

What does it mean, in your experience, to love somebody? Can you bring some examples?

Companionship to Destiny

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The encounter between man and woman can be defined first and foremost by being companionship to Destiny, as the realization of the fundamental aim of every kind of human companionship.

As it happens, historically, God wills the continuity of that initial companionship between man and woman and He makes them father and mother.

Thus a man and a woman cannot establish a stable relationship and be a companionship to Destiny for each other unless they are ready to collaborate in the plan God has for the world, in other words in creation, in the

generation of a people that will run the whole course of history so as to flow out into the sea of Christ's definitive glory on the last day.

What is needed for a man and woman to become father and mother? First of all a new way of looking at each other. The first condition of this new way of looking at each other is the permanence, the essential bond, from which is extracted the fragrance of belonging. It is an Event that gives rise to this bond: God made flesh.