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Catholic Hour Message

**Fr. Feeney Concludes
Radio Series With
Story of Annunciation**

NEW YORK, (C.N.C.) If Jesus was not God, "then we may well despair," for "we have been cheated by an impostor whom God has allowed to claim His prerogatives and assume His name," the Rev. Leonard Feeney, S. J., of Weston College, Weston, Mass., declared in the "Catholic Hour," last Sunday night.

The "Catholic Hour" is broadcast over the network of the National Broadcasting Company through Station WVEAF here and is produced by the National Council of Catholic Men.

Giving the last address in his current series, Father Feeney, speaking on "The Mother of God," related the story of the Annunciation declaring "such was the incident of Mary and the Angel." "The love was divine," he added. "The little mother was human. And the child was God. This is Christianity."

Now don't tell me dear listeners that it doesn't make any difference whether this story is true or not. Say the story of the Incarnation is true or it is not true; but do not say it does not make any difference. It may not make much difference in the way you run your business, wind your watch, smoke your cigar, or butter your bread. But it makes a tremendous difference in the way you think and all the difference in the world in the way you pray. Was Jesus God, or was He not? If He was not, then we may well despair. For we have been cheated by an impostor whom God has allowed to claim His prerogatives and assume His name."

Father Feeney said "If Jesus was not God, then in the name of holiness and truth we have been cheated by God so insidiously that we can never return to Him again in prayer and confidence or ever expect another Revelation." "The pagans will go on building up their ancestral religions," he added. "Their race worship their hoary divinities on the ruins of our Revelation, but I promise them that our Revelation will haunt them for the rest of history for our Revelation and our Religion is the one that thought God was good enough to become a child for love of us, before it was discovered that the child was a lie."

In a tribute to the Blessed Mother Father Feeney said

"O beautiful as the moon, chosen as the sun, terrible as an army on array! You are the Queen of Angels! You are the Mother and the Queen of men. You are seated on this little planet of ours, pertinent to our race, and are related to us not by the angelic ties of love and thought, but by the very fibers of flesh and blood.

"You are still a woman, even in this awful majestic status bestowed on you by God. You are the Mother of Divine Grace, powerful in your intercession. You are not God, but you are the gate to God, the gate to Heaven. You are understanding, marvellously simple and unassuming, tender towards us poor sinners in our meannesses and mistakes. You take each of us by the hand when we die, and lead us to the Beatific Vision. For the radiant beauty of the human nature in which God redeemed the world, was begotten in your womb. "You are God's Mother! And you are Our Lady!"

Climb Up

Just as water naturally runs down hill so does human nature incline towards laxity. To make water flow up hill, force of some sort must be applied to it. So much force of a sort must be used to keep a man climbing up. Either a man must apply the force himself, or someone else must help him. In other words, his energy and enthusiasm must be maintained consistently, for when the strength of either force dies he begins to slip. Without energy and enthusiasm his effort will naturally weaken, his grip on his work grows lax, and down he will go.

Vicar General Named

NEW YORK. The Very Rev. Benno Aichinger, O.F.M. Cap., of this city has been appointed Vicar General of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in the United States and Canada.

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