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HOLIDAY LETTERS



The Life of Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind 1965 Christmas & New Year Greetings From the Thinds 1966

As the year's end fast approaches, it becomes time for the Thinds to send our holiday message to those we hold dear. We do so with heartfelt love and fond remembrances. Many of you exchange letters with us throughout the year, so some parts of this greeting will be repetitious, but for the sake of those who correspond with us only during the holiday season we will recount some of the activities and events of the past year. It has been a rather trying year in some ways for us, but we feel that we have increased our inner worth and accumulated knowledge through various difficult circumstances. Just as the rays of light surround a match when struck, so have our inner lights manifested themselves by the blows life has delivered to our advancing souls, made more luminous with the sunshine of the Living Word.

Dr. Thind lectured in Indianapolis last winter and in Grand Rapids in the spring, but due to severe climatic conditions in both cities the response was inadequate to make the work self-supporting. During July and August the same fate met us again, in the small California city of Santa Barbara; however, this time it was due to different reasons. Still, all are commitments were seen through, not only for the sake of the few who came sincerely seeking to further their own development but also for our own growth. Never doubting, always accepting things as they were, building on them and never wavering, Dr. Thind carried through to prove again and again that our Provider always takes care of our needs. A man may lose outwardly and yet be victorious inwardly, since all lasting gains are inward ones. Have you contacted inwardly a personal Providence who guides you, your own Godhead who shapes your life and destiny, whose judgment is unerring and whose ordering always for the best? Your personal Deity is not nebular or remote, but always present in your own self, as the Self of all selves present in all things, always with you and in you. It is the loving, helpful Father and Friend who enables you to do what you alone are powerless to accomplish. It is the Father who never misunderstands, who, even when He puts you through the most trying of circumstances, strands by to give you comfort. In spite of events which seemed like defeats, we feel we succeeded in overcoming our

difficulties. We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. Edward J. Hoge of Unity Church in Grand Rapids who was most generous in extending ample scope to announce our work to his audiences. However, after the first six weeks of poorly attended lectures were completed and all commitments carried out, Dr. Thind left Grand Rapids to accept an invitation from the Rev. Claude M. Jewell of Lansing to give a three-week course in meditation. The response was satisfactory, and the caliber of the students heartwarming. "Builders of Aquarius" is the spiritual organization in-corporated under the laws of the State of Michigan and founded by the Rev. Jewell, whom we found to be a rare and dedicated soul. May God fulfill his aspirations to his heart's content. He honored Dr. Thind by ordaining him one of the pillars of the organization. Dr. Thind's appreciation of his devoted disciples who traveled long distances on weekends to both cities to attend the classes merits mention here. Also - this letter gives us the opportunity to thank our disciples who have been so gracious this past year with their unsolicited support of our Work. God bless and prosper them all, granting them with fullness of His life always. Perhaps the most important event of the year for the Thinds was our son David's graduation from San Jose State College on June 11. We all traveled by car, arriving in San Jose just in time for the commencement exercises, which were most inspiring. We were all extremely proud when David stood among those who had distinguished them-selves in the large graduation class. He was presented with the Wall Street Journal Award from the School of Business Management (his major field), and was one of 22 selected to appear in "Who's Who among Students of American Universities and Colleges" for the year. He had several fine employment offers after graduation, and ultimately decided on a position with the Xerox Corporation, where he is now a Marketing Team Representative and has recently been given his own territory. Xerox will subsidize his Master's degree at the University of Southern California.

Before we both left for New York City in the fall, Dr. Thind was invited to give lectures in San Jose for two days, which were most rewarding. While there, we showed slides from our recent trip around the world, and everyone seemed to enjoy them.

We arrived in New York on September 29 in time to visit the World's Fair and see our loved ones and very dear friends before the lectures began on October 3. The work in New York City progressed most satisfactorily and our faithful disciples of long-standing, who have truly grown in grace, have been an inspiration to us. Many new students have joined the classes, and, being sincere and intelligent, will no doubt grow into Godlike statures. It was a joy for us both to be together for two weeks before Vivian's return home. She endeared herself to all our wonderful disciples and friends in New York.

Before returning home on December 20, Dr. Thind will give a week of lectures for his devoted Buffalo group, and two days in Detroit for his ever loyal students there. This will end the year's work, and before starting the activities of the New Year in Tacoma, Washington, on January 9th, we will enjoy the company of our family and friends at home. Man's home is his heaven only when God is loved, served and glorified in and through our dearest ones; then God's grace is ever with us. Working in the garden, basking in the sunshine and open air, and being with those who love you and whom you love give a benevolent boost to our inner life. Mother and Dad are such a blessing to us both. May all homes be blessed as the Thind's is with His peace, joy and love.

The unprovoked invasion of India by Pakistan has been most painful to us. The two countries were one only a few years ago, and people lived as brothers. As long as Pakistan remains a theocratic state, it will be impossible

for it to live with India, a secular and democratic state as peaceful neighbors. The sole issue here is that between theocracy and democracy; all other claims are ridiculous. Democracy joins people, while theocracy divides and brutalizes. The shocking outrages committed by Ayub's Pakistan, a military dictatorship, on India have been disgraceful. More shocking to us is the irony that American and Britain, who speak unceasingly of democracy and human values, refuse to denounce openly the aggressor in this conflict. The defeat of India would spell the end of democracy in Asia, and the armed forces dying in Vietnam would have lost their lives in vain. When men lose their virtue and personal integrity, sense of honor and dignity, do they not also lose their nature, character and worth? Only democracy gives a human being dignity. Only then is he a free man, able to choose his fate. Without morality, democracy withers and dies. Only free men progress to soul sovereignty and achieve God-head.

In closing we would like to inform you that the first volume of Jesus the Christ in the Light of Spiritual Science has been received with great enthusiasm. The second volume goes to press after the first of the year. We hope you will avail yourselves of these most enlightening books.

May God's ever-growing peace, joy, prosperity, long life, radiant health and heart's richest fulfillment be yours always.

Radiantly yours,

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