

it his support in the assemblies, where he speaks highly of our Faith. Alas! if it is difficult in Europe to convert a great Sinner, it is still harder here to cause a change of heart in an Unbeliever; it is like beating the air to speak to him about the unity of God, and all the motives for belief that we adduce, in regard to the coming of the Son of God upon earth, are to him like darkness at noonday.

Here is an outline of what inclines them to the Truth that we preach to them. 1. The art of inscribing upon paper matters that are beyond sight. 2. The strict conformity to reason that is found in all our maxims. 3. The unity of our doctrine; for they are astonished that the same things are told them at Kébec as we preach here. 4. Our own certainty in upholding what we teach. 5. The contempt that they see us show for death and for all the dangers we have to incur. 6. The aversion among the French, which they admire, to all kinds of sensuality, to which they abandon themselves through a propensity that is a part of their natures. 7. The opinion they now have that we are not people to deceive ourselves in a matter of so much importance. 8. That Christian confidence in the goodness [58] of God that we have shown them in the adversities we have suffered. 9. This principle: That man did not create himself, and consequently must go back to his origin, which can only be an independent Being. 10. The vanity they are continually discovering in their usual notions.

Since the successful issue of this council, the curiosity to see our Images and to hear our songs attract these peoples to our cabin on Sundays and Feast days, where we appear in our surplices to offer public pray-