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MESSAGE FOR CHRISTMAS 2017 AND NEW YEAR 2018



"God is Light, and those who He of millennia, the world is still immakes worthy of seeing Him see mersed in the thickest darkness of

Him as Light; those who have received him, have received him as Light. Because the Light of his glory precedes his face and it is impossible that He appear in any way other than in the Light. Those who have not received this Light have not yet received his grace, because on



spiritual ignorance.

Humanity is busy chasing wealth, fame, power and pleasure, without having known the divine spirit and the Celestial Light that are hidden in every human being. For this reason it has not yet managed to realize lasting peace, harmony, justice and happi-

receiving his grace one receives the Divine Light and God."

St. Gregory of Nazianzus, Father and Doctor of Christianity, Sermon 79.2

Christmas is the Festival of Light. Billions of people around the world switch on lights in their homes and in the streets. But few are the lucky ones who, with the Master's grace and instructions, can kindle the true Light which is inside them, from which all the other lights derive: the Light of the Word that was in the beginning with God and that was God. It is due to the lack of this Light that, despite the passing ness. The destiny of most human beings is to leave this temporary and illusory world as ignorant as when they came here. "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, if he then loses his soul?" (Mark 8:36)

But those who have had the invaluable fortune to sit at the feet of an authentic Master and open their inner eye to contemplate the Celestial Light and their inner ear to listen to the All-Pervading Music of the creative Word, have left behind them the old man to build in his place the *New Man*, that the Scriptures have been awaiting for millennia. These lucky spirits have the task of keeping the Light that has been awakened in them shining, so it does not become darkness, and putting it, instead, on a candelabrum, to enlighten other seeking souls, too. They already contemplate the gleams of the bright kingdom of heaven that God, through His Envoys, is building on Earth.

The Celestial Light and, with it, the Holy Divine Sound are the Main Way of the soul who wants to return from this earthly exile to the Fatherly House, since they emanate from God's lofty throne: they are the Power of God into manifestation, as stated by the Masters, Mystics and Scriptures of all the religious traditions, and they lead anyone who meditates on their sublime grace and bliss back to Him. Those who are in contact with these two Divine Principles each day celebrate within themselves the Holy Birthday of the Divine Master who is the Word made flesh.

As the End of the Year draws near, the media draw up a summary of the events of the last twelve months: how much the economy has gained or lost, how many conflicts have shaken the planet, the number of dispossessed who have left their native homeland to seek an unlikely fortune overseas, what messages are being given by the world's so-called "powerful" – the heads of the major states or of the most popular religions. But no media and no potentate is able to report on how much men have progressed in the Knowledge of their spirit and of God, which is the authentic purpose of human life.

Instead, "The Source" –small bi-monthly Newsletter of Man Center – regularly gives a bright report of the time that its lucky members dedicate to meditation and to the quest for the "kingdom of God which is within them", with the loving guidance of the living Master; and of how the Light with no sunset that has been awakened within them fuels works in aid of other brethren who find themselves in need.

I wish you all that this Light that gives Knowledge, Love and Joy may shine ever more clearly within you and around you, on this Birthday of the Master Christ and in the New Year which is about to begin. If you keep this Light ever burning by means of meditation, everything else will be granted to you in addition by the Christ Power or Master Power, without you asking for it.

