

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1945 A.D.F.D.**  
**TIME: 12:30 P.M.**

As FATHER had just shortly arrived and was sitting in HIS study at HIS desk, one of the co-workers remarked to HIM that she had just said the evening before to another sister that she was going to pop some corn for HIS study, not knowing that HE was Personally coming the next day, and that she wished she had carried out her plans, because then she felt she would have been in the Spirit. As the sister finished speaking, FATHER gave this constructive little talk for the benefit of all concerned, that they might know from now, henceforth and forever, the ways of GOD are past finding out, for as high as the heaven is from the earth, even so are HIS Thoughts above ours, for whatsoever HE might Will to do at one time, HE cannot be confined nor bound to it, for HE might Will to do just the extreme reverse the next time.

**THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!**

(The foregoing statement is that of the transcriber, and the following is the brief Office Talk.)

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

I said: "A little while you shall see ME and again, a little while you cannot see ME." So you cannot confine GOD doing or being the exact same thing or eating the exact same thing HE did, for I will not allow appetite to control ME! That is the Mystery of the Omnipotency and Omniscience of GOD! Many different things, such as soda pop years ago, around ten or fifteen years ago, they started using soda pop in our places and of course, the orange soda pop was pretty nice in the beginning and I drank it for considerable length of time and it was very delicious for a season, for an instance, and of course the companies got MY publicity I gave them and they sold all flavors of sodas at a price according to MY request, less on the case than what other companies could sell them for at retail. But we bought them by the wholesale, by buying thousands of cases, in a way of speaking, at the different places, and of course I made it possible for everybody to drink soda at three cents a bottle, and everybody sold the same bottle for five cents at least, and the refreshment places and places of resort and the like and on boat excursions they would sell them for ten and fifteen cents and the like, but I would not allow the followers to sell them but at the same standard price of 3¢ a bottle for the ordinary would be called five cents a bottle; boat excursions and everywhere and all resorts of our connections and wheresoever they would go and hold public meetings — not more than three cents a bottle, and the soda was very delicious.

#### **Mystery of Growing in Grace and Knowledge**

But I was not confined to it and I would not allow appetite or the taste of anything being delicious to control ME continually, not even to control ME instantaneously, but for a purpose I allowed MYSELF to use it and speak of it. But shortly thereafter, I discontinued it, and the same like manner about "Seven Up", for an instance this summer, just for an instance, just for an instance I thought to drink some, and so

I did, and lots of them take it for granted that I especially care for it. But I did at that particular time I called for it, but I could not be confined to that particular beverage, hence, I refrained MY consideration for it and no longer have an appetite for it especially. That is the Mystery of growing in Grace and in Knowledge, also the Mystery of not being confined nor bound to any limitation. So that is the way those things go.

So the popcorn, it just came on the spur of the moment and as it was here the other day when I came in — for MY office and MY office staff, why of course I tasted it and it did taste very delicious and I ate considerably for a while, while sitting here; but after this or that time, I may not care for it. So I do not want you to put yourself out for anything like that, because you can never tell what I may do or how I may like anything after the first time. The Spirit will take care of the situation without any premeditation or preconsideration. That is the Mystery.

One of the housekeepers: I thank YOU, FATHER.

FATHER: So I appreciate your effort in trying to get it and produce it, but I do not require you to do it, and the same like manner about anything else. I AM one with those who are one with ME, therefore, whatsoever they have, if they desire to express hospitality or be hospitable when I come, I want them to know, with them I AM one! Whatsoever you have and can serve, be the same with ME as with yourself and with others, and be the same with others as with yourself and with ME! By this, we are universalizing this Universal Brotherhood, for Christ in the Sonship Degree came as the poorest among men, yet making many rich; yet He was an Heir to the Throne of GOD as being termed, to the throne of DAVID. But He made you heirs and joint heirs together with HIM. So it is a wonderful privilege.

(With a few more remarks, this brief constructive Office Talk concluded.)

## **NECESSITY OF DENYING INHERITED FANCIES AND PLEASURES**

**TALK GIVEN BY FATHER DIVINE  
 IN HIS TRAVELING OFFICE  
 EN ROUTE FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH  
 THURSDAY MARCH 21, 1946 A.D.F.D.  
 TIME: ABOUT 10:45 A.M.**

Just before the transcriber commenced recording, FATHER mentioned why HE did not eat certain foods, like ice cream, etc., such as humanity generally, indulge in. HE also brought out the fact that a drunken person, when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, will indulge in other vices because of the germ that is in it.

(The foregoing statement is that of the transcriber after which our FATHER speaks as follows:)

For this cause it is essential to deny one's self of hereditary tendencies, of family, race, or line-

age, whichever, in other words, hereditary tendencies of family or lineage, whichever, or race, or color, and any of those hereditary customs and fashions and characteristics handed down traditionally are detrimental, for they are not uplifting and are not bringing to your conscious mentality and establishing within it, the Higher Things of Life. For this cause we abstain, and by being an abstinent from all of those hereditary tendencies, fancies and pleasures and all of the traditions of ancestry and national origin, everything that is not constructive, advantageous and progressive, you gain victory over them through self-denial and abstaining from the slightest indulgence or compromising with them.

For this cause many things you may have an appetite for, with an ordinary taste and with an ordinary human taste to do things — fancies and pleasures, yielding to those tendencies and fancies; but when you abstain from them for Righteousness' sake, you master your own self and conquer your own will.

"He that conquers his own will is greater than he that taketh a city."

I may bring into MY Personal Tabernacle expression of the reflections of others, in other words, the reflection of the expressions of others that are not advantageous, but to the extreme reverse, detrimental. But those sketches and reflections of the expression of others that are detrimental are brought into subjection by the great Fundamental Principle of GOD established and GOD HIMSELF will not allow any of those mortal tendencies and characteristics to have access for expression. Therefore, master the situation and bring it and them into subjection. By it I conquer and control the masses by conquering and controlling the common tendencies, fancies and pleasures of humanity.

#### **How FATHER Controls the People**

Why is it they are all so crazy about FATHER DIVINE?" some have said; and why is it they move at HIS slightest wish or Command?" Because I have conquered those things psychologically, hereditively and prenatally and associately within ME, I have conquered them in others. Hence I have brought others into subjection; and they, as the tendencies within you and as the fancies and as the pleasures and as the characteristics of yourself as an individual, when you have conquered those things they are conquered with them, for these external personages will be and express or reflect those characteristics, tendencies, fancies and pleasures and hereditary traits, ideas and opinions and even your hereditary instinct if there be an expression as such in humanity. When you shall have conquered them within you, you have conquered others who are the personages of such things. Hence, the Scripture is fulfilled:

"He that conquereth his own will is greater than he that taketh a city."

You see the mystery? You have brought all humanity into subjection by conquering your own hereditary tendencies, fancies and pleasures, whether they be good or evil.

You have conquered others automatically, and psychologically and they will move at your slightest command and will readily obey you.

What a privilege! What a privilege! The Condescension of GOD in coming to the earth plane to speak and act in the bodies as well as the minds and spirits of the children of men and to bring them into subjection to HIM, is the great thing. It is the mystery of all mysteries of which was spoken of by the Apostle:

"To whom God will make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

#### The Glorious Liberty of the Sons of GOD

You have that hope within by the Christ within and it causes others to be brought into subjection to HIM by such a recognition, and by this you gain the victory over every difficulty because you revel into the glorious Liberty of the Sons of GOD. What a privilege! Therefore, it is good to have tendencies prenatalized within you. It is good that they are, or have been there, and when I conquer them within you I have conquered you. I have given you the Key to the Mystery to solve your problems and to overcome adverse and undesirable conditions externally as you have overcome them mentally.

Therefore, if I had an appetite to do many things from a mental and spiritual point of view, if I had an appetite to eat or drink many things from a human or Personal point of view, if I know with the right concept of the CHRIST by the Characteristics and Attributes of GOD transmitted, they are detrimental, I would not indulge in them, even though it hurt ME to abstain from the indulgence. If they were so rooted and grounded in ME to the extent that it would hurt, I would abstain from them when I know it is the best to be an abstinent from those tendencies, fancies and pleasures, knowing they are detrimental and not advantageous.

By this you can make your respective advances and climb the height of Perfection without prohibition. For greater is he that is the conqueror, that has conquered, than that which is to be conquered. It is a privilege to live in such a recognition! The mysteries of a Masterful Life I AM now revealing. As a Sample and as an example daily I AM demonstrating Perfection for the true and faithful.

If you had an appetite to drink any kind of intoxicating liquors and if your appetite and your thirst for those things would be delicious, if you depend on something greater and better, bigger and something more constructive, yea, profitable, more beneficial, you would then abstain from the indulgence in that appetite even though it would be great and powerful; for he did say:

"Greater is He that is within you than all they that could be against you."

#### Putting off Mortality

That is the way to make your advances. The sacrifice of those things of your human characteristics, tendencies, pleasures, is merely putting off the mortal and putting on immortality psychologically. When you put off those vices of mortality for the Virtues of your Saviour you are putting off the seed idea of mortality and you are putting on the seed idea of immortality. Eventually you will put off mortality and put on immortality by so doing. That is the mystery.

So, daily as you travel up this highway of Life

and live in the recognition and the realization of the Presence of Christ, you take on HIS Characteristics and HIS Nature and abstain from all crime and vice. By abstaining with a persistent determination and ambition, even though those tendencies be prenatalized within you and be even a part of you hereditively, you are being changed from that Adamic state of consciousness to the Christ Consciousness and you are being made a new creature automatically by the recognition of GOD'S Presence and by bringing your body into subjection to a Life that is bigger and greater. The Attributes of GOD to you then are no longer merely a supposition but the Attributes of GOD to you have been made a reality and in them by the actuated words of expression you are established, and the Attributes of GOD to you then being established within you, will bring into being GOD HIMSELF characteristically, dispositionally and naturally, and from a psychological point of view and a Spiritual point of view GOD is a reality with you and no longer far away.

The Gospel of the Epistle of the Apostle is fulfilled in this quotation:

"Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the living God and God has said I will walk in them and dwell in them!"

This is fulfilled daily. That is the bringing into your world and into your being, that for which you have, and the whole civilization of Christianity has prayed.

"Let thy kingdom come and thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

#### The Kingdom Without Observation

The Kingdom is a Dominion and a Dominion is where the Authority of a government has access for expression and the governmental things are brought into subjection; there is the kingdom and there is the same, the dominion. And the Kingdom has truly come when One has been selected and elected and enthroned that is the Supernatural and Universal and Infinite King. For wheresoever a king reigns or his throne is, there is where his kingdom is. It is truly wonderful! It is marvelous to be considered in the mystery of such an unfoldment of the Actual PRESENCE of GOD. The prayer for the Kingdom to come in that known as the Lord's Prayer, did not call for the observation of the Kingdom in the beginning for I did say.

"The kingdom cometh not with observation."

Therefore, It would not be observable but would come characteristically, would come dispositionally; in short, would come mentally and spiritually. The seed Idea and the reality of the Kingdom invisible then as it is developed in the hearts and lives of the children of men as a Principle and as Characteristics and as the very Attributes of GOD, the Mind of GOD, the Spirit of GOD, the Life of GOD, all that GOD is Mentally and Spiritually and psychologically, the reality of the outer expression of it will come forth into display as you live in such a recognition and bring your body into subjection. For truly the Word was made Flesh. That which has been vividly visualized then is materialized. That which was merely surmised is then realized. That

which was invisible and intangible as a Principle and in a person, is made a Person, and GOD in Person in HIS Personages is made a living reality universally that we might have a Righteous Government and

"That Government by the people, for the people and through the people will not perish from the earth,"

for you are the personages of that invisible Kingdom for which you all have prayed. The Mission of Christ has been fulfilled and I have accomplished the purpose for which I came. I thank You. It is wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful!

#### Abraham Conquered His Own Will

It is written,

"He that conquers his own will is greater than he that taketh a city."

Abraham believed GOD and it was accounted to him for righteousness. GOD told Abraham, because he had obeyed HIM, conquering his own will, and his own would have been pleasure for his son to live,

"As far out in the land as thou can see can be for your inheritance," and "As the grains of sand on the seashore so shall thy seed be in number, and as the stars of the heavens so shall they be in number," showing Abraham, as one as considered the father of faith, that your blessings would be limitless and you would conquer even time and seasons and space with such a recognition by living according to the Fundamentals.

"As in Adam all die (yea, have died, or will die), so shall in Jesus Christ all be made alive."

By the disobedience of one man death entered the land. Therefore, by that same disobedience under him all men live unto sin and death passes on and upon all men that are in him — Adam. But as in the former in the negative, so with the latter in the positive. So,

"As in Adam all die, so shall in Christ Jesus all be made alive."

Then why should one in the Christ Consciousness and in the Christ Characteristics, in the Christ Life, and in the Christ Nature, and in the Christ Mind, and in the Christ Spirit, die? One could not die in these. And it is true! True! True!

"In Adam all die, so shall in Jesus Christ all be made alive."

#### In the Christ Spirit One Cannot Die

It is a matter of impossibility for one to die fully developed in the Christ Consciousness and in the Christ Characteristics, and in the Christ Nature, and in the Christ Disposition, and in the Christ Life, in the Christ Mind and in the Christ Spirit. And vice-versa, it is a matter of impossibility for one to live that lives in Adam and in his characteristics and in his disposition and in his nature and in his ideas and opinions and in his spirit and in his mind, for,

"In Adam all die."

Truly might have I said in Bible time:

"I set before you a blessing and a cursing, life and death."

I have come Personally And I Am reiterating the same in the Actuated Words of expression, requesting the life of the person to be brought into subjection to one or the other — to Adam, his characteristics, his disposition, his consciousness, his ideas and opinions, which causes all of those hereditive tendencies, fancies and pleas-

ures, or be brought into subjection to the Christ Consciousness with all of HIS — in short — in Christ Jesus, to be made alive.

(And with these last beautiful Words our Beloved Savior drew this very beautiful Talk to a close.)

# All Things Work Together For Good To Them That Love The Lord... — *Father Divine*

## FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

Given at the  
BANQUET TABLE  
514 LENOX AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 9, 1933 A.D.F.D.

### SECTION ONE

As FATHER drove up to the apartment house, despite the fact that HE always tries to avoid publicity, the crowd had formed a long line on either side, making a passageway from the entrance of the car all the way up to the apartment on the fourth floor. The Tables were spread deliciously and tastily, and after all were seated and the service in progress, FATHER sang a sweet little melody as follows:

"It was for you, but it is for ME,  
It was for you, it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"GOD is your FATHER, there is no other,  
It was for you, it is for ME,  
All can see the work I have done,  
It was for you and for ME,

"It was for you, it is for ME.  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"I AM teaching the people to be still,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
And try to do the Master's Will,  
It was for you and for ME.

"It was for you, but it is for ME.  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
It was for you and it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"When you think it was for self,  
It is for you and someone else,  
It was for ME and someone else,  
All that you say and do.

"Christ walks on the water like a man on land  
It was for you and it is for ME,  
MY sons and MY daughters, some don't understand  
It was for you and for ME.

"It was for you, it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"You can tell it to the world at large,  
It was for you, it was for ME,  
You can tell it to the world at large,  
All that you say or do.

"It was for you, it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"I don't care if it doesn't seem to be true,  
It is for you and it is for ME,  
If it is not true to others, it is to you,  
All that you say or do.

"It is for you, still it is for ME,  
It is for you, it is for ME,  
It was for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"It was first for you, but it is for ME,  
It is for you, but it is for ME,  
It was first for you, but it is for ME,  
All that you say or do.

"All things work together for those who love the Lord,  
It is for you, but it is for ME,  
If you will only trust in MY Word  
In all that you say or do."

The following is FATHER's Message:

PEACE! That is a wonderful little song we just sung and while we sang, the thought went forth through MY Mind, the thought which I so often convey: "It was for you and it is for ME, Yet it is for you and it was for ME"; for that which is, was, and that which was, is, and which is, has been, for there is nothing new under the sun. But as it is explained in expressions, in words, in deeds and in actions, then we can term it to be, as though it was for you and as it is for ME; whatsoever may be said or done, it is the wonderful mystery of GOD on earth among men, working out all things for good. Hence, verify I it, of which so often has been repeatedly sung and said, "All things work together for the good of them that love the Lord, and are called according to his purpose." Hence I said and I sung,

"It was for you, but it is for Me  
In all you say or do."

At times you may think you are doing something for your own individual self-gain or for the self-gain of others, yet to ME, it is true, although it was for you, it is for ME. Hence, it is truly fulfilled in your hearing daily,

"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and are called according to his purpose."

### An Eye that Never Sleeps or Slumbers

At this juncture I call your attention to the fact of which has been given out in our recent meetings. We have been invited to the Rockland Palace on the said date, of which you all understand, but it was not given to ME with the understanding that it was a fee attached. Of course, naturally that is understood. But I say, it was for you — they or him, whosoever it may be who was interested in ME, to call MY attention to the function and to invite you and MINE, as though it was to establish MY Work abroad for the common good of mankind. "It was for you, but it is for ME, all you say or do." It is indeed Wonderful!

Insignificant as I may appear to be, I have a thought as expressed, being termed "an Eye," within the heart and mind of men; a mental and a spiritual eye that never sleeps nor slumbers. It is Wonderful! Therefore, I received the message this morning at the appointed time. It was within the understanding that I would attract MINE and bring MINE for the help of the organization, of the which it will be, but "It was for you and yet it is for ME, in all you say or do." We will attend I suppose, but I doubt whether any of us will enter in the hall. We may march up to the hall, but I do not think we will enter in.

### Not Necessary to Crowd Others Out

I was offered five tickets free as an individual Person, but those who desire to go, they are welcome to attend, but I do not think I will Personally enter in, as we would crowd them out from their function. You see, we would not participate in their dance and in their social function, therefore, it would not be necessary for MY five or ten thousand followers that would turn out, to crowd the others out. For this cause I think we will stay on the outside, but we may march up or ride up to the hall, according to our program; so, "It was for you, but it is for ME."

The invitation that was given ME, I did not get any bill or ticket or anything of that sort, but the invitation was given ME for ME to attend — ME and all of MY coworkers. We all were invited, but it was an invitation. If it would have been out that it was a public function, why then we all would have known it was not necessary for an invitation. It is Wonderful! So that is the way it was for you, but it is for