

of life; trust GOD in all conflicts and disappointments, disasters and failures. Trust GOD, trust GOD with thieves and robbers; trust GOD as you do with the honest, the pure and the holy. That is what I AM talking about! Knowing that GOD will take care of the situation. GOD is your protection; GOD will repay whatsoever is necessary and when this is established effectively all will do as I did when I was in MY home, at that time, the home that was called MINE; feeding hundreds of people absolutely gratis, trusting MY own unadulterated Spirit, wholeheartedly relying on the Fundamental; then you are trusting GOD for your body and the things that you observe visibly as well as your spirit as being termed your soul within you.

"If the Lord keep not the house the watch is in vain."

Oh, how glorious it is to observe it! Now live it and express it in all sincerity and I will be with you now, henceforth and forever. Oh, how glorious it is to realize it. You have something to praise GOD for, even to think of the future government, the future establishment of this government; I mean this national government under which we are living, for GOD shall reign and have all dominion from shore to shore and from land to land and none shall hinder Him.

Just as I have it under MY Personal Jurisdiction, so shall it be over all this wide extended plane and you know it will be marvelous then, will it not. And all will be with one accord and all will trust in the One and only true and living GOD. There will be no more an infant of days, there will be no more limitation. How glorious it will be just as it is! But just to be extended

and more accurately put into expression without a blemish, the glorious church of which we all have been thinking, a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle. You feel good just to think about it, do you not? I need not say more; it is marvelous! And when I sit in the beautiful Communion Halls, better known as banquet halls and dining rooms where I preside, I look over the vast audience from time to time and see an abstract expression, the spirit of love, of Peace, of unity, and tranquility demonstrated and I say, how marvelous it will be when I shall be extended all over this wide extended plane and the government under which we live will be controlled by the selfsame Spirit and mind of which you say I AM.

GOD Alone Shall Reign! .

Now, I do not have to do it through this body especially, since GOD by nature is impersonal—so long as it is done by this mind and this spirit, it is immaterial to ME; GOD alone shall reign and nought shall hinder HIM. When this is done there shall be no more breadlines, as I said; no more doles, no more soliciting, begging nor stealing, but the Spirit of GOD will be in evidence among this people and will express their absolute independency and prove our citizenry accurately and effectively because of the independence of GOD among this nation and it will no longer be a question of nationality or racial supremacy, for the Spirit of GOD is the Supreme One, GOD HIMSELF, and those who live in HIS life, light and understanding according to HIS teaching, will express independence, developed and brought to fruition as persons that will express supremacy. You cannot express it without the Spirit of

the Supreme One, the Spirit of the Supreme One ruling in your heart and in your mind, in your body and in your affairs effectively, accurately and definitely; in itself it is the expression of supremacy. Where GOD does not reign a person cannot express supremacy, but where GOD has full access, since GOD is the Supreme One there is supremacy expressed in that one where GOD has free access within. That is what it is; so it is the privilege of every living creature to develop and bring into fruition the Spirit and the Nature of your Saviour, so that you might express the Spirit of the Supreme One; and expressing it accurately, perfectly, and definitely, you will be expressing supremacy.

There will be no more question of races, nationalities and others such as creeds and colors to express supremacy, but your supremacy comes forth into expression by your Lord and your Saviour the Supreme One in evidence in activity and in all expressions; there is where your supremacy comes forth and it is not necessarily a person, it is the Spirit of the Supreme One, and that same Spirit is expressive for each and everyone; but you must live it and express it and when this is done it will be your privilege to express the Supreme One; in other words, you will express perfectly and whatsoever you do in actions or in deeds will be perfection because it will be the expression of the perfect one.

That is the mystery. Take these thoughts to consideration and lo, I will be with you now, henceforth and forever, as long as you harmonize with the fundamentals, and realize this principle of which, and of Whom I AM. I thank you.

Mortality's Righteousness In Selfishness and Self-Indulgence Is As Filthy Rags — Father Divine

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Directly after proof reading the dynamic Message or Sermon and Office Talk which our Lord had recently given in New Jersey, FATHER arose to further explain the mystery mentioned in the latter part of the Office Talk, concerning the revelational prediction about GOD judging the great whore.

Read carefully HIS every Word, for the thoughts expressed in this mighty Sermon open wide the mystery of GOD's direct Work and Mis-

sion here on earth in Bodily Form.

THANK YOU, FATHER DEAR!

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

PEACE, EVERYONE:

Just as proof read a little while ago, the quotations of the Scripture, yea, the revelational prediction of John concerning the mystery, it is a true saying, for it is even written there:

"Write, for these sayings (or these things) are faithful and true!"

Then to retrace your thoughts back to MY judging the prostitute:

"LORD God," it says, "omnipotent, reigneth, for he has judged the great whore"

by interpretation, the prostitute!

Do you not see that this Truth that is puri-

fying the sons of men and purging them as silver and as gold are purged—cleansing them from all human affection, lust and passion and all self-indulgence, and re-creating within them the Holiness of Jesus and the Virginity of Mary and causing them to cease to indulge in human affection and lust and passion from the ripe old age down to the infant—GOD is dealing in the affairs of men and this Truth is a threat to all mortality! Aren't you glad!

You have never seen or heard of such, saving as it was by the revelational prediction of John when he saw an hundred and forty and four thousand that stood on the Mount Zion with the Lamb of GOD.

"These are they", said he, "that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth, for in their mouths was found no guile"

no deception—nothing in the actuated words of their expression to deceive. Can you not see the mystery?

"Actions speak louder than words."

In your actuated words of expression you do not have the beguilement of Eve in an attempt to deceive. Therefore, you are without fault, on such terms, before the Throne of GOD, being the firstfruit unto GOD and the Lamb; for in your mouth is found no guile! Aren't you glad!

A Threat to All Mortality

Then truly this is a threat to mortality and all of mortality's version. In the best of its light of understanding, according to mortality, human affection, lust and passion and self-indulgence, this is a threat to that which would be deemed as the prospect of continuous propagation, (aren't you glad!) because GOD has judged that prostitute.

Great and mighty is HIS Name! The LORD GOD reigneth! GOD Almighty shall reign hereafter! And what is GOD going to reign in HIS Expression? HE shall reign in Righteousness, in Truth and in Justice, and shall express HIS Holiness and HIS Virtue; and with it I impregnate the nations and they will study self-indulgence, human affection, lust and passion no more, because I have judged that great whore! I AM stopping them from the infancy and from every walk of life! I AM purifying them and purging them as silver and as gold are purged! That is what it is all about!

This is not a supposition. The very work of MY Mission has judged that great prostitute—that prostitute mortality, human affection, lust and passion. It has already judged it for I have stopped it in its wild career. Aren't you glad! I have harnessed the mentality and the energy of humanity and I have brought them into subjection to GOD Almighty, and they shall live soberly, righteously and godly. They shall live virtuous and holy forever. They shall not want to do as they have been doing. Can you not see the mystery?

The worst prostitutes of our civilization, I have harnessed their energy in the making, and I shall universally establish it and shall close up the brothels universally and shall establish the going of the righteous. And I will say to you, as said in the prediction of Isaiah in the prophetic age:

"Say ye to the righteous, ye shall eat of the fruit of your doing."

Aren't you glad!

GOD and the Lamb

Therefore, this Righteousness truly is a threat to all mortality. A mortal man and a mortal woman cannot copy after this fashion! They cannot do it for this is not matter—this is GOD! (Aren't you glad!) This is GOD and the Lamb, and the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. That is what it is all about. And none can make comparison. It is not for anyone else to try, because you may die.

Self-indulgence, human affection, lust and passion and all of mortality's version I have harnessed and I have brought into subjection even as Benjamin Franklin harnessed the lightning and invented electricity and brought it into subjection for the people. It shall serve GOD! That is what it is all about!

So mortality need not try to slightly measure GOD with the measure of a man. This is not

a man, and this is not a woman. (FATHER indicated Mrs. Divine seated at HIS right and said:) This is an Angel, prepared as a Bride for Her Husband.

John spoke of it in the mystery so explicitly depicted:

"I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

And as GOD was Personified and no longer merely as a supposition, invisible and intangible, GOD Personified HIS Bride, the Lamb's Wife, that she might no longer be in the abstract or invisible but be visible, tangible and practical!

Then I say, there is no comparison. No person on the face of the earth can do it unless it is GOD unadulterated and GOD in HIS own Majesty and Dominion ceases to function. Aren't you glad!

I have judged that prostitute! John the Baptist, down round about Jordan, he came saying:

"Who has warned thee to flee the wrath to come?"

He said,

"Ye adulterous generation"—

indulging in self and human affection and diluting the Truth by your own adulteration. GOD in HIS Majesty and Mercy would come and take humanity out of the clutches of mortality and give them their real emancipation. That is what it is all about!

"The LORD God omnipotent reigneth."

Aren't you glad!

The 144,000

Holiness and Virtue shall replace, shall substitute and replace lust and passion. That is what I AM talking about! And the hundred and forty and four thousand was a sketch in the revelatory prediction as a revelation, though a supposition, was depicting the mystery of what I shall do and AM doing, and shall do it universally!

He said,

"I looked and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with him an hundred and forty and four thousand, having their Father's name written in their foreheads."

Their FATHER's Name was uppermost in consciousness—by interpretation—their forehead. Aren't you glad!

"These are they that were not defiled with women, for they are virgins."

These, as men were redeemed; these were not defiled with women for they are virgins. They as men were not defiled with women. And as women they were redeemed from among men.

I came to redeem them. Aren't you glad! If anybody wants to live, they will be redeemed. If they don't want to live, go ahead and die.

"The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ your Lord."

Therefore, the mystery is being revealed for I have partially revealed it. I have loosed the Seven Seals! You could not understand it because it had Seven Seals on the Book. Can you

not see the mystery? But GOD is the loosener of the Seals and the Savior of HIS people.

The hundred and forty and four thousand, they followed the Lamb whithersoever HE goeth, as I said. They were redeemed from among men. As women they were redeemed from among men, and as men they were not defiled with women.

A Number No Man Could Number

Then John caught the glimpse of the mystery of the kind of people we shall have again. He said he saw a number that no man could number, of every nation, of every language, every tongue and every people that are coming up through great tribulation, that have washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb—but by interpretation, the Life of Christ—and made them white; for they, the Righteousness of the Saints, are washed in the Life of Christ and made pure and clean.

(FATHER again refers to Mrs. Divine, saying:)

That is why she could wear the pure linen, white and clean—the Righteousness of Saints; (aren't you glad!) the Righteousness of the Saints with which you are clothed; for truly this is the General Assembly of the Church of the Firstborn where the spirits of just men are made perfect. I AM perfecting them now! I AM reincarnating them now—the spirits of Just men—those of whom have lived just and honorable—those who are righteous and true to an extent but had not paid the price in the fullest measure, for they lost their bodies; but they were righteous or just men and their spirits sought new bodies to dwell in. And I came to give them new bodies as it pleases HIM.

I think I had better stop!

This is a threat to this civilization, for truly the whole civilization must have a new birth of Freedom. They must be born again—born into this Light of Understanding that gives victory over lacks and wants and limitations; gives victory over adverse and undesirable conditions; gives victory over sickness, sorrow, pain and diseases and gives you the victory over every undesirable existing condition mentally and spiritually and establishes your going in the land of the living that you might have victory once, henceforth and forever.

The Church of the Firstborn

Therefore, I say, it is the General Assembly of the Church of the Firstborn, and truly the spirits of just men are being made perfect. Therefore, it is a threat to civilization for I AM taking them off their feet.

Just look over this vast audience! Here, there and elsewhere thousands and thousands and millions redeemed from human affection, the worst hobbies of mortality, lust and passion and all self-indulgence and all of the abomination of self-indulgence and human affection and the beguilement of Eve. From all of those things you are now redeemed and made new creatures and have been made pure and clean.

Then it is a marvelous thing, for truly this is a threat to mortality's version—the best of it, for what said the prophet concerning the mystery?

"Your righteousness is as filthy rags."

Can you not see the mystery? Mortality's right-

eousness in selfishness and self-indulgence is as filthy rags.

So "the Lord GOD omnipotent reigneth" and shall reign on! I have contagionized the atmosphere in which we live. I shall contagionize it universally with or without MY Personal Presence. That is the mystery!

So it is a wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful thought! I was obliged to stress that thought apparently, because mortality looks upon the Angel of GOD, the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, as mortality — and looks upon ME as such — as though I would be at this date an indulger after the mortal version of men. But I came to let you know I came to **redeem** and save men and women and all mankind from every such an expression, that they might express the Holiness of GOD and the Virtue of Mary.

According to MY letter to The Answer Man a few years ago, what I said to him explained definitely what I have been doing and what I AM now doing—not to propagate mortality and mortality's version.

Consider the Message

I hope all government and all our civilization will take cognizance of MY Message, for if they believe it and concentrate on it and harmonize with it they will reproduce it by concentration and through harmonization; for "The thing you vividly visualize and that with which you harmonize you tend to materialize."

If you harmonize with the wicked you begin to be a part of them. 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."

So then, vision the Positive, the Perfect and the Holy and reproduce it. Substitute these virtues for the vices of mortality as you extract them from your conscious mentality. When your conscious mentality and your vocabularies are purged, you will be able to observe what you have seen and heard, and the Glory of GOD will overshadow you and the Spirit of GOD's Pres-

ence will actually reveal the mysteries before you.

But the one great mystery I have already revealed to you.

"This is a great mystery . . . I speak concerning Christ and the Church."

He was not talking about mortality anyway; he was just depicting the way to purge yourself of self-indulgence, by living holy and righteous according to the illustration, and rid yourself of all of those things that pertain to self that will cause you to live in misery, disappointment and failure! I thank you.

PEACE, EVERYONE: I did not and I do not wish to bore you, but what I have attempted to tell you as I told you, for your sake and the sake of humanity I AM trying to show you; because it is true, I set before you a blessing and a cursing. None need lack in GOD's abundance! But in all of your getting get understanding and use and serve GOD to the glory and the honor of GOD and not for self; and by this method you will be blessed. I thank you.

Subject: Jesus' Commission to the House of Israel, and Commission FATHER Fulfilled in this Dispensation

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During the course of a conversation with FATHER and a few of the Staff, FATHER began speaking concerning the experience of Christ in driving out of the temple, the money-changers —those who sold oxen, sheep and doves. As the subject delved deeper and deeper into the mystery, FATHER handed the Bible to one of the secretaries to read from St. John, second chapter: verses twelve through twenty-one.

Starting from verse twelve, the secretary began reading as follows:

"After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days.

And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changer's money, and overthrew the tables";

(At this point FATHER interrupted by saying:)

He overthrew the foundation for speculation and He did not have any more ambition or foundation, or understanding for speculation—those characteristics left Him. (At this time the secretary reading, continued:)

"And said unto them that sold doves,
Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

But he spake of the temple of his body."

FATHER continued speaking as follows:

See, that plainly brings out the interpretation right plain, point blank, when He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." It goes to show it was the Jewish characteristics and disposition that were handed down to Him traditionally, prenatally within Him after the manner of men. It was destroying Him and He had to overthrow the foundation for such tendencies and not even allow the sense of that desire to any longer exist within Him. There-

fore, He made it clear, and when He brought that out convincingly, I declared it as far as He would go Personally, that He meant or spake concerning the Temple of His Body!

So all of those things you have to get out of you, although it is parably speaking in the actuated words of expression, something that is an abstract expression—it is telling you something concerning the Temple of His Body in which you are living. So, it was just so Wonderful.

No Desire to Touch Money

So then, I did not even touch a penny of money you see, and those who came under ME and in this calling the same—just as if though they had been the same as I was—a child should be as the parent is or as the parents are but they should be as the parent was or as the parents were. So, the Spirit is now revealing the Truth to you. Every one of you should be even as I have been, with not a desire to touch a penny of money.

Why, I did not want to touch it! What would I want to touch it for, so long as I had the things I needed; and that was the time I had extremitated MYSELF and I had afflicted MYSELF to the fullest measure of extremity economically, that I might suffer the necessary torture to bring about that sacrifice that was required of GOD to produce and to be a Sample and an Example for others. So, it was not strange.

Trying to Acquire Something Dishonestly

So, truly as Mr. — — —, no doubt he was