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CENTRO PER IL DIALOGO
CON PERSONE DI CONVINZIONI
NON RELIGIOSE

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“Drink freely from the water of life”

In the ancient times, as consolation and encouragement to face criticism and persecution, many men with ideals held the conviction of their definitive victory over all the powers of evil, of a full and glorious end, of the liberation of all suffering, no tears, no deaths, no pain, no complaints, no pain.

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This perspective is renewed in the present for everyone who has begun to live a sincere search for concrete Love and Service; for those who feel the ardour of thirst for truth, justice and fraternity. Being thirsty and in search is a positive characteristic, a good start for which we need to drink from the source of life. Water appears as a free, natural offer. Therefore, it is offered not only to those who hope to have merit for their efforts, but to anyone who feels the weight of their own frailty and abandon themselves to love, sure of being able to heal and find fulfilment in life, happiness. Let's ask ourselves then why we are thirsty. And to which sources we will go to quench the thirst.

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Perhaps we are thirsty of being accepted, of occupying a place in society, of carrying out our projects. Legitimate aspirations that can take us, to the contaminated wells of selfishness, of personal interests. The populations that suffer from the lack of wells of pure water know the disastrous consequences of the absence of this indispensable resource to guarantee life and health.

However, digging deeply into our heart, we will find another thirst: to live life as a gift received and to donate. Let us then resort to the eternal sources of wisdom, freeing ourselves from the dross that may cover it and allowing us to transform, in turn, springs of generous and free love for others, without stopping when facing inevitable difficulties of the path

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Chiara Lubich writes: "Each moment in which we try to live Love, it is like a drop of living water that we drink. Every gesture of love towards our neighbour is a sip of that water. Yes, because water is so alive and precious and it has the peculiarity of sprouting in our hearts every time we open it to love towards everybody. It is a fountain that donates water to the extent that its deep vein serves to satiate others, with small or large acts of love. And if we continue giving, this source of peace and life offers water more and more abundantly, without drying up. And it can still be increased when two or three come together to love. And then we feel free, full of light, torrents of living water sprout from our bosom". It is the possibility of free drinking of the water of life