

DEADLY SICKNESS

Our age suffers from a sad and deadly sickness: coldness towards God and all that is supernatural! Our age suffers from the cause of this deadly sickness – it suffers from a church that has ostracized the supernatural and almost all that is sacred. In the absence of that which is supernatural, is it any wonder that modern man – modern catholic man – rushes senselessly hither and thither until death overtakes him? Is it any wonder that the tyranny of sin rules the hearts and minds of today's man – the man of the Third Millennium? Even though man wrestles to free himself from his trials and disappointments and adversities; even though he struggles to present his children with what he calls "the good life", he – the Man of the New Millennium – the Millennium of New Hope – is helplessly falling headlong into despair! Man falls into despair because there is no one to wipe away the tears of his sorrow and sin; when there is no one that he can turn to in safety. But there are those, even yet, who will insist that this presentation is an example of pure negativism; those who continue to insist that the only way to conquer our present problems is to look and see and feel positive about them. Isn't that what we have been doing?

The world was made for prayer. Not until we, as a race of people return to a wholesome fear of God – being nourished by a solid foundation of genuine prayer, will any of us be able to breathe again! □

