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SAVE THE WORLD

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The *Panagia* [Mother of God] *Megalochare* ["Great in Grace"]  
Holy Monastery of the Barnakoba (built in 1077),  
Evpalion, Phokis, Greece



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**Question:** What will save the world? Revolution or love?

**Answer:** The revolution of compassionate love will save the world!

*Love is revolutionary,*

- ♦ when it has as its Source our God, Who is Love;
- ♦ when it begins from within us, from hearts filled with compassion and sympathy;
- ♦ when it reckons it inconceivable that we should remain apathetic and unmoved in the face of worldwide calamity;
- ♦ when it is expressed without regard to social class, sex, color, nationality, race, borders, ideology, or religion;
- ♦ when it constantly impels us to depart from the narrow confines of our selves, in order to encounter our brother and to attain with him to the House of the Father, to our God;
- ♦ when it reminds us that we have no right to be happy alone, but that we must, throughout our lives and in every way, bestow upon our beleaguered brother the kiss of life, of joy, and of hope ;
- ♦ when it courageously overcomes stinginess, grumbling, complaining, and pusillanimity, sacrificing itself nobly and munificently for the dignity of another, whoever he may be.

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- ◆ “It is together that we must be saved.
- ◆ It is together that we must rise up to the Good God.
- ◆ It is together that we are to appear before Him.
- ◆ May we not encounter Him separated one from another.
- ◆ It is together that we must all return to the House of our Father.
- ◆ And again to think a little about others, for each to labor a little for the other.
- ◆ What would God say to us if we returned to Him separated from others?”

*(Charles Péguy, †1914)*

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I had a dream:

A man appeared before God’s tribunal.

“Thou seest, O my God,” said he, “that I have kept Thy law. I have not done anything disgraceful or impious. O Lord, my hands are clean.”

“Yes, indeed,” the Good God replied to him, “but they are empty.”

*(Raoul Follereau)*

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When we appear before the Judge  
on the dreadful Day of Judgment, He will ask us only the following:  
“Are you alone? Where are the others?”

*(Father Nicholas Loudobikos)*

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Happiness is the only thing that you are assured of  
having when you give it.

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Reflections on a visit (fourth time) to the  
Prisons of Amphissa, Phokis  
and a pilgrimage to the Holy Monastery of the *Panagia* of Barnakoba  
(eleventh century), in the area of the town of Evpalion,  
approximately 45 minutes east of Navpaktos.

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