

## **MIRROR** MEDITATION

They gazed into the heavens, and there over Bethlehem appeared a the manger incident before a single pulsating brilliance to destiny. A gospel was written. And in the censtar that guided great men and turies that followed many creeds shepherds to an humble stall. A light that guided a child through the unknownand unrecorded years of his youth—that pointed the way to Judea and Galilee, Gethsemane and Calvary.

On that road the man Jesus walked with God, and there gave his

material being for the cause of every human life. It was here he became "King of Kings." He did not gain a throne by the sword. He left no earthly wealth. Just an endowment or inherent right to all mankind to find his soul.

Nearly a century passed after

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only Creed that Jesus had were the beatitudes. His only dogma the golden rule. His only doctrine the Kingdom of God.

Yet because of his birth, his life. his death, the course of human history was destined to change. Great tyrants who ruled have long since been forgotten. Empires born of tyranny emerged and submerged. The mighty, Roman Empire is but a record of the past.

Yet the Great Star that shown over a little town called Bethlehem has caused it to rise to sacred eminence. The manger was more invincible than the mighty sword. Over 20 centuries that have passed there have been countless millions that found their triumphs of immortality. And regardless of the limitations of dogmas, or man made law that binds the body, the human is free, and millions upon millions will turn their hearts and thoughts to the nativity scene on Christmas

How fortunate we are here in America. A land of opportunity and plenty and freedom. On this day of days, let's not feel sorry for our selves, our problems, our worries. But turn our thoughts to others, our hearts to God. Find renewed meaning in our prayers for Peace on Earth, good will toward men

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and dogmas were born. Yet the and a song on our lips. "O little fears of all the years are met in town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee tonight." thee lie, above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the

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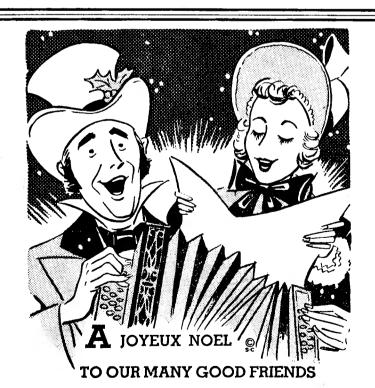
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Christmas lights are everywhere To bless the world again! Haloed candles' golden flames At every windowpane -

Lamplight streaming cheerily From welcoming doors flung wide -Firelight soft on little heads That dream of Santa's ride -

Starshine drifting from the sky Lights that bob and glow As dancing lanterns mark the way The merry carollers go-

O lovely Christmas lights that make \_ The world a wondrous place. Show us the way until we see The glory of His face!

Maureen Murdock

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