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Pope's quotes: Narcissism is a sickness

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A quote from Pope Francis:

?? There is a need for a true evangelical hermeneutics to better understand life, the world, and humankind, not a synthesis but a spiritual atmosphere of research and certainty based on the truths of reason and faith. Philosophy and theology enable us to acquire the convictions that structure and strengthen intelligence and enlighten will; but all this is fruitful only if it is done with an open mind and on one's knees. The theologian who is satisfied with his complete and conclusive thought is mediocre. A good theologian and philosopher is open, or incomplete in thought, always open to the 'maius' of God and of the truth, always in development. And the theologian who does not pray or does not adore God ends up sinking into the most repugnant narcissism. And this is an ecclesiastical sickness. Narcissism in theologians and in thinkers is harmful and repugnant.?

-- Audience with Gregorian Pontifical University, Pontifical Biblical Institute and Pontifical Oriental Institute April 10, 2014

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