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REJOICE AND BE GLAD !

My Soul rejoices in the Lord ! It magnifies the Lord ; *its* Lord, because it is conscious of *its* Lord, *its* lover.

O thou happy one ! rejoice, and cease not to try to bring others into this knowledge of the SELF; which is not in anywise belief ; it is knowledge ; it is Soul-Wisdom ; the Soul must awaken to *its own* glory to *its own* power, to *its own* greatness ; it cannot in anywise receive the impulse from without, it comes from *within* ; neither can it receive it from within while it remains dormant ; it must arouse itself and act, become receptive, ere the Great MASTER can come in touch with it. The Master is ready, always there ; the same as the sun is in mid heaven at noon-day, though obscured to us because of the thickness of the clouds of the earth atmosphere ; so with the atmosphere or aura that surrounds the Soul ; it becomes thick and torpid by its own low vibration, and no light, and no love warmth can reach it from the inner Master, while it is in this condition. See to it ! that the Soul is made harmonious ; that the earthly desires are stilled ; that thy aura is clear, ere thou offerest up thy prayers, lest they rise not above thine own merky atmosphere.

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OF OCCULT POWERS AND THEIR ACQUIREMENT.

BY WILLIAM Q. JUDGE.

THERE are thousands of people in the United States as well in the ranks of the Society as outside, who believe that there are certain extraordinary occult powers to be encompassed by man. Such powers as thought reading, seeing events yet to come, unveiling the motives of others, apportations of objects, and the like, are those most sought after, and nearly all desired *with a selfish end in view*. The future is inquired into so as to enable one to speculate in stocks and another to circumvent competitors. These longings are pandered to here and there by men and societies who hold out delusive hopes to their dupes that, by the payment of money, the powers of nature may be invoked.

Even some of our own members have not been guiltless of seeking after such wonderful fruit of knowledge with those who would barter the Almighty, if they could, for gold.

Another class of earnest Theosophists, however, have taken a different ground. They have thought that certain Adepts who really possess power over nature, who can both see and hear through all space, who can transport solid objects through space and cause written messages to appear at a distance with beautiful sounds of astral bells; ought to intervene, and by the exercise of the same power make these earnest disciples hear sounds ordinarily called occult, and thus easily transmit information and help without the aid of telegraph or mailboat.

But that these Beings will not do this has been stated over and over again; for the kingdom of heaven is not given away, it must be "taken by violence." It lies there before us to be entered upon and occupied, but that can be only after a battle which, when won, entitles the victor to remain in undisturbed possession.

As many have seemed to forget these rules, I thought it well to offer them the following words from one of those very Adepts they seek to meet:

"The educing of the faculty of hearing occult sounds would be not at all the easy matter you imagine. It was never done to any one of us, for the iron rule is that what powers one gets he *must himself acquire*, and when acquired and ready for use, the powers lie dumb and dormant in their potentiality like the wheels in a music box

and only then is it easy to wind the key and start them . . . Yet every earnestly-disposed man *may* acquire such powers practically ; that is the finality of it. There is no more distinctions of persons in this than there are as to whom the sun shall shine upon or the air give vitality to. There are the powers of all nature before you: *take what you can.*"

This is perfectly clear and strictly according to the Secret Canon. "When the materials are all prepared and ready, the architect shall appear;" and when we have *acquired* the powers we seek, by educating them ourselves from our inner being, the Master will then be ready and able to start into exercise that which we have obtained.

But—even here is an important point. This: If the Master can, so to say, wind the key and thus start the machinery, He can also refuse to give the necessary impulse. For reasons that have to do with the motives and life of students, it may be advisable for a while not to permit the exercise of these powers which "lie dumb and dormant in their potentiality." To sanction their use might in one lead to the ruin of other lives, or in another to personal disaster and retardation of true progress.

Therefore, the Master says that quite often he may not only refuse to give the start, but yet further may prevent the wheels from moving.

THERE ARE THE POWERS OF ALL NATURE BEFORE YOU ; TAKE WHAT YOU CAN.

The Path.

A PRAYER FROM INDIA.

14 | 1 TALTALLA LANE, INDIA.

My Dear Sister and Teacher of Truth:

Since writing to you, I feel I cannot forget you—you are always coming up so many times before my mental vision; your words are always ringing in my ears, and so are beloved Sister Onfa's; she and yourself are the Chosen ones of our Lord to bless me and lift me above my present state of mind and spirituality. My prayer at this moment is:—

Oh! Dear Loving Father, Thou who art ever present with me, wilt Thou help me to draw nearer to Thy Loving SELF; my Soul yearns for the Living waters; whither shall I go, or to whom shall I cry? There are so many Cults and Sciences at the present day, with many, many conflicting theories and methods, that I stand trembling and bewildered in this valley of Death! I feel so hopelessly lost at times, that I really do not know if I am pursuing the right Path after all. Oh! Thou, the Light of the world, enlighten my darkened understanding, open thou my eyes that I may behold THEE and my ears that I may hear Thy Loving Voice calling me and leading me to Thy Dear SELF. May these loving dearly beloved Sisters, whom Thou hast brought in contact with me, be the means, in thy hands, to help me to attain the desire of my heart. Dear Lord, do thou hear and answer in His Name. Amen.

Dear sister, I would ask you to kindly reply through the Divine Life what Jesus meant when He said:—

“If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own (personal) life also, he cannot be My

disciple." What kind of hatred? and how to practice it in our lives? His own life. What life is this? so that we may sacrifice it for His sake.

Your explanation of the above passage will help me and others who are like minded and seeking the Truth with the same earnestness as myself.

Yours eternally in Christ, D. Anthony.

Many that call themselves Truth Seekers, are still in the shell; the earnestness of the call from these Souls in India, who are seeking for the Light, I should think would cause our indifferent western sisters and brothers to pip the shell at least. When I look upon "this valley of Death" and so-called religious teachers, it is no wonder that the agonized Soul cries out to God for help;—and this seems the time, of all times most propitious, for Krishna, Christos, the Higher SELF, to produce HIMSELF "For whenever piety decays, O Son of Barata! and impiety is in the ascendent, then I produce myself.

For the protection of good men, for the destruction of evil-doers, for the re-establishment of piety, I am born from age to age."

And that birth may come in a religious reformer; or a Thomas Paine, or a Lincoln,—or in anyone who is ready to *do* the will of "My Father."

Reply to D. Anthony.

Dear Pupil and Helper: I am pleased to receive your second letter without waiting for a reply to mine, and to tell you, distance has disappeared, and far-away India is at my side; and it is through the Blessed One, Krishna or Christos, the same in you as in me, the difference is I have come into a consciousness of the fact, what I call Soul or Christ-consciousness, while you have not as yet

entered in. You must understand that there are many phrases in use expressing the same inner meaning, which may be confusing to you now, but when you have come into this state of consciousness it will be clear to you, and you will be able to read the inner or occult meaning of Jesus' teachings as easily as you read the "letter" now.

In reply to your question: First, you must separate the personal Jesus from his Higher SELF, the Christos, just as you separate your personal self from your SELF, your Blessed One, your Higher SELF, your Christos; then you will understand that Jesus was not speaking from his personal self, whom we know as Jesus, but from his Higher SELF—in union with which—he became Christos and spoke as Christos or Krishna or from the Christ-consciousness; and when he said, "If any man come to Me," he did not mean his personal self; any man could come to Jesus, as did his disciples, and he his disciples, without hating or separating himself from his father and mother, wife and children, brethren and sisters, or his own personal life or self. Not coming to Me, the Higher SELF, the Christos, or becoming One with the Higher SELF, is a different thing altogether: to do this, a transmutation takes place; one must come into a higher rate of vibration—a more interior consciousness; and to accomplish this he must need have the lower state of consciousness, that of his father, mother, wife, children, brethren, sisters and friends; of which they are not conscious; he also is conscious of this fact; he is still with them to all appearance as before; but there is a vast difference between them in consciousness and vibration—and consciousness is knowledge—though they occupy the same house or the same room, whereas, in those in the same rate of vibration or related consciousness, distance is eliminated though a curtain may intervene.

"His own life also." He has to give up his personal self, the self is merged into the SELF, if he would become one with the SELF. The same transmutation takes place on the physical plane; "as above so below," every child that arrives at the age of maturity gives up or outgrows childish things; they are merged into those of manhood or womanhood; he does not hate them but has no further use for them.

The Masters used strong terms. "Kill out ambition." "Kill out desire of life." "Kill out desire of comfort," where we would use the term transmute, change the lower desire into the higher, then, the lower, is reality, dies a natural death, it is transformed, and out of the ashes of desire, phoenix like, rises the immortal bird, aspiration.

In the organization of Lodge IV, A. U. M., you may look to me for all the help I can give you in the way of Christian literature from the Divine Life Press, in return for the assistance you are giving me, in many ways.

Yours in abiding love, C. R. L.

Mr. N. R. Kara, Calcutta, India.

Beloved Pupil :- It gave me great pleasure to receive your Petition for membership in the Divine Life Center, Lodge II, A. U. M.—There'd be the tie that binds—and there is no other tie that binds closer than an earnest seeking for the Truth. I know you are an earnest seeker or you would not be interested in these great truths taught by the Masters; and while I do not claim to be a teacher; I will do all I can to point the way along the path that I have followed—to find the Master—and I feel that you and your friends are real students seeking the way; and you must not forget, that every step of the

way you have to *become it*, and let it not discourage you; a youth might desire ardently to be a man; but the growth and transmutation from youth to manhood has to take place, he has to *become*; just so with the growth and unfoldment of the faculties of the Soul, the inner senses. Hearing and seeing are the first to be developed ere you reach the first stage of soul-consciousness.

Then, the first step for you, in seeking the Master, is to turn your thoughts within, listen for the voice, you will feel his presence long before you hear his voice.

Note every thought that comes to you through the silence, while your Soul is in the act of devotion, and learn to blend your mind and Soul, that will help you to separate your personal self from your *real* Self. The inner Senses, or soul faculties inhere, in the *real* Self, the reincarnating Ego, when developed, the soul becomes conscious on the inner or interior planes; and when united to the Higher Self, becomes That Self, that One, and lives therein, henceforth. Your own Higher Self becomes the MASTER, Christos, or Krishna, to your personal self, hence the personal self, can do nothing of *itself*, as Jesus said, "of *myself* I can do nothing." This is a great mystery; and can only be realized by the one who accomplishes it; hence, he *becomes* a Mystic or Yogis, while to all outward appearance, to those who live only on the sense plane, he is no different from others. As Krishna said to Arjuna, "Be thou a Yogis, Arjuna." All those who unite with the Association of Uranian Mystics are taking the first step toward *becoming* a mystic—though the goal may be far, far, away, and the journey long and tedious, do not be discouraged. The one thing that will help you on the way is to help others; give to them as fast as the light comes to you; and I think you and your fellow students are taking the right course.

I am pleased to receive a Petition from Mr. I. E. Jacob, Calcutta, India., for membership ; now I have three members from India ; three ties to bind me to the work of the Masters, in India, and may we be able through your help and those that shall come into the A. U. M., through the Heart Center or any other Lodge, to restore to the Christianized Hindus their Ancient Wisdom Religion ; which is in truth, the Heart Doctrine, taught by Gautama, Krishna, and Jesus; it is all one teaching, as you will see when you come into the Christ-consciousness.

I understand the group of twenty students in Calcutta will form Lodge IV., A. U. M. I am glad to know this.

To yourself, D. Anthony and I. E. Jacob: Greeting,

In abiding love, C. R. L.

FROM THE HEART CENTER

March 15, 1909.

Beloved Sister: — I send you the enclosed copy, a direct dictation from One whom we know as a Christian Adept. It is by His request that I send it to you for publication.

He certainly has made some points clear, and as he said ought to save us much needless correspondence. He says, that unless we impress most indelibly upon the minds of our Co-Associates just what it means to enter these higher states, that the A. U. M. will prove another failure like the T. S. He says that our literature has not been sent out for the entertainment of an idle moment, to be read and thrown aside, and that those who treat our efforts in this manner are taking our time and strength to no earthly purpose; it's the same old story; it is precisely the attitude that confronted H. P. B., she gave out under dictation from the Lodge the most profound Truths ; the students glanced over them and cried out for more, for something new continuously; this Prince Adept says that we can furnish the spiritual food, but we cannot

assimilate it for the students ; he says that we should follow the method of the first E. S. Instructions ; we should insist that the students answer their own questions to the best of their understanding, and then submit these to their Teachers ; when they have made this effort on their part they are entitled to the correct answer.

I am positive that in the last eight years, I have covered the entire booklet on "Evolution" scores of times, and within the past six months, I have covered the subjects of this letter many times, and this letter which the Brother requests us to publish might be the answer to any one of a dozen letters on my desk at present, differing only in minor details.

What the Brother says concerning the Initiates who received direct teaching from the Master Jesus, and whose lineal descendants we are, is from an ancient record in possession of "The Wise Men." I have seen both the original, and a copy of this old MSS., and some day, if the A. U. M. weathers the storm, it will be our privilege to give this record to the world, a record written by the "Chief Councillor" of the Lodge at . . . to the Great Lodge of the Orient.

By directions I have sent full information for the forming of the Lodge at Calcutta, and literature and blank applications for their use for some time to come. The Brotherhood feel the deepest interest in our efforts in India; for we are to restore to many Christianized Hindus their ancient Wisdom Religion, of which the materialized Christianity of missionaries robbed them by giving them them the exoteric or the "letter" in place of the esoteric or Heart Doctrine.

May all of our beloved Associates enter with us this "Promised Land," this unspeakable joy, the Sabbath of Souls.

Lovingly, Sister Onfa.

THE MARVEL OF THE AGE!—THE NEW LIFE
MAGAZINE

ITS coming was heralded six months before its birth; and seven months passed ere its editor and staff gathered together the gold of Ophir, the frankincense and myrrh, necessary to compile the second issue.

The editor and staff are not "God intoxicated," but tipsy with the "new wine of The New Life. Its pages bristle with The New Life in caps.

Its poetry jingles with The New Life like a string of sleigh-bells on a frosty winter morning.

The century plant blossoms at the age of one hundred years; but the egotist at seventy six.

The editor, the modern Orpheus, expects with his music of The New Life, to charm the ear of the churches of all denominations until they fall into line and form one solid phalanx.

We are glad to know that "The New Life Science has come to visit the children of men. It is going into all the world. The sound of its marching armies can already be heard (!!!) on every hand in many lands, and the hosts of its armor-bearers will go marching forward" (we would think the age of the crusades had returned) "until every knee shall bow and every tongue confess the glory of God." "And henceforth there shall be but two kinds of people on the earth, The New Lifeists and the non-New Lifeists."

"And thou, The New Life, virgin of The New Life Science! prophesied by the prophets, Jesus and the apostles, (!!!) before thou wast born; what love, what labor,

what anxiety, what care, and what sorrow has there been during these two thousand years to bring, to preserve and to protect thee from those who would slander, defile and defame thee." (An oration worthy of a Chadband.)

"O that The New Life Science may keep The New Life-ists from all fear that would overwhelm The New Life of Humanity in building up The New Life Divinity in man.

"May it have multiplied millions of earnest followers who shall be faithful on earth to the God of their *mercies* and The New Life righteousness, *inherit* a blissful immortality and everlasting felicity. (!!!)

"Mental Science, then, as a branch of The New Life, is the development of the *self*, or the Life Science; since not only a moral development is required of us, but also a self-development, the development of the *personality*, individuality, and consequent *attainment of immortality*, by the practice of Mental Science and the Science of The New Life, is the greatest attainment that we can achieve in the forwarding of our way along the Path of Evolution. (!!!)

"The New Life Science; its doctrines are true, its precepts are holy, its *words are binding* its histories are correct, and its decisions are *immutable*. Be sure and read it." (Immutable and Infallible mean the same. How would you like to be a Catholic?—or a New Lifeist?)

"It contains comfort to cheer you, food to support you, medicine to heal you," (it sounds on my ear like the vender of patent medicine on a street corner,) "and light to direct you on your pathway to heavenly glory." (Methodist exhorter.) "It is the Christian's charter, the pilgrim's

staff the soldier's sword, the traveler's map, the pilot's compass, and The New Lifeist's guide. It will lead men out of the wilderness, restore paradise on earth, open the windows of heaven and disclose the gates of hell." (!!!) and blow the biggest blast of bombast that ever crossed the continent from East to West.

Do you remember the incident of Jesus' casting the "evil spirit" out of a man (I've often wished that I had the power) and sending it into the leader of the herd of swine; and the whole herd, blindly following their leader, went down the precipice and were choked in the trough of the sea.

"The organization of The New Life Movement has been perfected by a man who would reach and elevate the masses to a higher sphere of life, health, happiness, prosperity, longevity and spiritual welfare, and eventually *evangelize the world*, and put The New Life, as taught by Jesus Christ." (O thou Blessed One, how thy teachings are defamed, even, unto the present time, by those that know thee not, and desire their own wisdom in place of thine.) "on a basis commensurate with its importance."

"The meaning of The New Life Science—The New Life that Jesus gave to the fisherman" (What fisherman?) "and to Nicodemus—seems to have penetrated the understanding of men and women who feel moved to bring the movement to the fore, once for all." A new "Elijah" who would be the leader of a mass of The New Lifeists in place of Dowieites.

The original founder of The New Life Movement is left to lead the multiplied millions" (?) "on to The New Life and

only question remains is, shall the (deluded) world accept his divine leadership? What shall the answer be?

“The Apostle of The New Life Science is *demonstrating* to the *satisfaction* of his generation, and those who shall come forth to life hereafter, that old age is a delusion and a snare, and that intelligent co-operation with the process of bodily change can result in nothing else short of perpetual existence,”—on earth.

“The editor of The New Life magazine desires to extend his personal thanks in advance, for further favors in the way of notices and quotations.”—We will take our thanks in advance.

“A word to Exchanges,—send in a copy of your current number and if satisfactory we will place you on our exchange list, *and undertake to inspire your monthly with The New Life Ideals.*”

“The Society ventures to hope that ere long the friends of The New Life Movement will remember it in a substantial way and thus enable us to erect The New Life Temple to stand through the ages, with its spires pointing heavenward, as a monument to The New Life Cause.”

Do you remember when one of the disciples called Jesus' attention to the beauty and grandeur of the temple at Jerusalem? Did he commend the Jews for building the temple? No, but spoke of the folly of building a house in which to worship the Father; and yet The New Lifeists take Jesus as their “ensample.” Why do they not follow Him instead of their leader? Is their leader greater than He?

I should call the Movement, The New Life Trust, on a big scale. I believe in calling things by their right names; if a like movement—of obtaining money under false pretense,—were inaugurated by a commercial “founder,” it would be called a trust; and I do not see why a trust in “high places” should not be rebuked as well as a trust in the commercial world. Those who sold doves, those who were unaware of fraud, and bartered their interest for gold, did not save themselves from Jesus’ rebuke by taking their merchandise into the temple; now as then, they are not out of the reach of the whip of small cords.

One would think by reading The New Life Science, Christian Science and The New Thought, that God had taken a contract to put every one in good situations; yes, even the masses; as a friend said to me; “We are all God’s children, and He wants us to have every good thing the best there is.” Yes, but you are not to sit down and fold your hands, but earn it, “by the sweat of your brow,”—or good honest labor.

Divine Life :—A monthly journal of advanced thought on Christianity. Such philosophical treatment of the great Religion of Christ cannot fare well in the hands of any average missionary, who, as a matter of course, knows but little philosophical Unity of Religions. Readers of The Divine Life, would be lacking in their duty and privilege if they failed to record their warm and heartfelt appreciation of the noble work Mrs. Celestia Root Lang has been doing, and of the great help she has been rendering to them in the study of their Religion.

—*Gnanodaya, India.*

CLEANSING FIRES

ADELADE PROCTOR

Let thy gold be cast in the furnace,
 Thy red gold precious and bright :
 And fear not the hungry fire
 With its cavern of burning light,
 It shall all return more precious,
 Free from all spot and stain :
 For gold must be tried by fire,
 As a heart must be tried by pain.

In the cruel fire of sorrow,
 Cast thou thy heart, nor fail :
 Let not thy purpose waver :
 Let not thy spirit quail,
 But wait till the trial is over,
 And take thou thy heart again :
 For as gold is tried by fire,
 So the heart must be tried by pain.

I shall know by the gleam or the glitter
 Of the golden chains we wear,
 By the heart's calm strength in loving,
 Of the fires ye strove to bear,
 So on, true hearts, forever !
 Wind round ye Life's golden chain !
 And bless ye the cleansing fires,
 And the furnace of living pain !

Beloved Sister in Christ-Love: How I wish my hands could assist that "one pair" of yours that have so much to do. It would be a privilege to help spread the truth; and I like to work; however, duty lies here, and I cannot send much but love to you, in justice to all; just at present my offerings must assist in the work I am doing for humanity at large; without money or price.

I am sending one dollar for your press, may it multiply. I bless it and ask for increase.

I wish to tell you that I appreciate your frankness and independence in your magazine; and the unusual way you have of combining the Eastern Wisdom with ours of the West. They are so saturated with non-resistance absolute, (or our western absorbers take it so) that they do not follow Jesus, the Master, who often resisted, and taught the strongest kind of independence, which of course never forgot love for all, and compassion.

With blessings upon you and your work.

I am, Faithfully, Mrs. B. D. J.

Dear Heart:—All this time I've been thinking of you and talking to you and loving you, and all other nice things except to send you what I want to, and shall pretty soon, a few shekels to help along your beautiful elevating work—so high, that while "he that runs may read," yet he will, I fear, read but to wonder what it all means.

I am delighted with your soulful words; they soothe me as a gentle rain when we know all vegetation is praising as it drinks. If it were so that I could lie me down there to help you, or Sister Onfa! but the depth of it is too much for me now to even contemplate. Too much joy overcomes—sometimes.

Good-bye, know me as your appreciative Sister, L. M.

March, 5, 1909.

Dear Soul Helper:—Just a line to tell you I'm *pressing on toward the goal*—the Christ *within*.

Life—this present incarnation—holds nothing else to compare to the finding of the Master. I am surrounded on all sides by a solid wall of cares and duties, but this endless search goes on incessantly.

I will renew my subscription soon to Divine Life. I see a number of so-called religious papers, but Divine Life is the *only* one I read straight through from cover to cover, and I *never fail to find food*.

Lovingly and truly yours, M. E. W.

Dear Sister: I wish you much success, and I do not see how you can help succeeding when so many need just what you can give; but humanity are strange creatures; they don't seem to know what they need; I suppose they have not yet arrived at the place where they can be benefited by such advanced teachings; but your light will surely be seen and appreciated by many who are ready and waiting.

With my heart's best love and wishes for your success in spreading the glad news of the Christ *within*,

Your Friend and Helper, Mrs. E. S. P.

From an old time friend :

I read every line of The Divine Life, and now that I know that you put every letter in place, I shall read it with more interest than ever; I'm proud of you; you are doing a remarkable work; one that is going to tell. N. H. C.

Our subscribers' will be pleased to note that this issue is printed on the NEW Divine Life Press.

Every new subscriber for The Divine Life for one year will receive a copy of "Behold the Christ Within," *free*.