



## The Life of Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind

Christmas 1961 - New Year 1962 Holiday Letter from the Thind Family

Beloved Ones,

It seems much time has lapsed since we chatted with you so fully and intimately. Yet time is always young and fertile, aging all things; causing the new to follow the old. Life of today soon becomes that of yesterday; of bygone times, a remembrance. By memories we link ourselves with the past, by imagination with the future . . .

The family is in the best of health by God's Grace. We here in our sunny southland of California, as well as our darlings in Honolulu, and other relatives elsewhere. Our angelic little Laurie was five years old on the 30th of November, and grandson John Bentley, her winsome big brother, will be seven next June. They both go to a "Big" school now and love it. Our hearts pray that next year will bring their adoring grand- parents a visit, which is long over due.

David is enjoying his college life. He reached his 20th year last October. He is a very busy and industrious young man, between his School work, his part time job at the Beverly Hills Hotel, and his Army Reserve duties. He has little time for much else, but does try to take two hours or so each week for his favorite sport, which is surfing --- He is majoring in Business and Public Relations, and we feel he is best adapted for such a field. May God Bless him, making his life as useful and fruitful as possible. This is his devoted parents' deepest prayer for him.

Our beloved nephew Mr. Balwant Singh Thind, is now most happily Married to a truly great soul, a beautiful young Hungarian lady, who is an artist of wide acclaim. We all love Isabelle dearly, and welcome her into our family. Balwant is very successful in the business world. Our other nephew Mr. Harbhajan Singh Thind will receive his Masters Degree in Engineering next June, from the University of Southern



California and at the same time is gainfully employed by a large engineering firm here in Los Angeles.

Our wonderful parents are probably among the busiest of great-grand parents to be found anywhere. Dad is the gardener, and all-around handy- man of the Thind household. Mother not only helps Vivian with the many things to do in a busy home, buy still keeps active with her musical talents. She has a few gifted pupils who love her dearly, and with whom she finds great joy in teaching. Without her help, Vivian couldn't have maintained her position on the board of the India-America Cultural Association for these past five years. Last year as President, and this year as well, have been extremely busy for her. Mentioning her work in this connection, brings to mind that this is the proper time to tell all you grand people how very grateful we both are to those of you who sent a package for her Bazaar project. "The Parcel Post Window", which took place last Saturday. Without your help, there could not have been such a project. And while you were asked for only one package, some of you sent two, three, four, and a few even more. This part of the Bazaar, her own endeavor, brought in one hundred and thirty dollars. Her food basket raffle realized about \$65.00. The total proceeds netted a profit of seven hundred dollars, of which the greater part will go toward the scholarship fund. To each of you who assisted her, we are most grateful.

Last year Vivian drove all the way to Oklahoma City to meet me, as I had been invited to give two days of discourses by the class, at the close of the New York City series. We were the guests of the Ettingers, our beloved students and valued friends, in their beautiful home. Their warm and gracious hospitality is something we shall always remember. Mr. and Mrs. Audley Allison were most gracious also, as were all the students of whom I am deeply proud and thankful to God. May they grow ever Godward. This is my prayer for all my disciples everywhere. After three glorious days, we left, driving home by slow stages to our home in California thru the scenic beauty of five states.

We had promised the Detroit class that Vivian would be with me when I came there next time to lecture; so on September 30th we flew together to that great city where we were met at the airport by Mrs. Burgess, Sadhu Grewal, our deeply esteemed leaders, as well as by many members of that most devoted class. Later in the week, I was given a birthday celebration with over fifty students attending. At it's conclusion, they presented me with a purse for the Divine work. We are most grateful and I bless each one of them, as we bless you all everywhere. We are especially grateful for the fine leadership in many cities by whom the classes are held together so admirably and devotedly.

The new book "Jesus, The Christ in the Light of Spiritual Science," is being readied for the press. We feel it will surpass my last two widely acclaimed books, "The Pearl of Greatest Price", and "Science of Union, with God, Here and Now".

May God grant the leaders of our great nation, and those of other nations, the vision and the fortitude to keep the "Peace on Earth" for which we all pray so fervently. May the New Year bring Peace to mankind, with justice to all . . . And may the All-Father bless you, each one, with his ever growing peace, joy, prosperity, radiant health, and hearts richest fulfillment.



With abiding love to you and all those dear to you . . .

Radiantly yours, Dr. and Vivian Thind 1466 Queens Road Los Angeles 69, California

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