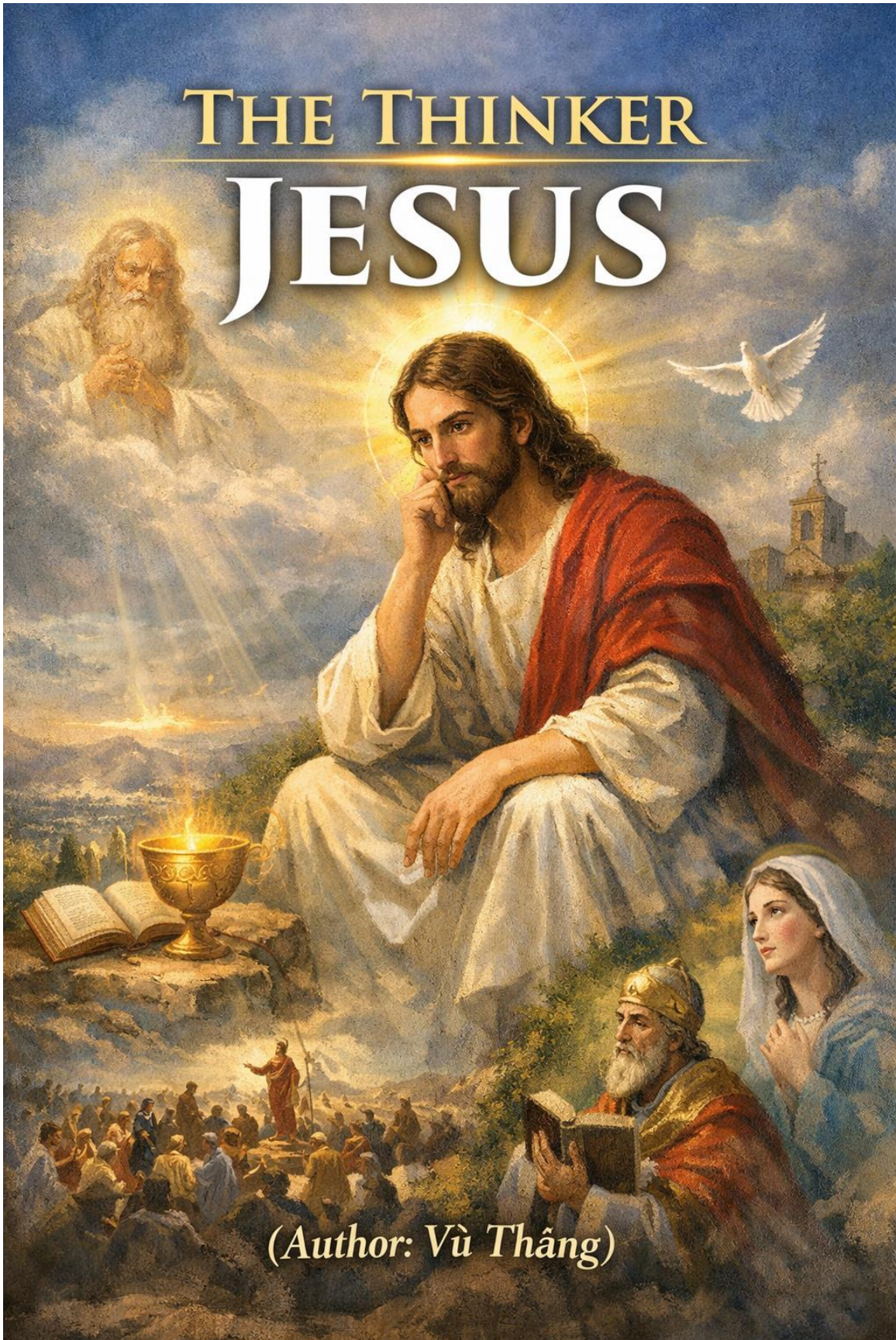


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1. In the Book of Isaiah, Sacred Scripture records the declaration of God – the Most High of the universe:

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My thoughts higher than your thoughts...”

2. Jesus is the Son of God and the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. He is Truth itself and the Incarnate Word who became man out of love for us. Through the Scriptures, we come to know that He is the “Teacher come from God” and the “Greatest Thinker of all ages.”

3. In the Gospel, Jesus says:

“Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple will surely not lose his reward.”

Here, Jesus is not emphasizing the material cup of water. He is referring to the “spiritual cup,” the “cup of thought and love.” And, of course, the brothers and friends of Christ are not ordinary people without ideals. Jesus Himself said in the Gospel:

“Who are my brothers and friends? Whoever does the will of My Father in Heaven is my brother, my sister, and my mother.”

Thus, Jesus clearly teaches that His brothers are those who fear God and obey His holy will. They truly love God; and whenever He reveals their errors, they humbly acknowledge them and repent.

4. Scripture has many layers of meaning.

We should always pray for heavenly enlightenment to understand the mysterious thoughts of God revealed through His Word.

5. At the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus proclaimed:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor...”

Here, Jesus is not merely speaking of material poverty. He is referring to all humanity, for everyone is poor in one way or another: some are poor materially, some spiritually, some in understanding, some in charity...

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6. Jesus said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

He is not praising spiritual deficiency. “Poor in spirit” means those who are detached from excessive desires, who live simply,

content with what is necessary, and who long only for God. Indeed, a great sage once said:

“The distance between man and God is measured by desire. The fewer desires one has, the closer one is to God.”

7. Jesus said:

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

He refers to those who are gentle as He is—gentle but not weak, meek yet upright, courageous enough to denounce injustice and condemn hypocrisy. These are the meek who are most pleasing to God. Jesus often said in Scripture:

“Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.”

We are called to be meek like Jesus, not according to worldly standards.

8. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

Jesus refers to those who suffer for the sake of the Gospel, who remain faithful to God's truth. Because they belong to Him, they inevitably face trials in this world. He is not speaking of worldly sorrow such as heartbreak, debt, or addiction.

9. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

This is righteousness according to God's standard—the standard of the Kingdom of Heaven, not the righteousness defined by the world.

10. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

God grants a special blessing to those who show mercy, particularly toward those who love and fear God yet suffer hardship. A saint once said:

"It is better to be charitable toward the devout than toward the ungodly."

To have compassion on those who belong to God is more precious than compassion directed toward those enslaved to the world or to darkness.

11. “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.”

Saint Augustine—one of the greatest theological peaks of the Church—once expressed deep admiration for the words of his teacher, Saint Ambrose:

“Even after the resurrection, it will not be easy to see God, except for those who possess purity of heart, for although God blesses many virtues, only the pure in heart are granted the grace to behold Him.”

Jesus Himself said in Scripture:

“I still have many things to tell you, but you are not ready to bear them now.”

Indeed, God’s revelations are given gradually to those who follow Him. Thought has many levels, and only when one reaches

higher spiritual states will deeper mysteries be revealed.

Mary, the Blessed Virgin—Daughter of God the Father, Mother of Christ, and Spouse of the Holy Spirit—received extraordinary heavenly visions surpassing all saints. In the mystical work *The Mystical City of God* by Maria of Ágreda, it is recorded that Mary was often granted various types of divine visions.

After the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, Church tradition holds that Mary spent her final years in profound mystical contemplation, eventually entering into the direct vision of God, face-to-face.

Scripture reveals that Heaven contains many levels of glory, and the highest heaven is where the divine majesty of God is fully manifested.

Many saints, mystics, and profound spiritual masters longed for mystical experiences— heavenly journeys, wondrous visions—yet none of these equal the highest reality: The supreme blessedness of beholding the radiant Face of God Himself.

To reach this ultimate grace, countless mystics dedicated their entire lives to prayer and purification, yet even they dared not presume themselves worthy, instead relying completely on God’s mercy and grace. Some naïvely think “purity of heart” refers only to avoiding sexual sin. That is a shallow understanding.

Purity of heart means complete spiritual purity, a heart wholly oriented toward God alone, detached from worldly desire—pure like the angels. Even the Seraphim cover their faces before God’s glory. How much less worthy are we, still struggling with pride and sin! Yet because we live amid

temptation, God is merciful toward those who sincerely strive to obey His commandments and live faithfully.

12. If mud can give birth to a rose, then it is good and precious mud.

13. Filial devotion is Heaven's way.

To honor father and mother is to honor Heaven.

Whoever is unfilial to parents, worships God in vain.

14. Honor and self-respect are the noble garments of the soul.

15. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, one must be humble, compassionate, and noble of heart.

16. The Book of Sirach teaches:

“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom,”  
but even greater is the one who fears God,

for the fear of the Lord surpasses all things;  
none can equal it.

17. There are many kinds of thought, yet the  
two greatest and most precious are:  
The Thought that Fears God  
and The Thought of Virtue,  
for to fear God is to live morally.

18. Thought also has many levels:  
elementary, advanced, supreme...  
The thought of Jesus is the highest thought  
of all.  
He alone is Truth; we merely live in His  
light.