

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

Teaching especially so long as they do not do anything in the audiences that is actually detrimental or express profanity or obscenity. So long as they live soberly and righteously and godly while they are in these audiences we do not try to coerce them into doing and believing as we do and believe. That is the mystery!

So take these thoughts to consideration. We know at the time of election and before election the people come from far and near and naturally they are seeking their own respective self-gain, self-honor—trying to get you to endorse them; but as you all see and know where I stand, I AM carrying out MY Plan and Purpose to the letter. And as I mention quite often about the Anti-lynching Bill and other measures according to MY Plan and Purpose, I will carry them out to the letter with or without legality. If they are not legalized they will be carried out to the letter, for the Mouth of GOD has declared it!

**"I AM not here to Criticize"**

Now I AM not here to criticize. There are those who may come as strangers; they do not know the custom or the system unless someone has told them. Can you not see the mystery? You cannot expect a child to read or write unless he knows his alphabet. You cannot expect a person to know or understand this Truth before they have contacted it. They have been steeped in ignorance, superstition, prejudice, division, segregation and all of those detestable tendencies. Unless they say something directly to offend us we are not here to criticize them or accuse them or bring any thought or accusation against them. You see the mystery?

Just the same as I said, people come at times and they may say things and use words that are not in our vocabularies. Because they have not learned better and they are ignorant as far as those things are concerned, we give them a chance to get first-hand information, and then . . .! I thank you!

**IT MAY BE PRO OR CON, IT IS IMMATERIAL  
TO ME, WE FEEL AS A DEMOCRACY EVERY  
PERSON IS FREE TO SPEAK  
—FATHER DIVINE**

**FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE  
Given at the  
BANQUET TABLE  
STONE RIDGE  
THE PROMISED LAND  
ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK  
SATURDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY MORN.  
DECEMBER 7th & 8th, 1940 A.D.F.D.  
TIME: 4:30 A. M.**

On this occasion, as we had Rev. Charles Divine, a minister of one of the churches in Ulster County, and his party present with us as guests at the Banquet Table, FATHER made them free to be present with us on other occasions.

(The foregoing statements are those of the transcriber, and FATHER's Message follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE! Just before we make our seeming conclusion of this particular setting, as there will be others to eat no doubt, I would

just like to say to our visiting guests, if any of you gentlemen are in the city at any time, we would be glad to have you call on us, and make yourselves known, and have you to feel free to speak if you care to. And also, if we can make accommodation for you in the city, we will try to do it, if it is not too large a group you have with you. We would like to have you as our guests the same as tonight, at any time you are in the city.

We have the Vassar College group, professors and representatives and others to come down to our places quite often, and at times when they bring such a large group we cannot always accommodate all at the table. But we try to accommodate a few anyway, especially when I know they are there and make themselves known. So I would like to say to our visiting guests tonight, feel free to come to the city to the meetings, to any of our public mass meetings. Feel free to speak and to be at our Banquet Table if it is convenient, if you do not have too large a group. We will be glad to accommodate you as near as possible.

I say this because it is something a little unique, it is something out of the ordinary. It is just the same as it is here tonight, it matters not what size dining room.

Now at the Rockland Palace today we are supposed to serve an early evening Banquet there for several hundred, and the dining room and the whole auditorium will be filled to capacity; any time I AM at this large auditorium. It has been said from ten to twelve thousand meet there every night or day when I AM there Personally. You would hardly have any standing room; so that is why I said it may be possible to accommodate you at the table, if you do not have too large a group.

We will be glad to have you as our visiting guests so long as you do not have too large a group; for I feel this way about our Work and Mission, we learn each other better by a closer contact. As Rev. Divine mentioned his contact with ME through correspondence from a literary point of view, and also by communication over the telephone, but it was never a close-up until he came out here. I heard MY Representatives here say that Rev. Divine had been here, and had enjoyed his visit, so I was very anxious to meet him personally. I have enjoyed his presence every time he has been here, and I respect his views—I mean his religious views, as well as he respects MINE.

**Everybody . . . Cannot See Things  
as We Do"**

I know that everybody cannot at all times see things as we do, and understand things the same. Our forefathers did not believe in automobiles, and they did not believe in electric lights, because it had not been any brought into their consideration. But after a while after they were invented, why, they got so they believed in them. You see the mystery? So there are many Spiritual discoveries and Spiritual mysteries I AM uncovering and bringing to the surface, so that our advanced Spiritual civilization will give light to those as the leaders of the people hereafter, to give them the victory, and to let them know they can bring all of this power down from the suppositional version of heaven into the recognition and realization of the people, even as Benjamin Franklin could and did with

the lightning; he brought the mystery down so it is made real and practical and no longer merely observed as destructive.

So we mean to have the same as we have it here, universally. I mean a plenty to eat, to drink, and to wear, and a plenty of comfort and convenience. And aside from that, I AM not merely speaking of things from a material point of view for our physical bodies, but we mean to have life, liberty and the reality of happiness, and the Attributes of GOD in our bodies both here and now, Now we mean to put it forth so effectively, until the Spirit of MY Presence will carry it through the process of legalization, and legalize that of which we have realized. I thank you.

Now to give any of our visiting friends a chance to say anything more than they have said, I will pause here for a moment to hear anything they might wish to say. Of course in talking and coming in contact with others you may feel inclined and inspired to say something. It may be pro or con, it is immaterial to ME. We feel as a democracy, every person is free to speak. I thank you.

**GOD IS OF NO PRIVATE  
INTERPRETATION**

**EXCERPT FROM  
FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE  
Given at the  
BANQUET TABLE  
152-160 WEST 126th STREET  
NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.  
JUNE 7 & 8, 1938 A.D.F.D.  
TIME: 2:00 A. M.**

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

I would like to say to our visiting friend who spoke some time ago, we are pleased to have you here. We want you to feel free to speak according to the way you see it; according to your own personal experience. You need not try to speak according to someone else's experience; speak according to what you see and know, and act thus accordingly. You are welcome to attend these meetings. This is a matter of course with us, but it is termed, a meeting. This is merely an evening Banquet. It is not a public Banquet this evening in this dining room. It is merely a private Banquet, as it could be termed, as it is sponsored by MY immediate Followers for the immediate co-workers in this Extension; nevertheless, it is a true saying, "God is of no private interpretation."

Wheresoever GOD is in evidence the reaction of GOD's Presence will prove that it is not so private as it may apparently be; so these thoughts are well worth considering. If it were possible, and I would allow it, some, no doubt, would have ME privately as a private Individual, and have ME privately for themselves as their chauffeur or something of that sort; but as a Public Official, I AM representing something for the masses universally.

If you will adhere to MY Message, MY co-workers, followers and friends, you will find that MY Message and MY Work and Mission will