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PRAYER

By

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(Part Two)

Indeed it is impossible for him to pass from one request to the other with a deep and necessary fervency indispensable in real prayer.

But Jesus made everything easy to man in his own way. He expressly said become as little children, which means think as simply, seek difficulties as little as they do. He would never have expected such an impossibility as to pray the Lord's Prayer all through with the deep concentration required. This also should bring the conviction home to man that he is intended something different, something far greater. It was not simply a prayer that he gave, it was a key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

It weakens the prayer to make it multiform. Neither does a child come to its father with several requests at a time. It will only come with what lies nearest to its heart, whether a grief or a wish.

Hence man also should turn to God

in his troubles, and utters his plaint and, in most cases, it will be one particular matter and not with several at once that he will come. Man should not pray for matters that are of no special moment to him, for in such cases he would not be deeply enough interested to be inspired with the necessary life-giving fervor. He would but be uttering empty phrases and so weaken a petition which might otherwise be of real import.

Only pray for what is really necessary. Never utter empty phrases which can but distract the attention and lead to insincerity. Prayer demands the deepest and most serious attention. Seek therefore, solitude and purity when you pray. Solitude will heighten the intensity, and purity will lend the spiritual illumination and the likeness required to carry the prayer up to the realm of light. It will then be heard and granted in such a manner as will best help the petitioner; and really advance him in his whole being.

It is not the impelling force or energy that uplifts a prayer, purity alone lends a necessary lightness.

Where the earnest desire to pray awakens in a man he can attain to this purity, even if not in all his prayers.

It is not necessary that his whole life be pure if only he can from time-to-time, for a few seconds, uplift himself to the purity of his inner feelings in prayer.

Not only seclusion lends strength to the prayer by the facility it affords for deeper concentration, but the same results are arrived at by any strong emotion such as fear, anxiety, or joy. It must not be expected that the answer to a prayer should always agree with and correspond to the picture that a man has formed in his mind. The prayer is granted in a much wider sense and brings about what is good for a man's welfare in the future, not for the present moment.

Often it will appear as if the prayer had not been heard and later on it will prove to have been granted in the best possible way. Often a man is glad that it was not granted as he had wished at the moment.

It has often been asked how the law of returns will work in a case of intercession. How the prayers of another can find its way to a man who has not prayed himself, because the reaction was returned to the petitioner. Neither is there any exception to the rule in such a case.

The interceder in his prayer thinks

so intently of the one for whom he is praying that a strong desire becomes fast anchored in his friend. It encircles him with living thoughts, thus a prayer rises upward from him and to him the reaction can come.

The one indispensable condition being that the person who is being prayed for is in a receptive nature and offers suitable anchorage and does not put any obstacles in the way.

If a person proves unworthy and thus cannot be helped, the prayer will pass by without taking effect. This again demonstrates the wonderful justice of Divine Law which does not permit the unworthy to be helped from outside by another. If it is impossible for the intercession of prayer to get a hold on the person prayed for, then the prayer is useless. Here again we find the automatic reciprocity so perfect that man stands dumbfounded at the just distribution of the fruits of man's will in man's work.

If this did not proceed so inexorably, the mechanism of creation would be defective and would allow undue favors without being shown to the unworthy. They deserve no interceder, although in consideration of past friendships intercession is possible.

Intercession on the part of those who are not impelled to pray from intense desire and genuine feeling has no value whatever and is but empty air.

There is still another result possible of genuine intercession. It may be a pointer. If prayer rises unhindered and points out one needing help, it may be that a messenger from spiritual heights be sent down on this mission. He can, however, only afford help to the person indicated under certain conditions prescribed by the law, and his success will depend upon whether the person in question deserves assistance or not; whether he will welcome or repulse it. If a person needing help has a leaning towards what is evil, the messenger will not be able to get in touch with him. He will not be able to help and his mission will be fruitless, for here the working of the living law interposes. Where there is a right basis, intercession is of unspeakable value, either it brings help to the sufferer even if he is unconscious of it, or unites itself to his wish or his prayer thus giving a great increase in strength.

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The Brotherhood Newsletter

Dear Students and Friends:

Christmas is a time for the giving of gifts to those persons who are near and dear to us. In the true spirit of giving, we give completely and freely with no strings attached. We give because we feel the person to whom we are giving has need of a special gift, to make their life a little easier, or to bring more happiness and joy into their living. We feel we have something special and because our heart is full of love for them, we want to share that something special with them. This sharing is a symbol of our love for them.

It is easy to give to those we love, but there are many who are strangers to us. What a grand gesture it is for the giver of gifts to share with the stranger, the something special we have. The stranger that is in prison; the ones who are ill or sick; the ones who are disillusioned, unhappy and ignorant; the ones who are hungry and cold, physically, mentally or spiritually. How very special to share with these, because they too are our brothers and sisters. They too have a soul, the same as you and I. Their soul came from God, the same as your soul and mine. The many blessings that we enjoy, all the Great Gifts come from the One Great Giver of all Gifts, God - the Cosmic Consciousness,

which is manifest on earth in the illumined Ones, as the Christ Consciousness.

The Brotherhood of the White Temple is giving a very special gift to its members this year, and you in turn can extend this gift to those who you feel would enjoy this gift. To those who are members in the College, the Church, the Fellowship of the Avatar and those in the the higher work, we are giving a twenty percent discount on all the Brotherhood books and lecture books on orders of ten dollars or more. (This does not include the special offer of 6 booklets for \$5.00.)

'The Light on the Path' magazine for December has a very beautiful poem 'We See With Eyes Clearly' written by Kay Seebach. Kay Seebach has been a member of the Brotherhood for many years and is a Brotherhood Group Leader in South Africa. We are surely appreciative of receiving such inspirational material for our publications. We would like very much to receive more such material from our many students and Group Leaders from all over the world.

The Brotherhood Staff extends best wishes of happiness and joy to all our students and friends as well as the stranger, wherever you may be.

In Cosmic Harmony,

B. W. T. Staff

P R O G R A M

December 6, 1970, Fellowship of the Avatar meeting at 3:30 p.m. for members only.

CALIFORNIA, Placerville: B.W.T. Metaphysical Study Group and Counseling. For information call Dr. Vivian Teaney or Dr. Dorothy Dickinson, Rt. 3, Box 4103. Phone Area Code 916-644-1778.

CALIFORNIA, Sacramento: B.W.T. Metaphysical Study Group and Counseling. For information call Dr. Kathryn Reagan, 2601 Fifth Avenue. Phone 451-9034.

CALIFORNIA, Santa Fe Springs: For time and place of discussion, meetings being held weekly, call Hank Vernava, 868-1095 or Frank Darling, Anaheim, 827-7088.

CALIFORNIA, Sun Valley: The Church of Divine Harmony, 10064 Stonehurst Avenue, conducts Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m., Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Wed. class at 8:00 p.m. The Ministers, Drs. Marian and George Jones may be contacted at 767-4937.

CALIFORNIA, Wilmington: Dr. Osmon A. Rohm conducts Thursday evening study groups, 1043 N. Avalon Blvd. For details contact Dr. Rohm at 835-6888.

COLORADO, Boulder: B.W.T. Metaphysical Truth Group, Metaphysical Classes and discussion led by Eugene G. Sparks.
Call 447-2930 for exact dates and time.

KENTUCKY, Blaine: Dr. Samuel Webb is conducting metaphysical classes at the Blaine Baptist Church. Please contact Dr. Webb for specific time and dates.

MEXICO, Merida, Yucatan: Dr. Pedro Gonzalez Milan, meetings held Monday at 9:00 p.m. at Calle 30 #502-p x 63.

MICHIGAN, Empire: Dr. James B. Carriere, MsD., P. O. Box 182, for Metaphysical Instruction and counseling call 616-326-3651.

MINNESOTA, Minneapolis: Metaphysical group meetings at 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday at 303 Ridgewood Ave., conducted by Michael Mavis.

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