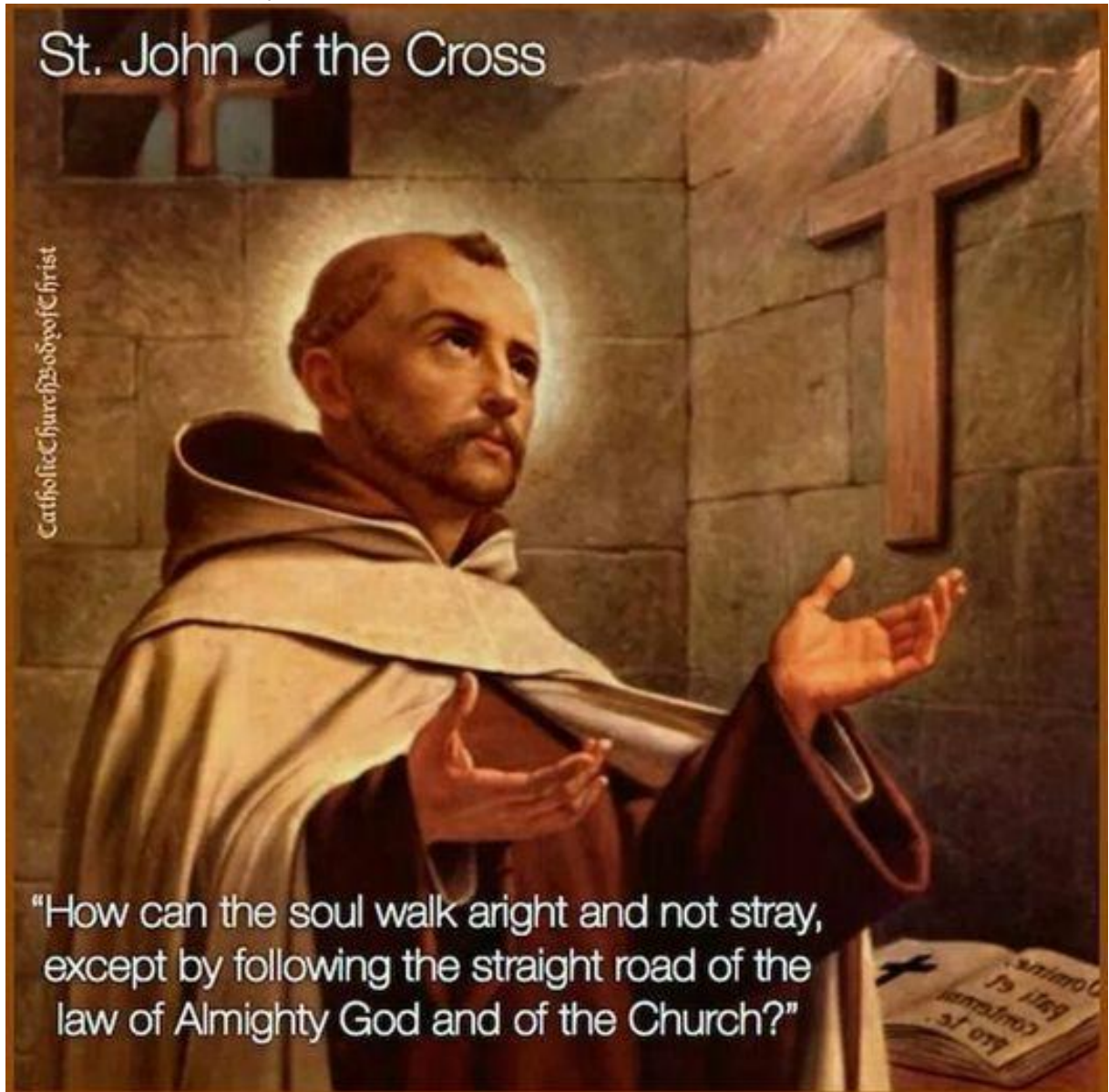


devotion, "United to The Father with The Obedient Son" by Saint John of The Cross, "The Mystical Doctor" (1542 - 1591 AD)



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The Bride of The Divine SONG OF SONGS, longing for union with The Divinity of The Word her Bridegroom, asked The Father: "Show me where You Pasture and where You rest at midday [SONG OF SONGS 1:7]

In requesting Him to disclose His Place of Pasture, she wanted Him to reveal the essence of The Divine Word, His Son. For The Father does not pasture anywhere else than in His Only Son, for The Son is The Glory of The Father.

And in begging that He show her His Place of Rest, she was asking to see That Same Son. The Son is The Only Delight of The Father, Who rests nowhere else nor is present in any other than in His Beloved Son.

He rests wholly in His Son, communicating to Him His Essence at midday, which is eternity, where He ever Begets Him and has Begotten Him...

It should be known that The Word, The Son of GOD, together with Father and The HOLY SPIRIT, is hidden by His Essence and His Presence in the innermost being of the soul.

Individuals who want to find Him should leave all things through affection and will, enter within themselves in deep recollection, and let all things be as though not.

Saint Augustine, addressing GOD in "the Soliloques," said:

<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/170301.htm>

"I did not find You without, Lord, because I wrongly sought You without, Who were within." GOD, then, is hidden in the soul and there the good contemplative must seek Him with love...

Oh, then, soul, most beautiful among all creatures, so anxious to know The Dwelling Place of Your Beloved so you may go in search of Him and be united with Him, now we are telling you that you yourself are His Dwelling and His secret inner room and hiding place.

There is reason for you to be elated and joyful in seeing that all your good and hope is so close as to be within you, or better, that you cannot be without Him.

"Behold," explains The Bridegroom, "The Kingdom of GOD is within you." [LUKE 21:17] And His servant the Apostle Saint Paul declares: "You are The Temple of GOD." [II CORINTHIANS 6:16]" \*

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"Dark Night of The Soul"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Uu0M7Rlj8s>

\*["United to The Father with The Obedient Son." Saint John of The Cross. The Magnificat, 12/14/2021 AD. Meditation of the day, p 192-193.]