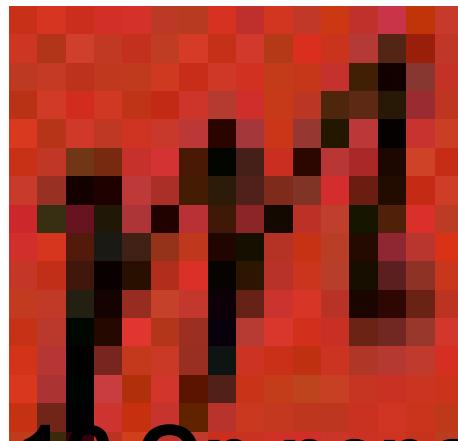


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It is a good thing for penances to be combined with the idea of work, not the idea of idleness ; with the idea of the good, not the idea of the extraordinary ; with the idea of frugality, not the idea of avarice.