

We can endorse the words of the publisher's notice: 'Seldom can a work of spirituality have been so soaked in theology'. Withal there is a redolence of piety running through the whole, true piety, a tender and loving intuition of the Fatherhood of God, an appreciation of all that is implied in this name of 'Father', seeing in it all that Jesus revealed: 'the goodness, the mercy, and the loving-kindness of him who wishes to grant us a share in his life and make us really and truly his sons'.

It is this spirit of filial piety towards God as the 'living Father' which is so much needed by souls today, adrift as they are without help or hope in a seemingly meaningless maelstrom of existence. The loss of the realisation of God's fatherly care and providence has had its logical outcome in the loss of belief in God's very existence. From the stern and terrible God of the Jansenists to the abstract and absentee God of the philosophers was only a step in the inevitable evolution which has led to the godless movement of today. Only when men again become aware that they have a Father in heaven who loves them, and whose kindly providence protects their lives, and who out of pure mercy seeks to adopt them as sons, only then will it be possible to lead them back along the road which has taken them so far from God. Mgr Guerry's book will be of priceless value in encouraging Christians to turn again to contemplate the true revelation of the Father as unfolded by our Lord in His earthly life and teaching, and, having done so, to pass on the great message:
For the Father himself loveth you.

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DAVID, FIGURE DU CHRIST, par J. Beaurin.

AMEN, par A.-M. Roguet, O.P.

LA PREFACE DE LA MESSE, par H.-Ch. Chéry, O.P.

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EXTRACTS

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI and Charles de Foucauld are compared by Professor Deleaux in the September issue of *Vita Cristiana* (Florence).

Both have souls that are essentially Christocentric. The son of Piero Bernardone was immersed in the mystery of Christ: surely no other saint imitated as did he the life and sufferings of Christ, and