

The Answer Man Claims "A Reliable Source" for His Information

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Dear Mr. Paul:

Thank you for your letter dated October 9th.

You certainly took a lot of time to write me such a long letter and I would like you to know that I found it most interesting.

I assure you I was in no way trying to "ridicule, slander and embarrass" Father Divine by announcing that his name had once been George Baker.

I realize now that it might have been wiser of me to write to Father Divine personally to check on his former name— but the information came to me from what seemed to be a reliable source.

I pride myself upon the fact that in the ten years I have conducted The Answer Man Program I have kept a constantly open mind, free from all bias and prejudice of any kind. In my broadcasts I favor no sects, groups or religions and I never have anything against any sects, groups or religions. I believe firmly in the policy "live and let live" which is just a simpler way of phrasing the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

If by announcing that Father Divine had once been George Baker I have offended someone, I hope that person will accept my sincere apologies.

While on the subject, I would appreciate it if you would speak to Father Divine and find out whether or not it is true that he was called by the name George Baker. If this is false, I will correct my files.

Sincerely,

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(Signed) Bruce Chapman

FATHER Replies—**"I Request You to . . . Retract Your Statement over the Air"**

PEACE

Philadelphia 46, Pa.
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November 18, 1946 A.D.F.D.

Mr. Bruce Chapman
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Dear Mr. Chapman:—

Your letter of the 15th ult. to Mr. Job Paul, Trustee of the Unity Mission Church, Home and Training School, Inc., has been received and turned over to ME for reply, and I write in response to same.

Firstly, it was My understanding that the policy of "The Answer Man" is to state facts and, therefore, I would like to ascertain definitely from whence cometh the source of your answers concerning Me? Certainly you did not question Me to get first-hand information—the truth! But since you have been properly informed by Mr. Job Paul, one of the millions of MY followers, that your statement regarding MY Name is false and untrue and since, as you say, you believe firmly in the Golden Rule, I request you to not only correct your files but to retract your statement over the air, that your misinformed public might also get the truth.

My Name is Mr. Major J. Divine as a civilian and citizen of the United States; but as a Minister of the Gospel, Rev. Major J. or M. J. Divine, better known as FATHER DIVINE, as the Creator, Establisher and Demonstrator of the Father Divine Peace Mission Movement, and as the Founder and Establisher of many incorporated churches under the Peace Mission Movement, the Co-operative System, and the Righteous Government Department and its Platform under the Peace Mission Movement, and known throughout the world as FATHER DIVINE; but not at any time in the history of MY Personal existence have I ever been called George Baker with MY knowledge of it until recent years in the

Mineola case, when, with perjured testimonies and affidavits, someone brought that name, unknown to ME before then, into the court.

Notwithstanding, those findings, the decision and sentence were reversed by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York on thirty-two counts of prejudice!—

Yet there are those who are malicious, with prejudice and jealousy, who desire to endorse the false, perjured testimonies and affidavits that have long since been ruled out. They desire to do it for the purpose of lowration, distortion and in the act of perverting the minds of the public concerning ME; but I know any democratic and unbiased person will call any other person by the name or names by which they are called, especially by the name by which they call themselves. I call you and all other persons by the name by which you are called; at least, by the name you are known by; but if I were malicious, prejudiced, bigoted, bias-minded towards a person, I might try to call that person by the name that would tend to lowrate or discredit the person of whom I was speaking.

My Name has never at any time been George Baker, as stated by you and many others who have filled the press and the air with radio broadcasts with false, erroneous and perjured testimonies endorsed as though they were true.

I hope this will give you definite first-hand information so that you might have a chance to be even as this leaves ME, for this leaves ME Well, Healthy, Joyful, Peaceful, Lively, Loving, Successful, Prosperous and Happy in Spirit, Body and Mind and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint, limb, vein and bone and even in every ATOM, fibre and cell of MY BODILY FORM.

Respectfully and Sincere, I AM

REV. M. J. DIVINE

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(Better known as FATHER DIVINE)