

people 'in the world' to lead the spiritual life when we have already given it characteristics of a kind incompatible with the necessary circumstances of most men's lives. Another is that of preserving 'recollection', for because of this wrong notion of the spiritual life, a mistaken idea of recollection has arisen. It is taken to mean not, as it should, a gathering and focussing of one's powers under the direction of reason, but a supposed shutting off of all 'non-spiritual' objects and activities, a project as impossible as it is undesirable. 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see and the ears that hear what you hear', said our Lord, and it is a tragedy that Christians have so often tried to substitute for his teaching that of Plotinus. It is probably fortunate that most Catholics do not read the 'spiritual' books anyway: it is certainly a pity that more of us do not read the Bible more often, so that the market for the former would dry up entirely.

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