Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

Gospel text (*Mt* 11:28-30): Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

"Divine inspiration" of the "Biblical" authors

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Today, we seek relaxation in the "Word of God": is it a safe haven? Any human utterance of a certain weight contains more than the author may have been immediately aware of at the time. This deeper value (and/or meaning) of the word —which goes far beyond its historical moment— pertains most of all to words that have matured in the course of faith-history.

In the case of the "Bible", the authors (inspired by God) are not simply speaking for themselves. The "supernatural inspiration" entails that the author does not speak as a private, self-contained subject. He speaks in a living community and, therefore, in a living historical movement that not created by him, nor even by the collective, but which is led forward by a greater power that is at work.

—O Lord-God, the long road of the "Bible" until the coming of Jesus is a "great advent" that has led man up to the comfort of the Full Truth.