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"DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU"

ILLUMINATION

Written in the Vibration of a Master in The White Brotherhood

In the Light of the Eternal which is A U M, there is no darkness, neither time. In relativity, time is a fact. Therefore, the importance of the Illumination where you understandingly function in Eternity, and live and express in time. A difficult problem it is to solve (seemingly). A problem in mathematics is difficult until the principle is thoroughly understood. Then, it is important to understand the principle of the problem.

Each individual confronts the problem of Life that he may learn the distinction between the life of the natural man, living in relativity, and the Divine man, living in Eternity. When the individual awakens, he soon perceives that he seems to be two; by and by he learns that he is only One. The Mystics all down the ages have taught humanity this great principle of the Reality. A little has been gleaned, birth after birth, by the individual as he moves forward, learning his lessons, day by day, always being assisted by those of the Light.

This is the day for many to become the Conscious Light. What occurs to or with the individual when he becomes conscious Light? (Remember that we are not writing or speaking to the intellect, but to the Soul-self). He then stands a Conscious expression of the Living God. He then inhales the fragrance of the Spirit; supreme ecstasy expresses in and through him, a new Light pulsates through his whole being; his, mind, soul, Spirit have become the Cross resplendent. He no longer vibrates in the vibration of relativity. He has become attuned to Infinity, Eternity, A U M. He has become the Word manifest. He is in the Master Degree.

People everywhere are awakening, some in the mind, some in Spirit. The people still in the carnal mind, who

awaken in the mind, have much confusion. Therefore, it is worth while to perceive that the masses of the people of all countries are in great confusion. They feel the awe of something they do not understand; hence, Illumined teachers are vitally important at this time.

A Spiritual quickening is being manifest throughout the world. It is the coming of the Messiah that causes this. Blessed are those who are Spiritually quickened, who have not prejudice and superstition in their minds, as those who have require more instruction from the Illumined teachers that they become attuned to the Infinite, until a transparency there exists, and the Atman-self, the Super-self reigns as King in his Temple.

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TRUE CHRISTIANITY (IX. Spiritual Awakening)

(Continued)

Spiritual Awakening, as stated in the last number, is a matter of gradually awakening into a Spiritual outlook or concept as distinquished from the viewpoint or concept of the matter-of-fact materially minded man. The "New Birth" into the field of Spiritual Reality is the first great step in such an awakening. We quote further from the Flashlights of Truth:

"Man, after his Awakening, receives the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is the New Birth, in which he becomes conscious that regeneration has been set into action within his body, his four-fold nature quickened into newness of

Life. (Page 366.)

"The New Birth takes place when man has reached the borderline of Enlightenment. Then he, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter within sent from God, will teach and lead the new born into all Truth, into Enlightenment. (Page 170.)

"Communion with God is the central point around which revolves all lesser details in man's work shop (his mind and heart), 'Alone with God,' in At-one-ment with God! Man may know of his At-one-ment with God in theory, but it will not become a Reality to him until he has come to the New Birth and entered into the Christ-consciousness; and,

as he advances in this consciousness, man can speak as Jesus spoke; his words being filled with Power. When man is fully enlightened, he will no longer use the prattle of a babe, but the true words of deep Understanding and of a sound mind, and in the Freedom of the Son of God. (Page 171.)

"Jesus had reached the consciousness of His God-given inheritance—that with which God endued man at creation, which is Dominion over the carnal man, his laws and beliefs; and, when man is emptied of these, Enlightenment becomes manifest and he is conscious of his inheritance, because he then knows that he is a Son of the Everlasting and Almighty God; and that as a manifestation of God, he will never cease to be. It requires Enlightenment for man to comprehend this. (Page 172.)

"Man must work out his own salvation and, we read in Holy Writ, that man does this in 'fear and trembling.' This is where he bears his own cross. Jesus said, 'Take up thy cross and follow me.'

"From the time man Awakens and hears the Father's Still Small Voice' and arises to travel upon the Christ-Path, he meets many obstacles, but through Faith and Prayer he wavers not when he sees them confront him, but persistently presses on, trusting in God, the All Good.

"Man carries his cross from his Awakening unto the full Enlightenment. In the full light of God. man learns to lay his cross (burdens) down at the feet of the Christ, and He bears them evermore. This Christ is the Divine Man of each one. Jesus Christ, the Saviour of man, is just as conscious of Compassion for mankind today as He was when He walked the Judean hills in the body known as Jesus. He is just as able to heal today as then. This being true, man, as he travels upon the Path, carrying his cross, can, when weary, ask for strength, when sick, ask healing of the Father, 'Who doeth all things well,' when asked in the name of Jesus Christ. (Page 184.)

"Each man, like as Jesus, will carry his cross to Calvary, and there permit his carnal mind, nature and body to be nailed thereto; but he will arise in newness of Life and walk in the Light of God, after his confused mind is lost, merged, into the God Mind, which expresses in the Real Self, the

Divine Man. (Page 185.)

"Before man has attained full light he requires assistance. Let him ask of God. He, the ever-present and all-Loving Father, who ever 'Shifts the winds to protect the shorn lamb,' will heal, bless and sustain all who call to Him in that one name.

"It being the Father's good pleasure that Jesus Christ, the Redeemed Son, should be the ruling monarch, His name, when spoken in Reverence, Faith, Appreciation and Understanding causes the Omnipresence, which is God, to respond. It is the plan; it is the promise. This being true, let man seek for and attain unto Enlightenment. It alone will enable him to see, know and understand the way." (Page 185.)

From what has been said, and quoted from the Divine Source, it is clear that the first steps in Spiritual Awakening, in order, are: the awakening of the intellect; the dawning of a Spiritual Concept; the Baptism of the Holy Ghost or the New Birth; entrance into the Christ-consciousness; and Spiritual Understanding.

Important and vital as the New Birth is, unless it is accompanied by renunciation of self-will, dogmatism, carnal concepts and opinions, it does not carry one on into the deeper steps of Spiritual Awakening—Illumination and its fullness,

which is Enlightenment.

The state known as the Christ-consciousness may be defined as Man's Fourth Dimensional or purely Spiritual concept of himself and the universe. It is not the goal, or the fullness of Enlightenment, but the state wherein man becomes awake and alive to the Spiritual Creation and its activities; and, to an appreciable extent, steps out from the hypnosis of the carnal illusion. For him, the Dawn of Light and Life has arrived. As said in the Flashlights of Truth (pages 115-121) "Men under this hypnotic sleep are as dead men walking about. They are alive only to the carnal man and his desires: but 'Dead' to the Light and Truth of God, and man's true Being.

"Thus we see that man dreams his time away, walking amidst the tombstones of the past and the ages roll along. There are many in the bright Spiritual Light of this twentieth century who are sound asleep; but the voice is sounding and calling, 'Awake! Arise! Come out from among them; cast off the grave clothes.'

"If man will listen to the teachings of the men who have the Christ-Consciousness, he will soon learn the Truth, which will enable him to move away from the wheel of life which nolls in and through carnality.

"When man awakens, even slightly, from the deep sleep of the Adam dream and begins to perceive the plan of the Infinite, he will soon see how dim his light is; and, if he desires more Light, he will soon find more Light shining

upon the upward Way.

"In the carnal sleep the senses rule through the carnal mind and hold man as in a vise as tightly as man will permit. When man is sound asleep he is under the dominance of the carnal mind. As he awakens he begins to assert himself, and he finally has the prerogative by which he can choose whom he will serve—the lower propensities of his carnal nature or the urge of the Inner Force of the Law of the Eternal Action of God, which is ever leading the awakening man toward the expression of Purity and Perfection. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

"Man may pass years in asking about the why and the how, and, if he continues to seek his solution in the intellectual understanding of man, contemplating the phenomena of the 'Here and Hereafter,' he will remain in the 'Forest of Illusion,' because the carnal man's intellect knoweth not nor can know the way nor the phenomenon of the Hereafter. It, therefore, can be clearly seen that Jesus Christ knew whereof He spake when He told them to 'Know the Truth and the Truth shall make you Free.' Freedom, then, is the result of knowing, and knowledge is a quality of the mind. Jesus. seeing cleary through the Christ-Mind within him and not through a glass darkly,' knew the Light which will show man where to begin his earnest work within himself when he desires to see his fabric complete, or where to learn that he may reach his graduation and receive his diploma. What is the diploma which man will receive? His Illumination. full and complete. When this takes place man will see himself as God has ever seen him-Perfect. His mind, cleared of the illusions of the carnal nature, is transparent, only the Christ-Mind expressing in him, his body only expressing the pure Spirit-Substance, his Soul, his Conscious Life, vibrating through every atom of his being. Man then is Redeemed and knows his Freedom."

CONSCIOUS ATMAN

Written in the Vibration of a Master in The White Brotherhood

To become Conscious Atman, seated upon the throne of the Balanced Mentality, in the Lotus of the brain, is that which the Masters are assisting their Chelas to accomplish within themselves, that they may, therefrom, with the key of Aum, brush the outer mind aside; but lo, and behold! Atman alone, does not accomplish this. The Father meets him and from without assists the Atman, and, behold! the curtain disappears. Then there is nothing between Atman and God-Aum. In Reality, this has been true all down the ages since Atman passed into Maya.

To emerge from Maya, means union with Aum. This is Cosmic Spiritual Consciousness. When this is attained, the individual perceives the Truth of Being which is. He is a Free Soul in the Cosmic-Consciousness which is Aum. This is Freedom. So the Masters desire each one to desire and pray that he may attain unto this Consciousness, and to endeavor to become Conscious Atman, seated upon the throne of his Balanced Mentality, within his own temple, and in Conscious At-one-ment with Aum. The Illumined Teacher assists each one who requests such help, to more clearly understand the importance of this, and it is vitally important. This is the highest teaching which can be given to the Initiate who is in the birth final that he may comprehend, understand, and live in the recognition of his individual Being, a son of God, in expression, in Infinity.

Freedom is the home of the Soul. Each Initiate is assisted by the Father to understand. One by one the cords of limitation are cut as the Chela prays, lives, and moves forward upon the Path, until all cords, threads, and chains, are cut. What then occurs? Freedom. A Spiritually Illumined Chela is free. There is nothing over a Spiritually Illumined Soul but the Supreme Spirit, to whom he bows in Love, Adoration, Praise and Thanksgiving. Knowing that the Supreme Spirit binds none, he is a free soul in Freedom Divine, and is ready to assist anyone who desires. This requires much work through Concentration, Meditation, Prayer, and Service. Renunciation is the requirement, as the outer man must now begin to loosen his reign, and eventually step aside from the throne where he has reigned for many births; and Atman, the Super-self, who is now a Conscious Son of God, ascends the throne which is his Balanced Mentality, resting in the heart of the Lotus, the Holy of Holies of the mind center.

When the carnal self was upon the throne, it rested in the brain, its center the pineal gland. Now, Atman, sits upon the throne, the Balanced Mentality, which rests in the Lotus, the Holies of Holies. If the Chela touches this point of Enlightenment, and perseveres unselfishly, but earnestly, the Light grows brighter. As the plant, being placed in the sunlight, responds with new Life Action, and beauty graces it through leaf and flower, so Atman, in this Sunlight (Love), this New Life, Divine Alchemy, if you please, operates within and throughout the body. It being graced with this touch Divine, expresses Life, Beauty, Love, and Strength; and, eventually, a Conscious Perfect Being is here upon earth, in the midst of mankind.

The Incarnations, all down the ages, have brought, in a lesser or greater degree, this same Essence into expression. Jesus Christ of Nazareth was a perfect expression. He lived that which he knew he was, and blessed mankind, that by his example and teaching they might perceive that there is another exit from carnality than through the door called death. This, Jesus proclaimed when he said: "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free." The Truth is Aum, the Living Omnipresence in whom there is nothing but Life, Conscious Life. Then, where does death exist? To know this, brings freedom from Maya, the great illusion. When free, we rest in the Great Ocean, Aum-Love, Conscious Sons of Love. Peaceful is this abiding place.

Every Soul passes over rough stretches on the path; but in the final Enlightenment he becomes a Conscious Free Soul knowing that he, too, is the Path. Jesus, from his full Enlightenment proclaimed, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "Love is the fulfilling of the law," and Aum is Love. Abide here, and fear not. The Father is bringing about that which is now occuring on this planet. Rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is the privilege and opportunity of the Initiate to serve the Incarnation, the Messiah, through Service to the fellowman. Rejoice.

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HEALING

Removing the Obstructions

Spiritual Healing requires Harmony with the Life Action which is Aum in Expression.

Man has wandered so far from Reality that his harmonious relation to, and expression of, the Scientific Action of Spirit has been almost lost. The inharmonies thus resulting have produced what man calls "disease" and have held him long in the "wheel of birth and death."

In the Healing Instructions in Flashlights of Truth, Chapter XXVI, considerable is said about the main obstruction to healing. We quote from pages 349 to 352 as follows:

"In these healing instructions we will emphasize the great Truth, that, if man desires to come into Understanding and Knowledge which will burst into Vision, all obstructions must be removed from his Path, and the great stone which must be removed from the door of the tomb is self-ishness. The whole stone of selfishness must be removed, not a vestige left, before man can step forth from the tomb of carnality, an Awakened and Redeemed Soul.

"Some will ask, How can this stone of selfishness be removed? By the washing process of denials of their reality and power, until the selfish desires are removed from the mind. Then comes the garnishing, which is accomplished by affirming the Truth of man's Being in God. When man's mind is thus emptied, swept and garnished, he will then stay his clear mind upon God, it becoming filled with Truth and Good, and the result will be that the Perfect will come into expression. It is God who ever giveth the increase.

"If man awakens to the greatness that is in the Message of Truth and its working principles, and sets about to study that Message, that he may use it for selfish purposes, he lacks Understanding of the great Truth, and but plunges himself farther into the gloom and darkness of destroying selfishness.

"When man is afflicted in body, mind or environments, he should set about at once to put Scientific Knowledge into operation in his consciousness, which will place him en rapport with the Eternal God, in whom there is no disease, pain nor death.

"Let none think, when they touch the great Law, even

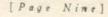
though it is invisible, that they can gain something and give nothing in return, for this Law is very exacting and it is God's Law, that man receives as he gives. Then selfishness is among the first stones to be removed from the earnest student's mind and heart.

"On the other hand, if the instrument in healing-the teacher-should simply be in the field of Spiritual work for the reward it brings, his premise is selfishness and he, too, will find that a great stone must be removed from his path before he reaps the reward of the fully Spiritually Awakened One, who, without thought of reward, will work through the day and the long night in his efforts to assist his fellowman, his brothers in humanity, into a better Understanding of the Truth of their Being and their relation to God. To be instrumental in healing the afflictions of others, he is so filled with the Love of God and is in such deep expression of it toward his fellowman, that he thinks little about his outer or financial affairs. Therefore, those who are so favored as to be his students or have his assistance in healing should see that he has his daily needs supplied, and they should be abundantly supplied to be in accordance with the efforts which he has put forth.

"If man is healed as the first flash of the great Light touches him, let him rejoice with Gratitude in his heart, and this is to be expressed in Praise to God and in Appreciation of the teacher who has assisted; but, should it require a long time to bring about the manifestation of perfect health in the body, even then be thankful, because you have the privilege of coming many times into the presence of the Teacher and of learning the great Truth more clearly than you otherwise might have done. Count not the length of time, neither the cost, in attaining unto the understanding of the Truth: because it is the 'pearl of vast value' and the one thing needful before man can become forever Free from the carnal sleep."

"Let the student look deeply and understandingly into the substantiality of that which is and into the Omnipotence, Omnipresence and Omniscience of God, that he may know that this Presence is our loving, tender Father-Mother God, in whose Presence man can rest and where fear cannot enter.

"Let the student, with his mind and heart filled with gratitude and Love, consciously enter the silence of this great



Presence and peacefully abide there in understanding; and all fear will vanish from the mind and disease from the body; as these cannot remain in the conscious Presence of the Real ity of Being. Being is God, and man is the manifestation of Being.

"Let the student arise and with the Eye of Vision consume all dis-ease of every name and nature; and then, remember that he is ever at Home in his Father's House, which is Harmony, Peace and Love,—and these express in Divine Sat isfaction."

It is the Truth which frees from both mental and physical bondage. The limitations in man's mind, continually dwelt upon, outpicture in the body, while selfish desires, propensities, and scheming attract, and open the door to, controlling and obsessing spirits. Once a link is made with these, much renunciation on the part of the student or patient, and Prayer on the part of the Teacher. are necessary to break the link that mind and body may be free again. Back of the resulting dis-ease lies the underlying cause of selfishness, envy and misdirected carnal longings and desires. The remedy is the Spiritual Concept or Christ-consciousness and the New Birth, which combined replace selfishness with Loving and selfless Service to the fellowman.

THE RESTORATION

The following, taken from the Flashlights of Truth, by Elizabeth Delvine King, written through the Holy Ghost, contains words of vital importance to all who seek to know the meaning of the changes now taking place all over this planet:

"Retributive Justice is the 'schoolmaster' which guides man unto the Christ. When man has reached the Christ, he no longer requires the schoolmaster; because, 'Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ.' Jesus is the Instrument, and the impersonal Christ expressed through Jesus. However, there is more than that in connection with Jesus Christ, because he had arrived at the place where his personality was to be merged into his Individuality; and this took place in his Ascension. As the clouds obscured Him from their view,

his physical body merged into the Spirit form and his Individuality was forever free from personality. His last birth in the flesh was for the benefit of humanity, that they might learn the way out from the illusion of the carnal man, his mind and law. His work was to establish the Restoration and enable man to learn his way thereunto.

"Thus we see that Jesus Christ is working to restore the Spiritual Man into his rightful inheritance. It is the Father's business He is about, which business is to establish the Restoration, which is the Kingdom of Heaven. First, man is to understand that the Kingdom of Heaven is within; then that the Kingdom of Heaven is without—one Kingdom.

"When the Spiritual Kingdom is restored upon the earth, Peace will reign supreme and Righteousness abound. The instruments of war will be constructed into useful implements for mankind, and the lamb will not fear the lion. 'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my Holy Mountain': (Isaiah 11.9) and the earth shall be so full of the Glory of the Lord that the Light of God will light all men, and they shall know war no more. Love! Universal Love will fill the earth as the waters do the sea. Hear ye! ye men of earth! Jesus Christ's mission is Restoration: and that which he has begun he will accomplish, and the Kingdom of Heaven will become established upon earth.

"Cast thy burdens down. O man! at the feet of the Living Christ, and stay your mind upon the Living, Loving, God, and you will be sustained and guided, that you may assist the Heavenly Hosts in establishing the Kingdom of Love and Harmony upon the earth. Come to the fountain and drink of the 'Water of Life'—Wisdom, Love and Peace. The time of Restoration is now at hand. Tremble not, for lo, old things shall pass away and all things become new.

"In the midst of destruction, there is construction: therefore, fear ye not, O men of earth; for God reigns supreme!" (From Chapter XII, on Retributive Justice, or Restoration, pages 208-210.)

Life is Action. Stagnation is death.—The Higher Meta-physics.

TO AUM

By Dr. E. W. Miller

To Thee, Oh thou silent, august, but still entrancing Presence, I reverently bow.

To endeavor to portray thy transcendent glory and grandeur by descriptive words, sentences, or even volumes, is like a drop of water in the great deep leaping forth to encompass the vast expanse of the mighty ocean—

To Thee, I bow.

Thou, who art, at once, the Creator and the Created, the Formless and the Formed; the Lover and the Beloved; the Giver and the Receiver; the Subject and the Object; greater than the greatest and smaller than the smallest; the Within and the Without; the Center and the Circumference of every circle of thy infinite Universes—

To Thee, I reverently bow.

Thou, who art the Causeless Cause of every manifest; the Heart of every living thing; the Divine Essence of Cosmic Reality: the Spirit and Soul of the Great God and of all the lesser Gods and of Men; the True Self of every Being; the very Self whose hand writes down these concepts of thy matchless Self; thou Teacher of all Teachers; thou alone knoweth Thyself—

To Thee, I bow.

Thou silent loving Presence: thou Conscious Omnipresence: thou living "One Without a second": thou Witness of this stupendous drama played in Thyself by naught but parts of thy indivisible Self—

To Thee, I reverently bow.

Thou lover of my Soul and of all Souls; thou Bride-groom and the Bride: thou, who art both complement and supplement of every Soul; thou unending completeness; thou undying Perfection: thou Conscious Living Perfection; thou blissful loving Reality; thou Shepherd and the Sheep; thou supply for every demand; thou knower of the known and also of the unknown—

To Thee, I bow.

Thou, whose outbreathing and inbreathing of thine own radiant Love-Essence transports my Conscious Being into unutterable ecstasy and Bliss—

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To Thee, I reverently bow.

Thou, whose Infinite Love draweth me irresistably into the unfathomable depths of thy Divine Substance—

To Thee, I bow.

To Thee I prostrate this outer covering of Thyself, to Thee I come; into Thy outstretched arms I glide, only there to find that I have not moved at all, for Thou art my own Conscious Self, and I in Thee eternally abide—

To Thee, I reverently bow.

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CHRIST DAY

Christ Day, the sacred day of each year in Church Truth Universal-Aum, which is usually observed on the Sunday between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, was observed at the Aum Center in La Crescenta Valley on Christmas Day, which in 1932 fell on Sunday. The active Ministers and luitiates spent the entire day at the Aum Center and the Christian Ashrama in deep services and sacred work.

As it is our call, in this New Day, to dispense, as much is possible, with the forms, ceremonies, and customs, which properly belonged to the old age or dispensation, the only pecial symbol or decoration used at the Aum Center was an integreen Christmas Tree, without light or decoration, as the symbol of Living Immortality. In recognition of the Messiah, who, in his final or Jerusalem birth, demonstrated this Immortality to the world as the crowning achievement open to every one, the undecorated tree was placed under our life-sized picture of Jesus in the Aum Center.

All who were present, and who entered into the deep devotional work, were conscious of the ever abiding Presence of the Messiah, and the vibrations of Peace and Light from the Masters in the Great White Brotherhood; also that a different and deeper note or tone, in the observation of Christmas, was being struck this year, throughout Christendom, than at any time in the past. This came as further evidence that the humanity of this planet is gradually, but surely, meeting into Spiritual Activity, destined to reach a high point in this New Golden Age.

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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

The Brotherhood of Life

In this New Age, which is the Golden Age, the Father-hood of God and the Brotherhood of man and all Life must be understood and lived. Jesus has taught us and shown the way concerning this; and, as we know, we must follow him, if we want to live with him in this Kingdom which is now being established here on earth.

In The Acquarian Gospel of Jesus The Christ (Chap. 28, 1-10), we find a good lesson which he taught, as he was traveling in India, on the Brotherhood of Life.

"Benares is the sacred city of the Brahms, and in Benares Jesus taught; Udraka was his host. Udraka made a feast in honor of his guest, and many high born Hindu priests and scribes were there.

"And Jesus said to them. With much delight I speak to you concerning Life—the Brotherhood of Life. The universal God is one, yet he is more than one; all things are God; all things are one. By the sweet breath of God all Life is bound in one; so if you touch a fibre of a living thing you send a thrill from center to the outer bounds of Life. And when you crush beneath your foot the meanest worm, you shake the throne of God, and cause the sword of right to tremble in its sheath.

"The bird sings out its song for men, and men vibrate in unison to help it sing. The ant constructs her home, the bee its sheltering comb, the spider weaves her web, and flowers breathe to them a spirit in their sweet perfumes that gives them strength to toil.

"Now, men and birds and beasts and creeping things are deities made flesh, and how dare man kill anything?" 'Tis cruelty that makes the world awry. When men have learned that when they harm a living thing they harm themselves, they surely will not kill, nor cause a thing that God has made to suffer pain."

When we understand this lesson we can plainly see that people, who enjoy to hunt and kill the animals do not understand the Brotherhood of Life. Aum, the Great God is the Creator of every living thing, and the heart of every living thing is Aum. Instead of being throughtless and cruel, and

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even killing a thing that God has made, let us see if we cannot help and be of loving service to every living thing we contact.

Then we will truly feel the golden cord of Love, which binds all of God's creation together, and live in the joy of the Brotherhood of Life.

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

Jesus promised that all men would do what he had done and even greater things. The greatest thing which Jesus did, so that all men could see it and know about it, was his Ascension before his followers and disciples on the Mount of Olives after his body had laid three days in the tomb.

His Ascension is now celebrated as Easter, but we in this Church call it Ascension Day. What did Jesus do, and how did he ascend?

Jesus became a victor over every selfish desire. He gave up everything which other people loved in the world that He might be of greater service to all men and not a few chosen loved ones. Lastly he overcame death and passed out of the light of the people present on the Mount of Olives. This was not done by Him alone. The Father (Aum-Jehovah helped. The Father also sent him helpers to Jesus, as his body layed in the tomb, to help his body to be lifted into the vibration of Spirit Light. Jesus then entered into Life Eternal which is God-Life or Aum-Life, and it was not necessary for him to be born again as a man. His body became Immortal, and he was redeemed in body, mind, soul, and spirit. When we overcome earthly ties and desires, our bodies will also be lifted into Spirit Form and Substance, and we will be redeemed. Jesus showed us the Path and the Way.

Knowing Himself, Jesus knew how to overcome the tempter's snares. The tempter is satan or the adversary. We are tempted through our selfish desires and yield because of our strong self-will. When we pray to the Father, He answers and guides, showing us what to do. When we want our own way, satan, and not God, is guiding. This is not following in the foot-steps of Jesus, and it is the cause of our mistakes and sufferings. The Key of Life is to pray always, to live up to the Golden Rule, and the greatest rule for man, which is—Father, Thy Will not mine be done.

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THE LORD'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The closing lines of the Prayer begin with, AUM—Thine Is the Kingdom.

The Kingdom, known to Jesus Christ, and promised by him to all who would follow in his footsteps, was, and Eternally is, Aum expressed. The Reigning Sovereign of this Perfect Kingdom is Divine Love, or the Christ.

The value of the repetition of this Truth in the Lord's Prayer is to impress on the consciousness of the outer man, that the Rulership of all Life and Manifestation is in the Supreme Spirit (Aum), as reflected in the Deity of our Solar System, whom we know as Aum-Jehovah.

The Christ—(Aum-Love expressed) is King in the Kingdom of the Soul. The Kingdom is the Perfect World from which we came, first passing through the Garden of Eden, and then outward to this present state of mind. This Perfect World is the only Real World, and it is, therefore, distinguished from the natural world of materiality in which we live, and of which we are conscious by and through the five physical senses. In our present state, the carnal mind, or man's ordinary mind and intellect, is king, and this false king usurps the throne of Divine Love, or the Christ, until man in humility lays down his self-will which enthrones the carnal king. Then the Divine Self of man ultimately comes into expression and redemption.

The carnal man and his intellect cannot rule there. It can only rule in the world of its own creation—this world of the senses which truly is the shadow or dream world; hence, the illusion, the counterfeit world of non-permanency and non-reality.

This line of the Prayer calls us to see, or clearly vision, the Allness of God (Aum) and to seek to rise into the Spiritual concept where our vision is unobstructed by the clouds and mists of earth. It reminds us that God, unmanifest and manifest, is the King in the Spiritual Kingdom, and this is Aum, expressing and ruling in his law of Divine Action.

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