

## **What We Must Not Cure**

No disease is incurable for God, Creator of this infinite universe—the kingdom of freedom, happiness, and justice. Nevertheless, there are some sick people who cannot be cured and who cannot be taught to cure themselves. They are the arrogant ones who do not wish to know first of all the structure of the infinite universe and its unique principle (the kingdom of heaven and its justice). They do not realize that without this knowledge they cannot have the faith that orders the mountain

to enter the sea.

If you do not have the will to live most simply and happily, you must not and cannot be cured *Vivere parvo*.<sup>9</sup>

Sick people incessantly express the wish for a cure; they claim to have the will to rid themselves of disease at any cost. Will of this variety is merely a desire to escape from the status quo—defeatism. It reveals an unwillingness to accept the eternal order in life, the order that oscillates between difficulty and pleasure. To exist in a static state that includes only the one and not the other is impossible: We must continually recreate our own happiness by recognizing and curing disease at every instant of our lives.

Many a man wishes to be cured by others or by some mechanical device, all the while by-passing his own involvement and personal responsibility, the cause of his disease: *Mea culpa...my crime*. People of this sort are descendants of the race of vipers. They do not deserve a complete cure or the kingdom of heaven. They must not and in fact cannot be cured.

The will, by contrast, is unique and works in quite a different manner. The will to live seeks and finds, first of all, the beginning cause of all unhappiness, all disease, all injustice in the world and then proceeds to eliminate it without using violent, artificial means. It conquers through methods that are in accord with the structure of the infinite universe, naturally and peacefully.

The drive to cure only symptoms or to have control of one's health without accepting responsibility is comparable to the notion on the part of an individual that he can step in front of a moving train and not be struck down: It is simple exclusiveness and egoism; it eclipses and denies will, the order in the infinite universe.