

be the cause and final overthrow of all our hopes depends upon the mind and soul of man to work together with the everlasting Will of God.

Lector: Comrades in the quest of Peace and Brotherhood we welcome you. It has been our one sole longing to see redemption brought to the nations of the world, but tell us, what is this you bring, is it a sign and symbol of some ancient lore or wisdom, or has it clear relation to the common life today?

1st Wise man: Sir it is both - it is indeed the symbol of an ancient faith, having too a deep significance in the lives and intercourse of men throughout the world.

Lector: Are they then offerings to this new born Babe you mentioned?

2nd Wise man: Thou divinest truly, they are our gifts to Him.

Lector: What are they?

3rd Wise man: Gold, Incense and Myrrh

Lector: But Friend, Gold is not a gift whose meaning can have aught to do with Brotherhood. Gold is the source of selfishness and greed, the beginning and the end of all our troubles. Do you then offer to this Child what is the root of every evil?

1st Wise man: The Gold we offer is not to us the sign of grasp and greed but the pure substance from which the new state shall arise, the Commonwealth where gold is not the counter of exchange but the shining light of just and perfect dealing, the pure reflection of the countenance of God.

Lector: And does your gift mean bitterness?

3rd Wise man: Yea, but the bitterness of death is past where Brotherhood doth reign.

Lector: And you, kind friend, what means this incense? Years past they offered it in prayer to God but since mankind has ceased to trouble about the praise and worship of all things divine, your gift must then be needless.

2nd Wise man: Yea! But we protest against your words, the world cares not because it cannot see the character of God in every human being, if our daily lives and actions did not belie our words, then our worship of the Source of all our happiness would find a wondrous meaning in this incense which ariseth.

Lector: Friends, we understand. Your wisdom is unfaded. Lead forth and guide us to the Age which still can find its home at Bethlehem.

During Lector's last speech "Epilogue" enters and proceeds down centre aisle with the sign bearers on each side, at the end of the aisle all three turn and face congregation.

Epilogue. The Sages in the past did see the planets Jupiter and Saturn make conjunction marvellous. The House wherein this sign did take Eternal Station and relate to this World's knowledge and estate for ages many. This Sign - the Fishes - marked a time when Christian Faith and power combine to bear dimension. *Domini* As Christ foretold these fishermen, fishers of Men became and then the Christian age proceeded. But now, a mightier change takes place, a sign appears which men of old had n'er foretold nor e'en expected. A planet through the gloom of space reflects an influence o'er our race and fills this earth with knowledge. A knowledge fraught with power to make this world as Christ would have it, or else, this science and Creative Mind, through base self-seeking and the lust for power, be its undoing.