

“What do Y’ALL do out there ALL DAY?”

No one on earth knows precisely what it means to “seek God” until he, himself, has set out to find Him. No man can tell any other what the search for God really means unless the other has first been given some spark of grace by the Holy Spirit. Until there is a gift of grace, one cannot hear the whisperings of the Holy Spirit speaking ever so softly within his own heart. To bring this search into terms that might be somewhat understood, it might be said that no one can seek God unless he has already begun to find Him, and no one can begin to find God without having first been found by Him. Let it be known that God will not make any effort to bring anyone up into His Divine Bosom, if He does not find in him a genuine wish to be there. And so, God finds — if we wish to be found. A monk is a man who, because of grace working in him, has wished to be found, and therefore seeks. Because he seeks, he has been found.

Most people completely misunderstand the purpose of monks and nuns. This might be due to the fact that most people completely misunderstand the purpose and reason for prayer. Today, it might be said, there are many monks and nuns who are misunderstanding the basic purposes for their religious existence. These monks and nuns should stop to re-evaluate the reason that led them to join the life of religious people in the first place. The mind of modern man often loses sight of the place of the Divine. The mind of man today is cluttered with activity, achievement, pleasure and self-love: prayer and seclusion are not part of the thinking of modern man. Take away prayer from the life of a monk, or of a nun, and you remove the reason — ALL THE REASON — for the existence of monasteries or convents or any religious institute.

Today, the monk and the nun have the same obligation of prayer as they have always had, but this obligation is not for them alone. The obligation of prayer is on the shoulders of every man! For the monk and the nun, the obligation of prayer is much greater, and they must work to preserve the necessity of prayer as a benefit to the entire human race. The man that is about to step across the line into the next Millenium has forgotten all about prayer. Such a man is so intoxicated with his hedonistic way of life, and so overcome with the evil of all evils — MODERNISM — that he has put aside every thought of a Divine Maker. Modernism is not to be confused with being modern and keeping up with changing times. Modernism is a way of life; it is an evil way of life because it attempts to wipe out — all together — every dependence on a Supreme God, and it teaches man to be — all together — dependent only on himself, and responsible only to himself — or perhaps to society. If a man does something out of order, it is a crime against his