

must end it with Him if we would reach the goal. *Nemo ascendit nisi qui descendit, Filius Hominis.*

But why dost Thou add : "*Et omnia itinera ejus frequentur ambulavi.*" "I know all the paths and have often trodden them" ?

Are there other other ways towards the fair country of our Fatherland than that of Jesus? No, there is but one way, but there are numberless paths, that meet and mingle in the road of Life ; the path of poverty, the path of riches, the path of glory, the path of pain, the path of toil and that of science, the paths of sickness and of health, of all the states of christian perfection, the different social positions, the path of the many, the path of the few. Behold a maze of paths to Heaven. If they are but branches of the royal road which is Jesus, and meet in His grace, easy or difficult though they may be to travel, they all lead to Heaven. On one condition, however, that we are guided and led by Jesus

O divine Guide ! Thou dost assert that Thou hast known all the paths and hast trodden them as well. It is true. And well is it for us that Thou hast journeyed and prayed and suffered and wept. Thou hast trodden all the paths in labor and toil, in tears and joy of spirit, in tribulation and anguish of heart. Thou hast an experience so profound of all our miseries and wants that nothing can ever daunt Thee. For if thy journey of Life lasted but three or thirty years Thou didst take care to surround it with so many obstacles and difficulties that no ambush can surprise Thee, no danger appal. There is no state Thou hast not known, no pain Thou canst not understand, no path Thou hast not trodden. We may then confide ourselves absolutely to our heavenly Guide. He knoweth the road and He knoweth them all.

Lastly, He has abode with Gabelus. He knoweth Him, the Gabelus who holds our eternal treasure, the kinsman of Raphael. *Fratern nostram.* It is the Father of our divine Guide. He has abode with Him from eternity, and even while He treads the paths of earth He is with Him still in Heaven. Jesus will bring us safely, surely, to the end and will make for us all the arrangements necessary for our favorable reception.

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