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*The Last Gospel, cont'd.*

"All things were made by Him..." (John 1:3). The Word receives eternally from the Father the Divine Nature and therefore also the Divine Action that makes all things that are made, and without Him nothing was made. The Father works without ceasing through the Word. Any of the works outside of God are done through the divinity and therefore by all three Persons, though we may associate this or that work with one of the Persons. Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704) said that "to be and to make, is suitable to the Word: having been made is what is suitable to the creature." This knowledge should help us to be humble and to give credit to God for all we have and do. All things have their origin in God, and He directs all things. All good comes from Him, and so when we do something good, it is God working through us. When something goes wrong, it is our fault because we did not correspond to His grace and Will.

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). Our Lord is life itself, which He communicates to us, both in giving us physical existence and also the life of grace through Baptism and the other sacraments.

"And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it" (John 1:5). Ever since original sin, man has been in darkness. He has looked everywhere for light outside of God and never found it. Unfortunately, man still continues to look for light outside of God, his Creator, and he still comes up with darkness. If scientists, doctors and professors – or anybody for that matter – would place God first in their lives, then they would also make greater advancements in their fields of study or work. God is the Truth, and all truth must correspond with It. If it does not, then we know we cannot come to a correct conclusion in our studies.

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