

Christmas



A Star in the Darkness

"The sign of **Christmas** is a star, a **light** in **darkness**. See it not outside yourself, but shining in the **Heaven** within, and accept it as the sign the time of **Christ** (**awakening**) has come." [A Course in Miracles, T-15.XI.2.]

Cayce

"Christ chose to enter, so you have entered. And as Christ chose to live, so may you live. Christ chose to give of Himself that there might be a greater understanding, a greater knowledge. In His life He showed forth the wisdom that God is love poured forth upon the children of humanity. So may you do." [Cayce 262-103]

Q) May we have a **Christmas** message from the Master at this time?

A) *Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. For the **Lord** is in the Holy Temple - let the earth and those that **love** the **Lord** rejoice, that the **Father-God** in the **Christ** is mindful of men, and He will not let thy loved ones - nor those with and for whom ye pray - be tempted beyond that they are able to bear.*" [Cayce (5758-1)]

Q) Will you give a **Christmas** Message to be sent to those on the prayer list?

A) *"Dearly Beloved: As the **Season of Joy** comes, that came to the world through the gift of the Child, the **Christ**, to the world, may we - as those that have such as our **purpose** - give to thee that **blessing** which comes to all that seek to be a channel of **blessings** to others!"* [Cayce (281-22)]

7.(Q) We would appreciate a **Christmas** message to be sent to those we are aiding.

A) COME! LET US MAKE A JOYOUS NOISE UNTO THE **LORD**, THE ROCK OF OUR **SALVATION**: WHO IN TIMES PAST AND IN THE PRESENT MAKES KNOWN THE JOYOUS MESSAGE UNTO THE SONS OF MEN: FOR THERE IS ALIVE THIS DAY THE **CHRIST SPIRIT** THAT CAME AS UPON THE WINGS OF THE ANGELS, THAT MADE KNOWN THE GLAD TIDINGS UNTO THE MEN IN THAT FAR LAND. HE IS NOT FAR AWAY TODAY! BUT IN "THINE OWN **HEART**" MAY WE HEAR THAT VOICE COME TO US AND SAY, "**PEACE** - BE STILL! IT IS I, **FEAR** NOT: FOR I, THY **SAVIOUR**, AM WITH THEE THIS DAY." [Cayce (281-14)]

4. As ye approach the Season that to every student of **Christian** thought means so much, know that the birth of the Christ-Child in **Jesus** has meant and does mean more and more in the **thought** and the **activity** of the world as a whole. And you each here may judge within yourselves as to whether the world is growing better or not according to that conviction, that **feeling** within thine own **self** that what the **Christ-mass** or **Christmas** spirit means is being manifested in thy daily life and thy associations with thy fellow men.

5. For unless this fact is a personal experience, then to you - as an individual - it is not being accomplished.

6. But you each here, with only few exceptions (and these ye know within thine own hearts), feel that the **peace** within - as comes from the meditating upon the **desire** to be what the **Father-God** would have thee be through the promises in the Christ-Jesus - IS making thy **life**, thy associations with thy fellow man, more and more in

keeping with the **Christmas** spirit; that commandment as He gave, "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you." [Cayce (262-116)]

GC: You will have before you the members of the Norfolk Study Group #1 who have gathered here seeking a reading which will give them a better understanding and deeper appreciation of the birth of **Jesus**, the **Christ**, which will be celebrated this week as **Christmas** 1936.

EC: "In giving to these, then, that seek to know more of that circumstance, those conditions as surrounded that ye call the first **Christmas**: Do not confuse thyself. While to you it may be a first **Christmas**, if it were the first then there would be a last; and ye would not worship, ye would not hold to that which passeth.

For time never was when there was not a **Christ** and not a **Christ mass**." [Cayce (262-103)]

*"Then, if ye would make this Glad Season of effect in thine own experience, show forth THAT **LOVE** in thy dealings, in thy **relationships**, in thine words, in thine acts. For as He gave, "As ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me." Not, then, that **self** may be well-spoken of. Not that there may be this or that of thine own convenience, of thine own satisfaction. But that the **Glory of God** may be manifested among the sons of men! In this manner, then, ye may know the **Glory of the Father**, of the **Son**, at this Glad **Christmas** Time. For, "As ye abide in me and I in the **Father**, so may the **Glory of the Father** through thee be made manifest in the experience of thy brethren." [Cayce (262-91)]*

"There remains then this explanation, which is the most probable one, and held by most scholars in our time: the choice of December 25 was influenced by the fact that the Romans, from the time of Emperor Aurelian (275), had celebrated the feast of the sun god (Sol Invictus: the Unconquered Sun) on that day. December 25 was called the "Birthday of the Sun," and great pagan religious celebrations of the Mithras cult were held all through the empire. What was more natural than that the Christians celebrate the birth of Him Who was the "Light of the World" and the true "Sun of Justice" on this very day? The popes seem to have chosen December 25 precisely for the purpose of inspiring the people to turn from the worship of a material sun to the adoration of **Christ** the Lord. This thought is indicated in various writings of contemporary authors." [Francis X. Weiser, Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs (New York: Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc., 1958)]

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