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What Does Christmas Celebrate?

Extracts from Mr. Fillmore's Sunday morning talk in Unity Auditorium, December 25, 1910.

Walt Whitman said, "I celebrate myself." When people heard this they said, "Here is an egotist; put him out." When Jesus Christ arose in the synagogue and read the passage from Isaiah referring to the Messiah he said, "I am the fulfillment of this Scripture," and the people cried, "Put him out."

These men were not understood. They were proclaiming that which is true of the real man. The real self is both individual and universal, and it is right for the individual to celebrate himself. This is what men do when they find there is something within them above the personal consciousness.

Man is Spirit. Every one should rejoice greatly in this and bring forth his Divine Nature under the Law. If we think only of the historical Jesus we do not celebrate ourselves. If the occurrences in Jesus' life are not of to-day they have no special significance. We must perceive that the real man is constantly coming forth. This is the meaning of Christmas. It does not belong to the past, but is a vital, living, present Truth.

Jesus was a man like unto us, yet there was something different in him. The time seemed to be ripe for the advent into the race of a new kind of man. The thought of all Israel had long been concentrated upon the coming of one who should be the Messiah, and all the virgins hoped for the honor of bringing him forth. All this should be applied to the individual consciousness. You know the law of mind, and understand how an idea held in mind

takes form in substance and finds expression. In this way the Christ man is brought forth. The I AM is constantly bringing forth; first is the idea in mind, and then the representation of that idea. If you are an artist you make a rough sketch before painting the final picture. If you are a sculptor you first make a plaster cast of your ideal statue before you begin to give it form in marble. In this way everything is made. In this way man is made.

The first and second chapters of Genesis are very puzzling until you understand the law of all mind action. The first chapter tells that man was made perfect; the second says "there was not a man to till the ground." The first chapter describes creation in the ideal. The first man is the spiritual idea, the perfect man, the Christ. This creation is complete, finished, and "very good." The second creation is the manifestation of the man idea, and its degree of perfection depends upon the man who expresses it.

The Lord God "formed man of the dust of the ground." This was the first plaster cast of man by the Great Sculptor. This primitive man-idea was given life and feeling. The Lord God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." But this man was a long way from the Divine Man brought forth in Jesus Christ.

Jesus and Christ jointly form the perfect man—Christ the ideal, Jesus the manifestation. Jesus was above the average man because of his fuller realization of what man is. We have been identified with the Adam man long enough. We have called ourselves "dust" and have had the result. Let us call ourselves Christ and attain perfection. By seeing our perfec-

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tion in mind we shall project it into visibility.

This is being about the Father's work. It is not the vanity of the personal man that leads us to look upon our perfection, but the wisdom of the Divine Mind. If we are coarse and crude and homely in appearance it shows that we have been lax in thought. We have not discerned and beheld the Lord's body. Man is just beginning to learn how to make a perfect body. He is just now coming into that understanding of the laws of mind that shall bring into manifestation the body of Christ. So long as he has a crude, material idea of a body, that long will he bring forth a crude kind of a man. By following Jesus Christ we produce the perfect character, and out of the perfect character shall come the perfect body.

So we celebrate the good in ourselves and in all men. Spiritual understanding leads us to look back of the appearance and see the "image and likeness" in all men. The bringing forth of the Christ child is not a work that was finished in Bethlehem. It is taking place in our midst every day. It is this we celebrate.

As we watch the development of the Christmas idea we see that the giving of presents was first a thought of love and good-will; but this gradually came more and more into the external, where it has been separated from the idea and almost lost. There would never be any weariness in the giving of gifts if we kept the gift balanced with the idea. When we become entangled in the error that the value is in the thing, the true spirit in us is quenched,

and having nothing to sustain us we grow weary, and gift-giving becomes a great burden instead of a joy. The boy of twenty-five years ago was satisfied with a tin watch and a little red express wagon. Now he comes home from college with his hat on the back of his head, eyes his Christmas present—an automobile—and says: "Dad, what did they tax you for that junk?"

Let us celebrate more in Spirit, send more messages of love and good-will, and not burden ourselves so much with things. This will be a blessed world when all men think less of things and more of that which things represent. The true Christian knows that baptism, the Lord's supper, and all the ceremonies of the church are outward observances of inward truths. So this Christmas observance is really a celebration of the generosity of Divine Mind.

A New Year's Resolution

Might be worded to cover the giving up of some unnecessary luxury and placing the money thus saved in the Unity Building Fund.

The Finance Committee reports that if 166 of us will give as follows, the full amount needed will be made up:

2 persons	\$500	\$1000
12 "	100	1200
12 "	50	600
10 "	25	250
30 "	10	300
100 "	5	500

166 \$3850

Can you, reader, be one of these persons?

The Unity Sunday school Christmas entertainment last Saturday night was a great success. The children who took part in songs and recitations brought the joy of Christmas to the hearts of all who were in attendance.

The tree was loaded with presents, and a large pile of well-filled candy boxes and oranges was distributed by old Santa and his helpers, to the great satisfaction of all.

RESPONSIVE SERVICE

Sunday, January 1, 1911

Acquaint now thyself with God, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Hearken unto me: hold thy peace and I will teach thee wisdom.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be still, and know that I am God.

Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live.

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Things to Be Remembered

Remember that a joyous smile can be seen in the dark.

Remember that our blessings come when we steadfastly fix our whole mind on the good.

Remember that you become like what you see.

Remember, then, to see the best in everybody and everything.

Remember to be patient.

Remember that you can spread sunshine about you by keeping sunshine in your heart.

Remember that the Unity Sunday school is growing.

Remember the election of directors next Sunday morning.

Remember to see the 1911 Calendars in the Unity Library.

Callers at Unity Headquarters During the Week

Mrs. J. B. Cottrell, Frankfort, Kans.

Mrs. Matilda Dunham, North Yakima, Wash.

Mrs. E. A. Freeman, Kirwin, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Grant, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Miss Laura Gregg, Garnett, Kans.

Miss D. Hirschler, New York City, N. Y.

Mrs. R. A. Jones, Canton, Kans.

Mrs. L. F. Martin, Muskogee, Okla.

Judge DeWitt C. Nellis, Topeka, Kans.
Virginia Macabee Nellis, Topeka, Kans.

Unity Guild

The regular monthly business meeting of Unity Guild will be held on Tuesday evening, January 3d, in the Unity Building. All members are requested to be present. At this meeting, officers will be elected for the year 1911.

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness in assisting us in filling the Sunshine Barrels. The day before Christmas we sent two large barrels filled with toys and clothing to the Thos. H. Swope Settlement Association, and one barrel and a large box to the Institutional Church. We are sure the hearts of many little children were made happy and their lives brightened by such kindness. Again we thank our friends for their generosity.

UNITY GUILD.

Annual Election

The By-laws of the Unity Society provide that four directors shall be elected each year, on the first Sunday in January, for a term of three years.

Next Sunday morning after the regular service the meeting will be called to order and ballots bearing the names of eight candidates for election will be distributed.

All registered members are urged to be present and take part in the election. The eight names will appear on the ballot as follows:

J. I. Wallace, Daniel Hoagland, Mrs. Emma Hay, Lowell Fillmore, Carl Gleeser, Edwin Clyde Curtis, Frank R. Lynch, Mrs. F. L. Jones.

The first four are the present directors, whose term now expires. The voters are to elect any four of the eight for a three years' term ending January, 1914, by drawing a line through four and leaving the four which are the voter's choice.

We are all thankful to Miss Edna L. Carter for her loving kindness in preparing the extracts from Mr. Fillmore's Sunday morning talks for the WEEKLY UNITY.

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Sunday, Jan. 1, 1911

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 10 A. M.

ADDRESS BY CHARLES FILLMORE

11 A. M.

SUBJECT: *Let there be Light.*

THE CONCENTRATION CLASS AT 3:30

Many who cannot attend the Sunday morning meeting are thus benefited, and all can preserve the lessons and study them.

It was inspiring to hear the audience singing on a recent Sunday, "Hallelujah! 'tis done," etc. It burst forth with the undaunted power and vigor of the jubilant conqueror sweeping away all negative ideas of weakness, lack, and limitation.

REGULAR MEETINGS

In Unity Auditorium

SUNDAY

Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Mrs. W. G. Haseltine, Superintendent.

Regular service, 11 a. m. *Charles Fillmore.*

The Concentration Class 3:30 p. m.

MONDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Lesson in Health and Harmony, 2:30 p. m.

TUESDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Lesson in Health and Harmony, 2:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Mid-Week Meeting, 2:30 p. m.

Healing Meeting 8 p. m.

THURSDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Lesson in Health and Harmony, 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Lesson in Health and Harmony, 2:30 p. m.

SATURDAY

High Noon Silence, 12 to 12:15.

Lesson in Health and Harmony. 2:30 p. m.