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"The New Year, Where Jesus Is

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"Oh, Lord God In Heaven!" How often have these words been said, especially during this special season; but there are few that are aware that the Lord God is also here on earth in the person of the Holy Spirit. This Spirit who does all things for the glorification of Jesus, the Christ. If this world's population could believe that Jesus is here in the Holy Spirit, what a very different place this world would be.

We pray for "things" which never satisfy nor give peace. Canker and ruin follow our "gimmie" prayers, and through our ignorance, we blame God.

We pray for love among men, but refuse to acknowledge that spiritual love is neither sexual nor limited.

We pray for peace, while we plan and implement the destruction of places and people and governments and nations.

We give with one hand and take away with the other, according to our desire for worldly gratification.

We place limits on our love, our peace, our faith, our compassion, our mercy, our hope; We limit our ambition to serve mankind by hour selectiveness; and our selfish desire to give aid only to those who can assist us in achieving our earthly goals.

How quickly we forget (if we have

really ever known) that God is in us, over us, around us, under us, and among us; waiting with infinite patience for us to acknowledge Him as master and savior in all seasons. So simple is the solution to mankind's woes, that it escapes many who profess to be spiritual. We cry, Why God? He stands and pleads, Try God!

Our base nature grabs us in a hard grip, when we are faced with anything we deem a threat to our ambition; to our social standing; to our wealth; and our trust departs and leaves us suspicious, malicious, proud, angry and hateful. We in our ignorance, rely upon our inadequate selves; foolishly thinking we are gods

unto ourselves. We refuse to acknowledge our shortcomings; adamantly ignoring the certain fact that we cannot change nor hinder the visit of the death angel. Ignoring the fact that we cannot give life; we seek control of nature, situations and circumstances, by hastening death. We eliminate life before birth, attempting to maintain control over our desired lifestyles; denying the planned and sanctioned life giving way of God. We foolishly expend our energies in futile attempts to be gods.

Nevertheless, there are occasions when men allow God's spirit to shine through; then, the poor are fed; the homeless are sheltered; the sick are

treated and cured; the elderly receive honor and love; and all children are looked upon as a blessed gift from God.

In spite of the commercialism, Christmas is still one of those occasions when men allow the od within to shine forth and the earth is again blessed. Mankind's blessings for the new year are dependent upon his ability to acknowledge his need for a God of mercy and peace and love.

We must, independently, believe that we have the ability to make a difference in this world, apart from organized charities and government programs.

The love within each of us must shine forth and connect with the love in others, thereby, forming a strong chain which cannot be broken by the whims of double-tongued, false, selfish, unreliable men, who are easily recognized by the fruits they bear.

In this new year is where Jesus is; where He has always been since the beginning of time. We would be wise to extend this Christmas Spirit into this new year to assure that our blessings continue, our seed prosper and our Souls inherit eternal salvation and peace. May we allow the Spirit of God to grant to us a happy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Something To Think About

Ephesians 6: For we wrestle not with flesh or blood. The devil is not flesh nor blood. If it does not have flesh, will it be something like a Bone Head? Flesh is muscle. And the heart is cardiac muscle.

Without flesh, then it won't have a heart--Heartless! Without blood, how can it exist? Does it consist of anything? Was it born? Hmm... In order to be born, our mothers must have flesh and blood. Other wise, how can the mother nourish the fetus in the womb? If the devil is not born, then it does not have beginnings on Earth as human beings have. Without such beginnings as we have, how can it exist?

The answer was given to me by the Vatican Embassy in Washington, DC. According to the Vatican Embassy, the devil is just a spirit. The devil is a fallen angel. And angels are spirits. And spirits are immaterial, incorporeal. It has NO body parts as human beings have. In contrast, Jesus Christ was born in flesh and Blood. Since He was born, then He had a beginning on Earth as a Corporeal Human Being with Body Parts. In turn, the Omnipotent Omnipresent Holy Spirit Who proceeds from God the Father and the Son Jesus Christ can be felt because Jesus, the Divine Human Being Who has Body Parts, abides in us. 1 Corinthians 2:16: But we do have the Mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians

10: All ate the same spiritual meat/ food and all drank the same spiritual drink. The drank from the Spiritual rock that went with them; and that Rock was Christ.

Hollywoodland Media had been identified by someone in the Vatican Embassy as the beast like a lamb. That is in accordance to Daniel 8:20 the Ram's Identity. The beast is a deceiver. And it spoke as a dragon, which is the Devil, the great deceiver. Spoke as itself, eh? Moreover, Great Babylon, according to Revelations 18, has become a habitation of devils--> a city of fallen angels, evil spirits which are incorporeal.

If the TV is mute, can the evil spirit manifest its voice? If the TV is off, can it manifest itself on the TV? If it cannot, then can it manifest itself at any latitude, longitude, altitude, depth, underground, on the ground, over ground, below sea level, at sea level, above sea level? If it cannot manifest itself behind or in front of the camera, then the devils are extremely lame spirits! Is that why they say Bye Bye Birdie!? How can it threaten anyone anymore? In Ezekiel 28, it was said: And you (refers to Satan) will be no more. Thanks. Have a nice week. Pointer: Don't be scared. Why should we be scared of a nothing? Devils cannot occupy people whose bodies are filled with the Holy Spirit Who can be felt.

Sincerely, Vitus F. Sotto



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