

**“IS THERE HOPE? THE FASCINATION OF THE DISCOVERY”**

## **22. Dreams or signs**

“Running up against irreducible presences frees us from the condemnation of succumbing to the images taken from the common mentality. [...]

*[From a testimony appearing in the text]* ‘[...] the one thing that enables me to say there’s some glimmer of hope is the example of people for whom this hope exists. [...] Every day I’m surprised by someone who lives with truth, who attracts me and sets me into motion because I envy their way of looking at the same identical things that I’m already fed up with by eight in the morning. Usually this attraction fades two hours later, but sometimes it makes me really get engaged myself. So I ask myself whether it is sufficient to follow them. Is it enough to stay in relationship with these real presences who like stars mark my days and, even if for just a moment, make me feel understood, with all my difficulties and crises?’

The answer to this question poses a problem of freedom. In front of presences who bear within them the foundation of hope, each person must first of all decide whether to follow the desire to be like them and be in their company, or not.”

(J. Carrón, *Is There Hope? The Fascination of the Discovery*, HAB, Tampa & Denver 2021, pp. 77–78)

**When you are before a sign which is full of attraction, what does “following it” mean? What does it mean by “a problem of freedom”?**

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