

CHAPTER TWO GOD COMES TO MEET MAN ARTICLE ONE III. CHRIST JESUS--“MEDIATOR AND FULL-NESS OF ALL REVELATION” (DV 2)

God has said everything in his Word

Para 65- “God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son.” (Heb 1:1-2)

In His Son, God has spoken and in His Son He has said everything, there will be no other word than this one. (PM)

St. John of the Cross states in *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, 2 22, 3-5, in *The Collected Works*, tr K. Kavanaugh, OCD, and O. Rodrigues, OCD, (Washington DC: *Institute of Carmelite Studies*, 1979) the following in a final word: “In giving us his Son, is only Word (for he possesses no other), he spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word--and he has no more to say...” Any other word spoken accept to further validate what has already been given is foolishness. (PM)

There will be no further Revelation

Para 66- “No new public revelation is to be expected before the glorious manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (DV 4 cf. *I Tim* 6:14; *Titus* 2:13)

Even though the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ is complete...it has not been made completely explicit, it still remains for Christian faith to grasp a little at a time the full impact and significance over the course of centuries. (PM)

Para 67- Through the ages the Church acknowledges there have been personal or “private” revelations, but they are not, cannot and will not be ever considered public revelation by the authority of the Church. These private revelations have their place, but are not considered the deposit of faith. No improvement on the deposit of faith can be made. The Magisterium may welcome these private revelations to authenticate a personal call of Christ to the Church. But the Church cannot accept “revelations” that claim to surpass or correct the revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment. For example, religious sects that have their own revelation. (PM)

2. IN BRIEF (PM)

Para 68- God has revealed himself to mankind out of love for all people. God provides the answers to the questions that people persistently ask regarding the meaning and purpose of life.

Para 69- God has gradually unfolded before all mankind throughout history a little more about him and who he is.

Para 70- Even more than his own creation, He manifested Himself to the first couple and spoke to them, but after the fall even showed his care for them by offering the hint of future salvation by His Covenant with His people. He also cared enough to give them His Law through Moses. The prophets in ages past and even today ready us for this salvation. (PM) (*Gen* 3:15)

Para 71- The Covenant that God made with Noah will exist as long as the world exists. PM (cf. *Gen* 9:16)

Para 72- God made a covenant with his people through the prophets Abraham, Moses. In addition, all the prophets of the Old Testament speaking truth in love help to lead these people to God’s salvation.

Para 73- God ultimately revealed himself through His only Son, Jesus Christ. It is through him only that God’s written revelation is profitable for teaching, reproof, for correction and training in righteousness. (PM) (cf. *I Tim* 3:17)