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## **“Wanting, without really wanting: that is your attitude”**

Wanting, without really wanting: that is your attitude as long as you don't put the occasion firmly aside. Don't try to fool yourself telling me you are weak. You are... a coward, which is not the same thing. (The Way, 714)

August 16

The world, the flesh and the devil are a band of adventurers who take

advantage of the weakness of that savage you bear within you, and want you to hand over to them, in exchange for the glittering tinsel of a pleasure--which is worth nothing,-- the pure gold and the pearls and the diamonds and rubies drenched in the life- blood of your God Redeemer, which are the price and the treasure of your eternity. (The Way, 708)

Another fall, and what a fall! Must you give up hope? No. Humble yourself and, through Mary, your Mother, have recourse to the merciful Love of Jesus. A *miserere*, and lift up your heart! And now begin again. (The Way, 711)

How low you have fallen this time! Begin the foundations from down there. Be humble. *Cor contritum et humiliatum, Deus, non despicias*, God will not despise a contrite and humble heart. (The Way, 712)

You have not set yourself against God. Your falls are due to weakness. All right; but those weaknesses are so frequent--you aren't able to avoid them--that, if you don't want me to think you bad, I shall have to think you both bad and stupid. (The Way, 713)

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