

For God-believing readers who may not be Christians

If there is truth in this book then it must be true universally; beyond religion, and so including many who believe in and worship God; but not in a Christian way. My hope is that anyone who for whatever reason has not been exposed to Christianity, will be able to relate to the journey presented here something is true, relating it to God in his own way. The journey described in this book is for all men to travel because every man is a beloved son of God, and meant to live their life as a man of God.

It would have been wrong for me to leave Jesus out. I would be watering down the truth; because it is Jesus who reveals that we are all the beloved sons and daughters of a heavenly Father. The creator of the universe is not an impersonal force or energy; but a person, and that perfect person is love, and can only love. The message of this book, that you have been created out of love, your are loved as a beloved son is no less true for you just because you have been raised in another faith. I also believe that all sincere seekers of truth will find no obstacle in Jesus.

If there is a reason you still believe in God; but have been turned off by Christian or Catholic churches, I understand that. I have no less respect for you. I also invite you to never let any human weakness turn you away from community. We grow into our spirituality in the company of men. We die when we attempt to go it alone. Allowing human weakness to turn you off is understandable; but no one has the right to turn you away from Jesus beloved family. We are all sinners, every single one of us is imperfect, and we all need the love of God. Refrain from judgment, it will give you no peace, will not cause you to grow any deeper into the love of God.

### The Catholic way

Just as no sincere seeker of truth will find no obstacle in Jesus; he will not find any obstacle in the expression of faith that resides in the only expression of following Jesus that can trace its roots to Jesus Himself and the apostles that Jesus appointed to continue His work in this world. The Catholic Church is the only church (family of believers) not created by men, it was established by Jesus Himself and he promised to be with it until the end of time.

Catholics believe:

- 1-that the only savior is Jesus Christ
- 2- no good works can earn salvation
- 3-the ends do not justify the means
- 4-that supernatural power is real and is available to human beings

There are really not many things that distinguish the Catholic expression of Christianity from others; but they are important

1- Catholics take Jesus at His word, that when He said at the last supper when he took the bread "this is my body", He literally meant it. The Eucharist is the bread that has become Jesus: His Body, blood, soul and divinity. He is literally present and when he is received and adored in His presence in the Eucharist. There is great spiritual power that a man can receive in Jesus present in the Eucharist.

2- Catholics believe that God's power is greater than anything in his created universe, and that his love can flow through this world. All the sacraments are literally portals of divine love

3- Catholics believe that when Jesus said to Peter "upon this rock I will build my Church" that He meant for there to be a specific leader for His family, as they would journey through human history.

4- Catholics love and respect, but do not worship Jesus' Mother Mary. Mary is not equal to God, she is a creature. Catholic men consider Mary a role model, even though obviously she is a female. This is because of the greatest thing she did: she gave human flesh to Jesus. This is what every man has the opportunity to do while he is alive. Through his life he can give Jesus a body that He can love through.