

An Inspiring Testimony from the Diary of Christopher Columbus.



AUGUST J. KING QUOTED THIS PASSAGE
FROM COLUMBUS'S DIARY
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“It was the Lord who put it into my mind, (I could feel His hand upon me), the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures.....

I am a noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole

purpose to enjoy is marvelous presence.
For the execution of the voyage to the Indies, I did not make
use of intelligence, mathematics or maps.

**It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah* had
prophesied**

No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our
Saviour, if it is just and if the intention is purely
for His holy service. The working out of all things has
been assigned to , each person by our Lord, but it all
happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives
advice. Oh what a gracious Lord, who desires that people
should perform for Him those things for which He holds
Himself responsible! Day and night, moment by moment,
everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to
Him”.

•Columbus's reference to Isaiah's prophecy was probably
Isaiah 40:22

“It is He who sits above the circle of the earth”

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