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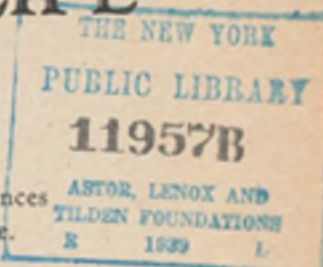
## EDITORIAL

### AFTER THE LORD'S COMING

IN THE Editorial of the November issue we told of many things incidental to the Lord's Coming, and promised later to treat of what His Coming will mean to the world afterward. Herein we wish to study and consider from all available data just how all humanity will be affected.

First, we call attention to the now accepted fact among all advanced students and thinkers, that death does not change the nature or state of consciousness of the soul of a man. Man outwardly being but an expression of his soul, it stands to reason he cannot be very different from it, but must be but the soul's outer covering or he must be expressing outwardly what the soul is in its so-called spiritual nature.

Therefore, as we see about us in the outer world all kinds of men, graded from those of the lowest bestial type up to some of almost Christ-like qualities and powers, we must assume that in the inner invisible world their souls are of the same nature. Although while in the outer the different classes of men more or less intermingle—at least in the street and in public places of



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entertainment, yet in reality their different natures cause each class to keep more or less to themselves in their different stratas of society. Which is but the outer expression of the way it is in the inner world; there, however, they do not intermingle—all of similar nature congregating on one plane or strata of Consciousness, which is separate entirely from those "below" or "above" it, confining all those of a different type in one great city, as it were.

We spoke of humanity gradually dividing itself into two great classes—those who are truly following Christ and making the finding of the Kingdom first in their lives, and those who are allowing self wholly to rule. And we indicated that at Christ's Second Coming, a complete separation would take place, so that the two would never more be together in the same world—until the time self was conquered and Christ was allowed to rule. Such another opportunity for humanity as a whole to prove itself would not be given for a thousand years, according to Revelation.

Now let us consider what must take place when this separation occurs. Remember, everything takes place only in man's consciousness—nothing exists outside of his consciousness.

WE HAVE shown that man's world exists only in his consciousness—not in God's Consciousness. Therefore, all that exists in the world of man's consciousness are but his thoughts or concepts, the things he believes are real and are now manifesting. When a large part of humanity, due to Christ's teachings, changes its thoughts and beliefs and accordingly refuses longer to see the things that appear, including men's personalities and all self's creations, his civilization, his governments, his institutions—all built upon selfishness and greed; realizing that they are not real and have no part in the One Consciousness that knows only loving, impersonal service, every one of its parts concerned only with the welfare and good of the Whole,—what must be the inevitable outcome?

There can be only one answer—there will take place a great internal upheaval in humanity's consciousness, even as when there is a similar great crisis in a man's individual consciousness. And even as extreme selfishness affects man's physical nature by out-manifesting in virulent disease, which burns up or drives out old cells from the body by the millions, wasting it to a skeleton

—so does a similar process of elimination take place in the body of humanity. Out of this chastening comes not only a purified, new and different body, but a consciousness cleansed of all those selfish influences that ever bring about disease and inharmony in the inner and outer life.

But what happens to the millions of old cells cleansed from the body of humanity? These cells are but the outer garments—called human, worn by the unfit or undeveloped centers of humanity's soul; and we would remind you that at death or the disappearance of the outer forms of men, man's consciousness or soul does not change, it just retires within and remains in its soul garment, instead of in its outer physical body. In other words, the real man is exactly the same and is in the same consciousness or plane that he was before he shed his outer form of expression.

Just what will this mean for the vast majority of mankind? It can mean only that they will remain truly the same as they were before, excepting that they will be in another world of consciousness, but invisible to the one where Christ rules. For after the disease of selfishness has been purged from humanity's consciousness and body, and in its purified and now perfect body is living in a new world of consciousness, all that was a part of the old diseased body and life will have disappeared forever.

How will this take place? We do not know—we can only surmise that when the Son of Man comes "*in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory,*" and "*shall descend with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God,*" something very wonderful will happen. First, Paul says that "*the dead in Christ shall rise*" (which must mean that those who are "dead" but who had "found Christ" would join Him); and then "*we which are ALIVE and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*"

This can mean only that all who are in Christ or who truly love and are following Him will ever afterwards be with Him, dwelling in the pure Light of His Love; while all others will be cast into age-lasting punishment, or will be required to live in the darkness of self and its creations for another term in life's school. The two are thus surely separated and thereafter will live in different worlds.

**B**UT WE WISH particularly to show that so far as the selfish part of humanity is concerned there will be no great change, except to a comparative few who had gotten a glimpse of Christ at His Coming and who deeply regretted having chosen to follow self's leadings. Such will become the leaders in that realm and will ever inspire their fellows to higher ideals. But the great bulk of mankind will soon forget those unusual signs seen in the heavens, few understanding their deep import, and will not even know they are now minus their physical bodies; for their soul bodies will seem to them just as real and substantial—as is the case with many of those who die today when finding themselves in the other world.

In other words, that part of humanity will continue just as it is now, and will work out its destiny, experimenting with the different economic theories and plans now being advanced, exactly the same as if it had remained on earth; and in the course of centuries, through learning that without love and true consideration of other's needs, happiness and continual prosperity are impossible, will develop a government and a social system that will approximate the one that will actually be in use on the new earth where Christ will be ruling.

In the meantime, on earth, directly after the change, when the confusion, caused by the disappearance of perhaps three fourths of mankind, including many of the dear ones of those that remain, (for remember Jesus said, *"There shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding in the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord cometh."*), has subsided, and the consciousness of those remaining has become adjusted to the perfect harmony and order of the Kingdom, life therein will begin to assume its glorious reality; and the great joy of being always in an atmosphere of loving thoughtfulness and service for others, considering only the good of those around you and ever working for the happiness of all humanity, will be experienced by every soul on earth.

But this being so, and with everyone living in a perfect state on earth even as it formerly was in Heaven, where all that the Father hath is now theirs, and they will no longer have to strive for and earn by the sweat of their faces enough food to eat,

clothes to wear, or a place to live; but every man will have plenty of every good thing, and will have no concern about his needs anymore, for self will no longer be in evidence in his consciousness,—what then will be man's chief concern?

Naturally it will be to perfect himself for the Father's use, and for one purpose only—that he may be able to reach, inspire and help the souls of those he formerly knew on earth, or others whom he may contact in the inner realms of spirit; even as our Brothers in Christ are now helping us on earth, and as we *Inner Workers* are endeavoring to aid those whom we are led to help.

For are we not told that Heaven will be brought down to earth and will then be the earth, with our dear Lord Christ ever with us? Therefore will not the men of earth then be doing the will of our Father on earth even as it was formerly done in Heaven? And are not we, who have dedicated ourselves to Christ's service, training and preparing our minds through this *Inner Work* to receive His commands and to do His work while here in the outer, even as our Brothers are now doing it in Spirit?

Yes, dear friends, we are but getting ready for His Coming, and as surely as we thus do His work on earth, losing all concern about self and giving all to Him, will we actually be in the Kingdom even while here on earth; and all that belongs to us there will be ours on earth—but only for His use; even as it is in Heaven.

Let all who have caught the vision from the above do everything possible to prepare the way for His Coming during the year ahead, by leading every soul who is ready into the Light of Christ and helping him to walk therein. 1935 will be a very important and a very impressive year to all souls on earth. All those who know must therefore help those who do not know to distinguish between the Light of Christ and the darkness of self.

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

By L. D. S.

**Y**ET A FEW DAYS, and the Old Year closes his weary eyes on a world harassed, chaotic, bewildered.

How tired he must be; how discouraged that despite his many efforts at reconstruction, so little seems done? He feels he has failed, for men failed to understand!

He sees it with dimming eyes—with heavy heart; for he could not control the thoughts of men. A year ago he came bounding in, so full of hope, with the assurance of youth. With each new radical change the vision grew fairer.

But Time, relentless, impersonal, numbered slowly, majestically each passing day; men still bickered, and could not agree—until the little New Year began to feel the burden of the delay, of men's wrong thoughts, their mistakes, their griefs, their selfishness, their arrogance, their despair . . . Then his shoulders bent beneath the burden.

Today, his steps drag slowly, and yet more slowly; for the world has overtaken him, and has heaped a final burden on his back—the stabilization of a Nation's plight!

Blinded by earth's dilemma, he stumbles—glances backward—a sigh escapes his lips. Slowly he turns—and meets the eyes of a smiling youth! He sees in the eyes fresh from the Eternal a new vision, a new courage; he notes the fine form, young, strong, yet yielding. Eager joy, high hope, radiates from his fair face, and for the moment his old heart catches fire, and with a sad and tender smile, he gently murmurs,

"Son! God bless you, and go with you always! Hold high above their heads your vision, that they, the weary earth ones, must look up, to see; and when they've caught the Glory, gather thou each beam, and let the "melting-pot" be the hearts of men. When the white heat is reached, it shall pour forth its molten mass of Love upon the earth, and its pure radiance shall form the New Heaven and the New Earth of men's dreams."

The little New Year, shading his eyes from the brilliancy of the Light he carried, glanced about to see what was the shadow

that seemed to obstruct his path—the voice that he had heard. But there was no one there—just a vanishing shadow.

Smiling and brushing aside what seemed but a fleeting somberness, he lightly sprang into the Arena of Life. And his voice, floating in space, sang, "Happy New Year! Happy New Year!"

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## THE NOONDAY SERVICE

I AM so thankful that I am beginning to see the importance of being faithful in the small things. Ever since I have faithfully practiced the noonday "Call to Service," I have felt so much Love pouring forth at all times that people whom I have not seen for years have been seeking me out.

I had been so convinced of the reality of the lack of money and other needed things that I must certainly have lacked Love—left God out of my life; and so lack was what I manifested.

Now I feel like a new person, and the blessings have been coming thick and fast. I am so grateful for this all powerful and wonderful Love. To see the Christ in all, as in "The Christmas Guest," in the December INNER LIFE, is now my goal.

—A. M.

SOMETIME ago I wrote requesting your prayers in the Noonday Service for one of my co-workers and friends. Thanks to your aid and God's merciful Will, my friend has improved greatly; the crisis through which he passed seems to have benefited him spiritually. He is not entirely well, but that will come in time. Please accept my sincere thanks.

—M. V. W.

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## A SOUL'S SOLILOQUY

By M. B. W.

YOU WHO see me with world dimmed eyes, see but a reflection of yourself; but if you truly seek to know me, you may see me in memory as a Soul.

Many migrations have I made between the earth and heaven, but Love has most mercifully blotted out all the experiences of earth, with the exception of faint dreams.

It is true that many ages ago, having left the brighter sphere, I descended of my own will to help lift the darkness hanging over earth, only to be engulfed in it. After that I was compelled to return again to earth—for a task once begun must be finished.

I came also with the one remembered as Jesus. He, too, was engulfed in the blackness of doubt, despair, slavery; but with it all remained unstained and untarnished—the only one who thus remained of the many who descended. His Light shown in the darkness of hell and it unchained the Souls from the darkness there.

All of these memories of my life on earth are unreal and indistinct—only remembered as dreams in the Real World to which I ascended after each incarnation; to be summed up—some accepted, some rejected, but the sum total to be set down in the Ledger of Memory as Knowledge and Understanding, sometimes on the credit side, and alas, sometimes on the debit side. For it is in the Real Life of the Spirit where all is remembered and where the lessons are really learned and built into the Soul.

In my first ascent (not very high), I knew it would be my duty to be reborn, in order to make use of what I had learned, by helping those of my brothers who were in the same state as myself—to do penance as it were. This first dream life on earth was but a dim memory, yet I know that in my eagerness to ascend, in this retiring from earth contact, selfishness was born in me.

True, the Real Life I entered was higher and my intelligence had grown. I have not explained that in each Real Life something to my credit was added, and in my descent I brought but the failures and weaknesses, but with them a brighter Ray of Light

that ever directed my efforts. If I failed to see It—if I saw It but to deny It—that, too, was cast up against me.

As each trial on earth ended, if the total to my credit was greater, this Ray became larger and brighter. So it goes on, a seemingly endless chain.

Of my Real Life I remember more and more, as the dream life on earth grows dimmer and dimmer. So often have I contemplated those who have wished to recall their past dream lives on earth, and so often have I wished to admonish them about so doing; for, brother, where your thoughts are, there are your desires also, and who of you dare wish to be chained to a life on earth—to the ashes of the past? Has it not been said, "ashes to ashes and dust to dust?" Why then be concerned about the ashes, when the Real alone has value.

But, the Real Life! How beautifully it stands out, with one's Ray of Light ever growing larger and brighter; until finally the Light is all that the Soul is!

Well do I remember when I passed my Real Life in a place of beauty and light that even now it dazzles my eyes to remember. These and memories like them are being made more lasting and real, so that they are recalled even during earth experiences. More and more of the Real Life is being revealed to ascending Souls; some of whom it is decreed are to come but once more.

Many call earth life the school of experience, and it is so; but the examinations are all held in the Real Life and there the Soul is taught what to reject and what to accept. One is then sent back to transmute what he, in the light of Infinite Love and Wisdom, rejected as unworthy. He descends with only the realization of certain lessons to be learned. If he fails, he is not only held responsible for his own failure, but for the failures of his brothers on the same plane of consciousness whom he had misled by his example and precept. For we are indeed our brother's keepers, though of this we may be yet unaware. It does not save us, however; for sins of ignorance are as great as those deliberately committed.

In the Real Life we know all this, and as it becomes more deeply engraved upon us as Souls, we (as our credit balance increases and our Rays become more intense) are enabled to know and do consciously what we returned to earth to do.

The time is short—the hour is struck—and in my last Real Life existence was I shown the wonderful realm of Peace, Love, Beauty and Joy that awaits on earth, such as the human mind is incapable of comprehending; where “every tear is wiped away” and all live in a magnificence and luxury now unknown on earth. No more hunger, no more thirst, no more lack of any good thing will there be; for each, sufficient unto himself, draws all from the Infinite Source. Then will the earth be redeemed and be no more known as earth, but as a new Light of Heaven.

But there is more work to do for such, I learned, and that is the unloosing of the bonds of darkness of the souls who see not and know not the Truth. But of earth as you know it, they have no part.

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## GOD IS LOVE

By S. B.

Such a happy joyous singing!  
Hear the bells so softly ringing!  
Hark! it is the angels bringing  
Tidings, “All is well.”

All is well, though unrelenting  
Foes before thee stand, presenting  
Pictures of thy past lamenting.  
Know that God is Love.

God is Love, and in His keeping  
Rest thy soul. Be gone thy weeping!  
’Tis but strains of discord sweeping  
O’er thy harp of life.

All is well; behind the seeming  
Shines the real, in splendor gleaming  
Errors of thy past redeeming  
With His perfect Love.

## TEACHERS

THESE are the days when seekers of Truth are requiring more than fine-sounding statements to satisfy them. They are asking now, more than ever before of those who are posing as teachers and knowers of Truth, to *prove* what they say, or at least to give some convincing evidence that they know whereof they speak.

Likewise the Law that ever works in conjunction with Truth is requiring those claiming to know and teach Truth to prove that they know it, by living and using it in the daily problems now confronting them.

As a result many of such are struggling with some very grave problems these days, especially those teaching the law of supply, of health, and of harmony in the home. They know that their students expect them to demonstrate these things in their own lives; for these are problems facing almost everyone, and convincing teaching that has the ring of authority is needed and must be given to help and satisfy seeking souls. Those teachers who are not demonstrating these things know that their students naturally doubt anything said by them on these subjects, no matter how true.

This means that teachers as well as students have now to *make themselves* do the things they feel are true and which will bring supply, health and harmony. The time for mere intellectual knowing about such things is past—that kind of knowing is of no avail when up against real lack of any one of them, as many have learned to their deep regret; and more than a few have failed to master that lack and have become panic-stricken, causing them to disappear from public sight.

Of course, it all traces back to their not having made themselves live and thus prove what they "know," and back of that to their lack of real understanding of God *within them* being their supply, their life and the source of all that they are and have.

Yes, they know this intellectually, but not really, or they would call upon Him in their need and would find Him an unfailing supply.

Often teachers and those far advanced in an intellectual knowledge of Truth come to us and ask, "What is the matter, that I am not able to demonstrate prosperity, when I have helped many to attain it (or it may be to demonstrate health or harmony); but now when I am up against it, I cannot help myself?"

Invariably we have found with such that it is two things they lack—an unfaltering faith and trust in God, and the ability to make themselves do what they know they should do. Of course, if they could and would make themselves perfectly love and trust God, their problems would be solved.

But they fool themselves into believing that they *do* love and trust Him, when their trust is but during the meditation hour, when they reason it out with their minds; but when it comes time to pay the rent, or to buy something badly needed, and only a few dollars are in sight, their fear overwhelms them, and it takes the rest of the day, or maybe week, to get the mind quiet enough to reason it all out again.

In other words, they have not yet found God, so that they *know* He is a real and loving Father; He is as yet but an intellectual concept, and is not *All in all* to them. Therefore they have not been able to discipline and compel their minds always to believe in and to turn to Him in their need, and thereby to receive the assuring answer and the peace that follows. Instead, their minds wander and weaken everytime a negative thought appears, and so they are in no condition to call upon and receive from the loving God within them the strength to throw off such thoughts.

To all such we say, "Not until you make the finding and *knowing* of God within you *first* in your thoughts—not second to money, supply or any other thing, as at present with you—can the very things you seek be yours. He must be truly *first and supreme* in your life, and only when you learn to love Him with all your mind, heart and soul—learn to know what *selfless* love is—a love that wants only to lose itself in Him, that cares for nothing but to have Him accept and use you as He wills,—will you open the door into His Consciousness and draw from It the good He has long been waiting to deliver to you."

That is the Key to the Kingdom of His Consciousness and His Love, and anyone who can find and use that Key will ever afterward be able to go in and out at will.

## THE OFFICE OF TRUE PRAYER

ONE OF the vital functions of true prayer is the raising of the level of consciousness to a higher state or plane where Spirit may operate more effectively.

In the story of Jesus Christ as told by Mark, you will recall, as stated in the 6th chapter, that the twelve disciples were sent forth to preach and to heal. They went out two by two, and Jesus Christ gave them authority over unclean spirits. After the rehearsal of many directions to them in the first part of the chapter we note the statement of their accomplishments on this mission, given in the 13th verse as follows:

*"And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them."* Later in Mark's account (chapter 9) we find that a man whose son was an epileptic had brought his boy to the nine disciples who did not go with Jesus when he took Peter, James, and John into the mount of transfiguration, and these nine disciples could not heal the boy.

Returning from the mountain and arriving at this scene of confusion, Jesus, after some questions as to the boy's history, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, *"Thou deaf and dumb spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him,"* and he came out. After raising the boy up and sending him away with his rejoicing father, Jesus went into the house, where his disciples asked him privately, *"How is it that we could not cast it out?"* And Jesus said unto them, *"This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer."*

Here is a wonderful example of raising the consciousness when there is a problem awaiting solution. This case of the boy was what we might call today "a chronic case" of congenital mental twist which dated back into the boy's early childhood, and the anointing of oil by these disciples, or anything they attempted to do in their personal ignorance or low level of consciousness, had no effect on the "demon" whatsoever.

But regardless of the minute details as to the nature of the disease and its causes, etc., one thing is certainly outstanding here and that is the recognition by Jesus of the fact that the con-

sciousness must be raised by prayer out of the realm of the external or of appearances, before the God in us can speak with authority.

As we noted before, the disciples had all previously been given authority over demons, but here at the first test with this kind of a demon, and working alone without Jesus the Christ, they had completely failed. They had so failed that the father of the boy at first doubtfully questioned Jesus, "If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us."

Jesus instantly replied, challenging the father's faith, "*If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth.*" The father, like many of us at times, cried out, "*I believe, help thou mine unbelief!*" Then came the wonderful healing.

Here was a simple unquestioning prayer, full of absolute faith, in that instant affirmation of truth. "*All things are possible to him that believeth;*" therefore there could be only one result, and that a marvelous healing.

NOW, let us consider a moment. The disciples had been effectively successful in their ministry when Jesus had sent them out, two by two, previous to the healing of the epileptic boy; but they had been successful only on the level of their own consciousness, and when confronted by a problem which was more deeply rooted in personality, they at once showed the need for a raising of their consciousness; and when they asked Jesus what their trouble was, He lost no time in telling them how the consciousness can be raised to meet every need—and that was by prayer.

Jesus understood and used a phase of Being that the disciples had not yet come to understand; that high state of consciousness, *attained through prayer*, where we may feel at one with God, and realize that God's Power, Love, and Wisdom are instantly and always available and operative for us.

Man, in his three-fold expression of Being in spirit, mind, and body, has often been likened to the expression of a hydrogen-oxygen combination which we know in its various states as steam, water, and ice. In the body (ice) state of man's existence he can do many things and accomplish great results on that plane of consciousness. By simple brute strength men have done many Herculean deeds, to the great marvel of those who do not under-

stand the source of all power. As long as used in line with its own inherent nature as body material, the body continues to operate with a marvelous beauty and precision. However, when any change of operation is demanded of the body beyond its simple routine of automatic or sub-conscious expression, a problem at once arises and the action of the mind must be called to the rescue or all might go to smash.

Mind is the more fluidic (water) state of man's being and therefore is much more flexible than the body. Through mental action (thought) man has developed all sorts of devices which nearly equal in cleverness those of the body itself. The mind, through the power of the imagination, has devised schemes whereby man may lift himself into the air, or he may float on the water (symbol of this state), and work many miracles in the realm of thought.

By thought, man has created his own world, some of which he likes and some of which he would like to change; but he cannot without the assistance of that other great realm of being, Spirit, which in power corresponds to the invisible yet dynamic steam. Let worry, fear, or ignorance work its havoc in the mind of man, and things again go to smash. In other words, each time that we discover ourselves blocked in one level of being, we must raise the consciousness to a higher level in order to solve the problem and continue in our expression of God.

In the realm of Spirit, where Faith, Love, Wisdom, and Power have their ultimate source, all things are possible, and by using one of these attributes of the Spirit—Faith, Jesus knew and proved that all things are possible. He also knew, however, that the degree of Faith necessary to accomplish healing in this instance could come only by prayer, or by raising the consciousness into a realm where Faith could operate. Let us not lose sight of the fact that once we have raised our consciousness to the realm of Spirit we are consciously at one with God, and therefore we are free to act upon any lower plane of existence and are in tune with the laws of the universe.

WE MAY meet seeming problems affecting the human mind on any plane of consciousness, but whatever the problem,

once we have the knowledge of the secret of raising our consciousness to the level of Spirit through prayer, we may then operate on any level through the power of the Spirit within us and mine out the gold and precious stones of truth which are to be found there. When we have reached that stage of development where we are at one with the Spirit, our seeming problems become opportunities for glorifying the Father, and our stumbling blocks become stepping stones, through Christ who knew the secret key of prayer and its use.

"In the beginning" we were given authority and dominion over our own lives in all the kingdoms—levels of consciousness, but sometimes we fail to recognize the source of our power and momentarily slip into lower levels of consciousness where we very soon feel the helplessness of the disappointed disciples in the presence of the "incurable" epileptic.

Sometimes even a great teacher who has been sent out by Jesus Christ, as were the disciples, will momentarily take his eye off the Christ, as did Peter when he attempted to walk on the water, and he at once starts sinking into that mental (watery) state where he is not, for the moment, conscious of the Holy Spirit. In this state of personal consciousness his imagination carries him into foolish fear, worry, jealousy, bitterness, or other unworthy attitudes of mind.

Whether great or small, by any measurement, we must soon learn that only through true prayer can we lift again our eyes "unto the hills," and re-enter that realm of confidence, joy, forgiveness, and purity of soul. Then we will have restored to us our healing power over all external circumstances.

Even the master teacher and healer, Jesus, realized the need for constant prayer, and admonished us to pray without ceasing, giving thanks for the freedom which comes through a consciousness lifted into the realm of the Eternal Spirit of life.

Therefore, let us keep our "elevator service" of prayer in perfect condition by constant use, so that we may be poised and prepared to operate on any level of consciousness; casting out any and all demons, and healing all manner of disease, to the eternal glory of God our Father, and in active appreciation of our elder brother, Jesus Christ, who showed us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

## ALL LIFE IS ONE

All life is one, and that one God;  
Man's shepherd, He, whose staff and rod  
They comfort all who heavenward climb.  
His processes span aeons—count time  
As nothing.

All life is one: man cannot love  
With his whole heart the God above  
And hate his fellow man, for each  
Is universal life. God teach  
Us wisdom!

All life is one: man cannot climb  
To realms of good, reach heights sublime,  
By using as his stepping stone  
A brother's weal; God made them one  
In essence.

All life is one: he needs no creed  
Who lovingly another's need  
Fulfills, in purity of heart.  
This true religion is—the art  
Of living.

All life is one: man's fierce travail  
But quickens growth, unless he fail  
A purpose thru all pain to see:  
Love's guiding hand—eternity  
To reckon.

All life is one: eternal youth  
Thru knowledge of this mighty truth  
Is man's reward. There is no death  
Save that of self, to him who 'neath  
All, sees God.

All life is one; yes, every race  
Must true world consciousness embrace:  
United, see the Christ in all  
God's children. Thus His kingdom shall  
Be hastened.

All life is one: the great First Cause  
Still broods o'er all; It's changeless laws,  
It's varied forms, attest that strength,  
Peace, wisdom, love, which shall at length  
Bring justice.

All life— electron, man, world, sun,  
Or universe, it's course must run  
Obedient to one Will; the whole  
Breathe harmony, until Love's scroll  
Is written.

—Hubert U. Moore.

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## THE MASTER CALLS

By Lura M. Wilkins

OH SOUL, why art thou so buried in the ceaseless strife of  
tongues  
When The Master, great and loving, gently brings thee  
Living Bread of Life?  
So intent on worldly pleasure, so immersed in earthly gain—  
Think thou—art thou wise in seeking only more in thy vain quest?  
Hark! Upon the soul now, Master, pour Thy healing.  
Give the world Thy message; on the hearts of men so blind of  
understanding pour Thy Light divine.

In the Light of other ages, that descends with never-waning power,  
May the stubborn will be broken. May the gift of tongues,  
The sign of ancient power be given, that the Word of Life  
May search the hearts of men.  
"Sow thou in tears, in heaven shalt thou reap in joy;"  
This The Master gives thee from His Word of Life.

So live that when, in that last day, thou, Oh Spirit,  
Shalt be called to rest, a heavenly vision may be shown  
To thee of joy.  
Then rise! A clarion call is this to thee:  
"Search thou thy heart for aught of selfish gain;  
For thou and thou alone, art arbiter of thy fate."

## THE EAST AND THE WEST

By Ananga

I DREAMED that I stood on a lofty pinnacle looking to the east for the first gleam of dawn. Beyond was spread out mountains, plains, forests and cities. To the west rolled the broad waters of the Pacific. On beyond the horizon sped my gaze, until I saw the beauteous strand of the Orient.

Methought I stood alone, for I looked about and saw none other; still did I feel a sweet presence which made my long waiting seem not so wearisome. I had waited, waited for eternities it seemed, and witnessed all the pains of human anguish; when I cried, "How long, How long?" Then I thought I heard a voice, soft with infinite compassion, say, "For what waitest thou?" I made answer, "For the Dawn of Brotherhood."

Then the voice replied, "I, too, have waited long. But know this, thy dreams can never come to fruition until the beauteous bird of the Orient and the strong Eagle of the West have been lost in Love's embrace, on the summit of this mountain."

"Thou speakest in mystery; I pray thee make it plain."

"Then listen, O'er yon broad expanse lies the cradle of Earth's once glorious Civilization. Midst wooded bowers all free, there dwelt the most beauteous bird that ever spread its plumage to the trembling breeze; but in an unguarded moment, while nestling too near the earth, a dragon seized it by one wing and pierced it deep with the pang of pride. Its beauty waned, but still so beautiful it was they deemed that blight as but part of its original perfection; and afterwards, as it tried to soar with one disabled wing, ever did it fly in a circle, and back again it came. But its patient effort has bound it ever near my heart.

"Then later there arose in the western horizon another bird of plain and sombre garb, yet lordly withal; for it kept its broad strong pinions spread for freedom, and the needle of its soul pointed ever toward the lofty summits.

"Thus so gloriously did it soar, that it became vain of its strength; then it cast its eyes to earth and when sweeping too low, it too was seized by the relentless jaws of the dragon, and

with shrieks that rang far up the mountain side, it struggled for its freedom; which, alas, it did not gain, for one glorious wing was pierced by the dragon's tooth, whose venomous sting mingled pride with greed.

"Ever has it tried again to soar to the heights for which its wings were fashioned, yet all blinded by its pride, it scarce has known that it has not attained them.

"Now from this mountain peak I will show you a miracle for which saints and devotees for ages have prayed, but have been denied. Behold! I send to each a stream of light that shall bear them hither."

Steadily did I cast my gaze out o'er the waves, and lo, in the sky a speck did appear; nearer and nearer it came, until I could see its shadow cast on the depth below.

Then did I fix my gaze on the other horizon which rose to landward, where steadily approached a bird with one broad wing outstretched and the other hanging at its side. Nearer and nearer the two approached the summit where I stood, and behold, the heavens opened and a Dove descended to meet them.

Then did I cast my face upon the ground, when the voice exclaimed, "Not so, Behold! For must thou proclaim this miracle."

Then as they soared above, with a glad cry of rejoicing, did they merge into one—the Peacock and the Eagle knew themselves as such no more; but in more resplendent colorings, of which the bright plumes formed the crest, and with their two broad wings again restored, it raised and soared with thousand-fold greater grace and power. For the soul of the Dove had reclaimed its own.



## FEAR NOT TO DO RIGHT

IF YOU will do what you *know* to be right, fear not the consequences. For you are working with the Law, and the Law always works *with* and *for* those who do the best they know how, obeying the highest in them.

## TWO MANDATES

By Helene B. Backus

"**Y**E SHALL know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Take note of that sentence for it decrees two things. The first is important because it is something that is required of us. The second is equally so, but its importance lies in the fact that nothing is required of us.

"What is truth?" asked Pilate centuries ago, when Christ was brought before him. Down through the ages men have continued to ask this question, and now, we, of this century and especially of this generation believe that we are beginning to know what truth is.

Truth is that which never changes. It is the permanent wholeness back of all delusive illness, disease, and suffering. It is the eternal supply behind apparent poverty; the everlasting perfection underlying temporal, negative, and material conditions.

Truth cannot be separated. It is impossible of separation or discontinuation and would manifest steadily in us, through us and to us, if we did not impede its progress.

Truth cannot be compassed in any one church, one teacher, or one book. It overflows the Bible. To encompass, segregate, or possess the whole truth in one person, place, or thing would be impossible; because the entire truth is infinite. Only One has ever been known to have had such knowledge of truth, and even He declared that some things were not known to Him. "*But of that day and that hour knoweth no man; no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.*"

We can know the truth about anything that concerns us or our problems to the degree that we need to know. We can know the truth to the amount we can contain and use it. That much is given us or flows through us; then as we absorb it we grow, and we shall be given more and more until the perfect man in truth appears.

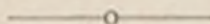
As the truth manifested in Jesus, the Christ was revealed. And as Christ, the Man of Truth, was uncovered, He merged or became One with the Father, and was Infinite, transcending all earthly or human sight.

To see the truth about anything is vastly different from knowing Truth, itself. Yet the two are often confused. What we generally do is to see a glimpse of it, a photographic flash, like a quick and fleeting scene in a moving picture. But when that bird's-eye view for one fleeting instant brings into manifestation a portion of our hopes and desires, what will a *positive knowing* do? The thought makes one catch his breath because he realizes that it will enable him to do those glorious things Christ promised.

To know, means to have a clear perception and to be certain of a thing as objectively true. If you have a clear perspective of and see all sides of a thing or problem, so that you are not concerned about it any more, you *know* it and let the idea drop then and there. Then knowing the truth about your problems you just naturally act, think, and live according to that knowledge. When you have attained this viewpoint you have fulfilled the first mandate of the decree, "Ye shall know the truth."

The error is in continuing to work on it. Trying constantly to use truth without really *knowing* it, is like an aviator learning to fly, by forever staying on the ground, shifting gears, and going over the rules and rudiments he already knows by heart. He has to *take off* and *trust to what he knows*, and only then does his knowledge work through him.

You do not really use truth, you just let go of your human concern about it and allow *truth to use you*; and when you have done that you are fulfilling the second—and unwritten—mandate of the decree; which is, *do nothing*, "and the truth shall make you free."



AH, MY CHILD, if you will spend but one-tenth of the time and energy you have wasted in seeking without among the husks of human knowledge and human teachings—in earnest, determined efforts directed within to find Me;

If you will devote but one hour each day thus to Me alone, imagining and practicing the Presence of Me within you;

I here promise you that you will not only soon, very soon, find Me; but I will be to you an exhaustless fount of such Wisdom, Strength and Help, as your human mind now cannot possibly conceive.

—The Impersonal Life.

## HOLD TO THY FAITH

**G**REAT tones and waves of Cosmic Ether are coming to the darkness of the earth. Licking slowly, as do ocean's waves, the high tide of Cosmic Knowledge is reaching many.

This tide, like that of the ocean, may be reached by those who seek, and no one, even he who is only flecked by the foam, can ever be the same in his consciousness again.

The inoculation sometimes takes years to mature, but once the germ is planted, that man is marked, and soon or late will be drawn into the field of service in the Work of the Master.

Out from the Cosmic Fortress, legions of mighty hosts march, relieving the duress of earth's weary and lost.

Hold the flame of Faith high. Only by Faith may ye all survive. Mankind stands upon the brink of a deep abyss. By careful chiseling he may build steps and hand-holds upon which to sustain himself ever at the top. Otherwise the erosion of self will wash all the foundation from beneath his feet, and the slimy ooze of past sinfulness will slip from beneath his fingers as he is hurled howling into the boiling current in the depths of the abyss.

And so I say unto you, "Hold to your Faith—Faith in the divinity of thy Maker and thyself! Faith in the ultimate good in all things. Faith that all paths, however devious, emerge at last at the foot of the throne of that Omnipotent Being, Whose commands we obey always, however willingly, or unwillingly.

But it is he who, with willing and glad heart, obeys the commands of his Maker, that climbs the path with less thorns to tear his flesh and with less obstacles in his way.

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## OUR PART

**G**IVE YOUR aid to the few strong hands that keep back the powers of darkness from obtaining complete victory.

Then do you enter on a partnership of joy that brings indeed terrible toil and profound sadness, but also a great and ever-increasing delight.

—From *Light on the Path*.

## WORLD NEWS

Received Oct. 18, 1934

WHAT follows was sent us from California as received through Automatic Writing from a Group of Workers in Spirit. It speaks for itself. We print it because we feel that much of it is true, and much is good and helpful.

As for the prophecies, we know not how true they are; but they will make our readers think, and all need to think, as they have never thought before. For those of us who believe the old order is doomed must ever keep our eyes fixed on the New Order of the Kingdom, permitting ourselves to see only the glorious good it will bring to the world, and then "must give help and knowledge of God's ways to the poor souls who have not known the way, when these things come to pass."

We, therefore, ask you not to allow a picture to form in your minds of the destructive effects of the prophecies; rather to see and know the great good that will come forth when selfishness and evil are no more on earth, and man is free to do his Father's will there, even as in Heaven.—The EDITOR.

THE CRACKLING of gunfire over foreign soil, tells the beginning of the avalanch of events which will at last crowd the magnificent stage of the world arena.

Gone are the old orders, gone into the lime-pots of the new, new orders discarding the old outworn traditions of might and right; new orders holding to the tenets of Universal Brotherhood, a Brotherhood close to the hand and word of God! And as gods, a race of supermen, shall walk the earth.

Next year will bring to the earth changes so great that even those men who have scoffed the loudest will be convinced that there is more than the workings of man behind all the things which will occur.

Greatest will be the changes in the personnel of governments.

In those countries where revolution has been rife will appear leaders that will carry on work with hands that will be just and strong.

Some who have now assumed dictatorship will be tossed aside by enraged mobs.

Many changes will occur in the earth's surface.

Earthquakes and floods and devastating fires and disasters of

all sorts will appeal directly to those races which are ruled by superstition.

Godless men will be found groveling in fear with eyes distended and tongues cloven to the roofs of mouths.

All ye who know the things of moment which will come to pass must give help and knowledge of God's ways to the poor souls who have not known the way when these things come to pass.

We have the time when the nations of the world will be at swords edge toward each other, and none will escape the dreadful calamities that are to come forth. Only a remnant of the people will be spared to carry on the work.

When the time is at hand, when the world is at war against itself, there will be a great groaning from within the depths of the earth, and many places will be split asunder.

California has been the golden state—from the time the padres first marched over her sundrenched pathways to teach the Word of God to her people.

Gold became the lure that led thousands to her shores—the gold of the forty-niners' camp, the gold of her health giving sun, the gold of her motion picture industry.

Now the state is laden with gold, stacked upon a morass of corruption, and where there is corruption it rots as dry rot and the part sinks or drops away.

Thus with California.

Into the hearts of the multitude must be driven the truth, that Hell is plastered with the souls of those who, in fear for their personal gain and safety, gave their souls to the legions of darkness.

It is to save the souls of mankind that we now manifest ourselves.

God is just! He gives man his chance for salvation, and has always done so.

The way of God is not hard to follow. It is the joyful way.

He who thinks only of himself, and his own gain is the most miserable at heart.

Give your lives to service, to the thought to help uplift mankind, Oh my Brethren; and then will come that peace of soul which man, through the ages, has been seeking.

## BENEDICTION

Angels of Light! gather round these, the children of earth who in their whole hearts and souls stand questing that which is holy and pure.

Guide them and guard them in this path, that they may feel Thy hands upon their shoulders aiding in their climb of the rocky roadway which is Life.

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## STAND BY YOUR PRESIDENT

By A. M. M.

Stand by your President,  
It is now he needs each friend.  
For foes with sore ingratitude  
Too oft' will turn and rend.

It is time self is forgotten,  
Greed must go and each serve all.  
We are now tried in the balance,  
Will we heed our Country's call?

We go not back to ancient good  
For much better is now in sight.  
Keep step with this age of progress  
And defend it with your might.

The stern hand of necessity  
Now demands an untried trail.  
Stand back of your President,  
We united cannot fail.

## THE TRUTH THAT FREES

IN THE preceding Mind article you were shown how to think, what man does when he thinks, and what is true thinking. In this article you will be taught further how by *thinking the truth*, and holding it in consciousness as the truth, it will change not only your body, but your circumstances, your affairs, your whole life and world.

To you, the chief difficulty at first may be in determining what is truth. But that should not maintain long, despite what you may have been taught in the past. For the truth is your highest concept of what is right and good, and you need not be concerned with anything else—if you think, speak and do that only. And your highest concept of what is right and good is but acknowledging as much of God as you are able to comprehend now.

In the preceding article as well as the one in the October issue, you were shown how, by seeing and knowing God or the Truth in your body, it would free you from all physical inharmony; how, by seeing and knowing the truth of God being All in all, Jesus performed all His so-called miracles; and also how, by thinking and holding a thought as being so, others could perform "miracles."

Now the next greatest truth to that of God being All in all, is that of how to think, express or create the right and best things one wishes to outmanifest in one's life; and in order to impress this truth so strongly upon the minds of all readers ready to receive it that they will be able to prove it to their own satisfaction, it will be necessary to repeat and use statements already made, but amplifying them so that it will make their truths stand out forcibly in their consciousness.

By this time it is hoped that each reader is aware that in the integrity of his being he is *pure consciousness*, that he is a "center of awareness in the One Consciousness," that his mind therefore is a "focalized center of that Consciousness, through and by means of which the One Consciousness *ex-presses* Itself by the process called thinking; the mind, by thinking, forming the thought-moulds or pictures, and Consciousness filling them with whatever life, intelligence and nature are also given them by thinking, which

qualities are inherent in Consciousness and are ever seeking to express their pure and perfect state in pure and perfect forms."

In other words you should "*know the truth* that you are a *spiritual being*; that you are a center and part of the One Consciousness, and *have no form or body*, but by your *thinking* you can create and be in a body on any plane of consciousness you will to be—in the physical world, in any of the soul realms, or even in the Kingdom; but these bodies will be only vehicles of expression in consciousness, and are only temporary, as garments for wear as you need them."

And the fact is, you have created your present body and the conditions and world in which you are now living by *thinking them to be true or real*—when being *pure Spirit* or a center of awareness of the One Consciousness, you have but allowed your attention and interest to be drawn to the outer rim of consciousness, and there, through desire and thinking, you became lost in the mazes of your own imaginings. Now we will show you just how this was done.

Try to realize that the One Consciousness—the pure Consciousness of God—is ever waiting to express or outmanifest Itself on earth (or in man's consciousness) even as in Heaven (or in Divine Consciousness); but that the only way It can do so is by *man's thinking*—by man's "*seeing*" the goodness and perfection of all ideas in God's Consciousness; and thinking or building pure and perfect thought-forms in his consciousness of what he sees. Then in the course of time, by *holding these thought-forms* in his mind to the exclusion of any contrary ideas, they outmanifest themselves as established "*things*" in his consciousness and therefore in his world.

But man, through wrong teachings and beliefs way back from the beginning, has believed himself to be separate and different from God—from the One Consciousness of which he is a part; and so his thinking, in the darkness of his "*separate*" mind, has caused him to build around the ideas that came to him from the One Consciousness' sadly imperfect forms, and to limit them with all kinds of crude and deficient qualities that he fancied were their nature, resulting in his body, his affairs and his world being what they now appear to be to his mortal senses.

YOU WILL now be shown, herein, just how to think pure, good and perfect thoughts *consciously*—those that God or the One Consciousness wants you to think and is ever waiting to outmanifest as His or Its pure and perfect life and nature.

Get quiet, still your mind and all the outer senses and try to know yourself as pure consciousness, a center of awareness of the One Consciousness. Try then to "see" that you are not your body, and that you are not your mind; that you can cause your mind to think whatever you want it to think, and likewise can cause it to make your body do what you will it to do; that you are also not your soul, for you can cause it to *feel* anything you wish it to feel by thinking of some act or experience that would induce such feeling—or you can prevent such feeling at will.

Having proven to yourself that you are not body, mind or soul, but are the consciousness and will inhabiting, informing and using each, try to realize everything about you as being pure consciousness, containing *no forms* of any kind; that all in this world of consciousness are good and perfect *ideas* waiting to be thought out or *ex-pressed* in forms. Now, because you probably wish to go straight to the Kingdom, if you can, allow us to show you the sure and perfect way in greater detail.

God being *All in all*, and therefore being *all that you are*, let us take that thought and try to "see" it in your mind—see yourself as God. He being your life, your consciousness and nature, that should not be difficult; for you will remember that you are a center of awareness of the One Consciousness that is God—are really that Consciousness waiting to *ex-press* Itself in and through your outer self.

Let us now begin truly to *think*—by first realizing that all you are is God, the above all being true; that your body is God's body; that you are not a self or form, separate or different from other parts of God, for they are all parts of yourself who is God; and that you are the *pure consciousness and substance* of God's Body, waiting to be expressed or thought forth into a pure and perfect form.

Now try to *think* and *see* yourself as a Self in such a perfect form—a form such as you have thought Christ had when on earth, and Whom you know to be the Ideal or Pattern for all men.

Then hold fast to this thought to the exclusion of every other thought about yourself, seeing and imagining yourself as a Christ man in a perfect body, having all the qualities and powers of Jesus Christ—perfect Wisdom, Love, Power and Understanding; *knowing* that all you see is really God and is never what appears to mortal senses; and that by going about doing the work outwardly that your hands find to do, but with mind and heart ever fixed upon that thought-picture of who you really are, permitting *nothing* to disturb that picture,—you are thereby building a perfect thought-form or mould for its future manifestation.

Then by holding and seeing continually that picture in your mind, *knowing* that by *willing* it and *opening yourself wide*—that is, your mind and body consciousness—and thus consciously permitting and causing the One Consciousness to pour into your mind and body consciousness and to fill out that picture fully with all the qualities you have thus imagined and seen in it, and by *knowing* it is now your *real* body, *feeling yourself* in it and its wondrous harmony and perfection, and truly loving it as such,—in the course of time you *know* it will actually push through, cleanse and transmute that old thought-picture you “thought” was your physical body, and you will be going about in that new and perfect body doing Christ’s work on earth, even as He and You are doing it in Heaven.

WE HAVE actually shown you in detail how to bring from the invisible whatever you wish to outmanifest, but purposely showing you the highest and most perfect form you could choose. You will note that we have not asked you to “visualize” anything, but to “see” and “imagine” only an *ideal*. And we now emphasize that you are not to try to “visualize” either *things*, or parts or the whole of a *body*, but only ideals and high, pure and perfect conditions—*knowing* they are always what the God of you—the One Consciousness in you—is ever seeking to express and bring forth as your real body, life, affairs and world.

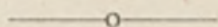
Therein, of course, as you now see and know yourself as a pure and perfect expression of God, possessing and able to use all of Christ’s powers at will, you will go about as Jesus did, obeying always the Will of Divine Love, which will be the Life Force animating, informing, inspiring and directing your every thought, word and act. In fact there will be no more you, but there will be only God, or Christ in you—His Holy Spirit, and

you will see and know all things as expressions of God and will pay no attention to what they appear to be—only to what you see of *their God nature* seeking to come forth and express itself. That you will ever assist it to do—just as Jesus did.

● It should not again be necessary to say that in giving you this great secret and thus making it possible for you to use the power of God to create what you will, you use this power at your own risk. For to use it selfishly will bring swiftly its own retribution, especially at this time, when it is revealed only for the helping and blessing of your fellows.

Need we say that there are many in the world today who now inherently possess this Christ power—the power to perform “miracles;” but who while intuitively feeling this power within them are not tempted to use it for self—have no desire to do so, in order to get things, riches, luxuries, etc., for themselves, or to use it for self-development or to gain or exercise occult powers.

Many seekers of such powers will not be able to understand this; but when the Christ in them fully awakens and makes Himself felt, and the personality learns and yearns to give over all to Him for His use, they will know that self is not, never was, and can never be, do or have anything—that All is God, and all that the Father has is theirs to use; but in His service only.



LOCATED in this village was the Healing Temple. It is claimed that only words of Life, Love and Peace have been given expression in this temple since its erection, and the vibrations are so potent that nearly all who pass through the temple are instantly healed. It is claimed that words of Life, Love and Peace have been used and sent out so long from this temple and the vibrations emanating from them are so strong that should words of inharmony and imperfection be used at any time they would have no power.

We were told that this is an illustration of what takes place in man. If he would practice sending forth words of Life, Love, Harmony, Peace and Perfection, he would in a short time not be able to utter an inharmonious word. We attempted to use inharmonious words and found in each instance that we could not even utter them.

—*Life and Teachings of the Masters of the Far East.*

# CHRISTMAS

## THE BIRTHDAY OF LOVE'S IDEAL

By F. I.

"And the Angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be unto all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

... because there was no room for Him in the Inn."

AT THIS season of the Year our thoughts naturally turn to the birth of Jesus. We tell our little ones about it, and celebrate it with much joy and happiness. It is essentially the festival of childhood; it is the holiday season which all children anticipate with fervent expectancy, for is it not the season of giving and receiving gifts, given with loving thoughts and received in the same spirit?

The birth of Love! How wonderful it would be if everyone really understood the true meaning of those four words, "the Birth of Love!"

LOVE! Yes, but not the love of which the world is cognizant—that love was not born on this Day. The Love which had its birthing in the little City of David, knows not the transient love of "world-people." The Love that came into manifestation in the little town of Bethlehem is the LOVE IMPERSONAL, which never fails, never changes, but which burns calmly and steadily throughout all Eternity. IT is untouchable, unfathomable, and alas! too often undervalued.

The meaning of the words, "City of David," is, the birthplace of the King. Therefore may we not designate its significance as relative to our conscience, our intelligence, the birth-place of our thoughts and allow only those ruled and approved by "The King", our Higher Self, to find expression?

The word, Saviour, symbolizes the Author or Influence of our redemption or resurrection from the deadening thoughts of negation to the inspiring thoughts emanating from the birth of Love in our

hearts. It also means, Leader or Head, which in comparison to the body is the Protector or Guardian of the whole person; that loving intelligent "Something Within," or I AM, which directs and governs everything; the God-Head, without which there is neither salvation, deliverance, nor succor.

**CHRIST.** Here we notice that the word "WHICH" is used,—*"which is Christ."* It is not, strictly speaking, a proper name, but is that Influence which is at once necessary and sufficient to fill our life with peace and power. IT is the Christ Consciousness, which, to realize, means Life Eternal.

And, as we read on, we come to the word, "sign," and also to the word "Babe," and we know that a "sign" means a token or a signal, and a "Babe" signifies the first stage or manifestation. All of us are perhaps "doubting Thomases;" we have to be shown a sign, before we will allow ourself to believe. We listen to lectures, and conversations about Truth; we read books, or perhaps we read a lot of words; but, although it is all very interesting, we ask for a sign as a guarantee of its veracity. So we are given a sign, and it is the appearance in our consciousness of a God-given thought, the first stage or manifestation of the babe, conceived and held (wrapped) in the darkness of our unilluminated thought-chamber; it is yet wrapped in swaddling-clothes.

And the Babe was laid in a manger, because there was no room for Him in the Inn. The manger symbolizes the World, the One Mind, which is Within each one of us.

The Inn is significant of a resting-place for the night. There was as yet no receptivity in the unopened minds of men. The Light of God's countenance had not yet dawned upon them, had not yet released them from their human bondage. They knew nothing of the "Day" which dawns upon our waiting Souls, and which assures us of Eternity, wherein "Christ" was begotten, and which admits of no yesterday or tomorrow.

And so Mary brought forth her first-born; the seed, which was planted in the Womb of Love, burst forth into a perfect manifestation of Divinity. The realization of the Christ-Man is thus born in our consciousness, the Womb of Love, wherein we find our Self, the One Who has always been trying to come forth and speak to us, to guide, protect and teach us.

It is His birth we are soon to celebrate, with our hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude, just as we celebrate and rejoice at the birth of Love's Ideas whenever they appear in our consciousness. Thus the Christ-Mass sings in our hearts, not only at this glad Season, but all through the months which are soon to unfold their secrets to us.

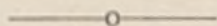
And so we greet you all, this Birthday of the One we call Christ. To Him were given gold, frankincense, and myrrh; but as we worship, honour and love Him, may we as givers of gifts ponder upon the observance of the custom. May we know that the gifts we give be always as gold to those who love us; as incense, cheering those whom we meet; and may the true inspiration of all motive behind our gifts be Divine Love.

### MY GIFT

I send to you no pretty gift,  
This holy Christmas Day,  
But something you may ever keep  
And never give away.

Here's Love—wrapped up in tenderness;  
And folded all about  
Are ribbons of good wishes,  
That nothing may fall out.

'Tis stamped with Hope, and sealed  
With Faith, that friendship will abide,  
As long as memories remain  
Of Christ—and Christmastide.



### WORDS OUT OF THE SILENCE

THUS HAVING learned that love is law confessed,  
And seeing through all my universe expressed—  
My seamless garment brodered o'er with worlds—  
Th' unresting order which alone is rest.

Thou shalt harmonious grow, and at thy nod  
My children of the air, the sea, the sod,  
Finding thee merciful, shall milder grow,  
Learn of thy ways, and worship thee as God.

—From a Poem published by John Lane.

## A MIRACLE

THE following story is told about a certain well known and much loved Truth Teacher. As it came to us through several channels all the details may not be correct, but the main parts we believe are so, and because it conveys a very significant suggestion to those who are students of the Mind articles in this magazine and to those who are preparing and perfecting themselves for *Inner Work*, we use it at this time to show all such the great possibilities of *thinking the truth, and holding it in consciousness, despite what is appearing outwardly, until the truth outmanifests.*

This Truth Teacher in the early days of his spiritual life, after he had come into his soul awakening and the realization that God is *All in all*, and that His Holy Spirit, the Christ, is the Light and Life of every man, was led of that Spirit to prove this Truth to the satisfaction of his outer mind.

So he was inspired to go to a certain notorious saloon in New York City patronized by the criminal class, and to ask a bar-tender if he could rest there. He probably gave him a dollar or so to quiet his wonder and suspicions, and took a seat in the corner of the room with his back to the bar and its patrons, apparently paying no attention to them.

He sat there all through the morning, the afternoon and the evening. About one o'clock the next morning, the owner of the saloon came to him and shook him by the shoulder, apparently rousing him from deep slumber—at least so thought the saloon-keeper.

"Here my man, do you know what time it is? It is closing time, and I guess you will have to go."

"Why, I did not think you closed so early; do you not keep open all night?"

"Yes, we usually do, but something has got into this d—d place today and tonight. For some reason almost every customer that came in—even old-timers who never knew when to quit—took only one drink and left. I could see something seemed to come to each one as they lifted their glasses, and then a funny look came into their faces. I do not know what to make of it. There has been something d—d queer about the place all day,

and somehow I have begun to wish I was in some other business. Hell, what'd you think of that! But honestly I just feel sick and disgusted with it all.

"Well, I guess you'll have to go. There is no use keeping open any longer—and someday I feel no one will come."

All the time he was talking he seemed to be struggling with some strange new force that was possessing him, causing him to speak more to himself than to our friend, so that he paid no particular attention to him as he walked from the place.

In the heart of our friend was a great wonder and a sense of humility such as he had never felt before; for he had gone into that saloon with the determination to think, see and know only Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit of God, filling the place. He had turned his back to the light, and his mind to all sounds, and with his forehead in his hands had sat there all day and night, *lost in the glorious Light of Christ's Presence!* In that Light there were no time, place nor people. No wonder all who entered felt It—even the hardened saloon-keeper.

The next day our friend was led to pass by the place, and there saw tacked on the closed door a paper, which read as follows:

#### NOTICE

This place for sale. Have quit the business. Will be sold only on condition that it never be used again as a saloon.

Signed by the Owner.

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## LOOK UNTO ME ONLY

By E. N. M.

Look unto Me . . . all the ends of the earth;  
for I am God and there is none else.  
Take heed, and be quiet, fear not, neither  
let thy heart be faint . . .  
Great peace have they that love thy law:  
In thee do I put my trust.  
The spirit of God hath made me, and the  
breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

## THE IMPERSONAL WORK

IN THIS Department will be included teachings and truths for more advanced students, especially for those who have received the monthly lessons in the Papers during the past five years.

Some of our readers perhaps may not be able to grasp these truths, but we urge if so that they reserve them for future study and consideration, as they will contain matter of vital moment to the soul, when it is grown ready to receive and use it as intended.

### INNER WORKERS

WE ARE more than pleased at the large list of earnest souls who have responded to the "*Call for Inner Workers*," and to see them coming daily. It means more than their human minds comprehend at this time; but as they begin to do actual work, feel the spiritual power flowing through them, and note what results, they will become very humble and grateful at being privileged thus to serve; and in the new vision opened up to them will glimpse the vast possibilities of the Work of which they have become a part.

We are already receiving splendid reports of individual inner work being done, and will publish in each issue one or more of such, for the encouragement and assistance of those who are attempting it for the first time. It is important that as many as can do so, will as quickly as possible perfect themselves in such work, as the time is growing very short and the need ever greater, as the forces of evil more and more relentlessly press down upon the weaker and less prepared souls who need a brother's help.

All workers, above everything else, must train themselves to be always on the alert for calls from such. Remember, these will be soul calls, and will come as a strong impression that a certain one needs help, followed by an insistent urge to go and see that one. Such an urge must always be obeyed. If the urge is to see such a one personally, that should be done. If not personally, then his soul should be visited in spirit, and the work done there as shown. When thus obeyed a blessing for the one visited always results; for Spirit leads you there, and Spirit does the work, when you thus let It.

One of the workers reports:

There are one or two of the boys where I work to whom I sometimes talk, and they are interested in a small

way in what I have to say. I was talking to one of them the afternoon of October 29th, and he told me that his wife had been sick for the past sixteen years, and on top of that she fell down stairs in 1928. As a result she was all crippled up—had hurt the base of her spine, and ever since her hands, arms and legs were badly swollen and she could not close her hands; she was so stiff that it took her from 15 to 20 minutes to get out of bed.

Then without thinking, I said, "I'll see what we can do for her—if she is willing to do a little to help herself." He said she would do anything, as she had been to all the doctors that she could get to, and they could do nothing.

So I told him to have her lie down every night at 9:30 and at that time to completely relax her mind and body; to think of nothing but the perfect life of God within her. I explained that I intended to be with her at that time in spirit, and would help her.

The first night she had a terrible headache that lasted about five minutes; the next night the same thing, but it lasted only three minutes; the third night no headache; and last night she felt very hot. The first morning after, she felt a little better; the second morning, no pain and she could close her hands; and after that she steadily improved; and now says that if she keeps improving at the rate she is going she will be all right in a week.

Here is the interesting thing. In the November article on "Inner Workers," you gave instructions for healing. Now I did not read that article until Sunday, three days after I started meditating on the woman; but *that is exactly the line that I followed.*

THIS report shows you clearly how Spirit works. This worker was one of the first to respond to the Call. His heart is in the Work. You will note that he was led to talk to one of his friends, who was in turn led to tell him about his wife. "Without thinking," he said, "I will see what we can do for her."

Having given himself unreservedly to the Master's use, he was accepted, and thus became an integral part of the great Brotherhood of Christ—without his actually knowing it in his outer

mind. But his soul knew and was now able to control and so directed his mind to do what he did, as shown—even to following instructions for healing given by the Brotherhood, before his mind had seen or read them.

For when the outer mind thus assents and yields itself to Spirit's use, the soul is free to do the Father's Will. Remember, "Spirit" is but another name for the Brotherhood of Christ, who are the executors of the Father's Will, and those souls, whose outer minds and selves have given themselves unreservedly to Christ's service, thus become wide open channels through which the Father's Will may be done on Earth even as in Heaven—the highest and purest soul realm of Spirit.

As a worker becomes proficient in such loving and selfless service, he will become more and more aware of the Invisible Power within, back of and ever present with him; and he will become more confident in surrendering to Its use. For inwardly he will know that Power is Spirit or the Loving Ones in Christ, who are One with him and are using him in this, the Father's Work.

Knowing this, he will ever seek to bring all possible others into this Work as fast as they are ready, by awakening, informing and instructing them what It is all about. When he finds one who is already awakened, who senses the truth and has begun to serve, he will tell him about this *Inner Work*, will initiate him into its possibilities and inspire him to volunteer for such service; and thereby will form with him the nucleus of a Group for larger work in his community. In time several of such soul comrades will be led to him, whom he will help study and perfect themselves in service, with the assistance of the instructions in the Magazine, thus forming a powerful Group for the Brotherhood's use in their city.

From time to time they will be led of the Spirit to do special work in their community—for friends, for conditions, for different local movements, social, industrial or governmental; thus becoming a silent, impersonal and unknown influence for good therein, ever working to mould public thinking in the paths of righteousness and away from those demoralizing suggestions being continually planted in the minds of the people by the enemy.

THE TIME has come when all true servers of humanity, regardless of the church, spiritual, metaphysical or occult movement in which they are now enlisted, must work together as one; they can no longer be divided, because of such affiliations. Therefore when an Inner Worker finds one such true server, let him not hesitate to invite him to join with him for such Inner Work in his community; try to show him that all past study, training and teaching was but a preparation for this particular work at this particular time; and that now their true and active affiliation should be with their Brothers in Christ, whether they be in spirit or in the flesh. The *real ones* will not hesitate, for their souls will instantly recognize the Call and require them to respond.

If in their particular movement there are other *real ones*, such can form them into another inner group within their own movement, if they so prefer, to work similarly under Christ's direction; urging, however, that all send in their names as volunteers, so that they may receive any special word that will be given when all is ready. For those who have found Christ in their hearts, and are living now solely to serve and please Him, can no longer be bound by or held in any outer movement. All such movements truly consecrated to Him are really One Movement, linked indissolubly with their Brothers in Christ in Spirit.

We are glad to say that we are receiving requests to participate in this Inner Work from more than a few of the *real ones* in other movements. In fact, all *real ones* recognize in their souls that within a very few months there must be a union of all Christ workers in the outer, if they are to be fused with their fellow workers in Spirit, as indicated in recent articles. Those in the Inner and Outer must work as One, if they are truly One in Christ. Can you not see that? Then do not let any hesitate, but surrender all to Him.

If your soul is yearning to serve, what are you allowing to hold you back—what *personal* interests are still first, before the Master's Work? How long are you going to allow these interests to interfere?

No plain duty ever interferes, especially those duties affecting others. Those, the Master within requires you to do. But the time is here when self interests will no longer be permitted to interfere. Either self must yield or it must suffer greatly.

Yes, it will entail sacrifice. But will any sacrifice of self be too great, if you can help make possible *within a few years* a world free forever of selfishness and greed? Have you thought of what use or avail will be money and possessions, now deemed so important by self, when the world comes to that state where only a home, land enough to grow the food necessary to sustain the physical body, and clothes to cover it, will be of any value?

For before the change from the old order to the new is consummated, all that is part of the old order, all that contributed to the growth and development of self and kept men's minds away from the Kingdom of God, must go.

Before that change comes all that is stated by the Lord, Himself, in Mathew 24:15 to 22, must come to pass. That being so, the "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be," has not yet visited us, and must be gone through. The world cannot escape it very much longer, from all present signs.

But the Kingdom is coming to the Earth even as He promised, and very soon—but only for those who are making the finding of it FIRST in their lives, and who in the meantime are devoting all they are and have to God for His use.

Money and possessions will be of no use in the Kingdom, where all that the Father hath is yours. For those who realize this, the Kingdom may be found even before the change. Yea, it has already been found by some, and the veil will be lifted for many others and they will find themselves in It, in the days before the Coming of the Lord.

Let all who are earnestly seeking Christ and desire only to follow and serve him, no longer allow their eyes to be blinded by self's fears and desires. God's Work is first and nothing must be allowed to interfere from now on to the end.

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#### A VISION

IN THE Silence, I suddenly found myself in a great multitude of people assembled together, with Christ as our Leader. I looked around and noticed we had close-fitting helmets and garments, adorned in front with a cross. The words came to me, "Soldiers of Christ."

We wore capes of a light shade of blue, with lavender lining, and I heard these words, "Gird ye on the armour of Christ and look only to your God and My God." And that we were to fight against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Then with Christ leading the way, we entered a cave. After securing the opening with a huge rock, He turned and faced us with arms outstretched; and I noticed His shadow made the sign of the cross. Then I heard Him say,

"By this sign have I conquered. The times I have told you about are even at the door. In such hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh. Be ready.

"Put ye on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand all the fiery darts of the wicked.

"Blessed are the faithful, for they shall be called the children of God.

"For now is My way made known to those who have given themselves to Me. Henceforth are they children of Light, never more to know darkness.

"The testing time is about over, and soon shall the children of men know the wrath of God (Revelation 6:17) in all its power. I will destroy utterly those who know me not."

#### IN THE NOONDAY SILENCE

BLESSED children; greetings and Peace.

I wouldst give thee just a short message today, and it is this—that thou shouldst look only upon the finished Kingdom; that thou wouldst not say, thus shall it be done when I come into my heritage.

Truly, our Brother has said well, that there is no time. If thou wouldst look at the Finished Kingdom, thou wouldst know it is even now at thy command. Thou wouldst not say, "If it be fair tomorrow." Thou wouldst say, "Today, all things await me." And it is so—if thou believest; if thou have faith; if thou but trust.

Oh, dear brothers, pray not for great wisdom. Pray not at this time to know these miraculous things. Pray that thou mayest

have perfect faith and trust—may know that *now* is the allotted time; that *now* are all good things manifested.

Are ye not sons of God? Can ye not see that it is thy vanity that is putting off the day? Canst thou not see, dear ones, that thou art standing in thine own light?

Then when ye pray, pray not that something may come to pass, but praise and glorify God that it is *now*, and be thankful!

I bless you. Peace.

### A PARABLE

DEAR ONES, you who would hear a great truth, know that I AM the LIFE, the ESSENCE of all created things; that without Me is nothing made—even as with Me and of Me are all things made.

On My One Side, I AM GOODNESS—I AM TRUTH—I AM LIFE. On My Other Side, I AM SIN, SICKNESS and DESPAIR. I AM all these things, because through and with them I quicken the hearts of My children whom I would grow into My Likeness.

I see you question how I can be that in you told above, and still be the quickening Force in some and the appearance of evil in others. Hear thou this parable;

A man went into his fields to sow. Freely he sowed of that which he had. And when the seeds sprang up, and harvest time was nigh, a great wind came and swept to earth the fruit of the land. The master, when he saw what had happened, was much aggrieved; he wept and was downcast. But a servant in his house came unto him and said, "Master, why grieveest thou? Dost thou not see the hand of the Lord in this?"

The master was comforted not and said, "How can the hand of the Lord be in this so great destruction? See!—all is barren—all is lost!"

But the servant replied, "All is not lost, master. Behold, we sowed twelve bags of barley, eighteen bags of rye, twenty-five bags of wheat. If we will but go into the fields, we can gather up that which was ripened for the harvest, but now lies scattered on the ground. Next Spring at planting time, we can sow many more bags, for lo!—we now have twice the seeds we planted."

The Master turned to the good servant and blessed him, for he had spoken wisely. The hand of the Lord seemeth heavy—but His Mercy and Goodness endureth.

This Master was like those who are prone to look only upon that which appears, without seeking for the good back of it. There is always good back of every seeming misfortune and evil. The wise servant knoweth this and seeks the good regardless of what appears, and is blessed and praised accordingly by Me. This, My beloved, is the story of the ONE LIFE in ALL. In the beginning harvests were few, but now your bins are pressed full of the very same Seed that I sowed alike in both the rich and fallow soil of men's minds. The harvest never fails for those who seek only the good.

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### ETERNAL YOUTH

ETERNAL Youth is the Flame of God abiding in the body of man, the Father's gift of Himself to His creation. Youth and beauty of both mind and body can be kept permanently only by those individuals who are strong enough to shut out discord, and whoever does that can and will express Perfection, and maintain it.

Where Peace, Love and Light do not abide within the thoughts and feelings of a human being, no amount of physical effort can possibly keep the outer self expressing youth and beauty. These exist eternally within the God Flame, which is the Divine Self of every individual.

*Whatever discord the outer self allows to flash through the thought and feeling is that instant stamped upon the flesh of the physical body. Eternal youth and beauty are self-created and forever self-existent within the Flame of God's Life in every human being. This is God's Plan for manifesting His Perfection into the world of form, and of maintaining it forever.*

Youth, beauty and perfection are attributes of Love, which the God Principle is continually pouring forth into Its creation. Within each individual is placed the power and means for maintaining and increasing that perfect ever-expanding activity of creation.

—From *Unveiled Mysteries*.

## THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

IN THIS Department will be given interpretations of dreams and visions of those needing to know their inner meaning. We reserve for it only those of special interest and helpfulness.

### EMOTIONAL STORMS

I WANT to tell you of a dream I had not long ago. It seemed I was walking along a country road. I do not know how or when, but the next thing I knew, I was sitting on a high seat of a new wagon drawn by two beautiful horses. The driver seemed to be a woman; however, I didn't see her—nothing but her hands holding the reins, beautiful, strong hands.

We were riding along when she stopped the horses. I wondered why, but didn't ask—when I saw water coming down from the left and it passed in front of us across the road, like waves in the gulf or sea. When these waves passed we drove on for a short way, as though nothing had happened, when she stopped again, and similar waves passed in front of us as before. Going on a short way, I saw a great wall of water coming toward us. I was frightened. She didn't say a word, but raised her hand as if to quiet me. Instantly I was calmed and was without fear. They were terrific waves, but passed before us doing no harm to anyone. I had seen some people ahead of us and wondered if they would be hurt.

The driver was sitting at my left. I do not know why I wrote that, but something has been telling me to say to you that the driver was at my left since I started to write this. I was on the right side—usually the driver's place on a wagon. This dream has been coming into my mind over and over again, and I will be truly grateful if you will tell me its meaning.

Your dream is most significant. The new wagon being drawn by two beautiful horses was the new consciousness in which you are now riding, carried along by your obedient animal forces. The one driving is your Higher Self, who is always on your left side, the side of your heart. When you found how beautiful and strong were Her hands and how perfectly She was able to control the horses, were you not unafraid and willing to trust Her entirely? Those waves were nothing but the waves of emotion that cross your path frequently wherever you go, and you were shown just what you must do—stop and wait for them to get past and spend their force, before you go on. Without Her control of your emotional nature—the horses, you would have gotten excited and there would have been a "run-away." But you were trusting all to the wonderful Driver beside you. If you will always observe this rule and allow Her to drive, you will be able to avoid every danger, and she will keep you from becoming involved in any of those waves or storms of emotion that threatened to engulf you in that outer experience you just passed through, and will bring you safely and quickly to the goal that awaits.

## SERVING AT NIGHT

I WENT to bed about eleven o'clock one night, and at once fell into a sound sleep. All at once I felt myself floating up in the air near the ceiling of my room. I looked down and could see my body on the bed. Then I floated out of the house surrounded by a ball of pure white light, as if the walls were not there. I seemed to know where to go, and was headed for a large black cloud. I went right into it and there picked up someone I seemed to know—a man, and started back to the ball of light I had left behind, and floated into it. The man did not seem heavy, but all at once I said to whoever it was, "I have to leave you now, and go back." At my going, he screamed my name so loudly that I awoke.

As I looked at the clock it was just twelve-thirty, and the thought came to me, "You helped a soul over the border tonight." The next day a dear friend of mine called me by phone and said her father had passed on at twelve-thirty the night before. Now did I help her father, or what do you make of this?

Your experience was most interesting. It looks very much as if you were called upon to help your friend's father over the border into the next world that night, and your other experiences show that you are being trained to serve at night on the inner planes.

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## THE LOWER SELF

SHORTLY after writing for the Way Out Course, I was conscious of a presence—it seemed to be with me wherever I went. One night I dreamed I sat with a male companion (I did not know this man) at the edge of a stream of water. The water was clear—I could see the stones beneath the surface. After watching the water some time, we arose and started to walk up a path leading over a hill. Walking a short distance, I looked back over my left shoulder and saw a green monster with dark spots. I was not afraid, but calmly watched him turn and walk away. Then I proceeded on my way, but as I turned, there was a large gray snake with darker gray spots lying to my left and ahead of me. Neither the snake or myself were disturbed. Then I walked on up the path.

Regarding your dream, the Presence you are conscious of, is either your Higher Self or some Teacher in Spirit, so that the companion sitting beside you was undoubtedly this Teacher. The stream by whose side you were sitting was the stream of life in which you were permitted to see clearly to the bottom because of the truths you had learned. When you saw the green monster of your lower self that you had left behind and the snake of self which you passed by without concern, it was a proof that you are now on the Path, guided by the truths that will lead you steadily, straight onward to the goal, if you will allow nothing to distract your attention from it.

This is quite unusual. But it was permitted in order that you might see how these truths will light your whole being as they are made a part of your consciousness.

## THE INNER ROOM

**C**ONTAINING quotations from our replies to those writing us for help in their *Spiritual problems*.

Each day at 12 o'clock noon, we take the names of those asking for such help in the Silence of the Spirit, and "Speak the Word" for them. Many hundreds have testified to receiving the blessings of such ministry.

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### GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU

**T**HE EXPERIENCE through which you passed of being at death's door and hearing the words, "You must go back," evidently came to you for a great purpose, and the fact that you were shown that your work was not finished and that you must return, surely proves that God has something for you still to do that is more than worth-while.

As far as your heart is concerned, there is Something much bigger in you than the physical mechanism of your heart. For God's Life is there, and if you will only know it, within, hidden from your mortal senses, is a perfect body containing a perfect heart that from the very beginning has been trying to push forth into expression in the outer. But it cannot get by that picture of your body you are carrying in your mind. Try to realize this and instead of that picture of your old body, try constantly to see that perfect body shining within, until the darkness of fear and self gives way, and its perfection can be both felt and seen in the outer.

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### THE PURPOSE OF DREAMS

**A**NSWERING YOUR question, all the inspiring dreams that come to you are but to give you a glimpse of what awaits—when you prove your ability to rise above the things of the flesh, the world and self, and to leave them behind entirely. Without such visions of reality, the soul and the human mind would have no desire for the higher things of life. But these can be gained only by earning them. That is why such a goal is always kept before your mind by your Higher Self. Of course, nothing can be gained without struggling, striving and persisting until it is won. That is the only way one can gain one's true Spiritual strength and understanding.

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### GOD GREATER THAN BANKERS

**D**O NOT allow your husband to get discouraged, for God is greater and has more power than all the bankers in the world, and he who puts his trust in Him and pays no attention to what appears or what is demanded by bankers, just knowing that the Father is taking care of everything—will find a seeming miracle happen. There is always a way out for those who trust themselves and their affairs to Him.

## DEMONSTRATING MATERIAL THINGS

**Y**OUR COMPLAINT of not demonstrating the material things that your friends have gained for themselves and of your getting discouraged and feeling that you are getting nowhere, is the result of your having missed the whole purpose of life and God's will for you. Do you not realize that having dedicated yourself to God that you must make Him and the finding of His Kingdom first in your life, and that not until you give up all desire for the material things that you are seeking and which seem so important to you—none of those things will be added unto you?

Jesus very definitely told a great truth in His Sermon on the Mount—that your Loving Father knoweth you have need of all these things. But unless you seek first the Kingdom, instead of these material things, all material possessions may have to be taken away from you until God alone remains. What is it that you really want—the things that your neighbors have, or what God is waiting to give you—all the blessings of His Kingdom?

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## FROM A HEALER

**I**N VERY truth, those who write to you need to try to contact the Power of God within themselves, and we are glad that you see this and are helping them to find it; showing them that until they do find it and call it forth, the real healing cannot occur. We often find that there are those who read it in the Lessons and the Magazine, time and time again, but not until they turn to a personal healer, or some one in whom they have great confidence who tells them the same thing, do they wake up and attempt to put these truths to use in their own individual case.

So many are still looking for someone else to push or lift them into the Kingdom, instead of making the strenuous effort necessary to earn their way there.

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## "OPPOSING" FORCES

**R**EGARDING the "forces" on the inner plane which you think are hindering your efforts to live the life pointed you in these truths, try to realize that they are but the forces of your lower animal nature, which, having dedicated yourself to the higher life, are now shown up to you for just what they are by your Higher Self, so that you may face and handle them.

The only way you can go on is to control and subdue these forces and then show them that you are the master and that they must obey you, before you will be able to use them wholly in the Master's Service. You will find that they are very wonderful forces when once you have tasted of the power they will give to you when they acknowledge you as their master.

Therefore, follow faithfully all the directions given you in the monthly lessons and do not miss the noonday service, opening yourself wide to the Light of Divine Love being poured through you, so that Love's Power will cleanse and transmute these forces and thus help you to make them into true servants of Christ.