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# *Daily Reflections*



## **DO NOT BE DECEIVED!**

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### **Reflection**

Wow! The readings today are end time readings for sure! Daniel 2:31-45 offers an interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dramatic dream of a terrifying figure made of gold, bronze, silver, iron, and tile, and foretells the fall of the kingdom. It was brave of Daniel to offer the interpretation of a kingdom coming into ruin. Truth to power is never easy!

Luke 21:5-11 also warns of natural disasters, wars, insurrections that could signal end times. Jesus warns that these things will surely happen, and "leaders" will come claiming power and prestige, but we are not to follow. Beware of the false prophet!

So, what do I/we do while in a state of siege in which destruction of all we have known, and accompanying deception, seems to be in the forefront of lived reality? We need to be people of spiritual discernment so to remain alert to the presence and power of "the enemy" of our souls.

Two things about spiritual discernment:

Pay attention to inner movements of emotions... *When one's life is directed toward God, God comes in gentle, loving ways that lead toward the good, the Holy, drawing one into relationship with God and God's ways.*

On the other hand, the "evil one" or the *enemy of our human nature comes with loud, disruptive, harsh, divisive ways that pull one away from God.*"

Our souls are the dwelling place of God. I do all that moves my spirit to love, compassion, mercy as the ways of God. If I find myself disturbed within my heart and soul, I ask for the assistance of the Holy Spirit to determine what is going on. If the darkness is from God, I ask to be shown the truth that is being revealed. If the darkness is NOT from God, then I call upon the Holy Spirit to protect me. I say, "I belong to God, to Jesus Christ. Darkness be gone, for you do not belong in my house!"

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**For Pondering**



- How am I being drawn to God and God's ways of Love?
  - How and what pushes me away from God and God's ways of Love?
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## For Prayer

*Come Holy Spirit,  
awaken in me a sense of your abiding presence.  
Help me discern all that draws me to you  
and resist all that hinders my being one with you.  
"May I never go ahead of grace by an imprudent eagerness,  
but quietly await its movements and, when it comes to you,  
go along with it with great gentleness, humility, fidelity, and courage."  
In your Presence is my peace.  
Amen.*

FATHER JEAN PIERRE MEDAILLE, MAXIM 84 OF THE LITTLE INSTITUTE

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