

Biography of Raymund Lull

He, whom Helfferich calls "the most remarkable figure of the Middle Ages," being dead yet speaketh. The task which he first undertook is still before the Church unaccomplished. The modern missionary to Islam can see a reflection of his own trials of faith, difficulties, temptations, hopes, and aspirations in the story of Lull. Only with his spirit of self-sacrifice and enthusiasm can one gird for the conflict with this Goliath of the Philistines, who for thirteen centuries has defied the armies of the Living God.

Lull's writings contain glorious watchwords for the spiritual crusade against Islam in the twentieth century. How up-to-date is this prayer which we find at the close of one of his books: "Lord of heaven, Father of all times, when Thou didst send Thy Son to take upon Him human nature, He and His apostles lived in outward peace with Jews, Pharisees, and other men; for