

Season's Greetings

“You have to laugh.” I didn’t know if this entity was an actual angel, but I had already learned one thing. I *really* didn’t like it when he laughed. “At the humans mocking Christmas as a mere exercise in sentimentality, and small kindnesses, I mean. As if such things are normal to the human experience! Truly, we are spoiled by our own success.”

“Some people say,” I dared offer, “we should instead remember that ‘Jesus is the reason for the season.’”

The angel’s gaze was gentle, loving -- and inexorable. “I assure you, Son of Adam: *He* does not need reminding.”

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