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Dear fellow countrymen and countrywomen, I greet you with the words: Praised be Jesus Christ!

In the course of three years of the public life of the Savior, not only the Jewish nation but the bordering nations as well were divided into two camps: namely, the camp of willing listeners and the hungry for the truth. And those were of the first camp. Thirst for truth and beauty and the sublime teachings of Christ allowed them forget about work and hunger and discomfort. Those who belonged to the second camp, did on every occasion scorn the teaching, had hatred and opposition to the teaching which was not heard of before, sometimes hard to figure out. The believing "yes" - the unbelieving "no" for and against the teacher were heard by the priests, the secular overseers and the people. In schools, in the temple, in the forum and in public places, the problem of new religion was the topic of debates, arguments and talks. In times past, it was repeated to that extent that the result was not likeable, sometimes leading to antics and excesses. In current times, the quest for religion did not reach deeply in the life of the nations. A strong, heartfelt and enthusiastic, flaming love and the hatred encountered in religion was the exception. It is found in totalitarian and communistic states. The wide contemporary upper and lower masses called themselves neutral. The economy, politics and commerce went with the second camp the others with the neutrals. Indifference and neutrality in religion paralyzed the modern mind, and so we could confidently say that all powers of the mind are dying. Someone wrote that "to the thoughtful observer the worst sign of a deathly illness is not internal but weak indifference and people's dream state. A cold heart. A weak pulse. Ears hardly hearing. Nerves which are haywire. Who asks if there is a God or not? Is Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of the people? Is the Christian faith the foundation, on which everyone is obliged to build his life? Does Heaven and Hell actually exist? Guesses come as east as walking from the sidewalk into the street and back. Some say: "Why talk about religion, money and bread? Is that what we ought to worry about? Others ask, "What can religion give us? Others more or less comment, "We live and so require food and drink. We need to eat. The stomach is the main thing, on which the life of the world spins. We know very little that pertains to religion, and don't want to know more." The indifference to religion is the bankruptcy of mine and heart. The man who does not want to use his mind loses the right to the nobility of mankind. The heart as well, cannot be indifferent to his mind which gives life to the heart, lifts it up and ennobles it. The heart cannot be indifferent to the truth, which revitalizes the heart, lifts lit up and ennobles it. Now to our talk, entitled:

 THE UNBELIEVING BUG IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE

 In order to have a complete portrait before our eyes of disbelief and to understand well the frightening results which come along with it, it is not sufficient to be satisfied with knowing what they are and how they affect the family and the souls that dwell there. Total disbelief as well as indifference to religion, lowers man from the heights of God and strips him of the beginnings and the goals of the goodness of humanity. Disbelief robs a person of peace, contentment and happiness. The man without faith is a hard rock, cold and insensitive. - A family without faith is a nest of self-love and other non-virtues, grievances and calamities coming from its self-love. The waves of disbelief cannot exist in a single soul nor in the collective beings of a home but its influence floods the society it dwells in. With the precincts of the individual, the family sphere enters into the social sphere. And this according the law of nature. And here, is a major expansion, the most severe losses. The biggest - and nowhere are God and God's laws more needed as they are needed in society. The Creator is the architect and the builder of all. the laws of God are the foundation, the cement that holds together all the building up in society. The Apostles of disbelief are not aware of that. They say, as mentioned before, "I spit on your religion". There is no law except the laws of the Soviets" They started building their society on some kind of tracts, not worth the paper they were written on. They chased God with their own social, political and diplomatic ways. They eliminated God from their kodexes, schools, always and everywhere and to all announcing their atheism, which seemingly is supposed to save people and make them happy but which in reality sends them under the tyrannical and brutal boots and takes away their freedom and not rarely animalizes them. Unbelievable, isn't it! Take a look at this huge nation which has as its banner the hammer and the scythe whose symbolism cut out everything that ties man to God. From this nation, the Eden of the thrown-out God. God is thrown out from the beliefs and customs of the nation. God is thrown out of the public life of the soul. Now add to the hammer and sickle the words "In our nation there is no God." And they talk about morality without religion, of contentment without religion, of peace without religion. In societies without religion, neutral agitators toy with economic issues, strife between labor and capital in terms of labor and management. Those under the pretext of freedom say that religion is private, and there is not familial social or public. With sick minds they plan to create a society without God. It's a thing which is impossible which will go ahead with punishment. Because the doses and injections always come in a morbid state, convulsions, and deadly tremors - the ultimate collapse. In deep and silent thunders one could judge the amount of electricity in the cloud. It is the same by the mixture in a society we can know how much God has been removed from public life. Want some statistics and facts; I will give you some. Place your hand on the heart of a new society and judge whether if it is very sick. It was poisoned with disbelief and is - dying. Her limbs cool down - the same is coming for the heart. The life of a nation is a miracle. Whoever is capable and strong in order for the nation to exist and keep going for years through all the distasteful elements, amidst so many reasons to fall? How do several million people, individuals, contrary to each other, sometimes come together?

 The unity in society cannot be achieved unless there are sacrifices. Where does this sacrifice come from? Count the passions of people and their wants. The poor who have little or nothing but are a hundredfold more from the powerful and the rich; why don't they hit on the magnets, millions of the well-off; why don't the poor rob them? The strong and the rich, why don't they for their own safety lock the poor in camps, prisons to die from hunger as it was in the Soviet Union. Yes, there, the authorities put their underlings in chains, for there is the common man, the worker has as much worth as a wild animal. In a society there are not only the big and the small; the learned and simple, the rich and the poor, at the same time there is the authority and the underlings. There is the law of obedience. There is the law of promulgation and there is obedience. Authority is the government. One hand leans against the right, the other on strength. Whose hand will refrain from hitting the underlings? So that it would not misuse it strength to overpower the other. In opposition, this is the second threat no less startling: the people, their faces shadowed, with eyes it was impossible and horrible at the same time, which will not escape with impunity. They were ired of blind obedience, work, suffering, hunger, insufficiency of food, looking at the governing class, fist with envy, then they murmur and complain and in the end curses and threatens. These two opposing system are ready to battle to the end. Who or what will give the management patience and the respect for the law. Who or what can convince the worker class to respect the authority and obedience to the law? It is the reality. Look around the world. Listen to the news on the radio. Real teachers politicians, and philosophers starting with those from the old times and ending in these times, they see only one solution: The might and care of a understanding God. No nation survives or keeps itself alive without the Providence of God. The great Greek philosopher, Plato, in the fourth century before Christ said: “The truth is important, that unless God did not create Eden, unless he took care of people’s beginning, no one will escape the greatest of misfortunes. Let us strive with the various possible ways to go along with the first establishment of order hoping that what is in man that is everlasting, we ought to build homes and societies giving them the law and the will of the Highest Mind. Because unless the society is built upon history giving them the law as the will of the Highest mind. But if the society is only built on the mind of man only dependent on justice, there is no saving day. It is easy for the remaining people to end a society, but to strengthen or build it anew unless God is at the helm of a governing body and is at the helm. "The most powerful nations in history were deeply imbued with characteristics of religion, of God to make recoup a reality. The nations had some deep religiosity. They had more ability to put in laws and traditions so that they could keep the nation safe with moral standards. Xenofan underlined the fact: Just as the most religious nations were always longest lasting and wise, so too the epoch were and had to be fundamentally had to be religious. It was the way people thought. And indeed, the public generally and necessarily needed to support the need for God. In God and only in God is found the true idea of faith, justice and law; the rational idea of freedom, the goodness and responsibility of man, the idea of the worth of the soul, the idea of obedience, responsibility, virtue, and sacrifice. Without God there is no true justice or rational patriotism. There is however the might to abuse national Chauvenism! Someone wrote: "Take the idea of God away and society will become only a pile of stones without cement, a foolish image, without any foundation. Do not expect that a miracle will keep it from collapsing. Without God, and so without religion laws do not have lasting characteristics, and obligations as well do not have meaning and there is no need of sacrifice. And it doesn't end there because without God and without faith, the passions of man do not have any - limitations; the nation is a beautiful Arabian steed; but how is he bold, if God is not holding his bridle and reins with God directing him. Again, I will share with you some words written by a French author: "I wonder at two miracles on earth. One - an island in the ocean; waves batter it, they battle the land, they rise and roar but always hold themselves back in order not to destroy it. The second miracle I marvel at is the government amidst the passions of mankind; the passions regarding the rich and the poor the citizens and the governing. Pride, envy, ambition, greed, poverty, and suffering. Huge destructive waves which rush, foam and then subside - go away. Why? Because there is a God present in the hearts of men, and a heavenly hope quiet their passion and softens their pain, and the rebellions of the people's souls heed the call: "This far and no further. - As i mentioned: it soothes the hurt because there never was seen a society where there was not seen that did not call for sacrifices so at the base as well as at the top. The farmer sacrifices, gets up early in the morn preparing the soil, otherwise, there would be no bread, and therefore no physical life. The miner descends into the coal mines to rip out the internal element of the earth as well as other treasures. Otherwise there would be no coal, iron or gold; no industrial life. Sacrificing as well is the postal worker, telegraph, telephone, railroad air lines and ships; without these there would be no international life. Judges, officers, lawyers sacrifice in our interests making decisions on our activities and keep us safe. Doctors, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses check on our health and life. These sacrifice: soldiers, marines, pilots in protecting our way of life, our freedoms and democratic practices. The teacher sacrifices, helping us learn and enlightens us. Further: the priest, who reminds us that we should not forget our Go and His teachings through Christ in the midst of our travails. Such is our society - a huge, miraculously beautiful oak built on the sacrifices of many. And that is why society is in need of God, because only God can produce the passion of sacrifice. God can reward of such sacrifice. Only He can protect and further the rules, the government and the public and private traditions and the order in which civilization flourishes. I do not pretend to say that then all will be salutary because society is made up of people who sometimes are not consistent and weak but at least then we will keep in mind and drastic change will be avoided. Religion strengthens these necessary motives and arms people in the right direction. He can remove that which makes society weak. Without force, God can touch all souls; those who govern and those who are citizens, those who dictate and those who listen to the poor and the patient. Through the strong and rational voice of religion personal passion can listen to responsibility, and a greater spirituality takes place of material might and presents Christian freedom soaked in love and mutual respect. The poor will not envy the rich, and the uneducated man envy those educated. The people will not only refrain from fighting the authority but will listen to it, respect it an love it. The authority will be concerned about the various issues and strive to work for the good of the citizenry and be proud of the contentment, peace, and the shape of the society. This is the true, normal state of society of which religion is the underpinning and solid rock. Religion is the mother of sacrifice and virtue. It is true also that personal interest, the obligation toward people, the feeling of honor, can be the source of sacrifice and virtue, but these are not as sturdy, are temporal and changeable and sooner or later the society starts to dim in its determination and dies in its weakness. If you again buttress the society on playfulness, indulgence and overuse of resources, then your society will die not from weakness but from gangrene. Permit me to explain a bit further. About a century ago there was an effort made to supplant religion with personal interest. There was a bit too much assigned to human reason. One thing is in fact, one of the great in acting - generally. Even for the great soul, another thing to spend one once in exceptional circumstances, by reason of obligation, and another dedicate yourself incessantly in a thousand circumstances of small, hidden, unknown details to anyone. There the social man, this mass, this general populace, needs to give thoughtfulness and patience to the victims and by obedience, they gave you what? Your own interest!!! And that was too little, , without a break, working hard, is in the interest of the individual. And so Paraciol reiterates: "To bear willfully, the inequality of states, work by hand; poverty in order to prevent anarchy, to go to your death on the field of battle in order to protect your fellow citizens and their progeny from the loss of the nation - these are efforts of understanding and deeds of a heroic spirit, to which people's nature rarely is up to it. People who are good citizens, because they either feel it their obligation or obedient to the law not because they fear authority but by understanding of the general condition are not generally included in order to protect the society but give it their best. The obligation of the people and the individual interest doesn't give the society enough impetus. A society, I say for the tenth time needs obedience to succeed, the willingness and the sacrifices they make. The feeding is not only sufficient but is unhealthy. Because, why suffer all the time, always work, always be obedient, unless it doesn't have the hope for permanence.? Where does responsibility come from if it does not have a conscience? And where does a conscience come from if not from God? Christ said, "Blessed those who mourn" but added immediately "for they shall be comforted" and "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" and "Blessed are those who suffer persecution for the sake of justice, for theirs is the heavenly kingdom." You throw out the phrase, "Blessed" - "they will receive mercy" - "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" and you wish the people to retain the word, "Blessed!" You have people who are not only naive but dull as well. Personal interest not only is unable to give society sustenance, but lowers the soul, kills character, and chokes the feeling of morality, because it feeds the idea that his personal interest are his own interest all the time and that he could allow himself anything he wants and that he will escape any kind of justice because he thinks he will escape being caught or being punished. And that creates a confusion, lowering of character, a disorder in souls, despite having external disorder." "Honor" generally "honor" by definition from the past is understood as the pillar of society. Someone maintains that "honor - is the motor of the social structure.” I doubt that honor will go too far. I am convinced that such a motor on the way will stick and get stuck unless fuel, petrol and gasoline are derived from religion and lubricants and oil will flow from the religion. Honor lives in conscience which is at the same time the tabernacle of God. If honor lives together with God, then it is a lofty virtue and noble. However, if it lives in the conscience, from which God is isolated then it doesn't mean very much. As the social engineer thinks: "With the general fracture of faith, what of the holy remains? What is there that remains that could take the hands of nobility? Apart from the pleasure in the prosperity and brilliant luxury, there is nothing to see on the surface. It would seem that self-love swallowed up everything. Those even who are trying to save the souls of the brave, plunge into the waves, and think they are close to drowning. How many them kneel on their knees? People live and die without thinking of God. Our century realizes that that’s the way it is and would want to change it, but cannot. He looks at himself grimly. Combine as of old, honor, virtue and religion; you will save and you will make the world a happier place. But if you leave out religion, and leave out her companion, virtue, what do you have left? Consequently, what does honor mean when you have no conscience? What, then, is honor for the hoard of common citizens? Or what is it for more educated people, in certain affairs and events? We all know, how much meanness can remain despite man’s honor. In a recent book, man as hero, not having religion, or conscience, or God. What was left for him was honor. He hung on to it, praised it and judged it be sufficient for him. He called out in a confident voice: “I don’t have the insanity of the Cross; I do have the folly of honor!” And so that’s the way it is: he believed too much, a bit too much! That highly praised honor, did not keep him from seducing his best friend’s wife, or driving his friend to death from emotional suffering, or lowering himself in constant dissipation, or finally ending his miserable life by taking it. If laws, as much as they agree with the dictates of conscience, is generally respected; if the soldier is obedient under his flag and still is faithful, if the Kaiser respects the common treasury, if man carries out his public responsibilities as well is his social obligations, and his honor is tied to his relationship with God. How does society fare when it has no religion, leans on honor, which endured without religion? The following write up is mine. “We see at times a tree very close to a stream and heavily damaged by time, its root system torn apart; the inside core is still hanging on and its sap still cruising through it. Every year it still is green; despite the harm it carries on in its life, but the question is: “How long?” No one can answer this question. The new society is rotten internally, despite the core is somewhat strong and trying to keep the life going. What is its problem? What does it need? But its core is now beginning to rot. Some kind of unexplained power is at work. From this stage onward the effort to save it is slim. Not only good citizens are disturbed, but a panic ensues. Nations suffer, and as a result there exists a quiet fear, spreading itself everywhere to dissatisfaction from all sides which cannot be eliminated. There is some pressing need coming upon the scene and no one can explain why. The need cries out, it begws, and demands peace. The needs are not materialistic but moral. Christianity had given society a moral order, which is the total truth in every undertaking. According to these truths the society were organized and lived in the moral organization. Ages past, the nations kept that organization. Ages passed and it was inured into a functional society. An emptiness occurs. There is an urgency in the hearts of the people. They all know their obligations and what has to be carried out and if they are not carried out, we could be sure that the society will be in a sorry shape and no human power can bring back the peace. It will slowly indicate that there is a moral problem. It indicates the disenchantment in the society and unless there is found a solution to the moral dilemma there will be social dissatisfaction. Unless there is someone who could turn the society around there will be no lasting peace. There will be no way to bring back the peace nor will anyone be able to replace the causes of the degradation. Nations who don’t pay attention to these needs; and so the fixes are thought to come from some material resources: some from established forms of government or laws which are purely material solutions but they do not make the true solutions present to mind. But governments who do not know where the spiritual sources are for they have long left the thought of them. The entity is not material but in the spiritual vein…Godness must come into the solution. Why wonder about the helplessness of the government? Hence, what occurs is one monster and freak even in societies of the present century, namely: excessive centralization in the hands of government. It is a real and substantial parasite on society bodies. Since the missing of the bond of religion and morals, it is necessary to replace it with something that these million of minute wills in societal framework need . There is no faith, for it is the government’s yoke - heavy, steel, unbearable. It is a historical fact that the collapse of religion as always, without exception, is the pressure of increased governmental, administrative issues. The site presents the possibility to cite a speech, a lovely speech of Cortes in two positions. It starts from the thesis which shows that there are only two kinds of power: one internal, the other external, one religious, the other political; explains the law governing them, that is, that if the religious authority thermometer drops , while the thermometer political power thermometer rises and - vice versa. With a history book in hand, there is merit to equate all centuries. It shows that in the old days there were only tyrants and slaves, and here, where on the contrary, with increasing religious thermometer - all freedom flourishes. This leads finally to the modern times and proves how with continuous reduction of the religion of the thermometer, the thermometer of the oppression of political terror rises constantly and continuously. "Forward," it says, "the kingdom becomes absolute. Then the solid army shows up and a million hands to defend society. And because religious thermometer still falling, the law said to itself: we million hands thought it sufficient but that did not suffice. More millions of eyes to spy on society and form the secret police thugs and spies, whose help is needed where the slightest movement is recorded so that the message reaches the authorities.. The religious thermometer fell, and the political thermometer had to rise at the same rate. The religious thermometer stood at zero, a so the political thermometer had to head for tyranny. The government said: we do not have enough that we have millions to keep the people counted there are millions eyes to spy, million ears to hear; we must have propaganda to get young people” and so on and so on. Half of the nation’s people are guarding the nation so that the other half would not eat up the other half. And now one of two things, either the reaction of the religious portion will occur or not. If it occur the religious thermometer with rise, the political will go down, quietly an naturally. The religious thermometer, since it rose produces the tyrannical response.” And so, in the countries where the religious influence is very little, the societies fall sacrificially to the tyrants and to the boots and iron hand of the despots. When Christian principals prevailed there was harmony. There was little need of governing with force. There is now no middle ground. Private and public tyranny is the result of centralization of the government and the pressure is on the social structure and no religion to hold it back. Hence the swastika, the hammer and sickle, atrocities, inhumanities. Pagans and barbarians who make tools to take place of the cross. Love, Peace, Happiness! (To be continued next Sunday!)