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Explanation of the Sacred Passages.

"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation." – (II Peter, 1:20)

Jesus is the Pathway, the Truth and Life. His imperishable light has been shining for millenniums over the Earth, as well as His first Words, and have been penetrating the world for twenty centuries.

Bloody battles, wars of extermination and social calamities have not changed His words one little bit. Instead, His words are more and more updated by the diversification of the Earth's evolution. Storms of blood and tears have done nothing but to tell us of the magnitude of His words. However people, always late in the utilisation of precious

opportunities, very often, in the path of new existences, have taken for granted the Pathway, being indifferent with regard to the principles of Truth and Life.

Notwithstanding, the Lord has never abandoned us.

Each day He prolongs His tolerance in relation to our debts. However, we must be an interest in having a strong will, establishing discipline in our way of being, so re-educating ourselves by the example of the Divine Master. He is the Generous Friend but, very often, we have forgotten His advice and, because of this, we have thrown ourselves into dark zones, thus postponing indefinitely our inner elevation towards eternal life.

With the purpose of valuing the opportunity of serving, we organised this humble book without any pretension of making exegesis. We have only gathered a few simple pages for meditation. Isolating Bible versicles from evangelical chapters and giving them independent explanation will probably cause a feeling of perplexity among many friends. In some passages, we extracted only short phrases giving it a special feature. In other circumstances, our modest observations appear to disagree with the precepts of the chapter in which they belong.

Nevertheless, we worked in this way thinking about a necklace of pearls, where each one of them has a specific value. Furthermore, in the immense aggregation of principles of the Gospel, each concept of the Christ or His direct co-operators adjusts itself to a specific situation of the Spirit on the roads of life. In addition, the lesson of the

Master does not constitute an imperative for the purpose of adoration. The Gospel does not reduce itself to being a guide for glorification. It is an indispensable guide for legislation, administration, service and obedience. Christ does not establish a line between a temple and a material work. All Earth is, simultaneously, His place of prayer and His field of work. By praising Him in churches, and despising Him in the streets, we have failed on many occasions due to our own fault. Therefore, any place can be employed for the Divine Service.

Many disciples from various Christian beliefs committed themselves to deep investigations, reducing the teachings of the Lord into a dead relic in the altars of stones. However, Christ expects that all of us may convert His Gospel of Love and Wisdom into a companion of prayer, a school book on a daily apprenticeship, an inspiring fountain of our most humble actions with regard to our normal work, and also into a code of good manners on a fraternal relationship.

Although I have clarified our humble aims, I already can notice plenty of astonishment from this or some other group of believers. What can we do? We have long distances to go along the Pathway to acquire Truth and Life in their totality.

We understand the respect shown to Christ but, by the example of the Lord, we know that the labour of a faithful apprentice consists of deep love, work, prayer and self-effort. Apart from this, we are happy to recognize that the Sacred Passages are grants of the Father to all of His

sons and daughters. Because of this, we would like to remember the wise words of Simon Peter: "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation"

Emmanuel

Pedro Leopoldo, state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, 2nd September 1948.

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Time

"He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord" – Paul. (Romans, 14:6)

The majority of humankind still does not realise how important time is.

Obviously, there are those who abuse this Divine concession. They judge that the benefits of richness should be given to them by God. However, it would be fair to ask them why they have such a presumption.

Considering that Universal Creation constitutes everybody's legacy, then it is natural that everyone enjoys life's possibilities. Nevertheless, in general terms, human beings do

not realise the harmonious circumstances which envelope the Earth in favour of their own spiritual improvement.

It is logical that every person counts on time, but what if this time is without light, balance, health or work?

In spite of the above question, it is important to consider that there are very few of those who value the day. On the other hand, the number of those who try, by any method, to annihilate it has increased.

The old popular saying "to kill time" expresses clearly the unconsciousness in this sense.

In the most obscure places on Earth there are people wasting tremendous possibilities. Nevertheless, a day of peace, harmony and enlightenment is very important for mankind so that the Divine Laws can be fulfilled.

Many are those in the world who support immediate interests, claiming that "time is money". However, after a while, they have to reincarnate in order to accomplish unfinished works. Because of this, human beings find themselves in a situation of doing and undoing, constructing and destroying. They imprudently learn and revise life' lessons with difficulties, in order to acquire experience.

In nearly every area of terrestrial evolution we have seen the abuse of opportunities complicating the pathway of life. However, many centuries ago, the apostle told us that the time belongs to the Lord.