Christianity in the 21st century is characterized by the pursuit of Church unity and the continued resistance to persecution, and secularization. With the election of Pope Benedict XVI, there was decentralized beatifications and reverted a decision of John Paul II regarding papal elections. Benedict XVI advocated a return to fundamental Christian values to counter the increased secularisation of many Western countries. He taught the importance of both the Catholic Church and an understanding of God's I found very interesting Joseph Campbell's *The masks of God*. It comprises four large volumes, so it is quite a long read, and there are parts (specially in the first volume, which deals with primitive mythologies) that are very outdated, but in general you have a pretty good map of the history of religions and how they relate to each other. Other books from Campbell are interesting too. They would have had the Hebrew Bible, either in Hebrew, if they were Jewish-background believers, or in the Greek Septuagint translation. They would also have had whatever copies of the Gospels and the various letters that they could lay their hands on. We have a fragment of John's Gospel found in Egypt dated to 110 AD, and a fragment of Matthew dated to 70 AD [1], also from Egypt. I have entitled this lecture, Saint John Chrysostom for the 21st Century. Toward that end, however, I would like to begin by making a brief verbal sketch of St John's life, then mention some of the areas in which he has been duly influential throughout the history of the Church, and then, upon that foundation, address Chrysostom's relevance for the practice of contemporary Christianity. His Birth and Parents. He made significant contributions to the life of the Church in a number of important areas, such as: Prayer and Liturgy. We find Chrysostom reaffirming his teaching on this subject without revision at various significant points in his ministry. For instance, his series on 1 Corinthians, delivered as a priest in Antioch, contains a reference to his early ascetical work *On Virginity.*