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Contemplation

of the Pascal Mystery

INTRODUCTION

The texts presented in this book represent the last years in the life of Father Marie-

Eugene de l’Enfant-Jesus. They have a very solid character. The Gospel scene considered

here comes to life in minute detail. We participate in it. We feel engaged while also being

overtaken by a contemplation from our very being, because through the exterior event

related by the Gospel, the word of Father Marie-Eugene commenting, lets us glimpse

something from the depth of the mystery of Christ’s soul, something “of the secret designs

of Wisdom relating to the children of men.”

Effectively, the Pascal mystery, the heart of Christian life, is also at the heart of Father

Marie-Eugene’s mystical contemplation. In order to penetrate “the secrets of Christ’s

soul” to follow him, his perspective of faith has largely scanned the events of Holy Week

with regard to the most sacred mysteries and sympathy coming from a special love.

All light and all life comes from Jesus. Father Marie-Eugene, servant of Christ as

priest and Carmelite, teaches “this loving knowledge of the living Christ.” Moreover,

invested by the Holy Spirit with a mission in the Church, he carried the weight of it.

With particular attention, he also considered the very human, very divine face of Christ

in the achievement of his great work of salvation. This is what he shows us.

Father Marie-Eugene desired this resemblance his whole life.

In effect, grace is a living reality in us which Jesus has exposed us to. Following

Saint Paul, he restated:

“The perfection of Christ is Christ crucified on Calvary. These perspectives

become desirable to the soul which is possessed by love. This participation

in Gethsemani is one which actualizes the identification and which gives

true fruitfulness to the soul.”

It is also impressive to note that God gave Father Marie-Eugene, as a vigorous

implementer, this compensation of living the last days of his life, Holy Week, in

conformity with Christ of the Passion.