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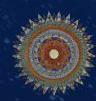


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## IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA A SAINT FOR ALL SEASONS

*... Andrew Collins is not the only Tolkein fan on the Teaching Team...*

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# A Church in Crisis: Events During Ignatius' Time:

- \* The Protestant Reformation
- \* The Catholic Counter-Reformation
- \* The Spanish Inquisition
- \* Educational and Missional Focus
- \* Spiritual Revival
- \* The Council of Trent



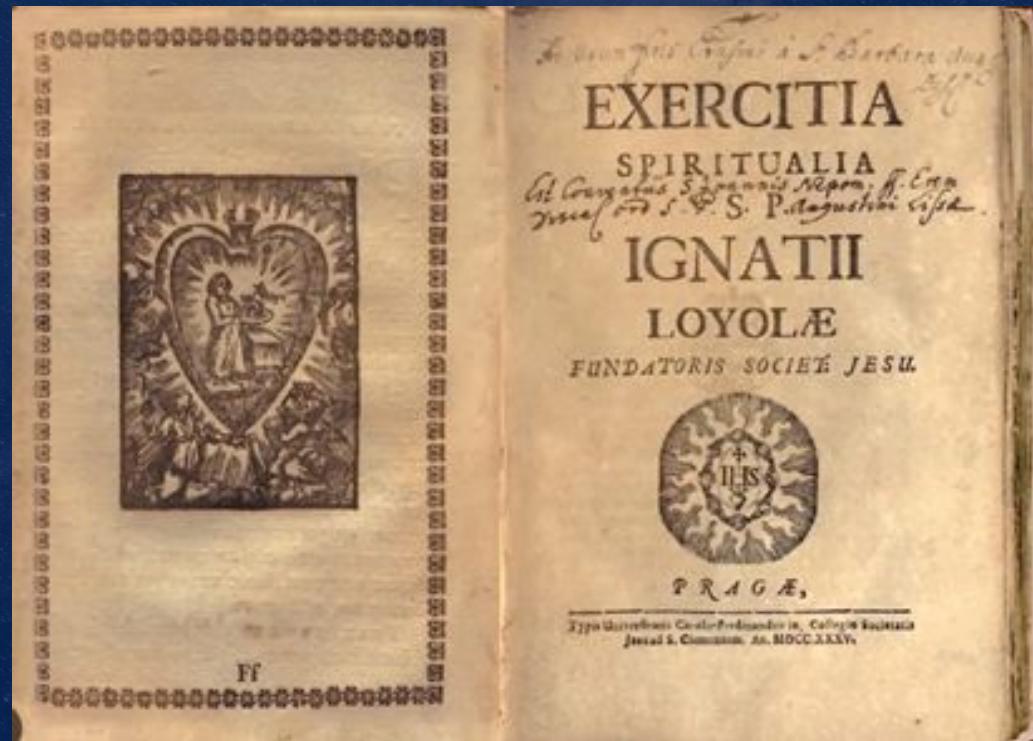
# Historical Figures During Ignatius' Lifetime:

- \* Political Leaders:  
**Charles V, Henry VIII, Niccolo Machiavelli**
- \* Religious Reformers:  
**Martin Luther, Desiderius Erasums**
- \* Artists and Visionaries:  
**da Vinci, Michelangelo, Copernicus**
- \* Explorers:  
**Amerigo Vespucci, Christopher Columbus**





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## KEY ELEMENTS OF THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES:

***The Principle and Foundation of the Exercises:*** Humans are created to praise, love, and serve God; all other things are gifts to help us achieve this, and we must use them in balance, detaching from anything that hinders this purpose.

***Magis (More):*** Fueled by a restless desire for depth in spirituality, we are to strive for excellence and greater good, not just for its own sake, but for God's glory.

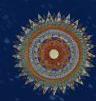


***Cura Personalis*** (Care for the Whole Person): We value and nurture the unique spiritual, intellectual, and emotional growth of each individual, recognizing each as loved by God.

***Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*** (For the Greater Glory of God): We endeavor to view all actions, even mundane ones, as opportunities to give glory to God.

***Finding God in All Things***: We recognize God's presence and action not just in religious settings, but in everyday life, nature, and experiences.

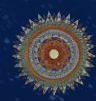




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# DISCERNMENT



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## *Isaiah 55:8-9*

<sup>8</sup> “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”





# Finding God in All Things



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*Consolation or Desolation?*



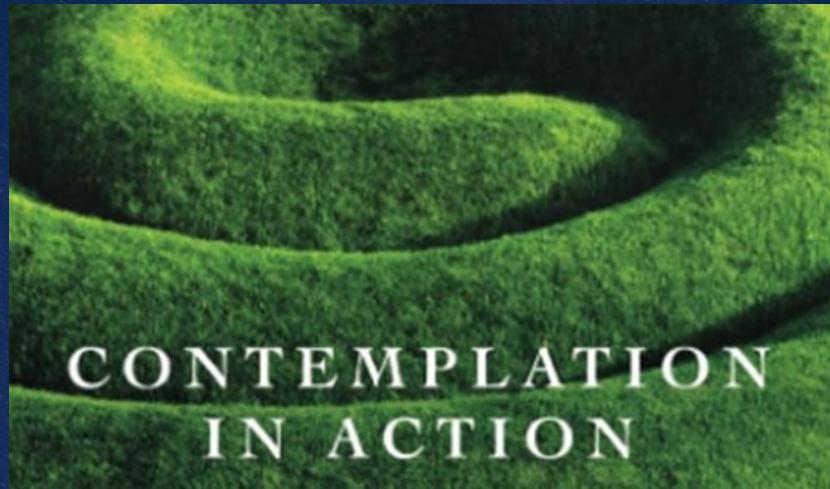
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# *Interior Freedom*

Developing a detachment from disordered attachments to things, people, or ideas that prevent us from loving and serving God.





Bringing a prayerful, reflective mindset into our active, busy lives, not separating prayer from daily responsibilities.



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Dr. Doolittle's Push-Me-Pull-You



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<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. Deut. 6:4-9





<sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40





Be the  
change you  
wish to see  
in the world

(Gandhi may not have said it, but he sure lived it!)

