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Good morning... Good New Year of 1992, the first Thursday of this year of the Lord. May it be a "good" year for you, in every way: and the blessings you pray for, for yourself and for others, may they come to you and you recognize them as truly gifts from God. This day is also the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas — yes, it is still Christmastime: and, yes, there is a connection with New Year... why else do we still call it "1992", counting from what a clever scholar many hundreds of years ago calculated as being the year that Jesus Christ was born... only, he actually got it somewhat wrong. But the point is, it's "anno Domini" — in the year of Our Lord, 1992. How long will we continue counting in this series? After all, even where the birthday of Jesus is still somehow marked as a holiday or festival, it's largely commercialised and has become "the Season" — taking care to avoid any mention or reference to Jesus Christ ('snoopy' or Sarfield of course are OK). And now they're looking for other explanations to replace AD, "anno domini" — things like "of the modern era": sad, and not a little silly, unless/until the world can agree on some other event or date as a starting point for counting... till then, it's 1992 years <sup>(give or take a few)</sup> since the event Christians celebrate in this couple of weeks. For, now is Christmas, the proper time for those real Christmas songs and carols that've got so commercially exploited for the pre-Christmas sales drives. So this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, an invitation in prayer today & this week, to a more extended meditation and reflection on the birth of Jesus Christ, and all its meaning — its history, its mystery → NP 1074 p2ff