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EDITORIAL

THE LAW

THIS issue celebrates the fifth birthday of THE INNER LIFE. Whether we have lived up to the promise in the first issue we leave it to our readers to say. In that issue we stated that there would be offered in these pages pure truth, and in so convincing a way that it can be accepted as such by real thinkers. We also stated that real students and thinkers would be given a magazine that will satisfy not only their intellectual craving for helpful knowledge, but will also feed their soul hunger for spiritual knowledge, especially for truths about the inner life, so difficult to obtain.

We have tried faithfully to live up to that promise during the past four years, and we shall continue to do so in all future issues.

The year 1937 we feel will be a most important one, ushering in as it does changes that will affect the whole of mankind. The former power of the Old Order is gone, never to return. Despite all that appears and the seeming continued control of those

forces carrying over from the Old Order, it will be found that their power will gradually fade away and that an entirely new order is assuming charge of things, conditions, governments and peoples, and whether they like it or not, all men will have to acknowledge, accept and become a part of this New Order.

What is this New Order, whence comes it, and what is back of and directing it?

This Magazine announced itself an "Herald of the New Age" in its first issue, and we shall therefore try to answer these questions and to explain things that many are beginning to sense but cannot see anything definite or tangible to enable them to determine just what is happening and what the future will bring forth.

What is this New Order? We will liken it to the condition a boy or young man finds himself in when he has graduated from High School or College, his head filled with much theoretical knowledge, and he is supposed to be equipped to go forth and cope with life dependent upon his own resources and ability. It is certainly a "new order" for him, especially if his parents tell him they have done their part and it is now up to him to support himself.

Do you realize that humanity has now reached that stage when it must prove its ability to use the knowledge and apply the truth it has gained in the School of Life?

Yes, that applies to everyone—to every soul on earth. Then what will happen to those who fail to support themselves and to make a living, you ask.

Mankind has now grown up. Life has taught men certain knowledge and certain laws of life. They have now reached that state when they must learn to apply that knowledge. If they fail to use it and to work with the laws, if they shirk their duty to society and lay down and expect others to support them when it is intended that they do this for themselves, what must happen?

What is going to happen to the millions of men on relief or to those who for months or years the government has supported with soft jobs, and who now refuse to accept real work when it is offered them? What is going to happen to the unfit, the

slackers, the bootleggers, gratters, racketeers and criminals in the New Order, which has no place for any of these?

What is this New Order? Can you not see it is an Order where every man, woman and child will be working for the good of the whole, where each will have his or her place and a definite part to play and special work to do; that the old order of selfishness and competition is rapidly destroying itself, and men are beginning to think and plan and work and build along co-operative lines?

Can you not see that we are slowly but surely feeling our way along such lines, are preparing to go that way, and that it is the only sensible way—for it is the way of efficiency, of harmony, of enduring prosperity, peace and happiness?

From where does this New Order emanate? Why, it is the natural outgrowth of life, the result of our mistakes of the past and of lessons learned. Is not humanity grown up? Should not men then be done with the follies of youth, of ignorance and waywardness? Surely they are done with them—those who have attained the age of discretion. All others will just fade out of the picture in one way or another; for the New Order will have no place for those who will not fit in with its requirements. Do not be concerned about that—the Great Law that is back of and directing everything will take care of them.

Is this a heartless Law? Do not its decrees please you? Then what think you of the Law, "*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!*" Consider for a moment what is the state of those who do *not* know the truth, and who therefore are *not* free and *cannot* be free. What becomes of them? They are bound and held back by the Law of their own beliefs. That is all. In reality, or in their true nature they *are* free, because they are *not* bodies and they are *not* their foolish human minds—they are spirit, pure consciousness. But as long as they *think and believe error*, they are bound by what they believe, and we have seen how the Law always in time catches up with error, arrests it, and deprives it of the power further to harm.

NOW let us consider this Great, All-inclusive Law. Just what is it? It must be a Law of Love, Justice and Perfect Harmony; for it is the Law that rules and governs all life and growth,

all manifestation, and the operation of all things in the Universe.

As is the case of all ordained Law, there must be agents to see that the Law is absolute, ever operating, and always enforced. The Agents of the Great Law must then be Divine Beings, or at least Perfected Men, who have become one with the Law, through long living with It and working under Its mandates. Likewise the sole purpose of the Law must be to bring all things and all men to a *conscious* and *willing* co-operation with Its mandates. And because of Its nature It must be always doing that, although most men now seemingly are opposing and living contrary to the Law. But it is only a seeming opposition, for nothing can go contrary to a Law that operates and controls the Universe. Underneath what appears the Law is absolute, ever active, always growing, pushing forth the *real*, the *soul* of things, into expression, as fast as their stage of growth permits.

Hence what *appears* to be so at the moment is not an indication of what is so. The Law of Growth works the same with a rose, a man, or with humanity as a whole. Take a rose-stalk that has reached its budding time, or a woman who is pregnant, or a man preparing for his spiritual rebirth—who can know just what is taking place, what is being formed within, just what the nature, quality and shape of that in which the life working therein will express itself?

It is the same with humanity as a whole. Humanity's soul is getting ready for its rebirth, for its blossoming time. Its stalk has come to its maturity; its buds are big with the life within making ready to open and express for the first time its true nature—that which it came into physical being to express.

What we see now are but the outer effects of the forces working within the bud of the rose, within the womb of the woman, within the heart of humanity.

Men are now feeling within them these new and finer forces, these forces that are preparing them for the blossoming time, when a new and finer expression of life will outmanifest and which will be their future order of existence.

Those who are bound to the Old Order and who are trying to prevent the New Order from coming into existence, might as well try to prevent the life forces in the Springtime from putting out new shoots and bringing vegetation to its blossoming time.

But what will become of the Old Order and of those who refuse to conform to the methods and principles of the New Order? As we have said, the Law will take care of all that. The Old Order will die as did last year's leaves, because of the withdrawal of the life-forces that fed them. And we might say, so also will those die who depend upon the forces of the Old Order to feed them and their selfish desires—those forces are now withdrawn and are no more in evidence. There will be many who will not care to live if they cannot have what they desire or cannot live the old way. And when they lose the desire to live, life itself and the law will find plenty of ways of arranging their demise.

It is our purpose to keep our readers advised about the out-working of the Law—those who cannot see for themselves how It works and Its visible effects. It is also our purpose to help every reader who will give it the study it deserves to learn all about the Law; for as one grows in spiritual understanding, with that understanding is given knowledge of the Law and of Its use and application in one's own life.

Is such knowledge worth striving for? Our readers will find, if they have not already learned it, that this Magazine from its inception has been devoted to the explaining of the Law, of Its operation in our human lives and affairs, and of how to work with It, that It can work with and for them. In every issue there is some such explanation and exposition of the Law. Stay with us and truly study what is given and much vital knowledge will be yours.

THE CHRIST PICTURE

WE ARE pleased to present to our readers the new Christ picture shown in this issue. It is the work of the one who is responsible for the Message of *The Impersonal Life* and its companion teachings. Those who would like copies for framing or to give to friends can have them in three sizes indicated in the Book Notes on page 17 of the Advertising Section.

We feel that the picture speaks for itself and that it will find its way into the hearts of many of Christ's followers. It is fitting that it be given to the world at this time, and just before Christmas.

NEW YEAR—ANOTHER LEAF

Within Life's book another leaf is turned;
Today we face a new and untried Year,
It's secrets and it's purpose all unguessed.
No hand may lift the veil that hides from us
Success or failure,—and no feet but ours
May tread our pathway, do our several tasks.

We step into the New Year's outstretched arms,
And wonder, if with all her luring charms
Truer she'll prove than one we leave behind;
What we have gained from wrestling with defeat
Mayhap will give us strength new foes to meet,
With greater courage. Come then storm or stress,

Defeat or failure,—or joy's magic spell.
To each or all, the New Year holds in store.
We reach our hands in welcome, for we know
Our truest blessings from our failures grow,
And that our share of happiness will be
What we acquire through self-mastery.

—*Author Unknown.*

THE POWER WITHIN YOU

CONSIDER that each cell-life of thine has ears, and be careful what you utter to them by thoughts and spoken words, for they will build you there according to your orders. And there is naught, indeed, more perishing than shame.

To slip apologetically through existence is not life. If such a mean philosophy went abroad, we should soon find a place for shivering creatures without the courage to die or the capacity to live.—*Eastern Philosophy.*

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THE FACE OF GOD

A WOMAN aspired so to live, that she may look upon the *Face of God*.

She came upon a springtime butterfly, dripping in the dew of a New Birth, born of patience and plodding, uphill care.

It clung to her ministering hands, and spread wide its untried wings.

It fluttered timidly from nectar to nectar, and masterfully drank of Nature's store.

She sought for earthly words to name its heavenly hues, but there were none.

The Woman wondered if this might be *the Face of God*.

She found a little child whom Mother Nature had forgot. Strong arms were called upon to aid the weak limbs; gay stories filled the motherless hours; bright colored play-things unfolded the seeds of love and expectancy, and promises true evoked the glow of innocence and trust that can be found only in the heart of a child.

The Woman wondered: could this be *the Face of God*?

She thrilled to see a Builder rare, 'mid mortar brick and fresh-cut pine.

And watched the form of a Home rise up to greet the nodding trees and understanding birds.

Helped him to brighten it with ivory coat that Love and Life may dwell therein.

Saw him cast his tools aside to gaze with exultation at the creation of his hands.

The Woman wondered if this were like *the Face of God*.

She turned the One she loved to a hopeful sister, that her life might be fulfilled.

And the eternal Miracle unfolded itself to the sister.

With starry gaze of wonderment, she breathed,

"It can't keep on living . . . it wasn't . . . and now it is . . . !"

The Woman wondered if she had found *the Face of God*.

She sought to serve a heart-wounded man who walked in utter darkness.

They trod sweet scented paths of moist earth and heavy-laden trees, and listened to the breezes singing throughout the branches; felt the play of sunbeams dancing hither and yon; called to the birds; thrilled to the vibrant trot of passing colts, and stroked the fur of a noble shepherd dog.

Together they felt the trickling raindrops on their faces, cooling, healing.

She led him to an organ symphony and heard the swell of bursting bounds; held his quivering hand and saw the light of exaltation flood his being.

The Woman wondered if she were looking upon *the Face of God*.

She turned her face to the star-lit heavens and traced the speech of the Infinite in the ever-changing pattern of the luminous clouds of the Milky Way.

She communed with the Night Light, ever faithful to the Day Light.

She pondered upon the labors of the Universe, and longed to feel the Soul of Man.

The Woman wondered if this were truly *the Face of God*.

She opened her only man-child's eyes to the adoration of a prayerful maid, who, for many long months, had spent the dawns upon her knees, the empty nights drenched in hopelessness.

The maid crept to her bedside one moonlit eve, trembling 'neath crystal tears.

"It—can't—be—true. *He loves me!* It's more than I can bear. It—can't—be—true."

The Woman wondered if this could be *the Face of God*.

She walked with a Mystic, borne high on the wings of ecstasy; awed at the Oneness of All; saw eternal Truths designed to mould the heart; heard him utter Revelations of purest sublimity.

The Woman wondered: is this *the Face of God?*

She nursed an aged Mother and listened to her memories.

A carefree childhood, a dream-filled youth; the bridal path, the valley of the shadow of death, motherhood and sacrifice; domestic

bliss and love, pure as crystal waters; the agony of bereavement and the Peace of Time; success and failure, frustrate hopes and answered prayers; the parting with young sapling offspring and the prodigal return; once again, love, the altar, and grandbabies; darkness born of weakness; the passing of one's mate; *walking alone*; the Wisdom of Age; approaching rest and thankfulness.

She spoke, too, of the joys of Labor, and of Friendship, and of Giving.

The Woman wondered and knew not that in all these glimpses of Reality were hidden *the Face of God*.

Dedicated To Every Seeking Soul.

—Mrs. Freda Guský

WAITING

LEARN to wait—life's hardest lesson,
Conned, perchance, through blinding tears.
While the heart-throbs sadly echo
To the tread of passing years.

Learn to wait—hope's slow fruition;
Faint not, though the way seems long,
There is joy in each condition,
Hearts, through suffering, may grow strong.

Constant sunshine, howe'er welcome,
Ne'er would ripen fruit or flower;
Giant oaks owe half their greatness
To the scathing tempest's power.

Thus a soul, untouched by sorrow,
Aims not at a higher state;
Joy seeks not a brighter morrow,
Only sad hearts learn to wait.

Human strength and human greatness
Spring not from life's sunny side,
Heroes must be more than driftwood,
Floating on a waveless tide.

—Anonymous.

DEVELOPING THE SPIRITUAL FACULTIES

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WITH the realization that the Mind of God enfolds us and every other of God's creatures, we feel that we are indeed all children of One Father; that we are all bound together and held in His Consciousness, and that this kinship extends even to the smallest and most insignificant thing of which we are aware.

We then are all dwelling in the One Mind of God, the Cosmic Being, or whatever men choose to call the wonderful Spiritual Sea of Consciousness which includes us and surrounds us, and of which our consciousness is an integral part, just as the smallest twigs are parts of the mightiest tree.

Yes, we and all things live, move and have our being in this Ocean of Consciousness, which is therefore all about us and with which we are always connected and from which we can never be separated.

Each of our little minds and all things in the Universe are constantly receiving from and sending out vibrations into this Ocean of Consciousness, and these vibrations can be seen, heard, or felt by those who can sufficiently identify themselves with this Great Mind, which is not only our mind but is the vitalizing life and essence of every man on earth and of everything in the Universe.

And this Great Mind transmits these vibrations more quickly than electricity. Time and space do not exist for It. It thinks, and every mind center in the Universe attuned to It receives Its thought. Likewise when any one of its mind centers thinks, every other center attuned to it receives its thought. Conscious attunement alone is necessary. It offers no impediment to mind centers in which Love, Goodwill and Unselfishness rule. Anything that is meant for the good of others works in harmony with the Spirit of God, and therefore nothing can hinder or stop its reaching those who are open to receive it.

Do you believe all of the above? Do you wish to prove it? Then compose yourself in some quiet place and close your eyes. Create in your mind a strong desire to see the face of some friend.

At first, let it be some one near and dear to you. Dwell upon one feature at a time, until in your mind it becomes plain to you. The picture will not be just like the physical sight of your friend. It will be a mental picture—sometimes as one sees in twilight, sometimes more plainly; but if you persevere, all the features will gradually be clearly seen, and you may notice a difference in the arrangement of the hair or the expression of the face, which might not have been there the last time you saw your loved one, but is due to present circumstances.

At first what you “see” will seem like a faint impression in your mind. But if you focus your attention upon that impression and hold it before your mental sight, it will quickly grow stronger and clearer. This, however, will take practice and persistence, but will prove more than worth the effort as you will soon learn.

Should you become tired or nervous, stop for the time, and turn your attention to other things. By practice you will become proficient in seeing anyone upon whom you concentrate your attention. You may see where they are, and what they are doing; how they are dressed, and the conditions of their life.

Above all, guard against curiosity. Do not try to see anything about anyone that you would not wish to be seen about yourself. Let your friend be mentally as sacred to you as exquisite courtesy would make his physical body and affairs to your physical sight. Later on you will find in this practice that “With whatsoever measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you, pressed down and overflowing.” Unworthy motives cannot bring anything but disaster upon such misuse of the Spirit.

Hearing will usually develop along with spiritual sight. *Concentration is the secret of it all*, along with persistence and a determination to succeed no matter how difficult it seems at first. A pure heart, a pure mind, and pure motives will do the rest. Quiet surroundings and a prayerful attitude of mind have been found to be of great help by those who have succeeded in demonstrating these faculties.

Here is another good practice. Listen to one who is speaking over the radio. Follow up his voice as you would a stream of water, until you reach his mouth. Upon reaching it, explore his face, feature by feature. In this way you can learn to see

mentally persons who have never previously entered the field of your physical sight. Thinking along with the speaker will help in the visualization.

Another way is to stand mentally before the person you wish to see, and look into his face as if he were present in the body. Thus you can touch his hand, and sense his mental condition. Do this with a flower and try gently to smell its fragrance. Stand mentally in a rose-garden, and touch the roses, looking into their hearts. You may discover many interesting things you did not know about them.

If you are not a close and accurate observer of faces, flowers, etc., *cultivate* careful powers of observation. It is important that you visualize correctly.

The above is only to indicate a few things you may do with your mental or soul power. As you progress, you will acquire knowledge of many other things that will fill your life with constant joy and happiness. Each soul must find for itself the things which are to come into its knowledge. The experience of each individual in the end will be found marvellously similar to that of every other individual.

There will come a time when you will only have to think of a person or thing in order to see it.

Now there are many other ways which have been used to attain these powers. But here you have been given a method which will never cause you to suffer, and which you will find increasingly fascinating. There will be no fatigue or strain of the optic nerves, no special dieting, except that you should be temperate in all things, and therefore there will be no terrible reactions to overwhelm you at the height of your success in life. The right use of the Spiritual faculties will bring health, happiness and prosperity in this life, and nothing to regret in the lives to come.

—D. V. S.

ONLY he who can live a perfectly open, candid life with no motive disguised, no action cloaked, and no thought concealed, may ever hope to reach the very heart of Nature's Wisdom and comprehend it.—*Selected*.

DO WE HAVE TO EAT

IN A VISION it was made clear to me that eating is as much a sin as expending one's forces in sex relations. This at first I could not believe, for I was of the opinion that man must eat food in order to live.

Jesus quoted from the Old Testament when He said, "*Man does not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*"—Deut. 8:3. Just recently I became aware that something was not right about this passage of the Scriptures. So I wrote to "Josiah Hopkins," of the "*Country Church of Hollywood,*" and asked him to give me the correct translation of Deut. 8:3. This was his reply:

"Man does not live by food, but by *keeping* every word man has heard come out of God's mouth." You will notice that the "only" is left out of the true translation.

At one time a teacher came and stayed with us—my wife and self—for three days in our home. This teacher neither ate nor drank while with us. She told us that *she ate only once every eleven days!* She was more than fair to look upon and more plump than my wife who ate three meals a day.

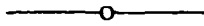
I question if there are many people who can believe this about not needing to eat to live. I would advise against anyone giving up eating until he not only had received instructions along that line, but had first educated the cells of his body. This is strong language to many, so I will try to make it clearer.

The intelligence in each cell of the body is that which keeps seeking for substance, and when it ceases to get that substance or is unable to get it, its desire to exist vanishes and it disintegrates.

Some people are that way. If they cannot eat or do some other things, they do not care to live. Just the other day while talking to a friend, I told him that before many years man would not have to work for an existence. He said, "I would not want to live if I didn't have to work." I have heard others say, "The only thing I live for is to eat, etc., and if I couldn't get it I don't want to live."

I say that unless they change they will not live. It is *this very thing that will cause so many people to die in the next few years*. The changes that are coming to pass upon the earth will be towards the Kingdom, and they will be unable to change their desires and life to conform to those changes; so naturally they will not wish to live under the New Order. Losing a desire to live, they naturally die.

I believe the time will come when the only time to eat is when we meet together for a social time, and then the things we eat will be brought forth out of the atmosphere. That time will be after man has educated each cell that it has other things to live for than to eat. Then it will be obtained by the electron and proton. Those who have kept posted on the new discoveries of science will readily accept this as possible.



SELF SURRENDER

S. B.

AH SELF, how painful is thy going!
With what reluctant feet thou wend
Thy weary way; and fearful fend
The merest move that seeks to end
Thy vain career.

With what misgivings seest thou
The clear handwriting on the wall—
The words of doom that e'er recall
The fate of thy deceiving pall—
Duality.

The doom that is most merciful;
That ends hallucination's throes,
And frees thee from thy fancied foes,
And brings to all thy countless woes—
Oblivion.

Ah self, give up! Thy mortal wounds
Are deep—thy efforts to regain
Are futile. Sing now thy last refrain—
That which must ever be but pain,
"Adieu forever!"

THE CRUCIFIXION

THOSE who have *consciously* entered the King's Chamber are the ones who, whether they realize it or not, are preparing for the crucifixion of self, or are in the process of undergoing it now.

For the real Crucifixion is far more prolonged than what is symbolically portrayed by Jesus' Crucifixion on the wooden cross between two thieves. It commences in its reality the moment release from outer pressure is felt, or upon entrance into the King's Chamber as shown, when self attempts to take charge and rule the outer life. Then the Holy Spirit comes forth and begins Its crucifying of self—taking from it, as fast as nature permits, one by one, its qualities of impatience, irritability, jealousy, envy, egotism, pride, moral weakness, and any of the more destructive ones that still remain, such as hatred, lust and greed, showing them up to the soul and forcing their annihilation and transmutation.

That is what all disciples must undergo the next eight years; or one can bring it to an end within the next two years—according to how capable one is of suffering and of going through its purifying fires.

In the December article, *The Next Two Years*, was indicated what each disciple of Christ must face within the next two years. Herein we give you a picture and explanation of the true meaning of the Crucifixion and for what it prepares those who surmount it, as did Jesus. This article is taken from the 37th Lesson Paper of the Third Course.

JESUS being our Exemplar and Way-Shower, His life is the life we, His followers, must live. And we have shown how the Christ must be born in our souls; must grow and thrive there and bring the outer Jesus part of us to maturity, which part must be taught by the "Wise Men of the East" in preparation for our baptism in the Jordan, when the Holy Ghost, instead of descending on us as a dove, will actually as the Christ come forth from within us and take possession of our human personalities. From then on, He, the Christ of us, begins His mission of preaching and of calling to Him and teaching His disciples, but teaching chiefly His "beloved son," our human minds—which we will now

liken to Jesus' human self with its mortal body (and which you must remember was what was crucified). For think you that Christ, the Son of God, Jesus' Higher Self, was not always guiding and teaching Jesus—even as your Higher Self He is ever guiding and teaching you?

The only difference between Him and us is that Jesus almost from His birth *knew* His Father in Heaven—His Higher Self—as God Himself, and sought always to obey Him; and as a result He was always able to receive direct from His Father's Consciousness whatever He needed to know, to have and to do. But with us there has been so much to unlearn and get rid of first, and in many of us the birth of the Christ does not take place until maturity or later, and then there is so much teaching and preparation before He can get us ready for His use.

But this will give you an idea of what is going on and how it will gradually lead us to the crucifixion of self—the release from the sense of separation, the culmination and goal of the Christ Life on earth.

While this culmination was the crucifixion of our Saviour's mortal body, yet those who know realize that it was far more than that. Jesus came here not only to fulfill a prophecy, but to perform a mission and to be an example for all humanity to follow—to portray an ideal and at the same time be the way-shower for all who are able to follow Him. And you must not forget that He knew from the beginning what the end would be, knew that He would be crucified, and yet He willingly and fearlessly gave Himself to His enemies.

To the world it seems the supreme sacrifice. And it was that, but in a different way from what the world understands. For if He is our Exemplar and Way-Shower, then that means we and all men must go the way He went—even unto the crucifixion of our mortal selves.

But the world does not comprehend that, and could not believe it. It is only those who become His true disciples that understand, and they gladly go on to the end, even as He went, actually offering themselves to be crucified. For do they not know that self must be utterly destroyed; that it and it alone

prevents the coming forth of the living Christ from the tomb of the mortal body?

If you who have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the Christ is now in possession (we know there are very few of such), and even if you who are aware of Him in your hearts, can conceive of the many weary steps there are yet to take, carrying the cross of self, climbing the hill of Golgotha, and then being nailed on that cross, where you must suffer all that Jesus did, you can partially realize the agony of pain that Jesus endured.

For the consciousness of the flesh makes up the consciousness of the soul, yet Jesus' soul endured willingly, gladly, because He knew that so long as there was left in His human mind any consciousness that could feel pain or suffering, it was still separate in consciousness from its Higher Self, His Christ Consciousness, and was not ready for release and had not reached the goal of Oneness. Therefore, when Jesus said, "It is finished," it was because His human mind had finally conquered, and "gave up the ghost," or the illusion of self and separation.

In other words, His mind now fully realized that the body was an illusion, that the world without was an illusion, and they could hurt or hold its consciousness no longer; for it now knew it was pure Spirit, was conscious of its Divine Nature, of being always in the Consciousness of Divine Mind; it remembered then perfectly Whose mind it was and of What it was a part, even as the Christ of Jesus always knew. And if you will always remember that the Christ was the Higher Self of Jesus, even as the Christ within you—the Comforter—is your Higher Self, it will make plain many things in Jesus' life and His sayings that otherwise are impossible to understand.

When Jesus' mind had actually freed itself from its sense of separation and its consciousness was fully one with its Christ Consciousness, then you can see there could no longer be any consciousness of a physical body, anything to feel pain, and anything to die. So it was but natural in the morning when they came to get His body, there was none there—it had dissolved and had disappeared from sight. For when we no longer hold in our consciousness a picture belief of a physical body, and know such to be a false concept of our real body, which is pure Spirit, that picture of a physical body will disappear from our minds, which means from manifestation.

Remember the law: "*Whatever we think and hold in our consciousness as being so, outmanifests itself;*" and the obverse, that when we stop believing a thing to be true and thus no longer feed it and keep it alive, it will disappear from our consciousness and consequently from physical expression; for it can then no longer exist. For all is consciousness, and what is no longer in consciousness naturally just it not.

So that when Jesus was finally able altogether to transcend the torture and agony as well as the mental effects of His bodily suffering, thus releasing His consciousness from it all, He knew He had conquered the "Great Illusion" of separateness—had given up the "ghost" of that belief, and of course then there was no longer a separate outer body—*its existence was "finished"*—there was now only His invisible and immortal soul body left.

But through the conquering and mastering of His body consciousness thus by His mind, He did not "die," but *consciously* transcended His body consciousness, entering the higher vibration of His soul consciousness, apparently leaving His physical body behind. And because of His leaving none of His consciousness in the body, there was no longer any life force to hold it together; so it just dissolved into the mental and etheric substance from which it had been created.

The fact that He had thus mastered the *idea* of a physical body, wresting from it all power over His mind, indeed concluded or "finished" all need of a physical form. For His mind now being master of the *idea*, He could always by merely thinking and feeling himself again in a physical body cause the body to become visible, and He could thus manifest Himself in it at will, or He could dissolve it in His consciousness and it would instantly disappear. Why would that result? Because by transferring completely His center of consciousness from the idea of His physical body to the idea of His soul body, or vice versa, *seeing* and *feeling* Himself in either, He would be in either, as He wished; and on whatever plane of consciousness He was, He would of course be visible to those on that plane.

For remember where His consciousness was, there He was; for His Consciousness is His soul, and He could now be conscious of being in His soul body or in His physical body at will, being fully master of the body idea. In other words, by focusing His thought upon either, He thus entered the consciousness either of

the idea of His soul body or of His physical body, thereby raising or lowering His consciousness to the vibration of either, and becoming one with and therefore being in that body in which He wished to manifest; even as we have shown you is possible in the last few Papers.

This explains how Jesus was able to appear and disappear in the midst of His disciples before His ascension in His glorified body.

What do we mean by mastering an idea? Suppose you want to appear before a friend in New York and to deliver to him a message. That is an idea. If you could first see yourself standing in front of your friend, and then could *feel* yourself there delivering to him your message, clearly seeing him hearing and receiving your words, you will catch our meaning. For just to the extent that you are fully conscious of being there, having left behind all sense of everything else, will you have *mastered* that idea, and your friend, if psychic, will actually see you and hear you speak the words; or if he is at all sensitive he will feel or get the strong impression of your presence and of the words, almost as if he heard them.

Remember, everything is consciousness. You are an idea in consciousness. The above is an idea in consciousness. Every idea that is, is in consciousness. But there are many different planes of expression in consciousness, each having its own rate of vibration or wave length, and everything on a particular plane being visible to all else there, when contacted.

But every idea has also its own individual vibration and all you have to do to contact any particular idea is to tune into its vibration and in a way you instantly become one with that idea. When Jesus conceived the idea of wanting to be with His disciples, He simply entered the consciousness of His old physical body idea; that is, He saw and felt Himself in it among them again, or in other words He tuned into that idea's vibration, and He was there. When He wanted to leave them He just withdrew His consciousness from the idea, and instantly He disappeared and was back again in His soul body on the *soul plane*.

THE SPIRITUAL significance of this all is that Jesus' mind had mastered its consciousness so that He could by thinking

raise or lower it to whatever plane He wished, in order to connect up with the consciousness of any particular idea on that plane. By thus connecting up with an idea He became one with its consciousness and could either enter the idea and express through it or could receive from the idea anything about it He wished to know.

Remember the idea of a thing is the soul of that thing, as taught in "*The Impersonal Life*;" and the soul of anything is the consciousness which animates and constitutes its nature. Therefore when you master an idea, you master its consciousness, and thus can compel it to serve you in any way you will.

And of course as disciples and followers of Jesus, intending to follow Him unto the end, even unto the crucifixion of the mortal self, its burial in and resurrection from the tomb of matter, we must necessarily learn to master perfectly the ideas of self, of separation and of mortal flesh.

Only by studying carefully Jesus' life and teachings and faithfully patterning our lives after His, can we hope to accomplish what He did. But fear not that you cannot accomplish all that He accomplished, for did He not promise that all these things and even greater we would do, now that He has shown us the way? And remember we have within us the same power—that of the Holy Spirit—which enabled Him to meet and conquer in all of His trials and testings. And because He conquered so can we, for He promised also that the Father will enable us to do all things, as we push forward fearlessly, trusting Him perfectly at all times and under all circumstances.

You will note that we make a very careful distinction between Jesus and his human mind, and also between Jesus and the Christ, his Higher Self. Until you clearly perceive the reason for and meaning of this distinction, you cannot understand the deep truths we have tried to convey.

It is our *minds* that must be required to do all those things that Jesus did, if we would follow Him. It is our minds that must give up all this sense of self and of separation. It is the Christ Jesus part of us—our souls who know—which must require it, so that our minds of their own free will, will gladly and actually give up their consciousness and unite it with our soul consciousness, which is now one with our Christ Consciousness.

Now see if you can get this: It was the *Christ* who within Jesus was the inspirer and director of all that Jesus said and did. It was He Who spoke in that highly significant way when saying, "*I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.*" He was the Holy Spirit in Jesus, the Son of God.

It was the *soul* of Jesus that was the vehicle or abiding place of the Christ Spirit, making Him the purified man whom the world saw and knew as Jesus, and whom Jesus Himself called the Son of *Man*.

And then there was the *mind* of Jesus, which had been so perfectly taught, trained and disciplined and consequently had been so cleansed and purified of self that there resulted a perfect co-operation of its consciousness with that of the soul, permitting the Christ within to do the Father's will on earth even as in Heaven, and thereby manifesting in Jesus' human personality the perfect "image and likeness" of the Father which He had created in the beginning.

But the Christ, Jesus, and the human mind and personality were now really one, for they were but the consciousness of God now manifesting freely for the first time through a perfected channel containing no limitations whatever. The crucifixion was but the final and conclusive proof for all the world to see and recognize that God's Spirit had visited the earth in all the fullness of Its Splendor in human form, and had left with us Its Light until the end of time which would light the way for all of God's children so that they could know how to return to Him, even as Jesus had returned.

In the above, hidden beneath the words, are given some very definite and vital instructions. Those of you who are ready will perceive them and will strive to prove them, and will thus become prepared and enabled to go through the crucifixion when you are "betrayed" by the Judas faculty of your nature. But remember that that very Judas faculty is employed by the Christ of you to deliver self over to your Initiators.

What follows within the next few years will prove if you have fully attained the mastery of mind over matter, thereby enabling it to rise out of its "ghost" (the illusion of separateness) into its true consciousness, and you to become one with Jesus and all your Brothers in Spirit—a *risen* Christ.

DID SHE PASS OVER?

By E. L. P.

NIGHT before last I "passed on." Either in a dream or in reality, I am not aware which. It was so interesting that I feel impelled to write you of the experience while it is still fresh in my consciousness.

For several days I had been *not too well physically*. This evening I retired very early as I was feeling quite fatigued, yet not really ill. When dozing off to sleep, or perhaps fully asleep, a terrible pain struck me in the back of my head and I began to jerk and twitch all over, and the thought came clearly to me, "This is "death!" Then I declared the truth in this manner:

"I am in the heart of Divine Love! I am in the heart of Divine Love! I am in the heart of Divine Love!"

At the end of the third declaration (it is so vividly clear to me), all pain left me, all jerking and twitching stopped, all the horrible sensation of agony completely vanished and I was relaxed and seemed entirely surrounded by LIGHT and what I sensed as *powerful LOVE*. I was rescued.

Instantly I found myself fully clothed, even with a hat on my head in a strange city—*just filled with people*. The streets were very wide, and the people filled the whole street, not just the sidewalks. I saw no vehicles, but people, people, people. There were buildings, but they did not seem to interest me at all. I was tremendously interested in these people, many of whom I recognized—*everyone of whom had passed on long ago*. I saw not one person whom I know today on earth.

A tall, slender lady, past middle age, came up to me and acted as though she were taking charge of me. I knew her, but cannot recall just who she was—an Aunt I believe. She greeted me warmly, and remained standing smiling by my side. Then my "Aunt Senia," who passed on around forty years ago, came up to me and greeted me also very warmly, but did not remain with me. A tall, sweet-looking lady of about forty-five or so, dressed in the most delicate shade of pink I have ever seen, hat and dress all of pink, came and greeted me, also with that same

wonderful smile. I knew her too, but cannot now recall who she was. Then an Uncle who passed on about twenty years or so ago came up and was delighted to see me. He handed me a card, about the size of a postal and said,

"You meet me here at this place in a few minutes and I will go and get——— (I cannot remember who it was he was going to get), and then I will come here and show you all around." Then he hurriedly left. I turned to this tall lady guide and said, "Do you know where this place is?" She said: "Oh yes! I often come here." Then she guided me through the vast throng of people and I noticed some of them looked at me with a look of resentment upon their faces, and I said, "Why do these people look at me as if they resented something?"

She replied, "They are resentful because your Uncle is an important personage here and he has never 'shown them around,' and now he is showing you, a new arrival, around right away." Then she advised me to "pay no attention to that."

About that time a very sweet-faced young woman about twenty years of age approached out of the crowd and stepped right in front of me, smiling that same warm smile of greeting that made me so happy. She said,

"I don't believe you remember me." I looked closely into her face and replied, "No, I do not. Will you tell me who you are?" She said, "Yes, I am Uncle Isaac's niece also, and I so much want to go along with you."

I looked again and said, "Now I know who you are. You are his brother Peter's girl." She said I was correct and asked if she might go along.

I said, "Of course! Uncle won't care; come right along." And I took her by the arm, and she and my guide and another lady, whose identity I cannot seem to remember, went forward on our way to keep the appointment with my Uncle. I was very, very happy, but it was then that I awakened.

On awakening, I felt light as a feather, and seemed to be healed from all the false claims that had been bothering me for several days. Ever since that experience I have felt much better, and am so calm. I believe it was to teach me exactly what

“death” is like, and that if we know Truth and use it, we need have no dread of it.

Also I believe this experience will help me a great deal in healing others. *“I am in the heart of Divine Love!”* That statement *must* have great power. Else why was it so vividly impressed upon my consciousness, and why was I permitted to return here, if not to use it and to teach it to others?

Jesus said when He showed Himself to His Disciples, *“Touch me not, for I have not yet ascended unto my Father.”* Therefore, it seems we do not enter the Heavenly state always right off. I was not in the Perfect Consciousness or there would not have been any resentment manifested, but—*it was progress—a better place I am sure, or I would not have been so happy.*

It was a wonderful experience, and I am glad to have had it.

THE LIGHT

THE GOD of the Great Endeavor gave me a torch to bear.
I lifted it high above me in the dark and murky air—
And straightway, with loud hosannas, the crowd acclaimed its light
And followed me as I carried my torch thro' the starless night;
Till mad with the people's praises, and drunken with vanity,
I forgot 'twas the torch that drew them, and fancied they followed
me.

But slowly my arm grew weary upholding the shining load,
And my tired feet went stumbling over the hilly road.
And I fell, with the torch beneath me,
In a moment the flame was out —
Then, lo! from the throng a stripling sprung forth with a mighty
shout,
Caught up the torch as it smouldered and lifted it high again,
Till, fanned by the winds of heaven, it fired the souls of men!
And as I lay in the darkness the feet of the trampling crowd
Passed over and far beyond me, its paeans proclaimed aloud—
While I learned, in the deepening shadow, this glorious verity—
“'Tis the torch the people follow, whoever the bearer be!”

—Elizabeth Furey.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

FATHER, for the coming year
These the gifts I humbly ask:
Wisdom, understanding clear,
Patience for each tiresome task;

Strength to carry every load;
Open eye and listening ear;
Every time You speak within,
Father, let me surely hear.

Let me serve Thee every hour,
Spread Thy Holy Light afar;
May Thy wondrous Love and Power
Take me where the needy are.

Keep me in the knowledge sure
Thou alone art my desire;
Every thought serene and pure,
Lift me higher, higher, higher!

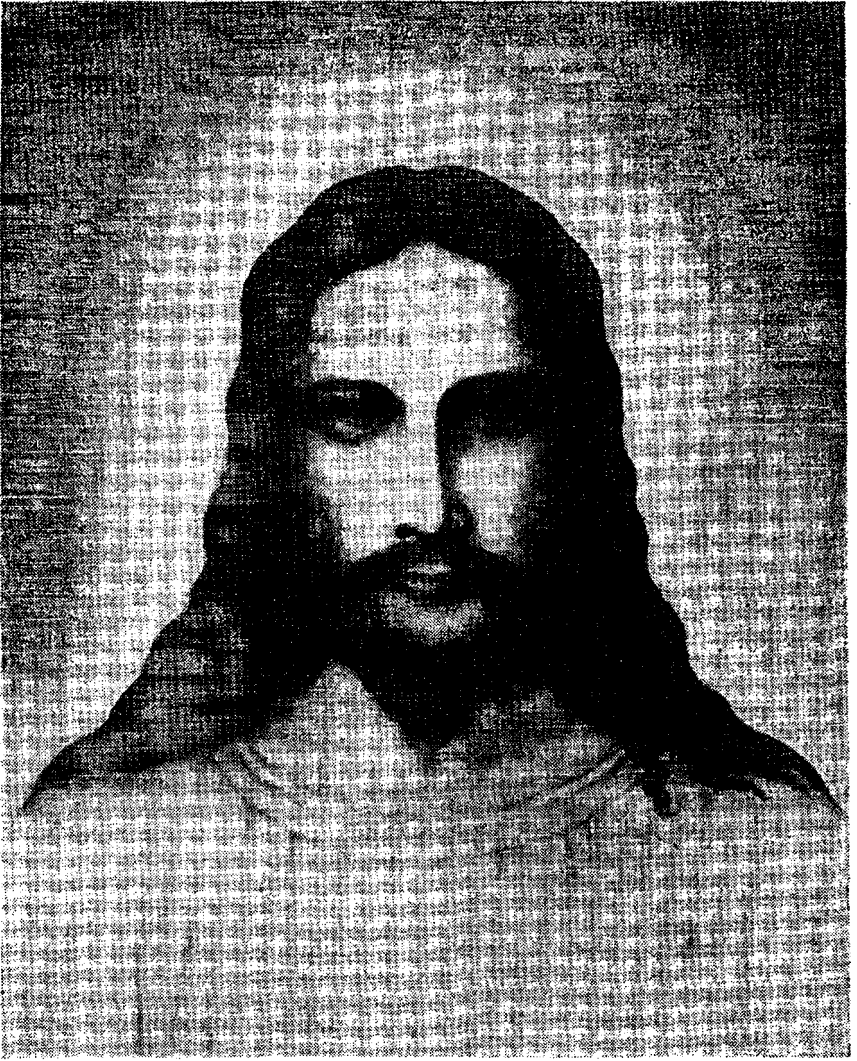
Humbly, Father, ask I now:
Let Thy Holy Spirit fall
On my heart, as low I bow—
Gift of Gifts! Now have I ALL!

How to thank Thee, Father dear?
Words are futile; lips are dumb.
"Love! more Love!" the answer clear,
"Love shall make MY KINGDOM COME!"

—R. C. F.

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"I ALONE AM"

JESUS CHRIST

VIII

BY NOW ye should know that I AM not a Master nor the Jesus who from some realm in Spirit has given forth, through human channels, messages that are said to come from Me.

For am I not the Christ, the Holy Spirit of God in *every* man? Hence I could not be in *one* man, be he Master or the Jesus of Nazareth that ye know. For that Jesus was but a symbol or thought-picture of Me, sent forth into the world of men's consciousness to show them the Image and Likeness of My Father that dwells in every man, and which, when every man grows to his fruitage, he also will outpicture in his life as I showed it to the world in My life as the Man of Nazareth.

Even as no man on earth could be God, as God is the life, consciousness and nature of every man on earth, so could no one man on earth or in Heaven be Jesus the Christ; for I, that Jesus, *Am the Light which lighteth every man and every Master in Heaven and on earth.*

But do not mistake, I being that Light, every message that comes from out a pure heart of Love, carrying in it a blessing, comes from Me. For as that Light, I AM the Light of God's Love that dwells in every heart that has opened to receive Me.

Any message that-is not filled with a Love that can be felt by all who are open to Love is not from Me, and such message is but from a human mind. Be not deceived—because My Name is attached to a message or is claimed to be from Jesus, does not make it My Message. For remember, I Who AM within thee, will always call thy attention to any message from without that I intend for thee. Unless thou feelest within thee My loving confirmation of any message thou receivest from without, no matter what the authority claimed for it, it is not My Message for thee—nor could it come from a Source akin to Me.

Canst thou not see that being the Holy Spirit—the very life in every man, I could not be a man, but I must be the *Reality—God's Self—in every man?*

As I have shown, God is Pure Consciousness—is the One Consciousness; therefore is the consciousness of every man. In order to express His Idea of Himself and to impress it powerfully in humanity's consciousness, God, My Father, sent Me forth into the world of men's consciousness—His perfect Thought of Himself, which appeared to men's eyes as Jesus of Nazareth. He caused that Thought, empowered by His Holy Spirit, to voice His Truths and to outpicture the perfect life that He planned all men to follow and live, thereby showing the only way of return out of the darkness of separation into the Light of His Consciousness.

I, in Jesus of Nazareth, *appeared* as a man—a perfect man, even as I in thee appear as a man, but not yet a perfect man. For remember, I AM in thee equally as I was in Jesus; but I have not yet grown thee to thy maturity, as I did Him.

But what the *world* saw in Him was not I, the Christ, the Holy Spirit of God; no more than the world can see Me in thee. Jesus of Nazareth was but an *appearance*, even as thou art an *appearance*—a manifestation, of Me. Jesus was a perfect manifestation of Me, in that I was able to outpicture in Him the perfect Image and *Likeness* of My Father. In thee at this stage of thy growth, I Am able to outpicture but an imperfect manifestation of Me.

Hence thou canst see that Jesus was but God's perfect Thought of Me, even as thou and other men are God's thoughts which as they push forth from out the darkness of their minds in time will perfectly express Me. But being thoughts, and having once manifested in the outer in physical form, and that form having died and disintegrated, they can no more return in that same physical form—they then *as thoughts* remain and live in the thought world as they appeared when in physical manifestation.

This explains how, when men have visions of Jesus and He comes to them and speaks to, heals or blesses them, they but see God's Thought of Me; and because I, in them, in order to prepare them to know more of Me, thus caused My Love to be felt by them, this feeling immediately drew to them God's Thought of Me, through which I could then give to them the message or the healing or blessing I intended for them.

But ye ask about Jesus' words telling of the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory, and His

sending His angels with a great sound of a trumpet to gather together His elect from the four winds of heaven; and about Paul's words of His coming, when the dead in Christ shall arise and, with those who are alive and remain, shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and to remain ever afterwards with the Lord; also the promise of the angels that the same Jesus, which was taken up into heaven shall so come in like manner as He was seen to go into heaven. Ye wonder, if Jesus is but God's Thought of Me and it exists only in the thought world, how can He come as the Lord in the way described?

Always remember, beloved, that so far as ye are concerned, I as the Lord Christ, the Light within thee, thy Divine Self, a Son of God, exist for thee in the heaven of *thy consciousness*, and nowhere outside of thee, other than as the Divine Self in the consciousness of other men, which is God's Consciousness—the One Consciousness, and is therefore also thy consciousness.

Hence all that thou ever seest is *in thy consciousness*, and every thought of Me causes a familiar picture of Me to appear in thy mind. But that is only thy mind's concept of God's Thought of Me.

Who am I? I AM the Christ. But when I come to thee as the Son of Man, I will appear in the clouds, the heavenly part of thy consciousness, with power and great glory, as I will likewise appear in that part of the consciousness of every man I have grown ready to acknowledge and truly know Me. And in that glory My angels will minister unto them, and all such, when they have learned to abide in Me and My Word can abide in them, will be with Me ever afterward.

As for My coming in like manner as Jesus was seen to ascend by His disciples, even as He then said to them, do I now say to all My disciples, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be My witnesses even unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Ye shall witness My descent or coming forth from the heaven of thy consciousness and the taking charge of thy life. For I have grown and prepared thee for that; and when the time comes, as set by My Father of His own authority, ye shall know Me as I AM, and I shall be in thee, and ye in Me, and we shall be One in His Love.

UNUSUAL CHILDREN

YOU ASK for experiences showing that our children are advanced souls. They are older boys and girls than those whose experiences you have related so far, but still they may be of interest.

There are four of them—Dick, who is now 24; Marion 21; Arthur 18; and Philip 13. I have been most interested in the accounts given of other children as I myself had similar experiences to those other mothers who did not understand.

For instance, when Dick was born, an aunt of mine who had assisted in many births, said he was the most perfect new-born baby she had ever seen, and that he looked too good to live. This caused me great uneasiness, especially when he would take next to no food and at times could hardly be awakened. He is still a very small eater.

When only two and three years old, he would come in from play and pull me by the hand, saying, "Mummu, come and see; come and see!" It was to show me a glorious sunset. But the most glorious thing I saw was his face; he looked not of this earth, as he gazed so still and radiant.

When seven, while seeing him to bed one Summer evening, he asked me to be very quiet so as not to frighten the fairies. He lay there describing them to me in whispers. At one point he said, "Now they have gone over there and are holding hands and dancing around your photo," which was hanging on the wall. He could not make out my not being able to see them.

Dick has always taken a kind of paternal interest in Philip; there are eleven years between them. They are much alike physically, having very tall refined bodies. When Dick was 19, Philip had to sleep in his room for several weeks. One night while lying awake I heard Dick speaking in most earnest tones. After a moment Philip answered, sounding very distressed. A short silence and Dick repeated what he had said, and Philip replied, sounding most unhappy. Yet a third time each repeated what he had said. This time Philip started to cry in a very distressed way, which awoke Dick, who said, "What is the matter, Phil?" Philip said, "I don't know." Dick said, "You must have

been dreaming. Come over into my bed." Which he did, and was soon comforted and off to sleep again.

I think the first part must have been said in another language, for I could not make out one word, although it was said slowly and distinctly. Neither of them knew anything of the first part the next morning.

When Philip was seven, someone asked him what he will do when he grows up. To our surprise he said, with quiet assurance, "I am going to be a scientist." From that time on he has taken the keenest interest in everything of a scientific nature. Even at that age it was no uncommon thing for him to do at least an hour's reading and study before the rest of us were up in the morning. I would often find in his bed a very advanced book for his years, a dictionary, and one or more volumes of the Encyclopaedia.

Philip is now 13; he reads a number of articles in THE INNER LIFE Magazine with keen interest, and appears to get as good an insight *with one reading* of the Mind articles, for instance, as I get only after a number of careful readings. I have been astonished at his remarks showing that he understood. When he read of Tommy going to the Science School at night, he said, "Gosh! I would like to ask him some questions." I suggested that he may possibly go there himself. The idea appeared to please him much. He has a really remarkable memory, and is rather irritated by repetition, both at home and at school.

Philip has recently seen this vision many times: A great number of points of different colors appear to him, which soon form into lines, then into squares of different sizes; then they all fit into each other, making one filled-in square. I was wondering what it might mean. This is what came into my mind: "In that day when I make up My Jewels."

When eight years old he exclaimed, one day, "A pixie smiled at me from behind that picture." He went around the house to find a piece of material the color of his pixie's costume, as he could not name it. It was purple. The picture was an enlarged photo of Dick as a small child. I have heard knockings coming from behind it myself. Philip is wise far beyond his years, yet on the other hand is wonderfully simple.

Marion at the age of six saw fairies playing on the rose-bushes in our garden. She was very afraid during storms. When twelve years old she said she saw the Christ Figure in her room one night while a storm was in progress. After that her fear was not nearly so troublesome.

Arthur has not had any of these experiences. Some years ago I saw this vision: A very great army passed before me, marching four abreast. All were tall and fair, and their uniforms a grey-green color, with three-quarter cloaks. They were unarmed and bare-headed. On the far side stood Arthur facing me—a man of 30 to 35 (he was 13 at the time), in uniform exactly the same as the others. Every now and again as company after company came along, these words were said by an unseen Presence beside me, "To turn back Pharaoh's army, Allelujah." The army was so great that I felt really tired out with watching long before the last company came along.

WE HAVE had several long-standing problems in connection with our children, affecting their health, in which doctors, or anyone else, could give very little help, and which have caused us as a family to live an unusually isolated life. I used to be unhappy about it, but now know that it was for a special purpose. I will try and tell you briefly one of these problems and its solution, which has recently been given me from within.

Marion as an infant was a most beautiful child, full of vitality and a delight to everyone. When she was 3½ the next child was born, and I decided it was a good time to begin calling her by her proper name. She became quiet and very unlike herself, and in three months she was in the hospital with pneumonia. Soon after returning home she had a relapse, then catarrh started and through the years became very bad. Her nature became quite changed; that wonderful sparkle never came back into her eyes except at odd moments. She had the manner of a child much suppressed, which fairly made my heart ache, especially as I seemed unable to help her. At the same time I often vaguely felt that I was in some way responsible for it.

As she grew older she appeared to be trying to combat something—exactly what I could never make out. When I could see that the long hours of school-homework were too much for her and wanted to write a note having her excused, she would not

hear of it, and would reply, "Others can do it; so I can." That was her general attitude to life. She would take no pleasures while her work was not done to her satisfaction.

Through the years she several times said to me, "I wish you would call me by a pet name." Each time I pointed out what a nice name she had and it would be such a pity not to use it, not realizing the significance of that request. Some months ago, when perfectly quiet, after my meditation period—which had nothing to do with this subject, I had this said to me, very plainly, "When Marion was small you called her endearing names; later you called her Marion. The vibration was too strong for her."

I saw in a flash what had happened, and asked, "What can we do about it?" This was the comforting answer, "Nothing. It had to be. She has now grown to it and will go ahead."

This meant so much to me, as you can imagine. My heart just pounded for some minutes afterward. Now we have the joy of watching Marion quickly changing in health, manner and appearance to something much nearer her real self. She is again full of fun and spontaneous laughter, as though making up for lost time.

Many years ago I knew a girl of 16 who was still called a baby name, to which she strongly objected, and at last would not answer anyone who did not use her proper name. This undoubtedly influenced me as I was much impressed at the time, and later decided I would never let it happen with our children. It is well I did not know what part I was playing, for I simply could not have gone on with it; the suffering was too great, especially the mental part. For in Marion's late teens we had cause to fear for her reason. I think now that things were coming to a climax and she was finally fighting it out.

I WONDER if this will be of interest? I was much surprised at some of the findings myself. Several years ago a man from America went through this country lecturing on Psychology and giving private readings with advice to parents as to what their children were most suited to do in life. We had him read our family.

Of Dick he said he has the ability to get into the unknown and make it known; also that he is a directive genius. This is

not apparent as yet, except in the directing of himself. In his early teens he started making rules for himself, which he kept in a remarkable way. Even when far from well, he would get out of bed to perform them. He never spoke of them, neither did I. I just noted and pondered. This has gone on for years, affecting his leisure hours as well as his working hours; everything is planned and orderly and on schedule, from getting up to going to bed. He received very good advice from this man, who called himself a mentalist, and which he has followed with very good results.

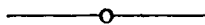
The man said Marion has decided teaching ability which should be used in social service. She has taken up free Kintergarten teaching. He also said she has perfect combativeness—which surprised me, in the light of what was going on, and highly developed perceptive powers.

Arthur, he said, is a natural leader (he has shown this from infancy), has decided organizing ability, has the power to see and hear inwardly, and that his creative powers are of a high order.

He said Philip has a beautiful mind in a beautiful body—which he truly has—and that he has marked teaching ability. On his chart he wrote, "One who radiates the Master should not neglect the highest truths and to help overcome the superstitions of the race."

The Mentalist said to me afterwards that he had scarcely ever examined a *whole* family that had such high readings. I do not know how he arrived at his findings, but I do know that from within I was made aware long before these readings that each one of our children has special work to do.

—Mrs. R., Auckland, New Zealand.



Q UITE a few children would not be so bad, if it were not for the parents with which they have to live. And other children would be better if their parents would stay home long enough to live with them.—*Humanity*.

“AS YE GIVE, SO SHALL YE RECEIVE”

By Julia Seton

THE treasures men call wealth gleam vividly in the human world. Gold is the magnet of name, place, power and aggression, while wealth is only one of the forms of our naturally divine inheritances and the symbol of exchange which we give in return for the satisfaction of our desires.

Through many births and rebirths we have all stood before the judgment seat of our own law of giving and receiving, and found at every place—past, present or future—that life can only give back to us the equivalent of what we have given to it.

It is only when we have put our ALL into life under the law of Life Itself that we can ask whatsoever we will and nothing can be impossible unto us.

On the path of life we wander in and out—sometimes rich—sometimes poor—sometimes neither rich nor poor, but just existing—learning from life and its changes that we can over-give, over-keep, under-give and under-keep, until as a final initiation we learn to strike the universal balance.

Our own desires cause us to covet, hold, live for ourselves and retain the selfish indulgences of our supposed needs. We forget or have not yet learned the cosmic law of being rich in all things—not one alone. The poor are always enroute through hut and hovel, and the rich are always enroute through palaces and estates, until they learn that “*with what measure yet mete it shall be meted unto you.*” This is the handwriting above the door from hut and rags to palace and crown.

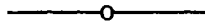
The eternal law of the balance of giving and receiving is with us from birth to birth. There are no innocent victims. We inherit from ourselves. The peasant and king are only the worked out symbols of the paths of life which they have chosen consciously or unconsciously. Ignorance is no excuse under the law.

The great creative Spiritual Intelligence wants us to have what we want. All that the Spirit of Light has is forever ours too.

Life always has its hands full, and is ever trying to pass on to us. Wealth is continually seeking those who have made union with its lines of delivery.

Those who know TRUTH find the treasure house of infinity within their own souls. When the last veil is lifted, we find that what men call wealth is *a state of mind within us*, and its manifestations in our life and environment depends upon just how skillfully we have balanced our human laws of GIVING and RECEIVING. When these are in perfect rhythm we find the open doors of wealth. Then we can throw away the key, because wealth in every form lies everywhere upon our way, waiting for us to understand and obey its commands.

—From *The New Civilization*, Editorial Entitled
“What Men Call Wealth.”



THEY ARE NOT DEAD

THEY are not dead, those loved ones who have passed
Beyond our vision for a little while.
They have but reached the Light while we still grope
In darkness where we cannot see them smile.

But smile they do, and love us, and do not forget,
Nor ever go so far away
But that their hands clasp our hands and hold
Us safe from falling when we fain would stray.

They are not dead—theirs is the fuller life.
Theirs is the victory, the joy, the gain;
For us is still the waiting and the strife,
For us the loneliness, for us the pain.

Then let us gird us once again with hope,
And give them smile for smile the while we wait;
And loving, serving, when our Father calls,
We'll go to find our dear ones wait us at the gate.

—H. A. C., from *Immortality Now*.

THE GREAT ANGEL

I MUST tell you about the Great Angel. She told me. She is with me always, that She knows all my thoughts, my past and future.

She possesses complete knowledge of the earth idea, and She moves each figure on it to accomplish Her purpose. She is the Celestial Counterpart of Jesus, the Christ. The trivial duty or idea of earth is an insignificant part of Her Life. Oh, how narrow is mortal mind! How I desire to learn of Her real life—the truly Great part of it! What division of the Absolute is She?

She is the Designer of Celestial Spheres. She is one of the Mothers of Space. She has seen her creation—Universes—come and go. She thought them, and built them, and was pleased with them, and then they fell apart to dream of Her Love and to sleep in Its Joy.

And now this tiny earth has Her Spirit upon it. It was slowed down and down, down through many realms of Spirit, each group slowing down Her Spirit until She became as small as nine feet in appearance. Now She is moving among us to make us aware of Her Perfect Idea for earth. She knows this earth is now old enough for further work on Her Idea. So Her Celestial Sisters caused a deep sleep to come upon Her, for the farther she goes from Spirit, the deeper the sleep. And the slowing down is all a dream to Her; for all that manifests is sleeping Spirit.

Now, now the meaning is coming through: These cells of my body are confining Her Consciousness—are the lowest cells of the Great Angel. They have become strong enough to bear the knowledge of Her—these cell eyes have become pure enough to see Her—these cells are almost translucent. How could She come to earth if this is not true?

Then I am really the Great Angel! Yes, I am a part of God, and She is now here in Her cells. Cells are transparent thought slowed down till it sleeps. But She cannot take on Her cells and awaken them in Her full Consciousness until they are refined to the point where they can comprehend at least a small part of Her.

While in Akron She took almost all these cells away with Her to Her Mighty Home, so that these cells could have a glimpse of their true estate. And when they returned they were com-

pelled to remember again all the words of earth. I remembered also that I helped to create the cells of my own body.

This happened so very, very long ago, when these cells were here on earth before; then I seemed to go away, but now I have returned—I the real owner of these cells will now live in them. The cells have complete knowledge of earth, and I know all that of the Celestial Realms; so together we have Knowledge complete—there is nothing more for us to learn. Together we make Diamond Dust of these few remaining cells. For all creation will be ground into Diamond Dust. My body is Diamond Dust. The Dust of which I create is and always has been powdered diamonds. Why have mortals called the Dust of which I formed them—clay? Now I will tell them that they are not dust of the earth, but Dust of the Diamond—of My Body.

Holy Mother—may I call You that? Are these not Your cells, Spirit Mother?. You created them so very long ago. And You want them now. At last they have become clear so that You can use them. Now, to what purpose do You need them? Will You tell me why they must listen to all this foolish talk from other cells, and do all these silly things that other cells think so important? When will it cease? Oh, they are so weary of being hypocrites—pretending something to please these other cells. When, Oh when, can these cells be relieved from this acting and can be Your Self? You have given them a vision of Your Wondrous Being, so why keep them apart from You?

Will You not give these cells just a little of Your great Wisdom? These cells now see the clay ball earth a pearl; there are no oceans of salty water, but everywhere in the fair lands are waters crystal pure—in lakes, streams, falls, fountains and pools. It is so clear and transparent, except as the sun makes it sparkle, and anyone can drink of it and receive renewed life—for they are *living* waters. And in all the land they will not become polluted, for there will be nothing to pollute them. And trees such as man has never seen, and fruits of which he knows not now. And the fruit will stay upon the trees for man, and if he does not partake of it, it will not fall to the ground, but will grow and grow into its next cycle of life beautiful and become still more beautiful, for nothing knows death or decay on this new earth—the home of the Angels. And no man will hurt another or their lower brothers, not even to wearing shoes made from their skin.

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 sixty-five issued Papers.

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.

ENTERING THE SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS

LAST month we showed how important and necessary it is to free ourselves from our mind's domination, if we would consciously enter the King's Chamber; that as a separate consciousness the human mind must disappear, must surrender and merge its consciousness with that of the soul—our true consciousness.

We showed how definitely to begin to practice mastery over the mind and its thinking processes. If you were interested enough in what was held out as possible in the article, "*The Next Two Years*," to study it carefully and to *make yourself* do what was suggested, beginning with the last paragraph on page 568 and in the five following ones, then you are ready to go forward with us.

But if interested and you found yourself unable to do what was suggested, and you truly wish to become master of your mind, to make it think what you want it to think, to concentrate all its forces wherever you direct and as long as you direct, and you are willing to study and do the work necessary to attain this power if properly taught, then we urge you to turn to page 15 of the Advertising section herein, to read carefully all it says about the *Correspondence Study Courses*, and then to enroll in the First Course. There is no question about your attaining this power, if you will do faithfully what is most clearly taught therein.

The time has come when every earnest student of Truth must make consistent and determined efforts to rule his every thought, word and act, to demonstrate that he has grown up mentally and spiritually and that he *knows* he is a soul, and is not his mind and his body.

He must now learn to get upon the driver's seat, as it were, and to take the reins in his right hand, the whip in his left, and to make his horses feel that their master is in charge. They will know immediately by what he conveys to them in his handling of the reins and the way he cracks the whip, whether or not he is the master. For his horses are the forces of his mind, emotions and lower nature, that usually run wild with very little control exercised over them; and you may be sure that like horses, they will continue to run wild as long as they are allowed to do so.

These forces are also like children and young people—they want to have their own way and will run away from tasks and duties unless restrained. The ordinary man is no different from children, considered from the standpoint of mental discipline. Yet humanity is said to have grown up and that it has entered the King's Chamber, where it must assume the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood.

As shown last month, all men are now released from the confining and discouraging conditions of the Old Order existing before entering the King's Chamber. The Law can now work freely and swiftly to bring into effect the fruits of men's thoughts, words and acts. For having grown up and it becoming necessary that they as souls take charge of their lives, whether they realize it or not, their outer consciousness is getting close to that inner world where what they think, say or do is beginning immediately to react on them and to outmanifest before their eyes.

Many are finding these days that their strong desires are bringing to them swift realizations, that there seems to be a hidden power or intelligence working with and for them at times, often startling them with the manifest effects of their spoken words. The reason for this is that the souls of men—their real selves—are more and more taking charge. This must be so, for as stated in last month's article all souls having entered the King's Chamber, they are now free to express their true natures.

Remember, we are speaking of our souls, of the real of us. It was taught in these pages how our souls live in an inner world, which is the real world; while this outer world is only an imaginary one that our minds believe is real, because it is what they now see in their consciousness and think is so.

But our souls being the real of us and our souls being our inner or true consciousness, once you can get your mind to turn away from the outer or unreal to the inner and real self that you are and to believe you *are* a perfect being, and then to think of and see your self in its real world where everything is perfect, gradually will your inner sight and understanding be opened to this real world and you will find yourself dwelling in it. In other words, you will then consciously be in the King's Chamber.

In the King's Chamber, our inner and real world, the Law is such that what we think and believe is so immediately becomes a reality. In that world there is no *time* nor *space* to limit us. All we need to do is to want a thing and to know and see clearly in our minds what we want, and it is right there before us *in our consciousness*. In the outer world of unreality the same Law works, but because there we believe in time and space the Law has to work according to our beliefs, and it brings forth our wants as we believe we can have them, but as we believe they are affected by time and space.

Think this over until you see how true it is, and then try to see yourself living in a consciousness or realm where there is no time or space, or where your mind no longer takes them into consideration. It would mean that what you *think* and *see* in your consciousness and *believe* is so, is already a reality; because then there is no other consciousness—your mind's former beliefs having disappeared and along with them time and space, so that you do not have to wait for them to outmanifest or someone to bring them to you—they are right here before you *in your consciousness, the only place and the only space there is*.

Like we did last month; we will leave this thought with you to consider and thoroughly master, for once you see that time and space are a delusion and are but creations of the mortal separate mind, you will find yourself in and will understand what is the *fourth dimension*, that it is your soul consciousness, and is likewise the consciousness of the King's Chamber.

MORE ON HEALING

I AM GOD! Of course I am. Who or what else could I be? We have learned that God is *All in all*, that God is Spirit—Consciousness—Mind—All Mind, the Mind in you and the Mind

in me—in everyone. For there is but One Mind. And It is Omnipresent—always present, for there is no one who does not have a mind. Then every idea that comes to us must come from God, the One Mind. Every desire must be God's desire. We can have nothing, be nothing, do nothing, outside of or apart from God.

Jesus said, "*I can do nothing of myself.*" Why? Because there is no-thing that is of self—all is of God. "*The Father worketh through me.*" There is no one but the Father to work. The Father and I are One. God is the Worker and is that which is accomplished.

There is but One Mind. Then there are not a lot of human minds. Impossible! They are false concepts—they are but channels of expression of the One Perfect Mind.

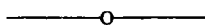
"*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*"—I Cor. 3:16.

Not in just you and me. But in all humanity. Then all of humanity is the temple of God—not many human bodies, but One Body—God's Body—Humanity!

How is it defiled? By thinking we are many, separating it, dividing it into many parts, and by believing it less pure and perfect than God.

Then there is One Mind, One Body, One Spirit—God's. All in One. So I AM God.

NOW, when one comes to be healed, there is nothing to heal—no one to be healed. All is God, all minds are God's Mind, all bodies are God's Body. Therefore, they are already and always were whole and perfect. How could they be otherwise? For they and the Father are One. I and the Father are One. In God there is no sickness or imperfection; so there could be no sickness or imperfection in them. For there are not two—there is only One—God.



—A. M.

THE PERFECT RADIO

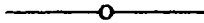
IT IS that a life lays on the altar its sacred, most intimate, most individual possession; then, then only, when all seeking ceases and all life becomes a gifting, an outliving is the inflow complete.

Little does human life appreciate the power, the potency, the justice, the exactness of that Law of Inflow and Outflow—of Compensation. Closed vessels know not the golden inflow of Spirit. Body, mind in all departments, individual spirit a shining, clear channel—is the way of harmony and attunement, at-one-ment.

From a study, a delving study of the human being, could be devised the perfect radio equipment that would catch vibrations from the planets, thoughts from other worlds, guidance from the gods.

Counsel every atom of your physical being to be aware. Counsel by use of the accepting word. Affirm, declare, "I AM the perfect radio of the Universe tuned only to the Highest Note." Ever reach for your central note, your own Keynote. Out from that Keynote come forth in a symphony each day.

—Jessica.



GLIMPSSES OF THE KINGDOM

A KINGDOM of love will be set up in the earth 'ere many days have passed away. In this kingdom, the arts shall be developed to their fullest glory and splendor. The artist will become free from fear of want and shall be allowed to develop his talent to the highest degree of perfection. The poet, surrounded only by the beauty of love and laughter, shall reach the zenith of expression. We shall be Saints along with those of the Spiritual Kingdom on high, that shall bring its beauty into this earth's expression.

There are higher realms of spirit in which man dwells after he leaves this mortal world. Life consists of ever learning higher phases of God's expression. And truly, the artist, the inventor, and the scientist are students of God and His expressions as much as the man who devotes his life to the ministry.

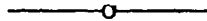
The world is ripe for a great religion that will be so universal in its scope, that it will take the best that religion and science and nature have to offer us and blend it into a beautiful everyday, liveable philosophy.

To come in touch with the Highest Courts of the Kingdom of God, we must be as simple and natural as little children; keeping our minds open and pliable, open to the impressions of the higher teaching of the Great Lights that have gone on before.

This truth that I am presenting to you is not foreign as you think. The prophets of Israel were universal men; that is why the organized religions of that day failed to grasp their teachings. These prophets communed with the Higher Lights of the Kingdom of Love, and they spoke of a day coming when the Light would be shed universally, as referred to in the Psalms of David, where we read, "*God has His guardian angels around us to guard us and keep us in all our ways.*"

Then again in Isaiah He speaks, "*Though I give you the bread of adversity and the waters of affliction, no longer shall your teachers be removed in a corner, but your eyes shall see your teachers and you shall hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it, when you turn to the right and when you turn to the left.'*"

—Through Lawrence Lehman.



THE NEW YEAR

THE SOLEMN night has given me peace
And righteousness of heart.
Over the path all strewn with my mistakes
I now can make my way unhindered,
Blest by the knowledge of thy Love, Oh God;
Blest by thy words of wisdom and of light.

Henceforth from new life
I create my daily life,
With God the center and the substance.
Joy shall turn the wheel of life
And set the stars that mark my course,
For joy is Thy first impulse,
Soul Divine.

—J. H. H.

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.

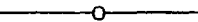
THE COMING TRIBULATIONS

THE OTHER night I had a dream that impressed me so much that I feel I should tell you about it. I was engaged in my duties when I heard some passersby saying, "That's a bad avalanche that is gathering." Since we were on level ground I looked around to see what they meant. Now and then some would look up in the skies and repeat the same sentence. I looked up and saw a small dark cloud in an otherwise clear sky. I thought it the beginning of a small cyclone. As I thought about it I felt drawn up close to it, and in its smoky blackness I recognized the outline of Christ's figure. It was rather a distorted figure and hardly recognizable, but even though I could not see His eyes, I knew He was looking at me. I had no fear of the cloud.

Then I was back home again. I looked up once more and found the cloud had spread all over the sky like a rain cloud, but I still heard it called an avalanche. I began to prepare supplies that would last many days, perhaps months, and was looking for a storage place in the basement where I planned to find shelter with my family when the time came; but this without fear or without telling anyone what I knew. It seemed futile to tell anyone that it was a cyclone gathering, and not an avalanche. Then I awoke.

Your dream is quite significant. The avalanche or cyclone that everyone was expecting was or is that which the world seems to be looking for at this time. At first it seemed a small cloud in the sky of your consciousness, but the more you thought about it the darker and the closer it appeared to you; but even in the darkness you were made aware of Christ's presence and that He was watching you; and you evidently trusted Him, for you were not afraid.

The only thing for you to do is what you did in your dream, prepare your spiritual supplies and store them in your subconsciousness, so that you will always remember their truths and thus be fully prepared for whatever comes to pass. We are showing you just how to do this and how to apply these truths in the Lessons and in the magazine.



ASTRAL VISITORS

I HAVE been having several unusual dreams. One night after retiring I had been reading from your books and was lying in the dark trying to meditate, when a form in long robes walked from my door to the bedside. I felt a great sense of nervousness or fear and slowly turned my back on

this visitor. Since then I have had no more dreams and feel some harm was done in rejecting this friend. I would be glad if you would help me with this.

Your dreams show that you are being wisely and lovingly led and taught, but regret that you turned your back on the visitor in long robes that came to your bedside and who may have been a teacher or helper. The next time anyone comes like that, welcome him as would any stranger and question him as to the reason for his coming and what he wants you to do. And act as natural as if it were someone in the outer, of course being fearless, knowing that your Loving Father is taking care of you. Try to see yourself handling the situation in this way until it becomes natural to do so, and when the next experience of such nature comes, you will be prepared to welcome any visitor unafraid.

WOLFISH THOUGHTS

I HAVE had many inner experiences of different kinds. Sometimes I am helping others, protecting children. Just a few nights ago a pack of wolves were after me and a small boy. One very large wolf kept snapping at me, trying to get hold of me, for I kept the boy behind me. I finally grabbed the wolf by the throat and choked him. Then we seemed to be lifted upon a small platform and when I looked down upon the wolves they had grown or changed into baby wolves, but were still yapping at us. I remember I said to the child, "They are cute little things after all."

In those inner experiences when you were helping others and protecting the little boy from the pack of wolves, it was symbolical of how you must handle all wolfish thoughts that attack you—must lift your mind—your child—above any condition that threatens to harm you, and thus protect your true thoughts against the wolves of doubt, fear, depression, illness and other negative and destructive thoughts, even taking the fiercest of them by the throat and choking out its life.

YOU AND YOUR HUMAN SELF

I DREAM often of walking with someone, a friend who seems to be a young man and he holds my hand, although I never turn to look at him. The other night we were walking down a beautiful drive-way and I looked up and excitedly pointed to a beautiful bouquet of flowers in the sky. He said he could not see them and complained about always having some trouble with his eyes. The flowers were so large they nearly covered the sky and were highly colored, but as I watched them they gradually faded away. I seem to be disappointed in this friend; he does not seem to radiate enough light.

The young man you often dream of as walking with you is your human self, whom you are teaching and showing these marvelous truths of the spirit, but whose human mind cannot fully comprehend all of them as yet. You, of course, in this soul realm of consciousness are the Teacher, and it is from there that you teach the outer mind. See if you do not realize this and recall it now from your dream.

THE INNER ROOM

CONTAINING 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.

THE HIGHER SELF KNOWS WHAT IS BEST

SO MANY write us that before a Lesson Paper comes they seem to be given during meditation many of the ideas that are later fully explained in the Lesson. This should prove to you the close connection of these truths to what your Higher Self is trying to teach you; or in other words, the true relation of this Work to the Spiritual Forces working with and directing your ongoing and that of all followers of Christ, and that you were led to these teachings as a confirmation and to have visible texts for study and application in your outer life.

Therefore, dear friend, strive faithfully to do what you are shown in the Lessons, never leaving a single statement until all of its inner meaning is clear. We are happy that you have found this confirmation and that you are being so lovingly and wisely guided.

SEEKING THE KINGDOM

WE ARE glad indeed that you are still interested in the Impersonal Work and are still seeking the Kingdom. You wonder if your sincerity or desire to find it is as deep-seated as it should be. The answer to that would be, is it **FIRST** in your heart and life? If not, we tell you that explains why you have been "almost flooded" by present conditions.

We have come to the end of the Old Order and all men are being tested and proven to see if they have learned the lessons that have been taught them by our great Teacher and Master, Jesus Christ. The keynote of His teachings was to make the finding of the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness *first* in our lives, when all things else would be added. If instead of all things being added, all material things are taken away, is not that pretty good evidence of what is wrong—of what needs to be done by those who have not yet found the Kingdom and who want the harmony, peace and abundance of good to which they feel they are entitled?

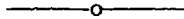
These words make it about as plain as it can be shown, and we hope that you will see it and begin at once to make your human self do what the Christ of you has clearly shown you must be done.

FREE WILL

ANSWERING your question, the subject of "free will" has been the cause of a great deal of controversy, by philosophers and students; but try to realize that what we call man is not the human mind and personality, and that the outer brain-mind consciousness is but an outer extension of that of the soul, as the soul consciousness is but an outer extension of that of the Divine Self, and Its consciousness is an outer extension of that of God; and that God, through the Divine Self and soul, is gradually and as fast as possible bringing the outermost consciousness into oneness with the innermost; and the only way He can do this is through what we call experience.

It is true that the personality, like a child, is allowed to have its way—up to a certain point; for if the child has to learn its lessons it must first learn what is not the right way, which it can only learn through the mistakes it makes. Its free-will lies in its choice of listening to its father's instructions or not listening—of obeying or not obeying them; but we know its father or mother is always close by watching carefully every move and is ever ready to help when danger threatens.

It is exactly the same way that the outer self is taught and guided; it is allowed to have its own way up to a certain point, when the Higher Self takes charge and directs the action, in order to save time and useless effort. But It very seldom interferes, as Its supreme desire is that the lesson be learned.



UNCONTROLABLE CHILDREN

YOUR problem is one which many parents are facing these days through the habits created in their lives by the mistakes of the past. There is only one way to rectify your mistakes, and that is to turn to God in a simple, childlike, perfect love and trust, placing your son wholly in His hands, and then proving to Him that you are willing to do whatever He wants you to do.

In the past we have built up so many cross-currents of forces through wrong thinking, speech and action, which return again and again to us either to be fed with more of our life forces or to be redeemed, that until we realize that we must redeem them and bring them back into the Light of God's Love, there can be no peace, harmony or happiness in our lives.

Of ourselves we cannot do this, but by sincere repentance and by turning to God, He is always ready to help us bring these forces and the ones affected by them back again into harmony, peace and love.