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Apostolic Church of the Pleroma

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YEAR B - THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Greetings and welcome, my brethren. Today is the third Sunday in our Advent Season. We are therefore fast approaching on Christmas. I hope that everyone has been attempting to maintain the watchfulness that we discussed a couple of weeks ago. The potential, anticipatory energy builds around us ever stronger and stronger. When you quiet yourself you will sense it, almost hear it, buzzing and crackling with an intensity that desires release. And as we mentioned a couple of weeks back, at the beginning of our Advent Season, this spiritual power may be harnessed and directed within the context of a theurgical working. Some of you will be joining together soon, whether in person or in intent, for a very specific working related to the theurgical work of the Elus-Cohen, concerning the purification of the terrestrial aura. For those among the members and clergy of the ACP who are not going to be participating in this particular work, we recommend to you to perform a three-night vigil, beginning on the 22nd and culminating on the evening of the 24th, if possible with the attendance of a midnight mass. The particulars of this operation may be left to your discretion, or you may contact one of the senior clergy for help in designing a suitable operation.

In our readings today we find a short but spiritually powerful passage from Paul's 1st Epistle to the Thessalonians. Herein he admonishes clearly: "Do not quench the Spirit" He goes on to say: "Do not reject prophecies, but test all things; hold fast to the good and abstain from every evil." This seems to be a very clear warning to the fledgling Church, one that the Gnostics of old embraced whole-heartedly; and that others, through their actions, seem to have not only ignored, but to have actively suppressed. This warning tells them that the gifts of the Spirit, prophecy included, is not to be discouraged among the brothers and sisters. Paul surely knew that to quell this spiritual influx would be to fix a narrow and dogmatic doctrine that would, in truth, be no different from the Jewish hierarchy that Jesus himself had rebelled against.

We can see clearly how the so-called orthodoxy, represented in our day by the scholastic theology of the Roman Catholic Church, has killed the Spirit in favor of the codified word. It is true, of course, that even within the mausoleum that passes for a Church there have risen up great men and women ordained by the Spirit to carry out miraculous ministries, and even to prophecy. And to the great regret of the Church, not all of them could be burned, or otherwise disposed; and as a last and painful resort, some of them even had to be canonized. As modern Gnostics, let us take Paul's warning to heart. Not every revelation need be taken as unerring truth, but each one does need to be carefully weighed and considered; collected and contemplated. And the more palpable "miracles" of healing and the like should be embraced as the good that they are.