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It's always so wonderful to see so many of you again on these Sundays, when we gather and worship. As your minister, I try to guide you on the path to salvation.

As you know, in our Church we come from fear.

That is our watchword. When we experience the impulse to step out on the stage of deep commitment, we pull back. We sense the danger. This we all understand.

When the lockdowns were ordered last year, we closed our doors. We avoided risk. We prayed online. Not long ago, when the mandates were announced, we complied.

Out in public, we obey the rules.

We are a branch of the State. We respect things of this world.

We will never challenge Earthly authority on behalf of God.

Religion is dead.

I'm not talking about God or the independent individual. I'm talking about organized religion.

Over the past year, there have been many occasions...after gargantuan rulings from the State, during this false

pandemic...when you would HAVE THOUGHT religious leaders and their congregations would come forward, in great numbers, to TAKE A STAND.

Declare their allegiance to God. Refuse to obey the restrictions against life, against work, against freedom, against worshipping together.

But except for a few scattered cases, no. Nothing happened.

Silence. Meek silence.

Well, I have a new religion. The old religion.

It's called FAITH.

Faith that leads you to do SOMETHING.

Religion is dead because the leaders are dead. They let people in the doors of the churches and then pacify them and isolate them and put them in a bubble. If the leaders preached RESISTANCE, the people coming in the door would be more RELIGIOUS. The air would clear. There would be FIRE in the room.

Trying to reform modern Churches would be like trying to turn a banker into a pilgrim journeying long and far to a sacred shrine.

I've never been satisfied with the phrase, THY WILL BE DONE. If he's God, His will is already being done. And if it isn't, then the faithful themselves need to be doing something. So why are they presenting the phrase in the passive voice? Why aren't they saying, WE WILL DO YOUR WILL?

And the answer is, they would rather sit in Church.

Now we have parents across America going into school board meetings to protest, among other oppressions, the vaccine mandate.

I'm sure many of these parents are religious. If they've gotten part of that religion from their churches, they've taken it outside and made something out of it.

And the Attorney General of the United States has declared war on them, calling them potential terrorists. Now this I understand. The State is baring its teeth. The State is revealing its true character.

And the parents are standing up against that.

The Churches should have been doing this all along.

But they've sold themselves.

Try to imagine what the Pope, with all his influence over a billion worshippers, could have said when the lockdowns and mandates were declared.

Imagine a Pope with youth, vitality, passion, an outgoing man, stirring the ashes, finding hot coals, and building them into a conflagration, setting his Church against the Earthly State.

This is why the Cardinals pick old men to be their leader.

Is there a Church anywhere, in which people of the flock have risen up and thrown out their pastor, because he is of insufficient moral strength?

I'm not talking about mundane scandals. I'm referring to POWER. The power to set things right. To re-establish the

mandatory chasm between Faith and the Secular.

Has any congregation dismissed its leader for failing to do THAT?

This is called a clue. The accountability finally falls on the congregation.

As I write this, I've been told 4500 police officers in Chicago have refused to log in and report their vaccination status, violating the deadline set by the fascist mayor of the city.

Now this sounds like the sort of thing church congregations should be doing.

Resisting. Drawing a line in the sand.

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

When the leaders of a congregation are the money changers and the merchants and the assets and the partners of the secular state, it falls to the congregation to throw them out.

-As an act of renewing faith, and directing faith where it should go.

Otherwise, the congregation is a collective of fear and blindness.

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