



RESPONSIBILITY In the harbor, where both great ships and small pleasure craft berth, there is a warning. Plain for all to see is a sign which reads, "Slow! You Are Responsible For Your Own Wake!"

It is the rule of the sea that a ship is responsible for its own wake. A large ship going full speed would play havoc with smaller craft and with the shore installations. The rule is that you must not make waves which could prove hazardous to others. Despite time and cost, even the largest freighters must slow down.

Our society has a way of looking up to people who make waves. We are inwardly impressed by those who "make it." And that often makes us indifferent to those injured by the waves that are made.

The early church practiced a total sense of community, allowing all things to be held in common. And none were needy. None were left to flounder in another's wake.

I LOVE YOU MY BORTHER, WHOEVER YOU ARE - WHETHER YOU WORSHIP IN YOUR CHURCH, KNEEL IN YOU TEMPLE OR PRAY IN YOUR MOSQUE. YOU AND I ARE ALL CHILDREN OF ONE FAITH, FOR THE DIVERS PATHS OF RELIGION ARE FINGERS OF THE LOVING HAND OF ONE SUPREME BEING, A HAND EXTENDED TO ALL, OFFERING COMPLETENESS OF SPIRIT TO ALL, EAGER TO RECEIVE ALL.

Our Father...

*You cannot say the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "I"
You cannot say the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "My"
Nor can you pray the Lord's Prayer
And not pray for one another
For when you ask for daily bread
You must include your brother
For others are included in each and every plea
From beginning to the end of it
It does not once say "Me."*

Sometimes, when I go to mass and I'm there alone, I think "Does anyone care what I did with my life? In church I feel like standing up and asking everyone, "Do you want to know what I did with my life?"