

# **DEMONSTRATION**

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## HOW THE MASTER DEMONSTRATED

SINCE we are all followers of the Master—imitators, joint-heirs or what you will—we are striving to understand more clearly how he demonstrated the power which he not only gave to his disciples but also passed along to us.

"Let that mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" is our authority for presuming to act as he did, and his further statement, "The works that I do, ye shall do also and even greater.

If we are going to do even the works that he did we must have a better understanding of how he did them than is generally found today. And so we come to the point blank question of how did Jesus demonstrate.

First, he established firmly and clearly where the power of healing lay. He realized that the power was the Christ mind within him which enabled him to speak the word which healed. He never once went outside himself for his help, for he realized that the "Lord is in his holy temple" and that the "temple" is the body; he knew then that "God is an ever present help," for he was always present with him, "nearer than breathing, closer than hands and feet." "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father: and ye in me and I in you." Is there any ambiguity in this statement? Is there any darkness or vagueness as to the location of the Power?

First, then, he located his healing power as within himself—and remember we have that same power not "with" us but WITHIN us. This will be the hardest point for you to admit—for you have been believing all the while that you did not have it within you, but with you, and consequently you had to call it into action by co-operating with it rather than using it and "speaking as one having authority?\*" Do you disagree with me? Then what are you going to do about these statements?

"Who touched me" was the question asked by Jesus when the woman had been healed of an issue of blood. Did he say who touched God, Principle, or Truth. No, he said "Who touched ME," for he perceived that healing had gone out from him — from HIM. And then again he said "It is the Father within me that doeth the work." Do you see that the "Father" or "Christ Mind" is one and the same thing and that you have that power which enables you to "speak as one having authority" ?

Again Jesus said to the Centurion "I will come and heal him." He did not say that God would heal him but "I," which means the "Father in me" or Christ Mind which is also in

you.

Don't you see how very close to you and powerful this all becomes as you realize where your Kingdom of Heaven is, and that God is there, that the real you is after all the "Christ Mind" and it is that which doeth the work.

Jesus sometimes used denials in his work as will be seen in the case of the Ruler's daughter. "The maid is not dead but sleepeth," with this he brushed aside the material law of death—he refused even to call it death. "The maid is not dead but sleepeth," then came his powerful command, "Damsel, I say unto thee Arise."

Another method which Jesus used in his treatment of discord and lack was that of praise. He acknowledged the completed demonstration before it was visible to the material eye "I thank Thee, Father, that thou hast heard me," and then the demonstration followed, or over-flowed.

So we find that one of the big factors in demonstration is praise. Praise a thing into existence. As you praise a child it is encouraged to show more and more of itself and finally it overcomes its fear and steps out into view. If you praise your wonderful health, your abundant wealth and happiness, you will see these things pushing up through the earth (Material reasoning) and bursting into bloom in a thousand and one places like crocus through the snow, forerunners of spring (renewing, regenerating season) that is at hand.

If you are lame and can only walk a step or so, remember that the power which enables you to take those steps is the same as that which enables the athlete to perform wondrous feats of skill. Praise that little manifestation of power and watch it grow. All this while you have been watering it with the burning acid "I can't," "impossible," "not for me," and the Christ mind in you, your divine self, has been pushed away into the darkest part of your mind to be used perhaps for a few moments a day or on Sunday. As you start praising this power which is manifesting through you, you will see that the increase is there waiting; finally you will be so full of praise that the power will take possession of you completely and you will walk untrammelled and free.

Are you constantly looking into your mental pocket book and fastening the word "empty" or "limited" on it? Are you watering it too with the acid words "I cannot afford that," "I am always pinched" or "pushed" or "limited." The little seeds of supply which you plant ever so often when you "know the truth" are killed by the noxious words of despair, or failure, and of limitation. These great rank weeds of materialism choke the tiny seed of hope and it grows spindling or dries up, scorched by scathing criticism and envy, by thought of lack and lack of faith; and then you wonder after you have done your work

faithfully why you don't manifest supply. To your one thought of supply you have a hundred of limitation. What chance has the single little thought matched against such a formidable enemy? You even forget to acknowledge the harvest, small though it be, when it does come, and the hope of your supply is cut off, for everything needs praise and encouragement.

For the least manifestation of supply give thanks; praise your power to demonstrate, which is the same power Jesus used. When you see the least manifestation of health, praise it, rejoice in it, give thanks for it, and watch it spread like an overflowing river in the desert. Wave after wave of gratitude will pass over you until you feel awed in the presence of your very self, in the presence of this Christ mind, this Divine Self or You which is the Power given to you in Heaven, the heaven that is within you. Remember that your power to overcome is within you, for it is the Christ Mind, your Divine Self. In substantiation of this take your Bible and see the instances where Jesus says "I will do, etc, etc." He is our example, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." This power comes from the kingdom of heaven and you are now aware of the location of the kingdom. "Great multitudes followed him and HE healed them there." And in his reply to Herod "Go and say to that fox, Behold I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow." Luke 13:32. In another place, in healing the blind, "He touched their eyes and healed them," So now you must begin to see that the power which Jesus used was within Him, and it is also within you, for we have his authority that it is so.

In still another place in the Bible you come upon this; "I can of myself do nothing;" but it is followed by that very expressive statement, "The Father within me, He doeth the work." The Christ mind within him did the work and it is the same Father or Christ Mind which is within you; and you can develop it; bring it into large use and practice by praise. Every manifestation of it you see in your daily life be quick and ready to acknowledge, and presently you will see God, Good, everywhere.

In one place we read. "As many as touched him were made whole," again substantiating the statement that the healing power, Christ mind, which did the work, was within him.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand, it is within you. Your Christ mind is now in the Kingdom of heaven reigning and controlling you. Speak your words of authority; take possession of your kingdom and use this wonderful power which gives you dominion.

"In all things give thanks and praise God. Praise the God who is within your temple, for the Lord in the midst of thee is strong and mighty." "I am the temple of the living God."—Jesus

called the body the temple, Look about you. "Awake thou that sleepeth and Christ (the Christ mind within you) will give you light." "Arise and shine for thy light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen (been made manifest) upon thee." All power is given unto you—use it NOW.

# FEAR

DO YOU know an elephant is afraid of a mouse. You laugh when you think of it. Do you know when a wild animal is raised with a domesticated one that the domesticated animal often tyrannizes over the wild one? This experiment has been tried many times, and more especially in the case of the lion cub which was raised with an ordinary pup mentioned. The lion was constantly in fear of the pup when he was little, because the pup would snip his ears sharply, and would make a pass at him with his paw. As they grew up though the lion became terrible in strength and could have wiped the dog out of existence with one blow, yet the dog still held sway and could send the lion skulking to the far end of the cage by growling- at him.

The lion did not know his strength or power. His education was false and he lived up to it. He believed that the dog actually had power over him and he bent to it and obeyed it. Viewing the thing, we have a feeling of pity mixed with disgust. We wonder why the lion does not assert his rights and at least defend himself, and we are very apt to say "that's what comes of ignorance."

What about man? He is asked to do something in public for instance. Immediately the animal he has been reared with, "Public Opinion," growls at him, and he wants to run to the far end of the cage and be quiet. In fact he is ready to condemn himself for even having dared to try. He is the lion raised with the dog; ignorant of his strength and power.

Perhaps it is a diseased thought that holds away; and when you dare to be yourself it gives out a distress signal and you give up and go to the corner of the cage and lie down in pain. Perhaps it is a thought of poverty which lashes you about like a slave master. But one thing sure, whether it be fear, poverty or sickness, it is one and the same thing—ignorance; ignorance of your God given authority. Like the lion you are endowed with strength and power, but you have been raised with a "domesticated animal" who though very inferior and weak holds sway over your very life.

Do you suppose old man Public Opinion was asleep on the Job when Moses went to cross the Red Sea? No, he was there and he surely said to him "You're a fool, you'll be drowned. You cannot walk on the water, and it's too far to swim. Why don't you surrender and go back. Slavery isn't so bad after all. The Children of Israel are all ready to return to bondage." But Moses happened to be the one who had awakened to the farce of the lion and the dog, and so he struck out. What happened? What would happen if the lion instead of cowering in the corner when the dog barked, would reach out and hit him with his clawed paw? It would end something very quickly. They would change places for ever, and never again would he have to go cowering to the far end of the cage.

Have you a little domesticated animal in your home – consciousness – that is making you step lively and causing you endless trouble? The next time he makes a pass at you, just reach out and give him one back and see what happens.

Step out in the face of doubt and fear and the ways will part for you. Determined to reach the goal that is yours, you will see the light shining, guiding you on to your destination. Fear not.

Fear is the task master driving his slaves relentlessly before him.

It is told in an ancient fable that the plague decided to kill an army of men. Later after ten thousands had died he was asked how he did it- "Don't blame me," said the Plague, "I killed one man, the rest died of fright."

You who are fearing this monster ignorance, know that God has given you dominion over all things, and that you are free born, even though to sense you are caged with a tyrant. Once you become conscious of your power, nothing can stand in your way, nothing can come between you and your destination for "tis God that worketh with thee."

"The battle is not yours but God's – set yourself and see the salvation of the Lord." There is nothing difficult about this. The most difficult part is defying the "domesticated animal" which has been raised with you. Ignorance seems so real, until you hold him up to the light and find him nothing but a bluff. Ignorance of your God given rights has bound you and taken from you the heritage of a king.

"But now has come salvation," you have decided to strike out and overcome this fear, and when you are armoured by right thinking you will not fight the air, but will use the two-edged sword of truth – one blade of denial, the other of affirmation, which will cut through the densest forest of ignorance, or destroy the hydra-headed monster of your fear.

# THE POOR OLD MAN

DO you know the Poor Old Man with a scythe on his shoulder, his back bent and age worn wasted body and face. His symbol is the hour glass and he merchandises in human lives. His bony, scrawny fingers write upon the face of man ugly stories of age, decrepitude and decay.

Man looks about him. He sees all nature with a chance to rejuvenate—a chance to come back and begin again. The cherry tree he planted when a boy is now wonderfully fine, covered each spring with a sheet of silver blossoms which make a heavenly cloud of mist against the sapphire skies. He sees this tree shed its leaves and seemingly die, but he knows when spring comes again, the tree will have a new chance and will be all lovely again, and each year will have its glory of flowers and fruit.

And so man wonders, why the creator who made man "a little lower than the angels" and gave him dominion over all things, endowed the tree with power to come back while he starts from the cradle to his grave ever haunted by the thing called age.

Then came Christ who taught the NOW-NESS of Life and tried to make men see that the NOW is all there is to Life, and that it keeps on being NOW and that in reality there are no such things as past and future, for you have no evidence of either. You think you have, but investigation will show that no one can actually prove the existence of yesterday. When the Christ who represented the eternal NOW or PRESENT was crucified, there were also crucified two Jews one representing the past the other the future. The future asked forgiveness and was saved. "THIS day shall thou be with me in heaven." Meaning that there is after all no such a thing as future, there is only the constantly happening NOW. But the past died, was crucified, was crossed out for ever.

When man begins to realize that unless the mind records age and time, the body can not, he will begin to realize also that if the mind records renewing the body will do likewise. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." He realizes that three hundred sixty five days mean nothing to his body unless his mind records it there and makes a reality of it. He begins to know that since God is his Life, he could not grow aged or decrepit, nor in any way deteriorate. He begins to see that Mind sustains and feeds the body and that freshness and newness are his, just the same as they are the tree's.

"For why will ye die." Why will ye prepare to die from the moment you leave the cradle, by counting and adding days of sorrow, sickness and age to your life, and seeing them pictured forth on your body.

Does fear hold you to your age. Does the soul of you cry out for youth, and the fear of public opinion curb your every desire? Are you bound by your town to a certain rut. If you are just jump the traces once and see what happens. Don't be afraid to be youthful. Don't drape

yourself with sack-cloth and ashes and sit in dark corners and grieve about the youth you never enjoyed or never had. "Life is the same yesterday, today and forever," there is no such thing as change or chance in LIFE, and when you realize this the thought of age and chance will drop off of you. Life is the power by which you act and if it changes not, then how can your body record age? Think about this. Get a better idea of what Life is. Perfect your concept of it and then know that it is changeless and eternal. If you picture life as youth and strength, these will be yours in great abundance and age, sorrow and decay will flee away.

When you wish to draw a square you do not hold the image of a circle in your thought. The same thing is true of the picture of age and youth, which you are picturing on your body. Some of us cling, in a superficial way, to youth, while all the time we are drawing pictures of age, care and worry on our bodies; and still others actually hold the thought of age and attempt to trace grace and beauty on the outer surface. Both of these methods meet with failure. Man must have the mind full of fresh, lovely ideas of youth eternal, and picture these upon his body.

If a man think sick thoughts he is sick, and vice-versa. We cannot have the thought of health and the body of sickness, neither can we have the body of strength and the mind of sickness.

Then to transform we must renew (put on fresh ideas) our minds. We must get new, fresh and youthful thoughts, and no sooner will they appear in mind than they will be manifested on the body. Man has been so schooled in ignorance that he is afraid to try this. He thinks it is the order of things to grow old, to decay and die; but Jesus, the Way-shower, came, over-turning all these material laws and customs and establishing in their places a new set of laws, which completely reversed the material testimony.

"Be not afraid, only believe." God has delivered you from the strong enemy of age. He has freed you from the bondage of material belief, and set you free.

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Angels, the powerful, uplifting thoughts of God, are encamped about you and the gift they bring to you is youth eternal. "Whereas I was blind, now I see." "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened."

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

## MEET MR. AND MRS. UPAS TREE

IN JAVA lives a tree called the Upas, whose exhalations are so poisonous that birds drop dead if they fly too low and catch the fumes. So virulent is its poison that all vegetation near the tree is killed and naturally the tree stands in a desert."

A self-created desert. How many people are like the Upas tree—they kill out everything worth while in their lives, either by criticism, hatred, or some other evil thinking, and then wonder why they are not liked, why they are shunned, or why they are sick. Every high thought that passes near them is immediately killed by reason of this poisonous thinking.

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Did you ever meet Mr. or Mrs. Upas Tree?

I don't know what you mean, Mrs. Upas Tree.

Well, I mean some one whose thinking is just as poisonous as the Upas Tree.

The world has many upas trees in it. The Upas Gentleman or Lady may have the most beautiful coat of gloss and look as harmless as a lamb, but if you listen to them long enough you'll find you have been poisoned and for days afterwards you will be fighting the evil effects of their thoughts.

Sometimes they come to you and in the sweetest manner possible discourage you by picturing other situations similar to yours which have been utterly hopeless, and sometimes they talk in a general way about conditions and hard times, until all the world looks as though it was in the grip of the relentless slave-master, Poverty. They tell you that business is rotten; that there are no hopes for a better time, that we are facing the worst times we have ever seen; and then they leave you in the chaotic world they have created, to get out of it the best way possible.

But the Upas Tree has its Waterloo just like everything else. There is something which is proof against its poison, and that is the man who knows how to reverse the lie as fast as it is presented to him.

When Mr. Upas meets him and says an epidemic of disease has started eastward and is sure to reach you within a given time, he reverses the lie and knows that the only thing that can reach any one is the thought of God, who is the only thinker, and who is eternally thinking.

He knows that man is the consciousness of God and therefore is conscious only of what God is. He knows that it is utterly impossible for man to fall from his high estate or deviate one iota from the place into which he has been thought by the One-Thinker, and so he meets the oncoming epidemic with the two-edged sword of denial and affirmation.

Finally, with greatest Love he hews to the ground the old poisonous tree and in its place the new tree comes forth.

A tree is known by its fruits, and as with a tree so with a man. If he is good his fruits and shade are good.

The serpent, Mortal Mind, bids us taste of the fruit of the Upas tree—it bids you eat and be wise, but the penalty in so doing is a wiseness which is foolishness in the sight of God, and which is the knowledge of matter and the evils inherent to it. "For to be carnally minded is Death." When we think carnally and dwell upon sin, sickness and limitations, we are already dead to everything that is worth while. But we are told to "Lay hold on life eternal." Lay hold on it? What does that mean? It means to think spiritually, for "To be spiritually minded is Life." Now then, it would seem that as long as we are thinking of God or thinking spiritually we could not die, we could not experience even the material so-called death, for to be "Spiritually minded is Life." And "This is! life eternal to know me."

What is this ME? It is the Christ in you—not the Christ outside of you; but the Christ within you which is one with the Father and which is eternally ready and willing to do and help. When you begin to recognize what this ME is you will turn to it instantly as Jesus did and find out the particular idea which will offset or overcome the lie which matter is presenting to you. This ME is all wise, all powerful, all seeing, for it is one with God, in fact it is the consciousness of God, or God made conscious in the flesh. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among them."

If you can become conscious that Life and God are one you can make your life manifest whatsoever God is capable of manifesting, for you are the conscious expression of God. The reason you exist is to express God, for without man God would be unexpressed. Then cease your worry about what your mission is and where you belong and get into the glorified class of those who know they are here for the sole purpose of expressing God. This leaves your struggling and fighting out of the matter entirely. It leaves you- free to go ahead knowing that the "Father within me doeth the works" and that when you rest in this consciousness that all things are possible to you which are possible to God.

This does not mean that egotism should play the least part in your life. A rose could not say to a clover, "Look, by my own effort I am much more beautiful than you." It is merely that the rose has its part, the clover its. Each one of us has something to express. A bunch of clover might not be presentable on a table, but a bale of roses would not satisfy a hungry cow. Thus each is beautiful in its particular sphere.

Now Jesus said, "Whosoever would save his life shall lose it," and vice versa. This is exactly what is meant when we get rid of the merely limited personal idea of Life and intelligence apart from God. Jesus recognized this at once. He realized that he did not have any life to lose; that Life was infinite and eternal, and could neither be lost, sick nor sinning, because God was his life. If a friend have an idea that he has some life which is his very own stored up in a material body, he immediately finds that the harder he tries to save it the

sooner he loses it. Compare the number of operations of the rich as compared with the poor. It is a common saying that a certain person is too poor to have an operation. "He that will save his life shall lose it." The more personal it becomes the more difficult it gets to handle, until it is almost impossible to do anything with it alone. Now Life is like the air which passes through the screen—it is infinite and eternal and cannot for a moment be deprived of any of the qualities which belong to it.

"Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never see death."

The opportunities for life eternal are many, every inducement is offered—even those who are willing to "believe."

"If a man keep my words he shall never see death."

Where is he to keep these words? In a book on the shelf for Sunday use, or does he keep them in his heart and use them, not only for a few moments daily, but every time the lie comes up whether it be personally experienced or brought to his mind by another. He is going to keep the words (not break the law) in his heart, and use it daily and hourly.

Now your body is the temple of the living God as Jesus said, and it should be cleansed to receive the New Idea, for we do not put new wine into old bottles, else both be lost. When we realize that the spiritual life can only live in a pure, clean temple, then we set to work cleansing and driving out of the temple of consciousness anything which maketh a lie.

One good thing to assist the poor struggling body which has been blamed with so many cares, diseases, and limitations is to forgive it: "Neither do I condemn thee— go and sin no more." Release the mortal body from its bondage and it will disappear from your thought. It will drop out of the whole field of action.

The Psalmist said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," and so when we begin to realize that our body is the temple of God, we become fearfully and wonderfully made. We become powerful and vigorous beyond all words. We expand as it were, into new and unknown parts of our temple, and find untried members waiting for expression. We find our temple the meeting place of the twelve disciples each representing a spiritual function and each one doing his work well, because the Lord of the Temple is there. Even Judas is reclaimed and carries on a useful life. Nothing is lost, all is swallowed up in victory and love, and as our temple expands and the borders of our tent are enlarged we find that unconsciously others are drawn to us. "If I be lifted up I shall draw all men unto me."

## THAT STUBBORN OR CHRONIC CLAIM

I KNOW, but this is a chronic or stubborn case, and it doesn't seem to yield. What can I do?"

Once the river flowed free and easy over its rocky bed, but one morning the temperature of the water dropped a dozen degrees or so, and continued dropping all day until the next night found a thin coating of ice under which the water passed. Accepting the best of it the river flowed on under the thin coat of ice, but that night the coat thickened, crowding the activities of the river further down and gradually consuming it entirely until at last it was a frozen mass. "Oh, dear," sighed the river, as it tried to move and couldn't, "was it ever possible that I was free and could move—and will that day ever come again?"

A south wind passed by and said, "If the sun would shine on you it would help you." And the next day the sun did shine on the river. The river was glad and full of expectations. "Now I shall flow again and be free." But after shining hard all day nothing happened, and that evening the river was very despondent. But the sun, who had more persistence than the river, came back again next day and shined again all day—but nothing happened; and so this little drama went on day after day until the river was very discouraged, and almost knew that he would never be free again. But the sun kept on shining and one day the river felt a little loosening, it couldn't tell just what, but that night it was solid again and the river lost heart. But when the sun came next day it loosened again a little and that night froze again. "How disgusting," said the river. "Every bit of gain I make, I immediately lose." But the sun kept shining and at last the gain made was permanent, and finally the ice broke up into great chunks and floated away so swiftly that the river was all aquiver. How easily it had all departed.

So with the obstinate or chronic case. The first day's treatment may not melt the ice, nor the second day's, nor the third, and at night (in doubt or anxiety) it may freeze up again, but when faithfully followed and the sunlight of love is applied untiringly the change takes place. "Judge not from appearances." Neither the first nor the last day's sun melted the river—it took them both and all the days in between to overcome the condition which had been growing and intensifying itself for months or years. It took seven times around the Walls of Jericho to reduce them to dust, and who will say which was the most effective trip, the first or the last? Spiritually, man is already free, and if he can get this established in his mind firmly—hold to it regardless of appearances, finally it will become "flesh" and dwell with him.

## CONSIDER THE MOVIE SCREEN

WHEN you enter a Motion Picture Show and find it dark, you think, "this is right, it is as it should be," for you know that in order for the picture to show to its full strength, the screen and room must be dark. Presently a title is thrown on the screen. You read and see that a tragedy is about to be played, and a blood-curdling plot is pictured. You see all the horrors brought to light. You see suffering of the most intense kind and conditions that are harrowing. Then the screen goes dark. The next picture may be a comedy or a melodrama where passion and love have a hand, and then the screen goes dark again, until the next picture is thrown upon it, and so on.

Mortal mind sits in the projecting room of the world and throws upon mortals his various plays. Some of them perhaps interesting but all of them vicious. Many of them loathsome and disgusting.

Yonder goes a man upon whose consciousness is thrown the picture of sickness; upon another dishonesty; on another hatred, and so on, through the category of mortal mind qualities.

If you bring a light behind the screen in the picture show the picture cannot be shown. Only a soft white silver screen appears, unharmed or marred by the ugly pictures which have been thrown upon it. The worst tragedy has not even left a trace of its terror. The light has come and explained away the images of darkness and fear.

There is a light in man which he can "let shine" which will make his consciousness so white and shining that the records of mortal mind cannot be projected upon him. They may try to appear, *but* are blinded and destroyed by light.

This is the consciousness which is spiritual and forever perfect, and when we come to realize what it is, and HOW to attain it we are not afraid of the sudden shafts of wrong, or hatred, or sickness.

Keeping your mind full of LOVE, nothing else can enter, nothing else can be projected upon your consciousness and you are free. The huge wave with its load of seaweed and refuse may break on the stem rock and for a moment cover it entirely, but when the tide subsides it leaves no trace. So when error with its waves of sin, sickness and death break upon the Right Thinking man, it leaves no trace. His mind is the "Light which is placed upon a hill and cannot be hid."

No matter what picture the world has thrown upon you, when you come to the Right Thinking Consciousness you realize that it never touched you; never left its marks upon you. You find that you have a clear white sheet upon which to inscribe what you will.

When you realize that the light is WITHIN and not from without you will see that "When the prince of darkness comes he finds nothing in you." There is no place for him to record his hateful pictures, and though he may try to the limit to throw them upon you, you stand blazing forth the light, denying and affirming, until the "Prince finds nothing in you" and

retires into outer darkness.

If upon your body a picture of tragedy has been thrown, bring the light to your screen, your consciousness, and know that as the movie screen is not affected by the hideous pictures which fall upon it, so your body, though it has been the screen of terrifying pictures, is just as free. The picture leaves no trace on the screen, neither does the evil thought that is removed.

Again returning to the illustration. As we watch the picture we see the heroine in distress, we see murder and havoc. But in reality we know that it is all acting and that just outside of the picture stands a band of camera men and electricians, watching the whole thing with interest, but without distress. They know that in the picture a couple may starve on a desert island which is but a stone's throw from the most palatial summer hotel. The same thing is true in real life. When we understand the illusion of mortal mind, we begin to know that everything we need is right at hand and that the tragedy which has been thrown on us is nothing but an illusion, a dream, and that all the while ample Keip stands at hand, if we only accept it.

# FREEDOM

BE NOT deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Do you know why this is true?

Do you know that YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD? Did you catch the idea? It said "YOUR" body, not the body of John Smith—not the body of John the Baptist, not the body of a practitioner—it said "YOUR BODY." That brings the situation pretty near home, doesn't it? It makes the keeper of the "TEMPLE" right at hand to correct and punish all offenses. That's why you cannot escape the penalty, for the "Lord of Hosts" is there and he will rule with a rod of iron.

The "Rod of Iron" becomes a soft feathered wing when we are in obedience to the Law. It is gentle, yet firm.

"The Lord in the midst of YOU is strong and mighty." Please note again WHERE the Lord is supposed to be. Near again, isn't it? Right at hand and when the TEMPLE needs purging and the money-changers (who deal in materialism) become too numerous, then the strong, hard cords, of discipline are wielded, and the temple cleansed, and sometimes it is not with the greatest joy, for the money-changers and those who sell doves—are deeply rooted and well installed and are not willing to leave at the first command.

Do you realize, when you become conscious of your body as the "TEMPLE" of the Living God, that you will have the control over it that Jesus had—and that material man or thought cannot injure or destroy it?

Do you know that if you sit quietly and realize that the "Lord in the midst of me is strong and mighty," that you will feel the very presence of Him, and this is what we call practicing His presence. This is what we do when we "Feel after Him." This is what Jesus did when he turned within and said, "I and my father are one."

"Oh taste and see that the Lord is good." It is too wonderful for words, this nearness of Love—this nearness of God—this nearness of authority.

"Be not anxious about your life what you shall eat, or what ye shall drink." When you realize that the "Lord is in His holy Temple" then you cease all anxiety and fear and you speak to Him and He hears. When you say "Our Father which art in heaven," you turn within—you don't reach up to the skies or to some practitioner or teacher. You turn within for "The kingdom of heaven is within you." Do you see how very present and near the wonderful help, all the while and how we have only to cast out into new waters to draw our nets up full of spiritual fishes and thoughts that we have never dreamed of. When you realize that the Great Teacher, "Infinite Intelligence" is within your consciousness then you shall receive your instructions direct and shall not need to run hither and thither for a teacher; nor ask some

personal opinion, but you shall ask the Father within, in all confidence, and the Father who heareth you in secret shall answer you openly. The word shall become flesh and dwell among you." This is all possible, it is all here and now ready and waiting. "Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good." So near, so simple, so easily attained that we go stumbling on over creed, ritual, dogma, even after we think we are liberated from these beliefs.

When He, the spirit of truth is come, he shall guide you into all truth."

When you realize that God is in the midst of you, that your body is the temple of the Living God—then you will ask guidance not of an outsider, but from the Spirit of Truth which is come in you and which will guide you into all Truth. What more could you want? Who could do more for you? No one—you have now reached the very fountain head of substance and supply and you can lave in its depths and drink and be satisfied. "Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good."

When you become conscious of this PRESENCE within you—your way suddenly blazes forth in harmony. The rhythm of soul accompanies you and you smile inwardly continually. You are happy wherever you are—in the city—on the sea—in the desert—for all you have to do is to ask the spirit and it will guide you—perchance you are not in your right place. Drink deep of this. Enter the closet and there find God. "Commune with thy heart upon your bed and be still"—means to commune with the Father which is within mid still the material senses.

"Oh taste and see that the Lord is Good."

"For unto us a Child is given and his name shall be called wonderful." This child is the spirituality which is suddenly discovered within you. You discern the Christ mind in the manger of your heart and you go there with gifts and praise and the Child grows to manhood and becomes a power and you commune with Him and are still.

If God is the only Mind then He is the only thinker and His thoughts passing to you, supply, sustain, and keep you. Ask yourself, "Is this a thought that God could think?" If it isn't, then it was never really conceived or thought, but is the counterfeit and has no place in your consciousness. Could God think sickness? Then you, his manifestation, could not be sick, for you are under the control of His thinking. Could God think poverty, limitation, and injustice? Then can you, the consciousness of His Mind, think these things? Can a graphophone record play anything other than that which is stamped upon it? Can man do other than the Christ mind first dictates?

This does not make you an automaton; it makes you individual to an extent you have never dreamed before. It makes you distinct and different, in every sense, for you are expressing the particular quality and power of the idea which you represent, and which the Christ mind, or the Father within, dictates. You work with the Father within to bring out into your life infinite harmony, joy and abundance.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Do you think with the Father or are you the slimy, stagnant pool of mortal mind which catches and magnifies the false material existence? What are you thinking in your heart? Do you say, "I know—but I can't afford it" ? Well, you can't, of course, and "I know I am sick," and of course you are, and so on through all the limitations of mortal mind Now reverse these lies and get at the Father within. "Be still and converse with Him"and then declare for yourself spiritually and it shall be made manifest materially. "That which is done in secret shall be cried from the house top"—but it must be done sincerely, honestly in secret with the Father.

Spiritually you have everything, you know everything, you are absolutely harmonious, and the nearer a realization of this you come to, the more harmonious your life will become.

When you realize the nearness of God you become free. "Whom the Son shall make free, is free indeed." Where is the Son—is It not the Christ mind or the Father within you and to which you can turn, instantly? Is it not glorious, does it not thrill you to think of it? Suddenly you emerge from the dark corner of material reasoning to find that the Father and the Son are present with you "even unto the end," and that the Son shall make you free" the moment you realize where He is and acknowledge the fact that He is able to do it and willing.

This is the Age of Freedom — we see it manifested in all lines—capital, labor, suffrage, temperance, everything—is struggling to give man freedom, and after awhile they will all find that as the individual is freed by realizing that only the SON can give Freedom, and that the Son is within waiting for the opportunity to do so, then they will be "Free indeed," and we shall all know tho "Glorious freedom of the children of God."

When the Son frees you—you become an individuality—you stand alone and yet are supported by legions of angels and are powerful. You are not afraid of what someone else is going to say; you have the Father with you, and the Son is liberating you just as fast as you are ready to receive your freedom. Would it be wise to try to draw the oak tree out of the acorn by using a knife? Would the butterfly progress faster with the aid of human hands in opening the cocoon? Then you too have your own blessed work to do and no one can do it for you, and the more you run about for help the weaker your chances are for complete mastery and dominion and the more difficult it is for the Son to set you free, because you are not dependent upon the spiritual understanding, but the "crumbs" from the table of some personality. But now, turn within, look within, go into the closet and pray—affirm the presence of the Son and the Son shall make you free.