

The Thrill of

Foyse



Celebrating the
season with


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Hope



*means hoping
when things are hopeless,
or it is no virtue at all.*

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*As long as matters are
really hopeful, hope is a mere
flattery or platitude;
it is only when everything is
hopeless that hope begins
to be a strength at all.*

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Hope has
not been thought
of as something
light and fanciful,
but as something
wrought in iron
and fixed in rock.

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**Unlearn that sinister learning
that you think so clear;
deny that deadly knowledge
that you think you know.
Surrender the very flower
of your culture; give up
the very jewel of your pride;
abandon hopelessness,
all ye who enter here.**

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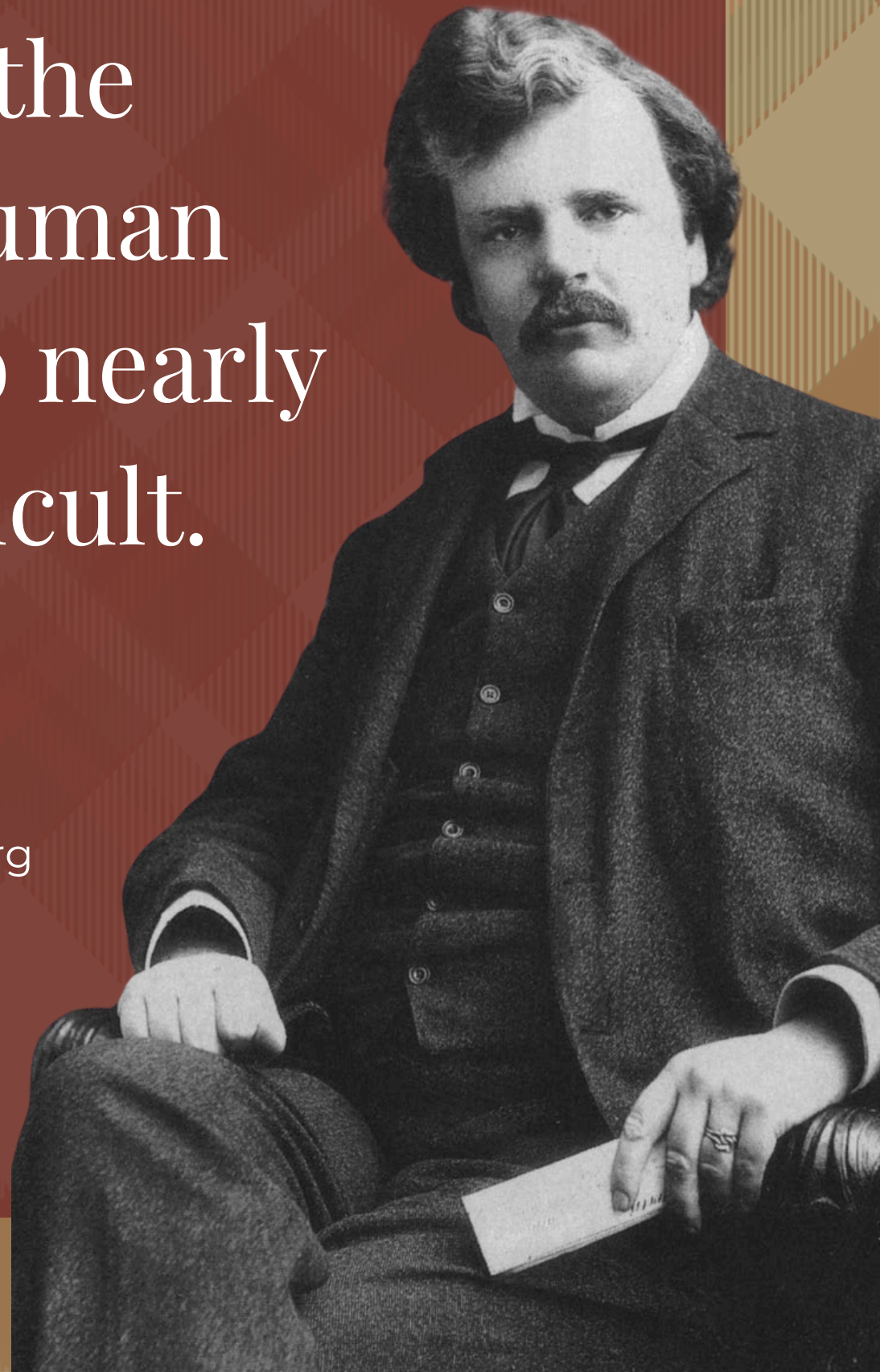


Exactly at the instant
when hope ceases
to be reasonable
it begins to be useful.

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Gratitude,
being nearly the
greatest of human
duties, is also nearly
the most difficult.

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God



*Himself will
not help us to ignore
evil, but only to defy and
to defeat it.*

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Humility

is a permanent
necessity as a
condition of effort and
self-examination.

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The Mother of God
is in a rather special
sense connected with
things visible; since she
is of this earth,
and through her bodily
being God was revealed
to the senses.

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The ideal of gratitude
should not change: for
gratitude is the first
virtue of living things.

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Peace

*without love is
merely a still panic.*

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One weapon from
the armoury of the
saints is, even in
a worldly sense,
stronger than
the world.

**That weapon is
humility.**

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Until we see the background
of darkness we cannot
admire the light as a single
and created thing...

**All light is lightening,
sudden, blinding, and divine.**



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It is true that there is a state of hope which belongs to bright prospects and the morning; but that is not the virtue of hope.

The virtue of hope exists only in earthquake and eclipse.

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Life is serious all the time; but living cannot be serious all the time... If you do not have *mirth* you will certainly have *madness*.

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Faith means
*believing the incredible,
or it is no virtue at all.*

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**Hope is the power of
being cheerful in
circumstances
which we know to be
desperate.**

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Charity

is the power
of defending that
which we know to
be indefensible.

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Who is proud
when the heavens are humble,
Who mounts if the mountains fall,
If the fixed stars topple and tumble
And a deluge of love drowns all...?

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Humility is the thing
which is for ever
renewing the earth
and the stars.



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Blessed is he that
expecteth nothing,
for he shall be
gloriously surprised.

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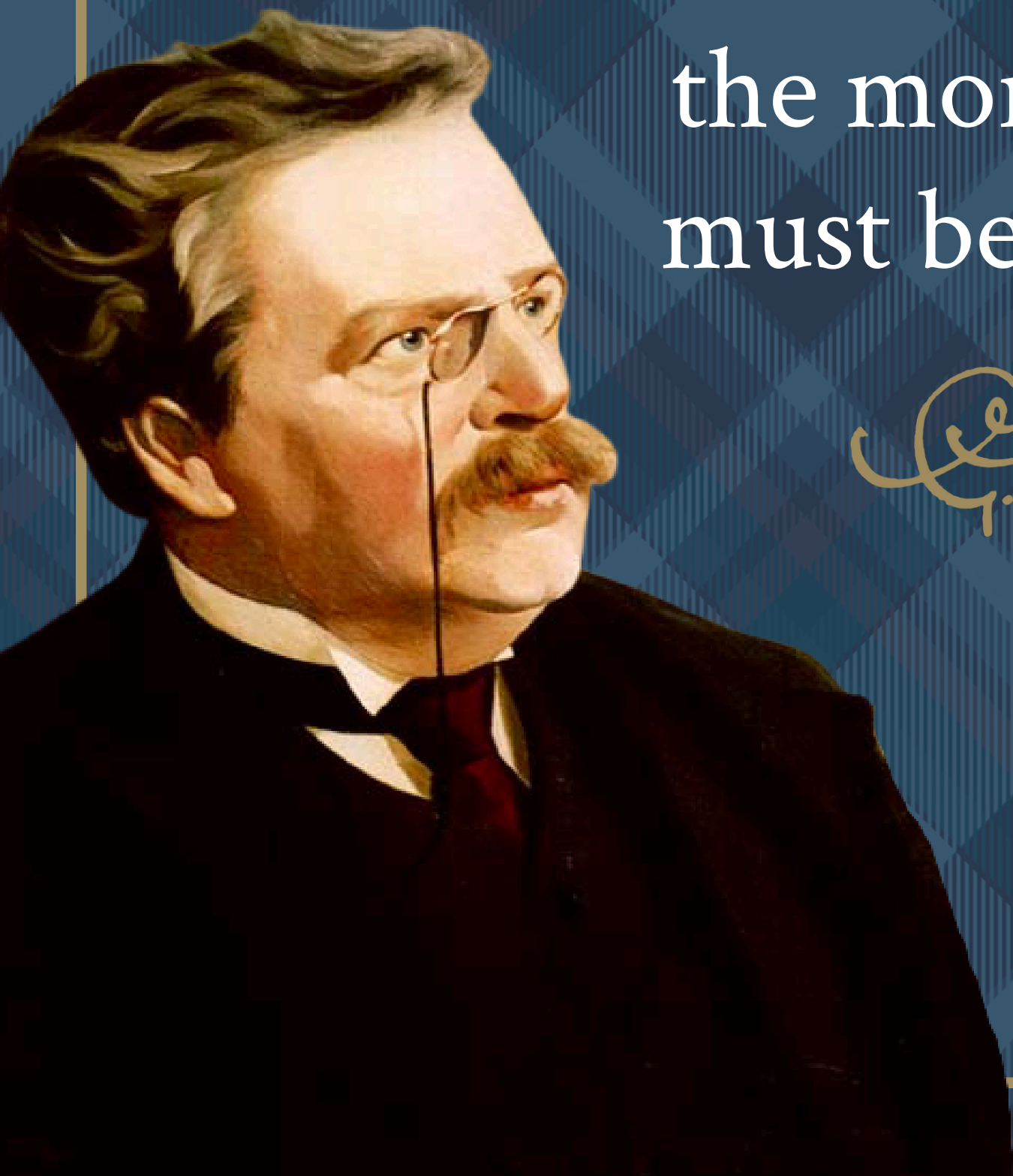




All **courage** is the
courage of the forlorn
hope: you must first
accept the forlornness;
you must yourself
create the **hope**.

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The more *hopeless*
is the situation
the more *hopeful*
must be the man.



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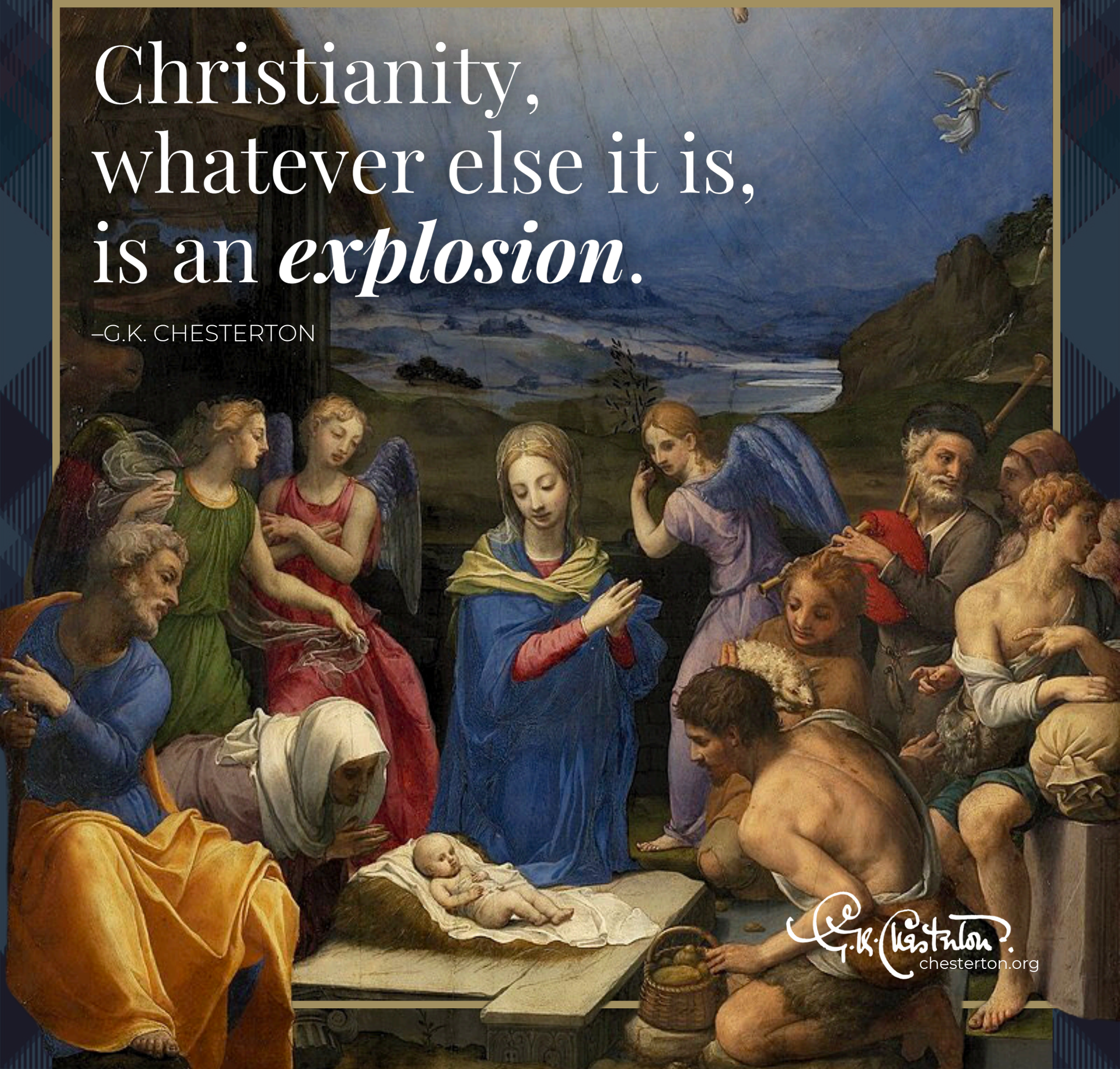
A gift of God that
can be seen and
touched is the
whole point of the
epigram of the creed.

*Christ Himself was a
Christmas present.*

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Christianity,
whatever else it is,
is an *explosion*.

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If there are *ghastly things*
to be faced
the only thing
we can do is to
make it **glorious**
to face them.

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St. Stephen, Protomartyr





When the test of
triumph is men's test of
everything, they never
endure long enough to
triumph at all.

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The first things must be
the very fountains of life,
love and *birth* and
babyhood; and these are
always covered
fountains, flowing in the
quiet courts of the home.



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The *family*
is the factory that
manufactures
mankind.



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But in the riddle of
Bethlehem it was
heaven that was
under the **earth**.

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Human nature simply
cannot subsist without a
hope and aim of some kind;
as the sanity of the
Old Testament truly said,
*where there is no vision
the people perisheth.*



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The only argument against losing faith is that you also lose hope – and generally charity.

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The *absolute* once
ruled the universe
from a cattle stall.

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A word came forth in Galilee,
a word like to a star;
It climbed and rang and blessed and
burnt wherever brave hearts are;
A word of sudden secret hope,
of trial and increase
Of wrath and pity fused in fire,
and passion kissing peace.

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And even those to whom
Christmas can hardly be an
occasion for merrymaking,
will assuredly find it
an occasion for
thanksgiving.



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Every human being
who is in any sense
human must desire
peace for all humanity.

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