

Each of us is here for a purpose.

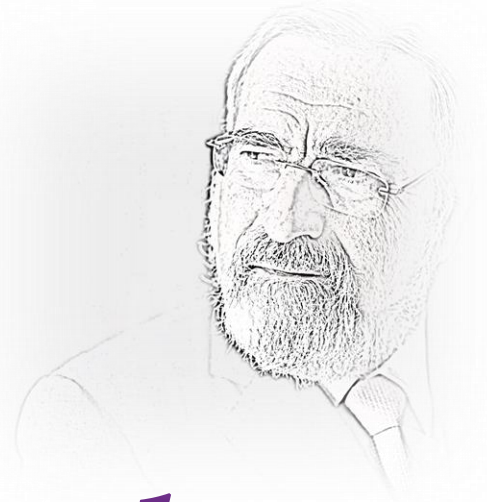


*Discerning our purpose takes time and honesty,
knowledge of ourselves and knowledge of the world, but
it is there to be discovered. Each of us has a unique
constellation of gifts, an unreplicated radius of
influence, and within that radius, be it as small as a
family or as large as a state, we can be a transformative
presence.*





*Where what we want to do
meets what needs to be done,
that is where God wants us
to be.*



*Even the smallest good deed
can change someone's life.*

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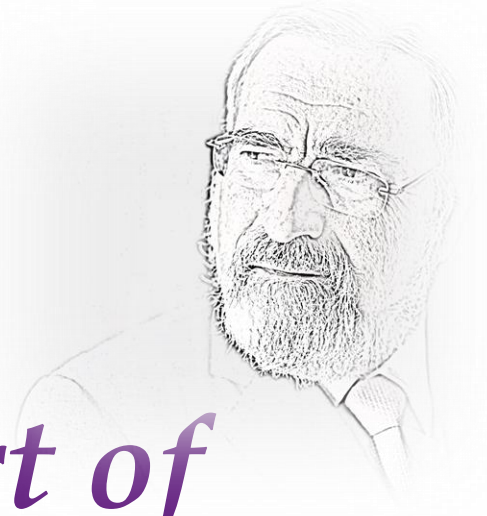
*It is not the honours we
receive that matter, but the
honour we give.*



*What counts is not how
much wealth we make but
how much of what we have,
we share.*



*Those who spend at least part of
their lives in service of others
are the most fulfilled and
happiest people I know.*



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*There is no greater gift we can
give our children than to let
them see us sacrifice something
for the sake of an ideal.*



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Religions reach their highest levels when they stop worrying about other people's souls and care, instead, for the needs of their bodies.



*No religion that persecutes
others is worthy of respect, nor
one that condemns others,
entitled to admiration.*



*We honour the world God
created and called good by
searching for and praising the
good in others and the world.*

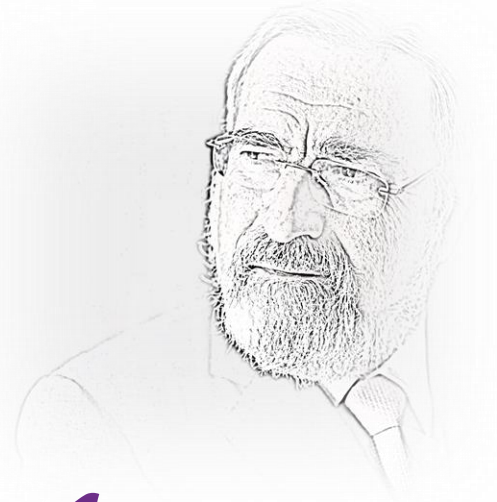
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Nothing is gained by less-than-ethical conduct. We may gain in the short-term but we will lose in the long, and it is the long-term that counts.



*Moral health is no less
important to the quality of a
life than physical health.*



*A word of praise can give
meaning to someone's life.*

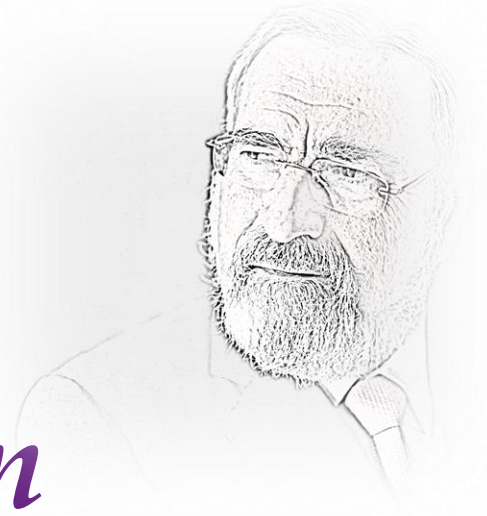


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*When we put others down,
we diminish ourselves;
lifting others, we lift
ourselves.*



*That the world is a book in
which our life is a chapter, and
the question is whether others,
reading it, will be inspired.*



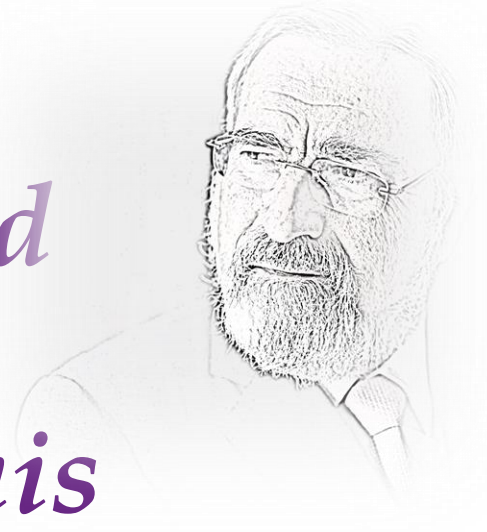
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*Each day is a question
asked by God to us.*

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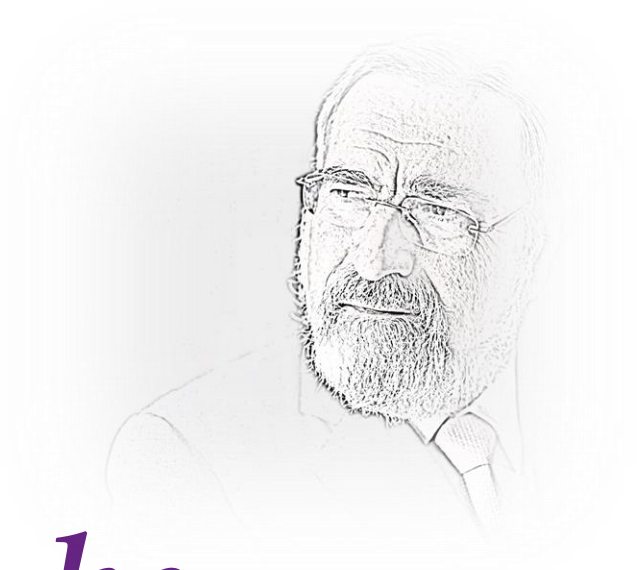
Each situation in which we find ourselves did not happen by accident: we are here, now, in this place, among these people, in these circumstances, so that we can do the act or say the word that will heal one of the fractures of the world.



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*Few are the days when we
cannot make some difference
to the lives of others.*





*Virtue does not have to be
conspicuous to win respect.*

*The best do good without
thought of reward,
understanding that to help
others is a privilege even more
than it is an opportunity.*



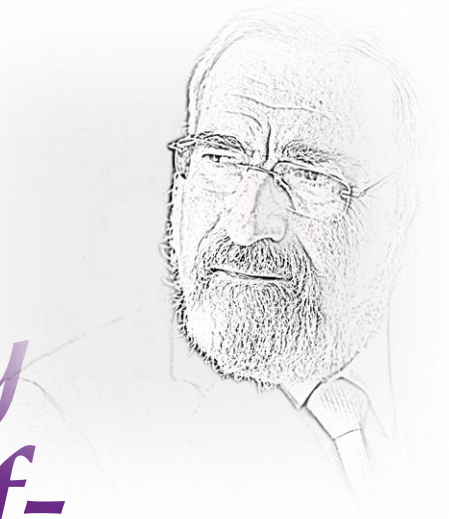
*Cynicism diminishes
those that practice it.*



*Self-interest is simply
uninteresting.*



*That it is not the most wealthy
or powerful or successful or self-
important who make the
greatest difference or engender
the greatest love.*



Pain and loneliness are forms of energy that can be transformed if we turn them outward, using them to recognise and redeem someone else's pain or loneliness.

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*The people who are most
missed are those who
brought hope into our lives.*



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*The ability to give to
others is itself a gift.*

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*We can make a difference, and it
is only by making a difference
that we redeem a life, lifting it
from mere existence and
endowing it with glory.*



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*Those who give to others are
the closest we come to
meeting the divine presence
in this short life on earth.*



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*The best way of receiving a
blessing is to be a blessing.*

*That if we listen carefully enough –
and listening is an art that requires
long training and much humility –
we will hear the voice of God in the
human heart telling us that there is
work to do and that he needs us.*



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