



«A Christian **professor**, or a young Christian **student**, carries within himself a passionate love for this **Wisdom!** He reads everything in its **light**; he grasps its **traces** in elementary particles and in the verses of poets; in **legal codes** and in the events of **history**; in works of **art** and in **mathematical** expressions. Without It, nothing was made of all that exists (cf. Jn 1:3)».

BENEDICT XVI, Homily on the occasion of the Celebration of Vespers with the participation of university students of Rome, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, 17 December 2009.

«**Love** always generates some form of **immortality**», but once again, all of this is possible only by virtue of a love that continues to live in another and in the **Other**».

JOSEPH RATZINGER, Introduction to Christianity, Queriniana, Brescia 2023 [1968].

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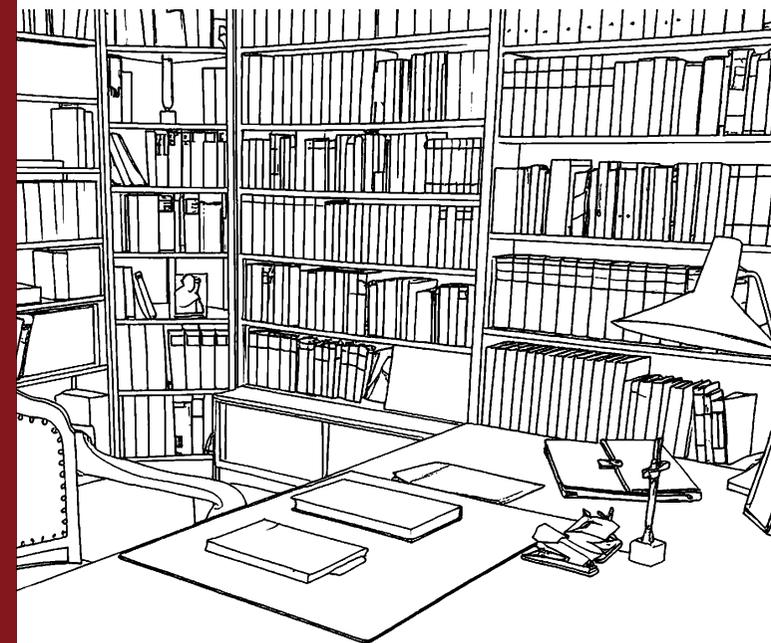
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Die Liebe in der Wahrheit (Love in Truth)

‘**Ratzinger Class**’ is an interdisciplinary project of dissemination – **editorial, dialogical, and multimedia** in nature – established to highlight, study, deepen, and share the “**broad horizons**” of the theological thought of Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI. It spans from law to literature, from philosophy to the arts, from history to economics, from politics to the sciences, and from music to various forms of communication; disciplines that can walk together in fruitful dialogue in **search of the Truth**.

Articles, reports, dialogues, and activities: We organize visits, meetings, talks, and conferences, and we follow and promote cultural, spiritual and scientific initiatives. The Redaktion produces material and collaborations international in the publishing and multimedia fields with foundations, institutions, various realities.

BuchLab

And **BuchLab (BL)** is a permanent working group. It is composed of students from various universities and academic backgrounds, aimed at analyzing, discussing, and examining – across interconnected academic disciplines – texts, speeches, and homilies of Joseph Ratzinger – Benedict XVI, based at the *Gemeindezentrum* of the German Institute of Santa Maria dell’Anima, Rom. Each meeting is led by professor or expert. The BL is expanding to other cities and countries around the world, metaphorically inspired by the **iconic desk** that he always carried with him during every move until the end of his life.

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The motto, *Scripta manent. Etiam verba*, establishes the importance of a method of knowledge valid for every initiative linked to the project, resting on two pillars:

- **The writings** (the textual component, the bibliographic corpus that allows one to read and turn to the author himself in a dialogue that is still possible).

- **The words** – of Joseph Ratzinger himself, and of the professors, experts, and students who persevere in his teachings and spirituality, with particular emphasis on the value of testimony. Regarding the correlation between pages and facts, ideas alone – according to the Christian event – are not enough; they are incarnated in persons, in voices, and in concrete lived experiences.

The two parts, writings and words, dialogue and mirror one another in a formula of complementarity and mutual necessity.

We answer a question:

“How can the whole sea be contained in pages?”