



Inspiration

For the Mystical Journey with Christ

December 2011

*The greatest tribute we can give the Lord Christ
in a worship of His Spirit through a Living of His
Spirit.*

—The Wise and The Strong

A Season of Giving

A good steward is a generous person first and foremost. He is also wise in the use of funds. The more one spends wisely for the things beyond himself—for causes that lift the thinking and experiences of others—the finer will be one's consciousness. That is an investment: 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



Dear Friends and Spiritual Family,

The beginning of Advent has been changing the landscape of Questhaven. The early rains have nurtured a soft green to cover the hillsides—new flowers are now beginning to add their color. Three tall evergreens now shine beautiful

*has given. In that way
only is one truly enriched.*
—Flower A. Newhouse

Congratulations to Dan Willis!

As of December 9th, 2011, our own Police Lieutenant Dan Willis has been promoted to the rank of Captain of the La Mesa Police Department. He's been with the Department for 23 years. This is one of three commanding positions: the Chief and two Captains.

Dan will be in charge of one of the department's two divisions. He will be responsible for 50 individuals, both officers and civilians, and a \$17 million budget.

May the Christ ever support and strengthen the work you are doing, Dan!

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

This talk has been the motivation for our Advent season this year. Flower speaks on the intuitive keynotes that we can

colored lights at night, thanks to the selfless giving of many volunteers. The church, too, sings of Christmas with wreaths, garlands and even a lit tree, which holds ideals of Christ that we want to see manifest in the world.



With all this wonderful outward preparation for the coming of Christmas, what are we decorating inwardly as this holy day approaches?

This is a wonderful question to bring to our morning reflections and meditations. It posits into our attention, an

inward seeking to find that answer. My own journey on this began in early October when I happened upon a 1950 publication by Flower A. Newhouse entitled, *The Mystery of Christhood*. I knew I had something to learn of the Christ as His day of rebirth slowly approached on the horizon.

Flower began:

LAST NIGHT—as on every Christmas Eve—was an eventful time on our earth-planet. The atmosphere about us here at Questhaven was surcharged with power that manifested in lovely colors of saffron, light pink shades, and much blue. We were aware of Mighty Hosts close to us—at least thirty were recognizable. We were affected by their outpourings, just as they were blessed because of their love for us by the incense of our rising prayers and our devotions.

receive from Christ each Christmas. She says, "Every year you should have grown in the deepening of your recognition of Who the Christ is. And as you begin to know Him, you will realize that He is someone who lives from the innermost and radiates light forward to the outermost in touching us."

This talk is now available online as a download on a love offering basis.

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Recent Post on
Questhaven
Community Forum—

**Listen, Learn and
Let Go**

This time of year I often go through my home and find things I can give away. Since we tend to accumulate more stuff at Christmastime, it seems timely to clean out the old to make room for the new. Fortunately, as my children are now mostly grown, we have less need to accumulate more stuff. However, it still feels necessary to give away whatever is no

Her words drew me in and held me. She continued to unveil the mystery of Christmas and the one who stands behind it all—our Lord Christ. I was so stirred by its message, I asked others to read it so that we could discuss it together. What marvelous insights were beginning to come! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could collectively do the same?

As a special gift and opportunity to awaken to the deeper mystery behind the office of Christhood, we are offering for a limited time this booklet as a love offering download on our website.

[Click here for-web details](#)

May we all glean from these pages a glimpse into the Inner Reality of this Great One and His impetus behind our lives: as Flower says, "...*the One who has earned out of all humanity the right to be—because of His own unique development—Lord Emmanuel, the Christ.*"

To the ever-brightening tides of Christmas, we rise in joy to meet Him!

Merry Christmas,
Reverend Blake Isaac

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

longer needed or useful. This outer activity seems to reflect what I'm also feeling inwardly. There is an inner need to examine what no longer serves us, what we've outgrown, and what may be holding us back spiritually. . .

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Schedule of Talks

Advent— Because Christ Lives

Dec 11 *Christ's Influence Upon Our Choices*
Rev. Phyllis Isaac

Dec 14 Advent Class 5

Dec 18 *Christ's Influence Upon Our Relationship with God*
Rev. Lucy Wold

Christmas Retreat

Dec 23, 24, 25 *Christmas—Our Soul's Nativity Through Christ*
Rev. Jonathan Wiltshire

New Year's Day

Jan 1 *Through Portals Divine—The Inner Mysteries of a New Year*
Rev. Blake Isaac

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

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questhaven.posterous.com

True North Class:

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Important Dates:

Last Advent Class on Wednesday, December 14

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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