

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