

True discipleship to Christ is exemplified by our readiness to take the cross and follow him (Matt. 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23, 14:27). Christ through his own example has shown us the way by ascending the Cross on the Golgotha. He showed us the way of the cross to be full with hardship, trials and tribulations but similarly he showed us this way to be a way of endurance, love, compassion and sacrifice for other humans like us.

The way of the cross requires from us an existential decision, and the Lord Jesus Christ knocking at the door of our hearts waits for a response from us to enter. But first of all we have to clear our inner room in order to make it a habitable place for Christ and the Holy Spirit to pitch His tent. We cannot commit ourselves mentally to the Cross if we do not take an existential decision from within and relinquish our material and egotistic attachments to this transient and material world. This precondition is unavoidable if we are going to commit ourselves and follow the command of Christ, 'Take your Cross and follow me'

The way of the Cross requires a total commitment to God and our fellow human beings. 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.... And you shall love your neighbour as yourself' (Matt. 22:37, 39). Whenever we cross ourselves with our three fingers representing the Holy, One and Inseparable Trinity, we must remind ourselves that we must love God with all our mind (the finger touching the forehead), also with all our might (the shoulders) with heart and soul (the chest), and consequently show this love to our fellow human beings. Thus, signing ourselves with the sign of the cross, can always remind us of the foremost commandment of Jesus. When we pray verbally or silently, it is our mind and heart that prays, but when we cross ourselves it is our body that prays.

We must always show our allegiance to Christ publicly, before other humans by exemplary character and lifestyle, and privately, by prayer and meditation so that we may become capable to draw away evil thoughts, influences or even powers by drawing on us the blessed sign of the cross. We can only be recognized as the sheep of Christ, by being signed by the sign of the Cross. Indeed, as humans stamp their sign on their cattle, thus proclaiming ownership, so also we were owned or were claimed ownership by Christ at our baptism, when we were stamped by his sign of the cross. Thus, we belong to our master Jesus Christ; let us keep this sign of cross intact on us and demonstrate to others that we belong to Christ.

Through His suffering on the Cross and Resurrection, Christ gave birth to the Church, from whose womb at our baptism we are born as Christians and children of God. Thus the Church sustains us as our spiritual mother and the Cross guides us in this life as a member of Christ's flock.

May God grant us the grace and the gifts through His Holy Spirit so that we become empowered to perform the deeds of the Cross and walk in the ways of righteousness and be worthy to be true disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ for life everlasting. Amen.

1. The first part of the document is a letter from the author to the editor, dated 10/10/1954. The letter discusses the author's interest in the subject of the journal and the author's previous work in the field. The author mentions that he has been working on this subject for some time and that he has found some interesting results. He also mentions that he has been thinking about writing a paper on this subject for some time and that he is now ready to do so. The author concludes the letter by expressing his hope that the editor will find the paper interesting and that he will be pleased to receive the editor's comments.

2. The second part of the document is the paper itself, which is titled "The Role of the State in Economic Development". The paper discusses the role of the state in economic development and the author's views on this subject. The author argues that the state has a crucial role to play in economic development and that it should be involved in a wide range of activities, including the provision of infrastructure, the regulation of markets, and the provision of social services. The author also discusses the importance of the state in the development of the private sector and the role of the state in the development of the public sector. The paper concludes by arguing that the state has a crucial role to play in economic development and that it should be involved in a wide range of activities, including the provision of infrastructure, the regulation of markets, and the provision of social services.

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