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## **BULLETIN DIVINE LIGHT**

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"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and, Love your neighbor as yourself."

#### **JESUS AND THE WORD**

Helena Rauduvinich

Well-utilized words are sacred forces - they clarify and edify. Through words, we transmit our thoughts and ideas to others, much like seeds being sent away from the trees that grew them. It is important that we utilize this valuable instrument for good, especially if the Divine Master's message already shines inside of us.

It is necessary that for Jesus to flourish within our thoughts, words, actions and in our contact with those around us. Jesus' word was like a sublime song, and it continues to cradle humanity to this day, sheltering all who put their trust in Him. Through His words, we received the Doctrine of Love: the proposition for a new order founded in fraternal solidarity. His verb was like an invitation of love, easy to follow. Opening his mouth and extending his arms, he sang a sublime song of Beatitudes, clamoring for all to follow in His direction, that He would embrace them generously on His heart. His voice rose like a consoling poem to all who were desperate and afflicted.

Think of the pain and suffering that could be avoided throughout the world if we gave more thought to the meaning of each word we profess. In doing so, we frustrate tragedy and maleficence. An unpleasant word plants a seed that can germinate into unhappiness, stifling feelings and promising ideas. Words influenced by anger turn into aggressions, and aggressions are never becoming. The Good Spirits tell us that every time we focus our words on evil, even unconsciously, we are contributing to the destruction of good. Dignified words provide consolation and can be instrumental to evolution, thus the importance of using words to elucidate.

The prophet Isaiah used the word when he announced the coming of the Messiah, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." In the pagan temples of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Chaldeans, and Persians as well as in the sanctuaries, the word was used to announce the coming of Jesus. In Matthew 24:35, Jesus tells us "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." The Master's words "shall not pass away" because they are true at all times.

The meaning of his words will never pass away. What will pass away, however, are the false meanings men have given to those same words. Jesus' words became the gravel that provides the foundation to the new edifices of law, built where old ruins once stood. We must follow our Master Jesus, avoiding words that lead to futile discussion or agitation. When we speak to our neighbor, the Gospel must illuminate our words. Even though there are difficulty and moral misery in our planet, we have a duty to work towards a better, peaceful and harmonious world.

The Greater World guides us and comforts us; the Light does not argue or polarize, does not offend or initiate unnecessary disagreements. Light shines through all places that are enveloped in darkness and consoles, helps, fortifies and helps rebuild anew. Let us unite our hearts in the edifying work of faith, in the service of hope, in the value of charity. May the glory of our Divine Lord shine in our world, and let the light shine in our consciousness.

A peaceful Christmas to all of us.

### **WITH JESUS**

André Luiz

Renouncement will be a privilege to you.

Suffering will glorify your life.

Trials will expand your powers.

The work will give you a title of trust in your path
Sacrifice will sublimate your impulses.

Your body's diseases will be salutary medicine for
your soul.

Blasphemy will reveal the honor in your task.
Prosecution will be like motivation to give blessings to many.

Anguish will purify your hopes.
Evil will inspire your spirit to practice good.
Hatred will challenge your heart to bear witness to love.

Earth, with its contrasts and incessant renovations, will represent blessed school of individual growth; its purifying lessons will forever squander selfishness in you.

In: Agenda Cristã, psychography of Francisco Cândido Xavier



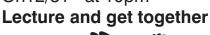
# Special Christmas & End-of-Year Agenda

We invite the SCDL family to come spend Christmas and New Years Eve with us!

On 12/24 - at 7pm

Lecture and special dinner

On12/31 - at 10pm





for 200 mentally ill friends on Saturday 12/24 at 11 am 123 W 7th St. Plainfield, NJ

We're in need of donations and volunteers

More information with Marli, Manny or at the book store.

#### **CHRISTMAS RESONANCE**

Joanna de Angelis

Amidst a cold landscape without better refuge, the only available shelter was a humble stable where animals were kept. No other place was that could receive Him.

Replete with problems and agitated lives, the world at that time was only concerned with influential people, and reserved distinctions only to those who basked in luxury and pleasures. The indifference and the disrespect were dedicated to the simple and deprived people, closing their doors and making their steps difficult. Today, almost everything remains the same. Nevertheless, under a clear and starry sky, between domestic animals and using a little manger as His welcoming crib, Jesus was born - he turned the stable into a scenery of inextinguishable light projecting continuous clarity in the subsequent centuries for almost two thousand years.

Inaugurating an era of humility and renouncement, Jesus elected simplicity and aimed to teach that inner exaltation was the only condition to finding true happiness. His kingdom, established in that night of cosmic harmony, continues to offer the opportunity of redemption to all who wish to make it their home. His modest birth continues to resonate throughout history in previously unseen ways. Men and women who bore witness to His message transform themselves, changing their behavior and the path of their lives, and from then on becoming lights that guide Humanity to happier places.

Whenever Humanity experiences superlative pains. Whenever socioeconomic misery assassinates millions of abandoned lives. Whenever cruel infirmities reveal just how fragile the human organism is. Whenever violence enrages and kills. Whenever toxins ruin the world's youth in significant numbers, and other evils give way to the fall of materialism, the unpolluted image of Jesus resurges, inviting us to reflection, love, and peace while the resonances of His Christmas silently remind us: He, who saved countless lives, is asking us to try and do something, to love and liberate at least one person from their errant ways.

Think of Him this Christmas night, spread good will; make Him a part of your heart and mind so that you will never be apart from Him.

In: Momentos Enriquecedores, psychography by Divaldo Pereira Franco