

## Christian faith: Just a dream?

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*Is the Christian vision of a better world just a dream? Aimed to calm down frustrated people? Fr. Max believes that we must develop a spirituality of realism that remains capable of dreaming of a better world.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

today's Bible passage may have been the reason why Karl Marx called Christianity the opium of the people. It would be too nice if the world were as it is described in the text. If you look at the text from a psychological point of view, you could say: These are all projections of those who didn't get there.

In fact, in the history of Christianity, these texts have been misused for this purpose. They say, everything will be better in the next life: so that the unjust conditions in the present remain as they are. And indeed, this view has for many times disqualified Christianity. Our faith would be nothing but a grand slam of the rich and powerful.

But if the Beatitudes are not just a beautiful dream, then the contrast between vision and reality is perceived much more strongly! Every mourning person is a scandal in the eyes of faith! All who are persecuted, all who hunger and thirst for justice, and so on!

Why is this contrast presented to us today as an inspiration?

I am convinced that the power of Christianity lies precisely in this contrast! The vision that this world is not as it should be. The fact that we keep the idea of a better world, and we are called to put in practice!

It's something different than being naive or hoping help from a supranational power.

We must develop a spirituality of realism that remains capable of dreaming of a better world. A world that remains not just a dream, but a vision capable of changing the current world.

A spirituality that asks: Is that all there is to it? A faith who feels compelled by the situation of the poor, the suffering and the powerless. A faith which is able to touch our hearts and to get the power and energy to accept the challenge to do my part!

Dear brothers and sisters,

the message is quite simple and at the same time really challenging. As faith always is!

Let us be inspired by the message of the beatitudes and let us believe that our faith can change the world. Amen!