

...Is Like Chasing Mercury

Mercury... a mysterious element known since ancient times
and revered for its' unique liquid state of being at ordinary temperatures
Alchemists in days of old toiled and labored to mix Mercury
with other metals to transform it into Gold
Refiners at their fire would look into this heavy, silvery white liquid metal
and know its' purity was for sure
Once they could see their own face in the reflection...
they thought that vast riches were soon to unfold

Mercury – that is Quicksilver... is named after the planet in the heavens
that is closest to the Sun
Both Mercury and Hermes... The Greek Messenger Gods of Commerce
were fleet and quick for all the merchants in the heavenly host
Perhaps we have all chased after Mercury... Quicksilver, from time to time,
and soon realized how elusive the bounty we hoped to have won
This Christmas as always – we only need to chase after the little baby
born in a quiet manger in order to get life giving riches and boast

Always is not forever... and much too soon, we come to understand this
with the daily progression of time and space
The sorrow of 9/11 still rings with a fierce chill in our heart and soul;
and nervousness in our days might be so until our time is past
Yet chasing the joy of a child on Christmas Morn, or the sweet smell
of cookies just baked, or listening to Handels' Messiah slows down the pace
Gladly, each Christmas we sense the sacred Mystery of life is ours to ponder
and pass on to others with great haste

Jesus Christ wants to be with us in the mission and toil of our lives,
and offers the alternative of chasing Mercury or Silver or Gold
Indeed, from God's perspective a thousand years is just one day –
and the cosmic clock of humanity is not so very old
How do we hear and know the voice of God, in these noisy and confusing
times of our own chase?
The utterance of God is not found in thunder, earthquakes or fire...
but instead found in the quiet whispers of grace

As always, this Christmas Season I offer Holiday Wishes to those both near and far
Perhaps, we can take a moment to go outside and look
into the Heaven's and ponder Mercury in the winter collage of Stars
Yet there gently tucked in God's cosmos... is our own time and place
to work for Peace in our Day and our children's too
A Heartfelt Merry Christmas, A Healthy New Year and God Speed
to each and every one of you!