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I Have only one Spouse on Earth

I have only one Spouse on earth: Jesus Forsaken.
I have no other God but him.
In him there is the whole of paradise with the Trinity
and the whole of the earth with Humanity.

Therefore what is his is mine, and nothing else.
And his is universal Pain, and therefore mine. I
will go through the world seeking him in every
instant of my life.

What hurts me is *mine*.
Mine the pain that grazes me in the present.
Mine the pain of the souls beside me (that is myJesus).
Mine all that is not peace, joy, beautiful, lovable, serene...in
a word, what is not Paradise.

Because I too have my Paradise, but it is that in my
Spouse's heart. I know no other. So it will be for the years I
have left: athirst for pain, for anguish, for despair, for
sadness, for separation, for exile, for forsakenness, for
torment, for...all that is him, and he is Sin, Hell.

In this way I will dry up the waters of tribulation in
many hearts nearby and, through communion
with my almighty Spouse, in many far away.

I shall pass as a Fire that consumes all that must
fall and leaves standing only the Truth. But it is
necessary to be *like* him: to be him in the present
moment of life.

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