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Youth and Maturity

MATURITY is a term very much in vogue. One speaks of "mature faith", of "mature Christianity", of "mature politics", of "mature youth". These are words impregnated with deep meaning which, unfortunately, become fashionable, and because of becoming worn out, they turn cheap.

The term maturity is relative. By joining it to youth, it would seem to be a contradiction, because youth is deemed to be more on the road towards, rather than in possession of, maturity. On the other hand, youth is a concept laden with dynamism, because one can't acquire maturity once and for all, as one holds on to one's twenty years after having attained them.

Of course, one may perhaps speak of a mature attitude, which, like everything else human, has its ups and downs, its ascents and descents.

Furthermore, it is imperative to differentiate terms which may often become confusing. Maturity doesn't mean solemnity, which is stubbornness and lack of spontaneity; maturity isn't always an act of doing good, nor is it the possession — genuine at times — of a scheme which we believe to be truly capable of solving all problems.

Far from it. There is maturity in the doubts of those who know and understand that the truth has an infinite variety of sides which are impossible to hold together all at once. Maturity means to think and to figure out that one's opinion isn't the only criterion of forming judgment. Maturity means "yes" when one is certain that he can fulfill his promise or engagement, and to say "no" without flinching when a deed would imply treason to oneself.

Maturity is an aim that is always on the receding end which one will never fully attain, but for which one must always struggle, without letup. And with this suppositum, we, too, wish our readers an authentic maturity. #

Luis Eugenio