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## THE THREE NAVIGATIONS

Every man finds himself living his life, unique and unrepeatable, at a precise moment in the life of humanity, that began long before his birth and will end who knows when.

He lives it mostly in a specific location, though sometimes he moves to some other for a brief period or forever.

He has at his disposal what those who have been before him have discovered, produced, and have left. Thus he can be richer than those in the past and less rich than those in the future.

He adapts to the way of life of the place where he lives even if it does not agree with his way of being, he does it as if it were, if not the best, the only way possible.

He is satisfied with the material goods and pleasures that he manages to gain, deeming often uncritically that man comes from nothing and goes towards nothing.

Between 385 and 380 B.C. the living of man was compared to a navigation that can be carried out in two ways:

The first navigation consists in letting oneself be carried away by the ever changing senses and feelings and therefore be satisfied with imagery and with drifting along with the constantly changing winds of the world.

The second and more difficult navigation consists in using reasonings and postulates to research what does not change, what is universal.

In our time where education and erudition have greatly been developed one would assume that there is an increase in the use of reasonings and postulates, but through careful observation we notice that the majority of men prefers to follow the first navigation which is characterized by superficiality and by the ostensible, warding off the second navigation thus omitting to achieve immortality of the soul.

A third navigation has been indicated with what Jesus revealed during his brief life on earth, to every individual and to all humanity ( in a certain sense already hinted between 385 and 380 B.C.): the navigation according to Divine Revelation.

It brings those who choose it to harmonize reason and faith, to contemplate the truth, to set a precise goal for their personal navigation on the sea of existence and on the way this navigation is to be.

Towards the end of a year and the beginning of a new one, each individual should ponder on which has so far been his or her navigation and consider which one is to be in the future as the future is unknown to man.

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