

no one piece of it in agreement with any other piece that is pushed, and so much in disagreement with the faith held by those of the generations that came before us. Our Holy Catholic Religion – our holy and well established Catholic Doctrine is being taken apart, piece by piece, by men whose agenda we can in no way understand or fathom! Older heads certainly remember what they were taught by men and women of yesteryear – holy priests and holy nuns. What was taught by them then holds fully strong and unchanged now. Let not the sophisticated or scholarly approach of anyone derail our solid religious beliefs. We must work continuously to keep our Holy Faith pure and whole and entire. Call to mind the quotation of St. Paul in his Epistle to the Galatians: “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema.”

We must learn one main thing, and it is uppermost in importance. It is that we must be more concerned about our Love for God, for Jesus Christ, for our Holy Mother Mary. That, above all things worthy of consideration, must be our predominate concern. That is all that matters! If our Love for Jesus and Mary is exactly where it is supposed to be as requested and required by Jesus Christ Himself in so many of His appearances to special souls, then all else will lose its place of prominence. If this frame of mind and soul and heart is well established in us, we need not worry about all else. And we will soon begin to feel the flow of grace in us, as all the channels of grace in us will be open to the Holy Will of God – our Salvation.

May we suggest here that the words here written are meant to be the prescription for a good and holy Christmas – a Christmas that gives complete importance to the Divine Child. Christmas is unsophisticated, it is not scholarly or intellectual, it is not argumentative. Neither is it dark or somber or full of false trappings. Christmas is not death. Christmas is LIFE. Such was the first Christmas that gave its first invitation to some woolly men, uneducated men, who tended sheep on the hillside that first night. Christmas is simple as God is simple! Christmas is beautiful, so wondrous that it took the Angels of Heaven to proclaim it.

Dearest ones of God, you will never really know just how much your precious gifts of love and support to us have done in keeping the Divine Light of that first night from going out. May God give to you and to those you love best the fullness of His Love and His Light and His Grace, during these days and the next year yet to come. THANK YOU.

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