

## MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

*...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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\* The "basis" of "true" community is truth; the basis of "human" community is fleshly desire. The "essence" of true community is light; the essence of human community is darkness. True community is the fellowship of those who are called by Christ; human community is the fellowship of "devout souls". In true community there burns the bright love of service (Agape); in human community there glows the dark love of good and evil desire (eros).

In true community the Word of God alone rules; in human community there rules along with the Word, one who is furnished with "exceptional powers", and experience. In one God's Word alone is binding; but in the other besides the Word, men bind others to themselves. In the true community all power, honour, and "domination" are surrendered to the Holy Spirit; in human community spheres of power and influence of a personal nature are sought and cultivated. It is true, insofar as these are devout men and women, that they do this with the intention of serving the highest and best, but in actuality the result is to dethrone the Holy Spirit, to relegate Him to "remote unreality". In actuality, it is only the "human" that is operative here.

In true community the Holy Spirit governs; in human community, psychological techniques and methods. In the former "unconditional" love is extended constantly towards one's brother; in the latter psychological analysis and constructions; in the one the service of one's brother is simple and humble; in the other, service consists of a searching, "calculating" analysis.

*...."Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it".... Matthew 7:13-14 NASB*

*...."There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB*

*...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in [true] unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB*