



When deception is laid bare, those who have been trapped for a time under their clutches feel sorry for having believed as true for false, and relief in leaving it behind.

But the victim of a hoax may be hurt. He's afraid to believe in others again. Loses confidence in the media. Sometimes he even doesn't accept the real thing because he suspects he's facing a new trap.

The victims of deception need to heal their inner wounds. Not only will they strive to distinguish between a good witness and a trickster, but they may help others become more cautious in the face of new "news" or in the face of murmurings that spin madly from screen to screen.

It's a great relief to have left behind a hoax. Because only with truth does the mind think correctly, decisions improve, relationships with others are more authentic and fruitful.

In a world where lies, mistakes, unfounded assumptions, half-truths mixed with malicious doses of interested criticism, we need light, clarity, prudence, before we give up what has just come before our eyes or our ears, so as not to be victims of a deception again.

Christ told us that by knowing the truth we will become free (cf. Jn 8:32). For since the Son of God came into the world, a light shines that overcomes darkness (cf. Jn 1:9). With that light every man can direct his steps, from truth, towards complete life and happiness.