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The following is adapted from a lecture given by Father Robert Sirico at Concordia University Wisconsin

0\ UHDFWLRQ ZDV LQVWDQW QRW WKRXJKW RXW EXW YLVFHU
WR WKLW ,I \RX DVNHG' WHKDW HWKDL W LPW W, KDRX QGQ <HDU.V RI
KDG JLYHQ PH D YRFDEXODU\ WR DSSO\ WR LW %XW WKH LQM>
W *Kathral law* , NQHZ ZKDW , NQHZ

7KH UHVW RI P\ OLIH KDV EHHQ VSHQW ORRNQJ RXW DW WKH
QDWXUDO WR XV 6RPHWKLQJ WKDW ZKHQ ZH VHH YLRODWHG
,Q WKH V , IRXQG P\VHOI LQYROYHG LQ D ORW RI SROLWLF
DQG ZDV E\ WKLW WLPH OLYLQJ LQ &DOLIRUQLD , ZDV LQYROY
WKDW DUH QRZ HVWDEOLVKHG ,W RFFXSLHG P\ OLIH WKH JU
ZKDW , EHOLHYHG EXW , EHOLHYHG DQG ZDV SDVVLRQDWH

2QH GD\ DIWHU JRLQJ WR GHPRQVWUDWLRQV ZLWK GLIIHUHQW
ZHUH WDONLQJ DERXW ZKHQ WKH UHYROXWLRQ FRPHV DQG ZK
WKHUH ZLOO EH QR PRUH UDFLDO LQM XVWLFH WKHUH ZLOO E
PRUH VH[LVP QR PRUH ZDU (YHU\ ERQG ZHKDWU BUROO WLVKHF B
KDS.S'H:QH P\ WXUQ FDPH , ZDQWHG<MR VQS ZKHHQ VOO UHY,RV
DOO JRLQJ WR VKRS DW *XFFL

7KHUH ZDV VLOHQFH LQ WKH URRP.. D\0DUJHLQ W V, L WWWUQH:QDWRV K

\$QLPDOW GRSHULHQFH WKLV \$QLPDOV DUH SK\VLFDQ EHLQJV
SK\VLFDOLW\ DQG E\ WKHLU LQVWLQFW <BN BRGH, WKBQQWWDW
ERXQG WR WKH PDWHULDO ZRUOG E\ WKHLU LQVWLQFW EXW
\$Q DQLPDO KDV FRQVFLRXVQHVV EXW DQ DQLPDO GRHV QRW
FRQWHPSODWH LWVHOI FRQWHPSODWLQJ LWVHOI +XPDQ EHL
FDSDFLW\ WR XVH UHDVRQ WR WKLQN DERXW RXUVHOYHV WKL
EXLOG GDPV DQG URELQV EXLOG QHVWV EXW QR EHDYHU KDV
EHDYHUV \$QLPDOV GR QRW EXLOG FLYLOL]DWLRQV
7KHUHRPHWKLQJ GLIIHUHQW DERXW WKH KXPdq SHUVRQ ,W L
UHDFKHV ULJKW WR WKH FRUH RI HFRQRPLFV ZK\ WKH KXPdq
WKH KXPdq SHUVRQ LV WKH UHDVRQ IRU HFRQRPLF FUHDWLYL
,W LV WKDW ZH FDQ VHH UHVRXUFHV WUDQVIRUPHG :H FDQ L
DELOLW\ WR UHDVRQ ZH FDQ GUDZ RXW IURP WKH PDWHULD
WUDQVIRUP WKHP
:HDOWK GRHV QRW H[LVW LQ QDWXUDO UHVRXUFHV ,I ZHDOW
DQG -DSDQ ZRXOG EH SRRU \$IULFD LV ODGHQ ZLWK QDWXUD
UHJLRQV HLWKHU DOORZ RU GLVDOORZ SHRSOH WR PDNH XVH
SHWUROHXP H[LVWHG DV D QDWXUDO UHVRXUFH WKDW KDG QR
LV HVVHQWLDQ\ WKH WUDQVIRUPDWLRQV SHRSOH E\RXQGSXODFH U
GLVSRVDO RI WKH SHRSOH ZH XVH SHRSOH WDDQG , ZLOO WU
ZDQW LI \RX ZLOO WUDGH ZKDW FHVWHPW 7R XWKSDH FLQJ' RI W
EHHQ WUDQVIRUPHG DW WKH GLVSRVDO RI RWKHUV
7R DFFRPSOLVK WKDW ZH PXVW EH DEOH WR XVH UHDVRQ DQ
DQG WR GUDZ RXW IURP QDWXUH WKLQJV WKDW FDQ EH WUD
JUHDW OHDGHU\ WR RQ RXVODQH DWDH'GW UHVRXUFH
,W QRW UHVRXUFHV WKDW H[LVW WKDW QRERGI\ NQRZV ZKDW
PLQG WR WUDQVIRUP WKRVH UHVRXUFHV IRU KXPdq EHWWHUP
... ,W LPSRUWDQW ZKHQ ZH WKLQN RI HFRQRPLFV WKDW ZH WKL
LQWURGXFHG WKH ZKROH QRWLRQ RI D PRUDO VHQVLELOLW\
ZRUOGLHZ WKDW LQIRWPLW XXQGERXWDOGLQJ WKH GLJQLW\ R
SULYDWH SURSHUW\ WKH QHFHVVLW\ WR HQJDJH LQ KRQHVV
HPHUUHG IURP WKH :HVW FUHDWHG WKH IUHHVW PRVW OLEHU
:H OLYH LQ WKH ULFKHVW VRFLHW\ WKDW KDV HYHU HFRZVGR
ZH JHW HQRXJK"

7KLV EULQJV XV WR WKH TXHVWLRQ RI ZKDW ZH GR ZLWK WKLV
DQG PDWHULDO GLPHQVLRQV IURP WKH WUDQVFHQGHQWLWKL
HWKLF WHDFKHV XV KRZ WR QRWHEHJDQWHVWKHDIYWDQJPLQ,WH
HDUWKO\ JRRG :H KDYH WR WDNH LQWR DFFRXQW ERWK GLPH
WKDW ZH KDYH DQ REOLJDWLRQ WR WKRVH ZKR VXIIHU LQM XV
... , OHDUQHG IURP WKH V WKDW LW LV QRW HQRXJK WR KD
HQRXJK "WRWVWKHU", WLVHQDFG
KRZ WR EXLOG EDNHULHV DQG LQG XVWULHV WKDW FDQ SURGX
3HUKDSV RQH RI WKH PRVW GLVDSSRLQWLQJ XQURPDQWLF WK
EHFDXVH RI RXU FKDULW\ &KDULW\ LV PRUDOO\ LQFXPEHQW R