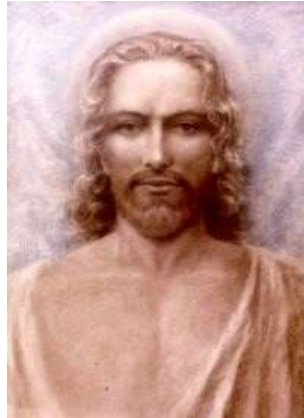




Inspiration

For the Mystical Journey with Christ

December 2011



Question: Is there a pledge I can repeat each day as Christmas approaches?

Answer: By Christmas Eve a climax should have been reached wherein expectancy fades into recognition of the Christ Presence blessing His world. When this awareness of our Lord is sensed most keenly, we may pray, "Lord Christ, receive this gift I have prepared for Thee. It is my self. I would be free of self-interest, for more release and joy comes in remembering Thee and Thy Cause. *Keep* this gift I proffer Thee—keep it Thine Own. In Thy Name. Amen."

—Flower A. Newhouse



Dear Brothers and Sisters on the Path,

Flower reminded us in our last Advent Class that all the good we know is because of Christ. Let us ponder that as Christmas approaches and what that means for us. It is also our opportunity to give back to the world in some way to help others find that good too.

Flower said, "When one has supported a good cause, such as finding the cure for a disease or a serving work of the Christ, he is investing in his own growth, as well as the

cause to which he has given."

Questhaven Retreat offers one such opportunity—a Christ centered 640-acre retreat for all faiths to come and find their way with God. Last year, we achieved a momentous step with your help by digitizing all of Flower's audio and video talks. Now these need to be digitally trimmed and cleaned up by volunteers led by Robert McGurk. But we have much more to do. Some of our new goals and projects for next year include:

- Redesigning the office to become a Welcome Center where individuals can be lovingly greeted and easily learn of Questhaven's Purpose and the path of Christian Mysticism
- The publication of new pamphlets and materials to reflect more accurately and succinctly what Flower brought through for the world
- The publication and release of Volume Two of *The Collected Works of Flower A. Newhouse—The Esoteric Teachings*
- The release of a YouTube channel for the Christward Ministry featuring inspiring prayers, quotes and lectures by Flower and others as well as information about the founders and Questhaven
- The republication and formatting of *The Songs from the House of Pilgrimage*—Flower's biography

- The renovation of the entrance gate to make it automated as well as the building of a shade structure outside of Friendship House

. . . and so much more.

Often I feel the great responsibility of what we have to do in this lifetime for Christ, but then in entering the attention of His stillness and peace I am quieted. In one such moment last week during meditation, the thought came seemingly from the heights within that I would go anywhere and do anything that the Lord Christ asked of me. How grateful I am to be doing just that in these God drenched acres of Questhaven with such a loving spiritual family supporting it!

Thank you for all that you do and give in love and service of our Lord. May this Christmas bring you into the fullness of Christ that you are truly reborn.

Because Christ *lives*,
The Reverend Blake Isaac

Christmas Wish List

1. **Gate Renovation Fund:** To automate our entrance gate for ease of use for classes, rehearsals and guests with added security (Goal: \$10,000)
2. **iPad:** To replace a non-functioning credit card machine, and to implement a guest reservation system (\$700)
3. **Owl Boxes:** To control rodents and create a safe nest for the owls (\$49 each)
4. **Bell Choir Microphone:** To record our amazing musical performances (\$180)
5. **Gift of Pure Love:** To sustain the Ministry and grounds in the name of Christ (Priceless!)

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Don't forget to download these wonderful Christmas items for a love offering:

The Mystery of Christhood (eBook)

What All Men May Receive From Christmas (audio)
(12/19/1976)

[Click here for details](#)

Christmas Retreat 2011

all events are held in the Church of the Holy Quest

Friday 23rd, 7:30 p.m.:
Candlelighting Service and ceremony
Because Christ Lives
honoring our Lord Emmanuel.

Saturday 24th, 11:30 p.m.:
Silent Midnight Watch

Sunday 25th, 10:45 a.m.:
Christmas—Our Soul's Nativity Through Christ
—Reverend Jonathan Wiltshire

Important Dates:

Christmas Retreat: December 23, 24 and 25

Ash Wednesday: February 22

Easter Retreat: April 6, 7 and 8

Check our [calendar of events](#) for up-to-date information

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