

FULTON (CONT'D)

Second of all, the limitations of said talent.

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098 PHILOMENA

Oh, Cardinal Spellman, you're home. I'm so sorry, let me turn this off.

SHE FUMBLES TOWARD THE TELEVISION.

099 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Keep it on, Philomena. I'd like to watch tonight.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN SITS IN A CHAIR.

100 PHILOMENA

Of course. I'll fix you your food, Cardinal.

101 FULTON (ON SCREEN)

Here I am out on a stage talking to you on television. Would I be humble if I said, "Oh I can't talk, I don't know how to do this. There are 100 million other people in the United States who could do this better than I can."

THE MAID LAUGHS. CARDINAL SPELLMAN SCOFFS.

102 FULTON (ON SCREEN) (CONT'D)

No! I have a certain talent for this. The good Lord has blessed me. He's given me the opportunity for education, the gift of expressing ideas fairly and clearly. And therefore, I must thank Him for it, by standing here now and speaking to you. And I will neither have an inferiority or a superiority complex about it.

103 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

(to himself)

Does he intend to make an enemy of me?

104 FULTON (ON SCREEN)

Humility shows up when we look for what is best in our neighbors, and when we look for what is worst in ourselves.

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FULTON (CONT'D)

Only then, can we understand the true inspiration of all humility.

105 PHILOMENA

Here's your dinner, Eminence.

SHE PLACES A PLATE ON A TV TRAY.

106 FULTON (ON SCREEN)

On the night before Jesus died, he washed the feet of his own apostles. Not even divinity precluded humility. And His true followers will not suffer from an inferiority complex. Or a superiority complex.

107 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

I believe he does.

108 FULTON (ON SCREEN)

Heaven is very high. The gate to it is very low. Humility is the condition of entering it. Bye now, God love you.

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE ON SCREEN.

109 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

How many people are watching this program each week?

110 PHILOMENA

They say nearly thirty million, if you can believe it.

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THE APPLAUSE CONTINUES.

111 CARDINAL SPELLMAN

It is a wonder if he can hear anyone or anything above the sound of that applause.

HE WALKS TOWARD THE TELEVISION AND TURNS IT OFF.

112 CARDINAL SPELLMAN (CONT'D)

Bishop Sheen must remember that it is not just his audience who watches him.

OMINOUS MUSIC RINGS OUT.