

Quotes from Ignatius IV, the Patriarch of the Antiochian Rite on:

The Holy Spirit

- A. True theology entails clear perception or knowledge of God in faith that leads to a clear perception of the world as both dialogical and diabolical as well as paschal and parousial. Without such perception, there can be no renewal today. The awareness of the mystery, the “Love of the parousia” which the Holy Spirit enkindles in the hearts of the baptized, is not reducible to any religious experience, psychologizing sociology, or structuralism. The mystery is a new creation, which penetrates into each of these domains to pull them out of the grave and leads them onwards towards the new heaven and the new earth. This awareness is a revelation, if we are not a revelation to our brothers and sisters, surprising or irritating them as a sign of the fall and rising it is because we ourselves have fallen away from this fundamental awareness! As a result, we are only theists, and we should not be surprised that we have given birth to atheism.

- B. One of the most urgent renewals seems to me to be found in the area of the Church’s spiritual gifts, to the extent that they have derived from agape. These

charismatic gifts are the instrument of the New Creation in the Spirit that manifests the coming of this New Creation for the good of all men. This will only be possible by means of a thoroughgoing renewal of pneumatology and Pentecostal dynamism that will conquer the fear and suspicion that the notion Pentecostal provokes. We must not forget that at Antioch Peter and Paul opposed each other and were reconciled (reference to the dialogue between East and West).

C. These quotes were taken from the book written by:

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