

brought about by the atmosphere of heresy and unbelief. III. The Carmelite revelation about purgatory and devotion to the Passion. 1. The Passion should be obviously the standing, unintermitting devotion. 2. Only from the Passion can true contrition come, because only from it comes a real understanding of sin. 3. From it also comes the spirit of mortification and robust piety. 4. It supplies instincts and principles of a Christian sort more than any other devotion. 5. It is the best protection against the self-indulgent and self-dispensing spirit of worldliness. 6. How acceptable to our lady is devotion to the Passion.

1. Because it is the tenderest worship of Jesus, and so most like her own. 2. Because it roots the love of Him most deeply in us—which is her grand joy, her double love, yet single love, of Him and of us. 3. Because it is the continuation of her own Dolours, and of the worship they were to Jesus. 4. Because it enables us to understand her. 5. Because her Maternity of us came out of it.

The heart can have tears when the eyes have none. One tear of the heart over the passion of our Blessed Lord? how much of the cruel fire beneath the earth has it the power to quench—and how piercingly we shall one day moan for ever so little a quenching?

O beautiful region of the Church of God! O lovely troop of the flock of Mary! The beauty of those souls—the loveliness of their patience—the majesty of their gifts—the dignity of their solemn and chaste sufferings—the eloquence of their silence—the moonlight of Mary's Throne lighting up that empire—silver-winged Angels voyaging thro' the depths of that mysterious pain—sinless purity of the worship it all joins to God. O world, O weary, clamorous, sinful world! who will not break way, if he could, like an uncaged dove, from the periless toils and unsafe pilgrimage, and fly with joy to the lowest place in that most pure, most safe, most holy land of suffering and of sinless love?

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A gentleman praising the personal charms of a very plain lady before Foote, the latter said, "Why don't you lay claims to such an accomplished beauty?" "What right have I to her?" was the counter question. "Every right," replied Foote, "by the laws of all nations—as the first discoverer."