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## SANTA CLAUS

Last week we had a talk with a little girl, a neighbor's daughter about three years old. The youngster had just returned from a tour of the Department Stores and seeing the toys and other things that are put on display especially for the youngsters around this time of the year. But at three years old this youngster was somewhat disillusioned. Her belief in Santa Claus had been completely shattered. It was plain to see that she was voicing the opinion of some older person when she said in her childish way, "There aint no Santa Claus."

Maybe that older person thought he was doing that child a favor by making her worldly wise or possibly the remark was made thoughtlessly in her presence. No matter how it was made, it was wrong to shatter this child's faith in an age-old belief. Santa Claus is real, and for the benefit of those youngsters and oldsters who are suffering from too much altruism, we reprint this letter that is world famous. It is in answer to practically the same kind of a situation that we have mentioned. It was printed quite a few years ago by the editor of the New York Sun.

Read it, you skeptics and learn something of the beauty of life in the things that you cannot see but can experience. The things that make life worth while. READ and join in with the youngsters to say—"There IS a Santa Claus."

### Is There a Santa Claus?

The following, reprinted from the editorial page of the New York Sun, was written by the late Mr. Frank P. Church:

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of THE SUN:

Dear Editor: I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.  
Papa says "If you see it in THE SUN it's so."  
Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia Hanlow.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## SERMON

By ELDER JAMES S. LOMAX  
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"Come; for all things are now ready." Taken from St. Luke, 14th chapter, verses 16-17. Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many and sent his servant at supper time to say to them, that were bidden, come, "for all things are now ready."

Many strive to prepare things—but all things are ready. St. Mark, 9:23. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" all things are ready. If you want peace in time of war: Peace is ready. If you want deliverance: all things are ready. If you want to find your way to God: All you must do is to walk in the way of righteousness because all things are ready. If you want your sons and daughters saved, just believe God and put them on the altar, because all things are ready. It shall come to pass, all that seek God shall be ready: For all things are ready. The Lord God shall forgive you your sins. If the world seems backward and two or three come together and pray for the good of the city, land and country, all things are ready. Without faith it is impossible to please God. We must believe God is able to make all things ready, for in God all things are ready. Jesus said: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his right trueness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. Because all things are ready. No waiting, all things are ready, just humble yourself and pray. People wonder at war, bloodshed and robbery in the land because they failed to believe all things are ready. "In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." St. John 14:2. The way is already prepared for you by Jesus Christ. I am the way, the truth and the light. God has provided all things, live in God, all things are ready. The man made a great supper and invited the honorable guest, but forgot the poor and needy — all things were ready but none of the rich and honorable guests came, each had an excuse but we must give up all and come to Christ because all things are ready. In judgment all these excuses are not able to stand; men are dying by the thousands, hearts are being broken — but if we call on God, he is able to make peace. If you call on God and pray in the Holy Ghost; come, for all things are ready. The host was disappointed because they refused. Salvation was for the rich. Now the plans were changed so that all men can be saved. Zach. 13:1. "In that day there shall be

a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness." If you want to be cleansed you shall be cleansed as white as snow. Who so ever believes that shall be sound. 2. Cor. 5:17. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature." If you want to be a new creature, come to Jesus — for all things are ready. Say, Lord, I come that your blood can make me clean this hour, this moment you can be saved, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live. Jesus can make all things right, all power in heaven and earth is given to me. Power to save, power to judge, power to condemn, power to free. Come, for all things are ready, feast at Jesus' table anytime you, that are hungry, for the spirit speaks to the world. All things are ready. If you are unwilling you will give God an excuse. When you feast at the table you will love your enemy. If you want holiness it is now ready. If you want to be sanctified — all things are now ready. If you want justification by faith, all things are now ready.

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Mrs. Lampkin, Reporter.

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