

**Thought for the day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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**Let Every Word. Dom Helder Camara (Brazil)**

Let every word  
be the fruit  
of action and reflection.  
Reflection alone  
without action  
or tending towards  
is mere theory  
adding its weight when we are overloaded  
with it already  
and it has led to despair.  
Action alone  
without reflection  
is being busy  
pointlessly.  
Honour the Word eternal  
and speak  
to make  
a. new world possible.

- Shine on Star of Bethlehem. Christian Aid. Canterbury Press

I liked this poem.  
We reflect on Jesus the Word.  
May we use our words with care.  
Let us rejoice that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us.