

up with him. Philip did not cajole him to take up and read. And those who read the Scriptures are reading a book entirely different from any other book precisely because they have the authoritative support of the Word of God, in his Mystical Body the Church, to open their minds to the inner meanings and mysteries. What they read and understand is for life; it deepens their living faith and so pervades the whole of their being. In this way do they acquire a supernatural outlook which cannot be wrested from them by the spirit of the world; for whereas 'the world' has plenty of plans and -isms to compete with the social teaching of the Church, it has nothing to compete with the gift of wisdom or the life of faith. And the world must be presented with nature and reason transformed by grace, elevated to the new level of the supernatural, where the sacred gestures of prayer and penance are unassailable, because life there is mostly hidden, revealing like the bergs of ice in the Atlantic only a fraction of their total expanse. In order to feed the starving today, therefore, men need this secret, mysterious bread which will generate the life of the Gospels into their hearts. They need the mysterious bread of the Word revealed and the mysterious bread of the Word enfleshed. Both are the essential food of souls. EDITOR.

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