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With or Without God?
Spirituality and Conjugal Relationships

If it is true that every human being asks for spirituality, it is equally true that to such a quest we give inadequate answers. We should keep as a reference the golden rule: “Do to do onto others what you would like done onto you”. It alludes to a familiar relational humanism that corresponds to the desire to build satisfactory relationships in order to realize the civilization of love. Also dealing with this universal topic, these authors want to address the subject with particular references to couples. Looking at the positive side of this requirement, these pages take into consideration the richness of every human being free from the alternative “laicism or religiosity”.

Against what has been propheted in the Seventies regarding “God’s death” and the “eclipse of sacred world”, quest for spirituality is still alive today. Public opinion registers a renewed attention towards all that “speaks about God”, although mixed with syncretism and often in contrast with religious traditions. The authors want to stress the positive side of this spiritual search that unites all people of good will.

Is it possible for each person to live good relationships with friends and make experiences of a pure spirituality of love and fidelity? Is it possible for a couple, and how, to live a spiritual experience, even if wife and husband are non believers?

“Attilio Danese and Giulia Paola Di Nicola propose an itinerary of reflection on a sort of lay spirituality that faces challenges of different steps of human life. The Holy Spirit’s light is spread for believers and for non believers, Christians and non Christians, who are sensible and capable of dialogue. There are many universal values to share, to deepen and improve upon in order to built a world capable of unity and respect of differences”.

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What is, in fact, at the same time lay and divine as mutual love?

It is true that being open to the other, making of one’s own life a gift, respecting differences, couples can offer a strong vocational testimony of living life as a mutual gift within their relationships.

Picking up every positive and real search of truth as well, authors value the positive sense of every gesture of attention towards the next one, of every sincere quest for spirituality. Particularly meaningful is the analysis of the implicit shapes of God’s love, that speeding up to a real human realization, they address also towards God: love and respect for nature, hush in the uproar of a consumer’s society, respect of friendship, cures for children, marital fidelity, compassion, active solidarity, suffering, listening of one’s conscience, attention to events, and loss of prestige. The authors strongly emphasize Christ’s accent on compassion and on charity towards the neediest as a key that unites the family of fellows of Gospel all over the world. For those who are believers or not in God, for those who practice religion or not, it is on love that everyone will be judged.

This is a book that helps us to “fly high” free from integralism and from atheism.
<http://www.scuolaspiritualita.it/libre46.html>

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