

do it in commemoration of my suffering until I come!"

We have studied in the old church that the oversight of the church was so evident by not administering the Communion every day, that that is why Paul said we should create the office of deacons to help the ministers carry out the Communion. It isn't anything to laugh at; it is a very, very serious problem, if you look at it in the right way; and it says if you eat this Communion with unclean hands, hold malice against your fellowmen, being deceitful, being a backbiter, a soothsayer, a trouble-maker, a liar; you eat d—nation to your soul. So, I feel as though sitting here partaking of this Communion, I examined myself to find out whether I was worthy. Feeling as I do, I feel that I am worthy.

Worthiness?

Sometimes if we should examine ourselves personally — I am talking about friends and members of the Movement — examine our own hearts and find out whether they are worthy of sitting around this Communion Table, I don't think that some of us would feel that we have been slighted because we are not invited. However, you may not like the gospel that I preach or the words that I use, but I have always been frank according to my belief. If I am for you, I will die for you; if I am against you, I will die against you. The truth will set you free, and if you are a true American, as we exemplify, you must be a brave man, you must be a brave boy; and let us think seriously on these matters, that when we go from place to place carrying out the Peace Mission Movement, that we carry out the entire truth as it should be carried out; then thousands upon thousands will be added to the faith and be able to stand before a mass that is here assembled and say, "Now, to all who might seek, yea, I declared FATHER DIVINE GOD."

If you don't tell the truth as it is, how can men believe? I have heard so many things myself and I have found it so different that when I attempt to explain the story now, people say, "Is that right?" I tell them, "Yes, because I have seen", and we feel as though that when the one has seen as they have seen in Philadelphia, in New York City more than any place else, and New Jersey, as they have seen in Texas, in Florida, in California, in Alabama and Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, South Carolina, as they see here; this great Movement will have ranking from the Gulf of Mexico to the Dominion of Canada and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and we would have everybody singing as the national anthem, "WE ARE AMERICANS!"

FATHER DIVINE delivered the following Message in reference to the above Address by Reverend Barton:

SINCE I HAVE BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM OF COMMUNION AND HAVE MADE IT REAL, TANGIBLE AND PRACTICAL, WE WILL CALL IT OUR HOLY COMMUNION MORE AND MORE —FATHER DIVINE

When You Are Invited to Communion It Is Good to Examine Yourself and See if You Are Worthy to Take GOD'S Materialized Body

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE
 RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT FORUM
 DIVINE PEACE MISSION HOTEL
 764-772 SOUTH BROAD STREET
 PHILADELPHIA, PA.
 MONDAY and TUESDAY
 DECEMBER 1st and 2nd, 1941 A.D.F.D.
 TIME — 1:10 A.M.

PEACE, EVERYONE!

I would just like to say before any or many of our visiting friends get away, what Dr. Barton said in reference to our Banquet Table as we reserve the right to appeal or amend any laws, rules or regulations or even our church discipline, I call your attention to the words he mentioned — our Holy Communion Table.

I would like to say this to you all: if there be any critics of the Reverend, I place MYSELF in a place for criticism that I might be criticized as adopting what he mentioned in connection with the Peace Mission Movement.

It is distinctly known among us that our Communion Services go on every day, but they have been called Banquets. But as he said, since it is a practical course in spiritual psychology — he did not use these words, but I AM using them — since I have brought to the surface the original system of Communion and have made it real, tangible and practical for the sustenance of our bodies and for the unification of our bodies, and souls, we will call it our Holy Communion more and more.

The Communion Is as Sacred as That of Any Church

It is our Holy Communion; and at tables where I preside, it is — for all, practically all of them describe our Holy Communion Table, which is as sacred as that which you have ever taken in any church with your respective ritual — ritual-ated devotion. We shall express the actual words of expression of our ritual-ated devotion in the act of serving our daily Communion. Hence, we shall call it our Communion Service or nothing less than the Lord's Supper and Love Feast.

Jesus told you about it; now we have it and we shall eat it and drink it anew in the Kingdom and we shall discern the LORD'S Body to keep us from being sickly and to keep us from dying. Aren't you glad! For if you do not discern the Lord's Body — it is written and you have said it in your respective churches,

"Take, eat, this is my body —"

we shall discern the Lord's Body and we shall take it and eat it and shall materialize it and spiritualize our bodies for,

"The little leaven leaveneth the whole lump,"

according to the promise of Jesus. If any of them can better it, tell them I said, come and tell ME. Aren't you glad!

Communion Guests Should Examine Themselves

Now the next thought. When we invited our special invited guests to partake with us if you desire to do so, when you are invited — when you are invited, you are welcome to do so; but it is good for you to examine yourselves and see if you are worthy to take GOD'S materialized Body for the spiritualization of your soul and your body that your soul and your body might be unified together so that the "other fellow," neither can GOD, get one without getting the other. I thank you!

There are those of our invited guests who are invited to partake of the Communion at any of our Communion Services. Just examine yourselves and see if you are worthy, and partake freely. Of course it is set apart originally and customarily for the coworkers who are fully consecrated to the service, but visitors at times are invited to have Communion with us.

It is set apart especially for those who are consecrated to the service, because when they are wholly worthy they should get everything they need for the sustenance of their bodies: food, raiments, comfort and convenience, because they are consecrated to the service. Those who are not fully consecrated, they have plenty of money or whatsoever they do have. They have no right to consecrate or contribute anything to or anything in connection whatsoever as far as the service is concerned unless they are actually a part of it.

"HOLY COMMUNION"

REMARKS

of
 REVEREND BURTON E. BARTON
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Peace, FATHER; peace, everyone:

As I said last night, I say it again, we should stop talking about the banquet table and give it its rightful name as FATHER has given it, the Holy Communion, because it exemplifies the greatest principle in America. It exemplifies the solid claim of Unity of all races, tongues and languages and every man speaking in one accord; thousands, yea, tens of thousands of voices blended into songs of truth. Thousands, yea tens of thousands, yea, millions, upholding the Doctrine of the Peace Mission Movement — so many thousands who have not the opportunity that we have of looking upon FATHER DIVINE whenever we desire, ah — it reminds me of the Scripture that says, "Blessed is he that has never seen me." You know the story of Doubting Thomas; he did not believe until he saw. But GOD said, "Blessed is he that has never seen ME." I feel as though that there are so many thousands who need the truth that if we should go away with this little song in our hearts and preach the Truth as FATHER gives it to us, we would be able to bring more sheep in the fold.

**I BELIEVE THERE ARE THOSE WHO CAN
SEE THE MYSTERY BETTER BY SITTING
AND SUPPING WITH ME — YOUR
HUMBLE SERVANT**

—FATHER DIVINE

**Look at this beautiful LOVE FEAST TABLE
. . . how we commune in the Unity of Spirit,
of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose, as did the
Prophets, the Sages and the Seers
in the days of old.**

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Among the visiting friends who were privileged to sit at the Holy Communion Table were three ministers. As they sat and dined with the Beloved Creator, their hearts did burn and their eyes did open and see the Glory of HIS Majesty, Dominion and Authority. As they beheld this great Glory, each one arose and declared to the world that at long last they had found the Savior of the universe, Who has returned to earth to dwell among men!

**CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER, WE THANK
THEE!**

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, after which FATHER speaks as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE: Here we all are again; there I sit and stand. In the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose I AM unifying MYSELF with the children of men that I might be one of them if they will be one with ME.

Nineteen hundred years ago Christ came as One, He came among the children of men to be One with them that they might be One with Him; therefore, Christ spiritualized the material world and the material world in which He came materialized Him. Aren't you glad!

By this we are united together, if not in one way we are in another. In some way we are actually united, and by this unity we understand each other better.

But one thought most deeply to be considered — the thing you vividly visualize you tend to materialize. I have often thought, is it not better to visualize the best than to visualize the worst — to harmonize with the best, the progressiveness of the progressive, of the prosperous, and the happiness of the happy — is it not better to harmonize with something that is advancing, progressive and is actually progressing, than to harmonize with something that is lowering, degrading and deteriorating?

Divine Citizenry

For this cause I AM that I AM; through MY

Condescension among the children of men, I stand as One with them so that they might be One with ME as I AM from a supernatural and from a mental and spiritual point of view, so that they might be lifted above materialism, mortality and limitation. So long as you live in mortality, materialism and the mortal version you live in limitation. You cannot express your real mental and spiritual Divine citizenry of the Kingdom — the Kingdom that was prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

But oh, how glorious it is to live, to live in this state in consciousness where you can actually materialize each and everything you vividly visualize. The abstract expression is in evidence of what you daily experience. The materialization of your fondest imagination is a Living Reality. The practicality of the same is common among the children of men, for I put into practice the Words I have spoken and the thoughts I AM thinking. Aren't you glad!

Point of Perfection

Hence, it is a privilege to see the unfoldment, not only the material as observed, but the mental and spiritual unfoldment. Some may say, "HE speaketh as one who is boastful of the mortal version, who boasteth HIMSELF above measure." But I speak not only from the material unfoldment and perfection of a real material or physical sanitation I have lifted as a standard, but a mental and spiritual one. I speak after the manner of perfection that has been manifested mentally and spiritually as well as materially.

But it is true, the material sight is the outward expression and is the manifestation of your mental and spiritual conception; therefore, we speak spiritually when we speak materially. Aren't you glad! For the material things we enjoy, observe and manifest, they are but the outward expression of some mental and spiritual conception.

The earth we observe upon which we live and all visible creation, came forth into expression through and by some mental and spiritual conception, through and by some mental and spiritual deliverance and the emancipation of the visible from the bounds of the invisible — bringing it out into an expression to give the conscious thinking person the understanding to observe something supernatural. So it is a privilege.

Breaking Bread

By this we unite daily in our divers assemblages and express the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose, and partake of the Cup and Bread from a material point of view as the reality of coming in, supping with you.

The material food, through your faith, is actually blessed. It is made the sustenance of your spirit and of your mind. You are now taking it anew with ME in your FATHER'S Kingdom.

The symbol of the ordinary churches was bespeaking what you are now enjoying. Just look at this beautiful Love Feast Table — this wonderful Communion Table — how we commune in the Unity of the Spirit, of Mind, of Aim and of Purpose as did the prophets, the sages and the seers in the days of old!

It has been a common custom, even until now, when you wished to put something over to your fellowman, to take him out to luncheon. He can understand you better when you eat with him. You become as he is and unify as far as that particular luncheon is concerned. You partake with him and he with you, and each of you usually enjoy the food — because when you partake of the same food together you are in common as far as that food is concerned, and if you are not mindful you will take on some of the thoughts of the one's mind with whom you are dining.

It is written:

"Evil communications corrupt good morals; ill qualities are catching as well as diseases, and a man is known by his company-keepers."

But I hope to be persevering enough, substantiated enough and unshaken enough and bent and bound in one way enough not to allow mortality's version to change ME, but to demand mortality and its version to be born again.

The men when they talked with Jesus by the way, their hearts did burn; they could not understand Him; and yet they did not even so much as know Him, and He was not revealed to them until He and they assembled to dine. Can you not see the mystery? But when they came in the dining room, to one common thought, something came over them when they came on one common level, for one common thought and for one common purpose. They thought of **one thing together** if they had not thought on any other, therefore, their eyes came open; they could see HIS Glory. They could see the mystery much better. I believe there are those who can see the mystery better by sitting and supping with ME — your Humble Servant. I thank you.

Remarks (In Part)

by

**Some of the Visiting Ministers Following the
Above Message**

Reverend Lee of Philadelphia spoke first as follows:

PEACE, FATHER: PEACE, EVERYONE:

FATHER, I arise to say tonight, to ask YOU to make me worthy to be with YOU! Hallelujah! I know that YOU are GOD and beside YOU there is no other GOD for me. And so I ask YOU to make ME worthy to be with THEE. Oh, it is truly wonderful! It takes my mind back, as FATHER said, nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus and His Disciples were eating the last Passover. Oh my! It is wonderful to know and to see that we have the same opportunity tonight to eat and sup with the LORD!—Oh!—with our FATHER! It is wonderful, children! Oh, it is wonderful to live under the atmosphere of GOD ALMIGHTY, FATHER DIVINE! Oh, it is wonderful! I just would that I could just even stay — stay under the atmosphere all the time and never get from out of HIS Sight. It is truly wonderful, children, to be with GOD!

FATHER, make me worthy to be with YOU! Oh, how my heart does burn! Oh, it burns within to stand on two feet and hear FATHER de-