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Counsel

I. Counsel

A. etym - Lt. concilium

B. def [to relieve a deficiency in the practical intellect - STA.
to advise a person on a practical matter - WNWD.
to advise the doubter - CE by Strawinskis, p.638.

worldly c. - how to have worldly happiness

*tian c. - how to have SN happiness :

C. kinds ie, how to get to Heaven, become a st, be virtuous, worship, pray, explain the faith, know & live one's vocation.

D. example of *tian counseling in the Bible :

Jesus counsels religious life - ie, living in community, and observing poverty, celibacy & obedience.

The comts are nec. to get to Heaven.

The 3 evangelical counsels are divinely counselled.

Jesus - Mt. 19:10-29, SP - 1 Cor. 7:1-40, esp. v.38.

Apostles - lived it. The Ch. has advised, recommended, encouraged it for 2,000 yrs.

poverty - to give up material goods & express "God = my Treas"

celibacy - " " " marital goods " " " God = my soul ma

obedience - to obey one's superior " " " Thy will be done"

II. Doubt

A. etym - Lt. dubitare, dubio

B. def. - to suspend judgment, to waver, undecided,
uncertain, unbelieving, to neither affirm nor deny.

C. opposite - to affirm or deny.

D. kinds

1. on N level - to doubt the media, politicians, liberal teacher

2. on SN level - to doubt the faith:

a) the whole Cath faith] to doubt the faith, a speculative
b) a Catholic teaching] matter, is always a sin.

c) one's vocation (a practical matter)

d) experientially [Mt. 14:28-33 : St. Peter - out of fear.
Jn 20:26-29 : St. Thomas - wanted
sensible proof (to see & touch).

E. scepticism - a habitual doubt
(religious, philosophical, sensible, all reality).

F. diff. betw. doubt & difficulty on SN level:

1. doubt - failure to believe (among 3rd worst sins).
2. difficulty - believe but don't understand.

"a thousand difficulties do not equal one doubt"
- St. Cardinal John Henry Newman