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the nations of the earth; the promulgator of a gospel which knows no shadow of change or alteration; the mouthpiece through which the doctrines of Jesus were to become the inalienable heritage of posterity.

Through her the Almighty speaks in the accents of truth as of old He unrolled the tongues of patriarch and seer and bade them announce His decrees to men. At His command she lifts the veil which screens the Holy of Holies from our gaze and permits us to catch a glimpse of the splendor which makes "dark with excessive light" the throne of most High. Like another Moses she touches with her wand the Rock of Ages and there leaps forth a perennial fountain wherein our souls may rejuvenate themselves with the waters of eternal life. She encourages us to feast our spiritual eyes upon the beauties of that promised land which we can now discern beyond the confines of our earthly home and enjoy the distant harmony of those celestial hymns which our ears can never fully appreciate until they close forever to the discords of earth.

This accredited teacher of God's truth voices her message as Christ did—by word of mouth. As in days of yore the people of Judea crowded round the lowly Nazarene to listen to the words of wisdom which issued from His pure lips, so during intervening centuries multitudes have heard that same message of divine power and union from the living voice of His teaching church. "Teach ye all nations." "Preach the gospel to every creature." In vain we seek a commission authorizing His church to impart the lessons of eternal moment in any other way than by word of mouth. Christ left no written message, no command to write for the benefit of posterity. Had He furnished His church with a code of scripture and enjoined on her duty of placing it in the hands of her children without comment he would have jeopardized the very end that he had in view, their enlightenment and sanctification. For "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." His command was to preach the gospel to every creature—to old and young, to rich and poor, to ignorant and educated, to the illiterate toiler who has no leisure nor inclination to indulge in philosophical speculation as well as to the giant intellect which fathoms, as it were intuitively, the depths of the sublimest message.

Nor can our age of boasted intellectual-ity and culture point to many who take their religion entirely from the fount of Sacred Scripture, or many whose intelligence warrants them in asserting that they comprehend the true meaning of the written word. The spectacle of a world of warring sects chiming to found their creeds on the inspired pages of the past demonstrates conclusively the necessity

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of a teaching body empowered to declare with certainty the full context of the deposit of the revelation entrusted to men. Does not the very multiplicity of churches each one of which professes to teach the word of God in truth argue the existence of one true church which alone speaks in the name of God? Christ organized such a church and history bears witness to the fact of her continuous existence. She has left her impress on the world as the teacher of nations during two decades of centuries. Since eternal truth is one and indivisible, uniform in content in every age, the enunciation of it cannot be entrusted to those who construe its meaning as inclination directs or fancy wills.

Furthermore, this divinely-appointed interpreter of the word of God contained in Scripture and Tradition must be incapable of leading astray those who confide their spiritual direction to her care. This prerogative implies an absolute immunity from even the shadow of error in declaring the principles of faith and morals, an infallibility in expounding dogmas and duties which constitutes her utterances the words of God Himself, her doctrines the positive teaching of One Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. Were it otherwise religion would in the course of time be devitalized by the promptings of human passion, debased by the dictates of worldliness or destroyed by the touch of decay's effacing finger. It would no longer be that supremely vital force which energizes and sustains the soul in its conflicts with the unseen powers which make for evil, no longer the imperious dictator of man's duties towards God, himself and his fellowman. So essential and unyielding a bond does religion established between the soul and God that there must be absolute certainty in regard to its obligations. The church which maps out these obligations must, therefore, be able to say without the possibility of error "Thus saith the Lord." Take away the prerogative of infallibility from the church of Christ and what assurance will her children have that they are not being buffeted hither and thither by every wind of changing doctrine on the sea of error, that they are not being led astray by worldly wisdom alleging divine revelation to justify its vagaries and its changes? To preclude the possibility of a single husk of error being intermingled with the golden grain of truth the Savior gave His church the pledge of His unflinching assistance in the discharge of her duties, when He said to his chosen apostles "Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." And as a further guarantee of His perpetual cooperation He sent the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to teach them all truth, to recall to their minds all things whatsoever He had told them and to abide with them forever. This postulates the indwelling even in our day of that divine Spirit whose presence sanctified the church on her natal morn and rendered fruitful her operations during the twenty centuries which have since elapsed. This mystical presence authorizes her to speak in the name of God; to declare as the Apostles did in council assembled "It hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us" to assert of Himself in the words of Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, wherefore he hath appointed me to

preach the gospel to the poor, deliverance to the captive, sight to the blind and liberty to the bruised."

And what is the burden of this preaching? What is this message? "All things whatsoever I have commanded." On the pinnacles of faith she bids us soar to the region of eternal realities and grasp the secrets of God and of the universe as fully as we shall ever be permitted to know them until the light of glory suffuse the presence of the Beatific Vision. She summons us to a mountain-top far above the loftiest heights to which reason aspires in its noontide brilliancy and unrolls before our gaze a glorious panorama in which we behold the Creator of the universe in the midst of his creation. She enables us, as it were, to touch with reverent hand that adorable Being Who from His throne in heaven sees the river of time flow on towards the ocean of eternity bearing on its bosom the wreck of created things. Mysteries hidden in the designs of the Blessed Trinity from the foundation of the world are revealed, and the marvellous operations of the Deity are all but clarified in the alembic of faith. The inscrutable wisdom of the Most High manifested in the assumption of human flesh of His beloved Son is dwelt upon as the measure of divine love, for suffering humanity. Nor does her teaching fail to take cognizance of man's dignity and destiny as shown in his creation or of his incalculable worth as indicated by his liberation from the slavery of sin through the redeeming blood of the Crucified. In the realm of grace faith discloses to us a sublime vista of infinite love where in regenerated man glories in the possession of sacramental assistance to enable him to rise above the clouds of earth and direct his flight on the wings of hope and prayer even to the foot of God's white throne. She does not bid us follow Moses unto cloud shadowed heights of Sinai to receive God's message on tablets of stone, but leads us to the mount of prayer where the meek and lowly Shepherd of souls gathers us into his fold and brands upon our hearts the impress of His sovereign truth as a perpetual memorial of citizenship in His mystical kingdom. In a word, this ancient church proclaims to the world the abiding truth of salvation—truths which are as vital in their influence on human life to-day as when they were enunciated by the Son of God in the synagogue of Judea or on the grassy slope near the sea of Tiberias; truths which will never pass away though the sun himself grow dim with age, and nature sink in years; truths which will flourish in immortal youth long after time shall have blended into eternity.

In clear and unmistakable tones she proclaims to all that we have here no lasting habitation, no home save that which the exile has until his wandering footsteps recross the threshold of his homeland. And woe to him who fails to profit by her solemn admonition! By so doing he incurs the judgment pronounced by the Savior upon an infidel world, "He that believeth not shall be condemned." Relying upon this assurance that the whole world would be obliged to accept her doctrines under pain of eternal ruin the church of Christ has gone forth on her mission of enlightenment and borne the knowledge of unchanging truth to nations sitting in the darkness of idolatry and wrapped in the pall of pagan superstition. She has penetrated into every lat and delivered to savage tribes the consoling message of the one true faith. The sound of her voice had been heard in the homes of those who are clothed in the purple and gold of this world's mighty ones as well as in the rude cabin of the uncultured savage. It has whispered its message of peace and consolation beside royal couches and at the bedsides of misery in the hovels of the poor.
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