

*Angelis suis mandavit de te, ut custodiant te in omnibus
viis tuis.*

ST. IGNATIUS NEVER WROTE A TREATISE ON ANGELS, SPECULATING ON THEIR NUMBER OR THEIR NATURE: BUT ANY ONE, WHO SUBMITS TO THE EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS, PONDERES MOST SERIOUSLY OVER THE MALICE OF SIN, HAVING BEFORE THE MIND THE REBELLION OF THE BAD ANGELS, [WHEN LUCIFER AND HIS SATELITES, WHO ATTEMPTED TO EXALT THEIR THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD, WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THE CREATOR'S PRESENCE AND CONSIGNED TO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT OF HELL.] UNHAPPY DAY FOR THE BAD ANGELS: SINCE THAT MOMENT, THE DEMONS HATE GOD, ARE FOREVER DEPRIVED OF SANCTIFYING GRACE AND ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE JOY AND HAPPINESS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVER-LASTING FRUITION OF GOD. UNHAPPY DAY FOR THE HUMAN RACE TOO: SINCE THAT REBELLION, COUNTLESS SPIRITS ABHOR US, BECAUSE WE ARE DESTINED SOME DAY TO OCCUPY THEIR VACANT THRONES: NUMBERLESS SPIRITS, LIKE BAFFLED AND DESTRUCTIVE MARAUDERS, GO AROUND, WITH FIENDISH GLEE, EVER STRIVING TO BRING ABOUT OUR ETERNAL DAMNATION. LET US NOT DECEIVE OURSELVES. THE FALLEN ANGELS CERTAINLY ARE NOT INACTIVE. THE SEPARATION OF THE WORLD INTO TWO GROUPS, ONE HEADED BY CHRIST AND THE OTHER CONTROLLED BY LUCIFER, IS AS TRUE TODAY AS WHEN ST. AUGUSTINE WROTE HIS BOOK ON THE CITY OF GOD AND WHEN ST. IGNATIUS INTRODUCED HIS MEDITATIONS ON THE TWO STANDARDS. [MEN AND WOMEN ARE TRICKED BY THE DEVIL TO PREFER THE TEMPORAL TO THE ETERNAL, THE FLASHY AND COLORFUL TO THE SOLIDLY REAL, THE SELF INDULGENCE OF PASSIONS TO THE LAWS OF GOD AND THE RIGHTS OF THE NEIGHBOUR. ONE HAS BUT TO SCAN THE FACE OF THE GLOBE TODAY OR TO GLANCE OVER NEWS-