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"The day of his birth the child arose in his bath, joined his hands, and praised God and from the same day he would only take the breast on Wednesday and Friday thus knowing how to fast from the time he knew hunger."

He was said to have been born without a sinful nature (like Jesus). The scripture says there is none good but God (John 19:17). Jesus is God in the flesh (John 1:1). Saint Nicholas took a sea voyage to Palestine, when a storm arose. A sailor was said to have fallen over board, where upon, St. Nicholas rescued him, restoring his life after death (resurrection). Only Jesus possesses this power of resurrection. St. Nicholas then called upon the storm and it ceased. It is Jesus who rebuked the wind and the sea and there was a great calm (Matt. 8:26). It was said that he appeared to Emperor Constantine in a dream and caused him to change his mind (causing repentance) concerning the execution of two men who prayed to him for deliverance. Only God works in men's hearts causing repentance (II Cor. 7:10; II Tim. 2:25). When men would pray to Jesus, it was said that St. Nicholas answered their prayers thus possessing all the powers of the living God: omnipotent (unlimited power or authority), omnipresent (in all places at the same time), and omniscient (knowing all things). That's why:

He knows when you are sleeping

He knows when you're awake

He knows when you've been bad or good

So be good for goodness sake

He was the ultimate judge of good and bad children, giving sweets to the good and switches to the bad. Only God knows the heart. We are not to judge by the outward appearance, but we are to declare righteous judgment (John 7:24; Lev. 19:15; I Sam. 16:7) which is the word of God. We teach our children to talk to the dead (necromancy) asking this dead Romanist bishop (who answers the prayers of the saints) for material things. We tell them that if they are good (which is impossible outside of Jesus Christ), then they will receive the lusts (desires) of their flesh (The materialism of Babylon - Rev. 18:2-16). We are teaching our children covetousness (pleonektes - "wanting more") which is idolatry (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5). The word "devil" is the Greek word "daimon" (demon) meaning "to distribute fortunes." Satan told Jesus, "Worship me, and I'll give you the fortunes of this world (Matt. 4:9)". We are teaching our children to seek a devil (Santa Claus) who will "distribute fortunes" to them. Santa Claus is a lie that is merely the beginning of the corruption of our children. Every good and perfect gift is spiritual and comes from God (James 1:17).

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