

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-

torium is open daily and we can preach all day and we do preach all night. We have the chance for expression every day and every night unless you wish to tell ME something when I happen to come in the auditorium. But our visiting friends, I especially invited them to speak.

Ministers of the Gospel, practitioners and all spiritual and legal advisers are welcome to speak in these audiences, for this is the foundation of your future democracy; and I do not mean maybe! I mean it is the foundation of your future government here in this country where you all are presently living!

This Foundation shall go from shore to shore and from land to land, and all of the nations of the earth shall come and worship as you do and understand as you understand! Aren't you glad!

I think I had better stop — the stenographers

desire to eat. Aren't you glad!

But it is good to be here — when you realize GOD in Love and Mercy came, trying to impart HIMSELF to the children of men that they might be partakers of HIM, HIS Spirit, HIS Mind, HIS Life and HIS Love and enjoy HIS Actual Presence in this present world. Aren't you glad!

I need not say more, but I thought I would call your attention to what I have been thinking. This is GOD'S Holy Banquet Table. Wheresoever I AM functioning and serving the food, as has been termed the Banquet Table, I AM serving the Holy Communion for the nourishment of your bodies and for the benefit of your souls; to supply you with something that will give you victory over sickness and diseases and afflictions, over trials and tribulations and over adverse and undesirable conditions. That is what I AM talking about! Aren't you glad! Something that will

give you victory when the world is on fire.

GOD in HIS Own Love and Mercy truly came, and shall rule and reign and have all dominion in the hearts and lives and in the affairs of the children of men, and none shall hinder HIM! Aren't you glad!

Upon this Foundation if you will stand, you as well as I, will go forth conquering and to conquer, with victory as you go! — by interpretation, as the prophet declared by prediction;

“And the sons of God shall rise with healing in their wings.”

Aren't you glad!

By this we shall have a Righteous Government and man shall recognize the Actual Presence of GOD, and all doubts and fears shall pass away, for GOD HIMSELF came Personally to stay. I thank you!

I AM THAT I AM

AND NO MAN CAN HINDER ME!

— FATHER DIVINE

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE

at the
BANQUET TABLE
20 WEST 115th STREET
NEW YORK CITY
MONDAY EVE. & TUESDAY MORN.
MAY 9-10, 1938 A.D.F.D.
TIME: 2:30 A. M.

At this Banquet, FATHER had a Message proofread recently given in the Promised Land concerning the attitude of some of the employers the followers worked for. These critical employers accused the followers in their employ of giving their money to FATHER, or to the Peace Mission Movement, and for this cause they often held back some of the salary due the followers.

Continuing on this subject FATHER arose and spoke as follows:

PEACE EVERYONE! I heard you say and I heard you sing in the composition concerning ME, and speaking just what has been said:

“I AM THAT I AM, and no man can hinder ME.”

I thought of how marvelous it is to live in a hotbed of praises and yet to be as plants that are fertilized by slander, accusation and condemnation.

If you notice those who are in opposition to the Fundamental, for which we stand, if there is anything that is good, if the press is obliged to write it up, they will put it down in some column that can hardly be seen; but if it is a slight word or information that may tend to

reflect negation, it is the headline of the paper.

I heard you say by MY Spirit and inspiration:

“I AM THAT I AM, and no man can hinder ME.”

Through all of these oppositions that have arisen from time to time, I establish MYSELF more effectively through and over and above oppositions, than I would or could apparently with harmonious conditions surrounding ME. Then I say,

“I AM THAT I AM, and no man can hinder ME.”

The “I” of Whom I AM, this “I” is not mortality nor materiality of which I AM speaking, but remember there is one capital “I” in the alphabet, and when you say “I” you are speaking of that one “I”. Each and every individual is privileged to go to the capital alphabet and take that “I” out, if he wishes to speak of himself. Can you not see the mystery? I AM speaking this for those who are not acquainted with the Truth concerning MY Presence, that they might not have an occasion to stumbling or falling.

Work Dispellation on Yourself

How glorious it is to know your GOD! Then I say, I AM the one “I” that is in the alphabet and that “I” is applicable to you and everybody else. Inculcate and reincarnate the “I” and cancelate yourself; work cancellation on yourself to its lowest terms and when this has been accomplished concerning yourself, then work dispellation on yourself—something you have not heard of unless it came from ME.

Oh, it is a privilege to realize when you shall have been completely self-denied and your life shall have been crucified, dead and dead indeed, and your life in reality is hid with Christ in GOD—in other words, when you are dead and dead indeed unto sin—your life will be hid with Christ in GOD:

“For in that you die, you die unto sin; and in that you live, you live unto God.”

Finding Your Savior in Oppositions

I rejoice at oppositions, as said the apostle on one occasion:

“Glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed . . .”

How glorious it is to glory in tribulation, for behind the veil of materialism and all oppositions, trials and tribulations, there you will find your Savior as a Redeemer and Savior of your soul. You must go through trials and tribulations and oppositions to find that harmonious condition, wheresoever it is existing. Harmony cannot exist, or is not a reality whichever, saving where there has been inharmony. But where there has been inharmony and tribulations, adverse and undesirable conditions, the desirable conditions will result immediately when cancellation shall have been worked on the undesirable, for the absence of the undesirable will be the presence of the desirable. Hence, when you find an expression such as this, you might know definitely it was essential and very necessary for this expression and activities to come through trials and tribulations and oppositions to bring