

SPIRITICITY, December 1944

Beloved of God, greeting:

To those who have hopes of some great one coming from afar to teach them truth, the Master says, "I that speak unto thee am He." To those whose minds are filled with undue mental disturbance, he says, "Fear not, it is I." To those bound by law and doctrine, he quotes, "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High."

To his disciples he commanded, "Go forth saying, The Kingdom of God is at hand." Tell the world it is saved. Even though the world answers with violence, nevertheless, the Kingdom of God is at hand.

The above concepts are born in each soul in the fulness of time; but whether or not each soul accepts them does not deny the fact that they are true.

When Christ is born in a consciousness, the inner eye opens to the realization that there is more to man than "a rag, a bone, and a hank of hair," and something more potent and satisfying than the purely mental achievements on which he prides himself.

This spiritual birth in man causes him for the first time to assume a definite assurance and expression of an authoritative concept from which he speaks, not as the scribes from script or scroll, but as one whose word carries the weight of spiritual integrity.

He might be surprised to find a new tone qualifying all his thoughts, words, and acts, and he might become so audacious that he rebukes the nobles and elders and lifts up little ones to the highest places of authority to watch the mighty recede and return, each to his own house.

Each day you are born anew. Right now is Christ's birthday for whoever accepts the fact of his own divinity.

Sincerely yours,

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THE SYMBOLOGY OF SANTA CLAUS

Young children reason about Santa Claus. They are told that he is a man, like father. If he is, then how can he get into the houses of all the little boys and girls in the world at the same time? Too, how does he come down the chimneys? or get into modern homes without chimneys?

Yet, results speak for themselves. On Christmas morning every boy and girl proudly and joyously displays new toys. Santa Claus did come and that was important.

Children come and go. All are told there is a Santa Claus but no satisfactory explanation about him is ever offered. After awhile, the sudden revelation dawns that Santa Claus is a myth.

But Santa Claus goes right on. He cannot be stifled or suppressed. He seems to grow stronger in mind and heart of grown-ups as the years go by. They keep talking about him as though he were real. They say that he does not limit anyone in his asking, nor does he attach any strings to his gifts; that he even gives more than each has dared to ask.

As the child-mind matures it learns of another character who is believed to exist by certain gullible child-like grown-ups. This character assumes the proportions of Divinity itself. He is called the mystical Christ.

It becomes evident to the observer that people who are simple enough to believe in Jesus Christ seem to have much in common with Santa Claus' worshippers, and results derived from worship of him are quite similar to the successful demonstrations made by Santa's followers.

Most of the communications with Jesus Christ, as the Santa Claus, are requests for something. All during the year desires are formulated and at a given time they are expressed. Along with the rising action of these requests there can be observed a reciprocal action, in either instance.

The worshippers of Jesus Christ are constantly burning incense to him. An adherent of the High Watch sees the perfume of his prayer rising toward the realm of Free Spirit and becomes aware of an alternate motion of asking and receiving. He sees, too, that the sight with which he looks toward his object of worship is the same sight by which he himself is seen.

Sweet messages from above, heavenly materials, assembling for some purpose, fall about his head. These he describes as the Sprinkling Alkahest, the Remitting Essence, the Divine Solvent manifesting as means to free from all perplexing difficulties and sufficient to pay all debts.

Such mystical interchange of action is foolishness to the wise and prudent; just as belief in the reality of Santa Claus or the need to write him letters is foolishness to the self-conscious child.

But the fact continues to remain that the true believers and subscribers to a mystical Christ as just as sure to receive gifts from him as are the child-like believers in Santa Claus. Requests are granted: this cannot be denied.

A point that must not be overlooked is that the culmination, or fulfillment, of requests always comes at that time when the attention of the mind is withdrawn from continuous asking and the art of giving is exercised.

When the individual forgets, if just for an instant, what he is asking for and what he wants to receive, and thinks about what he can do for or give to others, he opens the floodgates for his accumulated desires to pour forth that for which he has asked.

When he forgets (as a child) his letters to Santa Claus, or (as a man) his prayers and pleadings to his Lord, and wishes to give good gifts to others, he discovers his desires for himself are poured out at his feet in unstinting measure. For Santa Claus and Jesus Christ are eternal symbols of that spirit of joy which comes of giving and which bring forth the fruits of joy.

The first consciousness of Santa Claus is, of course, the kindergarten Symbol of spiritual man.

What if we could have the same happy attitude toward the symbol of spiritual man that we express toward Santa Claus? What if we could entertain the same attitudes of expectation, anticipation, co-operation? What would happen if we could discard all the sorrow and sadness surrounding the more mature symbol, Jesus Christ? What if we could picture our Heavenly Guest to be just as pleasant, jovial, as good company, and make him just as welcome as we do the more primary marker, Santa Claus? Who is willing to receive the Mystic Visitor?

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Remember to look, not for Jesus the man. Salute no man as your Redeemer. But look for the Christ, the unseen visitor who comes in a moment when you think not. This invisible Christ is the very activity of God and his out-pouring action, when noticed, fills the consciousness with ingredients which precipitate as things desired; things far beyond expectation, whether qualities that enhance the personality or material objects that enrich the surroundings.

The new life which results from receiving the Heavenly Visitor evolves in consciousness as the New Year follows Christmas. The needs experienced in the higher activity of life are met with as little difficulty as the needs of thousands of children are fulfilled at one and the same time by a generous and good-natured Santa Claus.

The idea of the joy of giving, and the idea of God's Son, are much more real than the little questioning minds which disbelieve. These two principles are eternal, and go serenely on regardless of disbelief and of mortal attempts to kill them off.

The Christ of God is just as capable today in you as he was before the foundations of the world were laid, or as he was in Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, the prophets, and even Jesus.

This Christ of God allows each one to do a work through agreement with his own Lord which carries with it the particular gift agreed upon and guaranteed success - the proved success of universal purpose showing forth in happy-laden achievement.

And all this comes because of subscription to and dependence upon the prosperous, unchangeable, unkillable Christ consciousness. This Higher Self is trustworthy.

When you find energies rising from within you which you know not how to handle, let them rise up to your Lord. Cast your bread upon the Universal Waters. Lift up your heart, soul, and substance, and let the inner energies be your "letter to Santa Claus," and you will find you are building better than you know.

You will not be creating, but agreeing with and making ready to accept the things that are already prepared for you. When the time arrives, which will be in that hour when you are oblivious to thinking, your Santa-Christ will descend

into your house with the most surprising array of accomplishments and gifts you ever dreamed of.

As you might have wondered, when a child, how Santa Claus came down a choked chimney with his bulging bag of toys, so you will wonder how your many blessings came down into your consciousness through the small aperture of your half-doubting mind.

But the blessings come; they never fail. And the Giver is man's one infallible safety and security. He stands by during all experiences, eager for the opportunity which man's extremity offers; eager to give his whole, full, and complete Self to man.

As we continue to look upward, we eventually cross the bar of human judgment and take hold of the hand stretching toward us to give us liberally all things to enjoy. Shadows dissolve, the mists of disbelief waft away, and we behold the finished splendor, the miracles of unexpected sequences ready to carry through in our behalf.

Santa Claus is the joyous, good-natured soul of giving in the world, eternally increasing in the consciousness of the race until the whole will be so imbued with the spirit that everyone, learning the value of giving, will see that through it every desire is fulfilled.

Malachi taught the blessedness of giving:

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Jesus instructed his disciples:

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again."

The bulging and never-diminishing bag of Santa Claus is symbolic of that limitless storehouse of supply and providence to which the wise look for all sufficiency in all things. The ability of Santa Claus to come down so many chimneys at the same time denotes the ability of one and all to receive, in the same moment, limitless blessings from the One True God.

The quickened perception at the time of giving indicates the son's prerogative of being able to do that which he sees the Father doing; and here, he becomes a partaker of Christ: he allows Christ to be formed in him much as a child might play he himself is Santa Claus.

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Dear Friend:

We who consider ourselves truth students must particularly be on guard to keep our spirits up, to speak the kind word, to give joyous expression to feelings of gladness and cheer, and to lend a helping hand wherever we can. We can make the keynote of our thoughts, feelings, conversations, and acts during this Christmas Season a simple expression of good cheer.

The Savior's birth was heralded by cheer. Joy and gladness filled the region round about to such a degree that lowly shepherds, sensing his presence, begot themselves in haste to the village and voiced with the very angels messages of goodwill and joy.

The Spirit of Truth comes to birth in us in a lowly manner. But the beauty of its presence causes the angels above to gather round and the effect of their rejoicing spreads far and near, drawing to us the precious gifts of friendship and love. Holiness is always the companion of gladness. The sacred aura of spiritual awakening shines as the star in the East. Its light cannot be hid. Wise men are drawn to it, and lowly men worship in its presence. Even the animals seem to smile.

When so many of our precious youth, both boys and girls, are scattered among the far-flung regions of the earth, let us permit them to be born again in our consciousness through sweet memories of their presence, and let us speak and pray gladsome messages of cheer to their hearts aching for the mantle of peace to wrap the world in its sacred folds.

The CHRIST TRUTH LEAGUE will be holding the High Watch for you. We bless you in the Name of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world.

Lovingly yours,

Nell Truesdell

Alphabet Of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week-Day Of The Month.

DECEMBER 1944

1. I have done ACCORDING to Thy Words.
2. In God we BOAST all the day long.  
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4. I COMMAND thee this day to love the Lord thy God.
5. The Light DWELLETH with Him.
6. His Truth ENDURETH to all generations.
7. With thee is the FOUNTAIN of life.
8. GUIDE our feet into the way of peace.
9. Serve HIM in truth with all your HEART.  
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11. The meek shall INHERIT the earth.
12. The meek will He guide in JUDGMENT.
13. My KINDNESS shall not depart from thee.
14. Thy Word is a LAMP unto my feet.
15. I have put MY Words in thy MOUTH.
16. His NAME shall continue as long as the sun.  
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18. The Lord OUR God is ONE Lord.
19. As for God, His way is PERFECT.
20. QUIETLY wait for the salvation of the Lord.
21. RECEIVE the blessing from the Lord.
22. Be STRENGTHENED with might by the SPIRIT in the inner man.
23. Know ... the only TRUE God.  
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25. The Lord UPHOLDETH all.
26. The Dayspring from on High hath VISITED us.
27. Thy testimonies are WONDERFUL.
28. O God, thou hast taught me from my YOUTH.
29. He was ZEALOUS for my sake.
30. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

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If you want new knowledge of things spiritual, think diligently upon a statement and then let your mind rest before your Lord. Great light will dawn in consciousness after a period of stillness. Please keep the DAILY MEDITATIONS with us for we shall be praying with you.