

Friday of the Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Lk 12,1-7): Such a numerous crowd had gathered that they crushed one another. Then Jesus spoke to his disciples in this way, «(...) I will tell you whom to fear: Fear the One who after killing you is able to throw you into hell. This one you must fear (...)».

Atheist materialism (About marxism)

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Today, the unresolved issue of "Marxism" lives on: the crumbling of man's original uncertainties about God, himself and the universe. Ultimately, the decline of a moral grounded in absolute values is still our problem today. And that is the "enemy" which we must be afraid of, because it kills the soul.

The greatest catastrophe Marxism has left with us is not of an economic nature; but it was the starvation of souls and the destruction of the moral conscience. The essential problem of our times is never to discuss the economic fallacy of the Communist economy —and this is why former Communists have unhesitatingly become economic liberals— but, instead, the moral and religious question that it used to address has been almost totally repressed. The communist systems collapsed under the weight of their own fallacious economic dogmatism.

—O Lord, don't let us forget so easily that the atheistic materialism has collapsed even more deeply because of their contempt for human rights, while totally ignoring You.