



The Spiritual Franciscans (Classic Reprint)

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When an idea finds acceptance in the world, it clothes itself in forms available for it and adapted to it. Socialization means institutionalization. For if an idea is to have growth, it must adopt propagandism; and propagandism implies the equipment of missionaries, the establishment of posts and stations, the instruction of neophytes, the control of agents, the commission of tribunals - in a single word, organization. To a majority of converts to any religious ideal this course of development seems normal and desirable, the index of the triumph of the ideal among men. But a minority have always deplored such adaptation and institutionalization as a weak compromise with the world, or even as a treasonable surrender of the pure ideal to those very powers of evil for whose destruction it was conceived. Moreover, the zealous minority, bound into a closer solidarity by the very fact of their minority, their puritanism heightened by persecution, have quite commonly developed the pathological traits consequent upon the conviction of persecuted innocence and impotent fidelity. They have...



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