us be at least followers In the buoyancy of youth, the of Christ. We should love Christ, worldly minded dream the same old delight to remain in His presence in dreams that their fathers dreamed the tabernacle, have a special vener before them. They believe that they ation for all things devoted to His can establish upon the earth a parahonor and to His worship. In other words, we should fry to familiarize the Creator laid down in the beginourselves more and more with our nings of time. They would recon Divine Lord and His works. The cile the irreconcilable. They would better we know Him and His enjoy the bleesings of health with the kits tugs and tugs away at its until you take education in hand, Church and all contained in it, perfect abandonment of the laws of guiding power when suddenly the and education must have a religious the more will we love Him. And health. They would have all the string enaps, the kits breaks away basis. to love Him means to fit ourselves peace and comfort of righteousness from its moorings and gains the com-for the home He has prepared for us with utter disregard for every obli-plate freedom it so ardently desires. -nay, to make curseives exactly gation of duty. They imagine they For a time it sails away with its being the foundation of the essential what He intended us to become when can make for themselves a happier newly delighted spirit, but soon dufies. If you have people legislat-People are too apt to forget that which there is no law but their own and then the insvitable happens, it you will get the sort of thing we had He created us. should have frequent inter whims and no limit to their gratifi. crashes to earth never to rise again. from 1914 to 1920. When irreligious course with God in prayer. The cations except such as they will to world abounds in Christians whose set. They know so little of the will be with men and institutions war is greatly increased, especially thoughts are centred elsewhere than essence of things that they dare the that tug away at the strings of legiti now that the implements of war are upon God. How can they expect to dwell in the house of the Lord here-interest in God and heavenly things? something of the experience, learn. interest in God and heavenly things? Heaven exists the very goodness of ing for himself the tribulations of proposition for He has said that it is carefully saught and inculcated." God would assure us of this even passion and the confusion of error. the truth that shall make us free. It though we had no revelation con-cerning it-but no one can enter it He insists upon knowing things by enslaves the human soul and brings though we had no one can enter it He insists upon knowing shapes is chaos where peace and harmony for-without having on the "wedding his own trial of them. He mistakes chaos where peace and harmony for-garment." This garmant we wave the clamor of concupiscence for the marky reigned. A sad speciacle de-picting the truth of this assertion by love of Him, and by never ceasing friedom to do as he pleases. He is was displayed on the front page of a to Him. Not even the slightest fore-to Him. Not even the slightest fore-much more delightful than that present week. One article described correspondents. Mr. to Him. tasts of heaven will come on earth which Christ would give him. He the discension which is disrupting merly editor of the London News, Church at our doors, to think of thoughtful children of the Church God ; we necessarily need not exer realize the need of her protecting which was the outgrowth of the supcise ourselves in daily readings of wing. She is an indulgent mother the Bible or of other work which and does not utterly cast out her own would draw us to sanctity; though this is helpful, but we must have our hearts set on Him, think of Him often if only for a moment, do all heart is like the Heart of her Master, hearts for His honor and all heart is like the Heart of her Master, hearts for His honor and all heart is like the Heart of her Master, hearts for His honor and all heart is like the Heart of her Master, he framed for the incoming prelate frame of mind of America on the our work for His honor and glory. and we are glad that it is such. If is as follows: The heart must be directed toward we were wise we would profit by her "I advise a

successd in convincing man. The delight of the apostles at the

Transfiguration is granted to some Insionments, those who are unwilling bishopric. extent to those who are ardent fol- to be wise rush madly into the same He prom lowers of Christ. No one experiences old follies, as the moth rushes into is but he who is truly in God's service - possessing, as much as that finally wakens from the folly of "I will approve of no church legis-mortal can, God's elevating grace. sensualism and understands that he lation that contravenes or tends to But this should be true of all, and an alons begins to live who begins to be effort will convince one of the emancipated from the world of sense addights of the sweets of God. Taste Lent is the Church's annual call to and see how sweet the Lord is. The solitude and to self renunciation. laggard in God's love is running a Those who see in that call merely risk. It is doubtful it he will over those minimum regulations which experience enough of the sweetness constitute the laws of fasting and of the Lord to urgs him to closer abstinence are impervious to that intercourse, to more staady service splandid vision which the Church to God. Well may many Christians would open up to the chosen ones of ponder this truth-namely, that if God. As in the days of hermits, so one finds enough delights here to in these days genuine wiedom is to blessed upon him hereafter.

LENT

When the Roman Empire was breaking up and the world was diswe see Him face to face as Hs is, order, eternal justice and everlasting after so many neglected opportunities Under such circumstances and fully satisfied in every legitimate sought the desert places where they her solicitude and her pleading. humanity and where in sweet soli-

The hermits of the desert were the products of their own times, as beautiful products of Christian solitude because they could there escape the distractions of this world

dise more attractive than that which

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sanitary codes.

world.

Him have and eternal happiness with ticularly necessary that insistence be Him hereafter. Where a man's treasure is, there bis heart will be. He who lays up treasure anywhere but in heaven will edy most difficult for men who live turn his heart away from God ; and in the world of sense to realize that he who does not hay up treasure in their little world cannot provide a heaven never need expect to arrive rational motive for conduct or a heaven never need expect to arrive rational motiva for conduct or a there. He who now fails to have an sufficient purpose in the life of a interest in moriting heaven never can build for himself a mansion among the blessed. This is an old truth, but it is perhaps the most vital truth in life. It is repeated over and over pleasing any momentary indulgence again, but apparently it never is may be, the sting of death is in it. It heard sufficiently, for it does not must end, and its quick ending leaves must end, and its quick ending leaves the soul more wretched than ever. And yet in spite of numberless disil-

the flames. Fortunate is that soul

estisfy him, he cannot expect God to force the eternal delights of the blessed upon him hereafter. of mortification will not avail much, but they prepare the way for rational living and spiritual growth. Sincare

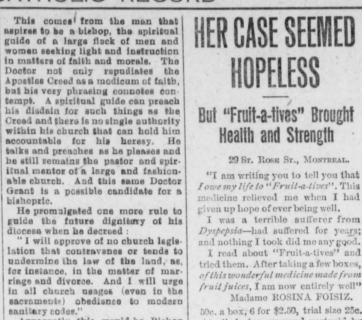
> mortification baspeaks interior eman. cipation from the all trements of the need of an infallible authority in flash and the slavery of passion. And the epiritual ruin which has resulted alone begins to live a rational life from the lack of infallibility in matters of strict faith or morals. he alone lives the Christian life whose reason is illuminated by Faith and whose will is inspired by Hope in doctrine and discipline, these are and whose heart is perfected by Every Lanten season is a precious

opportunity for spiritual progress. Unless we profit by each recurring invitation of Holy Mother Church to live something of the life of a Christian during the holy season, our loss is isrsparable. The wondsr is that Catholics are privileged to try again and Holy Church does not weary of It would be no wonder if, as in the beginning, God would repent that

He had made man. In spite, however, of all delinquencies, our Heavenly Father perseveres in loving His Only Begotten Son. He pursues us with the Sacraments and with the unfailing invitations of Holy Mother Church. While there is yet life He assures us there is hope. Let us pray that this holy season of Lent that is upon us may make us all nearer to God and win back to God nany that now sit in darkness and the shadow of death. - The Missionary.

LACK OF AUTHORITY

We have often watched the little kits's flight into the realms above. The wind is strong and as the kite sails gracefully away it conceives the soar aloft as it pleases. The guiding hand below and the twins which keeps it in leash begin to smart. So



Apparently this would be Bishop favora divorce and he plainly de-notes marriage to the low plane it occupied when Ohrist came into the To all appearances the Rev. erend Doctor would consider mar riage marely as a contract, thereby destroying the boautiful encramental reality of one of our most sacred nstitutions. The thinking churchman of the

day should plainly see the absolute Quarrels and bickerings, recriminaion and counter charges, dissension the fruite of the tree whose growth has been guided contrary to its primal natural destiny. Infallibility fulfils the great office of keeping the Church from error, and it gives a peace and happiness in things sacred times have surely changed when it that surpasses all understanding .--- stops to listen to the distant mar-Catholic Transcript.

SHAW ADVOCATES RELIGIOUS TRAINING

George Barnard Shaw, who accepts few Catholic dectrines on the other subjects, has become a champion of the Church's teaching with respect us in proportion to our willingness to be loved. He has given us Naws Sarvice. This fact is made to education, writes the London manifest in a commentary he has attared with regard to Sydney and Baatrice Wabb's proposed "Consti-tution of the Socialist Commonwealth of England." Addressing a large gathering in King's Hall, Covent Garden, Mr. Shaw contended that "education must have a religious basis," and that "religion is the foundation of the essential duties." He severely criticized the omission of religion from the Webba'

scheme for social and political improvement, inquiring : "Are you going to tolerate secular boy as he unravels the ball of twine education which for the last fity which determines the extent of the years has meant the very grossest materialism-are you going to allow what is called Nec-Darwinism to be taught to your children in schools at idea that it would like to be free to a time when their minds are being formed? There must be a State religion as a cultural institution.

> "All our vital and fundamental laws are religious at root, religion script.



For the first time in many years England is beginning to attach some importance to the world's opinion of how it rules a greater portion of it. It has always followed its own selfish policy to the bitter end and marings of other lands in regard to its foreign policy.

Perhaps we might drill a little below the surface and find a resson for this apparent selicitation. land must not ruin "any solid chances at agreement with the United States in some big outstand ing issues between the two countries." Here is, at least, one key to the situation. There are some out standing issues still unsettled between this country and England. One of them is the immense financial obligations of the latter country to the United States. Many millions of interest have not even been paid and an agreement will be reached in the matter as soon as the British Government and its bankers with each assortment of Essays on the Irish problem. Sent on receipt of 25c, in Stamps, Send for them today, Printers. P. O. Box 2084, Montreal. cau raise the rate of exchange a little higher. This will necessitate a lower rate of interest on the new bonds. The entire arrangement will be a matter of liberal concessions on UNLIKE OTHER BELLS SWEETER, MORE DUR CHURCH EI ILS L. SWEETER, MORE DUR OUR FREECATALOUI Write to Clincinsti Bell Foundry Co., Cincinsti, O. the part of America. Public opinion will be a strong factor in the final deliberations and a hostile frame of mind will not augur well for the British financial barons.

So Lloyd George is at last con carned abcut American public opinion and with all due reason. If Ambassador Gaddes tells him the truth then the British Premier will surely have something to worry about in the months to come. Loyal You will never have a Socialist State American citizens who are lovers of freedom will not stand idly see the money they paid for Liberty bonds retained in the British exchequer as an instrument of repression in Ireland and other British possessions .- Catholic Tran-



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The heart must be directed toward Him, which means that it must be detached as much as possible from both the world profit by her detached as much as possible from both the wisdum or the courage should occupy us only in so far as should occupy us only in so far as they are necessary for our existence earto her consels and profit by her contained in the Apostles' Greed, America against the Black and Tan here below, but we should exist wisdom. The world never stood which no mature and educated per-really for things above. In other more in need of her wisdom and of son today can assent to without stul-credited with having views very really for unlegs above. In other in more in more in stan it does now. worde, the blessings with which God has surrounded us should serve for During these days when luxuries man can ask without mental mortifi. wood about the speedy flattening has surrounded us should serve for the ultimate purpose of union with are regarded as necessities, it is par- cation."

Thus it ever has been and ever men control effairs the danger of

Sir Auckland Gaddes' unberalded return to London has caused a flutter of speculation among international correspondents. Mr. Gardiner, for-

His sacred presence. We should how and why "all is vanity and chapter in the long history of disen-count that day absolutely lost in afficient of spirit." He suspects sion within the ranks of this church. If a potent display of unrest through-which we have forgotten God, not to what the conclusion must be. He The very next column contained a undetermined, and thirdly, there is count that day absolutely lost in which we have forgotten God, not to the extent of sinning but to a lessen-ing of our enthusiasm over Him and what belongs to Him. The less gen-erous we are about serving Him, the more lax we are about serving Him, the nore shall we be deprived of a true desire after heavenly things. It is not necessary that we have the Church at our doors, to think of respondent of the New York World, cables from London his opinions of vision by the freedom of thought Geddes' recall and he substantiates in the main the wise speculations of posed reformation.

Doctor Grant described in his ser Gardiner. The Irish question is at frame of mind of America on the iron rule in Erin. Grigg cables his 'I advise a further revision of the

following opinion to Tae World: "There is a belief here in well out of the Sinn Fein. It is thought

Chearfulness is a duty we owe to others. There is an old tradition that a cup of gold is to be found wherever a rainbow touches the earth; and there are some people whose smile, she sound of whose voice, whose very presence, seem like a ray of sunshine, to turn every-thing they touch into gold. Men break down as long as they can keep cheerful .- Lord Avebury.

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