

Pr. Maxim (Iuliu-Marius) Morariu, *Gânduri de pandemie*, Renașterea, Cluj-Napoca, 2020, 117 p.

Maxim (Iuliu-Marius) Morariu surprises both by the depth of the religious message and by an accurate twinning of it with the secular one. The profound but extremely sudden changes to which the whole of humanity has been subjected have marked many of us, causing major imbalances in all existential spheres: social, personal, religious, technological, etc. The balance found and well managed by the wonderful father writer Maxim Iuliu Morariu has materialized in a unique transposition in literary format of the thoughts, turmoil, desires, controversies experienced in the pandemic state.

The volume *Gânduri de pandemie* is also intended to be a hymn dedicated to the great Christian holiday, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. We appreciate the 11 subchapters under the category Quarantine Thoughts completed by another 6 Meditations dedicated to the Great Week as an invitation to a better and loving life, an example of lasting and purposeful living. The volume ends, completing the picture of success after a series of attempts that were presented to us in the two chapters, through an emotional confessional sequence, followed by challenges and solutions to contemporary issues. Thus, a solution is offered to problems such as the social structure drifting due to the lack of values, fears, anxieties and anxieties: "let's do really constructive things and rediscover the self-taught vocation of the human being, which has always led to progress" . It is worth noting the challenges, the invitation to reflection launched by the author (we give an example: Close your eyes, think of the face of a loved one, far away and try to see it as a gift from God.....Unlike other years, now we have a privilege, that of intimacy with Christ.....we are called to live the joy of the celebration by redefining our character as social beings...now we have the possibility of a different Feast). The joy of communicating with loved ones, but especially with "those at home" emanates from every tab read (warm hugs from quarantined lands, warm hugs with the heart from self-isolation, stay in God's love).

Being at the same time, through the depth of the message transmitted, a balm for the soul and a crucible of full knowledge, written in an interface language, the book is also a delight for every reader; it is a good opportunity for self-revelation, a penciling towards destiny, a comprehensive vision like an arch over time. We, the readers, the direct beneficiaries of this volume, have the task of reflecting deeply on the meaning of the words, the message conveyed, in order to ensure a thorough and perfect understanding/knowledge of the surrounding reality. At the same time,

generating a pious thought with thanksgivings to the author, who burned and enlightened at the same time for us.

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