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QUOTES

The world will become converted to the celestial hopes of Christianity only if Christianity is first converted (to deify them) to the hopes of the Earth (letter to the propaganda Fide Congregation, 1936).

Having experienced a life spent at the same time amid the Gentiles and within the Church, I am deeply convinced that we have now reached the delicate point of a necessary readjustment. And how could it be otherwise?...A Christ whose features would not yield to the demands of a structurally evolving world will be more and more diminished, deprived of further investigation… whereas, to be fully worshipped Christ must appear as the saviour of both the idea and the reality of Evolution! (How I believe, 1934).

More than anyone else do I feel the seriousness of the present time for Humanity. And yet, an instinct coming from my contact with the great Past of life tells me that our salvation is to be sought in the very direction of the danger that frightens us so much…It is perfectly clear that the danger of mechanization has never been so great for the Spirit as nowadays, when it is approaching a new climax.

You cannot climb a mountain without walking along an abyss. But the risk is not fatal and we may be able to avoid the fall…Society will invincibly become mechanized, little by little, if its successive improvements are not crowned by Someone. (Human energy, 1936).

I believe that the Universe is an Evolution
I believe that Evolution proceeds towards the Spirit
I believe that the Spirit is fully realized in a form of personality
I believe that the supremely Personal is the universal Christ

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