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EDITORIAL

THE PERSONALITY

WHAT is the personality? The Standard Dictionary defines "personality" as *that which constitutes, distinguishes and characterizes a person*; and defines a "person" as *the body of a human being, or its characteristic appearance and condition*. From the Latin *persona*, a mask for actors. A part acted on a stage.

Let us consider all these phases so that we can see clearly just what is the personality of a man. If the person of a man—a human being—is his body or its characteristic appearance and condition, and if his personality is that which distinguishes and constitutes his person or body, then his personality must be something that he develops, wears and shows forth to the world as representing himself. But is it himself? No, it is only what he *appears* to be; it is a mask he wears, either purposely, wanting to appear as he seems, or more or less unconsciously, not knowing how he appears to others.

But what constitutes this personality, this mask; what is it he puts on to make him appear other than his real self? Think on

this for a moment. Why do not all men appear as they really are? Do all men try to appear other than they are?

In trying to answer these questions one cannot help but realize that there is something in man's nature that actually prevents him from being himself—something beyond his present ability to control, and that this something is obtruding itself, hiding, coloring and often grossly distorting man's real self.

A careful study of one's own nature inevitably leads to the conclusion that that something is *selfishness*, and that this personality of ours is "*self*," the creation of selfishness, and which the more it grows and thrives becomes more unlike the real man, which it hides, and whose right to live and express it has usurped until man's real nature is almost unable to make itself known and felt.

Why is this and why is it so with almost all men, and very seldom do we see a man expressing his *real* self? That of course brings us to the consideration of what is a man's *real* self.

Do you know your *real* self, dear reader? Think carefully, before you answer. Are you sure you understand it fully? Why not, if it is the *real* you?

Is not the answer—the *real* man must be that "image and likeness" man created in the beginning, which Jehovah God saw and pronounced "very good?" Must not that original self of you then be the *real* you, the you who is wearing the mask of a personality that claims to be you, but is far from representing the *real* of you? Oh yes, that *real* you that God created has never died and has continued up to this minute—IS you, and will always BE you. But many of your creations—your various personalities of former lives—have died and no longer exist, the same as with most of your false beliefs.

But this *real* self is the *soul* of you, that which was created in the beginning in God's image and likeness, and which must be that inner part of you that ever since has been trying to come forth and express its goodness and perfection, but which has always been prevented by the outer covering—the mask or personality that you wear and which makes you appear and act far different from what the *real* of you wants to be and do.

Consider this last thought for a moment—your acting and appearing far different from what the *real* of you wants to be and do. Do you think this is always so with everyone? Some of us are so little acquainted with our *real* selves that we deem it impossible for all men to have good and perfect selves; but must it not be so—if all men were created in the image and likeness of God?

This is something for us all carefully to consider, and then for us to think how we can become fully acquainted with our real self and can let it out into free expression; when perhaps we may be able to see better the real selves of others.

Now let us study and try to determine what to do about these personalities of ours that are thus limiting and preventing the real of us from expressing our perfect natures—those God gave us in the beginning.

When we see and our attention is held by some obnoxious quality, feature or trait in another personality, why does it interest us, and why do we not instead try to see the *real* of that one? In the answer to this question lies the secret of personality, for it shows up to us the faults, weaknesses and shortcomings still in evidence in our own personalities.

The fact is, the *real* self of us was but pointing out that particular weakness *in us*, so that we could see it for what it is and could then take it in hand and change it. This means, of course, that it was not shown us as a criticism or judgment of that other, but on the contrary, that now, recognizing how that quality in us is *influencing* us, we can have more sympathy with the real self of our brother, knowing what a problem he is also having with *his* personality. Follow out this thought carefully, along with a study of yourself when criticizing another, and you will see that this must be so.

Then we all must have a real problem in our personalities, one that we must work with until we handle it, and the only way we can handle it is to remove every quality of self that is hindering in any way the perfect expression of our true natures, which means our “image and likeness” natures. And when we think of this sufficiently, we cannot help but realize *what* a problem we have before us—one that will take all our power, ingenuity and ability to handle, leaving us no time to consider other personalities.

We do learn, however, that as we master some quality, fault or weakness in ourselves, we have true sympathy for our brother coping with these same qualities in his personality, and we do all we can to help—by right thinking.

Just what should we do when seeing these obnoxious qualities in another, you ask? First, *refuse to look at them*, and know they are of the personality only. Then, realizing that other is a brother, send him your loving thoughts of understanding, which he will surely receive and be strengthened and encouraged thereby; and then *know the truth* with him that such weakness is not real and that he is all good and perfect. Then go about your business, knowing you have thus wiped that quality out of your consciousness, consequently out of your life, and therefore out of manifestation.

The remarkable thing is—you will no longer see that quality in your brother's personality and you will never more see it in any other personality; for the simple reason that you have removed it from your own consciousness, and therefore from your own personality.

The lessons to be learned from the above are that so long as one looks at and allows oneself to be interested in personalities, one will see all the faults, weaknesses and shortcomings with which they abound, for there are no perfect personalities—they are all more or less *selfish*, which means they have more or less imperfections.

But when one learns to look for the *good* in everyone, one becomes more and more aware of the *souls* or *real selves* of one's brothers, and the real joy of spiritual fellowship results, incapable of being understood by anyone who has not proven this for himself.

Also one finds that much more effective help can be given to another by seeing only the good and true of him and sending him loving thoughts of encouragement, when ugly qualities obtrude themselves. Yes, we know this is difficult—at first, even as it is difficult to handle your own faults *the old way*; but when by practice you see the wonderful good resulting from refusing to see these faults, and holding to the truth of your and others' *real* nature, you will rejoice and praise God for His help in enabling

you thus to cleanse your and His consciousness in you of these lies born of the selfish and separate mind.

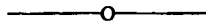
Just after writing the above a letter came from a friend containing the following:

“Teaching now seems to require the silent rather than the audible spoken word. I have found an opposition and resistance these days in those who before were ready to accept and learn truths new to them. And many old, undesirable traits in myself which I thought eliminated persist in bobbing up at the slightest provocation. Often I recall to my mind the verse:

“ ‘On top my thoughts are nice and neat,
With noble words and manners sweet;
But when some crisis stirs my mind
I’m just surprised at what I find.’ ”

“This is indeed a time of weeding out and replanting with the flowers of perfect love, so that we will be fully prepared to make the ‘righthand turn’ when we reach it, now that we are in the King’s Chamber.”

A good way, when some negative or unhappy trait or act of another is thus shown you, is to say to yourself, “That is only *personality* saying or doing that,” and then send a loving thought of sympathetic understanding to the real self of that other. A faithful practice of this will bring about some remarkable results, for you will find a noticeable change taking place in that other’s personality, as well as in your own.



J S. BENNER, Editor of THE INNER LIFE Magazine, will be in New York City at Hotel Commodore the week beginning May 24th and will be glad to see any of the friends of *The Sun Center* and the Magazine. It is suggested that those wishing to see him or to have him attend Group Meetings either write notes requesting appointments, giving phone numbers, or phone him Monday morning.

Because of the many friends in the city and suburbs he will try to see all possible during the limited time he is there.

THE SUMMER CLASSES

WORD is coming from those who plan to attend the Classes this year, and we are looking for a goodly gathering of very earnest students.

In addition to what was announced last month about the special instruction to be given for entering, abiding in, and working from the higher consciousness, there will be directions for treating all kinds of wrong or inharmonious conditions, for healing self and others, and for doing practical *inner* work.

In other words, it is hoped to train and perfect everyone attending in the right way to work mentally and spiritually for the correcting of any unwanted conditions in the outer life.

For this reason the issues of *THE INNER LIFE Magazine* mentioned last month will prove a great help in preparing students for the practical work that will be done. We urge everyone planning to attend to study carefully these issues, including all articles addressed to *Inner Workers* in the Impersonal Work Department, beginning with the September 1935 issue.

All those who do not have the issues mentioned can secure them in unbound form while they last (some of them are getting low) at 15c each; but recommend the bound volumes as more convenient and permanent, as they will be wanted afterward for continuous study and practice. The price of the bound volumes is \$2.65 each for 1934, 1935 and 1936. Bring along also your *Way Out Study Course* and Note-book for taking notes.

Very satisfactory hotel and other accommodations can be had for \$3.50 a week and up, close to headquarters. The Classes will be held in *The Sun Center* rooms on the second floor of the Everett Building, N. E. corner of Main and Market streets, opposite the Portage Hotel.

Kindly advise as soon as possible when you will arrive and for how long, so we can arrange accommodations for you, if you wish it.

As before advised the Classes will continue four weeks beginning July 6th, three sessions a day, with privileges of personal interviews on request.

THE EASTER CEREMONIES

MANY have learned from the *Impersonal Lessons*, from what was stated in the April Editorial, or from personal experience, that in the higher soul realm of Spirit at each Easter time many souls—all true followers of Christ—are called to attend and take part in a wonderful ceremony in which each goes through a Spiritual cleansing, receives Christ's blessing, and is lifted to a higher stage of consciousness and ability to work in His Service.

In this article we give a few of the reports of experiences sent us by some of the dear ones who attended the ceremonies and who were privileged either to bring back the memory of them or to note and acknowledge the blessings received therefrom. Try to realize that these are *inner, Spiritual* experiences and what take place throughout all nature in the Springtime, but in the awakened soul of man it is the further growth or unfoldment of the *inner* consciousness, while in the lower kingdoms it is but a growth of forms, but in unawakened souls a development of the mind or *outer* consciousness.

Every awakened soul goes through an inner experience at Easter time, but the great majority are on a lower plane of consciousness from the one described. When a soul reaches the stage when one dedicates one's life to Christ, and then *proves his sincerity*, he is called to attend this ceremony for the first time and receives the blessing of the Christ. After this, it is the great event of the year for all such souls. In time, when the knowledge will serve to encourage and strengthen the disciple, either a memory of the inner experience is vouchsafed or some definite evidence of it, as shown in the second report herewith. In the first, the blessing was received on Good Friday while attending the "Lord's Supper," with effects as noted in the outer; while in the third is brought back the actual words of blessing of the Master when He talked to the great gathering.

(1) I HAD been so sad all week, so conscious of my failings. They were crushing me like a great weight, and I felt that I had failed. I just asked God to lift me up a step higher to Him and to help me to do better in the year to come. I had no hopes of consciously bringing back any memory.

Good Friday morning came, and I went about my work. At 11 A. M. I turned on the radio to listen to Brahms's *Requiem*. "How heavenly beautiful," I thought. "I shall just stretch out on the couch and listen."

It was the pure voice of a boy soprano, unspoiled as a bird-note. I lay there my whole being uplifted in prayer for forgiveness, tears on my lashes. When suddenly I seemed to be in a field of white flowers (lilies), drifting through them by the side of my brother. We went on happily to where great numbers of people were assembled. But I had eyes for only one, my Beloved—where was He? I wanted to throw myself into His arms and receive forgiveness.

Suddenly He was there, up above me, and mounting heavenward. And as a magnet draws steel to itself I was being drawn upward with Him—always, however, below Him. Up, up, we went. And then I found myself in a place of flowers. Mamma was there, her hair like a golden mist and her eyes so sweet and blue.

In the distance I saw a long table set with plates and goblets of pure gold. And together we approached it. There was a vacant seat, and I slipped into it like a culprit, feeling "What right have I to be here?" My Jesus sat at the head, so unapproachable. Why couldn't I run to Him and speak with Him?

Our golden goblets were filled, and we all lifted them and drank. It was the Holy Sacrament. Then one by one we went to Him to receive His blessing. And I, cry-baby that I am, could only cry into His lap, mourning inconsolably for all my misdeeds.

His arms went around me, and how tenderly He kissed my forehead. "Your sins are forgiven you," He said; and then He addressed the multitude. I did not hear it in words, but the substance was that none, however sinful, need fear Him.

Then suddenly we were soaring through space, and I, having always longed to fly, thought ecstatically, "If this could only go on forever!" At last we reached a lofty mountain peak, where we were ushered into a Temple of Healing, I was told, and as I entered I touched one of the slabs. As I did so I heard a voice in my heart saying, "You have received your healing."

When we were again outside, Jesus, with six Brothers on each side, all forming a straight line, commanded us to kneel, and as we did so, a thin veil like transparent gauze drifted over us. Then we arose, and each received a small golden wand, I should say about ten or eleven inches long. We were told that by this token we had taken on the Divine Power to heal, to cast out devils, and to raise the dead.

And now we were again on our winged flight back to earth, which as we approached it seemed without substance. I felt that its black vaporous density was crystallized thought. We encircled it, each being allotted his place. Then we were commanded to tap it with our golden wand, which we did in unison. "Again," a voice commanded. We obeyed, repeating the procedure three times.

Then just below each of us, a blaze of light went out from our bodies, forming a shaft of radiance, upon which we descended. The horrible blackness, menacing, tomblike, was pierced by light, and I heard a voice say, "Arise, whenever you will, but always upon your own path of light."

Then the scene changed. I saw a flock of sheep, and I thought, "Now I am one of the flock." But the same voice answered and said, "Feed My Sheep." And I knew that I had been made a shepherd.

That was all. I heard again that pure boy voice, and the last choral of the *Requiem*.

Easter is over, with its beautiful music and its great message to my soul, greater than any I have ever received. Perhaps the greater because it has brought a deeper insight into human frailties and a correspondingly deeper compassion, for I understand now, O how well, that "without the Holy Spirit we cannot call God Father," and that to be able to do is a supreme grace.

I was left for a little while in a place devoid of light and understanding. The memory of it makes me shudder. All day Saturday I walked about in a daze. I couldn't speak. I was in complete darkness—the darkness of earth into which I had descended, after being in the Light of Christ. But I know why it all was—to awaken the compassion necessary to put forth supreme effort. For there were many people wandering about in that darkness, actually imprisoned in that horrible place.

“I shall descend into the uttermost parts of earth,” weren’t those His words? And He permitted me to be in it just long enough to know of its blackness. And when I returned the last vestige of self-righteousness had been eternally destroyed. I shall never forget it, never. Nor shall I ever stop sorrowing for those in the darkness, until the last one is redeemed. It was almost too terrible a vision.

(2) **I** MUST tell you that a great change came over me on the Monday following Easter Sunday. It was as though a great load had suddenly been lifted from my shoulders. Before I have been working in more or less of a confused, over-anxious state; but now the way seems so clear, so simple. And I am more relaxed. While financial conditions seemingly are getting tighter, and I must bear more of the worldly burden, yet *inside me* a great peace and confidence rules. I will have less time for actual study in the future, but I am finding that I am now able to apply the things I have learned during the past two years of study. And many enlightening experiences are happening, small but quite significant to me.

(3) **I** AM enclosing the marvelous Easter Message I was privileged to hear from the lips of our beloved Lord and Master on Easter morning. It is so beautiful that I want you to have it with its original vibrations of Perfect Love.

After His speech there was music and then I with others was taken on to the platform and touched with the Rod of Initiation on the forehead, solar plexus, small of back, and back of neck. I had been told to prepare for my fourth initiation, and now have this sign on my forehead (on the spiritual body, of course—a cross with four dots above it).

BELOVED disciples, I greet and bless you, ye who have served Me, and ye who have but lately found Me and are waiting upon Me. All I welcome and hold in My Love.

Know that I am with you always, even more than I was on earth; for always have I lived deep within your hearts, waiting to come forth and manifest Myself in your outer lives. Ye, My dear

ones gathered here tonight, have all heard and obeyed My call of Love, and have become My followers and disciples, and I count on you all to help bring forth My Kingdom on earth.

This will require unremitting effort on the part of every disciple, but it is the glorious task that I assign to you, My beloved Children of Light. Ye have heard the call of Love, and are now sending Its Light to the uttermost parts of the earth, bringing harmony, peace and loving understanding to the minds of men.

My saints and apostles, My disciples and servers from all over the world are gathered here around Me on this sacred night of nights to hear My Message of Love. So these words of Love and Truth I give unto you, that ye in your turn may give unto others still asleep.

My Peace I bestow on you, so that ye may spread Peace all about you, calming troubled hearts and easing overburdened souls. My Understanding now floods your consciousness to broaden and enlarge it, and make you aware of the real issues of life, that many more may be pointed the path that leads to the Kingdom of our Father God.

My dear ones gathered here tonight, I tell you that I require of you greater efforts than ever before, for the tribulations long foretold are at hand. Ye must help one another and prepare your younger brethren to withstand and overcome everything that assails, through a conscious knowing of the truth of God's Love and ever presence. If ye have true Love and trust in Him in your hearts, and true compassion for all your brothers, nothing in the outer world can touch you, and I will enable you to lift others into that same consciousness of safety and protection. Through you, My band of conscious workers, many will be brought into the full light of Truth these last days, and knowing the Truth of God they will be saved from all harm.

Remember always that Love is the sacred talisman; it opens all doors and removes all obstacles, and leads you into conscious union with your Father in Heaven. Love breaks down all barriers of self, enables you to see through all personality, and brings the soul back into oneness with Me.

My Voice sounds throughout the world tonight, and all who have ears open to Love will hear and be freed of some qualities

of self that have hindered their search for the Kingdom. My Love enfolds and embraces all with warm tenderness, and My blessing makes you into one great host of Light to illumine and quicken the children of earth.

Blessed are ye who have heard My Call and answered it by giving up all to follow Me. Blessed are ye who give My teaching fearlessly to an unbelieving world. Blessed are ye who toil tirelessly in My vineyard among those who are wandering in darkness. Blessed also are ye who help from the higher world of spirit by watching over, inspiring and strengthening your younger brothers in their need.

All must strive unceasingly to awaken My children of earth from their dreams of self and separateness, for in Me are all One, and only as I within each lead will they find their way out of the darkness into the Light of true understanding.

They are your brothers, all cells of My Body of Christ, one and inseparable, but of varying degrees of unfoldment. Throughout the ages I have been growing, cleansing and purifying them by the power of My Love, bringing them to where Its Light can shine through even the densest and most material minded; as more and more cells are lighted the more the body of humanity responds to My Love, and the more men lose themselves in Me. But only as ye serve thus in selfless Love—for only through you, My disciples, can I work—can I lift up their consciousness; as ye carry to them the Light of My Love do ye fan into a flame the Light in them.

Time matters not to Me, Who am ageless, tireless, ever present, overshadowing and stimulating all growth and unfoldment. My part is to bring all humanity through Love back to My Father's House. All here tonight are My beloved helpers, My channels of Light, My trusted children of the New Day that is now dawning, during which day the human consciousness will be merged into My Christ Consciousness and all men will be as one, working with Me in selfless, impersonal Love.

Then shall all dwell in the Kingdom of God that shall have descended to earth, where the power of My Love and the glory of serving Me will inspire, sustain and suffice forever and ever.

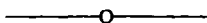
To this end have I called you, that ye may learn the wonders of My Love, may understand the beauty of My Service, and the

Glory that awaits every Brother in Christ. Ye are called to be radiant, living centers of My Light. Ye are My Blessed Ones who now understand and who live only to serve Me in your brothers.

May this new vision live and be supreme in your minds and hearts, make you fearless, and give you courage and ever renewing strength to do My work on earth to the fullness of the ability I have given you.

I bless you one and all. I give you of My Love, of My Wisdom and My Power, to be used to this Divine End. My Spirit enfolds you and My Light within will lead you onward to the Holy Goal I have set for you. Blessed are ye who always follow It, for ye will be guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father, in Whose Name I bless you, My beloved Disciples.

My Peace I leave with you.



TRUTH

BLUE vaulted sky, above, around, beneath,
How like Truth thou art!—Intangible,
Yet no less real because we cannot cull
Thy loveliness and with our fingers wreath
A garland for ourselves—a sapphire sheath,
Or mould of thee as fancy wills today
An earthly crown to wear—a gift of clay.

In petty pride we may anon bequeath.
Like Truth, O sky, thou seemest so abstruse.
We cannot touch or grasp thee—even seeing
We needs must learn, as pensively we muse
In Consciousness we live and have our being.
Blue sky and Truth, are these God's Presence Real—
So tangible, we hold with Love's Great Seal.

—S. B.

RIGHT THINKING

WE ALL want peace of mind and happiness, and we attain our greatest happiness by making others happy. The material world unfortunately is seemingly so terrible that it is more correct to say that we attain our greatest happiness by relieving those around us and our selves from the sin, misery, want and limitations that are so very, very real to all of us.

We can do this only by true prayer, scientific right thinking—thinking rightly in a scientific manner. Right doing, right activity, and happiness is then bound to follow. We gain this happiness also by teaching people the truth, the truth that makes them free, as thereby they not only gain freedom for themselves and for those they love, but they pass on the secret to others.

Today there are about fifty or sixty sects of mental workers, such as Christian Scientists, Divine Scientists, and the International New Thought Alliance. There are also about one hundred schools of psychology. There is only one thing in which they all agree, that if you *think* evil you get evil, if you *think* good you get good. As Shakespeare said: "*There is nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so.*" This is also the teaching of the Bible. As the prophet Jeremiah said: "*I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their own thoughts*" (Jer. 6:19). And we read in Proverbs: "*As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he*" (Pro. 23:7).

What we have to do is to think rightly; then the evil will disappear, and, indeed, it must disappear, as it is only caused by wrong thinking, not always by conscious wrong thinking but by what is called the action of thoughts on the sub-conscious mind. The wrong thoughts and the evil are one and the same thing.

The disappearance of the evil may, perhaps, in some cases, be slow, but it will be more and more rapid as time goes on and the mind of the worker improves. Fortunately, the human mind never gets worse; we cannot increase evil. All the so-called evil was there in the so-called material world at the so-called start of the material world, which was over a million, million years ago.

All that takes place in the so-called material world is the steady disappearance of the evil, as the imaginary mist of matter—which

hides heaven from us and makes this the only hell we shall ever be in—things and disappears.

No evil can touch us if we keep out the evil thoughts by right thinking. Then the so-called mind is improved, and "*the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*" (John 14:30). In other words, the evil thoughts which a man thinks, the only evil which can ever be, are destroyed and have no effect. "*Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee.*" (Job 22:21).

When you think good, however, you must not think lies, and think you are well when you are ill. Nor must you think of the so-called good of the material world, as there is nothing really good in the material world. Jesus pointed this out when he said: "*Why callest thou Me good? There is none good but one, that is, God.*" (Matt. 19:17).

The evil is relative, some so little evil that we call it good. Good is absolute. What we have to do, therefore, is to learn to think of absolute good. The religious man calls this God and heaven, the scientific man calls it cause and its manifestation, and the metaphysician calls it Mind and its ideas. Whatever you might like to call it, it is an absolutely perfect ideal mental world, in which we exist now, have always existed and will always exist.

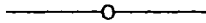
Treatment consists of actively thinking of God and heaven, called by scientific men the world of reality. In treatment one must never think of the material world, but think only of the real world, heaven. One method of doing this is to think of God as a vast, infinite Mind; then think of the consciousness, by means of which that Mind thinks, and is called "man" specifically, and consists of all the spiritual beings in heaven, which Paul calls the Christ. Then think of the infinite Love, Life, Wisdom, Joy, Knowledge, Beauty, etc., in that perfect world.

While thinking of this wonderful world, you deal one after the other, with the troubles against which you are working. Give one sharp, emphatic denial of the existence of the first trouble, in that perfect world, and then realize as clearly as possible the perfection of the opposite. For instance, "There is no anger, all is Love and the manifestation of Love." Take up each of the troubles one

after another, separately and always follow the denial with an affirmation.

You should also work against mortal mind, false medical beliefs and fear, and for love, spiritual perception and wisdom, in every treatment.

From the First Monthly Lesson and Bulletin
—by *F. L. Rawson*.



THE GIFT OF LOVE

THE Giver of Gifts
gave unto me
The Gift of Love
to set me free
From sorrow and lack,
from fear and pain.
He gave it to me
to pass on again.

This Gift of Love
is not to keep,
For if it were
it would make me weep.
So you, my dear,
as you're passing by,
Do feel that Love
when you look in my eye.

So, to the world
I pass it on,
And I sing with joy
as I go along;
For the Giver of Gifts
will give me more,
As I pass it on
from door to door.

—*Brownie C. Carter*.

JESUS CHRIST

XIII

YE WHO have found and are waiting upon Me, learn now a most blessed truth.

Ye have been taught about the Kingdom of Heaven. In My ministry on earth as Jesus of Nazareth I showed in many parables to the people of those days what was the Kingdom and how to find it; but only the few understood. But today there is much greater understanding, through the Light of My words given to the world; and a much greater ability to understand, through the Light of My Spirit shining brightly in the hearts of those who on reading My words opened wide to receive Me.

To them I can now make known the true mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven, and can even bring it down to abide in them while they are on earth. Listen carefully, all ye who would know this mystery, and heed these words.

I brought to the world in those days the great truth that the Kingdom of Heaven is *within every man*. I sought always to turn men's minds within to their Heavenly Father, where alone they could find peace, harmony and happiness.

I then likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while he slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the wheat was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the man came and said unto him, "Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares?" He said unto them, "An enemy hath done this." The servants replied, "Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?" But he said, "Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."

The good seeds were the truths of My teachings that I sowed as the Son of Man. The bad seeds were sowed by the devil. The fruit of the good seeds are ye, My beloved disciples, who are

the children of the Kingdom. But the tares are the children of the wicked one. The harvest is the completion of the age which is now come upon us, and the reapers are the Angels.

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be at the end of the period. The Son of Man shall send forth His Angels and they shall gather out of His Kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

Ye who have found and are waiting upon Me are the fruit of My harvest. Ye are they whom the tares could not crowd out and who took from the soil of life's experiences the food I have provided for you, and ye ate and thrived and grew up unto My harvest. For you the tares will soon be taken away and be burned, and will be no more. Then ye shall abide always in My Love and nothing will turn you more away from Me.

For beloved, know ye not that I AM in the Kingdom, that I AM thy Father in Heaven—I, thy True Self—thy One and Only Self? I—the Son of Man, the Only Begotten of My Father—AM thy Heavenly Father, a Son of God, thy Highest Self, abiding always in the Heavenly Consciousness of My Father.

Because I AM in the Kingdom, when ye are waiting upon Me and I have become first in thy heart and life, can ye not see that ye too are in the Kingdom, and all that I AM thou art, and all that I have is thine?

Then can ye not see also that the end of the age has come for thee, that Christ *has* come, and is here *now*—in the Kingdom—in thy heart?

Oh, beloved, when I AM thus come to thee, when I as Divine Love am abiding in thy heart, and thou art abiding in My Love, then indeed has the Kingdom descended for thee, and is now a living reality on earth, even as in Heaven. For Heaven is but My Consciousness, which is One with My Father's Consciousness; and when ye have thus found Me, ye will know that I AM in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you, and that all are *One Consciousness*, which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Yes, beloved, when the full realization of this great truth floods thy consciousness, ye will then be in the Kingdom, and a new world of being will be opened unto thee. Then ye will find that all I have is thine, all knowledge of the earth and the soul realms, all wisdom of the heavenly and celestial realms, all power to do, to be and to have anything, is given thee in Heaven and on earth; for thou and I art One, there is no more sense of separation or difference—thou wilt know and canst say, I Alone AM.

Thus thou canst see that the second coming of Christ and the descent of the Kingdom upon the earth is an individual experience. When I AM come to thee, and thou hast accepted Me and wholly surrendered to Me, then thou art in My Consciousness and there is no other consciousness or self, and My Consciousness is the Kingdom, thy true Heaven.

But ye ask, is not the second coming of Christ and the descent of the Kingdom to be a universal experience and for all men?

Think ye the Lord can come to those who are not ready and prepared for Him? Remember the parable of the ten virgins who went forth to meet the bridegroom, five who were wise and took oil in their lamps, and five foolish ones who had no oil. When they learned that the bridegroom was coming, the foolish virgins found their lamps had no oil and went away to buy. But the wise virgins trimmed their lamps and when the bridegroom came they went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us." But he answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, I know ye not."

Even as in the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be.

Then shall two be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill, the one shall be taken and the other left.

Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

What meaneth this? What will become of them that are left, ye ask?

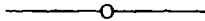
What is that to thee? All have been taught the truth. The gospel of the Kingdom has been preached to all people. It has been foretold that I would come. All have been told to repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. The wise virgins are ready. The foolish are not.

When the Son of Man shall come in His Glory, and all the holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His Glory; and before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. But them on his left hand he sent away into age-lasting punishment.

But grieve not, beloved, even as I AM in thee and am all that thou art, I AM likewise in thy dear ones who may be left behind, and *I AM all that they are*. Therefore, I will be always there watching over them and will be responsible for them, being the Light within which lighteth them.

Can ye not then trust them to Me to bring them also into My Kingdom, when I have grown and prepared them so that they can know and wait upon Me, even as thou art now waiting upon and loving Me?



MY CLOSEST FRIEND

NEVER in my life was there
A task to do or trial to bear
That God did not stand closer by
Than any friend that you or I
Had ever known, however true
Or filled with love they may have been.
I know that God is my closest friend.

—Faith Walton.

THE CHRIST PICTURE

Some Additional Comments

THAT Picture, "I ALONE AM," that was sent this week is the first one I ever saw that seems really to see into my very soul. There is no need of my saying a thing. I bow my head in reverence, and a feeling of great peace, love and understanding is in, around and all about me, filling the room—no, all space—with such a glorious Light—A. A. M.

I cannot put in words what the Christ Picture means to me. It is wonderful, the eyes expressing Love beyond human conception. I can only say I love it and want to study it so that I may express some of the qualities I see in that beautiful face. I feel so rich in its possession—C. M. C.

There has certainly stirred up within me a very great love for the new Christ Picture. It is so beautiful, and the title you have given it is the "Great Secret." I love to feel that inspired picture of Christ as the Christ Self of all my fellowmen—J. M.

I received the new Christ Picture about a week ago and I cannot tell how greatly it has helped me in meditation. I look into those loving eyes and can feel now that very beautiful One in me, and often I see those same eyes shining through other faces. I am happy in knowing this, because with meditation and practicing living as this Perfect One, I shall see in due course the same beautiful face in every one I meet.—J. R. H.

On Saturday evening before Easter as I sat meditating, looking at my new Christ Picture, all at once I was conscious that my own face had blended into the Christ face and I was looking into my own eyes. Then the wonderful realization came of my oneness with Christ and the Father and with all, and as I gazed I was filled with great joy and happiness.—M. E. D.

THE CHILD'S WAY OUT COURSE

FOREWORD

THIS series of lessons and questions is not intended to be used as merely a set of dogmatic preachments for the child to memorize and repeat parrotlike. The whole purpose of the various similes, allegories, lesson-games, etc. is to help the *child's own Higher Self* to uncover to his still receptive and unsullied outer mind the *truth* about "Who he is" and "Of *what* he is a part," the Law governing Life and manifestation, and how to bring himself into harmony with God's Plan and Purpose.

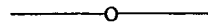
They should, therefore be used mostly as a sort of *foundation* sketch which the *child himself* adds to, elaborates, fills in, and colors with his *own* ideas and experiences during his everyday life. In reading each lesson the child should be privileged to break in at any time with his ideas and illustrations—and great care must be exercised by the parent not to check by some dogmatic correction or assertion what the child's Higher Self is attempting to express.

For instance, in answer to the first question "Who are you?" one child, instead of giving the expected answer gained from the text, "I am a Soul," said instead, "I am a Light." In this case the child was answering from a *higher* consciousness than that of the questioner and was absolutely correct. Therefore, the *child* should, as far as possible, be allowed to act as *teacher*, the parent's part being skillfully to "draw out" and aid the child's own soul to teach those lessons which it has not only for the child but often for the parent as well. In fact, the parent will often be startled by the great truths given to him through the as yet uncluttered channel of the child's mind.

It is almost unnecessary to add that *never* under *any* circumstances should the child be coerced, argued with, or even coaxed into such "group sessions." They should rather be treated as a great *privilege* accorded the child, and given at a time when he is receptive, interested, and undistracted. The parent should consider these lesson-discussions as good wholesome, tasty food set *regularly* (and either formally or informally as occasion demands) before his hungry mind. Should there be times when he happens

not to be hungry, the "food" should be quietly and cheerfully withdrawn, as only harm can come from attempting to "stuff" a child physically, mentally, or otherwise. HIS OWN HIGHER SELF KNOWS BEST.

If these directions are carefully followed, and the child encouraged to think and act continually in accordance with those points expressed *through* him at each "session," the parent will be surprised and gratified at the rapid progress made in the spiritual unfoldment of the child, and in the increased mutual understanding and finer relationship being built between the two.



LESSON ONE

THE MAGIC AUTOMOBILE

COLOMBE had just returned from her first ride on a hay-wagon with her Dad.

"Oh, it was lots of fun, Mother!" she cried. "Kind of bumpy, tho'. And horses go so much slower than Daddy's auto! Gee, an automobile is a wonderful thing, isn't it? It goes so fast, is so comfy, and never gets tired and forced to rest like horses do!"

"It certainly is wonderful," agreed Mother, "but think how much more wonderful is the magic automobile that *you* drive!"

"I drive! Why, Mother, I can't drive! I'm too little! Only big people like you and Daddy can drive an auto!"

"No, Colombe, even your little baby brother is learning to drive *his* tiny magic auto, but he can't do very much with it yet!"

"I don't understand you *at all*, Mother," answered Colombe. "Where is Johnny's tiny auto, and where is mine? Do you mean a 'pretend auto?'"

"Not at all!" said Mother, smiling. "I mean *this* (running hands over child's body) lovely little automobile which you are in now. You know that *you* are a *Soul*, Colombe, straight from God's Soul World. And God has put you into this wonderful little automobile to help you better to learn the lessons He has for you in this world-school. Isn't it a clever little automobile, tho'?"

Just think of all the things it can do, which Daddy's steel one can't! It can twist, turn, jump, run in any direction, pick up things, feed itself, repair itself—and Oh! so many things that a steel auto can't do. And look what wonderful lights (touch child's eyelids) it has to show the way! Of course it is hard to drive at first as there is so *much* to learn about running it. Just watch how hard little Johnny is working to correctly drive *his!*"

And what a time the baby *was* having trying to reach a toy he desired. It was so hard for him to drive his little automobile-body where he wanted it to go! Such clumsy useless little movements did he make!

"Poor little fellow," laughed Colombe, "he works so hard and moves so little! But he does much better than he did at first, doesn't he?"

"Yes, he will probably be a good driver someday. And so will you, for you are controlling your body-automobile better every day. But very few souls have yet learned to run their automobiles perfectly, for it takes a very long time, much practice, and often means the ruin of many, many auto-bodies before they have truly learned."

"Gee, Mother, I never thought of my body that way before! But from now on I'm going to remember that I am a Soul who is driving my body, and I'm going to find out as much as I can about the best way to drive it."

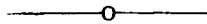
THE following are a few of the questions which can be asked to help impress upon the child's mind the salient points of the Story Lesson, and to aid in encouraging the child to express his own views. Each parent, however, should try to prepare his own set of questions especially suited to the needs of his own child.

Questions to Lesson One

1. Who are you?
2. Are you this body which you see here?
3. Who am I? Who is Johnny? Daddy? Playmates? etc.
4. Have you ever noticed people's souls shining like lights through their eyes? If not, watch and see.

5. What is your body like?
6. Who drives it? Do you sometimes steer it wrong and bang your body-auto up?
7. If Daddy breaks something on his steel auto how does he fix it? If you hurt something on *our* body-auto how do you fix it? (The God Within your Soul does it, doesn't he? Doesn't He heal your bruised finger?)
8. When Daddy's steel auto needs water and "food" (gasoline and oil), can it feed itself like you can feed your body-auto? Or must it be poured in?
9. Does your body-auto have to be greased like Daddy's?
10. Can Daddy start his steel auto as fast as you can start your body-auto?
11. What other things can your body-auto do which a steel auto cannot?
12. Does the machinery in your body-auto wear out as fast as that in a steel one? Why? (Explain in detail how the body is self-repairing).
13. Let's draw a picture of Daddy's steel auto. Now let's draw one of our body auto. Which is the more wonderful? Why? (This can be omitted when used for older children).

—Carol Snyder.



WE ARE publishing this First Lesson of a proposed "Way Out Course for Children" in the Magazine, to see if there is enough response from our readers to warrant the Author creating such a Course and our publishing it, when created; also to learn if they would want it continued in the Magazine.

Therefore, if readers and particularly parents who want it published will kindly write us (1) if they would like to have such a Course for use with their children; and (2) if they would like to have us publish two or three more Lessons in the Magazine, we will appreciate it and be governed thereby.—The EDITOR.

THE AGE OF GREAT ADVENTURE

THE following is taken from the last part of an Address by David Davidson, the world famous authority on the Great Pyramid, at the Central Hall, Westminster, London, England, on October 1st, 1936.

This Address is most significant as it is his first word given after the long awaited September 16th, for the significance of which as a day of prophecy, he perhaps more than any other person is responsible.

The first part of the Address is devoted to showing the conditions in the British Empire and in the world leading up to the entrance into the Kings Chamber, and how they have been preparing the world for the New Age that is now upon us. This closing part to us is the one all people need to know, coming as it does from such an eminent authority.
—The EDITOR.

IT IS a great adventure which lies before us, ladies and gentlemen! It is an adventure which will put all past adventures and pioneerings in the shade! I am confident you and the rising generation will all join in it when true leadership appears in Britain and America.

For since August, 1931, our leadership in Church and State has gone through its Crucifixion, has passed through its Exodus from political and ecclesiastical bondage, has passed into the wilderness of isolation, and has returned to true leadership, as Moses returned from exile to guide our race in its Exodus from economic Egypt into the wilderness of economic adventure which leads to the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth.

Here I would draw attention to the fact that Israel at their Exodus took from the Egyptians the dues which were justly Israel's—the just dues of their bondage.

Consider the state of the post-war generation. It sees no scope for adventure unless in speed on land, in the air, and on the seas. Speed, and acceleration of speed, says the rising generation, constitute the sole field of adventure left. But they do not know what they are being prepared for. They are being given the body and mind of the mythical Mercury, to prepare them for the greatest work and the greatest field of adventure the world has ever known. They are being trained to become the messengers of

God, in the realm of spirit on the earth, *from which realm all barriers are now removed.*

In all my works and articles during the past six years, I have shown that the Book of Revelation joins with the prophecies of the Old Testament in commanding our race, at this crisis in world affairs, *to come out of the materialism of the existing world order, which in Revelation is referred to as the harlot city which seduces the kingdoms of the earth, and buys and sells in the world's money markets and exchanges the bodies and souls (or lives) of men (and women).*

Here let me quote from an address which I delivered from this platform on October 9th, 1930.

“ The mystical crucifixion, economically of our race, as symbolized in the Great Pyramid's prophecy, is the Exodus of our race from the present order of world economy to be delivered in the economy of the Kingdom of God, from the 'fleshpots' of mystical Egypt to manna in the wilderness. The Book of Revelation therefore says that it was in this same 'mystical Egypt where also our Lord was crucified'.”

And, in conclusion, I said:—

“Our Tribulation is ended (i. e. on September 16th, 1936) when the judgment of the nations, their tribulation, begins. When, therefore, we find ourselves figuratively 'with our backs to the wall,' as Israel found herself in her Exodus to 'the Sea of Reeds,' let us take stock of the situation, and look for our deliverance through unity of command under the greatest of all commanders, Jesus Christ. For it was He, you will remember, who spoke of the things that should come to pass, and that are even now happening. He said: '*When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.*'”

The command for to-day, addressed to our race, and the mixed company of other races willing to follow us into the wilderness is given in Revelation XVIII, 4. The Command is as follows:—

“*Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.*”

Consider the present hell's brew of chaos simmering in Europe, Asia and Africa, and even in America. The conditions, as they

are now developing, are accurately described in the prophecies of Isaiah. Fifteen years ago, in a series of articles on the Great Pyramid's prophecy, I pointed out that this would be so at the present time. I did not describe the conditions in my own words, but referred to the twenty-sixth chapter of Isaiah as describing the Divine Protection which would be afforded the British race, in the circumstances which have now overtaken the world.

Consider then the envy with which the aggressive powers now regard this island empire race, which would bring by peace what the aggressive powers now hope to perform by violence. Rudyard Kipling, in his *Recessional*, had the same vision as Isaiah, although 26½ centuries separated their respective visions. If every man and woman in the British Empire had had the same vision that Kipling had, as to the mission of our race, there would have been no racial disloyalty to God in this world to-day!

Go home to-night and read Isaiah, chapter 26, and the preceding and succeeding chapters in relation, and you will find all the definitiveness you require concerning current conditions in the world. In the dark days ahead it will seem to many that our race may perish as a vital factor in the world. When those dark days come—as they will shortly come—re-read those chapters in relation to *the significant promise of Divine Protection* in the twenty-sixth chapter. And you will find that as God gradually reveals the mystery of His Divine Purpose, this race will not require any other proof that the Israel of God, dwelling carelessly in the "Isles," indeed exists *in the British race*.

The Song of Isaiah, for our current times begins:—

"We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." "Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in."

I quoted these words fifteen years ago as applying to the experience of our race from 16th September this year onwards to 20th August, 1953.

I have always referred to the 16th of September, 1936, as "*the threshold*" of the new age of transition, and have referred to the fact that the transition will be painful for many. As the date approached, indeed within three days of it, obstacles, seemingly insuperable, barred the way. The Great Pyramid's prophecy had

shown what those obstacles were, why they barred the way, and when they would be removed. It showed that those obstacles to the fulness of knowledge would be removed for all who are asking, seeking and knocking onwards from 16th September last.

It is the teaching of all prophecy that from now on, and however they may temporarily be compelled by circumstances to coalesce, the aggressive nations will be driven to destroy their own ideals of rule by force, and conquest by might. Elements of our race may receive those "ideals" to convert them from *Revolution* to *Reform*.

Let us look at one significant happening which accompanied our transit of the threshold of the new epoch on 16th September, last. British Labour—the greatest democracy in the world—began to indicate a solid tendency to range itself against the forces of aggression, and to support re-armament as an essential step towards defending our racial ideals against aggression. Yet we are promised not protection by our own might but Divine Protection, with this proviso, that *in the darkest days of our coming crisis, we will be compelled to ask God to do it for us.*

The Great Pyramid shows that the British race, in the British Empire and the United States of America, will have received by January 31st, 1947, a Theocentric form of Government as the nucleus of the Divinely Ordered Government for the Kingdom of Heaven on the Earth. You may rest assured that the initial moves towards that end are now being made, although at present their effects may not appear, as we might expect them to appear, but as they do appear according to the wisdom of God, and in the fulfilment of the purpose of God.

In the coming days many will tend to lose faith, but as the prophet Isaiah says, "*When God's judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*" Wherefore, our Lord Jesus Christ admonished us, concerning those things of which Isaiah spoke, saying, "*When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.*"

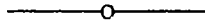
Why? The symbolism of the Great Pyramid indicates that the obstacles, seemingly insuperable, which have hitherto barred the way to the fulness of knowledge—to the Plane of the Divine

Centre—are now removed for those who look up, asking and seeking.

The days ahead include the darkness which precedes the dawn, but *that dawn can come NOW for all who seek*, and for all of us by 1953. The barriers hiding the true Light are now removed, and, for all who can now see the true Light, “*The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.*”

(Readers will note that Mr. Davidson still adheres to the inch-month basis of time measurement in the King’s Chamber, or the period following the world’s entrance therein, September 16th last. Time alone will tell which is the right basis of time measurement—the inch-month or the inch-week.

All that should concern us, however, is that we are fully trusting in God for our protection, as stated in Isaiah, and thereby are prepared for anything that may come to pass.—The EDITOR.)



THE FIRES OF AFFLICTION

THOSE of you who are going through afflictions, remember that you are being tried by its fires to see if you can stand in them and not lose your faith in your Heavenly Father’s loving care and protection; also that all of self may be burned out so that you will become pure and perfect for His use.

Those who cannot stand in the fires, will run away, temped by the luring call of the world, the flesh or the devil, and such will have to wait until they become strong enough to endure the high vibrations of the Spirit formerly felt, before they will again be privileged to taste of the sweets of Christ’s Service.

Everyone is in the “King’s Chamber” and will now express his real nature; his faults and weaknesses formerly repressed and hidden will now break forth and push aside all good impulses and desires. A man will be now what he is, not what he wants people to think he is.

SPIRITUAL SIGHT AND HEARING

AUTOMATIC WRITING

SOME years ago, my attention was called to automatic writing which had become very popular in this community through the introduction of the Ouija board. One day a friend brought an Ouija board to my house and wished me to help operate it. To our surprise, it would not work at all for either of us as long as it was in my house. A week later, however, he and a friend across the city from me decided to try it again.

Just at this time I was resting in my own room, tired out after a hard day's work. I was on the borderland between sleeping and waking, and suddenly I saw a distinct picture of the two as they sat before the Ouija, trying to make it tell them of my personal affairs. As I looked I became indignant, and I mentally, with my finger, moved the Ouija causing it to give the message I wished them to receive. I saw myself bending over the board with quiet malice and amusement struggling with my indignation. The message went through, and it broke up the seance.

A few days later I met my friend, and I asked about the occurrence. He admitted that he had been doing just what I described to him. He laughingly repeated the message which had come through. It had been very insulting, and the young lady with him dared not ask for more.

With my mind on the subject, I took up my pencil one day with the wish to get a message through direct handwriting. After making circles and meaningless marks for a few moments, the pencil began to write the confession of a murder. I was sitting in an old house which had been temporarily rented for the use of my overflowing school, and I was alone after my classes had been dismissed. It was in one of the poorest parts of the city and had once been occupied by the negroes. As the pencil wrote, the atmosphere seemed full of the personality of the writer, an ignorant negro, and the words produced were those of a negro. I threw the pencil down, and only once since then have I ever tried automatic writing. I then and there decided to pick more refined surroundings if ever I wished to write again.

Upon enquiry, I found that the murder had really been committed, and that the murderer was doing time in the penitentiary for the crime. So the message had not been from the "dead."

More than ten years later, and in a magnificent school in another part of the city, I was impelled again to pick up a pencil and let it write a message. I wrote a most terrible wish upon me, and I felt as if a curse had been thrown at me through the ether. I stared at the message a moment, then tore it into bits and left the room.

As I stepped into the hall, I met the author of the message coming in. He was a high dignitary of the schools, whose enmity I had incurred by insisting upon my rights among the teachers. I had no malice toward him, and the message hurt me sorely. There was nothing I could do to change his hatred, and so I said nothing. He had been trying for years to discredit me, and had always failed. He was a high Mason and a student of a great school of occultism. I had only my spiritual sight and hearing, which had been developed in spite of my ignorance. Soon after this his wish came true.

Not many weeks ago, I was in a half waking condition soon after retiring, and my attention was drawn to a friend who does a great deal of automatic writing. I perceived that her worst enemy was standing by her, urging her to write a most malignant letter to someone. This letter would probably have caused my friend a good deal of trouble and enmity. I tried to push away, mentally, the person who was urging my friend to write; the reply was a series of blows. The next day my body felt sore and tired, as if I had really received a beating.

Meditation upon these occurrences brings the thought that automatic handwriting is not necessarily produced by spirits of the departed. To my certain knowledge, most of the so-called "spirits" are still in fleshly bodies, and that their mental and spiritual radiations are picked up by those sensitive enough to receive them. They should not be received with any more awe than should a letter from a distant or an unknown person. To a person with spiritual sight and hearing, this truth is very apparent, for the air is filled with thought currents which cross and recross, and are projected to or attracted by those who have some thought or feeling somewhat akin to them, or possibly, totally unlike them.

Another thought is: By elevating and refining our thoughts, we can attract mental companionships which will be a joy and solace to us. We can thus associate with poets, philosophers, princes or whomever we admire the most.

—D. V. S.

MEDITATION

ETERNAL LIFE

"WHOSOEVER shall save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it."

FORGET yourself—and YOU shall live.
Die to self—and let the Lord live.
You shall die—but He lives forever.
If you become One with Him—then YOU live.
Then YOU are the WORD made flesh.

The flesh that shall be saved in this age—is His Body.
If you glorify the Father in everything—YOU shall live.
Personality dies—but He lives forever.
You decrease—He increases.
Do you think yourself separate from Him—realize that He is
YOU. With Christ know that "I and my Father are ONE."

God is LOVE!

If you love humanity, then you are a temple of the Living God.
God has come to earth in YOU, if YOU are a Son.

God is a Consuming Fire!

He will consume all chaff. The soul is not chaff.
Beliefs are chaff. All beliefs and concepts shall be consumed.
God shall be ALL *in all*.

The LIGHT

Once ye were in darkness. Now are ye Light.
The Light is shining in the darkness. The Light will swallow
up all darkness.
Ye turned to the Light, and ye became the Light. So shall every
soul turn.
The prodigal shall return home!

—S. T. N.

A VISION

ON FRIDAY night, Sept. 20th, while attending a meeting of our Group, I "saw" what I thought, because of the dimness, was an island, but later proved to be a map of the United States in relief completely surround by a barbed wire fence covered with red, white and blue bunting. I could see muskets leaning against this fence, the bayonets extending well up beyond the top, and soldiers were standing by. It all appeared rather dim as it would at twilight. Soon out of the semi-darkness I saw the dome of the Capitol at Washington stand out very clearly, as if a light had been thrown upon it, and in a moment there appeared above the dome a large ball of light like a gigantic star, dazzling in whiteness. Later I saw a white flag floating from the top of the Capitol. I heard these words which were taken down in shorthand by our secretary.

"Be it said that the time is coming and the guards are present. Travail begins and the dark clouds of iniquity are spreading their wings, but this glowing star will keep this country in the Light. But guard your thoughts; you have been repeatedly warned to guard your thoughts! And most carefully guard your feelings; do not permit yourselves to be swept off your feet by the waves of emotion that are now flowing through the air. Keep your equilibrium, for when you possess that, nothing can overthrow you!

"The law of life is the same always; the God within is all powerful and when you seek shelter there nothing can harm you. Oh, the misery of mankind! All because of this terrible selfishness, this hatred of brother against brother. Woeful! Deplorable!

Many there are who see the Light, but unfortunately many see only darkness. Therefore you who do see the Light, betake yourselves to the mountaintops of your inner selves and bask in the sunshine of your souls, for there the cannon does not roar. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of time! These lessons you must learn; that in the midst of distress and darkness and misery you can attain the mountaintop of tranquility, peace, sublimity and oneness with God. Have you seen the mountaintop emerge from the fog and cloud? Beneath all is obscurity but as the mountaintop pierces through, you likewise may do the same.

"If each will do his share in dispelling the darkness by keeping the light burning in his own temple, he will help to clear away the tempest. My peace I give unto you and my blessing. And remember, at all hours, night or day, light or darkness, I am near you. He who runs away does not overcome!

"The roadbeds will be trodden down with the burning feet of the victims of the battle lords."

Following this, I "saw" our U. S. President seated in a chair, hair disheveled, looking greatly worried as if assailed by a great fear. Surrounding him were several Beings in white with arms crossed over their breasts, their eyes riveted on the President, their gaze so steady and piercing, as if trying to force through a powerful thought to his mind. He squirmed about in his chair, apparently very uncomfortable, as if conscious of some force, but unaware of its source. One of these Beings in particular stands out in my mind so that I shall never forget him; He was focusing his gaze on the President with so much power that it seemed as if I could see rays of light coming from his eyes as from some powerful instrument. No wonder the President squirmed! Were these Brothers of Light trying to guide the President?

—M. C. W.

LET GO

By Nina Pride Hoag

LET GO of everything but God
And His abounding grace;
Let go of all the pain and strife
And hunger for the things of life
That keep you from His grace.
And when you find you have let go,
You'll see there's nothing lost;
For all good things belong to Him,
You'll find them when you look within;
The others are but dross.

—From *UNITY Magazine*.

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.

SOUL WORKERS

SINCE the beginning of the teaching on the Soul in the first issue of this Magazine in January 1933, before that in the *Impersonal Papers* beginning in December, 1928, and long before that with the first publication of *THE IMPERSONAL LIFE* in 1914, we have watched and aided many students to come into an awareness of themselves as souls. We have seen many of such begin to take more or less conscious charge of their minds and outer personalities and to direct both their outer and inner activities.

Do not misunderstand; there are many earnest students today who are back in their soul consciousness many times a day and who do many things from that consciousness—but who do not know it at the time. At such times they are conscious of a state of poise and inner power, but not knowing anything about themselves as souls, or of the difference between the inner and the outer consciousness, they just act naturally as they are led to do from within, without concerning themselves about what part of them is doing it or of the effects upon the inner or outer man.

But we are entering upon a New Age, and *The Impersonal Work* was one of the movements definitely put forth to prepare certain advanced souls to become the Teachers, Leaders and Workers of the New Age. This means that these souls had first to prepare and inform their minds of the truths of their being, by making their outer minds aware of their inner selves. This was done through the agency of *THE IMPERSONAL LIFE* Message, which explained to many thousands in simple terms just what they had been experiencing all through this life, but without their understanding what was the "inner something" that had been guiding and teaching them.

We have used the term "*advanced souls*," in referring to the certain few mentioned, advisedly, because long ago we had found that there were only the very few who truly understood the Impersonal Message and thereby got the full blessing from it that was intended.

To illustrate what we mean; when someone spoke highly of THE IMPERSONAL LIFE, we often asked, "Just what did you get from it?" Many different answers were heard, requiring more questions, until finally, if we persisted, we might bring out, "It is like the Father or God speaking to me." It is only the few, however, from whom we got that answer.

But with such we go farther, and say, "Of course, but in your study of it what else did you get—what did it *do* to you? Perhaps one in twenty got from it the realization, as stated in the Introduction, that "the 'I' speaking throughout the Message is the Spirit within, *one's own* soul, the Impersonal Self, the *real* You; the same Self that in other moments of quiet points out to you your mistakes, your follies, your weaknesses, and is ever chiding and aiding you to live up to its ideals, which it continually holds before your mental gaze." And such feel themselves blessed by such realization.

To these, if they are deeply impressed by this truth, we go farther and ask how much they studied the Message and just what the second chapter did to them—if they had carefully obeyed the instruction therein to speak to the mind, by commanding it to "Be still," and *know—I AM—God?*"

Only one, perhaps, in a hundred, replied, in effect. "That is the wonderful part of it. I was able to glimpse, in fact, to *know*, that I am God—that God is *all that I am*, and that I can talk to my outer self and cause it to do what I want it to do."

It is needless to say that it was only the latter who truly understood, and that it was they who were *advanced souls*.

THE IMPERSONAL WORK was inaugurated for a three-fold purpose: (1) To aid all such advanced souls to bring their minds into a conscious awareness of them as souls and of their divinity or Oneness with God; (2) to awaken all other souls possible by presenting to their outer minds the truths of their being, thus

arousing them from their dream of self and separateness, and then helping them to take charge of their minds and bring them to the stage where their minds will wait upon and look to them for all future guidance and instruction—the latter stage then naturally in time unfolding into the first stage; (3) to recall all such souls to the purpose of their being here at this time—that they came to help usher in the New Age and to become conscious workers in it, serving under the direction of the Great Brotherhood of Christ in the guidance, development and upliftment of humanity.

Because this is the New Age and wholly different from the Old Age, Love, Brotherhood and Co-operation will then rule the consciousness of humanity, instead of selfishness, personal concerns, and competition, and consequently an entirely new type of instruction must be given as well as a new type of development inaugurated. Instead of so much time and attention being devoted to intellectual studies and development, authentic teaching about the soul and the development of its faculties and powers will be given first consideration. In place of dealing with and developing *personalities* as in the past, *souls* will learn to know and to work with and help the *souls* of each other.

Impersonal students are the first to teach the principles and methods of this New Order, and must accordingly be the first to demonstrate and exemplify them. Therefore the much emphasis that has been given the soul and the clear and definite teachings of just what is the soul and about the soul life that have been given out through *The Sun Center* during the past eight years.

Most minds are slow to recognize the importance of this subject, because of former intellectual training and false ideals; but many readers of this Magazine are being waked up, and those who have been led to make a careful study of *The Way Out*, *The Way Beyond*, *The Inner Life*, and *The Impersonal Study Courses*, are the souls who have recognized this importance and the purity of these teachings, and consequently through them have been preparing their minds to become perfect instruments for service in the New Age.

Therefore we urge all readers and students of this Department to try to comprehend the significance of this Work, that it is not an accident that your minds have been drawn to these teachings, and that if you feel within a strong appeal to what has just

been read, it is your souls confirming these words and wanting you to give them careful attention, when you will be shown from within just what is your next step.

This Department is devoted to these awakened souls, and all such will find themselves gradually being brought into conscious awareness of their being a part of an *inner group of workers* who have but *one ideal, one purpose, one guide and authority*; the ideal being a real Brotherhood of Man, and the purpose a faithful and selfless serving of the Christ within.

There is emerging from the efforts of this Department such a group, its members definitely proclaiming themselves by evidencing those three characteristics, and forming a band of true conscious workers who are receiving inner guidance and are performing actual service in their respective spheres of influence.

These are known and their names are kept in a special list. They are gradually becoming aware of each other both from inner and outer contacts, and it is our part to help all such as soon as possible to become fully conscious of each other as souls, and to attain the full inner knowing of their own souls.

If there are any readers of this article who feel that they are a part of such an inner group, or who wish to prepare to become a part of such believing that they possess these characteristics, especially if there are any who long to serve, we will be glad to have them send us their names. This does not apply to those who have already responded to a similar call for *inner workers* two years ago. Definite instructions for preparing for such inner work are available. Watch this Department for further word regarding this *inner group* and its activities.

Try to realize that of the list of two hundred and more who responded to our first call, only a comparatively few are actually *conscious of themselves as souls* or *of the souls of other inner workers*. Nevertheless the most of them are more or less able to do inner work.

It is from this larger group that the *inner group* is being formed, not by their being chosen by us or by any outer organization, but by their evidencing that they *are* a part of it in the manifesting of the three characteristics named.

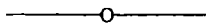
We urge all who are interested in the above to turn to the Feb. '36 Editorial on "*The Order of Melchizedek*," or to the reprint of same in the booklet entitled, "*The 'I AM,' and The Order of Melchizedek*," and to read it carefully. It shows to those who are ready the full import of the Impersonal Teachings.

An illumined soul recently wrote us, referring to this inner group, we changing a few of her words to avoid using names:

"We have been wandering so long from our Dear Ones, and now we are going HOME. Is it not a glorious Home-Coming? An unspeakable Re-union! Soon we will all have our own Medallion, our SUN Medallion. Surely we are there now before the Altar of White and Gold, since Easter time; but our human minds do not yet know.

"That is the reason we were led to the earthly Sun Center, for the earthly Sun Center is where our minds are prepared for Christ's Order.

"Only those who are of the First Born stay with the Sun Teachings until they are prepared for the Heavenly Honor of possessing a Medallion which admits them into the Order of the First Born—the ELECT."



SOUL AWARENESS

THOSE of you who have practiced what was suggested in the May issue and have succeeded in stilling the mind and all outer sensations at will, so that you can bring your consciousness to be at peace, and you fully realize your identity as a soul, as I Am, a pure center of awareness,—are now ready to act from that consciousness.

Remember, in that consciousness you are a creator, for nothing is until you *think* it into being and *see* it in your consciousness. But in the light of the words in the *Jesus Christ Message* of last month you are inspired to think or create and thus to express what is given you *from within* by the Christ, your Higher Self. Therefore it is necessary for you at such times to turn within and to wait upon Him in perfect love and trust.

If there is anything needed to be known, as shown, hold your question firmly in the forefront of consciousness and wait; then watch the impressions that soon appear, note their import and how

they apply to the subject in question, and how gradually they explain all that you wanted or needed to know.

Think you this is not possible? We promise that if you will follow faithfully the instructions given, concentrating all your attention and interest upon the question to *the exclusion of everything else* in a perfect faith and trust, and if you note carefully the impressions that come into your consciousness, you will surely learn what you seek to know. Because then you are connected with the One Consciousness wherein resides all knowledge, and your perfect concentration upon a thought or idea tunes in your mind to the vibration or wave-length of that thought or idea and you receive or become aware of everything pertaining to it your mind can comprehend.

Knowing this and having perfected yourself in thus tuning in to the vibrations of whatever you need to know, have or do, you will find yourself giving directions to your outer mind or self from this knowing, which is a *soul* knowing or consciousness, and you will do it with a feeling of conscious power and poise of spirit.

It is at such times you will speak such words to yourself as, "Be still! Get out of the way and let *me* take care of it. You cannot do or know anything of yourself. I am sufficient and I can show you anything you need to know." These will be silent admonitions to your outer self, when in some need self would intrude and prevent your doing what *you* know is best. In time, after much practice and training, your mind will recognize the benefit received from these silent commands, and it will not attempt to do anything without first turning within for *your* guidance and approval. It may develop that you will get to talk to it as to some other person, and your mind will often be amazed at the wisdom you voice, so much so that you will keep a notebook and record in it what you thus tell it.

In fact, as you bring your mind to wait upon you in this manner, it will get in the habit of watching carefully its reactions to all outer things, especially when talking to another, when seeing or reading anything, or when hearing others teach or preach, and of noting *your* approval or disapproval and of asking guidance regarding what is said. In this way will develop a stage of real discipleship, which will be much as a father teaching a loving son who worships him and thinks of doing nothing without first getting his approval and direction.

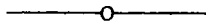
From all this many readers will recognize much that they have already experienced more or less consciously, without knowing just what was taking place. This explanation will make clear the way the outer mind has been taught in the past and who has been the teacher; that it is the *soul* of each who has always been the teacher, and it was the *mind* that has been taught.

It is now hoped that from this understanding all who are interested will take *conscious* charge of their minds' direction and instruction, will stay back in their soul consciousness and allow nothing in the outer long to distract their interest and attention from that inner feeling of power and poise, their true and natural state.

Our part is to help you bring your mind into a conscious awareness of you—of who *you* are and of just what it is. Or, to state it from your outer mind's viewpoint, our part is to help you to find the Father within, in His Kingdom, to explain how you may know His Voice and not be fooled by other voices, and to equip you as fully as possible for His use, so that when you find Him, He will have in you an efficient son, one that will wait upon and serve Him in a perfect love and trust, and will no more turn to or need outer or other teachers.

When this is accomplished our work with such is finished, and we rejoice and sing praises to our Loving Father that another son has found his way back to our Heavenly Home.

All we can do or attempt to do for such after that is to pass on any suggestions for united work in the Father's Service that are given us from time to time, knowing as elder brothers that each one will receive his or her own inner guidance just what to do in such Service.



I, THE LORD SELF

I WILL try and write of the experience of Saturday night, March 27. It was all so simple yet real to me, and has made a deep impression; for the experience recalls so much that you have been telling us in the Magazine all these many months, the things you have been trying so earnestly to get us to do.

At 7:30 p. m. I went to a room to be alone. I, the Lord Self, left the body and stood by its side, leaving a small part of My

consciousness in the cell-mind in the head. I let the cell-mind go carefully over every part of the body, so the cell-mind could know that I was completely separate from the body. And the body was devoid of feeling and will—was lifeless—dead. The body is and was the only tomb there ever has been.

The cell-mind tried to move a part or limb of the body, but try as it would there was no movement. Then the cell-mind became alarmed, thinking that I was so separated that I would never animate the body again. But I quieted the cell-mind and explained that this is the condition humans call sleep, and I have been awake ALWAYS—*there has never been day or night*. Now the cell-mind has grown strong enough to join Me and remember that which I do and where I go when the body sleeps.

While I gave the cell-mind this message, it knew that all the training and reading and discipline that has gone before is not needed by Me, is and was for just one purpose—to refine and make strong the human mind so that it could be My medium, just a medium through which I could move and accomplish My purpose in its part of Myself.

And then, outside of the body, with the cell-mind looking on, I deliberately moved a limb, to prove to the cell-mind that I, *only* I have Will and Life; that I come and go, in and out, as I desire.

Then the cell-mind wanted sleep, as it had formed that habit of sleeping with the body. But I poured My strength into it and it became active and bright, filling the head with Light.

I explained that soon the cell-mind would require less and less sleep, and that I and the cell-mind would let the body sleep, and leave it while We were away doing the work I came here to do.

I gave My cell-mind a comparison of the two bodies. My cell-mind knew Me to be as swift as Light, clear as air, yet almost an exact duplicate of the sleeping body—but there was no beating heart or flowing blood. I am transparent. All over Me is KNOWING, intense, instantaneous, effortless KNOWING. I see, hear and feel in ONE KNOWING.

My cell-mind remembered that when the body was awake there was, at times, pain. But I knew nothing of pain nor did the body know pain or even life unless I gave it Life. Then and there

the cell-mind knew that it alone experienced pain, and the pain was only in the mind and not the body.

I returned to the body and the cell-mind became lost in Me and knew itself no more. I caused the head to expand and grow large, then the neck and the breast became large and roomy. And all over the body the cells separated so as to give freedom and relaxation. I was without weight, and thinking of a thing was to have it. I was anywhere I thought. I looked at the time and it was 9 p. m.

When I slept I dreamed (You remember I told you that I am awake when I sleep?) that a girl followed me and was a great annoyance. She was growing small all the while; at last she exasperated me so with her mischief that I struck her. I was overcome with remorse and picked her up and she had become only several inches in height in my hand (That was self).

For several months now I have been asking the Higher Self to cause the cell-mind to remember all that transpires during sleep. This is the answer: A dear Brother and I were together during the night when my body slept. The conscious cell-mind was brought through to that consciousness and allowed to hear and observe. The cell-mind remembered the request, but it had absolutely no comprehension of that high state of knowing. There is no way to describe in mortal words or feelings the consciousness of the Spirit World.

Oh, it is simply appalling the smallness of the human mind—laughing and crying over husks.

—N. A.

THE instrument for the great transition is at hand. Little it matters that the earth breaks and falls. Only Light shall prevail.

Seek the shallow places. Herald the Dawn. Weed out the old vessels. Fill the new. Find victorious victory for every captive.

This is an age of wisdom ripening through the very vice of ignorance. Lighted souls become the Torches of the world. Soul Torches are stationed—multitudes of Torches. The whole Way Out is lighted now.

Homing are the doves bearing messages. All movement is homeward.—*Jessica*.

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.

AN INNER ORDER

I WILL try to put into words an experience I had on awakening one morning a few weeks ago. Perhaps you will be able to tell me the meaning of it.

It seemed as though I had attended some kind of gathering or meeting, and it was time for me to leave. Two people came to conduct me to a conveyance, a boat seemingly. They were dressed in greyish white with cowls, like an Order of some kind, and one traced this sign with his finger. (A cross surrounded by a circle, but with the cross-bar of the cross above the center of the circle, which was plainly indicated by a dot.)

This was done three times, commencing at the bottom, making the perpendicular line straight up to the cross-bar, then the right arm of the cross, and back to and making the left arm, then back and finishing the top of the cross, then all around making the circle. The dot in the center was the last.

I have waited thinking that perhaps I would be given the meaning, but I have not had anything further shown me. It was done so deliberately and was so plain that I feel it had some important meaning. Have you any idea what the symbol represents?

The experience you relate is interesting. Undoubtedly it is your memory of a soul experience in which you were admitted into a certain Order in the Inner Realms of Being, represented by the cross within the circle. The dot in the center but below the cross may have been to show you that when you bring that cross-bar down to the center, so that it forms a perfect cross, with all four arms of equal length, then you have balanced your life within the circle of God's Life and Love, and will have attained the perfection of Christ.

Think this over and see what is your inner response to this truth.

VISIONS THAT ILLUSTRATE

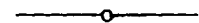
THERE are so many questions in my mind I hardly know where to begin. After I read the First Paper I closed my eyes, and at once saw Jesus the Christ being loosed and coming to life. He was moving, He had been made of clay—I saw this very plainly.

After the Second Paper with the yellow card, I thought I would lie down and rest and meditate, and I saw clearly with my eyes closed a large tablet, the same shade of yellow, containing only the words "I Alone AM" in gold. I was so startled that I lost the rest. I saw this before I had looked at the card—it was on a table beside me.

After the Third Paper I saw a long streamlined train, more beautiful than anything I have ever seen in the physical. I ran to the front of the train and wondered how I would be able to get on it. At that moment a door opened and I stepped on. I handed my ticket to the conductor. I noticed he had gray hair but was quite young looking. Then a lady sitting before me drew my attention who wore a peculiar colored skirt. There was a crimson coat that was soiled lying on the floor that I thought was hers. I wanted to shake it to get the cinders off, but she said she did not need it now.

The visions that come to you on receipt of each Paper are but your mind's interpretation of your soul's response to the truths in it. The one received after the First Paper showed to you Jesus Christ as the Light shining in the darkness of your human mind being quickened and beginning to shine. With the Second Paper you entered the pure vibrations of the Light shining out of the great truths in the yellow Meditation Card accompanying the Paper.

The one received after the Third Paper, in which you saw yourself getting on the streamline train, was merely to assure you that you were ready and able to go on this train, representing these truths. But you must be always on guard and make yourself study and live these truths in your daily life, avoiding any interests that will draw and hold you down to trivial and material things as happened when you were on that train. We feel that in doing this your consciousness will gradually open to a much higher level, from which you will receive wonderful truths and high spiritual guidance.



NAKED SOULS

A TRUTH student girl friend of mine is puzzled over a dream that has kept recurring for over fifteen years and as recently as last week.

She dreams that she is on the Main Street of our city rather late at night, devoid of clothing, running as fast as she can go, mortified, bent on reaching the upper end of the street where the lights are less bright and there is a better chance of not being noticed; albeit no one ever looks at her or is conscious of her predicament anyway.

We should be very grateful if you would interpret it so that she can make her adjustment and be rid of the dream.

About the dream of your friend, the Main Street of a city is the most public and open part of it where everyone must travel in order to get to the heart of the city.

In the soul realm it would represent a similar state in consciousness, but in that realm one is seen for just what one is—naked and devoid of all covering. Your friend being mortified at being thus seen in that realm would mean that she should therefore be very careful *what thoughts and feelings she is carrying around in her consciousness*, for they are clearly seen by anyone coming in contact with her in that realm. This dream recurring so often, is undoubtedly to impress strongly upon her this truth, as it applies equally to this realm, for what she thinks and believes is what is appearing now in her life.

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.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS

REGARDING your question, not always are the *conscious thoughts* one carry around in one's mind the cause of inharmonious conditions manifesting in one's life; for the chronic ones or those of long standing are usually the results of beliefs hidden deep down in the SUB-consciousness and of which the conscious mind is not aware. The only way to find what are such is to note carefully these conditions, study yourself, and to ask your Loving Father to show you just what caused them.

You have to watch and listen carefully, however, because having accepted this condition as being so for so long, the belief in its reality overshadows every other thought and makes it very difficult to recognize God's meaning when He tries to point out to you the cause and the remedy.

He will show them to you, however, if you persist and prove to Him that you are deadly in earnest about removing them. The experience of thus working with a condition under His guidance will be of untold benefit once you have learned the lessons from it.

TITHING WHEN YOU HAVE DEBTS

ON THE subject of tithing, many who tithe in the right way, it being a glad offering to our Loving Father for the blessings already received, find themselves richly blessed in return. On the other hand, as everything belongs to the Father within and you are merely His custodian, everything you do should be for Him, concerned only that you are pleasing Him; then tithing as such would not be necessary. But until you can do that, tithing certainly helps.

About tithing though you have debts, your real debt is not to man, but to God, and as God is in every man and He knows what is in your heart, think you that He cannot take care of your debts to Him, that He cannot provide you with plenty when you open the door of your mind wide so that He can inspire and show you what He wants you to do? Think this over, dear friend, and hereafter in a perfect love and trust in Him let Him show you His will for you, and you will find that there will be no more problem of finance—it will all be taken care of for you.

RELATIVES WHO IMPOSE

WE NOTE your problem with your mother and brother and sister. We agree with you, why should you support your mother when she acts the way she does and when your brother is far more able to do it than you? Why not take a positive stand and tell your mother that hereafter she must look to your brother for her support; that you cannot possibly support four people on six dollars a week, and that he is perfectly able to take care of her. Until you do take such a stand it looks as if your brother, sister and mother will continue to impose on you.

Your dream of a lion that walked up to you, but when you told it to go back and away from you, and it did, is an illustration sent you to show you how to handle this situation. This lion is the influence or force your mother and brother are using against you. When you once definitely and positively tell them to go away and stay away from you, as you did the lion in your dream, they will do as did the lion.

THE PURIFYING FIRES OF SPIRIT

YOU MUST remember that this is Lent, the period preceding Easter, a time of preparation for the Resurrection. You seem to be going through that preparation, which is a cleansing and purifying process that can be accomplished only through the power of the Holy Spirit. All disciples of Christ are going through such a preparation—not all the same way, it is true, but each one is feeling the purging fires of the Spirit.

Just know that there are many Brothers very close to you in this ordeal, that they are supporting and sustaining you with Their Love and Strength, and we know that you will come through it cleansed, pure and beautiful, wholly worthy for the Master's use.

THE HOME YOU WOULD LIKE YOURS TO BE

IT IS good to learn that your wife is writing you such nice letters; and it looks as if absence is having its effect and perhaps teaching her some lessons she needs to learn. We are glad to give you the following suggestions:

Try to see her and the children in their *true* selves, loving, kind, thoughtful, unselfish—just as you would like to have them be. Build in your mind a picture of your home as it would be were everything perfect, each one including yourself wholly unselfish and living only to make others happy. Hold on to this picture, refusing to see anything else and as it were living in that consciousness, until it becomes a reality to you. This should be easy now that they are not with you, and we assure you if you will do just what we have stated, you will be surprised at what will result.