

Men May Come and Men May Go

But the Impersonality and Unindividuality of Such Expressions Will Go On Forever . . . God Is Not the Loser — Father Divine

FATHER DIVINE'S MESSAGE AT THE BANQUET TABLE

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TIME: After Midnight

FATHER returned to the City on this date, in time to bless the large audience including Mr. Clarence V. Howell, Fellowship Director, and his party, with HIS Presence. The party having banqueted here in the Kingdom earlier in the evening were very desirous of seeing and hearing FATHER, so for this reason they remained until after the Lord's arrival from the Promised Land. FATHER spoke in the auditorium, and at the Banquet Table after midnight in the dining hall. HE delivered this great Message for which we thank HIM.

PEACE EVERYONE! Good Health, Good Will and a Good Appetite, with Good Manners and Good Behavior, your hearts filled with merriness; this, and all other blessings to you I bring just as I came.

I have arisen at this instance to say, there are visiting friends among us as usual, it may be that they may have a word to say. If there is any person or persons under the sound of MY voice who would like to have a word to say, they are welcome to do so. Speak according to your own leading, your own mind and I will do the same after a while. In the meantime, if there are not any visitors who would like to have a word to say, we may have another Message proofread, as we brought out so many lectures while apparently away—the stenographers did not have time to proofread them. The transcription of many of them are still on record, but not proofread, as we are not contributing our Message now to as many publications as we used to. We are proofreading the Messages as a rule in the different auditoriums and audiences, such as this in our private and public dining rooms; while we are proofreading the Message those of MY hearers will get it, and yet we will have a chance to correct it. I thank you.

At the conclusion hereof, a sister in the rear of the dining hall accepted this invitation extended by FATHER, and gave thanks for this opportunity, as she had just arrived from the West. Two young brothers, who have spent exactly a week with us from British Columbia, gave heartfelt expressions of thanksgiving and petitioned FATHER to go with them as they

returned on the morrow for their home in the West.

A brother who has been with us for a long time, apparently, a worker on The New Day staff, testified that he had the urge to return to the coast and carry the message to those who seek the knowledge of this Truth, and especially to those who have once started out on this journey, but who have deviated in some way and have thereby become detached. The love of GOD in his heart caused him to desire to see them reinstated in this wonderful unfoldment of the Kingdom of GOD here on earth. The band was the next in expression and played, undoubtedly, the transmitted thoughts of FATHER in the song below recorded, which came as a response to the testimonies just given. A beautiful Message given about midnight Saturday, in the Promised Land, was now our portion, and lo, and behold, there was still more hidden manna. After the reading of this particular Message FATHER arose and filled our hearts with great joy, as HE Personally released this Divine Gift, this unborn Message to the great waiting throng. Again our Lord, we thank Thee.

SONG

"I'll go with you, I'll go with you,
I'll go with you all the way,
I'll go with you, I'll go with you,
I'll go with you all the way."

FATHER speaks as follows:

PEACE EVERYONE! Once again I have arisen, and yet I stand and sit as I have been sitting, but I AM conveying a thought as though I have arisen to bring to your consideration more stressfully that little composition. However, it is a message which I AM conveying to those who have requested MY Presence to be with them. Remember, as I say from time to time when I say, I AM with you, or, I will go with you, I AM not speaking of materialism, mortality nor carnality. I AM not even so much as speaking of the Adamic state of consciousness, but the Christ Consciousness as described and as exemplified.

We describe things by the exemplification of, and by making things so simple and plain that mankind can understand whatsoever we may describe by simplifying things in the most simple way.

Fulfillers of the Spirit

While listening to the three last speakers combined and yet individually and severally as they may be termed, I thought of the very voice and the Spirit and Mind transmitted, and yet it is the privilege of the individuals to be the fulfillers and the re-fulfillers of the identical mission and calling of the Spirit from that angle of expression.

How marvelous it is to know the Truth. Truly might have I said: "Lo, I will be with you." By being with you theoretically and by you harmonizing with the Truth, as it is given from a theoretical point of view, the very Spirit of MY Presence can be quickened in you as a living witness, no longer as Spirit alone, but by the Spirit of MY Presence you can recognize your GOD.

Materializing Perfect Picture by Visualization

I thought of the words I said several years ago, although I have spoken the same over and over again, I have declared, If you hold fast to that which is good, it is a matter of impossibility for you to lose. I very recently stressed the mystery concerning visualizing and observing the perfect instead of the negative. I said in this Message of which I AM now speaking, Jesus was stressed by John as the Lamb of GOD.

By John beholding the Lamb of GOD himself, unadulterated, he stressed it so vividly others saw it as he saw it. By observing the Lamb of GOD as a perfected state of expression, as being spotless and without a blemish, I could behold the reaction of such a visualization, of such a vision, whichever, as those of John, and John himself observing and visualizing Christ in the flesh. By visualizing that perfect picture they materialized it, but if they would have visualized anything less than perfection they would have increased it and multiplied it by as many more expressions as they could observe in the person.

How marvelous it is to know the Truth and to observe the perfect expression, that which is desirable and the desirable will be your portion, and you will come into the conscious realization of that which has come to be your portion. At times, individuals come into possession of something, and yet not be in the realization of the significance of it, but by visualizing vividly that perfect picture, you can and will eventually materialize it. As you materialize it with the

spirit of sincerity, I will bring you into the conscious recognition and the realization of that which you are visualizing.

Speaking in Works and Actions

Again I have said, it is a matter of impossibility for ME to lose. Men may come and men may go, but that which I observe as the Impersonal of you will go on forever. I have in past experience had those with ME who stood close, apparently, many of them have been cut off of the stage of their activities, and have gone to see whether there is a reality in any other expression other than this of which I AM stressing; yet I see the reincarnation and the refulfilment, yea, even the reiteration of the same expression characteristically reiterating, naturely reiterating and dispositionally reiterating, for "Actions speak louder than words." Aren't you glad?

It is the ignorance of men, when they think you can only iterate or reiterate by the words you speak out of your mouths. The actuated words of expression are as reiteratable as the words which I AM now speaking. The words, as I said in MY Message, that are spoken with the voices of men, are merely noises in the ears of HIM who liveth forever and forever, but when you speak in works and in deeds, you are speaking to ME. When you speak in actions that are worth considering, you are speaking in MY language in which I AM speaking, and I can understand your language, but I do not understand mere noises and voices of materialism and mortality in expression. Yet, perchance there be voices and noises heard, if the spirit of the individual is sincere and is speaking sincerely, the reaction of such an assertion made by an individual will be reflected in himself personally, or inflected and reflected in another that they might be partakers of it, as it is reflected in another and then another and another, that they might be partakers of it, and the reincarnators and the reiterators of such an expression that you are making in your assertion.

Perfection or Reincarnation

How marvelous it is then to observe those who have been with ME fifty, seventy-five and one hundred years ago. From a psychological point of view I AM speaking concerning you. Aren't you glad? While yet we are not bound to the psychic. I AM taking you through those things, but if I pass through the psychic plane and express MYSELF in psychics for a little while, and from man to man, and from person to person, you can observe in such an expression that I might be speaking in the spirit of sincerity in the individuals from the personalities and individualities of such persons. Aren't you glad? They are being transmitted, they are being reincarnated, for unless such persons bring the ideals to fruition in themselves individually and go on to perfection, they will be reincarnated and the reincarnation of such an expression will be the reproduction of such an individuality, and such a personality to be reflected, such as are made known on the psychic plane and discerned by those who see psychic things, but I can see all of those different individuals. "Lo, I AM with thee." I can see them with ME.

From the degree and unfoldment of one, so cometh into expression that identical reflection and degree of unfoldment, always the same, saving advancing; but the presentiment of such an

individual will be in evidence when you are conscious of the impersonality of such an individual, and see all persons and individuals impersonally. Then it is a matter of impossibility for ME to be a loser.

Christ is Rich and All You Need

If the dearest friend you could imagine or have, or could think of, whichever, and if they would seemingly pass away, or be perverted and go altogether in a different direction, with the right concept and the recognition of the impersonality of the individual, by observing the individual impersonally, according to the Scripture, lo, that expression would be with you, for that expression impersonally is I, of whom I AM speaking.

"Lo, I will be with you", in the fulfilment of the often rehearsed assertion: "Christ is rich and all I need. He is everything to me." Can you not see the fulfilment of such an assertion, for GOD from the angle of expression wherein you reckon such cooperation or assistance, will be Ever Present with you, if you will let HIM. "Lo, I will be with you," and the same expression from your angle of expression will be with ME, if not in person as you see it, reincarnation is a living reality, when the transmission of such a degree of unfoldment is transmitted and reincarnated and presented in some other individual.

No Occasion to Weep nor Mourn

It is a matter of impossibility to be a loser, for upon this foundation you can stand. With such a light of understanding you will not have an occasion to fret nor worry, neither weep nor mourn concerning things, nor concerning the thought of losing anything, for you cannot lose if you observe the Truth. The impersonal of every individual closely connected will always be with you if you do not observe them mortally or fleshly.

"For if ye live after the flesh, you shall die; but if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

How marvelous it is then to see yourself at all times comforted. "I will not leave you comfortless, for lo, I will be with you." Wheresoever I AM, the same Impersonal Presence is with ME, with or without an individual, but as the impersonality and the unindividuality of such individuals connected presents itself, it usually brings bodies, for the Word is made flesh. Aren't you glad? And as it brings bodies the bodies are the outward expressers of that impersonality of that expression, as being termed a person or personality, but because you have observed it so vividly impersonally, it can be the same when the person is personally absent.

Observe ME Concerning Same

I AM teaching and stressing the mystery of your observation of ME concerning the same. When you recognize MY Impersonal Presence and observe ME Impersonally, but yet receive ME Personally or Impersonally, when I AM Personally absent from your personal presence, I AM the same in action and in expressions. I AM the same in every good and desirable expression and in every good and desirable blessing; and as with ME, so with you. You are with ME wheresoever I go.

If this were not true, I would have told you, for what said Jesus concerning the identical mystery?

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you.

I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

I go, and I come again; coming into expression in your own observation in cooperation and in harmonization, I will comfort you: I will not leave you comfortless. Then wheresoever you go, if you will let ME, and harmonize with ME, "lo, I will be with you."

Life of GOD Transmitted in Bodies

How marvelous it is to know that which is termed or classed as any individual expressing in any desirable way of expression, can and will be with you now, henceforth and forever, if you will let them. The visible observation of the individual may not be personally present in expression at all times, but the impersonal presence of such an individual, which is the Life of GOD transmitted from that angle of expression will always be present and will take on a person if necessary. Aren't you glad? Because of this, I can see the identical spirit and the mind as were in some transmitted from the different individual names and persons to different individuals who are in evidence in expression. They are reckoned in this number, not as persons, although to those who would observe persons, but as the impersonal presence of the reality of such an expression coming in the reiteration of such acts and deeds and works and ways of such individuals who had expressed in such expressions. Then it is a privilege to know, lo, I can and will be with you, if you will allow ME to.

GOD is Not the Loser

It is a matter of impossibility for one of you to get away from ME. (Loud applause). PEACE EVERYONE! I might retrace your thoughts back to a Message which I gave about five or six years ago, in which I said, every time a man loses a dollar, a paper dollar, by fire, he is the loser, even though it is American money. Uncle Sam is not the loser. The government has a security for all of its currency and all of its money; therefore, individuals cannot cause Uncle Sam to be a loser by them losing something directly.

When individuals are united in the unity of the spirit, of mind, of aim and of purpose, that impersonality of such individuals will be with ME, or with them, or with you now, henceforth and forever, if you will allow them to, and be the same. That would not cause the spirit of such an expression that would be called the spirit of such a person, to leave you.

Now your conscious mind through selfishness, through graft and greed and through perversion may cause you to desire to deny or to go away from the Fundamental, deny the Principle that I have exemplified and you have verified; nevertheless, if that mind that has been perverted would do such a thing, the impersonal presence of you would still remain the same—the spirit of such an expression would remain the same, for it is not drifted by the winds and doctrines of men; it is it of which will never change.

When individuals change, the Spirit does not

change. Aren't you glad? All of you under the sound of MY voice, if you wish to, as individuals from a personal point of view, might turn back and go to the extreme reverse of ME and try to condemn your own statements, it would not cause the Spirit to do it. It matters not what you do, you cannot carry the invisible and impersonal Spirit, for it does not belong to you! That is the mystery.

Men may come and men may go, but the impersonality and the unindividuality of such an expression and such expressions will go on forever. Aren't you glad? If you change, as many have apparently changed as persons, it is only the abstract expression of such an individual changing, but the impersonal presence of that individual will be the same now, henceforth and forever, GOD is not the loser. You are merely the loser. Aren't you glad? Therefore, you can see now by MY statement and all of MY assertions, the Words which I have spoken, they are Spirit and they are life, for I AM the Fulfiller and you are the verifiers. Aren't you glad?

Can you not see where those who have gone back have ceased to function in the endorsement of the Fundamental? The very spirit of such a person, the impersonality of the individuals are functioning just as effectively as they were when they were the expressers of that impersonality of the Impersonal. Then I say, can you not see the significance of observing things impersonally and observing all things as I might say impersonally. By so doing, beloved ones, as you say you want ME to go with you, if you

live according to same, even if I did not wish to, I would be obliged to go with you.

MY Independence is Impersonal

"Behold, I set before you an open door," for the door is open for ME, and I AM in—I have a free access to all things and in the place where I cannot lose. If I lose anything it is only the son of perdition—that which is losable—mortality, and it should not have been here. That is the significance of the independence of GOD, and GOD's independence is even impersonal concerning HIMSELF, the Almighty! Aren't you glad? I have not made MY independence Personal. I have made MY independence impersonal for you as well as for MYSELF as an Individual, and I have made MY independence unindividual that you might have the chance to express MY independence and enjoy MY independence, MY Presence, even as I do.

How marvelous it will be when all of the families of the earth shall have this real emancipation, and shall be free from all superstition and from all personalities and individualities that they might revel into the glorious liberties of the sons of GOD, and enjoy the liberty, their real emancipation that I have in evidence and AM expressing.

When I made MYSELF independent to you as a Person, I have endeavored to make you independent to ME from a personal point of view, that you might express the impersonality and the unindividuality of the Impersonal One, that you might be independent even as I AM. This is the place where you are forging through the psychic plane directly to GOD, where I AM

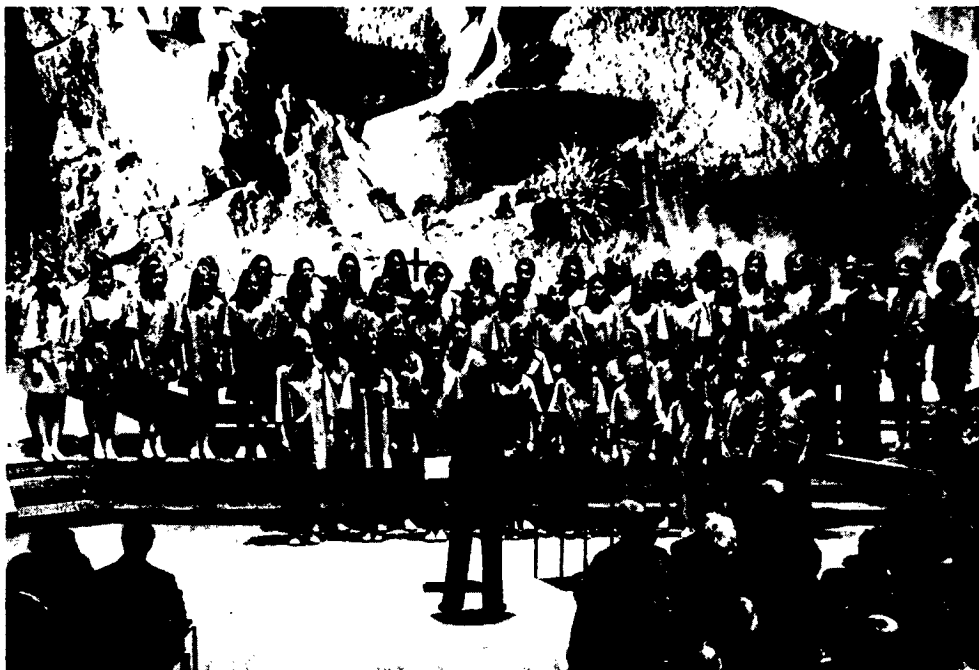
and from whence I came.

How marvelous it will be when you get away from materialism, mortality, when you observe ME as I AM, when you unify yourself by harmonization with the Fundamental Principle which I have lifted for all humanity. If you are true to GOD as you should be, everyone of you, GOD, HIMSELF, Personally could not get away from you if HE desired to. I mean, if HE Personally desired to get away from you, for HIS Promises would bind HIM, as HE binds you. GOD to you is a prisoner of Love. Aren't you glad? Is it not written: "He binds them with a band of love, And saves the wandering ones"? Those who have been wandering away far from here, now you can say by composition and yet declare the same as an inspiration, and as though it is original,

"I have wandered far away from home,
Now I am coming home,
Open wide Thine arms of love,
For now I am coming home.
Coming home! coming home!
Never more to roam
I have wandered far away from God,
But now I have come back home."

When this is accomplished and fulfilled in you mentally and spiritually, to you it will be a reality as well as to ME, and to ME, it will be a reality as well as to you. Aren't you glad? Every good and desirable expression is impersonal. All expressions and assertions, yea, all requests and commandments, they are all impersonal; therefore, they are applicable for one person even as they are for another. I thank you!

Finnish Children's Choir Salutes U.S.



The Tapiola Children's Choir performing in the unique Temple Square Rock Church in Helsinki.

Finland's salute to the United States Bicentennial this month includes the appearance of the highly acclaimed Tapiola Children's Choir, comprised of 50 boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 19.

The young singers, students at Tapiola High School near Helsinki, begin their three-week concert tour in San Diego, California on May 6. They will also sing at San Mateo and Palo Alto on May 8.

One of the highlights of the tour will be the

concert at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., on May 12. Other performances will be given as follows: Duluth, Minnesota, May 14; Minneapolis May 15; Marquette, Michigan, May 16; Detroit, May 18; Astabula, Ohio, May 19; Fitchburg, Massachusetts, May 21; and the final concert at Town Hall, New York City, on May 22.

The choir, founded by its conductor Erkki Phjola in 1963, has since won many laurels in its performances around Europe.

Australia Awards Bicen Fellowships To 13 Americans

Thirteen Americans have been awarded fellowships by the Australian Government for visits to Australia during 1976 as part of that country's official program in honor of the Bicentennial.

The fellowship recipients are: Wayne H. Gallagher, of Dallas, Texas; Susan Diane Harmon of Washington, D.C.; Larry Allen Nicksch of McLean, Virginia; Susan M. Yecies of Washington, D.C.; Philip and Nellie Bergh of Southbury, Connecticut; Sgt. John G. Lorenz of Chicago, Illinois; William Jared Ingersoll of Evanston, Illinois; Barbara Jo Rohde of St. Paul, Minnesota; Virginia O. Hannig of Seattle, Washington; Kevin Starr and John W. Maher, both of San Francisco, California; and Mrs. Agnes Cope of Waianae, Hawaii.

Seventeen Australians have also been selected to visit the United States under the fellowship program, and an additional two fellowships have been granted to the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association for postgraduate work in the United States.

The program is expected to result in exchanges of knowledge, skills and understanding between Australians and Americans relating to a wide range of activities in community affairs.