

## **WINTER LIGHT**

**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2004**

*The darkest season of the year is also a festival of light. The orange pumpkins, red apples and golden corn of November, the brightness of Thanksgiving, the colored Christmas glory of stars and burning logs, all this fantasy and joy is an affirmation of hope as the sun grows pale and the winds become sharp and the days turn into long nights.*

*Advent and Christmas tell us that no darkness can stop the light. Indeed, the greater the darkness, the more light we generate.*

*In the darkest seasons of our lives, there is a star of hope, a sun of promise just below the horizon, ready to become dawn again if we only let our hearts see it. Christmas is not only about Christ but about the refusal of the human spirit to let the Christ of Christmas become only a memory and a past event.*

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