



Nativity Fast Competition 2025/2026
Study on the Book “Contemplations on Nativity” by HH Pope Shenouda III – Part 3

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First: Place a check (✓) for true or a cross (X) for false:

- 1- The Pope says that God dwelt among us to fill the gap created by sin between heaven and earth. (.....)
- 2- The peace proclaimed by the angels is peace with God first, then with the soul and with people. (.....)
- 3- The Nativity is a declaration of the forgiveness of sins without the need for the Cross, according to Pope Shenouda's thought. (.....)
- 4- The angel's good news to the shepherds was the first joyful news for humanity after the Fall. (.....)
- 5- The true joy in the Nativity is that which springs from repentance and renewal of the heart, not merely from external appearances and celebrations. (.....)
- 6- Joseph the Carpenter did not have angels appear to him openly (while awake) as happened with the Virgin, but their communication with him was in dreams. (.....)
- 7- Before the Nativity, angels appeared to people as enemies rather than friends because of the enmity caused by sin. (.....)
- 8- The Virgin Mary pondered all these things related to the Nativity in her heart, and this teaches us the virtue of "spiritual silence." (.....)
- 9- The Magi offered "myrrh" as a symbol of Christ's kingship and authority over hearts. (.....)
- 10- The Pope sees the Virgin Mary as the "second heaven" because God dwelt in her. (.....)

Second: Choose the correct answer(s):

1- By dwelling among us, Christ became "the second Adam," and the purpose of this is:

- a) Repeating the story of the Fall
- b) Giving humanity a "new beginning" that is pure
- c) Canceling the existence of the first Adam
- d) Merely glorifying the human race

2- One of the reasons for His dwelling among us, as mentioned in the book, is "Revelation," meaning:

- a) That we see Him and know Him truly
- b) That He hides from us
- c) That He rises above us
- d) That He reproaches us

3- Why did the Lord choose to be born of a virgin specifically?

- a) To break the laws of nature
- b) So that the Child would not inherit original sin
- c) As a sign for the Jews only
- d) To be a unique miracle

4- The book explains that the "angel's annunciation to the Virgin" contained an element of:

- a) Testing
- b) A difficult commission
- c) Joy mixed with responsibility
- d) All of the above

5- What attribute did the Pope apply to the manger?

- a) School of humility
- b) Throne of glory
- c) Refuge of the poor
- d) Symbol of exile/strangeness

6- In his discussion of the "shepherds," why did God choose them to be the first to know about the Nativity?

- a) Because they were awake/vigilant
- b) Because of their simplicity and prepared heart
- c) To represent Christ's role as Shepherd
- d) All of the above

7- The Pope described the "humility of the Nativity" as not merely a virtue but:

- a) A natural necessity
- b) Kenosis (emptying of glory)
- c) Teaching the shepherds
- d) A means to escape from Herod

8- The Lord dwelt among us to sanctify human nature by:

- a) Giving it new commandments
- b) The union of His divinity with His humanity
- c) Destroying the body
- d) Teaching us philosophy

9- What connection did the Pope make between the "Nativity" and "Salvation"?

- a) The Nativity is the beginning of the path to the Cross
- b) The Nativity alone is sufficient for salvation
- c) There is no relation between them
- d) The Nativity concerns only the body

10- What is the greatest gift God gave to humanity in the Nativity according to Pope Shenouda III's book?

- a) Earthly peace
- b) Reconciliation with heaven
- c) Healing from diseases
- d) Abundance of provision

Third: Complete the following sentences with the appropriate word(s):

1- The Pope described Christ's flight to Egypt as a lesson in and not weakness.

2- The star was moving from to, which is contrary to the nature of celestial bodies.

3- In the Nativity, the Unlimited united with the and the Eternal with the

4- Saint Mary represented the "righteous remnant of Israel" that awaited the

5- The Nativity in the Pope's thought is not merely a historical memory but a, that we live every day.