

GOD'S HOLY COMMUNION TABLE

(Twelfth of a Series on the Subject)

HOSPITALITY – CONSIDERATION – UNDERSTANDING TO BE EXTENDED

I'll Feed the Saints and Sinners; I Don't Care Who They Are! – Father Divine

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

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PEACE, EVERYONE:

I would just like to say at this instance, in the conclusion of the Message there, I was speaking of Love, and there are those of you under the sound of MY voice now, of whom have not seen ME before—I mean men as well as those who look like women, and you have that sympathetic, harmonious, loving and devotional touch in your heart for ME as you do for no other one.

That's why you can see the faces of these representing, as it may be termed, every nation and every language and every people, the different national origins and national original abstractions, coming from far and near.

Some under the sound of MY Voice and in your very presence here, volitionally and voluntarily came from Australia, some from England, some from Switzerland, some from Africa and from the different parts of the world, without MY telling them and without MY asking them to do so; for to the extreme reverse, I AM stressing to the children of men the significance of transcending all personalities and all individualities, even MY own Personality and your own personality, to find your GOD.

I tell MY immediate staff to transcend all personalities, all individualities and even transcend MY Personality and MY Individuality and recognize the reality of the Actual Presence of your GOD, as though intangible and undefiled. While yet, I do tell you that, but, "It's Something within that holdeth the reins." Aren't you glad!

Something within I cannot explain. One thing I do know, there is Something within that draws you to ME; not just for the fishes and loaves, because if it was just for the fishes and loaves

they would not leave everything, according to the Gospel, to come and follow ME. They are willing to leave fishes and loaves, everything, and follow ME Personally, and yet, I do not tell them to do it; do not request them to do it; it is MY Spirit that guides them to do what Jesus said do,

Reality of GOD's Actual Presence Depends on Sacrifice

What said Jesus concerning this mystery in the 14th chapter of St. John? "Except you forsake all you have, you cannot be my disciple." Yet, without knowing it, without you even recalling to consideration that particular quotation, you are led intuitively and inspirationally to obey Jesus. You can't help it. Aren't you glad! But I know you can be the same wheresoever you are. Our visiting friends, wheresoever you are, if you can make the same sacrifice and be as much self-denied, matters not where you go, GOD is there; and you can be blessed and you can be protected, just as much, for when Jonah was in the belly of a whale Jonah said he prayed to GOD in the (you know where) the "other place" I call it, and GOD heard his prayer down there.

That is why GOD is the Almighty GOD; that is why GOD is the All-Wise GOD, Omniscient. That is why GOD is the Omnilucent GOD, having all Light in the darkest places of creation just like that. I think I had better stop! That's what I AM talking about. I don't like to get off. ("Oh, please go on!" implored the visitors and followers alike.)

But it is marvelous to behold what GOD can do for one and for all, and what HE has done for you and you and you, HE can and will eventually do for the whole world; that is if they live.

We shall have a Righteous Government and everybody shall be free, free, free! Not only politically free, but they shall be free as you and ME; that is, if they live! If they are not worthy to have this freedom that Christ came to give them, then they don't need to live, but if they are worthy to have this freedom, why then, they can and will eventually be free and there will be no more barriers and limitations. There will be no more obstructions from your

life and from your liberty and from your privilege to have access in this happiness wherein I stand. And, if you live it and express it, you will be the same wheresoever you are, as I AM and as these are right here where I AM.

I have striven to show you the Allness of GOD and the nothingness of matter—the reality of GOD as the Author and the Finisher of all things—and I have striven to show you according to your faith, so be it unto thee. For as you have seen pictures—some of you have seen some pictures from Switzerland, from Australia, from Germany, from Panama and from other countries as they are all over the world where they recognize MY Presence and believe in MY Deity. Even if they don't want to do it, when they believe in it and think sympathetically and harmoniously with ME, things work better for them. Aren't you glad! Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful!

(At this point FATHER turns to the lady seated next to MOTHER on HIS right, as HE says:)

I don't believe this lady was upstairs, I was showing some ministers, a few up in the office, (FATHER indicates some pictures in one of The New Days) that is some of the places in Australia, how they are blessed to serve the Banquet Table. (At this time, FATHER takes up other copies of The New Day, which feature some of the many Churches in the various parts of the world, showing to the lady, as HE says:) And what I AM talking about, it is not black magic, because I have not been over there Personally; I haven't gone over there in Australia and New Zealand and in the far countries Personally to carry this Message in Person, but I AM there!

It is the same as a short-wave Message broadcast. You get it from all parts of the world. GOD's Presence is just as operative and expressive; you can dial in on the supernatural Infinite Presence wheresoever you are. Aren't you glad!

"I Desire to See the World Blessed"

So, I want to say to our visiting friends and guests, I desire to see the world blessed; just

what a good many of you have been going through in the Southern States, I have been striving physically and Personally, as well as mentally and spiritually, to break down that line of demarcation and to give everybody his or her unalienable rights to Life, Liberty and the Reality of Happiness just as I have it.

The time cometh and now is, since this is GOD's Administration and GOD is reigning now in the fulfilment of the psalmic prediction of David, where you have read, but you did not know at the time you read it and preached it, "The LORD reigneth. Let the multitude of the isles be glad." This is GOD's Administration. GOD is reigning now and HE shall reign from shore to shore and from land to land in the fulfilment of his psalmic prediction as given by David. Though a declaration, yet to us here and now at this time and for the future, it was a prediction. Can you not see the mystery?

So GOD declared through the mouth of David, "The LORD reigneth." He said, "Clouds and darkness are round about him." He said on one occasion, "Light is sown for the Righteous and Gladness for the upright in heart." Can you not see some gladness exemplified, or simplified, and materialized and personified? For we, the people, are the personification of that Gladness, and the expressers of that Life, of which the Gospel said through Jesus as recorded,

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works."

You do not smell any smoke and liquor in here, do you? If you do, it is a stranger came in. Of course, we do allow strangers to come in, even if they have been drinking. We allow them to come and sit right here at this Banquet Table, better known—(At this time FATHER points to the neon sign over the Banquet Table which reads, GOD's HOLY COMMUNION TABLE), to us it is just that. But to those who cannot accept of it as it, they may accept of it as food for the sustenance of their bodies; for Christ did say to Peter, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." I'll feed the saints and sinners. I don't care who they are; and give them a chance to life, liberty and the reality of happiness; and make it possible for you to have a square meal any day of the year, and you can get it and will not be forced or obliged to pay one hundred dollars a plate for it.

Some of the dignitaries of which might would be or could be called MY Colleagues, if you read those little stamps you will see. Some of them might would or could be called MY Colleagues—when they have banquets not to compare with these, some of them charge as much as a hundred dollars a plate. But we want everybody to come to that place in consciousness where all of the people can be ONE and will be ONE and will enjoy the abundant life with the abundance of the fulness wheresoever they may go. I thank you! I thank you! I thank you!

Welcome to Speak from Your Viewpoint

I further wish to say, at this instance, if any of our visiting guests and friends, ministers of the Gospel or just visitors and laities—matters not what you may be, you are welcome to speak if you wish to. You are not obliged to speak on the subjects with which we are necessarily connected, but you are welcome to speak from your viewpoint, for this is for humanity's sake,

the Hall of Democracy. Americanism, brotherhood, and citizenship, these qualities are preached in our daily actions and in our daily transactions. I thank you! Anyone desires to speak, you are welcome to do so. I thank you!

WHEN I GIVE VISITORS THE PRIVILEGE TO COME TO MY BANQUET TABLE WE ARE NOT TRYING TO CHANGE THEM BECAUSE THEY SIT AT THE BANQUET TABLE

—FATHER DIVINE

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

Given Whilst at the
BANQUET TABLE
1887-1889 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY
NOVEMBER 4th, 1940 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 5:30 P. M.

The testimony of a sister brought forth this timely Message by FATHER on this occasion. In her testimony she condemned the conduct of two of the guests at one of the recent Banquets, stating that one of the guests had powdered and rouged her face right at FATHER's Holy Banquet Table, and also that when pictures were being taken of FATHER and those seated at this particular Banquet, these two guests had hidden their faces in their napkins. Such conduct, continued the sister, according to her version, was most unforgivable and she had cried shame on them for so doing.

In this beautiful Message FATHER corrects the sister's misconception of what she thought was FATHER's Will in such a circumstance and our Savior once and for all gives HIS Version of how HIS guests should be treated while amongst us and at the Banquet Table.

THANK YOU, MOST GLORIOUS KING!

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

PEACE, EVERYONE:

I would just like to say in reference to what the last speaker said, that is the last speaker's version. As I say this is a democracy and every person has a right to his or her own conviction.

When I give people, visitors, the privilege to come to MY Banquet Table I give them the privilege to come, not because I think they should think as we think especially or do as we do especially. As visiting guests we permit them to sit at our Banquet Table. Whensoever they are vowed to live according to MY Teaching it is a different proposition. Whensoever they claim to be MY immediate followers and will live exactly accordingly it is a different proposition but strangers and friends and visitors and others who do not know anything about MY Teaching, I permit them to come to our Banquet Tables and I permit them to speak in our divers audiences, therefore they are free and privileged to speak if they care to; and we know the custom of using face preparations, toilet preparations is common in mortal consciousness. We are not trying to change them because they sit at the Banquet

Table. We do not consider it a crime because I allow a stranger to come in and sit at the Banquet Table as courtesy to them or to what they are representing, we do not consider it a crime if they happen to do that—I mean to put powder on their faces or something of that sort at that particular instance. It is so much a custom to them they do that automatically and unthoughtfully; hence, unless you are born out of that state of consciousness you would do it yourself no doubt unthoughtfully! That is ordinary, they do that anywhere and you all know it.

So then as I say, I want to say to the last speaker, if that is her version and her conviction she would not do it, then she should not do it; but someone else if it is permitted, it might be permitted without insulting the person unless they do something more detrimental.

Reasons for not Wishing to be Photographed

Now in reference to hiding their faces—that of course is an expression that would be considered by the majority of MY hearers and followers as if though they did not want to be in the audience or known to be in the audience. That has been spoken of, it has been considered, and it is an expression that would show segregation or prejudice or reflect it or something of that sort in a way of speaking, but yet on the other hand at times I have tried to avoid being photographed by the publishers and newspaper representatives. It was not because I was trying to hide MYSELF or hide anything I was doing but because of distortion and because of ridicule, because of criticism and because of slander I just would not participate in it.

Some people do not care to have their pictures taken, but on the other hand, as you see, it does show as if though the person or persons who would hide their faces in an audience like this, as if though they just do not wish to be identified with the insignificance of us as it may be termed, and according to information as unearthed—I did get some information as though this lady did not care to be photographed; she was worth about ten million dollars.

Now this is not in MY Consideration; I do not care anything about their money nor their monies for I AM independent without any of them; but as you might have thought, such is the cause of many people trying to hide from the public in coming in our audiences. They do not know, as you say in part, that they should consider it an honor to be at the Table of GOD, the Supreme and Superior to one and all!

These thoughts should be considered for they are insignificant with all of their millions and multi-millions unless they bring themselves into subjection and live soberly, righteously and godly and see their nothingness and see the Allness of the Almighty.

I thought I would drop these thoughts for consideration because I want you to know and others to know I AM not compromising with those who are called wealthy and do not compromise with them in a way of speaking as much as I do those who are called poor and under-privileged in a great measure. But I want you to know I stand for Righteousness, Truth and Justice for everybody and I do give each and everybody a privilege to speak in these different audiences as this is a democracy.

They are not obliged to live according to MY