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Reputation is an empty bubble, when it is not founded on truth, and when established on this basis we have nothing to fear.

6.

A superior should have a friendship, a paternal tenderness for his inferiors ; he should treat them so affectionately as to make each of them believe he was tenderly loved.

7.

Motives altogether human, concealed under the pretext of zeal, and the glory of God, cause works to be often undertaken, of which God is not the author, and which his wisdom does not crown with success.

8.

There are many persons who are satisfied with a very modest exterior, and great sentiments of God in their interior ; but if they have to endure great fatigues for God, to instruct the poor, to suffer to be mortified, to receive sickness with joy, to be exposed to calumny or disgrace, their courage fails and everything vanishes.

9.

We ought to abandon ourselves entirely to the hands of God. We ought to believe that his providence disposes for our greater good, every thing that he wishes or permits to happen to us.

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Excesses are blameable in every-

thing, but are particularly so in prayer ; we ought to conduct ourselves with moderation at this holy exercise, and above all preserve the peace of the spirit and the heart during our prayer.

11.

Fraternal charity is the seal of our predestination, as it shows that we are the true disciples of Jesus Christ.

12.

Humility is a virtue which Jesus Christ has exceedingly loved, and which he came to teach to the world. The most powerful weapon to conquer the devil is humility.

13.

We ought to treat those who present themselves to make the spiritual exercise of a retreat, as men sent to us by God himself ; we should make no distinction between them, but treat the rich and the poor alike ; we should rather give the preference to the latter, as their life is more conformable to that which Christ led on earth.

14.

Undertakings which are begun in the simple and ordinary ways, are more favoured by God, than those in which we use extraordinary and remarkable means.

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God is extremely glorified, when we abandon ourselves to his good pleasure, without seeking to penetrate his motives, being satisfied to think that his