

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-

soever MY Name presides.

For this cause I need not do all of the talking. I need not do all of the singing. MY Followers need not do all of the talking and they need not do all of the singing. Give others a chance for expression, even as you would have others do unto you. For this cause I would like to say; we have visiting guests with us. If they desire to speak, they are welcome to do so. We want all of our visiting guests in all of our assemblies to feel free to speak by moving volitionally even as we do; but we do not want you to do so unless you are led to do so. We want you to feel free in all of our meetings and move by your own highest intuition and be governed by the leading of the spirit that leads you.

If any of our visiting guests care to speak, they are welcome to do so; and if they desire an

introduction according to custom, we can and will be happy to introduce them. I thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY FATHER DIVINE

TIME: 12:12 A. M.

PEACE, EVERYONE:

I would like to say, there are visiting guests and visiting friends. Do not feel obliged to speak unless you wish to.

The freedom of speech in the Hall of Democracy means you are free to speak if you desire to and you are free to refuse to speak. But we feel it our duty to give every visiting guest a chance to speak if they desire to speak.

It looks so much like selfishness in MY Opinion

for those of us who are singing on our "ten thousand years to sing GOD's praise" and apparently never stop and give another a chance to praise.

For this cause I pause and digress at the instant to give others a chance for expression.

Again I say, I need not speak in Words I have spoken. But more explicitly the actuated words in deeds and actions you have heard speak louder than words. Aren't you glad? Look over this vast audience and all of the audiences wheresoever I AM, how the abundance of the fulness of every good and desirable blessing I bring forth into expression to give you to know all things are possible with him that believeth. Therefore, live it and express it and reproduce it and enjoy it, for it is here for the asking. I thank you!

AM Serving the Holy Communion for the Nourishment of Your Bodies and the Benefit of Your Souls -- Father Divine

I Desire to Have Our Visiting Friends Give Us, as May Be Termed the World, the Best They Have -- the Best Information You Have

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

GIVEN WHILST AT THE
BANQUET TABLE

THE ROCKLAND PALACE

155th STREET and EIGHTH AVENUE

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

FRIDAY EVE., JULY 4, 1941 A.D.F.D.

TIME -- 9:00 P.M.

On this day, celebrated nationally in this country as Independence Day, many visiting friends were present. FATHER, ever the Gracious Host, arose in the midst of the Banquet Service to invite all visitors who wished to, to move volitionally even as we speak.

Among those who availed themselves of this opportunity were Mrs. Laura B. Prisk, well known as the Mother of Flag Day; our good friend, Mr. Harry Wolkof of the Second District Court of Brooklyn; Mr. Nathan Chandler of South Carolina; Mr. Ruffin of London, England; Mr. J. Urzidil of Czechoslovakia; Miss Edith Burleigh, truth teacher of Philadelphia; Mr. Burchard, representative of the British War Relief Association, and many others too numerous to mention.

While inviting the visitors to speak, our Lord dropped several important thoughts well worth the consideration of one and all. Read therefore, these Precious Words, for they are Life and Spirit.

THANK YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD!

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

PEACE, EVERYONE: Good Health, Good Will and a Good Appetite, Good Manners, Good Behavior, All Success and All Prosperity; Life,

Liberty and the Reality of Happiness, for these and all other blessings, we have them. By this we are actually enjoying what we are singing and talking about. Nevertheless, through MY Infinite, unselfish Love I desire to see others have something to say as well as MYSELF, and especially if I have the privilege of being here all day, as those of you who say you are of ME, do. For this cause I AM refraining from speaking and will give our visiting friends a chance for expression.

The Spirit of MY Presence through the Rosebuds will sing as I in them AM moved, as the choir of this particular extension at this particular instance, while we are serving our Holy Communion in our Holy Communion Room.

We are taking the opportunity to ask our visiting friends to speak if they care to by moving volitionally as we do. The Spirit in evidence in your experience, no doubt, will bear witness with what you are actually doing and what you are enjoying. Nevertheless, if you are not moved as visiting friends to speak as we do, you are not obliged to do so, but according to custom and according to MY System and MY Good Wishes I desire to have our visiting friends to give to us, as being termed the world, the best they have. I do not mean from a material or from a monetary point of view but give to us the best information you have, the best of the understanding you have for Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness! If you give to us the very BEST I will enjoy it as well as yourself.

I do not like to hear MYSELF talk all the time unless it is MYSELF unadulterated, by not being diluted with mortality's version, preconceived ideas and opinions; but as I move by the Spirit of MY Presence volitionally, which is to say, beyond your personal control -- when you are absolutely self-denied and consecrated --

why, there and then GOD is pleased to speak and be heard, and GOD is pleased to hear HIMSELF in evidence as HE expresses.

We express ourselves from time to time, but premeditatedly -- by premeditating what you are going to say. Those of you, MY so-called Followers, who do so, whatsoever you say is not so much appealing as it is when it comes directly from the Infinite Spirit volitionally.

Then I say, take these thoughts to consideration and remember, I desire to hear from our visiting friends especially, and you, if you have something to tell ME that is coming volitionally, beyond your personal control from the Fount of MY Omniscience, of which you love so well. Aren't you glad!

It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of GOD."

If you move volitionally beyond your personal control through self-denial and consecration, through a wide open, wholehearted sacrifice to GOD -- when you move from that angle of expression it can be reckoned as the Spirit of MY Actual Presence coming forth into expression with Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding from the Fount of MY Omniscience.

Then I say, I will refrain from speaking even though I had not or have not spoken this evening, but waiting for our visiting friends whilst on the rostrum. I waited because I desire to hear from them even as they desire to hear from ME. It is vice versal. As they desire to hear the best I have to say, I desire to hear the best they have to say.

For this cause I refrain from speaking; but to give MY Followers a chance to speak, the audi-