

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

cooperate in the act of bringing about a moral betterment generally for all humanity; then it will not be merely a private issue, but an international issue from the Infinite One.

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**BE WATCHFUL HOW YOU ENTERTAIN
STRANGERS AND BE READY TO HEAR FROM
STRANGERS, SPEAKERS AND TEACHERS
OF EVERY DEGREE
—FATHER DIVINE**

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE
Given While at
THE BANQUET TABLE
DIVINE PEACE MISSION HOTEL
764-772 S. BROAD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1941 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 2:04 P. M.

PEACE, EVERYONE!

I will not bore you long at this particular time; I just arose to say it is good to be here and it is a blessing to be mindful how you entertain strangers. As I continue, I would like to say especially, those of the Cloth, a special emphasis I place upon giving our ministering angels of the Gospel of Peace and of Biblical Truth, whether it be Christians, Mohammedans or Jews, the privilege of free speech in our divers assemblies.

If we give them the privilege of speaking freely, although they may not see exactly as we see each other; but according to their respective gift or calling, they may speak if they are true, and they may encourage you, they may help you; and if not help you, they may help themselves and others with whom you have to do.

Therefore I say, when ministers of the Gospel, political and intellectual speakers are in our midst, we especially give them privilege to speak and we desire to see them speak. I do not necessarily wish them to speak according to MY version, neither according to yours especially, but to speak according to their individual and personal conviction. When this is done, MY Spirit can be with them or help them if they are conscientious, sincere and true.

The experience of the majority of you has been, you have gone through the mirks and mires of human superstition, mortal versions and ideas and opinions, and especially in your suppositions you have imagined many vain things, but going through with the spirit of sincerity, I have led you diligently until I came to you, until I brought you into the recognition of that which you had surmised in your suppositions. I have brought you into the actual recognition and the realization of your superstitious suppositions. I have caused your fondest imaginations to be made real, tangible and practical!

**Be Ready to Hear All Speakers
and Teachers**

Then I say, be watchful how you entertain strangers and be willing and ready to hear from the divers strangers, speakers and teachers of every degree, and especially the teachers and speakers of religion; for the world, by the Spirit of GOD's Presence, as being termed religion, was

created and GOD HIMSELF, the Creator and the Maker, through HIS condescension was invisible but brought into visibility things that are and have been, even before HE made HIMSELF visible even to the visible things HE created. Can you not see the mystery? After which GOD brought into visibility HIMSELF; but HE did not bring into visibility HIMSELF firstly.

Therefore, those who come to us may not see us or see ME as I AM firstly. They may see ME secondarily, but they will see the things I created for them. They see the blessings bestowed upon you, for they are visible; as was in the beginning of the creation, GOD created the heaven and the earth and the earth was invisible; but GOD said:

"Let dry land appear."

Dry land was made visible and a tangible, matter-like expression before GOD made HIMSELF visible. Can you not see the mystery?

Therefore I bring to the mind's eye of the people the mystery of the visibility of things before they observe ME visibly as I really AM (Can you not see the mystery?)—GOD, being the Creator, the Author and Finisher; but GOD kept HIMSELF in the invisible until HE finished HIS Work in the consciousness of mortality, and then HE made HIMSELF visible to humanity.

That We Might Behold His Glory

"The word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Then the flesh—mortality, humanity—could behold MY Glory as the glory of the only begotten of the FATHER, full of grace and of truth; but not until I had made visible mortality and all of its observation of the great creation. Still they could not see ME because I was invisible until I made MYSELF visible by visibilating and materializing and personifying MYSELF; by making MYSELF flesh—the Word of GOD, GOD HIMSELF—that they might see ME and see MY Glory as the glory of the only begotten of the FATHER. Can you not see the mystery?

Therefore, you cannot expect the people to see ME firstly visibly. They see MY creation and they see MY blessings and they see the people, but they cannot see ME Personally because that is the way I came. I came in the people firstly visibly manifested before I made MYSELF observable Personally. I was not observable, I AM not observable Personally firstly; I AM observable Personally lastly, after I have made MY creation visible to the conscious mentality of the people.

Yet in the invisible they recognize the supernatural, but they cannot define GOD, they cannot confine GOD, they cannot locate GOD; for HE had no form or comeliness in the beginning of the prophecy. Can you not see the mystery? He had no form nor comeliness in the prophecy. As long as you live in the prophecies, and not in the fulfilment of the prophecies, you can say "FATHER is in heaven; the true and the mighty GOD is in heaven and HE is invisible." HE has no form nor comeliness in the prophecies and in the predictions, but HE has a Form.

"When thou shalt see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him."

Aren't you glad?

Hear Ye the Son

Moses and Elijah, the Spirit of the Law—the Law itself and the Prophecy—came on the Mount of Transfiguration. They came representing each unfoldment of expression they were representing in person. But Peter, James and John saw them. They thought they should have a tabernacle for Moses and for Elijah and then one for Him. But what said the Scripture concerning the mystery, as though it was a Voice from heaven?

"This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him."

Moses and Elijah disappeared. The Spirit of Prophecy, the prophets, disappeared, and the Law disappeared; and Christ stood alone as the Law for the children of men, the Law of the Spirit of Life that was in Him—for there was no other law, there was no other prophecy; but the prophecy appeared. Can you not see the mystery? And the Law appeared. Each of them appeared and talked with Him and He with them. Moses and Elijah disappeared, and Jesus received all of the Glory that was in them. It all came to Him!

It was necessary for them to disappear, for they only represented a certain degree of Him; but He in all of His fulness now must be seen henceforth, now and forever, even though Peter, James and John fell as dead men; but I bid them to arise and see Him, yea, see ME as I AM. I thank you.

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**GIVE OTHERS A CHANCE
FOR EXPRESSION EVEN AS
YOU WOULD HAVE
OTHERS DO UNTO YOU**

FATHER DIVINE'S INVITATION To VISITORS
Given Whilst at the
HOLY COMMUNION TABLE
PEACE CENTER CHURCH & HOME
OF NEW JERSEY
122-126 HOWARD STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
THURS. NIGHT & FRIDAY MORN.
MAY 30th & 31st, 1946 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 12:03 A. M.

(FATHER speaks as follows:)

PEACE EVERYONE:

Good Health, Good Will, Good Appetite for each and everyone. Good Manners, Good Behavior, All Success and All Prosperity will follow if you adhere to MY Message.

You are being taught in the actuated Words of Expression, as well as by the Words I have told you and AM telling you, to be mindful how you entertain strangers, whereby some have entertained angels unawares. For this cause, at this instance, I AM standing to say, we have visiting guests as usual. I do not wish to be apparently greedy. I AM among you practically all of the time; if not in this assembly at all times in Person, I AM here in Spirit as you know, and I AM in some of the assemblies where-