

## Grace and the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius.

1. Disputed that Ig paid any attention to grace  
I have no interest in this controversy: its only ground is the existence of Jesuits who know little about grace, conduct the spiritual exercises as if they knew nothing about it.  
Lawlor, Doctrine of Grace in the S E TS 3 1942 513-32  
My interest is positive: attempt to awaken your interest in grasping synthetically, concretely, the doctrine, nature, effects of grace, and its relevance to SE, one's own and those of others.
2. Grace: not a set of abstractions on which some schematic and superficial knowledge needed for exams  
not a set of rules for theologically correct speech  
but that by which, that which makes it really true, that we, the whole of us, body and soul, biologically, sensitively, intellectually, voluntarily, are living members of Xt Jesus
3. Begin with the conspicuous instance
  - a Gratia plena, De tecum
  - b Poulain, transforming union, ch. XIX, 283 ff.  
Permanent union w God+(vision of Trinity, some attribute)  
Continuous double life (ordinary living + life of contemplation)
  - c Reached through stages  
prayer of simplicity, quietude, union, ecstasy
4. Divine inhabitation, supernatural elevation, habits, actual are true of every soul in the state of grace  
Further, they are manifested
  - a avoidance of mortal sin, habitual deliberate venial, dehib veni  
If any man love me, he will keep my commandments, and I and my Father will love him and come to him and abide with him  
Even just need special help to avoid mortal for notable period
  - b inspirations of intellect, aspirations of will  
vocation, times of retreat, 2nd conversion
  - c Consolations and desolations  
Grace operating, affecting tone of consciousness, one factor in many, yet calling the tune  
St. Ig Annot 6: if nothing happening, are you playing game
  - d docility to Holy Spirit  
purification of conscience character  
illuminations and aspirations of HS become noticeable  
election by rules for discernment of spirits. 2nd time for El de Guibert, p122-61

Grace is the meaning of the Exercises.

a Exercises

Grace is a mystery; you can know about it abstractly through theology; but to know about it concretely, you have to live the life of grace; you have your own private well, at which you alone can drink, and you have to drink at it.

Now what is humility, but how you arrive, poverty, humiliations  
Nor what is love, but how you may pray towards loving

b Book of exercises: Urdirektorium

Gagliardi: practically everything left to prudence of director  
soul is increasing in life of grace under experienced guidance

c Grace is life in Xt

remove hard egoism: 1st week

imitate Xt: other weeks

d Rule of giving points.

Annot 2: non abundantia scientiae sed sensus et gustus interior