

THERE IS NO PLAN “B”

As we approach Christmas Day, I share with you a haunting thought. Does not the Lord, our God, feel the need and desire to come and save his people once again?

We read in Sacred Scripture how the Almighty Creator patiently nudged his chosen ones into his arms. He allowed them to experience various calamities. There were wars, storms, and earthquakes. At times, whole cities were destroyed. And, yet, the people scorned their God and lived as if He did not exist.

It is somewhat boding to realize that we are having the same experiences today. Still, society dares to claim that there is no Personal Existence more intelligent than we. And, those of us, who do admit that there is, dare to pretend that Christmas is not Christmas. After all, we do not wish to offend anyone, as if the Father did not count in terms of the offense.

The renaming of Christmas is simply a symptom of a rebellious societal attitude. We are society and we refuse to read the signs of our times pretty much as did those who lived before the Christ was born into humanity. Should we not yearn for a savior to be born again? It appears that the time is as ripe now as it was 2,000 and some years ago.

Jesus liked to use parables. The story is told that, when Jesus Christ returned to heaven after his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension, the angelic choirs welcomed him home. They all wanted to know how successful was his mission. He, then, proceeded to tell them about his birth and suffering so that humanity might be saved from the clutches of Satan. And, even though He returned, He had left an Assembly of Believers comprised of the ones that He had just redeemed, the Church, to carry out the work of his mission.

Thereupon, the angels looked at each other with great disbelief, knowing human nature, as they did. One of them spoke up and asked what Christ’s “Plan B” might be if what He set up did not work. His simple response was that there was no “Plan B.”

Indeed, there is no “Plan B.” “Plan A” has to work. It is the only option.

We celebrate Christmas as the anniversary of God’s great love for his people. He had spoken through the prophets and led his people through his anointed ones. And, when that did not appear to work in the hearts of those He loved, He, himself, came. Coming as one of us, we were to be able to understand his message and to respond to it authentically. That was “Plan A” and it continues to be the one and only plan.

Christ has already come. And, yet, the signs of the times appear to indicate that He has not. Where is the manger for his birth to be today? Does He not wish it to be ourselves? Can we not open up our hearts to him, even though it seems that there is no room for him elsewhere? We of the Church are, after all, “Plan A.”