

## *On Competition by Tib*

*Deus Unus  
Provideret*

The greatest victory in all of history was won by Jesus on the cross, and there was no competition to get there. In the world competition is about winning and losing. Someone must win and others must lose. Why would holy persons aspire to win when others must lose? Because they understand that winning and losing are all the same if you have put forth your best effort. There is nothing more heroic than a person gracious in defeat. There is nothing more pathetic than a person arrogant in victory.

It seems to me that at the higher levels of competition, victory usually comes with such a sacrifice that other more meaningful pursuits are neglected. Envy, divorce, isolation, addictions, greed and seeking after wrongful advantages (e.g.- demonizing opponents and steroid usage) are some familiar symptoms of this neglect.

Be your best self, the holy person God has called you to be and you'll be victorious too!