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THE NEW RACE

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A BABE BORN in a stable, laid in a manger, over whom the angels sang the song of joy, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people;" around whose head the stars of heaven formed a crown of glory, and in whose heart existed in embryo all the wisdom, knowledge, fortitude and grace, love and tenderness, which developed to the world the living Christ, the first-born of many brethren—such was the infant Jesus, destined to become the type of the new man leading forth into a new and perfect race.

Philosophers have written of this new race, poets have sung of it, prophets have visioned it, Jesus realized it and today the multitude are bringing it forth.

All life is evolutionary, everything that one sees and hears is the embodiment of the past, and the new race which is coming rapidly will not only be heirs of the ages, but also the common-sense incarnation of God. I use the word "common-sense" with great feeling; we have had too much emotion about God and too much abstract thought. Now we are beginning to perceive that human life is alive with God. We have lost the man, the personal thought of God, and we have come into the realization of the One Spirit in all and through all.

In evolution all that precedes is contained in that which follows. In the new race we shall have all that Abraham was with his great faith and self-sacrifice, his steadfastness of purpose and his desire to serve God at any cost.

All that Moses was will be included in this new race. His ability as a leader, his conviction of power, his loving desire to release his oppressed brethren from the tyrant hand of Pharaoh. Standing before the burning bush, able to catch the message of Spirit and listening to its voice, he hears the command of God taking form within him. How near the original Life-Spirit Moses must have felt when the message, "I am that I am has sent thee forth," came to his soul.

I am is the Spirit's word for every leader today as well as two thousand or four thousand years ago. It is only as he hears the voice within saying, "*I am* is leading thee forth," that he can accomplish the work of God and help in the upbuilding of a new and better race of men.

Then we have Joshua, of whom it is written that he was made leader and entered into the Promised Land because he "*wholly followed the Lord.*" This is the only condition upon which one can enter the

land of promise. "Be strong and of good courage," was the command that God gave to Joshua. And under him, because he obeyed that voice, the Children of Israel were nearest the original conception of a willing, obedient people, serving the one God.

In this line of evolution we find David, with his many-sided character. He was chosen by God to rule His people, being the "Head of the State and Church, the lineal ancestor, according to the flesh, of Jesus." In him existed all the different qualities that later appeared in their fulness in Christ, which will go on until manifested in a new race of men.

From David we come to Isaiah, whose prophecies were the most sublime and complete and whose vision was the most far-reaching of all the prophets. Two points of his message are of special interest to us: He predicts the end of captivity and gives the vision of the Messiah, the Christ in man which was to be the end of all human weakness, sin and death.

Leaving all prophecy behind, all looking for one to come, there appears on the horizon the man John whose selflessness of nature was so perfectly developed that he was but a single step from the coming Savior. And though he was glorified in his work as an agent of God yet he was great enough to know that he was not fully perfected; seeing Jesus in his perfection with great humility, he says, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Such an attitude is found only in great souls. Thus it was that John was actually in touch with the Christ. For the Christ has at last appeared in Jesus and carries with him in manifestation all that has been written, sung and dreamed by the yearning heart of man. He is the consummation of its highest hopes; Jesus stands forth pre-eminent, the man of God in the flesh.

I should not be true to my soul nor faithful in my study of this evolution of the race life did I not at this point give a recognition, a place of holy adoration, to Mary, the mother of Jesus. For behind the babe in the manger, the boy of twelve, the growing young man, between twelve and thirty of whom we know so little, and the powerful miracle worker, stands the mother who "pondered these things in her heart," and who was the intuition and the inspiration of this Son of God and Son of Man. As we follow him in each step of his unfoldment until he is launched in his public ministry by the miracle at Cana of Galilee, we must ever keep in thought this *Woman of God*. She had the conviction of his power to an almost greater degree than

he himself. She commands the servants at the wedding supper when the wine had given out to do as he bids them; in his seeming timidity he says, "Woman, what is that to thee and to me, mine hour is not yet come." (Taken from the Emphatic Diaglott.) We must render to her the tribute of a deep inner consciousness, the recognition of silent power known only to her and this son who was to be the redeemer of the world. In his greatness we often fail to remember her power.

Through all of the race evolution we find, linked with great men great women, silent, holy influences, watching, praying, thinking, working, trusting and knowing God. Their work shall not fail nor their prayers be in vain.

Out from this Man spring the many who make up the new race. Who have learned to cast aside all emotional and sentimental thought of God and find Him in the ordinary things of every-day life. This every-day life is known to be the God-life and since no day that passes will ever return it must be recognized to be God's day, a day of God. In it the most sacred laws of Truth and Life are being revealed and a God at hand in every single event.

The strength of so-called evil will spend itself in venom and hatred but the new race brought forth by the pure man is traveling on with great poise, untouched by any human conception of weakness or sin.

Let us see what manner of men they are who are to make up the new race. First they are people of conviction, within them burns the consciousness of their sonship with God, their oneness with the Father. Then they are feeling the joy of selflessness because of the One great selfhood binding them all in One Mind and One Body. Because of this unity they find their freedom as they work for the good of the whole.

Again these are the people who have come to know the deep meaning of "it is the Spirit that quickeneth," and have learned to know the guidance of the Spirit in every affair of human life. In other words they are *mind men*; they understand that so-called matter is but a phase of Divine Mind and that man conscious of the universal presence and power of Mind will bring to the world revelations of things unknown before. For eye hath not seen nor ear heard what the law of God hath prepared for those who understand His law. These people will not be fettered by weight or burden of flesh nor bound by density of matter. As the X-ray has in our day pierced solidity of matter so there is within the understanding of the Perfect Mind laws that are to be used by this new man to dematerialize matter in their thought, to change their conception of it until they know it to be Spirit manifest. This new vision will purge them of their belief in a race bound by disease, sin and death.

"Matter is Mind at its farthest point and Mind is matter seen through a veil." Think over this statement and know within yourself the truth of the Oneness of Mind and body. Know that it is given to man to comprehend the mystery "which has been hid for ages and for generations, Christ in you the glory!" This Christ is inherent in all men. It is character, not person. This perfect character raises the vibrations of man's thoughts and purifies his nature. As man becomes purer his conception of

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The Gifts of the Months

DECEMBER

RUTH D. ELDERKIN

DECEMBER comes, and with it thoughts of holly and mistletoe, curious packages and children's bright eyes, mysterious whisperings and messages to Santa Claus. With it, too, come visions of Mary and Joseph and the Christ Child, with all the wondrous history of Jesus' life-message, the Great Gift to man, which Christmas celebrates.

We have not really grasped the fullness and meaning of this message nor realized what a miracle of peace its acceptance will work in our lives. We know what great things were done by the Christ in Jesus, but even in this day of liberal thought we still feel a hesitancy in claiming the same power for ourselves.

Quite readily we accept the finished work of Edison, knowing that since he has discovered the electric light we do not have to rediscover it for ourselves, it is ours to use at any time we choose; but we do not see with the same clearness that the finished work of Jesus is ours also and that, by acknowledging our oneness with Him, we are saved from years of struggle.

This Gift of the Christ within, this power that meets every need, solves every problem, brings the oil of gladness into every phase of life, is not gained by labor or effort to attain but comes by grace and truth.

We are so apt to think that by following *Jesus-example* we shall attain—"yet show I you a more excellent way"—to die daily to the personal that Christ may be all in all is *grace*; to realize clearly that there is but One Presence, hence we *must* be one with Him and must have always lived in Him and He in us, is *Truth*; so that his finished work is our finished work if we have the courage and faith to accept it.

Let the Gift of December be a new realization of our oneness with Christ so that with Him we shall see the Kingdom of Heaven at hand, here and now, within us and around us. Because *we* have died that Christ may be all, the Gift of the Finished Work is Ours. Then indeed we shall know that

GOD IS ALL AND ALL IS WELL.

"Every question that has God in it passes through three stages: ridicule, discussion, adoption. We are now in the third or final stage, and all over the world men are beginning to recognize that there is no such thing as matter, and that the only reality is God."—*Rawson.*

"Only those who have made a study of the subject and are in constant touch with advanced thinkers recognize what a marvelous change is taking place all over the world. Old ideas are fast disappearing. Natural science stands expectant, awaiting developments. The Science of God awaits us."—*Rawson.*

Who Santa Claus Is

MYRA FRENYEAR WISEMAN

"WHO SANTY CLAUS WUZ"

JES' A LITTLE bit o' feller—I remember still—
 Ust to almost cry for Christmas, like a young-
 ster will.
 Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!—New Year's ain't a
 smell!
 Easter-Sunday—Circus-day—jes' all dead in the
 shell!
 Lawzy, though! at night, you know, to set around
 an' hear
 The old folks work the story off about the sledge
 an' deer,
 An' "Santy" skootin' 'round the roof, all wrapt in
 fur an' fuzz—
 Long afore

I knowed who
 "Santy-Claus" wuz!

Wisht that yarn was true about him, as it 'peared
 to be—
 Truth made out o' lies like that-un's good enough
 fer me!—
 Wisht I still wuz so confidin' I could jes' go wild
 Over hangin' up my stockin's, like the little child
 Climbin' in my lap tonight, an' beggin' me to tell
 'Bout them reindeers, and "Old Santy" that she
 loves so well
 I'm half sorry fer this little-girl-sweetheart of his—
 Long afore

She knows who
 "Santy-Claus" is!*

We, however, are not sorry for any girls and boys who are sweethearts of Santa Claus. Neither are we sorry for any love they have for the story of his coming from some mysterious land of cold and snow and bounty; clad in scarlet, fur and fuzz, bringing warmth and cheer and joy. We are not sorry for the imagination that pictured him riding in a fairy kind of sleigh drawn by incredibly fleet reindeer, harnessed with gold, silver and bells. Bells announced his coming to ears alert to hear, and yet he stole so silently and elfishly down small soot blackened chimneys with a big pack on his back which was filled with every kind of thing a child could want! We know that all their love for the white-haired Santa of legend is not really misplaced. For truly, the legend belongs to the Actual—to the Universal Santa Claus—the *Great Hearted*, whose warmth and cheer fills the Universe and makes this planet a livable, lovable and beautiful place. It belongs to the real Santa Claus who has inspired mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, aunts and uncles, sisters and brothers, sweethearts and friends to act as Santa Clauses,—to act like the *Great Hearted*.

I know a little girl who says God is Santa Claus and that is true, for God is the inspiration of all good. And the Real Santa Claus is that Something in God's nature by which, after he has given all that his children can need,—food, shelter, and clothes; life, protection and education; heart, mind and love;—still gives them more. It is that *something* by which mankind may have super-abundance for

beauty and elegance of environment, as well as joy and gladness of heart. It is that *something* which wants the children of men to have enough and to spare, and then to spare it; enough for sustenance and justice not only, but such abundance that their love may overflow in generosity as does God's.

But why is the mythological Santa Claus associated with our Christmas? And how does he correspond to, or represent, the Real Santa Claus? Yuletide, which is our Christmas, was an old, old Sun-Festival, celebrated long before the little Jesus Christ child was born in Bethlehem two thousand years ago.

December 21st is the shortest day of the year and though the days begin to lengthen the 22nd, it is not noticeable for sometime. Is it not strange then, that December 25th should be chosen for a Sun festival? A time when there is so little Sunshine? And when in many countries it is mid-winter with storm and cold sure to follow? I'll tell you why. It is because it is a Promise festival, a Faith festival. It is a promise so sure of fulfillment, a faith so absolute that it makes it a Joy-festival,—a *Giving*-festival above all the festivals of the year. December 25th, is in the midst of winter with the long rest of nature before it—a long wait for new vegetation, flowers and fruit; but between December 25th and January 6th a wonderful thing happens in what men call nature. Then the Sun turns again from the winter Solstice,—turns again from cold and rest with preparation, toward the Spring, toward the time of visible quickening and perceptible warmth. Its visible manifestation is at least three months away, but here is the promise, and after thousands of springs no one doubts that there will be another spring next March.

So this Jesus Christ festival was the Promise and the beginning of the Spiritual Springtime of the race though it looked a long way ahead to the Summer ripening of the precious fruit of Christhood. The little child born two thousand years ago came to be a Saviour indeed. He grew up pure-minded and clean-bodied, so that the consciousness of God in him could shine out; so he lived a shining God-life as an example of the way each one can turn again toward God and come into perpetual summer and harvest. His coming marked the greatest conscious turning of the Suns of Men forward, from the winter of wrong, failure and suffering, toward God. And in him the entire race turned God-ward just as the sun turns the entire winter toward spring during the shortest days of sunshine.

During these two thousand years of winter the shining of the Sun of Righteousness in mankind has been growing in strength and intensity, although we are now in what seems like the February and March blizzards of New England. But after these awful war storms have spent themselves, the Sun of Righteousness will shine out in burning strength and a new era of Peace, Joy and Plenty will begin and there will be no apparent retrograde even, of virtue or prosperity. Indeed, it began long ago for although it was midwinter in the ongoing of the race when Jesus Christ was born and it is midwinter in the mind when Jesus Christ is born into the individual consciousness, yet this birth is the real beginning of Spring in both. In the new era mankind will come to the full stature of Jesus Christ without suffering and we shall have the new heaven here

*From Child-Rhymes by James Whitcomb Riley.

on earth. It is this great promise of the Jesus Christ birth which makes Christmas the greatest joy festival. And it is just as sure of fulfillment as the promise of Spring, Summer and Harvest.

Fulfilling this promise, God through his whole, Holy Spirit gives himself and all he has and is, to and through mankind joyously and universally. This Universal Generosity,—this Spirit of God-giving, through mankind and individual man, is the Actual *Santa Claus*. This is the Spirit that inspires all real giving—giving where there is no necessity, no duty, no need, and no charity, but only a glad desire to make every one happier and richer in both peace and plenty. The war blizzards in Europe and the milder storms here, together with the winter quiet which financial nature or vegetation has experienced, have apparently dulled the desire to give. The great sums of money sent to the war sufferers, was not all real giving. It was not universal, but sentimental and partial because the horrid romance of war blinded its eyes to the needs at its very doors where there should be no need at all. Besides charity and need-giving are not *Santa Claus*-giving. *Santa Claus*-giving is like that which has added the beauties of sunset and sunrise to the glory of the day; the majesty of a Matterhorn and a Mount McKinley to the everlasting hills; that which has added the super-marvels of the Grand Canyon, the Yosemite Valley and the Yellowstone Park to the marvels of nature; that which has added warmth to light, color to luscious fruit, and fragrance to the rose; that which is prodigal of beauty in fruitless flowers; that which is prodigal of abundance in ten thousand ways. It is that *Spirit* of giving more than man can ask or think that is the Real *Santa Claus* or Jehovah giving.

But is all this superabundance only for children? Yes, for all are children of God whether young in years or grown up. But the grown-ups do not always keep a childlike spirit of receiving and little children are not all taught the true spirit of giving, i. e., giving their best unselfishly and gladly. And we know what true generosity is by the way God gives, far beyond the needs of his children and for their pleasures; and also by the way Jesus, the Man of Nazareth, gave himself for his brothers and sisters in the human family. Both give *all*, even when seeming not to give at all even as winter is a giving of life and real preparation for the abundance of Summer.

"Therefore, Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand (in his authority); and all Judah brought presents to Jehosaphat (i. e., Jehovah judges) and he had riches and honor in abundance."

"The children of men * * * shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness (abundance) of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures."

"God said I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food."

"Jehovah, your God, hath given you rest and hath given you the land."

"Jehovah gives strength to his people; Jehovah blesses his people with strength."

"I will give the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places that thou mayest know that

I, Jehovah, who calleth thee by thy Name, am the God of Israel."

"Yea, Jehovah shall give good and our land shall yield her increase."

"Thou hast given him his heart's desire."

"He giveth to all—life and breath and all things; and hath made of one blood (i. e., Life) all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth."

"I will give them a heart to know me, that I am Jehovah * * * and they shall return unto me with their whole heart."

What more could we ask? And God so gives to his Suns—Jehovah's or Jesus Christ's, in order that they may give to each other; that each one of us may be *Santa Claus* to all the others. But being a *Santa Claus* or rather letting the *Santa Claus* Spirit use us, does not necessitate the giving of things; yet this Spirit always seems to ultimate in some definite, tangible, objective expression. Anything we can give, however, is valueless as a *Santa Claus* gift unless it is prompted by the *Santa Claus*, unless *Santa Claus* brings it.

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." And God is love.

"Freely ye have received, freely give" to all. Not only to your own immediate family, but to the entire race family, who are just as much your own people.

"Wherewith Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto them." "Every man as he is able according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God he hath given thee."

"And there came a man and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits * * * and full ears of corn, and he said, 'Give unto the people.'" "We will willingly give."

"But who am I and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given."

"I will give thee, a Light to the nations (Gentiles), that thou mayest be my salvation unto the ends of the earth."

Then *we* are God's messengers also,—we are sent to be a light to the nations—to every organized and world-governed group of people outside of ourselves and to every such group of ideas in our mentality. We are to be God's salvation—God's safety—to the uttermost parts of our objective activity and to the ends of this earth planet. Think of it! God's safety and ease given to each child, and when the consciousness of Sunship is born in us we too become saviours to our world.

And of our people, i. e., our thoughts and feelings, this Jehovah within says, "I will give them one heart and one way that they may reverence me forever, for the good of themselves and of their children after them."

"I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

"I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist."

"Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Indeed it is true that "from the beginning, Eye

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IN GOD WE TRUST

BLESSED ARE THE PEACE-MAKERS

The atmosphere is so full of love at the Christmas season, there is so much of brightness and beauty, that it is easy to forget and forgive grievances. And what a blessed thing that is to do—it is the Christ spirit that prompts it.

However, there is another form of peace-making in which we should indulge. How much more joyous and peaceful this time of the year would be if we did not overburden ourselves by getting into the whirl of rush or by feeling the pressure of financial stress. We rob Christmas of its most sacred right when we approach it with dread and see it go with a sigh of relief. When such is the attitude we do not observe the Christmas Festival, we have forgotten the greatest lessons that Jesus taught us—Love and Peace on Earth.

CHRISTMAS GREETING

We keep the Feast of the Neighborliness of God. The heart of it is the blessed truth that God is not remote from us; not far away in splendid solitude on a vast throne beyond the horizon of the stars; but near to every one of us.

Christmas is the Festival of Friendship, a time to put away old differences, and to clear up old misunderstandings. In the name of Him who loved us even to the laying down of His life, let us renew our affection, holding out hands of brotherhood.

To all good friends, to all faithful and helpful folk, to all who multiply the joys of their own holiday by sharing with others, to all good neighbors, a Merry Christmas!

Let love and joy sit beside all hearthstones.

A Merry Christmas!—*The Youth's Companion*.

MY WISH FOR YOU

What could I wish you more, dear friend,
Upon this Christmas morn,
Than that within your heart each day
The Christ of Love be born?
That you may walk with courage strong,
Though clouds hide heaven's blue
And reach a hand to those less brave,
Their courage to renew;
That wheresoe'er your footsteps lead,
The flowers of hope may spring,
And in the hour when flesh seems weak
Hear God's strong angels sing;
That you may be a light to all,
One whom God's light shines through;
Then all Love's kingdoms shall be thine—
This is my wish for You.

—Henry Victor Morgan.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT KEPT THROUGH THE YEAR

Gal. 6:9.

Recently in one of our cities an Oriental said he had observed that for sometime before Christmas, people's faces in this country seemed to have an unusual light in them. They were all bright and shining. Everyone seemed kindly and courteous, more desirous of giving pleasure, than had been his wont. Men who at other seasons of the year are stern and unapproachable had now become genial, easily approached. Those who ordinarily are close, never opening their hands to charity, had become for the time generous and charitable. Those who had been in the habit of doing small and mean things, when they entered the edge of the warm Christmas zone, began to act like new men, a kindly human interest taking possession of them.

The Oriental who made these observations added that it would be a good thing if only the charm of this happy Christmas spirit could be made to project itself into and through the new year.—*J. R. Miller in The Inner Life*.

THE FAIREST GIFT

If I were Santa Claus, and might
To each child give the gift I chose—
The world would glow with new delight,
And lose the darkness of its woes;
For I would give to every boy
And every maiden I could find,
The Grace to gain unbounded Joy
Through merely being Kind.

—S. E. Kiser.

Last year one of our young friends, a girl of about thirteen, wrote this Christmas letter. I know the Grandmother must have been happy to receive such a beautiful message from her dear granddaughter: My dear Grandmother:

I hope you will have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

You must be so happy in Uncle Harrison's home with Aunt Nellie and all the homelike surroundings. You will have a fine Christmas with your own dear son. You must appreciate your son for many mothers have not their sons with them this Christmas, but, we know God will guide all those sons "over there" and will soon send them home.

Oh, dear Grandmother, what a wonderful teaching Jesus left when he was on earth, what he has done for all the lonesome mothers. Why! Jesus just left messages which took away all the lonesomeness in those mothers' hearts.

When Jesus was born there was great happiness on earth; so let's be happy this Christmas for the Christ-Spirit has entered into the hearts of many people and given them new life.

You are filled with the wonderful, beautiful Christ-Spirit which helps everyone.

God has sent Christ in a new way; in thoughts and visions. Before, Christ came in a form like other men so the people could understand more clearly the message of Faith, Love, Wisdom and All-Good. Now we are educated more thoroughly in our minds and can understand the messages even though we cannot see the person speaking the words.

May you, this next year, which is going to be a beautiful, wonderful year, realize and understand more clearly the messages of Faith, Love, Wisdom and All-Good.

Well dearie, I just know you are going to have a fine Christmas. Bushels of love, . . . B. R.

PRAISE YE THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

"Serve the Lord with gladness:

"Come before his presence with singing.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise:

"Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

"My mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits:

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

"Who healeth all thy diseases;

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

"Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;

"So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually.

"Now the God of peace * * * make you perfect in every good work, to do his will,

"Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ;

"To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

*In our daily affirmations we speak the truth of
Being to our own souls.*

With reverent recognition of my birthright, I claim my sonship with the Almighty.

I am free from disease and disorder.

I am in harmony with my Source.

The Infinite Health is made manifest in me.

The Infinite Substance is my constant supply.

The Infinite Life fills and strengthens me.

The Infinite Intelligence illumines and directs me.

The Infinite Love surrounds and protects me.

The Infinite Power upholds and supports me.

I am out of bondage.

I have the freedom of the Sons of God.

With all that is in me I rejoice and give thanks.

God and Man are the all in all, now and forevermore.—*From Leaflet published by Church of the Science of Being, Chicago.*

"Ask not for life of ease, but ask
From strength to strength to grow.
Pray not to measure out your task
By powers that you may show,
But ask for powers to meet demands,
For love that knows no strife,
For crystal vision, tireless hands—
A better self for life."

The heaviest burden a man can carry is bearing a grudge.

The Observers Column

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

IN the legends of Christmas in the collections of several centuries back, there is one of the four beasts and the blessed manger—The wolf, the bear, the lion and the panther had been led to the field of the Shepherds and their flocks, faint with hunger, and were about to fall upon and devour the tender lambs and the flesh of the shepherds, when the light of the Star and the parting of the Heavens affrighted them, and they stood transfixed, listening to the voices of the Angels. When the shepherds had found their way to the Stable in Bethlehem, the beasts had followed them, and in an old German print of the 15th century, we see them behind the shepherds worshipping in their turn the Child of Light as he draws all hearts to him, there in his humble resting-place.

The love that is in the heart of the child brings its response from all the creatures of the earth,—the new-born freshness that is in the spring-time curl of the tender green leaves, the pure and bright surface of mid-winter snow, the first song of the meadow-lark, the rippling laughter of the young girl, all bear within them the Song of Love offered at the threshold of the Kingdom of Heaven.

That is why youth and Christmas are indissolubly connected with the birth of the new man, and why every year, in the telling of stories, the singing of carols, and the giving of gifts, we try to reproduce that blessed time in our own lives when we knew that we were divinely young—at the very threshold of life.

What a joy it is to find ourselves every year just at that place, eagerly looking forward to the beginning of a new chapter that opens with the Year One in our new consciousness!—for the consciousness that steps out to meet the world with hardy courage is ever young. Youth stops when growth stops. As long as we are advancing with our eyes on a goal that recedes as we seem to approach the ideal which we have formulated, we are flourishing, blooming, vivid with the sense of youth! I know white-haired youth, that continually lives in the ecstasy of development,—putting forth shoots of knowledge and grace and truth, as the Tree of Life must continually put them forth in the Garden of Eden. And I have seen, too, other human plants who have reached their maturity and drooped at thirty!

The most precious gift of life is eternal youth! It is the spirit of Christmas, that sings carols of eternal praise to the Christ-Child, the Saviour who frees us from the thoughts of age and decay. Christmas is the New Year of perpetual youth.—*June B. Benedict.*

You are going to do great things, you say,
You have splendid plans;
Your dreams are of heights that are far away;
They're a hopeful man's;
But the world, when it judges the case for you
At the end, my son,
Will not think of what you were going to do,
But of what you've done.

—S. E. Kiser.

Signs That Follow

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

"We are going to celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas this year—the first time in years that we have all been well. Blessed be the Truth!"

"Our prayers have made us a united family again."

"One treatment has healed our little girl, our youngest, and we are most thankful."

"I have been studying the Daily Lessons and have been trying to put them into practice and, oh, I am so happy to report good progress in the overcoming of the trouble that has bound me for so many years."

"We are seeking *first* His Kingdom and we are also finding the added blessings of health and the supply of our every need. We shall make a thank-offering soon."

"I did not believe in God but now I know there is one. The works prove it."

The world is full of roses,
The roses are filled with dew;
And the dew is full of heavenly love
Which drips for me and you.
—J. Whitcomb Riley.

Who Santa Claus Is

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hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for those who love him."

"For God giveth not to the Spirit by measure. The Father loveth the son and hath given all things into his hands." And He "giveth us all things richly to enjoy."

And all these things and more are in the Christmas or Santa Claus promise. If you know that you are a Son of God, that you are one with God, the Jehovah or Jesus Christ is born into your mind and life activity, and though all these gifts are still well wrapped from sight and securely tied, they are given to you, and they have begun to be revealed. The Real Santa Claus has come to you from the mysterious *everywhere*—come through the avenue of faith as to the little child, with a load of *gifts* you could not have imagined. Does it still seem mid-winter for the race, or in your own mind and life? It is Christmas. Jesus Christ is born. Therefore *give*, and give royally. Giving as God gives,—giving as Jehovah or Jesus Christ gives,—will bring gift after gift to light; will reveal the abundance and prodigality of God's generosity to you. The greater the storm without the greater should be the realization of joy within because we know that Jesus Christ is come in all flesh and our faith in the old story is fully restored because we know who Santa Claus is. Santa Claus is the Universal Spirit of royal, generous giving that all may have abundance of All Good things—God is Santa Claus.

The New Race

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body changes, thought of materiality dissolves and the mystery of the ages comes to be known. As he uses the law man finds himself standing side by side with the elder Brother, the pioneer of the new race.

This same elder Brother said, "The works that I do shall ye do and greater works shall ye do because I go to the Father." His teaching as it comes to us through the two thousand years reveals this marvelous truth that within every man is the power of resurrection from sin, sickness and death, into the glorious liberty of Christ; in every man is the *I am*, the consciousness of positive nature open only to God.

Within every man is the capacity to join this New Race, to learn of the Spirit and to go forth into perfect activity. Every man possesses inherently the quality of perfection, which evolves him forth, urges him upward until he comes to the consciousness of the perfect man, the measure and stature of Christ.

Thus the external process of life is evolution and the survival of the fittest is a necessity. All the good of the past goes to make up that which is fit to survive for the day that is to come. Nay, is here, in the men and women who know and live in conscious oneness with the Father.

In this knowledge the veil of death will be rent asunder and there will be no more sorrow or crying, neither will there be any pain. Man and God will be one.

(A talk given before the Woman's Association of the Divine Science Church, Denver.)

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