

# **The Laughter of God**

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## THE LAUGHTER OF GOD

Deep in my soul I heard the laughter of God ringing in silvery cadences through the timbers of my being, breaking the human bonds and limitation as a strong yet gentle wind in the forest sweeping aside the strands of cobweb. The hard, fast knots that I had tried, slipped loose, and the snarls of beliefs broke free. The river of my human life, frozen by a thousand and one false ideas and teachings, broke joyously into expression and went bounding to the infinite sea of Life, to be lost and found at the same time. One dark cave of fear after another was illuminated by the light of this laughter and swampy areas of sick thoughts were dried up instantly. Parched sands of hopelessness and futile efforts were drenched by the living waters sucked in—absorbed instantly like a wave breaking on the sands. God laughing at me and my puny efforts to make things happen; to make heaven appear; to attain the son-ship. Not the laugh of derision, but of infinite compassion—a laughter so deep and sweet, so pure and glorious that every thing in the nature of struggle gave way before it.

The breath of that glorious laughter blew all the dirty rags of personal teaching and self-aggrandizement away from me, and at first the fierce joy that proceeded from the unheard, heard peals of laughter and made me afraid. Afraid that everything worth while was being taken from me, and that I should be naked; but no sooner had the filthy rags of personality blown free, than I was clothed in a panoply of light, and in this glorious raiment of light I saw for the first time the glory of the Spirit made flesh.

I stood before the infinite peals of laughter, which flowed threw all creation like floods of golden mist, filled with speechless wonder at the beauty of the world I lived in which had been invisible because of my separation, because of my personal ideas about attainment. I was as a child with a small measure at the seaside, trying to carry off a little water when the whole sea was at my disposal, and I understood for the first time the exhaustless sea of substance about me , and that the idea of hoarding was but a childish fear grown into a goliath by false teaching and beliefs. I suddenly became aware that the substance was everywhere, in everything, out of everything, and the only place of lack was in the hypnotic state of belief and I alone created and moved in this vacuum.

The glorious laughter rolled on , searching the very joints and marrow of me—dislodging every belief in fear, sickness, or age. As it swept over me and through me and round about me, I was amazed at the wonder of it—the fierce, terrible thing which was at the same time so beautiful and free. The wonder of it kept singing through my soul as veil after veil of belief was rent asunder and new kingdoms stood revealed. The whole thing was as if one just saw a little deeper, as one looks through the surface reflection on a river and sees the pebbles and shells below, that was all; only the Laughter made this possible, for it cleared away all the effort and straining which in it's attempt to see God had been halted at the reflection on the surface, instead of gazing into the limpid, glorious depth of Infinity.

The voice, as it's honeyed tones flowed out like a burst of sunshine through storm-clouds, was so unlabored, so untrammelled, and so Divinely indifferent, it seemed to envelop me with an instant realization that all was well. No matter how many struggles had been made, no matter how many mistakes, how many shortcomings, how many failures, how long the

belief, or how short the hate, it was all swept aside as nothing. The glorious Divine ease with which it was expressed made dis-ease impossible. It was the overturning and overturning that had to take place before He, the Laughing one, could come into expression. The people of God are a people of joy, and it is not until they hear this God Laughter in their souls that they have attained to their heritage.

What of this race that speaks of the Kingdom and doing the Fathers work, and uses all the language of the Truth, and at the same time sows seeds of fear and hellish inventions? What is this race that is always seeking evil to destroy, like a weasel seeks out a rat? What is the hopelessness they preach that on one hand, you are the sons of God, and on the other, that you must fight against evil of every sort and nature? Ah, yes, but, if, and maybe they roll these stumbling-blocks under their tongues with a wise twinkle in their eyes, as much as to say, "Yes it is all true, but it comes only with hard labor and long study, and it is not for such as you, sinner and worm of the dust that you are, until you have purified yourself in the fount of my wisdom and paid me personal homage."

It is then that the Magdalene hears the Laughter of God and is clean and free; and in an instant too; and it is when the cripple hears the Laughter of God that he leaps to his feet and runs away praising the living God. It is when you, no matter where you are or what you are, no matter what you have done or left undone, hear the Laughter of the God within and the God without, that you will crash through the gates of hell and find heaven, no matter what these gates may be – person, place, or thing.

One moments recognition that you are the son of the Living God, and you have attuned your ear for the Laughter of God which will put to flight all the stupid ideas, of my and yours, free you into an expression that you have not dreamed of. How can you restrain the joy that fills you when you hear this laughter which, when it is heard, causes the winter of your discontent to break into full fruition, which causes you to see literally see that " before they call, I will answer," is not a bit of euphonious language, but a positive living, glowing fact.

"I was afraid," and therefore you were driven out of the Garden of Life. You have been afraid that God will punish you, that it is too good to be true, that you are not ready, that it comes by great learning; and so you are still without the portals of your own kingdom, trying every way but the only way to re-enter. Many there be who try the way of violence, and many who expect to ride in on the skirts of another. There are some so foolish as to invite this.

Why do you not stop trying to get things, trying to learn how to get power place? Why do you not come away from the man whose breath is in his nostrils? You who read this page, and go within and hear the Laughter of God, and know that " it does not matter"- that the things which gave you great concern are all swept away into the dump heap? The sooner you learn this the sooner you will see they have no value. Finally, one time, when you take away their value, they are possible of attainment to you. You profess to be a follower of the Master. If you in any way believe this, you will begin to listen for the Laughter of God through your whole being, and you will know that the Laughter of God sets you free from the snarling discontent of the tower of Babel in which you have been living.

Presently, as you listen for this Laughter, you will hear it, and gradually you will begin

laughing—billows of laughter, silently-audible laughter that will shatter one limitation after another; laughter filled with the divine indifference which knows that the Universe is filled with God and only God, and to recognize this will cause this laughter to flow into expression and shatter the belief in sin, sickness, and death. When this belief is shattered in you, the pictures of this on your universe are dissipated and are no more, and even the place thereof is no more. You will know how there can be naught but laughter in the Kingdom of Heaven. What good of words or arguments? What in humans' sense is a lecture worth on the subject of Laughter, as compared to one glorious sudden peal of joy released by a God soul and picked up by all those in hearing distance?

Gradually, as you learn the Laughter of God and join in with the glory of the Sons of the Living God, then you will laugh at yourself. You will perhaps go back and laugh all the mistakes and faults and limitations out of existence. You will stand with your glorious feet on the mountain-tops of Self-Revelation, laughing at your universe and with your universe, and laughing in words: "It is wonderful, it is wonderful, it is wonderful."

"Let the filthy be filthy still." Some may read into the Laughter of God a belief in carelessness and indifference, and some consecrated souls may rail and tear their hair and say that it is encouraging license and making nothing of sin, in order that one may indulge in sin, and so on; and for them this message is not.

He that has ears shall hear what the Scripture says unto the Churches, and only he that has a single eye is through with trying to twist meanings to suit personal ends. But he that has the consciousness of the Son of the Living God shall not find it strange that "he that is of too pure eyes to behold iniquity" should laugh at the belief in it that has bound men for so long; and this Divine disregard does not in any way encourage license, but gives liberty to the Sons of God. It breaks up the dank morasses of human belief and reveals itself as heaven, a state of consciousness, which finds not happiness at the disposal of sin, health at the disposal of sickness, and harmony at the disposal of in-harmony; but finds these pairs of opposites swept away. It finds man the individual Son of the Living God, experiencing power and wisdom such as could not be put in human language.

The impress of the Divine upon the human causes the human to express in what to the unenlightened thought may seem to be a supernatural way. The how and why and when are all bested in the limited human concept of life.

You who read this page, when are you going to start laughing the laughter of God? When are you going to join in the glorious chorus which is already encircling the globe, and which has for its password "It is wonderful"? You cannot stop this laughter once it is started; you will shatter the belief in disease in thousands as you go along your way—not by a poor, half-hearted way of beseeching God, but with the ringing Laughter of God in your Soul which knows no sickness, sin, or disease, and hence cannot look upon it. And in this very knowledge it will impress the consciousness with the Eternal well-being of the Son of the Living God. The man, if he hear the Laughter—that is, if he be willing to hear it, instead of accepting the pinched human concepts of his human reasonings—shall break the bounds of his limitations; crash through the gates of brass; shake off the shackles of beliefs; burst

through the prison bars of his own making, and find himself free, free, free, and find his soul ringing with laughter and with the song, "*It is wonderful.*"

Whoever you are who reads this page—you who sit in prison houses of disease, sin, and unhappiness—listen, listen, listen. I AM the door of attainment—I AM the door to this glorious Laughter of God—I AM the way to the eternal bliss and harmony of the sons of the Living God. No matter where this finds you; nothing is hopeless or helpless; this joyous Laughter of the recognition of God, her and know, of the Finished Kingdom—of the sudden discovery that Jesus was not a liar, but a truth-sayer, a concrete truth-sayer, when he said, :The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand—it is within you" —will cause this Kingdom to descent out of the clouds of your belief and be real.

How can you help laughing silently and audibly the Laughter of God, and see its ringing notes shatter the silly arguments about life? "The wisdom of man is foolish in the eyes of God." Why try to measure the inspiration of the Almighty against any man-made teaching! "I will make you fishers of men." I, the I AM, when once discovered will make the one who discovers it a Fisher of Men. Who can resist the Laughter of God—the fearless Laughter of God ringing through the universe, sweeping all the debris of human belief out of human belief out of the way? No matter if it be thousands of years old, and hoary with the respect of mankind. Not one stone shall remain in place. The very foundations of the human belief shall be shaken in order that the True Cornerstone, which has been rejected up to now, shall be laid. Yes, the Stone—the very Stone that the Master gave to us—the philosopher's Stone if you will, which we have rejected, because to accept it would have been to have overthrown great temples of human reasoning—will finally be made the Head Stone of the Temple of Truth. You are the Temple of the Living God, and from out the inner recesses of your being proceeds the Laughter of God. "The Sons of God shout for joy." You will shout for joy, not because of victory over evil, but because you have at last realized that the Kingdom of Heaven is not a place of overcoming evil, but of revelation which is above the belief of a divided universe. Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give thee Light.

And I heard the Laughter of God in the Soul of my very being—ringing in glorious cadence throughout my universe, causing me suddenly to burst into a glorious laughter which was full of praise, full of wonder—full of wonder and amazement at that which I had missed through looking through a glass darkly. "Arise, shine, for thy light has come", do you hear? "*It is wonderful! It is wonderful! It is wonderful.*" Heaven and earth are full of Thee—sin, sickness, and death have vanished away. I *hear* the Laughter of God ringing in the deep recesses of your soul, you who read this page. I see the moving finger writing across all the worries and fears of a lifetime -\_ "*It does not matter,*" and I see this laughter writing the things of beauty over the walls of your temple and casting a glorious glistening white robe—a seamless robe of attainment—over you. And at last I hear you laughing from the mountain peak as you go on your way, without thought of scrip or purse or robe or ring or upper chamber, and long before you have reached your destination, the Laughter of God in your soul has gone ahead and made ready the upper chamber, and the Host has come out to receive you. Do you hear? You who read this page? YOU?

## REJOICE, YOU BARREN ONE

"For it is written, Rejoice, you barren that bears not; break forth and cry, you that travail not; for the desolate has many more children than she which has a husband." Gal. 4:27

Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for the Lord Omnipotent reigns. When we begin to see that the great Universal God overshadowing the Universe causes it to bring forth in due season, we begin to understand why it is stated, as quoted above, that "the barren and desolate shall have many children." We begin to see that, when we contact the Father within, the old order of trying to make things appear from the outside is done away with. The old order passes away – "Behold, I make all things new, says the Lord of Hosts."

Thousands of people have tried in every way to bring forth the manifestation of Spirit; to make demonstrations; yea, even to help others in the name of the Lord; and have found themselves and their lives barren as the *desert*, while others about them seemed to bring forth many *children*; and they have wondered, and finally fallen under the belief that the manifestation of spirit was not for them, but only for a special few; or that they were not fit avenues, or not yet ready to express the Christ Truth – hence they bore no *children*.

But the old order changes. The light is breaking over the dense human consciousness. Man is awakening to know that contact with the Father within is the propagating influence which will bring forth many more children than "she that has a husband." He is beginning to understand that the creative force of the Universe is even at this instant at work within the secret place of his being, and that just as soon as he is ready to "*let*" (through the process of recognition), "the word will become flesh and dwell among them," and he shall say, "Let the child be born," and the barrenness of a thousand life-times in the flesh shall be swallowed up in the glorious expression of the flowering desert. "It shall blossom as a rose." The well-watered garden shall take the place of the barren waste.

Martha had many cares in preparing to receive the physical Jesus. Symbolically speaking, the most she got for her work was perhaps a "Thank You," while Mary feasted upon the hidden manna of Spirit. The human sense would like to condone poor, long-suffering Martha. A thousand reasons why she acted as she did are offered, but the rather uncompromising fact stands that she was rebuked, and that the blessing was given to Mary. All this symbolism does not mean that the Mary consciousness might not do just as much work with her hands as the Martha, but from a different standpoint.

When we are on the outside of being, trying to bring forth, we are finally rebuked for our barrenness, even though we have put into expression the best that seemed to being us. Likewise, the state that dreams of perfection and dwells in a mental state of rightness and perfection, is also rebuked for vain imaginings. The Word must become flesh. "In my flesh shall I see God." One extreme is as bad as another. The Word must become flesh, and the flesh must become spiritualized or resurrected, until the two become one. We then have Jesus the Christ – instead of Jesus the son of the carpenter and Christ the son of God dwelling in one body. The two become one, and the sayings of the Scriptures are made true. It is then that "death is swallowed up in victory," because death could only come to the one

of a divided consciousness. What is told in secret shall be called from the housetop. Thus we see that the Christ of God decided to submit to what is known as the crucifixion in order that the world might see the transcending power of spirit over matter, and to know that the law, "I have power to pick it up and lay it down," was true and provable. To stay on the heights of this law was to escape the seemingly ugly reality. Do you imagine that the Christ who was able to open the eyes of the blind, restore lost substance to the body of Lazarus, and do a thousand other things directly in opposition to the best accepted laws of the physical world of that day and this could not have averted the Crucifixion? If so, then read Matt. 26:53.

"Think you that I cannot now pray to my Father,  
and He shall presently give me more than twelve  
legions of angels?"

Where is the Father, and how do we pray? You see, then, that the Christ decreed this to come to pass. When he descended to the human Jesus state of consciousness, then he asked that the "cup pass from me." We understand that what he had accepted or decreed in secret should come to pass. So is it true with you. You will begin to see that all the unborn children shall be released when the body and soul become one. To pray then will be to speak forth only that which is about to appear. Prayer will not be the old idea of wondering whether god wants to do a certain thing; it will be merely an exquisite feeling of gratitude, which says, "Thank you, Father," because it knows that the answer exists before the question. Do you begin to see why it is that the one who was barren of manifestation will suddenly become fruitful? The limiting laws of the human concept of creation shall be dropped off, and the recognition of the Father of all shall cause their barrenness to be a forgotten state. "The former things shall pass away – they shall not be remembered nor come into mind anymore." Thus the barrenness shall be swallowed up in the abundance!

From the human standpoint we even admit that we have teachers of Truth or music who cannot demonstrate for themselves but can give readily to others. From the Divine elevation this is an utter impossibility. This state of barrenness which brings forth no manifestation shall be fertilized with the over-shadowing influence of the Ever Presence, and what it has so long conceived on the invisible shall come into manifestation. No more shall the world be filled with barren ones who talk but who do not show forth the works, for they shall have united the body and soul and resurrected the risen Christ, which hath a body and which lives *in* the world, but is not *of* the world in so far as coming under the hateful laws of the human mind. Death is swallowed up in victory, and with it all the things that go to bring about or make death possible.

"Call no man your father," for "every man is a liar, and the father of it." We see what lies have been told about us in the name of family, nationality, etc. We are burdened with hateful lies of every sort, because we have recognized human parenthood. We have assigned to ourselves all the limitations of human-kind, and therefore we are full of troubles, and so are our days. "Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give thee light."

Do you begin to see, O barren one, that your name shall be changed, and that you shall be as a land flowing with milk and honey? For the Spirit of the Infinite Spirit broods over all, and has broken the hateful bondage and set the prisoners free. Then is thy house gladsome with the laughter and joy of many children—your glorious ideas that have so long remained in the silence of your mind come forth with joy and thanksgiving.

"This is life eternal, to know ME." Where is this ME, and what will you do with this life eternal? Do you expect to carry on this limited personality for eternity? Do you expect to be John Smith for eternity? Only when Jesus the son of the carpenter became Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, did he ascend above the limiting influences of beliefs that belonged to his family, nationality, and time. When he became Jesus the Christ, and "the Word became flesh," he transcended not only nationality, but time and space, and was able to set aside any law of the belief world, just as the intense sunshine sets aside the dark shadows of night.

All disease and all barrenness out-pictured on your body and affairs are merely the shadows of beliefs cast upon the screen of your life. When the light has come, the shadows disappear. It is no good to throw a picture on a cinema screen if that screen is illuminated. So the shadows of the belief world, that have been formerly true to the human mind, fail absolutely to record when you have come to the place of letting "the light within so shine before men." We do not heal the Christ, nor yet prosper him, nor yet change him. We merely recognize him, and as we do so we bring out that which has been eternally. Thus healing is swallowed up in victory. Were anything real to be healed, it would be utterly impossible to accomplish it. The Christ of God needs no assistance, no help, no healing. But until the John Smith realizes this Christ within himself, and permits it to come into manifestation, he will merely be working on a plane of imagination. Nothing concrete nor definite can take place. So many of us have stood about and seen the demonstrations; yea, we have even partaken of the bread, the fish, and the wine; but we have forgotten to partake of the spirit, so when we had consumed the manifestation we rushed back for more and found ourselves far from the source of substance. So many people are so engrossed in listening to words that they only bask in the light of another's understanding, and hence miss the glorious possibility of the command, "Go thou and do likewise." Many are asking for life free which is promised, while still holding a miser's consciousness within themselves. Do you not know, until you can give yourself to the Universe it cannot give the ever-flowing substance to you, for the simple reason that there is no capacity to receive it? The mind which is still hoarding cannot have the infinity rivers of abundance poured into, else it would be destroyed; but the consciousness that has given itself to the Infinite is an open way through which the torrents and floods of substance can flow. It thereafter does not have to seek—it receives before it asks, for an infinite stream of substance is constantly pouring through into expression.

"It is written"—so full of meaning is this statement, nothing shall retract or rub out a single word until it be fulfilled. "Not one jot or tittle shall be removed until the law shall be fulfilled." It is written that "the barren shall be more fruitful than she that hath a husband." The law that is so full of promise, and so glorious to all those who have wondered and grieved and tried to bring forth the works of the Master. "Go thou and do likewise" is a pretty big command, but there it is. What are you going to do about it? Talk it over with some wise one who will go into gushing phrases and words, and whose barren life is filled

with testimony of failure? Be still; be very still. Finally you will hear the command, "Go within and shut the door," and you will let the glorious revelation take place within your own consciousness. "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." Who are you, and what are you going to do about?

"And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, says the Lord of hosts." Ye, the newborn, the resurrected one. In the silence, in the tomb, in the aloneness, shall ye know the things which ordinarily are not written nor spoken of – things which are neither seen nor heard by the noisy ones who are clamoring for place and power. "Behold, I make all things new." Do you see? You who red. "all nations shall call thee blessed," for they will recognize the Christ within you; the same glorious Christ that functioned in the man Jesus and enabled him to go against the laws of the human mind and set them aside as non-existent.

"None of them is lost but the son of perdition." The only thing that is lost is the memory of the human personality – the subconscious mind – the storehouse of all evil. The god that *was*. The god of the kingdom of WAS is lost, forgotten, wiped out, and the place thereof is no more. The Holy Presence of Christ in the eternal NOW is here. "Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give you light." The desolate barren land shall blossom as a rose.

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou may be rich."

It seems a strange thing to say, Buy gold in order that you may be rich. It would seem that if you had money with which to buy gold you would already be rich. But the secret doctrine causes the light to break over this symbology and to reveal that the complete giving up of the symbol is the buying of the gold which will make you rich. "Sell all that thou hast and give to the poor" is merely another way of stating that man is to take his attention awake from the worship of symbols and place his allegiance on the Power. Awake, thou that sleeps.

"I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment that you may be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye-salve, that you may see." Rev 3:18.

Do you begin to see the treasures incorruptible that lie within the consciousness of Christ, awaiting the coming of the Master? Awaiting the coming of that one who will take his Divine Heritage and assume the proportions of the Son of the Living God. The barren one who will suddenly realize that the Father – Infinite Omnipotent – brooding over all, has suddenly brought into manifestation the unborn children of desire. It is wonderful!

"Who is my father, mother, sister, or brother?" is the question you will answer with deep joy. Not to become a "holier than thou," but because you are ready to partake of the infinite nature of your Divine Fatherhood. The wonder of the invisible shall be made manifest to you. You shall begin to partake of the qualities of Spirit. As you have born the earthly image, so shall you bear the heavenly. Do you hear? "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." It is wonderful!

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches." When you hear what it is saying to you (for you are the Church of the Living God – the center from which pours

this glorious white light of revelation), then you will fold your tent and steal silently away into the new place of expression. And this shall be a natural event, not some human concept of moving out of evil conditions, but showing forth of the God-power into expression. Do you see why "He that travels alone travels far?" and why the command, "salute no man as you pass along the highway," is not unfriendliness, but the essence of wisdom? Behold I make all [not some] things new." Do you believe that? Where is the I? What about it—you who read these lines? Are you going to run to someone and ask them to explain this to you or are you going to be still and let me explain, and thereby turn your barrenness to fruitfulness and make you a gladsome land?

Just so soon as you begin to see the futility of opinions and beliefs regarding life and the Truth, just so soon will you go within and wade in the living waters, and partake of the hidden manna and "buy gold that has been tried by fire."

"The old order passes away" -the old order is the order of your human personality and its destiny; the old law of cause and effect, of karma -the endless karma that you have been making and passing through. The Spirit of Life has suddenly thrown you off the wheel, and you are freed into expression as the Son of the Living God Do you suppose that the Son of the Living God has anything to do with the son of the carpenter? He has only this much to do: to absorb the personal idea into the glorious impersonal nature of god, and thereby free him of the limitations and narrow confines, yea, the barrenness of the human concept of existence.

Hear ye, you who read this page: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God." do you hear? Do you see? When will you appropriate the gifts of the Spirit? Not until you can go within and shut the door, and listen not to the noisy man whose breath is in his nostrils.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." so the unborn ideas that you have been holding in your mind, and wishing for all these many years, suddenly come into expression, for the Christ and Jesus are one. "Whatsoever things you ask in my name, that give I unto thee." It is well.

"For it is written, rejoice, you barren that bear not; break forth and cry, thou that travail not; for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband."

Do you believe this? If so, you are at this very instant rejoicing. The rejoicing is a command and a statement of a fact at the same instant. You are automatically rejoicing because you have suddenly discovered that the barren years and efforts have been turned to good account, and the glorious ideas have all been freed into expression.

When you come to the place of belief you have come to the place of acceptance. You have come to the place where you have accepted the Reality of Being, and you are therefore not surprised nor are you dismayed at the appearance of the Power of Spirit which instantly neutralizes the beliefs of the flesh. "Let the dead bury the dead" -so the old conditions and beliefs and acts all fall from the cliff of oblivion and you stand on the heights, rejoicing in the name of the Living God which is written on your forehead. You stand on the heights, not as

one balanced for the space of a few joyous moments, to be dashed again into the valley of despondency, but you stand there and rest in the new understanding which has shifted the weight of the human mind and beliefs and has freed itself from the law of human gravitation. "If ye be in the Spirit, ye are no more under the law." You are in the Spirit when you recognize the Christ within and act in accordance therewith.

The whole proposition is put to the one who seeks the light. When he has come to the place that he seeks not another's opinions and beliefs, then he has arrived at the point of: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that hears my words, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life."

Here is a simple statement of a fact. "Believe you this?" If so, you are beginning to experience a *new* life, a life that is everlasting, right here in the flesh, and *the* life which is now coming into manifestation cannot come under the condemnation of the former self. You are freed from the condemnation of the John Smith against which you fought so long. You are now passed from the death of these things – these beliefs and difficulties – into Life. Do you hear? You who read this page.

## SOUND OF ABUNDANT RAIN

"Get thee up and eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundant rain."

Thus spoke the prophet to Ahab. No one could believe such words; they were too good to be true. Three years had the scorching sun parched the ground, and the wells were dry and the river-beds dusty highways. The brazen sky gave no evidence of it, and yet the prophet said, "There is sound of abundant rain."

Ahab, running back and forth, looking for a sign and finding none, is representative of the person who is looking outside for signs and wonders. When the prophet makes a statement of a fact, it is in face of the direct opposite, as far as the testimony of the human sense is concerned. That is the reason for the insistence of "Be absent from the body," "Judge not from appearances," etc. There is sound of abundant rain, the drenching downpour of spirit on to the parched and dried life of any man. The more real the famine has been, the more drenching rain will appear, but what good is it to tell a person "there is sound of abundant rain" when their cistern is dry and they are subsisting on a few cups of water? No good, because they can show you the reverse, and not only can they show you the contrary, but they can bring a thousand individuals who will verify every word they say. Further than this, they can even bring you men of learning who will prove by many arguments that it cannot possibly rain.. And yet in the face of this the prophet says, "There is a sound of abundant rain."

Finally, on the horizon of that brazen sky of despair appeared a tiny cloud, as small as a man's hand. The prophet had spoken truly, "Faith is the substance [the very substance] of things hoped for, the evidence of things not see." It is the evidence of the unseen, the unheard thing that is about to be released into expression. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." Unless you have faith in the principles of harmony you will never become a musician, and you will never produce melody. Unless you have Faith, which in the truest sense of the word is Understanding, Recognition, and Acceptance of the unseen, you cannot bring into manifestation these things. What is the good of saying, "There is a sound of abundant rain," if you only hope there is? What is the good of prayer that only hopes it will be answered? No more than applying the principles of mathematics in the same manner. "Before they call, I will answer" is more than a pretty phrase. It is a statement of a fact to those who have ears and eyes—a statement that what they ask for already exists, and is ready to come into manifestation, in spite of the hateful appearances to the contrary.

Yea, though they be piled to the very heavens, and be as adamant as the rock of Gibraltar, asking, then, becomes a process of speaking the decreeing word. "Ye shall decree a thing and it shall come to pass." Asking then takes on the nature of calling forth that which is.

"Let the dry land appear" is asking for something to appear which already exists in the unseen. But there is no doubt about it appearing; there is no looking for it to appear—there is the pure faith, or acceptance that it is so.

We are only beginning to recognize what exists in the unseen and unheard world about us. The radio gives us ample proof of certain things which would have been emphatically

denied by our forebears. That bacteria are being destroyed by the use of vibration would have utterly amazed our grandparents, as well as the fact that sound can be photographed, reproduced, and recognized as the voice of a certain individual. A piece of vulcanized rubber and a bit of steel can reproduce the voice of one long since passed from the mortal pictures. While all these human devices are but playthings to the giant power of which we have heard so much through the man Jesus. We are only beginning to understand that "Judge not from appearances" is more than a religious adage.

"If you have faith you shall say to yon mountain, 'Be ye removed and be ye cast into the sea.'" But if you have not faith, or recognition of the principle of God everywhere present, then your saying is but idle words that are clouds without rain. But if you have faith, "you shall say" and "it shall be so." do you hear? You who read this page? YOU?

Do you see why it is necessary to "go apart" – to bide your own counsel? These things are not to be chattered about in the market place. They are reserved for the "Upper Room" of consciousness. If you desire them, the noisy voice must be silenced, and the asinine habit of setting the other fellow right, while you are full of obvious evils yourself, must stop. "I AM the way; walk you in it."

When you recognize that the substance you are asking for already exists, then you too will be able to say to a barren earth, parched for many years with the scorching sun of failure and lack, "There is a sound of abundant rain," and believe it. What you discover on the invisible – what you recognize as true of God – will become true of the outer manifestation. "That which is told in secret shall be called from the housetops." Yea, "in my flesh shall I see God." But in order to see the manifestation of the rain, it must first be recognized in the invisible. "Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things that are prepared or them that love the Lord."

"The things that are prepared." When we recognize a thing from the spiritual standpoint of life, we will see it manifested in the visible world.

You are fed with the hidden manna that your fathers knew not of – your fathers, representing the old order of thinking, the old forms of metaphysics which are dead and which you are told to let alone. "Let the dead bury their dead." You have manna that they knew not of, for they had to see it with their eyes, and handle it with their hands, and they received no blessing. "Blessed are you because you have not needed a sign." You are blessed because you recognize that the Presence is everywhere, just as much in one place as another – everything in every place at the same time. "Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give thee light.

You are feeding upon the heavenly manna, and when you do this in silence you will find that your material body is perfectly fed and cared for, and when you realize that you are clothed in the garments of praise and light you will find the body clothed in perfect raiment. No wonder, then you are invited not to consider the robes of the rich Solomon, but the ways of a lily; there is something most interesting in this. It is the manner in which the lily appears. Out of the unseen. Out of the invisible. Out of the very substance which is about

you now.

No one thinks it strange when he plants a lily-bulb that a lily should appear in due season. Why should it be strange, then, that prayer is actually answered?

The prayer is a thousand times surer of results than the lily-bulb, when the prayer is one of recognition, instead of one of begging and beseeching. Why should you think it strange that the much-needed rain should come to the desert? From the human standpoint I know there are a thousand reasons why it should not come, and the testimony of the eye is anything but encouraging. It searches the dome of heaven and sees not a cloud, not a possibility of anything happening, and that is why you are told to "look not to appearances" as one of the first laws of bringing out the answer to true prayer.

When the acceptance is made in the invisible, there comes a joyous abandon. Not a careless abandon, or indifference, but a joyous abandon, for it has been decreed. The dark cloud as big as a man's hand that appears in the skies is enough to produce floods of rain, and so there is a joyous abandon. Hence, the command to poor tired servant-body, "Get thee up, eat and drink"-in other words, rejoice and be happy, for everything is all right, and there is a sound of abundant rain. There is a glorious feeling of letting down, or resting and relaxing, when we have thrown the weight of our lives over on to the shoulders of the prophet -the Christ within.

Within the domain of everybody there is that *something* which is symbolized by "the little cloud as large as a man's hand." You who read this page, you who have felt the hot, dry winds of futility and lost hope, in your life that *something* us sufficient to produce it all, and is within you now, awaiting recognition.

But the little cloud that is finally to produce the abundant rain has to be let alone, or else it will turn out to be a cloud without rain. Many a person has become anxious that God could not or would not do His work in the right manner, and has turned back the abundant rain. Your anxiety for another, or for yourself, will only cause the famine to endure, for "I have a way ye know not of"-the I AM has a way that you cannot possibly feel or express. "My ways are not your ways—My ways are as high above your ways as the heaven is high above the earth."

"My ways are past finding out." Can you see, you who read this page? YOU?

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed." You see then that the "little cloud" does exist in your life. Even the tiny little faith that caused you to venture to read this book is all that is necessary to flood your desert with the abundant rain of spirit. "Be not afraid; it is I" -the I of Spirit is always with you, no matter where you go or what you do. It is in the hell of your own making, awaiting recognition, and it is at the uttermost parts or ends of the earth.

Note the word "abundant" in the first mentioned idea. The expression of spirit is always abundant—it is always full, pressed down and running over. It is lavish in the superabundance of its expression. It is wonderful! The poor little measures that you have held to the universe are as nothing—they cannot hold the abundance of spirit that is to be

released by recognition.

Do you begin to see the Abundance of Spirit? You are a spiritual being in a universe of spirit. The flesh becomes spiritual by recognizing your true self, and you are actually fed and sustained by the hidden manna. Just as soon as you know you are fed by the hidden manna, you will see the wholesome food manifested. For "what is told in secret is called from the housetops." Do you see? Do you hear? What, then, are you telling yourself? What you are telling yourself is what the world is re-telling you, and many times that is what you are fighting.

You are fighting the echo of your own voice, your silent voice which calls so loudly to the universe that people do not hear what you are saying with your lips. You argue with your own voice returned to you from the loud speaker of the universe. You hear your own secrets broadcast in the universe. You fight against the injustice of your own secret findings. It is almost ghastly to contemplate, and yet it is glorious to know that it is so, for it immediately brings with it an opportunity of releasing.

"What you tell yourself in secret shall be called from the housetops." You are only telling yourself what you find to be true, and most of this you have found from judging from the appearance of things. Hence when you begin to take your attention away from things and to be "absent from the body and present with the Lord," then will you begin to follow the commands of the Spirit, "Be still and know that I AM God." When you are still, the still small Voice is telling you things in secret that shall be proclaimed from the housetops—things which will make you thrill with joy; things which will bring out glorious new states of expression. So little by little we are finding that the way of attainment is not by struggling and torture, but by peace and contemplation of the Realities and the Recognition of the All-present God of Love.

"There is a sound of abundant rain"—this has come to you for a purpose. It has come to you to make you know the glorious revelation that is *even at this moment* being made manifest to you, the abundant rain of substance into your life. If the desert be one of sickness and lack of strength, then the abundant rains bring, even at this instant, the flood of health, vitality, and power. If the desert be one of loneliness and futility, then the abundant rains bring floods of joy, thanksgiving, and attainment. Heavenly new fields of expression open before you. The veil drops from your eyes, and you see the reason for many things; the blinding sense of futility has passed away. If it be the desert of financial lack or limitation, then the flooding rains will be in terms of substance suitable to meet all the needs. "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free." it will make you free from the beliefs of the human sense, free from your own limitations; different for each man in accordance with his present need.

It is glorious, thrilling. Listen, listen, listen, you who read this page. Listen, listen, listen; "There is a sound of abundant rain—the downpour of spiritual substance in any form that is necessary to neutralize the desert of your belief. Glorious—glorious truth. It is well with thee. You are in the floods of Light and Life. On the invisible you are feeding on the manna that is hidden, at this very instant you are clothed in the garments of light and thanksgiving.

It is wonderful. It is glorious. You are in the flood of Spirit, of Light, of Attainment. "Heaven and earth are full of thee—from glory to glory;" you go on into more wonderful fields of realization.

One moment of recognition, one grain of faith as big as a mustard seed, and you have brought in the harvest of substance. If it be to that place filled with in-harmony, you will see the floods of harmony and understanding descending. If it be to the place of pain, then the healthful power of life shall quicken the body. It is wonderful.

Listen, listen, listen. :There is a sound of abundant rain." Even as I write , and you read, there is a sound of abundant rain in the form that you can best appreciate and understand it. "There is a sound of abundant rain," and the desert that is loaded with seed is to blossom as a rose, is to run a riot of glorious colors and perfumes, where once the wind tumbled the dry sage-brush over burning sands. Yes, it is all there; "The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." The sound of abundant rain is at this instant audible to your inner ear. Fear not. Be not anxious. It is well—the downpour of Spirit is at this instant upon you.

## SILVER AND GOLD

"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto you. Rise up and walk."

A beggar sitting for years at a temple gate asking for silver and gold. What for? To consume, and then ask for more. The endless getting, and using, and being obliged to get more. The endless making of demonstrations. The endless asking for the loaf of bread which is consumed immediately. The endless looking for symbols, instead of getting back of them.

Picture the cripple at the temple gate. For years he has been there. He has long since accepted his infirmity as his natural heritage, so he begs for a bit of silver. Picture the disciples knowing that if they threw him a handful of gold or silver they were only doing what hundreds of others had done in a more or less degree, that in reality they would not help him. At best, it would only be a temporary relief.

"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto you" -and then followed the gift of healing. How much silver and gold would it have taken to have bought that healing in the marts of the world? More than likely, from worldly standards, it was beyond price. More than likely the body of that cripple was in such an emaciated state that if the healing were possible, it would have taken years to have brought the cripple back to normal. Back to normal by the knife, by food, diet, exercise, and long, long months of convalescing. "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto you."

The bestowal of the gift instantly rehabilitated the disease-laden body. Instantly the cripple accepted the priceless gift, leaped up and ran away rejoicing and singing. Picture the same cripple with a handful of gold. His joy might be increased for a moment, but he would soon return to his former limitation.

Note that the gift was instantly accepted and what was the gift? It was the full recognition of the presence of the Power of God in the midst of him. Every man has the gift. He learns that the gift is beyond the price of fine gold or rubies. Silver and gold and fine rubies become as worthless chattels in face of the priceless gift that every man has to give to the priceless gift that every man has to give to the world – yea, to give to himself.

Yet the world is full of cripples who sit at the gates of their own temple and beg for silver and gold. The world passes by and throws them a copper or two; but sooner or later one comes by and says, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto you," and it is at that moment that the beggar has within his grasp complete freedom from the beggardom he has so long accepted.

Unless, however, he accepts his gift, he will remain at the gates of his own temple begging the crowd of human thoughts that go by for enough to live on.

Always seeking the symbol instead of what is back of it, always looking for the loaves and fishes, makes the eye more blind and the ears more deaf.

Looking to outside conditions for help will result in defeat. After you have consumed the loaf of bread you are hungry again and must get another, and thus goes the game of life; devoid of charm, as crude and misshapen as a statue hacked from a block of wood with a clumsy garden axe. Hypnotized to the human thinking, man has accepted his state as one which cannot be helped. He blames his heredity, pre-natal influence, environment, accident, or disease. But all or any of these might have entered into the case of the aforementioned cripple, and still they did not act as a wall against the showing forth of the priceless gift of Spirit. No law that man has made is a law to Spirit, and as soon as man looks away from the symbols he will receive the gift of Spirit and will understand why the priceless gift is not in dollars and cents, but in the substance which lies behind them.

"When the Son of Man shall come shall he find faith on the earth." When the inspiration of the Almighty speaks to you and gives you the priceless gift, can you take it? Can you take your good in the same degree that the cripple at the temple gate accepted that which was given him? It was a tremendous gift that he took, from the standpoint of his bodily condition. It meant that a great physical change had to be made instantly. It meant that the well-nigh impossible had to happen. It meant that he had to let go of a lifetime of hypnotism of human thought. It meant that it was opposed to every single human law, and was placed in the category of the impossible. It meant that it was sweeping aside like so many cobwebs laws that were hoary with age and concreted with millions of proofs. Yes, it meant all these. And it means that the condition that you may be under can be no more difficult than this single unstance that is given you, and it also means that the change which is necessary to bring you from the darkness into the light will be no greater, no more difficult or impossible of attainment, than that performed on the cripple at the temple gates.

Even at this instant, "Behold I stand at the door and knock" -the very "I" that spoke through the disciples and said, "Silver and gold have I none" -the very revelation of your perfect health and freedom stands offering you the gift of life and happiness, offering you freedom from the human bondage, no matter how long it has been with you. "Is anything hard to *ME*? Is there anything that is difficult for the power of the ALL-GOD within you to bring forth into manifestation?"

What is this seeming opposition that seems so much more powerful than God? Awake, awake, awake! Arise and Shine! The thought that has been trailing its wings in the mud of human existence will scale the heights of interstellar space.

You will note in the case of the beggar, and in the case of many others instantaneously healed by the Master and his disciples, that the healing took place almost before they had time to think. A gift is accepted at the instant it is presented.

When we stop for a moment to reason, "Could this happen to me?" we are lost. God has power sufficient to instantly off-set the oldest and most terrible human concept of law, "Fear not; it is I."

"Silver and gold have I none" does not in any sense of the word imply poverty or lack on the part of the disciples. They might have added, "Silver and gold have I none—for thee," knowing that it would not in any way help. "When they ask for bread, I will not give a

stone." The glorious help which enables a man to see his true self is more precious than a handful of gold or a world of human sympathy.

Most people are beggars in life. Not all of them sit at the temple gates asking for gold, but they are begging for other gifts, or the symbols of other gifts, and missing the glorious gifts of Spirit which are poured out upon them. So hypnotized to the outside manifestation are they that they fail to see or hear the gift that is bestowed upon them. Symbols, always symbols, until they learn that a symbol without something back of it to animate it is nothing but a puppet, and has no power nor life or expression.

Beggar of life, when will you begin to accept the gifts of the Father? When will you accept your Divine Heritage, and rise from the degrading position and let the light of revelation pour over you in flooding streams?

When will you come out of the old Pauline doctrine of "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" and accept the glorious gift of God, "Fear not...it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom of Heaven?" A gift—yea, even a gift as large as the Kingdom of Heaven must be accepted. Think of it, beloved, the trembling and fear, the working out your own salvation, is suddenly all set aside by the acceptance of the gift of God, i.e., the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the cripple at the temple gates ran and leaped for joy into his new state of expression, leaped out of years of belief of sickness, ugliness, and filth, leaped into freedom and left behind him all the things that were true of the crippled beggar, so you, son of the Living God, will make the transformation from the present state of sickness, poverty, and unhappiness, into the perfect heaven of harmony and bliss. When will you accept the gift?

"It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." Where is your Father? What did Jesus the Master say of this? "My Father within me, He doeth the works." The Father consciousness within you is that which will give you, the human body manifestation, the Kingdom of Heaven here and now. Do you see that it is not something afar off that is going to grant this favor to you? "Yet, in my flesh shall I see God", yet in the present body shall you see the glorious revelation, because soul and body have become one, and "whom the Lord hath joined together let no man put asunder."

"Stir up the gift of God which is within you."

In the midst of your chaotic world is the gift of God, the gift of Life Eternal, the gift of the Infinite Riches of the Kingdom, the gift of increasing the manifestation. "Stir up the gift of God which is within you." It is already there, the gift of beautiful life, glorious life, radiant life.

In turn the beggar goes his way rejoicing, and giving in turn the gift. We are afraid of the gift; we make a sickly attempt at speaking the word. We wonder if God would want us to assume such authority and such proportions, and at the same time we acknowledge, "I am the son of the Living God."

"When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" This is addressed directly to

you, you who read this page; if the prayer that you asked this morning suddenly came bounding out into expression, would you be ready and willing to accept it? If the piece of gold that you had asked for could actually come into manifestation, would you be able to accept it, or would you have to look to see whether it had a serial number, or whether it were in accord with the human intellect? If you were suddenly to have the gift you were asking for made manifest, could you have faith enough to accept it? Until the perfect acceptance can come and the curiosity has been absorbed in the absolute faith that "all things are possible to God." these things cannot be, no matter what a thousand voice may say pro or con on the subject.

If you should tear the hide from a living body to see how the life was produced underneath, you have no life. The killing of the goose that laid the golden egg is the result of curiosity. If you are secretly cherishing in your mind such ideas, you will see nothing, for nothing shall be there. The soul is not curious, it knows. "I have A WAY THAT YOU KNOW NOT OF." The I AM has it's wy that no human intellect can see, understand, or believe.

The whole glorious proposition lies within yourself. It is asked of you, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth [your consciousness]? You have to answer that for yourself. It does not make any difference what the answer be so far as the outside world is concerned; it is, however, tremendously important to you. What would you think? If the prayer you have just asked were at this instant to be fulfilled, could you-yes you, who read this, accept it? "Be still and know that I AM God."

## NO ENCHANTMENT

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel" Num. 23:23.

"I shall overturn and overturn until he comes whose place it is to rule."

This is the day when much is said about enchantment and divination—sometimes openly under these names, but more often referred to only, or spoken of by a new modern name. The mad enchantment of a bird and a serpent is only equaled by the enchantment that exists between man and the serpent of human thinking. The only way for the bird to break the spell is to take its eyes away from the fearsome thing upon which it is gazing, and the only way for man to break the spell of disease, hate, fear, sins, and lack is to take his attention away from appearances. "Being absent from the body and present with the Lord" and "Judging not from appearances, but judging righteous judgment", the scriptural means of breaking the enchantment. But few people want to follow these commands. They want their problem clearly stated and set forth, and then they want the remedy. They want to attack the evil and destroy it and so they are destroyed by the very thing they desire to destroy.

"But," says one, "that is the very reason I took up the study of Truth—I want to destroy the evil in my life." "there is nothing in My Kingdom that can or shall be destroyed," and the appearance you are attempting to destroy is the out-picturing of your own belief. You are attempting to destroy it while you are constantly creating it by gazing at the handling it, and examining the nature of it. Many people who are seeking God are turned awry over the appearances of a few leaves in a teacup or a few lines on the hand or other outside things. They will ask anyone to forecast the future, and are much more willing to believe these prognostications than to accept the fact that "God is in His Heaven [state of consciousness], all is well with the world."

In spite of the statement, "No man knoweth what a day brings forth," in spite of all the eloquent declarations that God is the only power, just let the idea of "fortune" be mentioned and they are all ears, being much more willing to take the word of a person who is prostituting the sacred gifts of Life than to have the revelation of their inner soul made manifest to them. "The way is broad that leads to destruction." The flower-strewn way of hearing good things that are about to happen by chance leads them on; they wade knee-deep in glorious flower-covered fields, snatching a posy here and there, thinking how wonderful it is that their "fortune" is so fine, perfectly unaware of the poisonous serpent that suddenly makes itself manifest in the form of a horrid prediction. Then they want to escape it all and fly back into the idea of Truth, and loudly proclaim that "God is ALL"; but the enchantment has done its work.

The flowers of the spurious joy of delving into the future have withered in their hands or turned to thistles. They shriek, "Save me." The terror of seeking those things which are an abomination to the Lord is their portion, yet even in this time of terror, even in this time of

desolation, there is always the way of escape.

Why is it that people who profess God as the only power wish to hear of other forces which they seem to think are actually more powerful than God? What is the insane curiosity of looking ahead, and trying to see if something good is going to happen, but the hypnotism of the human mind, and the failure to awaken to the glorious NOW of life? Anyone who has awakened to the Christ consciousness is not looking for the good that is to come; he is reveling in the glorious present of the NOW, and he does not doubt the future. He is not wondering if things will be taken care of. He knows that as long as he stays at the point of the NOW of God, he will not need to prepare to destroy the Devil.

If you are looking for good to come in the future, you are still where you were before you heard the Truth; do not the Gentiles do that? What difference if you have let go of the old idea of heaven, with angels, if you still hold on to the false idea of evil being more powerful than God? What is this belief of a power opposed to God? Why is it that, because someone has prophesied truly for ten thousand people who were under the enchantment of human doctrine, you, the son of the Living God, newly awakened to the powers and the gifts of Spirit, should come under the sway of this lie? Did not the magicians, soothsayers, and wise men produce a serpent after the prophet had produced it as a sign, and did not the appearances show clearly that the power used by the magicians was the same as that used by the Man of God? Yea, it was terrific proof, enough to make the stoutest heart faint for fear of the power of evil, but did not the serpent of the Man of God suddenly devour all the serpents of the magicians, and is there not hidden in this the glorious proof that God is supreme to the belief of any man or any teaching or any idea, however hoary with age and respect they may be? "There is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel."

"Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give thee light."

Awake from the hypnotism of human belief, and break the spell it has cast over you. Realize once for all time that "He watching over Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps;" that the I AM consciousness watching over you neither slumbers nor sleeps, and you are eternally in His care. You are the sons of the Living God, and this glorious recognition causes the laws of the human belief, however powerful they may have seemed, to give way before the new dawn. Awake, awake, awake. It is well with you!

Are you true to your own word? Then the whole world (your Universe) will be true to its word. "My words are Spirit and they are Truth, and they shall not [positively not] return unto me void, but shall accomplish whereunto they are sent."

You may be under the enchantment of money. "How hardly can a rich man enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Not that money is bad; it is the love of money that is spoken of as the root of all [not some] evil. It is the enchantment again of looking upon the outside and imagining that there is power there. There is no buying power in the symbol of money; it is what is back of it, for, even while you hold the symbol in your hand, it may decrease in value to a point where it is not worth the paper it is printed upon. The enchantment of money is due to the fact that we have placed power in the symbol instead of placing it where it

belongs. Hence, the saying, "Money is power" but what of a dying man who has exhausted the finest arts and crafts that money can buy? What about friendship? What about love? What about anything that really matters in life? Looking on the symbol, people become enchanted by it, then think to possess it, and end by being possessed by it; they are destroyed by the serpent just as surely as the bird is.

Trying to demonstrate symbols of money has not proved successful. Perhaps in a few remote cases it has been done; a handful of gold has been forthcoming, and then the terrible lapse that has followed and the wonder how it happened, and why it does not happen again. Keeping your attention fixed on things will keep them from you. As you pursue them, they flee before you as the mirage in the desert that seems so real and true.

Power is not in the symbol, the substance of money is not in the dollar bill. The golden idol with feet of clay will crash upon your own head. The worship of the golden calf seems to be in accord with the masses of humanity, but it brings the sharp rebuke, "Thou shalt have no [not any] other gods before ME." Where is this ME, and what is the ME that comes before all else, except the I AM consciousness within you, which is your point of contact with the Universal Whole?

"To him that hath shall be given" does not seem fair, and is not fair from the human standard of things, but it is true. To him that hath the consciousness shall be added symbols of that consciousness, not because he needs them, nor because he is receiving a special favor, but because he is automatically functioning a law of God. "With all thy getting, get understanding.," But most people say, "With all thy getting, get gold, then you will be able to go into the world and take possession."

"There is no enchantment against Jacob." There is no law of poverty that is fixed over you through which you are obliged to function. No, not if ten thousand wise men say as much. You are the son of the Living God, the All Power, and when you recognize this then will you understand how there can be no enchantment against Jacob.

"If you seek me after the loaves and fishes you shall not find me" is recorded as the saying of the Master. If you are seeking the things, then you will come under the enchantment of things, and you will reap the result of this divided allegiance.

"Who by taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" You may answer the question our self and look over that which follows, and perhaps through the crannies you will see the light, and hear the command "consider the lilies and the ravens and the sparrows," and many more things, and see that you, as the Son of the Living God, are not dependent upon the divination of the human mind.

Neither shall you be under the enchantment of disease, for the son of the Living God is a being of pure Spirit, and is made of the substance which comes under the direct control of God, who is of "too pure eyes to behold iniquity," Pause a moment and ask yourself whether there possibly could be an actual law of sickness and misery, and, if so, why have you, of all people, been singled out to manifest it? You can only answer that it is because of your

acceptance of this law as a power beside which God Himself is powerless. The more you look at the loathsome manifestation the more real it becomes, and the more you realize the utter impossibility of escaping it. Who can gaze at disease in its various forms and even imagine how it could be relieved? Yet in turning away from the appearance lies a sudden and sure escape—just as you know that the bird with two strong wings has an instantaneous means of escape from the serpent, yet so long as it stands gazing at the object of its fear, just so long will it be in the grip of that thing. Take your attention away from the appearance and place it on the All God and you will find wings to escape any difficulty to which your human thinking has brought you. Awake, thou that sleep—Christ is risen. The Christ consciousness within you has risen out of the tomb of your own making, and he comes with all power. Turn your attention away from appearances and the enchantment will be broken.

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel."

Either God is all powerful, and able to do all things or else our teaching is in vain. "There is NOW, therefore, no condemnation to those which are in Christ Jesus." When we begin to read the words of light and see the inner meaning, we see that the enchantment of the human mind is broken and that the condemnation of the evil of our beliefs is cancelled, and we are freed into the Spirit of the sons of the Living God. When we forsake the evil in our consciousness, then it is forgiven and released; the condemnation goes with it, and we are freed. Awake, you who sleeps, and Christ shall give you light.

Are you looking for a lucky charm, a sign, or a miracle? Miracles do not happen only to the human belief. The operation of the Divine Mind producing health where the human mind sees sickness, and prosperity where the human mind sees poverty, is a natural process. It is only unnatural to the relative world. The statement, "Signs shall follow, they shall not precede," does not mean anything to the person who is always looking for things. He wonders why, after years and years of serving God, he has never experienced a miracle or revelation. Awake, you that sleeps; the signs follow, they do not precede. Do not seek me after the loaves and fishes, because as soon as the loaves and fishes are consumed you will be without them, and be the creature of chance again. There can be no chance in the law of god, else the very harmony of the Universe would be destroyed. "There is no power opposed to God."

In Nigeria, all sorts of black magic is practiced, with the most terrible results. But in every instance the person who is to receive the baneful effects of this so-called power must be informed that it is being used against him, and this alone tells the tale, "Not that which goes into a man defiles him, but that which comes out." it is not what you take in that counts, but that which comes out. If you hear evil and accept it, it comes out in the form of evil in your universe, therefore it is that which defiles you. If disease is real, then it must come into manifestation.

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel."

The only enchantment in any of the evil lies in the fact that your attention is fixed upon it, and so it becomes real to you; but as soon as you take your attention away from it, and place

your consciousness on God, the enchantment is broken.

We look out upon a universe of our own making. "To the pure all things are pure," "Let the filthy be filthy still," "What you be, that thou see. The one who is perpetually looking for the clay feet of others stands on crumpling feet, and falls in his own dust. "Be thou wise as serpents and harmless as doves," "Occupy till I come." " I come quickly" *-It is well!*

## THEN WENT HE IN AND SHUT THE DOOR

"Then went he in and shut the door." What goes on behind the closed doors is going to be of tremendous interest to the outside world. "that which is told in secret is called from the housetops." When you think of the word "secret" you think of the "closed door," you think of the "Secret place of the Most High" -in fact you think of the center of Being. Until a man learns the law of silence he cannot leave his burning desert of human experience.

"He that travels alone shall travel far," "He that holdeth his tongue shall take a city [a new state of consciousness]:" and so he who learns to "come apart from among them and be separate" is getting his feet firmly placed on the ladder that leads safely to heaven realization.

Power is noiseless; its manifestation may make a terrific tumult, but power of itself is noiseless. "Be still and know that I AM God" has a command which has been as little heeded as the one, "Before they ask I will answer" -but that also bespeaks of silence accomplishing something that noise could not. The burning coal which is placed on the lips seals them for ever, and it is to such an one that power is given ...given because he has discovered something in the silence that he can never discover anywhere else. He has found certain secret springs which, when released, will cause the whole face of his universe to change, and people sill say, "It is a miracle," but he will know differently.

Until man learns the law of silence, he will travel on in the heat of the burning desert of experience, comparing notes with others; discussing and arguing about the vital truths which never seem to work, and yet seem so plausible and real.

"I do not see why it is that I cannot make more progress." "I have been faithful—I have helped many—I have heard hundreds of lectures—I have read hundreds of books—I have given of my substance—and still am in this terrible condition."

The answer to all this is simple, yet it will be rejected by many because they like to "talk it over" first with someone who is supposed to know more than they do; and then they want to talk it over with God and tell Him just what to do before things will be right in the Universe. But nothing happens and they either go down into the ditch of human failure or hear the "still small voice" which constantly says, "Be still, be still, be still, and know that I AM God."

In the quietness and peace shall be they strength." A thousand times that is read over, and by the very one who is seeking light and understanding, but will you obey it? Nay! Nay! You will pass it over, and go again into the desert of human hope seeking for shade and water. In the desert through which you are traveling is the deep secret well of silence, and when you drink waters thereof you are refreshed, and the water there from will transform the desert into a garden.

"Be still" Be very still and KNOW that I AM God, and you will find out something about the Promised land you have been seeking, lo, these many years. The something you will find out is that the Promised Land lies in your own consciousness, and the moment you are through seeking it, and begin the process of recognizing it as here and now within the secret place of

your heart, that moment you see the transformation beginning to make itself manifest.

Do not expose the seed to the parching winds of human opinion. "Thou fool, do you not know that a seed must first fall into the ground and rot before it shall be made alive?" Do you not know that the seed idea must be dropped into the secret place, and there lose its outer wrapping of human opinion and belief before the new manifestation shall come forth? The ugly brown bulb is transformed into a cluster of lilies. What a transformation! All for the simple following of the law. Yet this process of change is no more wonderful than the transformation that shall go on in you. "O you of little faith." -when you can follow the law. "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." How can the mind be renewed if it be not still? How can the earth be renewed unless it go deep into the secret place of the roots and there restore itself or its manifestation by the substance that is stored up there? Do you begin to see why it is that the lips shall be sealed? You who read?

The butterfly and chrysalis, the chick in the shell, and a thousand other things give you an ample idea, but all these are inadequate to convey the power of the Word which is to work out in you when you can be still.

The law states very clearly, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you," and yet there be thousands that will say they have done all these things and are still without the bare necessities of life. Seeking amidst the husks of human reasoning and opinions, among the findings of the human intellect, will not be productive of much more than a grain or two of substance. Asking the world at large for freedom from your sorrows will merely bring pity or ridicule on your head. Knocking at the gates of human temples is disheartening, and yet the law continues:

"For every [no exceptions] one that asks receives; and he that seeks finds; and to him that knocks it *shall* be opened."

The pristine beauty of this assurance sounds forth like a glorious bell across the smooth waters of a silver lake, or like an answered SOS to a tempest tossed ship, and yet no results have come. Men have gone down in the ditch trying to wrench away from the Universe, a decent living. One by one the dreams of youth are exploded because they cannot be fulfilled, although they seemed so right and so possible of attainment.

"For everyone that asks receives." You may prove that you spend hours a day in good works and prayer, just as a man states, and truly, that he holds an oak tree in his hand when he shows you an acorn. In spite of the fact that you have "faith as a grain of mustard seed" that is said to be enough to move mountains, nothing happens, and nothing is going to happen until you enter the place of silence and set the seal on your lips.

When you are once in this place of silence you find the processes reversed. "Before you ask, I will answer." The asking is merely voicing something that is about to be made visible. It is the decreeing of the thing that will eventually come into manifestation. The chick in the shell, hidden away from the world of curious human eyes, is evolving into a new state; you will begin to see what takes place in the silence of your being, and why you are commanded to: "Be still and know that I AM God." Presently, you leave the noisy company of those traveling

in the desert and enter into your secret place, to discover that the Promised Land is not a place, but a state of consciousness, and it exists in the NOW of time, the HERE of space.

"But the land where you go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drink water of the rain of heaven; a land which the Lord thy God cares for; the eyes of the Lord thy God cares for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year."

Note the words, "the Lord they God," and see if the light of the governing influence of your Christ consciousness does not blaze forth with such effulgence that the noonday is as the twilight, and in this revelation are revealed the glorious things that heretofore were hidden from the human mind. "Eyes have not seen," etc., etc. But it is there all the same, and makes itself manifest when the eye becomes single and when the lips become silent and when the recognition is made in the secret place. Here and Now does not mean more waiting, more patience with the appearance of things, but it means a beautiful transformation that goes on before your eyes, a coming into being of the Promised Land.

When you pause for a moment to consider that the Lord thy God is watching over this Promised land, "where you go to possess," from "the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year," then you can understand why you are admonished to take no thought for the body, for the food, for the purse, scrip, or upper chamber.

"I have much to say unto you, but you could not bear it now." No one can bear the deep Truth of Life until his lips have been sealed. No one can take the new state of consciousness until he can hold his tongue, for it is by means of the tongue—symbolically speaking that you shall be defiled. Watch, therefore, that you enter not into temptation to tear away the protective coating of silence from about the new idea. Let not the manifestation be retarded or deformed by your anxiety, for, the moment you recognize the new idea, the soul of you is singing, no matter what the outward appearances for now the Child is born. Every idea that has its immaculate conception in the mind of silence will come forth to rule over its domain gloriously. Be still, be still, be still and know that I AM God.

The sign of a silent soul is serenity, poise, and power. There is a confidence and an abandon. There is a light of joy in the consciousness.

"Serene I fold my hands and wait," -quite a different waiting from the old idea of waiting for something to happen. It is the confident waiting for the Divine event to take place, a serene confidence that it is done and the mechanics will be perfectly executed. Can you see why it is necessary for you to come apart from them and be separate? Be still, be still, be still.

"Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord."

"For the froward is an abomination to the Lord; but His *secret* is with the righteous."

The froward is an abomination to the Lord, the same as the one who digs up the garden after it is planted, and opens the egg after it has been placed under the bird. Abomination,

because he is destroying the manifestation that is due to appear.

Awake, you who sleep, and Christ will give you light." Awake and arise from the dead. Fold your tent and steal silently away into the secret place where you can enlarge the borders of your tent without asking the permission of anyone. No matter how loving the advice may be, the things of spirit that are deep and pure will have to be found alone in the silent place, alone with God.

All that is necessary to enter therein is willingness on the part of the student, willingness to listen instead of to tell; willingness to accept the promises as made by the master, and to plant the seed and let the human limitations and husks of belief rot away from it, in order that the new life may appear. In the place of the Most High you have no favors to ask, no special permission to gain. What you tell yourself in secret shall be called from the housetop. The Word shall become flesh. There is a rest for the people of God. All of these beautiful things become true to the silent soul. "Be still and know that I AM God."

## BREAKING THE BREAD

Five thousand hungry men, far from food and shelter. Five thousand men in the desert, hungry, calling for bread; and only five barley loaves. The nearest food depot miles away.

Dozen of empty vessels, all crying out to be filled. Great, yawning, ugly, black vacuums of debt and want, and only a few drops of oil in the cruse.

Great stretches of parched desert scorched by sun and wind— Dry, barren, ugly, useless. Worthless,

Helpless, unwanted, crying for expression, and only a small desert water-hole under a scraggy tree, half-filled with poisonous water, and a mass of bone-dry seeds buried in the sands.

Any one of these pictures is enough to make the average strong heart quail and turn away with a sense of helplessness. "Why does God permit such terrible things to exist if He is All-powerful?" "Why do I have to continue always under an avalanche of debt and limitations, with never enough to do anything with?" "Why do I lie on a bed of pain, my body racked with loathsome disease?"

"I have tried and tried and yet no results come." "Anyone could see that five loaves would not feed five thousand men. A loaf to a thousand? What good to even pause to consider such an absurd idea? What good to consider the empty jars when only a few drops of oil are visible?" "Thus man reasons, and thus he fails. Having drawn his conclusions in accordance with the best human understanding and wisdom, he abides by the results.

The first and great law of breaking the belief of limitation is, 'judge not from appearances.' We have heard it often, but we have never really *heard* it until we can do it. When you actually *hear* a word of Truth you can fulfill it. Taking your attention away from the appearance of things, or judging not from appearances, is not merely closing the material eyes and refusing to see that which you know in your human thinking is real. "Being absent from the body and present with the Lord" is actually placing the attention on the Invisible Source of All. This is neither as abstract nor as difficult as it seems at first glance. It is not a difficult thing through the process of your imagination to possess those things which are necessary for your well-being. It is not a difficult for you to imagine that it would be a simple matter to the All Power to produce all the desires of your heart seeing it has already created infinitely more right before your eyes. It is not difficult for you to place your consciousness in the realm of Spirit, and there feel the freedom of the All Spirit, being lost in the immensity of light, and finding the hard outlines and form of things all melting back into the infinite ONE out of which all things came into being.

After all, a moment's thought will cause you to throw much of the limiting reasoning of human wisdom away. Just think of the infinite flow of water into the Universe. From the single drop to the mighty torrents, where does it come from? Out of the same invisible realm of substance we see millions of different manifestations, just as out of the same garden plot we see a hundred varieties of seeds bringing forth as many different kinds of flowers and

fruits, all drawing on the identical substance for their life. Why does a poppy and a grain of wheat, drawing on the same elements, bring forth such radically different manifestations? Who can answer except with the absurd reply, "It is the nature of the seed."

Why should it seem strange, then that man should make a conscious contact with this Infinite Power, and see it step up the process of time and bring out the instant manifestation of whatsoever is needed, instead of seeing it put through the limiting human thought process? Why should it be thought so absolutely outside the ken of possibility?

Further, why is it that you, the very reader of this page, will go into your garden and scatter a handful of seeds in the ground without so much as a mental effort as to how they are going to draw their substance out of the invisible? Pushing this idea back a little farther, you find it is because you have a perfect confidence that it can be done, not in a way you know, but in an unseen way. Somehow or other this tiny seed will be able will be able to select the pigmentation of color and the qualities for its own expression. And, do you not find this strange; it has ceased to be wonderful. It is natural. You dismiss it. The handful of seed is all that is necessary for you presently to reap a harvest that many men with many baskets cannot gather in.

Yet if someone said, "There are five loaves to feed five thousand hungry men," you would immediately place it under the head of miraculous. Something outside the laws of nature and life. Why should it be thought more difficult to increase one substance than another? Well, you scatter your seed with abandon, and with absolute faith that it's increase is assured; you give it little or no thought after it is sown. But if you were to attempt to increase the loaves you would be concerned to such an extent with the manifestation that the law would not operate.

If you have five seeds and want to increase them to five thoughts and, you do not lay the five seeds on the table and pray over them. You do something. You cast them into the ground. There is no wondering or questioning the action. After you have abandoned them in this way, the work on the outside is done; the next move must be from the realm of the Invisible.

When will you, you who read this page, open your eyes and see what is going on all about you? When will you start the flow of substance by taking your attention away from the symbol and placing it on the substance back of the symbol? In other words, when will you cast the seed into the ground of Spirit and let the Invisible Power of the Lord work upon it? When you drop the seeds into the ground, you have already given thanks, perhaps not in words, for the harvest. You have actually accepted your good—your increase—your fulfillment—and yet you have seen nothing. But you have obeyed the law, you have not asked for a sign—knowing that the "signs will follow, they do not precede."

When Jesus, the Master, saw the five thousand the five loaves, he said to his disciples: "Give them to eat." The disciples, even as you and I, immediately looked at the problem before them and in the most intelligent manner asked: "Where can we get the bread?" Over and over the word is spoken to us, yet the deaf ears hear nothing. When the Voice commands, it should be sufficient to cause you to move into action; for it will never say "do," "go," "be," "have," or any of the commands, unless wrapped up in that very word is the means of

expressing the command in its fullness.

Strange as it may seem to the human sense, man is always in possession of enough to start the increase which will unfold or unroll until it has filled every empty thing. Hence, in the desert, five loaves were "seed" sufficient to increase the manifestation unto the need.

Jesus took the five loaves and blessed them. His blessing was one of pure recognition of the infinite increase, or the infinite abundance of substance. "He blessed, and brake, and gave..."

He regarded absolutely all appearances, "He blessed, and brake, and gave"...and he kept on breaking the bread until everything was filled and there was enough and to spare. His attention being away from the appearance of things all the while and placed on the invisible. The very invisible out of which the tremendous increase of your seed-planting took place last spring. Only his attention was so conscious of the Presence that the time lag was wiped out and it became the glowing, vibrating NOW of Spirit.

"Borrow vessels, not a few"-the same power blessing, recognizing the infinite source of substance, looked away from the few drops of oil and began to pour it out just as it had broken the bread. Presently out of the invisible source of all things the flow of oil came in such abundance that everything was full to overflowing.

The only benefit of these parables is the direct application to your present manifestation. Many people stand in the place, symbolically speaking, of the master with five thousand hungry men and five loaves, or with hundreds of empty vessels and only a few drops of oil, wondering why they do not demonstrate abundance, not heeding the urge of Spirit to "Bless and break, and give" to recognize the presence of the Spirit and begin the process of breaking and giving. Wherever you are, and whatever your problems may be, you have the five loaves necessary, or the few drops of oil, and you can "Bless, and break, and give."

All three steps are necessary. You are doing the same thing constantly in your garden, whether consciously or unconsciously. Your garden is brought forth just this way. You realize that half the joy of your garden is the giving of its rich harvest to others, yet many people in the Truth imagine that the giving is something entirely apart from the getting. It is only by making a constant outlet for the expression of good that more can flow into your life. It is reasonable to believe that the increase of anything would stop if it had no outlet. We notice in the five loaves and five thousand men demonstration that bread was given as fast as they came for it. It was not all manifested at once and then passed out. Your substance does not have to be mountain high before you can give it out. In fact, if the flow is not kept open, the increase stops.

It is a glorious revelation that you, just where you are, begin the process of breaking and giving the bread of life and see the endless flow of substance making itself manifest to you and your Universe.

You can begin to see why the command of "Silence" is so essential. Why, the great prayer is "Be still and know that I AM God" not the human limited power, but that which can step up the time lag and make the NOW of the manifestation appear. The power which is back of

this potent statement "You say it is four months until the harvest, but 'I' say look again." Only those that have eyes that have been opened to the reality of being can see the harvest where the human sense says the planting has not yet even taken place. "Having eyes, you see not; having ears, you hear not." "Awake, you that sleep." The new dimension is edging into your picture.

Do you begin to see the futility of keeping the attention fixed on the few drops of oil, or the five loaves and the hungry masses? Bring this right down to your problems and a door will open to you. A new joy will fill you, for you will discover that you have all that is necessary to bring out the fullness of the invisible substance.

Beloved, do not let it be said of you any more "You seek ME, not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves and were filled."

Do you not see how perishable is the symbol but how unlimited is that which is back of it? "Labor not for meat that perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life."

Why should you worry about the symbols, take your attention away from them or the lack of them and keep breaking and giving of the precious substance. Do not invert the process and reason thus in your hearts, "If I give I shall get," that is a losing game, give because the *overflowing* substance within you seeks its level. That is, it is complete fulfillment, automatically. You cannot help pouring out the gift of the Father when you begin to see that the infinite flow of joy is coursing through you, and through your Universe. Rejoice and be exceeding glad and let fall the drenching rain of recognition of the presence of God; let it fall on the barren desert of your life and the desert will blossom as a rose, for it has the seeds of infinite possibilities hidden away in its burning sands, awaiting recognition. It is well, "Break your bread and give it to the hungry multitude of desires in your life."

## POWER

"All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth."

In spite of this, men still wonder if it is possible for God to set aside the evil in their lives; if it is possible for the All power to neutralize fearful problems that have come to them.. "All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth." This statement is certainly not true of man, for he seems strangely without power. In fact, everything else in the Universe seems to have more power than man. Hence he is subject to all sorts of influences over which he seemingly has no control, God is ruled out of His Universe and a power of evil is enthroned.

When man examines his human self to ascertain his capacities and abilities, he finds them strangely lacking in power. He takes into account his birth, breeding, education, muscular power, general health, etc., and knows exactly what he can do, even to his earning capacity. This is verified by thousands of laws, statistics, and proofs, as well as the findings of the wisdom of the world. What good is it to tell a man who has measured himself by these standards that a power exists that can and does make everyone of his findings null and void?

He knows he cannot lift a two-hundred pound weight, he has tried it. What is the good of argument on this point? He can prove it to you. Yet occasionally he finds that someone, in a moment of excitement or stress, has lifted many times his own weight and this in spite of the best findings of human intellect. He knows it cannot be done, and yet time and again it has been done and man says, "by a supernatural power." Exactly, and that is what he should say, and that recognition should suddenly turn his attention away from the limited human capacity unto the Supernatural Power.

The law by which this power is discovered and used is by taking the attention away from the limitations of the human world, and contemplating the Real and Supernatural Universe, the unconditioned power of God.

The following article was clipped from the *New Yorker* of a recent date. It was found in an article on Zimbalist, the great violinist: "Somehow, nobody told Zimbalist that he was supposed to play the piano too; but during the final examinations, in his eighteenth year, they handed him a Beethoven sonata to be read at sight, in the presence of the whole faculty. He had never touched a piano except to get his 'A'. He sat down, however, got his breath, played. When he finished, he was told to close the book and repeat the whole sonata from memory; he did so. After a moment of silence the room broke unanimously into applause—an unheard of demonstration."

All the human intellect in the Universe could not conceive this possible. They would immediately say it could not take place, and yet it did take place. Few things could be more difficult. It bespeaks of a power which is entirely outside human capacity. Imagine reading a difficult sonata once, and then playing it note perfect, and this on an instrument you had never touched. Just think about it a moment, then you will begin to see what the power of which Jesus spoke is capable of doing. It is capable of setting every human law at naught. Is it any wonder, then that within this law lies the Kingdom of Heaven, and should it not thrill

you to know that this very law is possible of operation within your midst?

"Ah, but Zimbalist is a genius." Not being able to dispose of the Power, which upsets the most cherished laws of the human mind, it finally disposes of the matter in that way. BUT, presently it is confronted with another interesting new item concerning an invalid who had been paralyzed for twenty years and was being conveyed on a stretcher to another town. In crossing the tracks, the carriers suddenly discovered they were in the way of an on-coming express train. Without time to go forward or backward the length of a stretcher, they did the most natural human thing. The law of self-preservation came into play and they dropped the stretcher and fled. From the human standpoint it was certain destruction to the invalid, who had not walked a step for years and could not move himself. But what happened? He, the invalid, suddenly seeing the train, leaped from the stretcher and ran. But how? Only a moment before he could not move. A miracle had happened, said the Press, and so it had. Something that the human mind not conceive as possible had happened, and laws of twenty years standing were as naught. What about it? Do you think it is necessary for the God Power to have an express train in the picture in order to operate? Do you think it is always necessary to have some terrific thing about to happen before God is able to come into manifestation? It does not matter whether it takes an on-rushing train, an earthquake, or torrent to produce it, or whether you produce it in the quiet of your own soul. One thing alone is necessary, and that one, all important point is your willingness to take your attention away from the limited human concept of yourself. In the simple language of Jesus, we find "that to be absent from the body and present with the Lord" is the way of great miracles. Looking at the appearances of things only binds you to the human capacity which is practically nil.

The story of the prophet and his servant is the story of every man. The servant, looking to appearances, saw that they were about to be destroyed and called out in fear. But the prophet was smiling and called the servant's attention to the invisible visible power and said, "Those that are for us are more than those that are against us." That is, the power that is for you is greater than all the combined beliefs opposed to you. The reward is rich if you can heed the Scriptures, "Be absent from the body and present with the Lord." If the Lord knows your every need, and supplies it before you ask, then why not fix the attention of the All-ness of God NOW?

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abides for ever."

Can you but place your Trust in the Lord, not as some mysterious power, but as the very presence of Life within you and your Universe, then you can know the feel of instant release from the evil of human belief. "With god all [not some] things are possible." ALL things are possible. Do you hear, you who read this book? "Believe you this?"

"They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, even as the waters cover the sea."

We begin to see, then that Jesus was a Truth sayer when he said, "I come not to destroy, but to fulfill." The idea that we are here for the purpose of destroying something gives way to the

truth of the redemption of everything. The fulfilling of the law is the realization of the presence of the Power which is able to do that which the human limitation finds impossible.

"God is able to do for us exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us." The God Power is able and willing to do that which completely out distances human thinking with its limited idea of the possibilities of the God Power; but note the crux of the whole thing lies in the word "according." According to your acceptance of the God Power as everywhere present, and as omnipotent, will It be able to do more than human thought can conceive of. The God Power reverses every human law. "Before they ask I shall answer" is one of the interesting things to be considered. From the standpoint of reason this is absolutely ridiculous, so inversely to the Divine Mind the "Reason of man is foolishness in the eyes of God."

Cannot you see, you who read this page, how we are fast approaching the state of "Be still and know that I AM God?" Can you see why the noisy chattering of the human mind must give way to the glorious peace and poise of the Presence? If your question is answered before it is asked, why repeat it over and over, why not stay on the finished idea?

"The former things have passed away, they shall not come into mind nor be remembered any more."

Even the memory of the evil shall be passed through the waters of forgetfulness and man shall arise from this glorious bath and be clothed in a cloud of perfume from an unseen flower of spirit. He shall stand on the heights naked and be enveloped by a golden veil of life. The former things shall have passed away and shall not be remembered any more.

"The works that I do, I do not of myself, but the Father that dwells within me, He does the works."

Indwelling in every man is this Father which is able to do more than we ask or think, and which is able to set aside the limitations of the human expression. Making your union with this Father brings you to the point of which Jesus spoke: "I can of myself do nothing, but with God all things are possible;" and a little contemplation will cause you to see that if you will open wide the doors of your consciousness and let this Christ come into your life and become one with you, "the Father within" will do the works.

"Behold I have received a commandment to bless, and He hath blessed and I cannot reverse it." The capacity of the Father within is to bless, and the meaning of the word "bless" conveys that heavenly capacity of invoking the Divine favor. It is wondrous and beautiful to contemplate that "I have received the commandment to bless." The "I" of you hath received the commandment to bless, to "invoke the Divine favor," It is that which sets aside the sternest human laws and beliefs; it is the power which causes the oldest and time honored limitations to crumple as a sand castle before a tidal wave. Nothing can revoke this Divine blessing, when once it is recognized and called into manifestation. All that is necessary to bring out the glorious relation are the simple words "I bless you" spoken from the conscious recognition of your atonement with the Father within. Remembering all the while that this glorious teaching is given to the child. Not the child in years, but in consciousness.

The mind that can accept that God is the only Power and is everywhere present.

"All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth." In the mind and in the body is all power given unto the I AM. Arise and go forth with this glorious command written in gold across your heart: "Behold I have received a command to bless [to invoke the Divine Power], and he hath blessed and I cannot reverse it." You can go your way invoking the Divine Power because you are the Child of the Living God, and right now and right in the place you stand you have the power to do this.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of God has risen upon you."

You are the Being of light in the Universe of Light. It is well with you NOW.

## CHRISTMAS

"For unto us a child is born, and his name shall be called Wonderful, the mighty, the counselor, the everlasting, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and of his reign there shall be no end."

So beloved, you who read this page, at this very instant the great folds of spiritual light are breaking over you, the soul of you arises at the blast of the silent trumpet, and the glad tidings are proclaimed throughout your Universe. The picture of history and legend that you have cherished so long in your heart has suddenly come to life and the divine event takes place within you. Within the manger of your heart. You, the poor worm of the dust, the sinner, the outcast, are actually the lowly manger wherein the Christ is born. His name is to be called Wonderful, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. The government of what? The government of your life. The poor struggling sinner who has so long been under the law of "When I would do good, I do evil," he it is who suddenly sees the star in the east and goes towards the stable of his own heart and finds there at this glorious instant the divine event taking place.

And the government of your life is to be upon *his* shoulders. All the worrying and trying and effort falls away, "Cast your burden on Me and I shall sustain you;" "Lean on Me;" "Come unto Me," a hundred invitations are given to the struggling man, but until the divine event takes place, he turns a deaf ear to it all, unable to see how it can possibly take place. The quickening of the Father within. The recognition of the Divine Sonship. The glorious revelation of the atonement with God. "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." All these and a hundred more testimonies hover about the new babe like angels of the lord. Enfolding the universe of the newborn in the soft folds of their wings. It is wonderful. Heaven and earth are full of You.

The struggle is over. "He that loses his life shall find it." He that loses his personal life, his life of separateness, in the immensity of the All life shall find the real meaning of Life; shall find the hidden manna and the living waters, and shall never hunger or thirst again. Then if your will be lost in the Divine Will or if your human governing be given overt to the Christ, then your will becomes His will and His will becomes your will, and you see the new regime setting in.

The glorious heralds of the new Day go forth and proclaim it to the uttermost parts of your sin-bound Universe. The prisons of thought are opened and the prisoners are set free. There is great rejoicing in the land, for you that were dead are made alive.

"For unto us a child is born, and his name shall be called Wonderful." His name shall be called

Wonderful. Do you hear? Do you feel it? You who read this page, you? Blessings, floods of blessings, holiness, glorious swirls of illumination are yours, the heavenly hosts are descended unto you. You are in a blaze of light or revelation in the glorious NOW. The soul of you at this time is singing "Glory Hallelujah. Christ is born." Not in a far off country, not in the dead history of yester years, but in the glorious NOW, right in the midst of the fear-

filled life. Christ is born and the government shall be upon His shoulders. The wonder of it fills you with silence so great and powerful that you are lost in the immensity of it all.

The government shall be upon his shoulders, and it shall therefore be right and just and good. Fear not—it is well with thee. Let go of the personal striving. You are now about your Father's business and this is the eternal expression of harmony and joy. A new sense of integrity will come to you. "Blessed shall you be when you come in and when you go out." The lazy, sluggish mind shall give place to fresh streams of activity. Like a frozen river that is suddenly touched by the hot tropic sun, the frozen river of your life shall burst forth into expression. Or, like a flood that passes through the stagnant waters of life, this glorious awakening shall sweep away all the scum and stagnation of human fears and thinking and leave in its place the healthful waters of activity.

Be not anxious. The government shall be upon his shoulders, and it will be well with thee. Fear Not!

"All the ends of the earth shall come." The ends of your universe. They shall hear of the new birth and shall arise, and the kings shall come and lay their crowns and jewels at the feet of the new babe. The realms of human power, of human thinking, shall finally bend their knees to the new King.

Thus will the monarchs of Health, Wealth, and Happiness, who have been so difficult to appease, come and lay their power down. No more shall they have dominion over you, for your life shall be governed from now on, not by a group of tyrants doling out a little happiness, health, and substance to you, but by the Great Central power of all—the Christ in the midst of you, and all flesh shall see it together. "For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for your Redeemer draws near. The limited concept of life shall be swept away. In place thereof is the Christ who says, "Before you ask I will answer," instead of the tyrants of human thinking who required sacrifice of blood and fire before they could be moved to do ever so little for you.

"And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." When in your weakness, when in the recognition of your inability to accomplish the good you would, you come to the point of recognition of the Christ within, then you are "No more under the law,"

"My grace is sufficient for thee." My grace, my divine Influence shall be sufficient for thee. The influence of the Divine surrounds you, it is above the possibility of failure or fear or harm. No wonder, then that you are thrilling with joy. The long years of bondage are ended. The scorching path in the desert has terminated. You have come to the promised land. "My grace is sufficient for thee." where is the MY of this promise and where is the thee? Do you not see how it all goes back to the Christmas; to the new birth of that which is Wonderful and upon whose shoulders the government shall rest? The government of the human personality shall be upon the Christ and the Grace of the Christ shall be sufficient for the human manifestation. Sufficient is enough. Do you hear, you who read this page? You? "My grace is sufficient for thee." Sufficient is enough. Over and over this revelation comes to mankind, and at last out of it he perceives the wonders of the Divine Influence. The Divine Influence is

that which causes the acorn to press its tiny shoot through the hard earth, and even through places and under conditions that are pronounced hopeless. This same Divine Influence is that which enables you to pass by safely. It is that which enables you to pass by safely. It is that which opens the doors in walls that otherwise appear blank and adamant.

This glorious quality of the Divine Influence which we call grace resides in the consciousness of the Christ Mind which you were told to "let" be in you. "Let the Child be born." In other words, when we have the Christian celebration within our own souls, then the Christ is born within us, then we begin to experience the law of Grace or the Divine Influence. We begin to see the old beliefs fall away. We begin to see that the legends of Father Christmas and the Christmas tree are truths told so that the un-initiate should not despoil them of their precious substance. They are the pearls which are not cast before swine.

The Christmas tree is only another way of expressing the Tree of Life which lies in the midst of the garden and upon whose branches re all good gifts, the Gifts of Spirit. Whosoever hears the word will henceforth not be a beggar for the gifts of life, but will go within his own garden and take his own gifts. "All that the Father has is yours." When the law of Grace is set free the law of limitation is made null and void. You will find then that the promise "Before they ask, I will answer" is something true and wonderful.

You are your own Christmas tree and your own Father Christmas. You are the center and circumference of your being. You stand in the center of your universe and at the uttermost point of our universe. Spirit is all and only when man accepts his birthright and goes forward upon these new lines can he possibly know the joy and thrill that the truth about Christmas brings. When you realize for an instant "For unto us a child is born and his

name shall be called Wonder, the mighty, the counselor, the everlasting, and upon his shoulders shall be the government," then you have taken Christmas out of the symbolism and gotten back to the soul of it. It ceases to be a day of gifts, pudding and turkey and a possible church service thrown in with a magnanimous prayer for the poor and turns itself into a heavenly recognition of the Presence: Flings wide the portals of a New Year, a New life and a New field of attainment.

At the name of Christ every knee shall bend. At the nature or name of the Christ the knee of every human belief shall bend to do Him homage. Every so called power shall bend before the One and Only Power, who rules by Grace. "My grace is sufficient for thee." It is wonderful.

"Joy to the world (your world)  
The Lord has come  
Let earth receive her king."

Joy to your world—joy to your world—the Lord has come. Lord of Lords and King of Kings is born within you. Born within your consciousness. Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and besides this there is no other. Not a little personal despot of a king, but a glorious God.

Everything is fused with the new/old idea, the birth of the Christ within you. You are filled with light and the radiance of the New Day. It is so, and so it is. Selah

## THE YEARS THAT THE LOCUST HAVE EATEN

"I will restore to you the years that the locust has eaten." A meaningless bit of Bible language, a scrap of Oriental poetry, and yet hidden away therein is a secret and a promise so wonderful that it makes the interest in life flare up into reality again. "The years that the locust have eaten" are years that are wasted. So many have found themselves looking backward over a life of fruitless years; years of struggle; years consumed with futility and despair; years filled with unexpressed dreams and ambitions; ugly years of vacuity and nothingness. Hundreds of people have spent ages trying to bring out the higher consciousness, only to arrive at a place of disappointment. Old, worn-out bodies and insufficient funds seem to have been the reward for their years of labor. The locust of human thought has eaten up all that was worthwhile, and left but the ghastly skeletons. Many of these fall back on the old hateful teaching that when they "sleep" they shall waken to a new and wonderful state of things. They only accept this because they have failed to bring out the Presence here and now. The bitterness of failure is upon them.

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all die, but we shall be *changed*, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump. The dead in Christ will be raised and we [the living] will be changed."

The "last trump" that is to sound which will change you, or raise you from the mass of dead beliefs, is not a noise that shall be heard with the human ear. It is "the still small voice" of the Master who stands at the door and knocks. It is this glorious power that will suddenly cause you to know that the "years which the locust has eaten" are restored, and that it is not too late, it is not just a whitewashing of rotten timbers, but a newness, a restoration of the temple which was almost destroyed. "Destroy this temple [body] and in three days I will raise it up." "I have power to pick it up or lay it down." We are speaking of the temple of the body, which is the "Temple of the Living God" and is therefore a temple of perfection. We are speaking of the temple of life which through belief has been consumed with the locust of human thought. Yea, these very temples that we call human bodies, these same bodies that we have called "vile" and have begged to be delivered from, these shall be restored.

The day of platitudes is over for the one who has heard the voice of the Inner Lord. He is no longer trying to make his old body over by repeating a lot of words or ideas. He knows that he must be born again: He must start all new and fresh. He must give up his temporal power and become the new fresh babe of Spirit. "you *must* be born again." Old Nebuchadnezzar, when told that he must be born again, put up the same argument that you and I put forth when we are first initiated into the inner courts and hear the wonders that must be made manifest. No wonder we have seen so much failure and such tiresome years of earnest effort being consumed by the locusts of failure and futility.

"He restores my soul." The substance that has been wasted in prodigality is restored in all its freshness. The prodigality may not necessarily have been sin in the terms of what the world calls sin, but it may have been spent in a thousand and one ways that proved futile and availed you nothing.

"Return unto the Lord and He shall forgive your back sliding." We are just beginning to

understand that through a mistaken belief of life in the body, we have wasted our substance, and that we have nothing but the locust-eaten years to look upon.

"Behold, I make all things new." Do you believe that? You, who read this line? Where do you locate the "I" of which you speak? Can you see, you who read these lines, that the new day is slowly but surely dawning and that the words of the Spirit of Truth, whoever spoken through, are being fulfilled? "I shall restore the years that the locust has eaten."

"Yet in my flesh shall I see God." Do you believe this, you who are reading? Do you think it is possible and do you stop to think what it will be like to "see God in your flesh?" "In my flesh shall I see God." what would you see if you saw God in your flesh? Think it over, certainly you would not see the "years that the locust has eaten." "His flesh shall be fresher than a child's; he returns to the days of his youth."

The human mind cannot grasp this. It comes under the head of the seeming impossible, therefore it comes under the scope of the I AM consciousness; the doer of the impossible. Note the word "fresher." Why "fresher?" Because it is the spiritualized flesh. "In my flesh shall I see God." In my flesh shall I see spirit materialized. We know that Jesus raised his body from the death of materiality and from the material limitations, and yet he had a body which could be touched and handled. But it was fresher even than the body of a child, or the flesh of a child, because it had lost all earthliness and had become pure spirit. These are the deep things of Spirit. "My words are spirit, and they are truth and they shall not return unto Me void!" Do you hear, you who read? The deep and hidden things are being revealed to you. "Be still and know that I AM God." This means that the human laws of birth, growth, maturity, and decay are no more operative for you. You are the risen Lord. The Spirit has become flesh, and the years that have been eaten by the locust are restored. They are revealed in all their beauty and nothing is lost or found wanting.

"The Kingdom of Heaven has come near unto you." Secretly we are seeing, through the mass of words, the power behind, and are leaving the symbols for the reality. In the seed is stored up all the plant well need to express itself in perfection. Lost in the Life of God, you are finding that the substance spent in riotous living is restored to you.

Do you not see that when you lose your life, the human sense of birth, growth, maturity, and decay, you will find the eternal Life, that which will restore all which you thought was eaten by the locust—human belief? "For this *is* [present tense] Life eternal, that they might know Thee."

Beloved, the day breaks, gradually we shall know the truth of the statement "And God shall wipe away all tears, there shall be no more crying." The belief of human misery shall pass away, and you shall stand revealed, the Son of the Living God. "You shall forget your misery, and remember it as waters that pass away." Job 11:16

The hour is struck. The door is closed. We are beginning the process from within out; that which shall change us, or reveal to us the "full stature of Christ." "Eyes have not seen." We do not look for a pattern or model of this temple of the Living God, but we gaze inwardly to the "Picture shown us upon the mount" and this is the picture that shall be reproduced in the

flesh. "Yet in my [my own] flesh shall I see God." Do you hear, you who read? "Do you believe this?"

## THE LORD SAID UNTO MY LORD

"The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit you on My right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool." Matt 22:44

The Universal Consciousness speaks to it's manifestation. The Son becomes one with the Father as Jesus stated. "I and My Father are one." :My Father is greater than I," so man is beginning to see and to recognize the fact that the I AM within him is the Father consciousness which by man's acceptance becomes one with the whole. All ideas of separation are swept away in the glorious manifestation of Light. All fear and limitation are made null and void. Instantly you see that the Lord, the Inner Lord who has become lost in the maze of the belief world, and is almost overcome with the seeming enemies, has to put up his sword and "see the salvation of the Lord" - what Lord?

"Until I make your enemies your footstool." When there ceases to be retaliation; when man ceases to fight back, but steps aside as it were, *the* "vengeance is mine" is perfectly worked out into expression in a way man knows not of. His enemies have reaped the whirlwind. Whosoever tries to steady the ark of another finds his arm withered away.

If a man throws a rubber ball at a brick wall it returns to him of it's own volition, but if there happens to be a hole in the wall it goes through and does not return. So is it with evil. If your enemies throw evil at you and you accept it, then you have to pay the ugly penalty of getting rid of that which you have accepted. You then set about to get even with your adversary, and the result is discord, and possibly destruction for both of you. But if you have no hole in the wall, that is, if you refuse to accept the evil, it returns with accelerated force to its sender. You do not have to seek revenge. "Vengeance is mine, says the Lord." the reaction of evil is its own punishment and cure. You have no enemies except those you accept as such within your own consciousness.

Judging from appearances and looking to people as detached, separate beings causes you to manifest dissension, strife, and evil. "Know you not that you are gods" has been interpreted to mean that a personality can rise up and make itself as a god, instead of realizing that you are a god in capacity as soon as you recognize you have within you the I AM consciousness which has instant power to contact the Universal Lord, and to call into manifestation unlimited and unconditioned power.

"Nothing shall by any means hurt you." is the statement of the mind that realized it is atonement with the Universal Power. When the Inner Lord of you listens for and makes its contact with the Lord, nothing [not anything] can hurt you, for you can instantly call into manifestation legions of angels. You have but to put up your sword and see the salvation of the Lord. This Lord or Lords who is not in any way subject to what you think or what anyone else thinks; who acts independently of all thought. That which does the things impossible to human law.

"You shall eat your own words." That which you send out in the way of judgment comes back to you eventually with accelerated force and from the least expected place. So is the law of the Cosmic Force. Little by little we are learning the protection in the command, "Judge not, lest

you be judged," and are beginning the process of seeing only that which is good. After all, the truth of the adage, "Set a thief to catch a thief" is not so far wrong when it comes to many other things that we see in the world.

Be not afraid of the truth. Welcome with open arms anything that will clear away the debris of human thinking, no matter how time-honored it may be.

The quaking fear of the servant gives place to confidence, when you realize the presence of the Inner Lord. He is above all fear, limitation, and lack. Nothing can by any means hurt you when you recognize this fact, and "though ten thousand fall at your right hand it shall not come near you" unless you open unto it and accept it, and then it becomes real to you.

"Agree with your adversary quickly while you art I the way." We do not fight or argue with the adversary. Your refusing to accept the evil is silent and is not done in a whirlwind of denial or argument. Your adversary will become your footstool, that is, he shall be placed under the dominion of the Christ within you, and shall be as nothing the moment you step aside and let the Lord, the great Cosmic Power of the Universe, return the evil which you did not accept.

Once you have accepted a condition or thing, it is yours, and you will fight *all night* with it, until further light comes and causes you to let go. Finally, you will have to *loose it and let it go*. Then why accept it at all, however real it seems, however unjust or hateful? Just close the door of the mind to it, and the universal Mind against which it has struck will return it to its proper place of manifestation.

That is why Jesus was so fearless. He refused to accept evil as real. He left the penalties to the Power of the Universal. To the Power of the God of Love. In reality, God does not hurt nor harm any in all His Kingdom. One would not blame a door, which was blown open by a violent wind, for injuring a man who was standing in the way thereof. Obviously the door did nothing. You strike yourself when you strike another, and rather sharply too, provided that other refuses to accept the blow. What you know of evil for another you know for yourself, more especially if that other happens to know the law of non-acceptance. Watch, take care that you enter not into temptation. "vengeance is mine" is a terrible law to set in operation. You are the only one that can set it in operation against yourself, and that is possible only by trying to injure another. "Judge not" is a hard, fast law, and there is no [not any] loop hole for your superfine judgment to get through. Watch, watch, watch that you enter not into temptation.

When this idea first came to me it was so terrible and overpowering that I had a feeling of despair. I knew that so much judgment had already gone out in to the Universe. True, much of it I thought I was entitled to make—but here was a hard, fast truth that could not be compromised. I realized that enemies were merely thoughts, since one man's meat could be another's poison, and one man's enemy could be another's savior.

I saw clearly how the God of Love could be, and was, the God of Vengeance. How the wrath of God was quite natural and just. I saw that the Universal Mind merely threw back to us that which we put into it, whether that be good, bad, or indifferent thinking, that our life was

composed of all this. I was in despair, and most everybody I knew was in the same boat. And then the command: "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit you at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

Gradually I began to see that these evil thoughts that I had sent out were my enemies, and, if they had not been accepted by those to whom I had directed them and were coming back to me, I too would refuse to accept them, and when they hit against the closed door of my consciousness, they would be dashed to pieces, since they had made the complete circle and found no lodging; so in reality I could fee myself from the ugly kick-back of my own wrong-thinking, whether done recently or years ago. I would sit by and see my enemies, "my evil thoughts" whether expressed or unexpressed, whether new or old, made as my footstool. That is, put into subjection, redeemed. Dashed to pieces like evil birds that have rushed headlong against the thick glass of a lighthouse.

Yes, there was not only a sudden freedom for those whom I had judged evilly, but there was also a freedom for myself from the ugly reaction of these thoughts that needs must come out of the Universal Mind. No matter what the evil had been or was, no matter how deep you had sunk into the mire of belief, repentance-refusal to participate further in the hideous game of seeing evil in another-would bring about freedom from the manifestation of evil thinking and action.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." There is no ambiguity about it. This utter casting yourself on the Inner Lord and listening for the Voice of the Universal Consciousness will cancel all the karmic debts and fears, whether prenatal or present. The moment the Magdalene came to this point of recognition she heard the voice saying "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." This Voice of the Lord speaking to her Lord was making her enemies as naught. She could not find one among all of them who could accuse her, because she had suddenly become one with the Father and He found nothing to condemn. This is a wonderful example of the working of the Infinite Mind, and is the door of release for thousands of earnest souls. From the human standpoint, I suppose, there were many in the crowd about the Magdalene who could have testified to certain things they knew about her, but suddenly this oneness with the Spirit made it impossible for those things to be anything but disintegrating beliefs. You see, "I have a way that you [man of the world] know not of." It is the complete and perfect cancellation here and now by repentance. "Repent and be saved."

O state is impossible. No state of mind is too low or too high to receive this glorious freedom of the Sons of God. Even the thief on the cross had his chance to experience the Kingdom of Heaven Here and Now. "This day shall you be with Me in Paradise." The instant you make this repentance and refuse to accept the evil by virtue of its nothingness, then the cancellation takes place. "The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." A great inrush of glory and light comes to you, a new door is opening, you are being freed, not only from the evils that have seemed to be directed at you from the outside, but from the reflex action of your own evil deeds. Does this seem right? Can a man be evil and then not pay the price? "As in Adam all die, so in Christ all shall be made alive." When a man makes his alignment with the Inner lord and waits for "the still small

voice," instead of accepting evil and then trying to dispose of it, or going into the ditch because of his inability to cope with the reaction to his evil thoughts, then suddenly his past is wiped out. That which is scarlet shall be white as snow. We find the Magdalene, with a history of all sorts of evil, suddenly made clean and free. How? By this very repentance, this very coming into the Spirit of Life.

Lord said to my Lord, sit thou at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." The Lord said to my Lord. The Lord says to your Lord exactly what the world is going to say because it can find no guile in you. The world that had accused the Magdalene suddenly found it impossible to accuse her, why? Because the Lord did not accuse her. "Neither do I condemn you." Just ponder that glorious statement and what follows it. The whole debt was wiped out, it was made nil. It was nothing, but it was the degree of absolution. "Go and sin no more." do not imagine that you can seek refuge from your evil thoughts and ways and expect to continue in them. The evil that is forsaken is forgiven and the person is freed.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell." We have all experienced the hell into which we have cast ourselves because of the acceptance of evil in one form or another, but even that is not a hopeless state; for just so soon as you recognize the fact that "If you make your bed in hell there am I," then do you transmute the belief.

Do you not see the glorious salvation that is offered through the Christ and how it is that "Nothing shall by any means hurt you, neither make thee afraid?" You are beginning to understand how it is that evil must first be accepted before it can be manifested in your universe. Many will argue, "Yes, but I never did anything to that person." It makes no difference. God is no respecter of persons. The universal power that is throwing back that which you have thrown out has ways and means that you know not of. Watch, watch, watch. Repent and be saved. This is not an emotional exercise. It is just a new birthing, a new awakening into the God world with a glorious feeling that the waters of Spirit are washing away all that has gone before. "The former things shall not be remembered nor come into mind." They shall have passed away into oblivion. It is glorious, it is glorious and wonderful. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Then do the sons of God leap up with new life; "You do not need to fight, set yourself and see the salvation of the Lord." You can understand now what it is that makes this possible, I.e. "The Lord said to my Lord." The recognition of your oneness with the Lord of Lords and King of Kings makes you a majority, and the cancellation of sin takes place. It is wonderful and more wonderful since it means the cancellation of the old debts and unsettled accounts for past acts and thoughts.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?" How, indeed, shall we escape if we have to go on fighting, even with the best methods given to us through the study of metaphysics, an endless stream of evil which is manifesting from all sorts of causes set into action and long since forgotten by us? Acts and thoughts in this and other lives that seem to be wholly apart from the control of anyone. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" How indeed? "Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy-laden." This is not spoken so much to the physically tired, or the physically heavy-laden, but to the souls that are burdened with false beliefs and endless meeting of evil in one form or another, most of which

they are willing to admit is the result of their own thinking. What hope is there when man thinks himself to be under so ghastly a law as "When I would do good, then I do evil?" What constant stream of evil manifestation must take place in his world? But remember that complete and whole salvation awaits the one who forsakes the evil beliefs of life and turns to God with his whole soul. He is saved from the terrible effects of his evil thinking.

"That which is told in secret is called from the housetop." that which is told in secret is what "the Lord said to my Lord." And what the Lord says to my Lord the world at large must say to me. The Lord is saying wonderful things. "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I AM well pleased," is but one of them. "Be still and know that I AM God." "I come as a great flood of waters covering the whole earth" of your human thinking, and when the floods have subsided, then the ground is washed clean of the evil manifestation or that which was causing it.

"To speak no evil nor to listen to." Many will speak no evil, but will listen to and think evil, and then wonder why, having been apparently so good, they meet with so much evil.

There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents than over many righteous. There will be rejoicing over you and you will hear the glorious words, "The sins are forgiven you," and feel the cleansing floods of spirit pass over you and wash you free from the evil effects of your present or former thinking and judging.

When the God Power forgives sins there is a total cancellation of the sin and all its effects. Man imagines he forgives sins by holding the injustice done to him against a person for the rest of his life, although he may say he has no hatred or resentment, but as long as he remembers the fault he has not forgiven. Sin that is forgiven by God, by the Lord, is completely wiped out, just as disease that is cured is completely destroyed and its manifestation obliterated.

"Why cast you lots for part of the garment of truth?" might well have been asked. The whole garment, the seamless robe of Christ is thrown over you as a great panoply of light and you are create anew, revealed as new.

The attitude then of the Awakened soul is not that of trying to instruct the Divine, but one of listening, and one which says, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears." The constant prayer of such a one is "Be you expressed in me."

"Be still and know that I AM God." When you are through with accepting evil of any sort, no matter what the appearances are, then you are ready to hear what "the Lord said unto my Lord." You can hear something that all the prayers of the human universe cannot bring to pass remembering that your enemies are all the beliefs of in-harmony that have been so real to you and have harassed you, lo, these many years. A day dawns, a new day dawns, arise and shine, for thy light has come and the glory of God has risen upon thee.

The price has already been paid for eternal Life for you; but you will still die in spite of the entreaty "Why will you die?" until you accept the gift of Life eternal. No life can be eternal that is sin-filled, and by sin-filled I mean filled with evil thoughts for yourself or another or the world at large. But the gift of Life eternal is given unto all those who believe. "I have a

way you know not of." "I AM the Way, Walk You In It."

"Verily I say unto you: Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

"He that loses his life for My sake shall find it." Do you not see then, that if you bind evil on the earth, it shall be bound in your consciousness and will constantly reproduce itself? If you bind evil on another, you bind it to yourself like holding a poisonous asp to your breast. Inversely speaking, what you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. If you loose the brother that you have held captive, and a prisoner to your opinions and beliefs, you shall also be loosed, set free. It is wonderful. Watch, Watch, Watch. What are you going to accept? When are you going to sit in the quiet place and listen for "the still small voice?" "The Lord said unto my Lord." When are you going to get the glorious revelation of the Lord, the Universal Mind speaking to the individual point to expression. "Be still and know that I AM God."

"Fear you not, for I AM with you, be not dismayed for I AM your God. I will help you, I will uphold you with the right hand of My uprightness." Be not dismayed, do not be dismayed, I have a way you know not of, of wiping out the evil and making your enemies as your footstool. "Come unto ME and I will give you rest." The Lord said to my Lord."

## LIVING WATERS

"For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken *ME*, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold not water" Jer. 2:13

In this little verse lies hidden the reason for most of the difficulties of the human race. "My people," you and I, have forsaken the Fountains of Living Water and made cisterns of our own broken cisterns. We have wandered far from the Living Fountains, into the parched and dried desert of human experiences, and have stopped on some oasis and dug us wells and made us cisterns, trying to husband the waters of human understanding, hoping thereby to quench our thirst. But the cisterns are broken and the water does not satisfy us. The prodigal is far removed from his father's house, and yet he is as near to it as he will ever be. Everything that is real and eternal is here and now and the Open Sesame is *recognition*.

The prodigal has been feeding and watering the outward body and has not been satisfied. His state goes from bad to worse. The prodigal is the story of every man. The dead letter of the word sticks in his throat. He knows that his fathers did eat bread in the wilderness and are dead. He has come to the end of the human satisfaction. The broken cistern is dry; the stagnant waters of human reasoning are unfit to quench the appalling thirst.

It is then, perhaps, that he heeds the admonition of the Voice: "turn you even unto *ME* with all your heart and you shall find *rest* for your soul." It is an invitation that is many times passed by because of the human argument" "What, am I fit to enter the rest of the righteous? I, who have left undone so many things that should have been done, and have done so many things that should not have been done?" But there is a beautiful insistence on the request, "Turn you even unto *ME*, for *MY* ways are not your ways." The ways of the *ME* of Spirit are not the ways of the prodigal who has spent his substance in riotous living. The "Ways of Spirit" are not the ways of the human reasoning and wisdom; for "as the heavens are high above the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways." So what use for you to hold out any longer with your human understanding and reasoning. "My ways are past finding out." No man can put the ways of God on a laboratory table and dissect them to find out how they can set aside the human laws.

What if ten thousand people have gone down by the false law, it shall not come near you (provided you have "turned even unto *Me* with your heart.") What if ever since the beginning of time, a human law has worked out successfully, there is always the exception and that is the time that the God Power is brought into play and the poor, puny, human intellect rears it's great head of wisdom and says "a miracle has happened," a "supernatural law." Exactly, a miracle to the human sense, but a natural functioning of the God law.

Incurable, impossible, hopeless, improbable are all words that are in the dictionary of man. They find no place in the courts of the Lord. The unconditioned power of god asks no permission of the race of human thought to set aside one of its laws. The sternest, most hard and fast law of the human wisdom is less than a bit of thistle down battering against the wall s of China. There is no recognition of the existence of a false law that has to be set aside. There is a simple, natural expression of the God law, the eternal harmony of itself, and when this expresses and destroys the belief law, man says "a miracle has happened."

Feeding upon the letter which is dead is no way to attain Life everlasting. Drinking the stagnant waters of the history of evil is no way to quench the thirst of the soul.

Gradually, we are beginning to see that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." He is gradually sensing the fact that the drinking of the living waters and eating the hidden manna is not such an imaginary thing as it was formerly thought to be.

"You have bread that they know not of." The awakened soul is beginning to know that he, being a spiritual being in a universe of Spirit, must be, and is, perfectly sustained in this medium of expression. He knows that the spiritual man must be fed with Spirit and watered by the living waters. He then sees more into the command, "Be absent from the body and present with the Lord." He begins experiencing the feel: "I am a spiritual being in a spiritual Universe" and he takes his attention away from the physical manifestation and begins to literally feed on the Spirit. His body is beautifully fed and watered, he laves in the River of Life and is beginning to be impressed with the consciousness that if he eats this food and drinks this water he shall never hunger and thirst again. "Never" think this over. The statement is "never." "Hold fast to that which is good," if you, on the invisible side or in the pure light of Spirit, partake of this food, and drink these living waters, you shall never hunger or thirst again. "Never." What about the human body, then, never being in want of food or drink again? Do you see what lies hidden in this wonderful revelation? Do you begin to see that the "Word became flesh" and "In my flesh shall I see God." right into manifestation? Can you understand that to feed and water yourself in the pure essence of Spirit, not regarding looking for the manifestation, will cause your physical body to be properly fed and watered? It is wonderful. You shall also find that conceiving yourself as the being of Spirit, in the Universe of pure Spirit, eating the food and drinking the living waters of Spirit, that the physical body will take on a finer tone, "yet in my flesh shall I see God." The soul and body of man will become one. Even as Jesus and Christ became one; and all the glorious revelations of the Spirit "searching the joints and marrow," the "Word becoming flesh," and "yet in my flesh shall I see God" shall be made true to you. Your body shall be a well-watered garden. A glorious garden, the desert of your body shall blossom as a rose.

You who read this page, do you begin to see the new idea? Do you begin to understand that what you do on the invisible in the sacredness of Truth and the Christ consciousness shall diffuse its shadow of expression through the material Universe and make all things new?

"Eat my body, drink my blood," is more than a bit of poetry. Relax and let go, conceive yourself in the glowing white light of Spirit and partake of the holy meal and "eat" the body of Christ Jesus, the substance of Life, and drink the blood of inspiration that transcends all reason and human understanding and belief. You are the being of Light, in a universe of Light, and you shall clothe yourself in garments of Light and of Praise, yes, literally in the glowing silence you shall clothe yourself in the garments of Light, the garments of Praise, the garments of Thanksgiving, and verily you shall be clothed on the human plane. Fear Not!

You go forward on the way of inspiration, the eyes of Spirit are now made flesh and the former statement, "Having eyes you see not, and ears you hear not," is no more true for the human eyes of flesh—into these very eyes the Spirit has come. The spirit shall be flesh, and

naturally the limitations of the human material vision are increased to a wondrous sense of Light, and you see and hear and know "what is the height and depth and breadth."

Limitations that were true and were laws to the human sense of sight are no more true. "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." do you believe this, you who read this page? If so, then can you not see that, when you partake of the spiritual food in a conscious way, your physical body will be beautifully cared for? "The bread which comes down from heaven;" where is heaven? What is heaven? Where is the *Me*? The only place you can contact God is within your own consciousness. So you are very near to the glorious revelation of the being of pure Spirit. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man will open unto *ME* I will come into him and will sup with him and he with *ME*." The very coming in to sup with you means the perfect union of soul and body. The body shall be permeated with the Spirit and shall manifest the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven here and now.

Cannot you see, you who read this, that, when you bring together the soul and body, you cannot want again for anything, for all things are found within the soul of you? "I AM the bread of Life." "If any man will eat thereof he shall never die."

"Be not afraid, only believe." all we need is a wholesome acceptance of the fact that there is a god in the Universe, All Present, and willing and able to make himself manifest in any situation or at any time. "Only believe." such a wonderful restfulness after the long journey through the barren wastes of human reasoning and understanding - such a well of water to the parched lips. It is wonderful.

Go thy way, "provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purse, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his hire." This is the rankest kind of philosophy to the human mind, and yet so beautifully true to the one who knows that he has the living waters and the life-giving bread always within him, and that he is clothed in the garments of Light and Praise and Thanksgiving. Why should he take thought of "the purse, the scrip, the journey?"

What you therefore do in silence you shall manifest in the open courts of the world. See that you be well fed with Spirit and clothed and watered with the life-giving essence of being.

See that you make the journey in spirit first, and then the "Father works heretofore and I work" shall be true. The invisible consciousness shall have perfected it before the body has yet expresses it. So it is true "I go before you go on the journey, the Father consciousness has gone before you and made straight the way, and you come along later and express the mechanics of the trip. "My Father, *My Father*, works heretofore and I work," that is, "I" carry it out into expression, and it will be perfect and complete in every detail. Remember that the Power which knows the "number of hairs of your head" and "cares for the sparrows" has fully taken care of every detail of the journey, nothing is too small for this glorious power, nothing too large. It is wonderful. "Fear not, it is I." "Fear not, I AM with you always." "I will never leave you." *I*, the center and circumference of all Being, am with you always.

If you, then, reader, would pause in the fury of human thinking and return to your Father's house (consciousness) and partake of the invisible meal and cloth yourself with the invisible

garments of Light and Praise, the starving body would go through the mechanics of eating and be perfectly satisfied. So may you carry the idea right down the live of human wants, until your soul shall magnify the Lord, the Giver of All Good, whose arm is not shortened.

Before this book was put down on paper it existed in its entirety in the invisible.

"I go before you and make straight the way."

"I thank You, Oh Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hid these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes."

If this be true, why waste any more time trying to make the "wise and prudent" drink the living waters or et the bread of life? But see to it that from this day forth you are fed and sustained on the invisible manna that comes down from heaven.

## THE NEW DAY

A balloon that seeks a higher level must of necessity throw out ballast. Just as soon as ballast is thrown overboard, the balloon automatically ascends to a new level. Suppose the balloon to be caught in a level of air charged with poisonous gas or the belt of a terrific storm? All these environmental laws operate upon the passengers, and while they may fortify themselves with gas-masks and other protective aids, yet they are never for one instant out of the danger of being overcome by them. The way of complete escape for the balloon and its passengers is to throw out ballast. The moment this is done the balloon automatically ascends to a new level and it and its passengers operate in an entirely new environment.

This little illustration gives an adequate idea of what takes place in man when he begins to realize the truth of his Christ consciousness. He begins to throw out ballast that is, certain areas of evil thinking are done away with and he rises to an environment where the laws formerly affecting him have power no longer. He begins to see the extent to which this ascension can take place in his life. The great statement "If you be in the Spirit you are no more under the law," of belief, is ever at the heights, and all he has to do is to release the evil beliefs he had accepted and to ascend. "Come up higher" is the call of Spirit.

The little leaven that leavens the whole is brought into active manifestation by the process of recognition. As soon as we begin to recognize the Christ self and to accept the wonders of the new life "lost in Christ" we immediately begin to see new capacities built in our consciousness. We see through the fog of human understanding and begin to perceive the reality of the perfect man.

As in the case of the balloon rising automatically to a new level, so man, when he recognizes his true self and accepts the laws of Spirit as the only laws, automatically arrives at his new place of expression. The old idea of trying to make a new place and attempting to make things happen through struggle and fighting gives way to the glorious fact that, the moment man recognizes the presence of Christ, he automatically rises to a new level of expression, and that which was true and operative in his life before now ceases to have any power over him. "The prince of this world [the world you have left, the world of belief regarding anything] comes and finds nothing in you."

Suppose you had believed sickness to be an inescapable law, you were then subject to the personal and the race consciousness regarding it; and, every time the prince of the world, or the realm of sickness, came to you, you would answer back: "Here am I, speak, for Your servant hears;" the manifestation would automatically take place and you would show forth disease and perhaps death in accordance with the belief law. Now, through your understanding of the Inner Lord, you find sickness can be caused by *nothing* as well as by a *so-called* belief cause. People have died from fright over mistaken telegrams. When you perceive the fact that you are the son of the Living God, you are not subject to such belief any longer. No sooner is this conquest made, than you move to a new mental environment and automatically find that the former law is nil as far as you are concerned, and when the prince of the negative belief comes to you there is no response.

Do you see why it is that you are commanded to take your attention away from the body and

away from appearances, and place it on the Inner Lord, the Christ within, and to be still and know that I AM God? When you obey this command you will

Find yourself automatically rising to a new and wonderful level of expression in a place where you are not affected by the former things.

Many people fret and worry about expression; they claim they are ready to express, but can find no opportunity to do so. You might just as well say that, when you throw the ballast from a balloon, the balloon would remain at the same level. It is automatic and takes care of itself. That is why you will cease the everlasting running to and fro looking for something on the outside, and go within your consciousness and partake of the glorious food of Spirit and drink of the living waters, yea, both figuratively and literally.

A thorough examination will tell you exactly what is the matter. You know better than anyone else, you may not want to face it. Few people like to look upon the Truth; it blinds them, just as it blinded Saul. It is too wonderful and too penetrating, and calls for a letting go of many things in order that the realities of the Kingdom can be made manifest within and without. It does not require the sacrifice of a single thing; but, by so doing, you are given an infinitely greater manifestation. Glorious, glorious light, dazzling and white, the very light which is to become flesh and dwell among you.

If you are not expressing, you will find that a certain amount of ballast is to be released before you can get to the point of expression. Just so soon as you are willing, the power works and expresses—how?...AUTOMATICALLY! When we say automatically, it carries with it a joyous meaning. You will begin to see that the expression *then* is like the coming of dawn—everything so perfect, so easy, so gloriously successful and so unique, so full of infinite charm. Beloved, it is so wonderful, this new revelation. "Come apart from them and be you separate." Go in and shut the door, and the Father that sees in secret will reward you openly. Why do you try to get the reward before you drop out the ballast? You make it hard. Why do you "kick against the pricks?" Why will you "kick against the pricks?" Why will you doubt? Arise, awake, get you up. When you are willing and ready I will do the works and that "I" is within you. Your very own point of consciousness where the impersonal life flows through into expression.

Those whom God has joined together let no man put asunder. The body and soul become one; the Word becomes flesh; you are not a body separate from your Christ. You are not double-eyed. When you once *see*, the Word becomes flesh. "Yet in my flesh shall I see God." Do you believe that—right in your flesh? Do you believe that it searches the joints and marrow? Do you see that the two becoming one, instead of having two eyes, have one? Instead of having two opinions, have but one. When the eye is single the whole body is full of light. When you stop believing in a material man with a Christ man in the invisible, you will have one—the resurrected and ascended Christ—and you will know that the resurrected Christ had flesh and bones, and ate and drank. It is wonderful! Filled with glorious revelation. When you contemplate this you immediately feel the overflow of spiritual substance watering your desert [body] and bringing it into freshness and holiness, expression, and joy.

A new day dawns. Do you hear, you who read this page? Do you hear the word of your Inner Lord, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me." Do you know what it means to "break bread with the Inner Lord?" It means that the eyes of the blind are opened. When the Christ breaks bread with the disciple, the eyes of the disciple are opened and he beholds the things which cannot be put into words. He begins to see the revelation of that which is not caught by the human reason and intellect. The deep things of Spirit which are filled with beauty and holiness and glorious expression. The wonderful invitation to "come and see," not that a Spirit has no flesh and bones, but that a Christ man is a normal, glorious, real manifestation. It is wonderful! Do you see? Do you begin to understand the saying, "He that believes on ME has everlasting life"? Do you believe that? And just what do you mean by the word "everlasting"? You must begin to answer these things for yourself and seek out the deep hidden spiritual substance—the manna that your fathers knew not, and of which if a man eat he shall never see death.

"Memory is the only thing which grief can call its own" is the line of an old song. Memory is the only thing that habit can call its own, or evil, or revenge, or hatred, any of the evils that the human man is subject to. You can see why it is said, "The former things shall not come into mind nor be remembered any more." With the introduction of the leaven of Christ in the midst of the meal of human understanding, the whole mass begins to change its base, and to take on a different quality, and the ballast that is thrown over is memory of evil. The subconscious mind is the storehouse of memory of every evil thing. It is filled with all the little hates and fears from the very beginning of the human life. You can understand why this will eventually disintegrate and go away because it is the repository of all evil. Without it, man would seek no revenge. Its governing law is, "When I would do good, I do evil, and strange as it may seem, it has been given many of the qualities of the subconscious mind. We have attributed to this subconscious mind the power to do all sorts of things that it is thoroughly incapable of doing. "He, watching over Israel, neither slumbers nor sleeps" is what awakens you at an appointed hour, and it is this great and glorious subconscious mind that frees you into expression when you are ready to forget yourself. It is this glorious thing that plays and dances, sings, and paints, and does everything that is done through millions of avenues of expression. This is your Christ self that stands at the door of your consciousness and knocks for admission. It is too wonderful "Be still and know that I AM God."

The old idea of getting a mental picture and then praying and begging and beseeching, yea, even demanding that it appear has given place to the new consciousness that knows that, before the human man asks, the super-consciousness has supplied.

We see a case of this kind in the incident of Jesus meeting the disciples at the seaside, after the Resurrection. He asked if they had anything to eat, to which they said "No." Then Jesus produced the cooked fish and bread for them. It is wonderful. Before they ask, I—the I AM—the Christ consciousness will answer, but it takes pure and unadulterated belief in God to have this take place. It does not take argument or words or listening to theories; it takes pure and unadulterated acceptance of the Truth. A child can have it...what about you? Look to this day. Look to your consciousness and see wherein you do err. "Who did hinder you that you should not obey the Truth?" it is wonderful, wonderful, wonderful! Beloved, do you begin to

see the glorious possibilities before you? "Come eat, drink without price." Do you hear? Can you obey by throwing over the ballast of human belief and partaking of this holy breaking of the bread of Spirit?

No matter who you are, or how prodigal you have been, it is always the same. You, too, can open wide the door and let this Christ into your life, into your very body-temple, into the very joints and marrow of yourself. You, too, can make the resurrection from the tomb of your dead beliefs and see the glorious, spiritualized flesh of the Son of the Living God.

Automatically it will work. "I come as a thief in the night." The appearance of the Christ is not with noise nor with thinking; for, "in a moment when you think not" (when you are not trying to demonstrate ME), then the I AM comes into expression. It is wonderful. Praise God, you are alive and thrilling with the new substance of life, the flesh made Spirit and the Spirit made flesh, the perfect redemption, wholeness. No more the sick body worked upon by an outside force, but the body worked upon by an outside force, but the body of Spirit substance, manifesting more and more of the picture shown to you on the Mount of Transfiguration. It is too wonderful for words. You thrill with the *feel* of the presence of this glorious power. Awake, you that sleeps. The spiritualized substance of the resurrected Lord is not marked by the passage of time or memory. What was true of man in his former estate is no longer real or effective.

With this consciousness comes the awakening of fresh capacities and talents. You become aware of a new and wonderful power and a sense of relaxation which is the essence of effortlessness, which enables you to give an unlabored performance of the work you have in hand. It is glorious. It is wonderful.

"Then did their hearts burn within them." The manifestation of the burning bush takes place. A flaming fire that destroys nothing that is real. There is found in the final analysis that nothing is left to be destroyed, but everything to be filled with the Spirit of the Lord. Then will the blind understand and see, and know that they have always seen. The Man of Spirit, the Christ, has always seen all things, and when he is let into conscious expression in the life of man he searches the joints and marrow, and the whole temple of man becomes the glorious temple of the Living God, and from that moment onward it is a matter of revelation. One limitation after another begins to fall away and new and more glorious precepts come to light. You have just started on the process of self revelation and the hidden things that were there always are beginning to come into the light of reality. Be still, be so very still and cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils. Cease from the noisy talking individual who is always going to tell you a system or a way or means of demonstrating. I speak direct. I speak of Him that sent me, and I speak a varied language. I speak with unknown tongues. Unknown to those who are still heckling about the letter of Truth. They cannot understand because they have a house divided against itself. They have the Christ and Jesus parted asunder. They have their body separated from their soul, and so they function under the double law which spells disaster. The human mind is perverse, for the simple reason that it has gone prodigal and formulated all its ideas by judging from appearances. It has seemingly set up many hurdles over which it forces itself to jump, complaining the while that it cannot do so. All this is done in the spirit of human bravado that looks for the "well done" of relative

world.

"Be not afraid, it is I", but they *were* afraid, and so is the old human self; that is why it keeps on denying the Christ and will not open the door and let him in. It knows that much rubbish has to go. It knows that the activity of Spirit will cause the sluggishness of procrastination and waiting to disappear. "Be not anxious", you have but to open the door, by recognizing the Christ within. If you are willing to do this, the rest is automatic. The Christ enters automatically, yea, the Christ, the spiritual substance becoming flesh, enters and searches the joints and marrow, the fibers and nerves and bones of the temple, until the whole house is alive with the Life of Christ. It is a glory and a light set upon a hill; it cannot be hid or destroyed. Glory be to God, it is well and so it is.

You and your risen Lord. Alone, and yet for the first time not alone. Wholeness, completeness, contentment. It is wonderful. The Spirit has become flesh. You are free, the ballast has been thrown overboard and you automatically ascend to the new level of expression. It is wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!

## THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT

The text books of today will become the ABC books of tomorrow for all those who have eyes to see. What a world of good came to you out of the little ABC book which you have long since cast aside. What secrets it contained and what mighty doors it opened to you, and yet, you have cast it aside. Yes, you have cast it aside, even as a reference book, though not a day goes by that you do not use the entire substance of the little ABC book. In other words, you took the spirit of the thing and left the letter behind. It was the spirit of it that opened the doors of the universe. By the use of it you could explore any country and language and understand and read the thoughts of men long since gone from sight. It is a wonderful thing, and yet only valuable when it becomes part and parcel of you.

As long as you are blundering over the letters from one to another, it is not very productive of results, but once you have grasped the understanding and imbibed its spirit, it starts on its magnificent unfolding and has no end. By its great avenues of contact are established. Yet, I repeat, the actual book has gone; you care nothing for it; you do not look back upon it with regret. So, when the letter of anything goes, the spirit comes. "If I (the personal I) go, that is, the comforter shall come." That is, the revelation of the Spirit will come.

The one who never lets go of his ABC book is found to be either a fool or an idiot. At least he is considered, in the parlance of the world, as subnormal.

"The letter kills, the Spirit gives light." When you begin to see this, you will begin to understand that it is only the spirit of the Truth that will be anything to you and you will begin to give up the dead formula.

"It is by My Spirit, says the Lord" not by might or power. Not by force or effort, but by "My Spirit." By the Spirit which is hidden in the letter you shall be able to set free the new expression. The Spirit is like the life of a seed. The shell must first fall away before the plant can be made alive. The shell must first be destroyed before the life can come into manifestation. So it is with the Word. The letter must drop by the way and the spirit must be released. It is wonderful and glorious. Heaven and earth are filled with the revelation of Almighty God. Do you hear, you who read this page?

Do you see back of the letter the Spirit shining through the Spirit which has wrapped up in it the means of complete expression? "All that the Father has is mine" is true and is correct. But gazing upon the letter and trying to make it so, is like expecting tropical flowers to grow in the northern blasts. But cast the letter aside and release the Spirit and revelation comes to you. It is like magic! Why? Because it has a way of its own. A means of coming into manifestation that man-made laws cannot even put into words. "No man knows, nor the son, but the Father." It is wonderful!

Beloved, why do you not release the letter from your life and see the glorious spirit work out into expression? The signs will follow. Remember that as soon as the seed is cast into the ground, into the secret place, the shell or letter of it starts to drop away and releases the new life and beauty.

Faith as a grain of mustard seed is no good unless the shell of the letter is broken and cast aside and the life of the seed allowed to appear. The glorious promises that you repeat over and over are all filled with the possibility of manifestation. It is the adherence to the letter that kills. Over and over, the same pattern, day after day with no results, but with the irritating knowledge that it is all there.

When you stop trying and cast your burden on the I AM and actually are ready to let the Spirit move in and through you, then you will see that the Spirit gives life and power and that you are suddenly ushered into a new state. Right where you are, right in the place you stand, right in the present surroundings, the transformation takes place, because by the power of the Spirit are you made to see that which eternally is and always has been. For example, the Kingdom of Heaven her and now. The Spirit of the Word reveals the concrete manifestation. It is then that the Word becomes flesh and dwells among you. Just as you may hold in your hand a dried rose-bush and talk for hours to a group of people about a rose. If they had never seen one they would only have the vaguest idea what it looked like, even after you had described it; but cast it into the ground and then your very words will become flesh and they will see the rose which in one instant will convey more than a thousand lectures could. Do you see, you who read this page? It takes the faith of a child, for the adult cannot let go, and would rather talk about "how and why," and "when and where," and would rather spend hours pointing out what is wrong with other members of the universe than spend one moment trying to rid his own sight of the beam that is out picturing everything evil.

If I wear a pair of dark goggles, the whole world, so far as I am concerned, is gray or dark; but that does not make it so. If you look through eyes of limitation and ugliness everything appears so to you. Even God becomes a god of wrath, and Jesus becomes a hard task master, regardless of the regaling statement and promise: "I came that your joy might be full," and "I came not to destroy but to fulfill." Do you see? The Power is here, not to destroy, but to fulfill the Law, to fulfill the glorious promises. All these little points of evil that seem to be giving you so much trouble will be picked up into the positive expression of Good, HERE AND NOW! It is wonderful and it is glorious! God is everywhere and beside Him there is naught else.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in ME." Where is the ME? "Believe, and you shall be saved." Do you see the power of the word *believe*? It is pure *acceptance* of the Word, in the face of the most adverse testimony. When the appearances are as far removed as the rosebush is from the rose, the "belief" acceptance will cause the holy promise to be released.

Do you see why, "Then went He in and shut the door" has its importance to you as never before? Argument and talk about these precious things will only bring the ugly futility of the letter. The letter without the Spirit is DEAD. Do you hear? It is dead, of no use.

The books that we are reading today on Truth will be the ABC books of tomorrow, We will have imbibed the spirit of them and dropped the letter aside. Why? Because the text books of the future will have to do with things that we only casually mention at this time. From time to time we hear of levitation, of Fourth Dimensional expression, of the Superman and of many things that could not be told us back in Jerusalem. These will form the basis of the text books

of the future, for the spirit of the present teaching will be released to such an extent that sickness, sin, and unhappiness will be unknown: It will be so generally understood that no one will stop to marvel at the working of the law of the Absolute. There was a time when a man who knew how to read was outstanding in a community, but today it would be an exception to come upon one who could not. So is it with the Word. Just so soon as you release the Spirit from the letter, the things that take place from the standpoint of Spirit are bound to appear. "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, goodwill toward men." It is wonderful.

"Be still, I have many things to say to you." When we learn to be still and not talk constantly to the Divine, we are beginning to experience the deep hidden things of the Spirit. New doors are opened to us. New avenues of expression, and the unafraid state of consciousness become manifest to us.

"The former things shall pass away, they shall not be remembered nor come into mind any more." The shell that releases the living plant shall be forgotten. It shall not be remembered nor come into mind any more. You could not put the flower back into the limitations of a state of consciousness from which he has freed himself. When you are freed from a certain state of consciousness you are not subject to any of the laws which formerly operated therein. Just as the flower which has released itself from the seed is not under any of the laws that applied to the seed. For example, a bird or animal might have carried the seed away or it might have been left upon the shelf and destroyed by insects. As the flower comes under the care of the gardener it has protection and a new set of laws and environment. This illustration, as all illustrations, is inadequate to convey the idea of the wonderful change that goes on when the "shell" of the letter is cracked and the new idea, the Spirit, is released. "The Lord, He it is that does go before you: He will be with you; He will not fail you." Fear not, when you cast your burden on the Lord, he will sustain you. "For eyes have not seen and ears have not heard, and it has not entered into the heart of man."

Do you see? Do you hear? You? "Be still, be still, be still," and listen for the revelation to be made. Close the material eyes that are hypnotized by the serpent of appearances and see the revelation that is coming into manifestation. "Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you."

"He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit." If you abide in this consciousness, the "*believing*" consciousness, then you shall bring forth much manifestation. It is the following of a natural law. A law which is stated in terms of Grace, Divine intervention, Divine influence. All knees shall bend at the name (nature) of Christ. Every temporal power shall come tumbling to the ground. Every Golden Calf shall be brought low and the Kingdom shall be established Here and Now. It is wonderful!

## ABUNDANCE

"He which sows sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, **so let him give;** not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver."

The sowing lavishly and abundantly comes from the knowledge of Infinite Substance. The sowing for increase in order that the storehouses may be filled, and the soul may take its ease, always results in death to the idea. The abandon of abundant sowing shows absolute faith in the Unseen. We are beginning to see that the law of substance is diametrically reversed from that which is usually accepted. We are first called upon to give abundantly. Give out of our lack as it were, but give lavishly. The widow's mite was more than most gifts because it was given abundantly, it was given freely and from the heart. "The motive you mete shall be measured to you again, and it shall be pressed down, shaken together, and running over." The motive back of the abundant sowing will determine the harvest. If the sowing is done with gain as the one idea in mind then the looked for results are not forthcoming.

"There is he that scatters, yet tends to increase and there is he that withholds and tends towards poverty." We see that the symbol is a poor thing to hold on to. The more you have your attention fixed on the symbol, the less opportunity you have of grasping the reality back of it.

All this indication of abandoned and abundant sowing is the result of fearlessness on the part of the sower. He that does not follow the command "Launch out into deep waters" cannot have the big fish. He will never find them near the shore, just as a person will never learn to swim as long as he keeps one foot on the ground and stays in shallow water. "Launch out into deep waters." "Do, dare, and be silent." Dare to enlarge the borders of your tent. Dare to sow abundantly and with abandon, resting in the perfect knowledge that the bread which you have thus broken has been broken to increase. You will learn presently that only what you give you get. A seed given to the universe gives back its usefulness and increase. An idea given to the universe gives forth its joy, and its increase comes home to the giver. "The signs follow, they do not precede."

Joyously abandon yourself to the Christ within, and care not for the increase. It must come of its own volition. "Be careful about nothing" is the command to the understanding heart. This being careful about nothing means also to be careless about nothing. The command to be careful about nothing can only be used by one who has begun to see the superabundance of everything in the Universe. The substance of God is everywhere present. Yet all this joyous abandon does not imply license; it implies liberty, liberty of the Sons of God which when once tasted and experienced, brings to the consciousness of man the true concept of freedom. The command goes forth, "Be not again entangled." Be not sparingly. Sow abundantly and reap abundantly with the glorious abandon of the Sons of the Living God.

"On the same day he saw a man working on the Sabbath Day, and said to him; 'Man, if you know what you do, you are blessed, but if you know not, you are cursed and a transgressor of the law' "(Cambridge MS, Codex Bezae).

He that sows abundantly, thinking thereby to gain a thousand fold that which he sows, knows not what he does, and is cursed insomuch as he loses all. Trying to use God as a Stock Exchange whereby you can gain personal ends is to entirely defeat the principle of Truth so far as you are concerned. We learn to sow abundantly because we are seeing the abundant blessings that are poured into our life and we are coming to the point of being afraid. We are more and more coming to the place of recognition of the presence of God as being literally the sufficiency of all things.

Man is slowly evolving form what might be called the degree of the egg. As an egg he is perfectly helpless, though he may contain all knowledge of the power of God. He has now power of self locomotion. Were an egg in the path of an oncoming car, no matter how much it knew its protection, it could not escape the dire effects of meeting with destruction. When the chick is hatched, it may yet rest in the place, but it has power to sidestep the oncoming danger. So man, when he first learns of the Truth, finds out many things that he knows to be absolutely true while he is in the egg degree, yet he can only put them into practice in a very limited degree, because of the shell of personality that is around him.

But presently he throws off the shell and comes to the degree higher, where he is able to avoid much of the so called evil. He can step aside, as it were, and he is able to prove the parables and promises of the Bible, instead of knowing inwardly that they are true but not being able to see them into manifestation.

"Man, if you know what you do." If you know what you are doing as the Son of the Living God, you shall cause the dry seed of parable and promise to crack open and give forth its substance. You will know what it means to "be careful about nothing."

All things are possible to the awakened soul. As is recorded in Acts 2, the speaking with new tongues took place before an infinite number of men of different races and languages, yet all understood. Twenty different tongues understood one single voice, although they could not understand each other. This fourth dimensional picture of the concrete use of the Law gives us a glimpse of how the impossible become possible, and how every human law is reversed and found to be productive of results. You will begin to see that it is useless to argue about the real Truth underlying these great statements, for the Truth is so intangible and impossible to reason out, it completely escapes the wisdom of man.

"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy god. He it is that does go with you: He will not fail you nor forsake you."

Can you, you who read this promise, accept it literally? Can you accept the fact that the Lord your God goes with you, and that He is the One that makes twenty nations understand a single tongue, though they cannot understand each other? Do you believe this? "I will walk **in** them and talk **in** them." Why need you worry further about the safety of your goings and comings? Why worry about the word that you will carry into the universe? The word that comes from the Speaking of the Inner Lord is, "the word that shall not return to you void but shall accomplish whereunto it is sent."

Beloved! Are you beginning to see the glorious sense of abandon and rest that is due to come

into manifestation in your life the moment you take the promises of the Lord and tear off the hard shell of human reasoning that you have put around them?

"Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom of Heaven." A gift must be accepted! Through the rejoicing there is recognition of the Infinite Abundance that is manifested in ways that no man can find out, just as the message is given by one person to twenty different races. One speaking, twenty hearers all hearing differently, yet all understanding the Voice. Awake, you that sleeps! A new day is dawning and when I say a new day is dawning, I do not mean the symbolic day of former years, but a wonderful New Day of expression and abundance; wherein you will experience the glorious revelation that the Lord is walking **in** you and talking **in** you.

Look up then, and rejoice, for, "You meet him that rejoices and works righteousness in those that remember You in Your ways." Rejoice and be glad. The ground you stand upon is holy ground, and you are clad in the garments of Light and Praise. A new day dawns and a new door opens before you. It is well. Rejoice and scatter abundantly the glorious idea of Truth. Live abundantly the Life in the inexhaustible source of All Life. Verily, if you will prove the Law with the fearless faith of one who permits the Voice to speak through him and the Power to walk in him, you shall see that the windows of Heaven are opened to you, and the blessings that are poured out are too many for you to receive, so small has been your human concept of the abundance of God. You are learning the glorious relaxation of the Prodigal who has returned to his Father's house and is finding again the wonderful Truth: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come...Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

## THE OTHER DISCIPLE

"Then went in also, the other disciple." The other disciple who went in the tomb and found it empty is, symbolically speaking, YOU. It is YOU who have experienced all the manifestations of the Christ consciousness, the healing of sickness and sin, the transformation of one substance into another, the supplying of all things needful, and the overcoming of gravitation. Yes, the raising from the dead and now you have come to a place where proof is given you of self resurrection. The swaddling clothes (bondage) of the babe become the grave clothes eventually left in the tomb. They are the human bondages that must sooner or later be laid aside for the robes that are white and glistening, the garments of light and praise.

Eventually you are brought face to face with the fact that in the final analysis self resurrection will take place. "I have power to pick it up or lay it down." Until a man comes to the place of the "other disciple" and *goes in*, he will be toying still with the idea that his help comes from some other source than God. It is true that up to a certain point much help is given, but after a while the disciple is left to himself. He must either perform the process of self resurrection, which is put in various terminology, or go the way of all flesh. "He must be born again," and this "born," or "birthing," must be from within out, and is something that no one else can do for him. "Marvel not," do not be surprised when these things come to you; your eyes will not always be "holding that you shall not know HIM!" You will not always walk to Emmaus with the Master and fail to see Him. The scales will drop from your eyes, and you will perceive the things which eyes have not seen and ears have not heard, and the things that you have not yet thought of.

It take more than the human sense to recognize when anything has truly happened. The human sense did not recognize Jesus when he presented his risen body. WHY? Because the human sense first judges from the intellectual standpoint, which says emphatically that no one when dead rises again. If they rise, they were not really dead, or else a miracle happened.

*Go in and shut the door*, and contemplate the presence, then you will see the nothingness of all the evils to which the flesh is heir. "These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs; but the time comes when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly." Surely there is no ambiguity about this statement, "I will show you plainly." The one who is ready and who has passed beyond the curious stage and who is not looking for signs and wonders, who is not searching for the loaves and fishes, will see. He will hear the things which could not be told because formerly he could not bear to hear them. "when the student is ready the Master appears." "Be still and know that I AM God" is more than a statement. It is not something to be talked about—it is something to experience. "Then went in the other disciple." You are standing on the threshold of the glorious experience of self resurrection. You are at the point of receiving the revelation.

"Hitherto have you asked for nothing in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full."

How can your joy be anything else but full when you begin to see through the thick undergrowth of human reasoning—the Garden of Eden to which you are returning? It is enough to make you thrill with joy, for all the fond imaginations that have strayed over your

soul without expression are now understood. The single ear, the single eye, the single voice. You have come away from the tower of Babel, that great galaxy of people who are all shouting in their own tongue that they have the only way to reach Heaven and that you must follow them or be lost: Who have finally succeeded in building up nothing but a tower of jealousy, strife, and hatred. All talking different tongues – CONFUSION! Come away from it all. Seek the Inner Lord and listen to the glorious revelation that is made to you now. "And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

When the self resurrection takes place, you shall transform the fleshly body to one of Spirit. "The Word shall become flesh and dwell among you." The body shall take on new properties and you shall then be no more under the laws of the dense matter which has caused you so much grief. "If you be in the Spirit, you are no more under the Law." You are then under Grace. Glorious freedom and cancellation from the mistaken evils of the flesh. Why not, since you functioned under the law, "When I would do good I do evil?" Who could blame you for doing evil if you did it in spite of the fact that you wanted to do good? Not any just God. You are beginning to understand why it is that repentance makes a full cancellation for the evil that functioned in your life and how you are under Grace when you are in the Spirit. The "other disciple" who goes *in* experiences the new birth; to him are revealed the hidden mysteries.

"The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from Heaven." Where is Heaven? According to Jesus, it is a state of consciousness. It is within you, and descending out of this heavenly consciousness will come the Lord, the risen Lord. As the shell of a seed gives way, life appears. As the muddy vesture of human thought that has enclosed you falls away, the Christ comes into manifestation; is unwrapped from his grave clothes and set free. Do not be disheartened – it is stated in the Law that "it is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." When you are willing to let go of the human beliefs that you have massed together by judging from appearances, *then* you will raise the spiritual body. That is, you will see the Spirit become flesh and dwell among you. It is wonderful!

"Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven."

We understand that the laws of the flesh which are constantly changing and bringing in harmony to the individual cannot inherit the Kingdom. The flesh and blood man has not the capacity to accept so much good. He has functioned in such uncertain capacities that he hardly knows what is right and what is wrong.

"Why seek you the living among the dead?" Why look for that which is living in the midst of that which is dead? Why do you seek in the dead letter for the Spirit which in reality dwells eternally within you?

"Then went the other disciple in." Be still! "I shall come as a thief in the night." It is well!

## THE MIGHTY ATOM

"We are already touching, though as it were only with our fingertips, a new source of power so great as to make us inexhaustibly wealthy."

AN ATOM is defined as a particle of matter so minute that it cannot be divided. The very definition of it goes beyond the ken of human reason, since it is impossible for the human mind to think of a particle of matter so small that it could not be divided; hence at the very start we are faced with a pure mental proposition. Yet scientists tell us that the atom is made up of an infinite number of electrons, which are further described as centers of force.

"We all know that the atoms of which everything is made up are themselves made up of a 'cloud' of electrons, at the center of which is a tiny heart of nucleus made up of the tightest jam known of the smallest electric particles known."

\_\_\_\_\_ *Sunday Express*, London, January 10th, 1932.

In spite of the definition of an atom as being indivisible, we now discover that Professor Millikan proposes to "split the atom," and thereby change the nature of it. This is almost beyond the imagination of the average person, and yet it seems to hark back to the abstract idea of "faith as a grain of mustard seed" being able to move mountains, and do all sorts of things that are impossible to the human sense.

The article from which the above quotation was taken is by Gerald Heard, and he continues to say: "If you could knock out some of these particles you would then change the nature of the atom, you would have made the dream of the alchemists come true, you would be able to transmute elements, you would be able to change, if not lead, then quite possibly, mercury into gold."

What Mr. Heard promises by "knocking out some of these particles" seems to be in perfect alignment with the power as used by Jesus in changing one substance into another, and changing the nature and quantity of the manifestation. Jesus changed water into wine. He saw beyond the limitations of the human mind, and was able to release the infinite substance into expression in whatsoever form was needed.

Every knee shall bend to the Christ, and we shall finally see that He is King, and that His wisdom makes the wisdom of the world as naught. One premise after another is reached in physics and discarded, but the laws of the Master remain intact and changeless; little by little we find it useless to try to bring them down to our level of thinking and reasoning.

The Mighty Atom which is within you is the Christ consciousness which has been bound by the human belief. When the shell of human limitations is broken, the Mighty Atom of your True Self comes into expression and sets aside all the laws of the human mind, no matter how time honored they may be.

We read things in the daily papers that would have caused people to be burned as witches not so long ago. Man is getting back to pure abstractions into the invisible and finding it more real than the visible. Mr. Heard says, "Common sense and this is becoming commoner and

commoner as science advances has again let us down." Man is beginning to see that the Master stated it clearly when He said, "The wisdom of man is foolishness in the eyes of God."

Professor Jeans declares there is no such thing as ether, and if this be true, and he seems satisfied that he has ;proven it to be so, then another cherished basis for calculation of the present universe has gone from under us.

"I shall overturn and overturn until He comes whose place it is to rule." The handwriting on the wall is that not one stone of human reason shall be left upon another, and that HE—the pure, unadulterated wisdom of God—shall come to reign in peace. That is, the reign of harmony and order shall be made manifest despite the chaos of human thinking.

"We have kept on saying; 'Common sense shows that the world must have this or that, and so this or that must be there.' But when we look, we find that the things said to be necessary by common sense have not in fact been found necessary in making this surprising world."

The recognition of this Mighty Atom at the center of your being is what causes you to take the first step in releasing it into expression. "Behold I stand at the door and knock," the heart of the Atom is alive and knocking against the shell of human belief, knocking to come out into expression in your life and to bring with it the glorious power which will transcend the human limitations.

#### "The Cosmic Ray"

"By giving up the ether we are taking another and a big step out of the common, dull world we have imagined to be real, into the real world where perhaps anything is possible.

"But though, through this discovery, space has been found to be emptier than we thought possible, through another find it has been discovered to be far fuller than we suspected. Scientists are continuing to measure the cosmic radiation.

"This radiation is called cosmic because it comes not from any star but from out the blackness of space where we thought there was absolutely nothing—save the ether which has failed to materialize.

"The existence of this radiation was never suspected till quite lately, yet it is at present the most powerful thing known in the universe. It can penetrate sixteen feet of lead, when X-rays are easily stopped by less than an inch.

"And now Sir James Jeans has just suggested that, though it is only today that we have been able to pick it up. It is a radiation which was sent out at the beginning of the universe."

\_\_\_\_\_G. Heard, *Sunday Express*, London, January 10th, 1932.

Already the radiations of the Star which is leading back to the Christ consciousness is being felt by the scientist. Where is the light of this Cosmic Ray leading but back to the very center of Power? Just as the wise men and shepherds symbolically followed its light to the manger, so today the scientist and the metaphysician are following this light on to powers which are only dreamed of at this time, of which Christ not only spoke, but demonstrated, and said

were the heritage of every man. It is through the door of acceptance and recognition of the existence of such a power that men are willing to push forward, following the emanation of this ray which all the time is getting brighter and more iridescent; more manifold in its manifestation.

"I have a way that you know not of;" within you lies this possibility of bringing out this glorious expression. There is a reason for the hope that is in us. We are following the light of the Star, back to the very Babe that is born unto us and upon whose shoulders shall be the government. Do you hear? You who read this page? "Come apart from among them and be you separate." The principle of everything we see in the universe today, no matter how wonderful it may be, has existed always, just as the principle back of the splitting of the atom, and the further revelations that will ensue, is here today, and just as usable as it will be when man discovers it. "You have not chosen Me, I have chosen you." The Power has chosen you to be the glorious expression, and the only way this expression can take place is for the Mighty Atom of your being to be set free, for the Christ to come into expression b being recognized.

The great Cosmic Ray which is beyond the stars seems to point at something that is the All Powerful, emanating from the throne of God. It is well.

### **"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD"**

"For God so *loved* the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Suddenly, like a burst of light that pierces the dark clouds of night, comes the revelation that God so LOVED the world, yes, this very world that you have been calling hell; that you have found so full of everything evil; that you have been trying to die out of, or trying to escape. Yes, this very world

God has LOVED. It must be that we have hypnotized ourselves to something that is unlovely. Yet we find that God so LOVED the world. If God had found it one-tenth as evil as we have been taught to believe it is, He would certainly not have *loved* it; He would have destroyed it. Can it be that we, you and I, are mistaken regarding the world. Have we been seeing through a glass darkly and mistaking the shadows of the human belief for the reality, to such an extent that we have come to hate that which God loved?

"Awake, you that sleeps, and Christ shall give you Light." The Light which will enable you to start the Love Process and set yourself free from the prison house of your own making.

"If you cannot love those whom you see, how can you love God whom you do not see?" is a question asked, and passed over lightly. The same thing might be asked, "If you cannot love the world which you can see, how can you love the Kingdom which you cannot see?" It is time that we awakened from the mesmeric sleep that we have cast over ourselves. We have been stupefied by the heavy drug called procrastination. Half the people who are "knowing the Truth" are merely waiting for something in the future to happen and are at the same time despising the present manifestation.

There be those who will say, "Love not the world," and by the word "world" they mean just

the antithesis of what is meant when it is stated that "God so loved the world." it is made quite clear that if we cannot love our fellow creatures we cannot love God. Eventually we begin to see that we glorify that which we love. The power of love that is within every man is the power to transform appearances. "Love never fails" would indicate that all else can fail. Also, "Perfect love casts out fear." We are beginning to see the power of Love. When we love our fellow beings, they become God like and display God like qualities. When we love the earth as God loved it, then we transform it into heaven.

Self examination shows, however, that to most of us this world is just a battle-ground. Each morning we rise and set forth to battle evil, always looking for ways and means of overcoming the almost insurmountable obstacles that arise before us like a Goliath. This fighting spirit stays with us, in spite of the command. "You do not need to fight, set yourself and see the salvation of the Lord.'

In the beautiful God loved world there is nothing to fight, but in the world of man's creating he finds evil everywhere. It is for man to choose in which of these habitats he will live. Surely, as soon as he sees god in man, man becomes God like and just so surely as he sees heaven here and now the world becomes again the Garden of Eden, the very Garden that God loved. And for this purpose he gave His Son, the Christ, and said that whosoever believed upon Him should have everlasting life. The Son is given to each of us when we are ready to accept the priceless gift within ourselves.

"I came not to destroy, but to fulfill," that is the message of the I AM coming into expression in your life. I the Christ, the You of You, came not to destroy, but to fulfill the law of God, and to fulfill and bring out the reason why "God so loved the world." We are missing it all as long as we keep on the hunt after evil. We are missing the great and grand issue of life when we keep pounding away at imaginary beliefs and thinking that our business in the world is to fight evil.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The idea of a perishing body or kingdom, then, is lost in the consciousness of the everlasting life. Do you think for a moment that you can continue everlastingly in the same personality? Do you see that this would be quite as impossible, as it would be for you to continue a baby for ever? The constant revelation that is coming with this imperishable Life is such that it drops off one belief after another and lets the perfect manifestation come into being. Revelations, one after another, break over the universe of the newly found soul. The former things are remembered no more; they cannot come into mind; for the mind has been made new, and it naturally has nothing in it that answers to the former limitations and beliefs. "The prince of this world [the ugly, hateful world you have been living in] comes and finds nothing in you." because you have renewed your mind and there is nothing in this new state that responds to the former evils and limitations. Do you begin to see the *new* day that is dawning?

Small wonder, then, that the command came, "Go forth, heal the sick, open the prisons," etc., etc. How can this be done except the power is given with the command? —the poser of

revelation. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," and the Spirit is everywhere and when it is recognized in that place the limitations of the human belief are suddenly burst asunder and the manifestation is set free.

A shell does not hold a chick one moment after it has grown to the limitations of the shell. When you recognize the presence of God, the limitations that bound you are broken asunder by the sudden expansion of this new knowledge. Be still, do not talk, it is well with you. "I AM HE that should come" and you will begin to understand the difference between overcoming and realization or revelation. Be still, be still, be still. Remember in your quiet that God so LOVED this world that you are finding so hateful and ugly. Be still; you will see and understand.

The presence of the very God that LOVED this world is in everything and through everything, even in your hell, in your prison, in your problem and contains everything for the complete satisfaction of every human desire interpreted in its truest form. Be still, be still. It is well. Right in the midst of it all, there am I; and I am everything that you can possibly ask or think.

For God so LOVED the world – what are you doing with it? Why did God so LOVE the place that you hate and find so filled with all undesirable things? Be still, Be still, and see if the Son which was given does not come to abide with you and make all the desires of your heart possible by the process of revelation. God so LOVED the world – LOVED THE WORLD.

## YOU ARE THE BRIGHT MESSENGER

You are the Bright Messenger – the Shining One, the being of pure Spirit. You are not the man you have been for these many years. You are newborn, fresh, clean, and pure. You are not an old creature patched up by various treatments. You, Bright Messenger, Golden One, have never descended to the level of belief and therefore has not consorted with the shadows of the play life.

You are the Bright Messenger, with winged feet, who goes where he will and knows no obstruction, nor condition. You are the unconditioned, the untrammelled, the free, the individualized yet inseparable manifestation of the All God.

You are the Bright messenger. You are full of light, bathed in All Light. Wherever you go is light—not consciously projected, but unconsciously conveyed; a natural effect of your presence.

You are the Bright Messenger. Your eye is single to the Allness of God, the Oneness of creation. You therefore see with the eye of light. You look into a universe of All Light and see through the shadows of belief. You see the World in a world, the Rose in a rose, and the Man in a man. You perceive with your eye of Light that which is and always has been—not that which will be changed by begging, beseeching, or praying to a tyrant called God to make whole. With the eye of Light you see nothing to heal, for your sight is perfect in the understanding.

"I AM of too pure eyes to behold iniquity."

If God cannot perceive it, how can the man in the street perceive it and make long prayers over it?

You are the Bright Messenger—the being of Light. In the touch of your hand is light. As the warmth of spring touches the frozen earth, so your touch of light causes the seed to swell and burst and the flower to leap from her chalice. Your touch of light is like the soft rain on the parched desert, which causes it to blossom as a rose. Whomsoever you touch, in the true sense of the word, you transform instantly, gloriously, freely, and joyously! Men will call it health, but you will call it revelation!

You are the Bright Messenger. You have the Golden touch which transforms everything into the gold of which Ophir never dreamed. Your touch shall be able to take from the fish's mouth the needed symbol. Your touch it is which gives that which is beyond price and which makes a man rich even when the saying goes, "Silver and gold have I none, but of such as I have, give I unto you." Such as you have in the touch, Oh Bright Messenger, is beyond the price of pearls and rubies. The transforming touch which is gentle yet firm, which is soft like the surface of the ocean, but which has the power to dash a whole fleet of evil ships into oblivion. You are the Bright Messenger, your touch is Golden!

You are the Bright Messenger. The aroma of your presence precedes you. Your passing is as the passing of a cloud of incense from the sacred lilies of the enchanted woods. In your presence the precious perfume of the soul is sensed above the stagnant odors of human

beliefs. When you come to the soul, it is as the bridegroom before whom the lovely flowers of purity open and shed their perfume in superabundance. At your coming, the rose loosens the silken tassel of her soul and gives forth the glorious attar of her being. At your coming the trees and minerals loosen the glorious refreshing odors of woods and stones. From your nostrils come the Breath of Life. From your breath comes the appearance of the new creation. Man becomes a living soul by breathing your breath. Man lives and moves and breathes and has his being in your breath. Your breath fans the small sparks of faith into the flame of realization. From our nostrils comes the flashing, dazzling fire which consumes the dross of belief. You are the Bright Messenger.

You are the Bright Messenger. Your invitation is, "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good." Eat my body (my substance) and drink my blood (inspiration). Your taste is Golden! The milk and honey of the universe of the All God are yours. The hidden manna (that which the eye, the human belief, cannot see) you feed upon. Your eternal drink is the Living Water. You shall never be without the sustenance of Spirit, no matter where you go. You will realize this all-substance and will cease from your thought-taking process of wondering where-withal will we be clothed and fed. You will eat and hunger no more; drink and thirst no more, for you shall feed upon the reality of life instead of the husks of material belief with its shadow appearances.

You are the Bright Messenger, the bearer of "Glad Tidings."

Upon your breastplate, encrusted in gold, is the motto, "speak no evil nor listen to it." You are of too pure ears to hear evil, you hear with the ear of Spirit. You hear with the silent ear, closed to the din of the human relative conditions, but open to that which "eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man (human thought) the things which are prepared for them that love your Law." You hear the word of peace and you cease a whole ocean of fury of belief, stilled and made calm. You hear the reports of that which IS, and you tell of these. You hear the things that "ear has not heard." the ear of man whose breath is in his nostrils, and whose eye is double and yet you hear the report of the Kingdom Here and NOW—You hear the Glad Tidings of the eternal Christ walking today in the Garden of Attainment. You hear the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," and you know these words to be addressed to you! You are not ashamed, nor afraid because of your nakedness; the stark tragedies of the human belief fade into the distance when you obey this call with the "Aye, Aye," of Spirit. You hear in the truest sense of the word, in the fearless sense of the word, "Arise and shine, for your light has come." No need to create this light, to stimulate it, but only to recognize this light as within.

You are the Bright Messenger, the Being of Light, the Unafraid. Why should there be fear when the realization has come that you are the Bright Messenger, the being of pure Spirit, not subject to the beliefs of the thought world, not subject to the failures and successes of your human life, but suddenly up and above that which has always seemed so real.

Bright messenger, Unafraid Being, Holy Creature, Son of God, arise, shine. Arise: Let your light so shine. Take no thought: If you take thought, it will be of fear or limitation. You are the Bright Messenger, the Being of Light that goes before the manifestation of your human self, and makes straight the way. You are the Unafraid, the Unbound, the Prometheus Unbound.

You will smite the rock and make it gush forth the Living Water of Life.

You are the Bright Messenger, the Being of Light, the unafraid. You are glorious, you are free, you are not bound by human limitations. "You are not another [a separate one] but the same One." You are the Christ. Hail! Soul of Me, I salute you; Son of God – Christ – Bright Messenger

## TRAILING CLOUDS OF GLORY

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting;  
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,  
Hath had elsewhere its setting  
And cometh from afar;  
Not in entire forgetfulness,  
And not in utter nakedness,  
But trailing clouds of glory do we come  
From god, who is our home;  
Heaven lies about us in our infancy!"  
—Wordsworth

Trailing Clouds of Glory, sweeping the great horizon of your new heaven and earth, follow after you, Son of the Living God, in great swirls of light and illumination. No more can you withhold this wondrous light than day can stay its coming. No more the conscious effort to know the truth; to make others see the truth; no more straining to have people listen to your chatter about what is or is not—no more anything but simply BEING! Why do you *try* to be? A thousand eager souls have gone down in defeat trying through every possible means to be that which they already were. "They have taken my Lord away," is the cry of a personality worshipper, one who looks to mankind for his salvation instead of looking to the only possible source of such power that within his own consciousness.

Trailing Clouds of Glory follow after you, and the great illumination of their brightness goes before you. Are you afraid to accept such a glorious picture of your True Self? Then you are yet playing with the colored pebbles in the shallow waters of metaphysics, disobeying the command, "Launch out into deep waters." He who has the courage to "launch out" into the freedom of his soul, not asking of those beachcombers who hang around the shores of personal ideas, will find nothing wanting. The rough sea will be smooth, and the calmness shall be there, that deep stillness of being alone, and for the first time being actually free from the soul hunger and loneliness that nothing of the human mind can satisfy.

Many who read these lines, perhaps you who are reading now, will be self-revealed, and will find it natural for the Son of the Living God to have Glorious Trailing Clouds of Attainment follow after him, no matter where he may go. The signs shall follow, they shall not precede. Why look you for a signpost when I AM the way? Salute no man that you pass along life's highway, for he may turn you awry. Salute the soul of your True Self and be not turned aside. "It is I" eternally I and when you begin to see Me in everything you will call Me out into expression and that which flies at you in mad fury trying to destroy you shall be in an instant transformed into Me. This whole process lies within the scope of you who read this page. I have said to you, "Agree with your adversary quickly," and the agreement is made through calling the name of the living God out of the dead Lazarus. "it is wonderful", everything is wonderful; the only thing that is dispelled at such a moment is your belief in evil. Even hell is made into heaven when you call upon me. Call upon Me and I will answer. Do you hear? I said, "I will answer." Believe you this? Or are you going to argue a little, and try to prove that

it is so with a reservation? Go your way; the bridegroom passes and you have no oil because you have not learned yet to accept your good. You are still with those who want to make it happen, and who are looking for personal aggrandizement.

But one day, perhaps today, perhaps right now, you will shed the filthy rags of argument and of personal teaching, and rise and go up into a high place, and descend again, not to work out problems, but to reveal the God within you. As much as you will, that give I unto you. Do you hear?

"Aquaint now yourself with Him, (right while you are reading is now) and be at peace; thereby all good shall come unto you." How very simple, too simple perhaps, because you have been hypnotized into believing that long, hard study was necessary to attain the kingdom, and that you were full of sin that some sin cleanser had to take out of you by special instruction that he could give you. Yet shall I call again and again to you" "Aquaint now yourself with Him, and be at peace, thereby all good shall come unto you." Do you see how utterly impossible it would be for you to explain the glorious feeling of "It is well" to anyone who was trying to think it out?

You are impressed with that which descends to the plane of human thinking from the place of Christ consciousness, the fourth dimensional realm. Do you not see what is meant by "Aquaint now *thyself* with Him and be [find yourself] at peace; thereby all [the whole] good shall come unto you." Can you understand, then that your expression of healing, of whatever belief comes before you, is merely the light of the Trailing Clouds of Glory which automatically emanate from your being? When you see this, that All (the whole) Good shall come unto you; then will you know that you have the hidden well of living water and the exhaustless substance of the manna that comes down from heaven. Do you see that you will be self-sufficient and that your giving will in reality be only the coming of your presence? On whomsoever your consciousness rests pours the infinite blessing and possibility of a perfect revelation of health, prosperity, or happiness. Should they but accept it, either consciously or unconsciously, the transformation will take place and they will shout, "whereas before I was blind, NOW {right NOW the ONLY) I can see" and one blindness after another shall be healed in every man. New fields of illumination and light shall be made visible to him, and each time he shall exclaim, "Whereas before I was blind, now I can see."

Do you see that the mere acceptance of this makes it possible for you? Until you believe it is possible (not from a standpoint of credulity or blindly), it can never be possible to you, however much of the letter you may know. You believe in the true fashion of the Word when you have accepted the Finished Kingdom as here and now, and possible of expression. Then what matter if a thousand say to you, "It is hard," "There is much work and difficulty in attainment." I said to you many times and I AM saying to you (you who read this page, do you hear?) at this instant that the Kingdom of Heaven is given to the Child, not in years, but with the capacity that can accept good as real instead of endeavoring eternally to make My Kingdom over or set things right by first believing in evil.

As soon as you take away the personal nature of evil you have it in a place of understanding, where it can more easily be seen as nothing but belief. The thing you have been working on is your personal devil and he is fed by the substance of your thought. Taking your attention

away from the body, being absent from the body or embodiment of your problem and present with the Lord, is another way of putting it. When you are present with the Lord, the Trailing Clouds of Glory sweep the horizon of your universe and find nothing there which needs to be destroyed or killed but you find the great, glorious realm of attainment opening wide its portals to you. ENTER!

"Where there is no vision the people perish," where there is no vision which is beyond the thought process, the people finally fall by the way, full of dead letter and earnest effort. The glorious Vision of the Son of the Living God is yours. You are dream drenched with the joy of it all, the pass before your gaze as lovely realities, instead of phantoms and ghosts of dead hopes and wishes. Deeper and deeper you go into the great clouds of light; more wonderous are the revelations made to you as you go your eternal way of aloneness and attainment. Nothing shall be denied you and no one shall say you nay! Do you hear? Can you talk this glorious thing over with one who has but a mind full of thoughts or trite statements and a house full of evil that needs attention?

You shall learn the glory of silence which is golden by its light of revelation. Stand still, very still, stiller than any human mind can imagine.

Everything you touch shall be filled with the spirit of Light. Everything you look upon shall be illumined with the glory. All this, not in the impractical way that most people look upon these wondrous words, but in a way of concreteness. "Even in MY flesh shall I see God." do you begin to see the impractical teaching is that which shows you how to get things when there is the great "Seek you first the Kingdom of heaven [within] and all things shall be added unto you"? Do you go any further until you have decided within yourself whether this is a lie or the truth, why continue the self-hypnotism any further? You are on the path of attainment, attainment of greater things than can possibly be set down in black and white.

Trailing Clouds of Glory will follow you as you go about your Father's business and the pygmy personality will fade out of the pictures as the new creature moves into the plane of expression. From out the invisible will come new ideas and impressions that will cause you to know that the way of attainment is not fraught with difficulties, but is easy and beautiful, a way possible for the childlike consciousness which believes in its good and accepts it.

Out of the invisible comes the manifest. As a smile out-pictures a state of consciousness and is instantly reflected by all who come in contact, thereby making the increase infinite, so the idea which wells from the Inner Lord will come into ample expression and be reflected back to the giver in endless ways. The whole concern is not how to make it reflect back with increase, but to release it without thought of return. A smile is given, not to get a smile in return, but because it is an automatic expression of the state of consciousness at that time. A grin will not accomplish the same results. Few are fooled. Few are those who respond. The deep, smiling consciousness of good shall be reflected back again and again in countless ways.

**"You are the light of the world."**

What world? Who is referred to as "YOU"? All these glorious promises and statements of

absolute facts must at length be overtaken by the Son of the Living God; he must finally come to cause everyone to yield its full measure of substance. It is only when the grape has been pressed in the wine press that the hull is thrown away and it is when the inspiration has been taken from the letter that it falls by the way.

When will you rise and leave the tatters of human reasoning and former attainment for the open road of the Son of the Living God? Dare you, you who read this page, remembering that taking the open road does not of necessity mean a physical voyage? He who recognized any of the attributes of the Christ-consciousness as so and real will see them into instant manifestation, as Peter, realizing the substance of freedom, could sing in a material prison and cause it to open to him. I AM the way, if it takes an earthquake to do it, what of it? Those that put you in will invite you to come out so they may be blinded by the Trailing Clouds of Glory that follow after you. Finally you will realize that the everlasting rising to heights and falling to depths is a matter of human belief, and that it has nothing to do with the real, the lasting, the eternal, but is merely an emotional reaction. The Son of the Living God does not ascend to heights and get cast off into the depth, for there is no height, depth, breadth, or length in the ALL, and yet there are all of these as long as they are necessary for Jesus to operate within their boundaries. There is the glory of the risen Lord gleaming through you and the fashion of your continence shall be changed and you will be revealed in a glory of light. Do you hear? Do you see? Do you look between the lines and grasp the hidden meaning that is there?

Go into all the world, preach the good spell. Speak of the good spell, the wonder of goodness that is everywhere and go not out again first to point out the evil and then hunt in your mental satchel for a remedy, one thing for headache, one for a mortgaged house, another thing for an inharmonious home, another for how to find money and a job. How long will you cast lots for a part of my garment? When will you see that to know ME is life eternal? Life eternal is not subject to disease and limitation, neither can it be made unhappy by the lack of anything. Can you see now? You who read this page, that a thousand years being a day, and a day as a thousand years, you can make the hypnotism of yesterday a thousand years old and out of your way?

You shall do all these things, and the mists of earth, the beliefs of the human limitations, shall vanish away in a cloud of light and beauty. Suddenly you will walk untrammelled and free, a new door shall open unto you, and you will enter, and as you do, so it will close, and the past, with its limitations and fears, will be vanished away. Do you hear? You who read this page? You?

I speak to you: The new order of things is at hand and it is the time of its appearance. It will be very much as the waking from a dream that you fully intend to remember, but about which is spun such a mist of forgetfulness that only the merest fragments remain. This is the translation from one mansion to another in the universal consciousness. Newer and fresher capacities will be yours; you will find yourself in possession of wisdom necessary to perform that which you formerly thought impossible of attainment, and strange as it may seem for the moment, you shall presently find that it is quite natural. The moment you overtake a truth or become conscious of it, at that instant you also realize that you have always know that truth,

and that there has never been a time in your life when you did not have it actively into expression.

When you go by the Way, be sure you leave the false modesty of the hypocrite behind; be not afraid to assume and take for granted the power of the Son of the Living God. You are acting within your own precincts when you realize that the power of the Christ to accomplish that which it will is a natural thing and not something for display. It is wonderful and even as you have been reading this word, your fear and problem have melted away, dissolved by the Light shed from the Trailing Clouds of Glory that emanate from the Son of the Living God. It is all right with you now, everything is all right now. The fig tree that cumbered the ground has shriveled up and disappeared, the fig tree that did not obey the law to bring out the whole manifestation at the instant is also pulled up by the roots. The slow process of birth, growth, maturity, and fruition is all swallowed up in instant recognition of the perfect whole, the flower before the seed. He that has ears, let him hear. Do you hear? The whole in perfect manifestation, not through the slow human process of time and space.

Feeding among the lilies, considering the lilies, the effortless, unlabored action of the I AM moving into a constant stream of expression. Rest beloved; it is well with you. You are the glorious Being of Light in a universe of Light, you are lost in the immensity of it all. As the candlelight is lost in the sunlight and yet retains its individuality, so you are lost in ME, in the Spirit of the ALL and there you find nothing wanting or lacking. There you find no shadows. There your soul is singing the song of the Son of the Living God in the eternal Now and Here, in the eternal joy of Life, Life, Life...complete and filled with an unspeakable joy. It is so. Do you hear?

Remember then, as you go out into your Kingdom of heaven, about your Father's business, that the Trailing Clouds of Glory are about you, and it is well.

# COURAGE

He that has the true fear of God in his heart, has no room therein for any other fear.

—Cromwell

As every positive word has a negative counterpart and interpretation, so the word "fear," which is the ghastly hydra-headed monster that besets the footsteps of man from cradle to grave. It has a thousand different titles and names, is personal and impersonal. One person might quake with it, another thrill with joy. It is easy for a trained pilot to soar about the heavens like a glorious bird, but the same movements may cause the untutored to be thrown into paroxysms of terror and dismay.

So, likewise, the expression, "Fear of God," brings to the minds of many, the fear of a most terrible tribal God who takes keen pleasure in pouncing upon them at unexpected moments and bringing the most fiendish devices to pass, while to another it means a reverence and security with all attending benefits.

A savage, after seeing some of the terrible things that can be done with electricity, might fear it, and even obey its injunctions as interpreted by a savage medicine man. He might prefer to stay by his rushlight rather than have anything to do with this fearful thing. But an enlightened man will not deprive himself of the glorious benefits and help derived from the proper understanding and use of the power.

There are many people who profess to be civilized and smile with derision at the so called savage who worship, in ignorance, a God as replete with whims, moods, and fearful power as any heathen God dared to be. While professing to worship a Father God who is mindful of his own, they are filled with superstitious beliefs concerning him.

I heard a man, with great emotion in his voice, talking to this God regarding the need of money, finally conclude his high flown statements of an impersonal God with, "Now, Father God, you know if it is best for me to have this money it will be forthcoming." He was the spirit of humility and contriteness, and was as near a pagan praying to a glorified figure of clay as he could possibly be. Imagine praying for the invisible current of electricity to let you have light if it thought it was well for you to have light. If you are in total darkness and have to read, it is an obvious fact that you need light. Yet thousands are thinking to wheedle some special favor from this God while afraid and filled with superstitious fears regarding Him, so that their humility is nothing but a robe of hypocrisy.

*"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."*

The wisdom spoken of is the understanding of God, and the fear that is mentioned is the reverence that one naturally has for fundamental laws. A musician, the more he awakens to the glorious realm of harmony, the more he reverences (fears) the laws of harmony; he does not see in them anything that will destroy him, or from which he can curry personal favors. No matter how contrite he has been, no matter how many times he has told the principle that he is a miserable artist, full of terrible discords and unworthy of the power to express

harmony. As an artist he knows that the moment he falls away from the laws of harmony, chaos is produced in his playing and he will eventually completely destroy himself as a musician if he continues to disregard these laws for long.

"The wrath of God," or electricity, or discord, then, must be in the keeping of man, no matter what may be said to the contrary.

"The wrath of God" is man's own wrath, or his ignorance or "fear" of God in the negative sense of the word. Many people have interpreted the fear of God as meaning a power that constantly requires sacrifice of everything but the ordinary things of life. Others have a tribal God who is a bestower of personal favors. Still others imagine they are one of the few chosen to express this power that they are especially consecrated, and that all others must look up to them. Jesus, the great Way-Shower, seeing this tendency in man, made it clear that the power He was employing was impersonal and as available to the man in the street as it was to him. "Call not me good." Well might He have said, "Do not worship me."

"I am wonderfully and fearfully made." Do you begin to understand the FEAR of God and how it operates successfully over the "fearfully" made body? Do you begin to see what is hidden in the word "fear"? Do you understand how the currents of electricity run freely over a perfectly equipped house? Wherever there is wiring and equipment there it appears in whatever form it is needed and that form is to neutralize a belief in a lack of some kind. So also, the "fear" of God operates over the body, which is "wonderfully and fearfully" made. Many an electrically equipped establishment has a system of wiring and switchboards wonderfully and fearfully made. The most ordinary man in the street would not find it anything unusual if told that the same power could freeze and burn at the same time, in the same room; he would not find it strange that this power could connect him instantly with the other end of the earth. No, he has recognized this fact and accepted it.

That the power we call God operates in the same manner is un-understandable to many people. They want to know what "method" or what power you use to neutralize disease as differentiated from poverty; what affirmations you say to bring about happiness as differentiated from those used to produce prosperity as if there were a different set of currents in an electrical wave to produce different manifestations. God is impersonal, omnipotent, and omniscient as well as omnipresent. He is everything at the same time. The moment you recognize the Presence of God in any place, the situation or condition of human ignorance becomes *nil*.

When you begin to recognize the impersonal nature of god, great areas of fear leave you. You realize then that it is not a matter of the power working or not, it is a question: Are you willing to let it into manifestation? When you are ready to stop this ridiculous praying to a man-god and come before The Presence with the glorious readiness to *let* The Power into expression, then will you see and know "the words I [that I AM] speak are not of myself, but him that sent me." The "words" are the manifestations that you give forth as the *Son of the Living God*.

Do you begin to see why it is, "if you make your bed in [the] hell [of belief] I AM there"? To recognize this is to see the darkness of hell dissipated in the light of Spirit. To the human

sense, flames may have light and a burning heat, but this is nothing as compared with the light of Spirit. Hell is always personal and limited to the belief of a person; heaven is universal and everywhere present and is available to everyone.

That this power has always been, goes without saying, just as we know the principle of the automobile always existed. Jesus might have ridden into Jerusalem in an automobile as on an ass, as far as the existence of the principle is concerned. No one recognized the principle, hence it did not seem to exist. In the same way you, in your human darkness, do not recognize the presence of heaven here and now and so it does not exist to you.

Because of the limitations of human language, terms of symbology and parables are used to bring out the hidden meaning of the visible-invisible. Yet it is ridiculous to compare the power of God with the power of electricity.

*The Power* is so much beyond the limited illustrations man can give, that words utterly fail to convey the idea, and the best illustrations only raise many queries in the mind of the reader. Who can define the Infinite?

The first fear, then, to be eradicated is the false interpretation of the "fear of God," not the belief in a power opposed to God. When you are unafraid of God because you are beginning to understand the All-Now of the ALL-Presence, and are ceasing the terrible struggle to make this Power work according to human standards; when you cease to fear him as a terrible tyrant, meting out horrible punishments to helpless victims of his caprice, then will you begin to know "the peace that passes all understanding," for "in the twinkling of an eye" you will see that all fears are induced merely by the lack of understanding of God- "the fear of God" - the understanding of this great Power so completely fills you that there is no room for any other "fear."

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." The reverence for, and aligning of oneself with this glorious power, is the beginning of wisdom. You will see the human fears for what they are—the product of a double mind. A man I met, working in the service of God, was afraid lest he could not get sufficient money to keep his church in operation. What about it? Do you suppose that this great power, desiring to express itself, fails to supply everything necessary to make this possible, without the aid or assistance of man? Who is this man who thinks he has to strain every nerve to bring in the Christ Kingdom? Who is this poor benighted soul who imagines that if he does not make a place for God to express, God will not be expressed? Where is that one who is seeking no favors, or any permission to express that which God has given him to express? Where is the one that needs no recommendation but finds the temple doors flung wide open to him? Is it that one who, as Cromwell says, "has the true fear of God in his heart" to such an extent that "there is no room for any other fear"?

You who read this page, what is the nature of your fear? First, what of the fear of God? What do you actually feel in your heart regarding this God? Are you afraid of him? Do you fear him in the old sense of the word or do you "fear" [reverence] him as the great Impersonal Power? If you but learn to be unafraid of this Power, you will be like the learned electrician. Your fear and superstition regarding the truth will melt away along with the other fears of evil, poverty, and disease.

"The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom." Do you hear, you who read this line? The door is opening to you, the door into the glorious land of understanding through which you may enter and be free. They [your fears] may seem terrible and imminent. They may seem sure to annihilate you until you learn that through the unafraid state of mind, they will flee. You cannot fear anything when your heart is full of the *fear* of the lord, remembering that you are wonderfully and "fearfully" made and that the power which is to activate this mechanism is now in full manifestation.

"Come, you children, listen to ME; and I will teach you the fear of the Lord." The I AM will reveal to the unafraid soul all the wonders that are hidden beneath the "fear." The eyes of the blind will be opened. You will begin to see that although some may say, "Peace, peace, and there is no peace," and some may retain "the fear of the Lord" in their hearts and suffer the pangs of the damned, yet others may be so filled with the "fear of the Lord" that no other fear can enter. Do you see? Do you hear—you who read this line? Does not your heart suddenly burn with a glorious joy? Are you not aflame with the glory of the new revelation—you who read this line? You have nothing to fear because you have the "fear of God."

You will begin to read the secret doctrine and see the things that are hidden away from the wise and prudent. You will begin to see how the letter often contradicts itself as well as confuse. Witness this for prosperity;

"By humility and fear of the Lord  
are riches and honor and life."

Interpret this from the negative meaning of the word "fear" and you have a contrary argument to the non-fear state that appears to be necessary for the relative world of finance today. Fear is to be ejected at all costs, and as *fear* so it is, but consider this with its true meaning, with your heart full of it, and you will see that prosperity is not a matter of demonstration, but a matter of recognition. You cannot help but manifest prosperity, any more than an electric bulb could refuse to illuminate when the power is turned on.

"Search the Scriptures." You will learn to search the deep hidden meaning of the Word. "I will reveal myself to you."

It is only when your heart is full of the *fear* of the Lord that you can truly say, "I shall fear no evil," concluding with the glorious reason, "For you [the understanding] are with me."

"He that has the true fear of God in his heart  
has no room for any other fear."  
IT IS WONDERFUL!

## O COLORFUL ONE

I AM the Great White Light in which all the visible and invisible color of the universe and heaven rest. My name is o Colorful One, I am full of light that is white and glistening and at the same time is multi-colored and many hued. My white light passes through the prism of human thinking, reasoning, or teaching, and takes on seven distinct rays. Man, looking through a glass darkly and with the double eye, sees many different paths all claiming to be the truth; but so long as a man remains in the personal idea of the truth he has not yet seen the Great White Light of his True Self in which are hidden all things, hidden only to the eye that is double.

He may follow a single ray of color, thinking that he at last has the truth, only to find that it terminates in disillusionment. One by one he may exhaust the paths, until finally he comes to the Great White Light of his Soul. It is the whole garment alone that can satisfy and this comes not by a mediator, but through the Christ within, and until man learns this, he will go seeking in every strange place and go chasing every wil'-o-the-wisp of color, hoping to find peace and the ALL. He will find what the man finds who believes literally that a pot of gold hangs at the end of the rainbow.

Pretty soon he begins to see the Great White Light of his Soul and, as he recognizes this, he sees hidden in this all, the glorious colors of Soul. A million colors and tints burst upon his startled eyes as he goes from glory to glory. For he suddenly realizes that for the first time, he is seeing! "Having eyes, you see not," is changed to the glorious explanation, "whereas before I was blind, now I can see." He is thrilled with the exquisite bliss of the awakening in the new heaven (state of consciousness) and the new earth (manifestation in the flesh). He finds there everything that he has tried for long years to demonstrate by one means or another. He finds there overflowing abundance of the All and he is unafraid and naked. There is nothing between him and the truth, he is lost in the great swirl of color, of light, and lost in the great swirl of color, of light, and glory. He is bathed in its golden mists. His feet are lovely upon the mountains of inspiration and along the still waters, limpid and blue. He lies upon the breast of the new earth under the shifting gold dust of the sun of life. He tastes of the bliss of the peace which passes all understanding. He is suddenly One with the universe, with the All. He is everything and nothing at the same time. "When a man loses his life, he shall find it." When your personal sense of trying to run the universe is ended, and you are willing to let go of the petty personal desires, you shall taste of a fruit of life that will again admit you into the portals of your lost Eden.

Ah, how fair it stands and has always stood, awaiting the one who could lay aside his dusty, worn, travel clothes and put on the white, shimmering robes of the Son of the Living God. "Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the glories prepared for them that love your law." What you are about to experience when you can give up or let go of this tinsel personality, painted with the colors of effort and struggle to be or do something personal, is so far beyond anything that has ever been written or told you that the comparison is absurd. What you lose when you give up or let go of the personal something is the difference between Jesus and the Christ. This giving up is not a straining thing when once you understand the truth as taught by the Master.

Gladys Smith may have been the teacher's pet, been called a pretty child, and been the pride of her family, but Mary Pickford absorbed all of this Gladys Smith and expanded to a creature beloved by thousands. She pushed out the border of her tent beyond anything little Gladys would ever have dreamed. Do not be afraid that your darling—the little personality that has perhaps to your eyes attained such wonderful things, and wants credit for it always—is going to be lost by giving up and letting the Christ into expression. You will lose nothing but the prison of a name and a following and find a Name and a Following a million times greater than the little consecrated soul you thought you were when working to bring in the millennium and to save the world.

He who travels alone travels far—no man along the way can discuss these things with you. Either you do or you do not know that within you lies this great fountain of life which gushes up into a pure white stream - shoots far up into the azure skies and is transformed into a mist of glorious color by the Sun of Life.

You are this fountain of pure White Light which is everything and anything. It can be that which it will and is so chameleon-like that it can harmonize with its surrounding either for protection, lost to the human eye, or to bring forth a glorious revelation. The great floods of understanding will ever be able to speak in that color that is understandable to the listening one. You are all colors, twinkling, blazing, flaring up into expression.

O Colorful One, the soul of me, only through this great at-one-ment can I ever find the satisfaction of life. Only when the impersonal comes to be the personal can I repossess my universe and find it heaven here and now.

Many have whitewashed themselves over with a false humility and set themselves in the highways of the world, proclaiming in all their meekness that they are the consecrated souls and have come to save the world from sin. They have come to save nothing, not even themselves; they are merely selling My robe, casting lots for it in the open market of life—drawing their white garments away from Me and making themselves official stone-casters. Do not imagine that any personal teaching, however high, will satisfy you. Nothing but the discovery of the Great Soul of your True Self will do that.

"Let the filthy be filthy still" - let the personal teaching remain personal. You will find your soul in due time. A filthy mind is always seeing filth. A nude statue made to represent the truth is to him something obscene and dirty. Find out what a man is condemning and you have a concrete picture of that man. You give yourself away when you criticize another; you are only letting the wise man see your "self" which is hiding behind a personality.

O colorful One, the soul of you is that which makes you to know concretely right here and now:

"I AM the light of the world [your manifest world]; he that follows ME shall not walk in darkness [human beliefs], but shall have the light of life."

The I AM, the O Colorful One, will cause you to see the impossibility of walking longer in the human beliefs and limitations of life. Many things that you formerly consigned to the "yes-they-may-be-possible-when-I-get-the-understanding," will be natural. I have things to show you that I cannot tell you.

Dominion, dominion, dominion, not domination! That is what I give you. There is no need to dominate in the Kingdom of Heaven, for that is only bondage. What you dominate occupies your whole time and attention and hence dominates you indirectly. I give you dominion, for you have the cloak of invisibility, the cloak of many colors, any color. Do you understand, O colorful One? Yes, your soul leaps with joy with the boundless possibilities of the sons of the Living God with the serene joy of the expression anywhere and at any time, in the manner necessary. Not just a painter, or a lecturer, or a dancer, but an O Colorful One, who knows the deep things and can give to every man that which he asks...not a a personal gift, but by way of self-revelation.

I AM a pool of iridescent flame. In ME is all, without ME is nothing. When you are lost in My will, then you automatically function from the heights of bliss, abandon, and expression. Your individuality is not lost, it is found! The deep springs of unknown talent and accomplishment gush forth into expression. You shall speak with new tongues, both literally and figuratively. You shall be at that instant just exactly what you recognize yourself to be when you do not strain to recognize it, but just are it by recognition and assumption. Very easy, as the color of white broken up into the rainbow melts from on to another hue.

O Colorful One, is the soul of you. It plays into expression, as the light plays on the water. There is no resistance to the light. It does not need to combat its supposed enemy, the darkness. It finds nothing there to fight, so the human mind, when lifted to the understanding of the Son of the Living God, will find that what it formerly considered obstacles will disappear. What to Jesus was a problem, was nothing to the Christ. What to you, as a human personality, may seem an impossible, insurmountable obstacle, is nothing to the soul of you. The tiny resources which you hugged to yourself as a personality become as a drop in the bucket compared to the overflowing of the windows that are opened in heaven when you recognize the Power of the Son of the Living God.

Saul, going to his duty of fighting sin and evil, is blinded by the white light. So white, that the human eye has not yet perceived it. It would blind the human eye because of its limited capacities and because of the indescribable colors and hues. Millions of tints and nuances are revealed, but by this very blinding is the obstruction removed, the name changed, and the way opened. The NEW WAY! All this is just in front of you, you who read this page. Do you hear? You? When will you lay aside the trinkets you borrowed from your masters in Egypt? They have served you well, but they are also souvenirs of your bondage.

The letter that you study is merely a memory of your bondage to the human concept of truth. Presently, you shall cast that aside and claim in the soul rapture of the son of god, the O Colorful One, "I AM free born, I AM a Son of the Living God, I AM a joint heir with Christ!" Glory, glory, glory, and a food of white light, with its billion of colors and tints, shall descend

upon you and your eyes shall be open and you will know that "It is well," and that nothing matters but you and your soul. In finding this out, then for the first time, and in the true sense of the word, everything matters and is your special charge and the command "Feed my sheep," will be literally understood and not mutilated into a personal service.

I said, "Feed my sheep," not destroy my sheep with the personal fears and personal teaching. Who are you? Standing there with that great mantle of personality about you, passing out some tabloid statements of how to get things and how to attain spirituality by following after you? He that sets himself up shall be abased. Remember that the master had no patience with hypocrites, have a care that you be not classified with those who were called "vipers." To whom will you be Judas? You may be running about smartly correcting others and thinking thereby to win a special reward. Watch!

O Colorful One, the soul of you will cause the mantle of secrecy to envelop you. You will not care to chatter about the findings of truth, they will be too precious. Once you have been shown the jewel, the pearl of great price and have seen the luminous folds of color of your real self, then you will know that nothing matters but the following of your own soul instructions. How and where, no man knows. He that has many cares must remain with the household of the human thought and try to set it in order and at the same time he may be a doorkeeper and have many duties to perform.

Do not think, because you discover your True Self, that you will sit idly by and pass out wisdom on a golden platter. You will live and release wisdom on rays of light that the whole world will see. Fear not! If there is anything to you, your fame will find its wings. The dogs barked at the feet of the Master as he passed through the streets of Jerusalem, the holier than thou dogs and those who would have destroyed him. Fear not! I AM mightier than any combination of human belief. Those that are for you are greater than those beliefs that are against you.

O Colorful One, soul of me, shine forth, that is, the word shine forth in the particular nuance of expression that is necessary at this instance to bring out the glories of heaven on earth. Can you see how heretofore you have asked for nothing, for you have not know how to ask? You have asked for some trifling thing in order that the human self might be glorified, in order that you might gild over a human personality and make the world fall down and worship you; but now you ask in the true way, that of appropriation. Can I speak plainer than:

"Ask, believing, you receive.  
Before you ask, I will answer."

Am I then, the soul of you, a liar? Is MY word broken constantly and not fulfilled? Do you hear? You who read this page? You? Do not ask another, ask yourself. What are you afraid of? Letting go? Letting me direct your way? Are you going to bend it in order that it may suit another's idea of you, or what another thinks you should do and accomplish? Be still! Until you can get over that, you can never know peace.

Come out from among them (human thoughts) and be free. A man's enemies are those of his own household (consciousness). These are the only enemies you have and yet you have a world full of them because you see your human thought reflected in a million mirrors of the

universe. What hope is there for you to change the reflection in the mirror? I said, "I AM a new creature in Christ Jesus" I call to your attention over and over this statement, for finally you will hear it, a new creature has no need of the old appliances, bandages, and appurtenances—fears! Do you hear? You who read this page - Right now? You?

The open road lies before you, no matter if you are bound head and foot with human beliefs. I say unto you, "I" the Colorful One, the soul of you. "I" say to you, to you who read this page, to you , are you listening (feeling)? "I" say to you, "Rise up and walk."

Do you hear? You? I AM speaking to you from out the depths of your very being, I am speaking to you from out the fount of life. I am telling you something that is already possible, awaiting acceptance, awaiting recognition. The open road lies before you, the road upon which all things are discovered, not created. It is the Way of Life, and it leads all over My Universe, and goes directly to its Robe, and Ring, and Upper Chamber, and finds its purse and scrip. Do you hear? I AM the Way, the Blaze of Life, the O Colorful One. I go before the human manifestation and see that the way he travels is clear and that there shall be no stones for him to stub his toe against. Are you afraid? I shall clothe you in the many colored, seamless robes of pure white which shall be all things to all men.

"Be you transformed by the renewing of your mind." I did not say you should be patched up and fixed up to look better and to have more of my goods, I said, "BE" now, here, at this instant, "BE" you "transformed," not temporarily changed, glistening, shimmering, shining, white and all colors at the same time. It is wonderful, wonderful, wonderful! Heaven and earth are full of you, of you, of you, the all-inclusive, the One of which you are a point in consciousness. All my glorious Self pours through you into expression and yet all of it is left. No amount of hearers can ever exhaust music! Because a person listens to music he does not destroy anything of its volume and yet he has it all! So is it with you!

So will you go into your own garden and find the eternal Christmas tree, the gift tree, the tree of life, situated beside the inexhaustible river of Life and you will be at peace. It is wonderful, O Colorful One. It is Glorious! You who read, do you hear? Be quiet, then let go and see the salvation of your True Self pour out into expression. Even as I now pour out the words to you on this page, so will I pour out to you your true and wondrous expression. It is well!

You will descend into the cleansing pool of life and there taste the bliss of heaven. It is well with you, the myst-i-fications of the earth beliefs are even at this instant becoming more translucent and clear. Then "through a glass darkly" is beginning to become "then face to face." O glorious, O Colorful One with healing in your wings, with the strength that is beyond all human limitations in your arms, with the glory of youth eternal written all over you, you are even now stooping down to the human belief and lifting up the poor little personality until it shall be swallowed up in the million hues of spiritual wonders of the kingdom here and now.

## PROSPERITY

I HEARD A STUDENT IN Metaphysics say to another who was sledding under a financial problem, "Make out a check on the Bank of the Universe." The woman thus addressed looked amazed and replied, "But I have not anything in any bank on which to draw." "Well, just visualize a bank account, see yourself going to the bank and making a deposit, see yourself drawing on this account." As well might she have said, "Make a check out on the Bank of England," as the Bank of the Universe without fully explaining that in order to have a checking account on any bank it is first necessary to make a deposit in that bank. It is true that we can take out of any bank only what we put there, and it is particularly true of the Bank of the Universe.

The only deposit that anyone can make in this bank is Faith; more Faith which piles up into understanding. It's safe deposit vaults are fool and thief proof. Its vast accumulation is consciousness. Its rules are simple and sure of results.

Before opening an account in any bank, you are interviewed. You give your name, your address, and such other information necessary for the bank to keep in touch with you on the shortest possible notice. You do not discuss with the banker your hopes of increase or your state of poverty, etc. All he is interested in is the actual amount you are to deposit. You, in turn, understand the privileges, the rate of interest, the backing of the bank, etc., and go on your way. The symbols you have left with him you will probably never see again but this does not worry you. You take in exchange for your money, a little book in which are written figures. You are satisfied, secure, and at peace although you have actually let go of everything which materially stands for money. In doing this, you are exercising Faith, not only in the man who took your money, but also in the Institution and its ability to make an increase for you.

After you have left the bank, in reality, the only place you have wealth, to the amount deposited, is in your consciousness.

All the steps you have taken in actually making this deposit are those required for one who opens an account with the Bank of the universe, or the Infinite Source of all Good. Yet many people never open an account at this bank. They only present checks of Belief and Imagination to a bank which has neither their name nor an account to its credit.

Faith used in the smallest degree soon evolves into Understanding. The Banker of this Universal Institution gives you a few simple rules to follow. You are exercising every day in the daily round of life. They are something like this:

Faith - acting and growing  
Judge not from appearances  
Full identification with your account  
Simplicity

All the growing and evolving is actually in the human belief, for man finds sooner or later that he is merely becoming aware of this True consciousness in which is a "sufficiency of all things." What you have in your mind is what you bring into manifestation. A picture cord

that is perfectly attuned to a certain note of the piano will instantly sing out when that note is struck, whether it be in a lighted or dark room, regardless of temperature or location. If poverty or limitation is in your belief, every time that note is struck in the universe you respond. Eventually man begins to understand what is meant by the Law, "The Prince of this world (of belief) comes and finds nothing in me." We have already proven this to some extent. Many things pass over you now without so much as a ripple of disturbance in the mind. Accepting false reports, judging from appearances, rushing madly to grab at symbols has closed the doors of many a banking institution, when, fundamentally, nothing was wrong. Everybody who was attuned to the fear responded to it and the result was disaster for many.

"Prove me and see if I will not open windows in heaven and pour out a blessing you shall not be able to receive." Where is heaven? According to Jesus, it is a state of consciousness. Understand, then, that the ideas that are to be poured out to you are not in some kingdom far removed from you, but are to come directly out of the heavenly state of Consciousness which is within you, awaiting recognition.

The Prodigal is a good instance of this. He sat with the swine looking for a few grains of sustenance among the husks of belief. He had already dissipated all his symbols in riotous living. He had gone into a far country of Belief. Most of us are prodigal, and most of us will *remember* something, and when we do, we shall arise, disregard the appearances and go directly to our Father within. No questioning, no condemning, no fearing that the past accounts shall be checked up against us. We, too, shall *remember*, "My Father," according to the Master, is within the consciousness of every man. The moment this memory takes place, the Prodigal rises from his state of belief and at the same moment of recognition the Father rises and comes towards him. "Oh, you of little faith." We are afraid to trust Him, because we have Him away off in some invisible Kingdom. We are afraid He will not hear, or will not answer, or that He will look back on the ledgers of the past and hold us up for heavy interest. "Fear not, little flock," has a tender compassion in it that is enough to make the greatest fear melt into nothingness. "Fear not, I AM with you always (all ways); I will never leave you." Why will the Banker of the Universe never leave you? Because He is in the midst of you, keeping watch over His Own. It is only the curtain of belief that we draw by looking without and judging from appearances, that causes us to fail to see Him. We look for Him in some far off place, "Oh, if I could only find Him." We search through books, through teachings and into many lands for that which is within. "Behold, I stand at the door (of consciousness) and knock. If any man will open unto me I will come into him and sup with him and he with me." Are you afraid to open the door? Awake from this hypnotism of belief, swing wide the portals if absolute abandon. Stand on the slippery cliff of your beliefs and say, with Job, "Even if you slay me, yet will I say you are God." The ground you stand on is holy ground, covered over with slimy belief, which you have amassed from appearances. When every way is closed to you from the human standpoint, "I have a way you know not of." Where is this I, or Father? You must bring Him down out of the skies of imagination and identify yourself with Him, as within, as the very YOU of YOU.

All manifestation of man is made in the image and likeness of God. You and your whole universe are fashioned after this pattern, but the human belief has plastered over the perfect

vision with fear. "Smite the rock and make it give forth the living waters." The unafraid will find his God here and now.

Only that which you have in consciousness can be reflected on your universe, which in reality is, symbolically speaking, a series of mirrors. Does a man standing in front of a mirror, give anything of himself? Is there any intelligence in the reflection? Is there any intelligence in the reflection? If the mirror is shattered and the reflection destroyed is anything gone? As long as you have it in consciousness you will automatically have it into manifestation, and this holds for good, bad, and indifferent states of mind. Power is not in the reflection. It is wholly at the mercy of the reflector. Substance is not in the symbol of money, but something that is wholly outside of it.

A German woman told me an interesting story of a symbol. When the first money scare took place in Germany, she drew out her money and had it converted into a single bill of the value of One Hundred Thousand marks (approximately \$20,000 at that time). She took this home with fear and trembling, but with a certain sense of security. She had her money in her hand. A whole army of beliefs set to work in her mind. Fear of losing it, fear of thieves, fear of someone finding it out. Twice her fear nearly precipitated a robbery, something that had never happened to her before. She changed its hiding place times without number. Looking at it carefully each time. Deflation came while she was away and before she could return with the piece of paper it was hardly worth the paper it was printed on. What was the matter? She still had the same piece of money which had been so valuable, but now it was worthless. She sought no more to hide it. It lay on the dresser, soaked in tears. No more fear of thieves. No more lying awake worrying about its safety and yet it was the same bill. Nothing had changed as far as the symbol was concerned, and yet, it was worthless. So it is with all symbols. They have no value in themselves but all value is determined by something unseen. So is it with the cash of the Bank of the Universe. It's value is unseen, it's manifestations are infinite. A consciousness of abundance does not mean an eternal manifestation of gold. What good would gold do you in the desert if you needed water and shade? Yet the Bank of the Universe would cash a check for water and shade just as readily as for gold. "Awake You that sleep and Christ (within you) will give you light." Light to see the Allness of the Invisible, or as someone has called it the "visible invisible." Courage, "you shall reap if you faint not."

When one becomes a depositor in the Bank of the Universe, he learns the law of casting his bread on the water. This illustration comes to us from the rice sower. How abandoned he is as he wads through the paddies and casts his seed on the water. Does he pause to worry about the insects and small water animals that might consume it? If so, he stands hugging his measure of grain to him, which eventually he will consume, with no increase. "Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden (with belief) and I (the I within you) shall give you rest." What a heavenly invitation to abandon yourself to the God within and act upon the guidance of this power.

Intuition evolves by leaps and bounds when man begins even in a small way to rely on his TRUE Self.

Holding on to the symbol of life stops all activity and brings the disheartening fact to light that the substance of the symbol is daily diminishing. No interest is paid on symbols

withheld, no increase is given, and yet we are told that the measure shall be full, shaken together, and finally running over.

Immediately the human reasoning interposes the question, "What, am I to release all my symbols in order to get increase?" and the answer is, "No." If you are using the Truth like a game of chance in which you imagine the chances are all in your favor, you will lose. The person who gives or releases with the thought of getting his money back with increase, is in reality only playing a game of the Belief world. "The measure (motive) you mete to the universe shall be returned to you."

As you begin to abandon yourself and your world to the God of the All Good, perception, clear and beautiful will come forward. The scales will fall off your eyes and you will see. "Whereas before I was blind, now I can see" for "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard the glories that god has prepared for those who love his law." The human mind cannot believe or accept the God-Universe; it is entirely too good to be true to know that within every man is the voice which dictates the Way and the Truth and Light, and yet it is True. What we call masters are men who have in some degree realized that the only place they can know God is within themselves and are relying on the inner urge and acting upon it at once.

The law of secrecy comes into play. "That which is told in secret is called from the housetops." That which you recognize in the invisible shall be called from the housetops of manifestation. There is a sermon in the words, "See that you tell no man" and "show John." Tell no one, and, when the manifestation is there, you can show John.

"Fret not yourself" - "Fear not" - "I AM with you always." "He watching over Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps." The "He" watching over Israel is your Inner Self. He is mindful of His own, He rests the compassionate love UPON YOU, and whispers deep in your soul, "It Is Well with You NOW."