

THE ESSENCE OF SHALAM

What is it that people come to see,
when they come to visit 'Shalam' ?

Is it the garden ?
Hardly. Anyone can grow a cabbage,
And many there are that do, in their own back yard at home.

Is it the order and beauty of 'Shalam' ?
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
There is no more physical beauty here
than can be found in numerous other places.

What is it, then, that people come to see
when they come to visit 'Shalam' ?

In a pleasant hillside setting, a simple homely place,
A small group of people live :
A Brotherhood of four young men,
Prophet Fred and Mary, the Spiritual Mother.

The essence of this place lies deep within the heart of each.
The still small voice of God is heard and lovingly obeyed.
The Master Weaver is at work
in the consciousness of those who live at 'Shalam',
And weaves a magic wand of love and understanding.

What there is to find at 'Shalam' is "felt" rather than is it seen.
It must be absorbed to be appreciated.
The Spirit of Shalam is found in Silence rather than in Show,
In the love and open confidence of this Brotherhood,
In their devotion to their Father God,
And their concern for their fellow man.
This is where the essence lies,
of this humble little place called 'Shalam'.

Those who come in spirit, sincerely seeking God,
will find this hidden Truth ;
But those who come to see a show-place
had done better to have stayed at home.
God is not concerned with show,
but the heart of man is His domain ;
And he that dwelleth in the spirit will find a lot of beauty
at this little hillside home called 'Shalam'.

-- thru Mary of Shalam.