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Catholic Apostolic Church

Curiously, the Church is an alternative to the troubled world in which we live. The left-wing, Marxist tradition has brought the social sciences to the fore, that is, the study of man, as they used to say in philosophy and anthropology classes, as a "product and producer of culture"... In Hegel's "System of Ethical Life" this can be seen translucently, but also in "The Essence of Christianity", a classic by Fuerbach that is so current, perhaps even more current than in its own time of production? And what about the moralisms of Viktor Frankl? From there, we go to the Catholics, Emmanuel Mounier, with his personalism, responses to a certain Protestant ideology, Vattimo, Pascal, as seen in Público the day before yesterday and in the latest encyclical letter on the French philosopher and inventor....

The Church has a message, it is an interest group in a way. But the way it deals with sexuality as a whole has always alienated its faithful, first of all because there are no women at the top of the hierarchy and priests cannot marry. Because the Church has made a civilizational investment in happiness and mysticism, passing on the idea that it takes little to be happy, that is, as Jorge Palma says, "reduce your needs and you will be happy"....

Then, the history of modesty and civilization in that, of that even as if the dualism extends to the depths of our consciences, as is the depth of sex, of affection (**efecto**) which is not only sex, physical and carnal relationship. Yes, there is another form of love, other ways of loving. The Church, being Church, is one of them. The concrete and the vaporized. Like rice. Or the harassment of a chicken, in the symbolic gasp in the eyes and twisted mouth of a tennis player. That's what I sought, was even sought, filtered, analyzed and returned to the same principles enriched, returned to the adolescence that pulled me to the Franciscans in Braga. It was partly good, partly bad, but soon I realized how much I was dealing with the mission I had, writing and more writing, reading and reading slowly....

So what is wrong with France? Is the Church not playing its part? What power does the Church have today to transform the world in the direction it most desires, that is, towards the crucified Christ, who died for us for our example? It should be noted that the Marxist tradition in the social sciences is not always favorable to the thinking of the Church, but the reverse can also be seen, that is, the Church is apostolic and humanitarian, exercising what it calls charity, but it does not understand the intellectuals who close in on themselves within the academies for decades and decades without end....

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