

3. “GENERATING TRACES IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD”

“Yet there is a wound in man’s heart that distorts something inside him and he cannot, by his own strength, remain in truth. He fixes his attention and his desire on particular and limited things. [...] Thus men tend towards a particular, which, when detached from the whole, is identified as life’s aim. [...] Men tend to identify the totality of life with something partial and limited. Escaping this partiality is not in our hands. None of us can, alone, recover a true way of looking at reality.”

(L. Giussani, *Generating Traces in the History of the World*, p. 14)

“Has something happened in these last days, during Christmas break or coming back to school, which corresponded so much that it was able to re-open us to the totality of life?”