



The counter plan of God

The inner man and the formation of Christ

Yet, the counter plan of God is to find people who would stand in the Spirit and say ‘restore what plundered and looted). **As a result the devil would release his prisoners and the veils that are coving the minds would fall down.** The mind would then be opened to the spiritual understanding and the spirit would experience the deep hunger for God. p63

Receiving the commission

Meshreky, Atef. Responsibility for the Generation (Kindle Locations 382-386). Anchor Publishing & Media. Kindle Edition.

I remember the time when I first received the call to be entrusted for the generation. It was a time that completely changed my life. It caused a deep change in my spiritual life that brought a new lifting up. **I was traveling in an airplane, reading in my seat, when my inner eyes were opened to understand that He is waiting for those who are ready to receive a commission; a task for the generation. Then everything became very clear and definite.** The reasons for all my work were now very clear, and I was going to different places to do something definite, and I knew that God's hand was empowering my work.

The Person who was entrusted for the Generation

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When we go to heaven we will discover many things. We will find many people there, blessed in the perfect presence of God. And the angels will bring forward the main thing that each person did on earth. And then we will see that one person had perhaps ministered in Korea, or Japan, another had an important role in China, another was a wonderful teacher, this person ministered to the youth, one was a wonderful preacher, and so on. **And then there will be the person who was entrusted for the generation; who had a heart for his generation.** Because of this, he was actually able to minister in all these different ministries. Those who had a heart for their generation were not interested in garnering a powerful ministry, nor to become anointed, or be well known by name, and not interested in having a big Church, but on the contrary, **they were happy to be hidden, to simply bear the responsibility of bringing blessings to their generation.**

The annual food?

Book: “The Bride and the End Time”

In addition to this, we need to remember that such global spiritual food take place only once a year, this means that the spiritual food and divine grace and **pouring which we receive during this retreat are for the whole year.** Remember that God’s arrangement which he handed down to His people, Israel, **in the Old Testament was annual.** P 11

A proclamation in the heavenly places!!

The Bride and the End Time

Another matter of great importance, which has become absent or neglected in our days, is that such big spiritual events which god plans- as you will read and understand through the pages of this book- require not only to be addressed as a teaching, **but also as ‘a proclamation in the heavenly places’** . While the talks were delivered to the listeners, **heaven- the angels and the spirits of the saints- was also witnessing what is being presented. It was witnessing it and recording it in the heavenly sphere until God’s purposes, which his spirit reveals are completely manifested in the fullness of God’s times.** p12

Rapture and millennial Beliefs

The Bride & the End Time

The rest of the souls who will be **alive at the time of the coming of the King will be left for a stage of sanctification and getting ready for what is to come.** They have a chance to respond to the gospel preached to them....**during this period of reign, all will submit to the King even if there were some people who have some kind of rejection or they care less,** they will have an opportunity to review themselves and change their attitude through the ministry of the gospel referred to in (Rev 14:6,7) p198.199

Rapture

The indisputable heresy



Fr Anthony Coniaris quoting John L Gary

<http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2010/04/rapture-indisputable-christian-heresy.html>

"Though many believe and teach this 'Pre-Tribulation Rapture' theory, they erroneously do so, because neither Jesus, Paul, Peter, John, nor any of the other writers of the Bible taught this. Nor did the early Church Fathers, nor any others for many hundreds of years.... Did you know that NONE of this was ever taught prior to 1812, and that all forms of Pre-Tribulation Rapture teaching were developed since that date? If I were to preach something, or believe something, supposedly from the Bible, but cannot find that ANYONE ELSE before 1812 ever believed it or taught it, I would seriously question that it is based on the Bible."

Tools to weaken the “old Man”

Inner man & the formation of Christ

- Fasting : on regular basis – a day per week, for example
- Daily repentance : **reviewing the activity of everyday.**
- Reading the word of God: **reading large portions for the purpose of receiving the washing power of the Word**
- Submitting to God’s chastising times: doing so thankfully, truthfully, ..**the apparent departure of the Spirit of God..**
- Sacrificial living: **laying down rights** and avoiding materialistic living. p90

Tools to help strengthen the “New Nature” p90,91

Inner man & the formation of Christ

- ❖ Nourishing our spirit properly: through praying the psalms which are in the Manna of the Spirit
- ❖ Discerning the need to nourish on the suitable food whether milk or meat, depending on one's level of growth.?????
- ❖ Prostration.
- ❖ Prayer with unveiled face: free prayer with prophetic anointing (2 Cor 3:18) ??????
- ❖ Stillness: knowing God in stillness.
- ❖ Revelatory reading of the Bible: we read a lot to get familiar with the Word, then we study it, and afterwards the revelations come.
- ❖ Praying the twelve statements of the blood of Jesus and the prophesying statements. ?????

The Few Faithful

The Bride & the End Time

This leads to an important question and that is : what does this signify? This clearly highlights that the people who were carried away captive were distinct people and a select few who left their land and faced suffering and pain; yet, in God's eyes were "very Good fig".... He chooses the remnant, the few faithful who have kept themselves in obedience to God and His commandments (like Daniel and the three young men who were faithful even during the time of captivity) p84

Who then can say that this is legalistic? ½

The inner man and the formation of Christ

However, later on, due to the theological debates about grace, the work of the flesh, and the possibility of legalism, the Church lost such valuable teaching experience. Spiritual discipline include; among others:

regular prayers, fasting, vigil nights of prayers, prostration, being disciplined and taught by the Word of God, receiving spiritual counsel, repentance, searching oneself, obeying the commandments of love and forgiveness. p81

Distorting the original design of marriage!!!

The Bride and the End Time

Before the fall, this unity of the two partners as a husband and wife did not separate them from God because each of them was in a state of being united with God. This was the original picture and plan. **After the fall, each partner started to seek the other partner because s/he feels lacking and that something essential is missing** – because s/he is estranged from God. After the person receives the faith in Christ, s/he still seeks the visible other because s/he is not able to be fully united with God. This seeking of a visible other **became an instinct and a deep rooted thing in humanity.** This is because Man became unable to fully find and unite with the unseen other, God, whom Man is called to unite with. p164

The Original design

And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones. And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.** (Gen 2:23,24) (Matt 19:5, Mk 10:7, Eph 5:31)

Apostolic canons : Canon 51

If any bishop, presbyter, or deacon, or any one of the sacerdotal list, abstains from marriage, or flesh, or wine, not by way of religious restraint, but as abhorring them, forgetting that God made all things very good, and that he made man male and female, and blaspheming the work of creation, let him be corrected, or else be deposed, and cast out of the Church. In like manner a layman.

The Council of Gangra

325-381

- Canon I.
- If any one shall condemn marriage, or abominate and condemn a woman who is a believer and devout, and sleeps with her own husband, as though she could not enter the Kingdom [of heaven] **let him be anathema.**
- Canon XIV.
- If any woman shall forsake her husband, and resolve to depart from him because she abhors marriage, **let her be anathema.**

Eusebius of Caesarea,

"16", Ecclesiastical History, Book 5

And he [Montanus] became beside himself,
and being suddenly in a sort of frenzy
and ecstasy, he raved, and began to babble
and utter strange things, prophesying in a
manner contrary to the constant custom of
the Church handed down by tradition
from the beginning.

Panoramic view in Patristics

Fr Tadros Malaty

SIMPLIFIED FOR YOUTH MEETINGS, St George Sporting- Alexandria, 2004

Montanus called believers to abstain from marriage for the end of the age was at hand. They who dissolved marriages gather in an appropriate place, waiting the descent of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Montanus in the 2nd century was a charismatic, **who maintained that he received direct revelation from the Holy Spirit. He considered himself the last great prophet who established the heavenly city.** P93,94

Panoramic view in Patristics

Montanists

Fr Tadros Malaty, p 264

SIMPLIFIED FOR YOUTH MEETINGS, St George Sporting- Alexandria, 2004

- 1) **They were ascetic and chiliastic.**
- 2) **Expected an imminent start of the Millennium.**
- 3) **Considered themselves spiritual and others carnal.**
- 4) **Continued prophetic revelation.**
- 5) **Held to universal priesthood of believers.**
- 6) **Opposed art of any kind.**
- 7) **Demanded absolute obedience of their followers.**
- 8) **Sought martyrdom.**
- 9) **Encouraged abstinence from marriage.**

It is Montanism !!!

Euchites Or Messalians

- The Euchites or Messalians were a sect first mentioned in the 370s by Ephrem the Syrian, Epiphanius, and Jerome.
- They originated in Mesopotamia, then spread to Asia Minor and Thrace. Bishop Flavian of Antioch condemned them around 376. They were condemned as heretics in the synod of 383 A.D. "Euchites" means **"Those who pray."**

Main Belief

Fitschen, Klaus, “Messalians/Euchites”, in: *Religion Past and Present*. Consulted online on 08 November 2017
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(from Gk εὐχή, “prayer,” thus “one who prays,” Syr. Messalians). The Euchites are identifiable around 370 in Syria (Edessa/Antioch). The chief accusations against them are: their overemphasis on prayer and spiritual experience to expel sins conceived as demonic, their resulting disregard for the church and its sacraments (esp. baptism) as well as their renunciation of work and social relations. The Messalians belong in the tradition of free Syrian ascetics. The sole identifiable protagonist is Adelphius of Edessa. Self-testimonials such as the *Asceticon* condem...

John Meyendorff on Messalians

Rome, Constantinople, Moscow: Historical and Theological studies, St Vladimir Press, 2003, p34

Messalianism was repeatedly condemned on several doctrinal counts, but particularly because **it considered the knowledge of God a personal, ascetic achievement, independent of the sacred nature of the sacramental nature of the church.** The Church affirmed that, **on the contrary , divine life and knowledge of God are gifts, both gratuitous and common to all the baptized, though also dependent upon personal spiritual effort.**

Notes on Messalians

<http://tertullian.org/fathers2/NPNF2-14/Npnf2-14-86.htm>

Although so opposed to the faith of the Church, **yet for all this the Messalians did not separate themselves from her communion.**

They did not believe in the Communion as a mystery which sanctifies us, which must be approached with fear and faith, **but only came to the holy Table to hide themselves and to pass for Catholics, for this was one of their artifices.** When asked, they had no hesitation in denying all that they believed, and were willing to anathematize those who thought with them. **And all this they did without fear, because they were taught they had attained perfection, that is impassibility.**

Council of Ephesus 431

Definition against the impious Messalians or Euchites

Consequently those anywhere in that province who subscribed to the heresy of the Messalians or Enthusiasts, or **who were suspected of the disease**, whether clerical or lay, are to come together; if they **sign the anathemas** according to what was promulgated in the aforementioned synod, should they be clergy they should remain such and if laity they are to remain in communion. **But if they decline and do not anathematise, if they are presbyters or deacons or hold any other rank in the church, they are to forfeit their clerical status and grade and communion, and if they are laity let them be anathematised.**

Council of Ephesus 431

Definition against the impious Messalians or Euchites

In addition, **those who have been condemned are not to be permitted to govern *monasteries*, lest tares be sown and increase.** The vigorous and zealous execution of all these decrees is enjoined upon the reverent bishops Valerian and Amphilochius and the other reverent bishops throughout the whole province. **Furthermore it seemed good that the filthy book of this heresy, which has been published and is called by them Asceticon, should be anathematised, as being composed by heretics,** a copy of which the most pious and religious Valerian brought with him. **Any other production savouring of the like impiety which is found anywhere is to be treated similarly.**

It is Messalianism !!!

"The Bride & The End Times" P39-40

The early Christians, both Jews and Gentiles, continued to attend the synagogues on the Sabbath and during the Jewish feasts. In addition to this, they attended their churches on Sunday where they prayed the liturgy. This continued until the 2nd century A.D. We know about this because this was mentioned in the letters of Bishop Ignatius, the martyr (2nd century) and in the Shepherd of Hermas (a Christian literary work of the 2nd century). There are also some historical references that suggest the possibility that this had continued in different places until the 4th/5th centuries.

"The Bride & The End Times" P39

The synagogue was considered by believers as the place where they went to hear the divine Scriptures being read and explained; and where teaching was presented from the Scriptures. **There is a reference to this in Acts 15:21 'being read in the synagogues every Sabbath'. At that time, the books of Scriptures were not available for the believers.**

- **Please read Acts 15:21-29 to discover the fallacy of this claim**

Origen and the Jews: Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations in Third-Century

N.R.M De Lange, Palestine (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1976) 93.

The true Sabbath-observance consists of a complete break with worldly occupations and a total dedication to spiritual acts. **Origen reinterprets the prohibitions mentioned above**: ‘Burdens’ refers to sins, which are compared to heavy burdens in Psalm xxxvii(xxxviii).5, and fire, which is also forbidden on the Sabbath (Exodus xxxv.3), is likewise referred to evil-doing, on the basis of Isaiah 1:11. As for the command to stay in one’s own place, ‘what is the “place” of the spiritual soul? **Its place is justice, truth, wisdom, sanctification; everything which Christ is, is the place of the soul**’. **Even so, the true observance of the Sabbath is impossible in this world, where even God does not rest on the Sabbath; the present age is the ‘sixth day of creation’, and the true Sabbath is the age to come.**

The Epistle of Ignatius (d. 108) to the Ephesians

Chapter 9. You have given no heed to false teachers

Nevertheless, I have heard of some who have passed on from this to you, having false doctrine, whom you did not allow to sow among you, but stopped your ears, that you might not receive those things which were sown by them, as being stones 1 Peter 2:5 of the temple of the Father, prepared for the building of God the Father, and drawn up on high by the instrument of Jesus Christ, which is the cross, John 12:32 making use of the Holy Spirit as a rope, while your faith was the means by which you ascended, and your love the way which led up to God. **You, therefore, as well as all your fellow-travellers, are God-bearers, temple-bearers, Christ-bearers, bearers of holiness, adorned in all respects with the commandments of Jesus Christ**, in whom also I exult that I have been thought worthy, by means of this Epistle, to converse and rejoice with you, because with respect to your Christian life you love nothing but God only.

The Epistle of Ignatius to the Magnesians

Chapter 8. Caution against false doctrines

Be not deceived with strange doctrines, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to the Jewish law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace. For the divinest prophets lived according to Christ Jesus. On this account also they were persecuted, being inspired by His grace to fully convince the unbelieving that there is one God, who has manifested Himself by Jesus Christ His Son, who is His eternal Word, not proceeding forth from silence, and who in all things pleased Him that sent Him.

St. Ignatius of Antioch (D.108)

Ep. Magne. 9:1

“Those who live according to the old order of things have come to the new hope and observe no longer the Saturday but the Sunday”

The Literature of the Sabbath Question, Robert Cox, F. S. A. Scot. Volume 1, p 319

As the apostles observed it, compassionately
and charitably, and in order to meet the Jews
upon it, but NOT AS OF OBLIGATION.

Didachi (75-125 AD)- Chapter 8

Fasting and Prayer (the Lord's Prayer).

But let not your fasts be with the hypocrites, for they fast on the second and fifth day of the week. Rather, fast on the fourth day and the Preparation (Friday)

HISTORY OF THE SABBATH

by J.N.Andrews

The Heresy of Judaizer in the Russian Orthodox Church

**The heresy of the Judaizers and the
problem of the Russian reformation
1504**

Judaizers

Final History- Catholic encyclopedia

- **With the disappearance of the Jewish-Christian community of Jerusalem at the time of the rebellion (A.D. 67-70), the question about circumcision and the observance of the Law ceased to be of any importance in the Church, and soon became a dead issue. At the beginning of the second century St. Ignatius of Antioch, it is true, still warns against Judaizers (Magnes., x, 3; viii, 1; Philad., vi, 1), but the danger was probably more a memory than a reality. During the rebellion the mass of the Jewish Christians of Palestine retired beyond the Jordan, where they gradually lost touch with the Gentiles and in the course of time split up into several sects. St. Justin (about 140) distinguishes two kinds of Jewish Christians: those who observe the Law of Moses, but do not require its observance of others — with these he would hold communion, though in this all his contemporaries did not agree with him — and those who believe the Mosaic Law to be obligatory on all, whom he considers heretics (Dialogue with Trypho 47).**

Judaizer !!!

A nation before him forever The Bride & the End times

Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea,
And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts *is* His name): “If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, *Then* the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever.”
Jer 31:35,36

- **Notice here the reference to the sun , moon, and the sea which exist forever. In the same way, God sees Israel as a nation before him forever. p23**

Non-replacement
theology!!!

Who then can say that this is legalistic? ½

The inner man and the formation of Christ

However, later on, due to the theological debates about grace, the work of the flesh, and the possibility of legalism, the Church lost such valuable teaching experience. Spiritual discipline include; among others: **regular prayers, fasting, vigil nights of prayers, prostration, being disciplined and taught by the Word of God, receiving spiritual counsel, repentance, searching oneself, obeying the commandments of love and forgiveness.** p81

Who then can say that this is legalistic?2/2

The inner man and the formation of Christ

It was well-known that every spiritual discipline which one follows/observes has dual action; and that is : death and resurrection. This is because it actually connects us with the work of the Cross through the Holy Spirit; bringing to the inner man : the Power of Christ's death which puts the old nature to death; and also the power of Christ's resurrection to release the new nature.

- **Who then can say that is legalistic! p81**

Notes

- Without the sacraments it is legalistic Pelagianism or at best it is Semi-Pelagianism
- When he refuses in the whole book to name a any sacrament which (**specially Baptism and Eucharist**) **are the main means of Grace**, he rejects the Priesthood.
- When he says spiritual counselling and refuses to mention the Sacrament of confession, it opens towards women taking confessions and calling it counselling.

It is Pelagiansim !!!

The Cathars

http://www.cathar.info/cathar_beliefs.htm

Here is an account of how they saw themselves, recorded in 1143 or 1144 by Eberwin, Prior of the Premonstratensian Abbey of Steinfeld writing to [Bernard of Clairvaux \(St Bernard\)](#):

Of themselves they say: "We are the poor of Christ, who have no fixed abode and flee from city to city like sheep amidst wolves, are persecuted as were the apostles and the martyrs, **despite the fact that we lead a most strict and holy life, persevering day and night in fasts and abstinence, in prayers, and in labour from which we seek only the necessities of life.** We undergo this because we are not of this world. But you, lovers of the world, have peace with it because you are of the world. False apostles, who pollute the word of Christ, who seek after their own interest, have led you and your fathers astray from the true path. We and our fathers, of apostolic descent, have continued in the Grace of God and shall so remain to the end of time. **To distinguish between us and you Christ said "By their fruits you shall know them". Our fruits consist in following the footsteps of Christ.**

- (*Sancti Bernardi epistolae*, (letter 472, Everwini Steinfeldensis praepositi ad S. Bernardum) cited by Walter L Wakefield & Austin P Evans *Heresies of the High Middle Ages*, (Columbia, 1991) p. 129.)

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Although opposed to the Cathars, said of them in Sermon 65 on the *Song of Songs*

If you question the heretic about his faith, **nothing is more Christian**; if about his daily converse, nothing more blameless; and what he says he proves by his actions ... As regards his life and conduct, he cheats no one, pushes ahead of no one, does violence to no one. Moreover, his cheeks are pale with fasting; he does not eat the bread of idleness; he labours with his hands and thus makes his living. **Women are leaving their husbands, men are putting aside their wives, and they all flock to those heretics! Clerics and priests, the youthful and the adult among them, are leaving their congregations and churches**

....

It is Catharism !!!

St. Irenaeus

Adv. haer. III.2.2.

But, again, when we refer [the heretics] **to that tradition which originates from the apostles, [and] which is preserved by means of the succession of presbyters in the Churches, they object to tradition, saying that they themselves are wiser not merely than the presbyters, but even than the apostles, because they have discovered the unadulterated truth. For [they maintain] that the apostles intermingled the things of the law with the words of the Saviour; . . . It comes to this, therefore, that these men do now consent neither to Scripture nor to tradition.**

Pietism as an Ecclesiological Heresy

Christos Yannaras, (17th century among Luthran Theologians)

"The Freedom of Morality," Chapter Eight (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, Crestwood, NY: 1984), pp. 119-136

For pietism, salvation **is not primarily the fact of the Church, the theanthropic "new creation" of the body of Christ, the mode of existence of its Trinitarian prototype and the unity of the communion of persons. It is not man's dynamic, personal participation in the body of the Church's communion which saves him despite his individual unworthiness, restoring him safe and whole to the existential possibility of personal universality, and transforming even his sin, through repentance, into the possibility of receiving God's grace and love.** Rather it is primarily **man's individual attainments, the way he as an individual lives up to religious duties and moral commandments and imitates the "virtues" of Christ, that ensure him a justification which can be objectively verified. For pietism, the Church is a phenomenon dependent upon individual justification;** it is the assembly of morally "reborn" [i.e., "born again" --web ed.] individuals, a gathering of the "pure," a complement and an aid to individual religious feeling. p120

It is Pietism !!!

A Word to Every son and
daughter!!!

Dr. Atef Meshreky, 2nd talk [47]

“Encounter with God” retreat, August 2016.

"This is the last point I like to share with you and it is very important. Know about the manhood... manhood. I like to explain as much as I can with this delicate issue. **I think we are in a generation with a special ailment.. special sickness.. special deficiency is all about the real fatherhood and motherhood.** I know many many young men and young women who have been raised in a wonderful family, and their parents are really wonderful parents. But despite all this they have a lot of problems reflecting a lack of receiving the fullness of the fatherhood or motherhood. What is the problem then? The problem is that there's a la... it is not a problem of the parents, because they're doing their best. **But the problem is about the proper understanding of this principle of manhood and fatherhood because they're so connected.** And the other side also **womanhood and God's motherhood. And this is very important principle like a treasure that was lost of the Church of God at some part of the centuries.**

Dr. Atef Meshreky, 2nd talk [47]

“Encounter with God” retreat, August 2016.

Here's the understanding of the early Church. **The early Church teaches** that every person whether a male or a female, a man or woman, is born with a gift of the fatherhood, a dominant fath.. sorry.. I say this of something not yet released, hidden fatherhood or motherhood because of course this fatherhood or motherhood has its time to be released. What's the time? When they have kids, so that they can exercise their fatherhood or motherhood. And what happens usually? The parents will be exciting when they marry, waiting for the kids. And when the kids come they exercise their natural fatherhood and motherhood. And they give all they can give. All care, all love, all needs. Because they're reacting with the new gift, the kids with their natural hidden gift. **Now trying to be released. But this does not work according to the teaching of the early church. Simply because it said no one can really have real fatherhood or motherhood. Only one who have the fatherhood and motherhood, God the father! Because of this the Bible speaks about God sometimes as a father and sometimes as a mother..**

St. Cyprian of Carthage (circa 251 - 256)

On the Unity of the Catholic Church, Chapter 6

The spouse of Christ cannot be defiled; she is uncorrupted and chaste. She knows one home, with chaste modesty she guards the sanctity of one couch. **She keeps us for God; she assigns the children whom she has created to the kingdom.** **Whoever is separated from the Church and is joined with an adulteress is separated from the promises of the Church,** nor will he who has abandoned the Church arrive at the rewards of Christ. He is a stranger; he is profane; he is an enemy. **He cannot have God as a father who does not have the Church as a mother.**

The Spiritual Life and how to be attuned to it

Rule of Prayer

St Theophan the recluse, St Baisius orthodox monastery , 2003

However, one does not have to do many prayers, it is better to perform a small number of prayers properly than to hurry through a large number of prayers, because it is difficult to maintain the heat of prayerful zeal when they are performed to excess. I would consider the morning and evening prayers as set out in the prayer books to be entirely sufficient for you. P191

The Spiritual Life and how to be attuned to it

Obedience to Parents as a preparation to monastic obedience
St. Theophan the recluse, St Baisius orthodox monastery , 2003

What next ! The enemy wanted to make you a nonbeliever; now he is making you a rebel, and against whom? Against your parents....He is driving you from your parents' home in order **to muddle your brain....All is deception.** And now he has arranged to cover you with deception. Cross yourself, if you will, and spit on these counsels of the enemy. P 293

The Spiritual Life and how to be attuned to it

The vow of renunciation of the world

St Theophan the recluse, St Baisius orthodox monastery , 2003

The decision has been pronounced, but now it is necessary to wait patiently as when and how it will be carried out... **Parental blessing is the first condition. You must wait for it.** Wait and pray.

The Lord who instilled such a good intention within you will carry it out Himself in an inconspicuous fashion, and then it will be downhill the rest of the way.. P279

The Spiritual Life and how to be attuned to it

Obedience to Parents as a preparation to monastic obedience

St Theophan the recluse, St Baisius orthodox monastery , 2003

After making the decision to not get married, you have only two ways to leave your parents' home: either you go to a monastery or to the sisters of mercy, one or the other, **WITH THE BLESSING OF YOUR PARENTS THEMSELVES.**

Until one thing or the other has come about, stay at home and endure everything. **Stand before the Lord at this very moment, if you will, sincerely repenting you evil confusion,** and utter the firm decision, **“I will wait, I will bear everything with good cheer, Thy will be done in everything, Lord.”** p294



Saint John Climacus

”He who follows his own ideas in opposition to the direction of his superiors needs no devil to tempt him, for he is a devil to himself.”

Father Dorotheos

**Humility saves us from all
tricks of the enemy...**

**There is nothing stronger than
humility.**

It is A Man-Made
Cocktail of Heresies!!!