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I promised you that in this Lesson we should deal with the carpenter man of Galilee. Not from any religious angle in the accepted sense of the word, however, or shall we deal with him as any "god" man at all. All our dealings with this wonderful character will be from the standpoint that he never was more than a human being—even as you and I. There are many though, who believe him to be a "one-third part of the trinity" although why they believe it they cannot tell. They have never spent the time or given the effort to find out just what is known about that phase of his existence and what is not known. If they did that, they would instantly realize that if they choose to call him a "god" and look upon him as such, it will have to be through a strained sense of "faith" for certainly there is no evidence in existence which would tend to justify the statement that he was ever other than a man.

Personally, I am willing to believe anything that can be proved. But I am NOT willing to believe anything that cannot be proved—especially along religious lines. I know the history of most of the systems of religion, and I know that there is no more proof of the "divinity" of their "gods" than there is that the moon is made of green cheese. Also—you will find if you care to investigate, that these differing systems of religion sprang into existence long after their respective "gods" were dead and buried—if indeed they ever lived. For instance—there was no such a religion as Christianity, when Christ was on the earth. It was unknown. It sprang into existence far later, and still we have it with us. It's not very potent today, however, for, in the first place, men and women are not believing the story; and in the second place, when they force themselves to believe it (if possible) they find that its claims cannot be borne out and its precepts do not work. So they are discarding it.

I think, perhaps, it may be wise here to just submit a few facts regarding the infancy and birth of this Galilean carpenter to make my point. For quite often some "dignitary of the church" attempts to take me to task for my stand on religion, as Billy Sunday once did. They don't get very far with me, however, but they might with someone less familiar with church history than I am. I shall just call passing attention to a few pertinent facts which will stop any argument not based on "faith" and then we shall get down to the real significance

of this man—for there is a marvelous significance to him to be sure. The message he came to preach went a thousand miles over the heads of the religionists of his day, and for that matter is still a thousand miles over the heads of the orthodox religionists of today. We shall look into that later in the Lesson though.

The first thing I want to call your attention to is the fact that the time and the place of his birth were never historically known. The time is placed anywhere inside of 15 years, and is credited to almost every day of that 15 years. If it be a fact that he was a one-third of the Master-Intelligence overruling this great creation, then it certainly would be known just where, when, in what year, in what month, in what week, and on what day he was born. History knows nothing about that—either church or profane history. Again, another mighty significant fact is that practically all of the rest of the world's "crucified saviors" were born on December the 25th. Moreover, most of them were saved from destruction in infancy. Their births were all miraculously foretold, and in many cases the "sun became dark," etc.

Astronomy gives us no record of these happenings in the stellar regions but religious tradition has much to say about it, and every "supernaturally-born" "god" the world has ever had, was born under circumstances similar to those under which Christ was born. Therefore, if Christ were a "god," so were the rest of them. All the old Grecian "gods" could do what is claimed for Christ, even to raising the dead and walking on the water. Their mothers were usually "holy virgins" and Plato's mother was conceived by god. Pythagorus was a spirit in heaven before he was born on earth, and his birth was miraculously foretold. He, like Christ, restored sight to the blind. He cast out devils. He walked on the sea. He healed all manner of diseases and handled poisonous snakes with impunity. He read the thoughts of others and discerned them. He could foretell the future and do thousands of other wonderful things. To be precise here, let me say to you that there is nothing that can be said in favor of Christ's miraculous birth and resurrection that cannot also be said in favor of a dozen other world's saviors.

Not only is there no record whatsoever in history of such a character, but neither has there ever been of many of the other "gods" that have blessed (or cursed) this world. As a matter of fact, there is far more evidence that Platolived than there is that Christ lived. However—I am not questioning his birth at all, for history gives us enough indirect evidence that a person called Jesus Christ probably lived on earth. Where I differ with "supernaturally revealed" religion is on the point of his "immaculate birth," his "resurrection" and other impossible things attributed to him. Those who gave us these pagan yarns little knew the harm they were doing to humanity when they gave them. For, if the Bible story of this man Jesus is true—then it very effectively removes him from us. If he had a miraculous birth, and if he were the supreme "god" in human form, then you and I, being but mortals, cannot ever hope to duplicate the life he lived.

He was "god" and you and I are human beings, born in exactly the same manner as the rest of the human race. But—if Jesus Christ were only a man, THEN IT PLACES HIM IMMEDIATELY WITHIN OUR REACH AND YOU AND I CAN ALSO DO THE THINGS HE DID THROUGH THE SAME POWER HE USED. There can be no question about that. I shall not touch here the things he did and the things attributed to him that he did not do. The point I want to make is that if he were God, then by no means can you or I

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ever attain the heights to which he is supposed to have attained—unless, of course, we are all gods. There is a lot of truth in that statement, for I believe we are of the same identical physical and mental structure that Jesus was. If he was a "god"—so are you. We shall not halt long here, for I want to draw in this Lesson the picture of this Galilean carpenter as I believe it to exist, and by the way, thinkers the world over are very rapidly coming to this viewpoint of this "man" Jesus Christ.

The personality of Jesus Christ is a very interesting one, and also one which is very revolutionary too. To me, this man Jesus is about the sweetest character that has ever lived. The pages of history have been graced by many unusual and sweet characters, and it is really a pity that history's pages are absolutely silent on this man Jesus. In church histories, of course, there is to be found much reference to him. In fact they are builded around him. But I am here talking about authentic recognized histories of that land and age. This message of history is completely and absolutely silent regarding this man who was "god"—as the church would have us believe. Personally, I believe he lived, and from that premise I shall write from now on. Many years I spent studying that character, and many, many hours have I spent just quietly reading of him. I have realized, of course, that the writings concerning him, viz:—the four gospels are absolutely anonymous writings. No one knows who wrote them, or has there ever been known to exist a single original manuscript covering this story of this carpenter of Galilee.

In my studies of him and in this present writing about him, I shall ask you to remember that I am writing about him as I have pictured him, and even though there is nothing much authentic about him to be discovered. I might do the same thing about Confucius or Chrishna, and, incidentally, one might do far worse than make the philosophy of Confucius his philosophy of life. There are to be found some of the most profound spiritual truths in the teachings of Confucius, as in fact there are also to be found many spiritual truths in every system of so-called "supernatural" religion. This but proves the truth of my contention that the God-Law operates outside of all varying creeds and denominations, and probably in spite of a good many of them.

However, believe it or not, I have learned to love this Galilean character. If I am wrong, and if the future should prove that he was God, then no harm will have been done for, I repeat, I have learned to love that man. Not on account of his presumed godship, but on account of his natural understanding of the spiritual God-Law. With all his strength of character there is intermingled a sweetness almost inexplicable. You must believe me when I say to you now that my intensely human and faltering heart thrills a little bit at the prospect of writing a Lesson on this master of spiritual things. He was a master—make no mistake about that. What a pity it is that well-meaning but uneducated religionists and religious promoters attempted to spoil this wonderful character by trying to make him "divine." In so doing, they robbed mankind of a possibility that has never had offered to it since.

When one begins to know this man, there invariably starts a friendship that lasts through time—and perhaps eternity. So I may confess to you that this much misunderstood carpenter man and myself have become pals as it were. I learned a lot of spiritual truths from that man. Sometimes in the stress of a busy life, I weaken just a little—or rather, I feel that perhaps I might weaken. In such moments as those, however, I remember his superb strength in the face of all

obstacles, and, revivified with the power this man of Galilee knew so well, the weakness is always turned into overwhelming strength, and once more am I vindicated in my claim that the greatest power in this world today is the Power of the Living God-Law. If it should be that this life does not end it all, and, if it should further be proved that we live again "on the other side," then that fact will be to me the very sweetest fact I know. The friendship I have formed with my carpenter pal will then be carried over yonder, and the day will come in which I shall see that face of ineffable sweetness.

Beloved—there is one enemy yet to be destroyed, and that enemy is death. This last lone enemy WILL BE DESTROYED just as soon as the truth of the Living God-Spirit is made known. It will not be through any "judgment bar" or anything on that order, but it will be through a full knowledge here and now of the mighty Power my friend the Galilean carpenter knew and used. The friendship I have formed here for this man will be a different sort of friendship when this last enemy of man is destroyed—I can say that to you with assurance. THAT friendship will continue throughout the myriads of ages when there shall be no more time, and when you and I are once more restored through understanding of the present God-Law to that state of existence we had away back yonder prior to the time the first "DOUBT" of God entered the picture. What a pity that it ever did enter—but it did—and you and I have discovered to our sorrow that it did not pay to doubt the spoken word of that mighty Life Spirit or God; had those two back yonder known what the awful consequences would have been, as you and I know what they are, they would have thought a second time before believing any outside "suggester," as they did. It is just as disastrous to doubt that same Life Spirit now as it was then, and I trust that before this Course is finished, my students will have learned the utter foolishness of ever again doubting this great Presence, which Power is so unmistakable, right here and now.

But the lesson had to be learned, and so it is that you and I were plunged, through the act of another, into a world as different as night and day, from the first creation of it.

However, in passing, may I say to my students that they may depend upon it that at the right time, and in the right manner, that state of existence will be restored once more. It may be that a far more radiant state of existence than that was will be manifested. "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither HATH IT ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS THAT THIS MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT HATH PREPARED FOR THOSE THAT LOVE—OR KNOW IT—FOR TO KNOW IT IS TO LOVE IT."

People sometimes ask me if I believe that we shall know each other in "heaven." You will never be in "heaven" as it is generally understood today, my friend. The heaven that God created is the entire space outside of this earth. The stars are in heaven, the planets are in heaven, and in the sense that God is everywhere, then It is in heaven—but in no other sense. It is not in some place where there is any physical existence of any sort. Neither is It preparing a place for us if, by that, we mean any residence for us as we are manifesting here—in the flesh.

What the future may bring forth we do not know; but you may be sure that when the fullness of the spiritual power of the mighty Life Spirit is fully known, there will be naught of so-called "sin" in the world—naught of poverty—naught of suffering—naught of disease—but there will be a perfection of which the world today knows nothing. The ideals of Confucius will never bring this

to pass. Nor will the ideals of Chrishna, Vishnu, Christ, or any other PERSON-ALITY. There are almost as many different interpretations put on his teachings as there are ministers. What will bring this about will be the actual knowledge and presence of the POWER OF THE LIVING SPIRIT HERE AND NOW. Ideals cannot do it. If they could this old world would have been straightened out a long time ago; but it's far from being straightened out at the present time, I can tell you.

True it is, that I believe the whole universe is on the verge of the greatest spiritual upheaval and demonstration it has ever witnessed, but today it is in its dark period just before the dawn. I should not be in the slightest degree surprised to see mankind bathed in blood such as never before. I hope not. I trust I am wrong. But there is abroad in the world a spirit or rather a disregard for the Spirit of the Living Creative God-Law, and this is becoming quite pronounced. Men and women are not quite ready yet to accept the Spirit of Truth. They will be some day—and soon I hope—but they are NOT there yet.

Those of us, however, who are trying to know something of this mighty spiritual God-Law, KNOW, and we KNOW FULL WELL that the Life Spirit of God exists here and now, and is gloriously more than sufficient for our every need no matter what that need may be. It remains still for the world at large to know the existence of this Power, and I am today the happiest man alive on account of the part I am playing in sending all around the civilized world, the mighty truths of God. I can tell you that it's a responsibility, but it is a joy. I receive criticism and much of it. That is only natural as is always the case when one begins to upset ancient traditions and religious doctrines. It makes no difference whether the new Truth overshadows them with Power or not, the hard-shelled religionists do not want it.

A few years ago, I heard of a preacher in Portland, Oregon, who made the statement from the pulpit that there was no question at all that the scientists and psychologists knew far more of God than the church knows, but, said he, "We have built this church organization ourselves. It is exactly as we want it, AND WE WILL NOT CHANGE IT EVEN THOUGH THE OTHER FELLOW HAS MORE OF THE TRUTHS OF GOD THAN WE HAVE." It is mighty easy to find the reason this brother is preaching, is it not? But to come back to the carpenter of Galilee, my true friend, the friend who would love me were he on the earth, and the friend I love even though I have never seen him. Had it not been for the spiritual insight into the God-Realm which he had, things might have been different in my life.

Was it not he who first preached the message of the ACTUAL LIVING PRESENCE OF THIS MIGHTY GOD-POWER? Was it not he who first brought the story to this earth? And was it not that same story, and that story alone, which made it possible for me to know the actual presence, the living, marvelous presence, of this mighty GOD-LAW about which we are here learning. None other was qualified to make such a revelation as he was—and had not that revelation been made, I should never have been able to learn the way. Neither would you for that matter—or anyone else.

As I look back this evening over the years, to the time when that boyhood heart of mine was touched by the story of his rejection, I wonder, had I known then the roughness of the trail ahead of me, whether I should have attempted to tread it or not. Had I known the sharp, jagged edges against which I would tear myself—had I known the loneliness of the nights spent in wrestling with

God—had I known the almost impenetrable blackness which was to confront me for years—had I known all this—I very much question whether or not I should have gone on or thrown up the sponge, and denied the very existence of God.

You may depend upon one fact, however, and that is this: The man through whom God chooses to make a revelation to this earth, will be a man who is WILLING TO BELIEVE AND TRUST EVEN THOUGH HE GO TO HIS DEATH DOING SO. Through no other sort of a man CAN any revelation from God ever come. History has proved that, time and time again. Had it not been for that carpenter pal of mine—I should never have been able to have come

through at all.

But he charmed me—he drew me—his story rang true. It made no difference to me if the church crucified him, I believed both in him and in the remarkable story he came to tell—and—as is always in the Realm of God—THE BELIEF ITSELF WAS THE ANSWER. I wish I could put that more plainly—but I cannot. It is an immutable Law of the Living God Itself; in fact it is the God-Law that, ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU, and, being absolutely, unalterably immutable in essence, THE BELIEVING PRAYER, OR DESIRE (for prayer is only another name for desire) you may believe me when I say to you, that IT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DESIRE OR PRAY FOR ANYTHING WITHOUT RECEIVING IT FROM THE LIVING GOD-LAW—IF YOU BELIEVE IN ITS PRESENCE.

I very much question if there are fifteen ministers in the entire world who actually believe the truths as Jesus taught them and spake them. By truths I mean the words he said, as he said them, and without any other interpretation on them, other than what he put on them. I doubt very much if there is a single, solitary minister in the entire universe who is willing to take the words of Christ literally—exactly as he spake them—and risk either his neck or his job upon these words.

So it is that I have come to love this man of Galilee—far better than I love my life. The very exercises I am prescribing for you, and asking you to follow, are the selfsame exercises that have brought to me what little faith in God I have. In the final summing up, had I been able to literally believe the words of this carpenter friend of mine long ago, I would have done so. In a sort of mental, hazy way I believed that he was the "son of God," but as far as actually receiving anything from him goes—well—I just couldn't do it. It wasn't in me. I believed that it WAS possible to rely absolutely on this God, but how to do it I knew not. Little did I suspect that this dynamic Power was all around me, a mighty, immutable, unchangeable Law, operating for my benefit, and charged and supercharged with power that could be contacted by me. I know it now, however, and am passing the knowledge I have obtained on to you.

I shall not hold out to you any false hopes that overnight you will be able to come into a full realization of the actual presence of the Living God, although that is perfectly possible, and, had you the faith necessary, you could do that very thing. But the chances are that you will have to grow slowly—as I did. Have you ever seen a beautiful lily blooming on the hillside? Sure you have. Well, one of the Bible writers called attention to that lily, and asked us to consider

how it grew.

Shall I tell you how it grows?—Well, it grows by JUST STAYING THERE AND MAKING NO EFFORT—at least, no physical effort to grow—THAT'S ALL. It is quietly absorbing moisture and food from the earth, and, as it absorbs,

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THE GROWTH TAKES CARE OF ITSELF. IF IT MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO GROW IT WOULD SPOIL ITSELF. So it will be with you. The truth about the Living God will GRADUALLY unfold itself to you, and when once it unfolds, you will never lose it. Remember this—the more anxious you are to know the Power of this mighty Life Spirit, the faster will it unfold itself to you. Soon you will come to the place where you will not need me or anyone else to show you the way. IT WILL UNFOLD ITSELF AUTOMATICALLY FROM THE LIVING GOD ITSELF. Then you shall be perfect master over all your material surroundings, you will know how to supply your every need, and your progress from then on will be in your own hands. All I can do is to show you the way to begin, to show you how to actually get in touch with this great Living God of ours. How far you will go with God is in your own hands.

The exercises given to you are to train you to do that very thing. We have been steeped in unbelief and superstition so long that our very nature has become impregnated with it. In this day and age we cannot mention God without putting on a long face, or shrinking into the background. God's name ought to be the most talked of thing in the world, but it isn't. The mighty Living Life Spirit ought to be on every tongue—but it isn't. Only on Wednesday night and on Sunday is it proper to talk about God. Then we let one man do all the talking, pay him for

doing it, and all he gives us is pagan superstition and dark-age beliefs.

Now mark me well, please—the only way to get that unbelief and superstition out, is to PRACTICE ACTUAL EXERCISES IN FAITH AND BE-LIEF. For instance, if I can make you believe that your affirmation concerning the power of the Living God is true, then, step by step, can I make you believe in

the ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF.

You may see now why I am so insistent that you constantly repeat the statements and affirmations. If I can make you believe in the "power" of this great Living Spirit, then I can make you believe IN THE GREAT SPIRIT ITSELF. Don't you see? I am doing, in these exercises and in this Course of study, by scientific means what the religious leaders of the country have vainly attempted to do by just simply telling you, or asking you, to "believe." That method is wrong. We have had it preached to us so long now, that a great majority of those preaching it do not believe it themselves.

Now, if I can, step by step, intelligently show you who and what this wonderful Living God actually is, and, if I can, step by step, give you exercises that I, myself, have actually proved will manifest the actual presence and power of this great Living God in your everyday life—then I have accomplished what the "church" has utterly failed to accomplish. I have brought into being by intelligent interpretation and understanding of facts, as revealed, not only to me but to the entire race, if they chose to believe them, FAITH IN THE LIVING GOD.

The end more than justifies the means. I have made the statement once to you that blind belief is unscientific. To ask a man to believe something that his intelligence cannot grasp is to ask that man to do the impossible. I speak now as a

psychologist.

The trouble with religion today is, that it has taken the plain, unvarnished facts of God as Jesus spake them, as they exist, and as they have ever existed, and has clothed them in superstition to such an extent that Christ himself or

God Itself could never recognize them.

Thank God though, a remnant has remained, which remnant was unwilling to continue the sham of "churchism." These folks made up their minds to KNOW the truth of the God of the universe—or else explode the whole theory. What

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did we find? Well, we found that there is in existence a Living Spirit, which can and will, in the moment we can trust it to the full, supply our every need here and now on this earth. It makes no difference what we may need. It makes no difference what the trouble may be, whether lack of health, lack of happiness or lack of success—THE LIVING GOD-LAW CAN SUPPLY IT AND CAN SUPPLY IT HERE AND NOW. This man Jesus knew the secret of it all. Through this spiritual God-Law as he knew and used it, seeming miracles were done. But they were not miracles at all. They were perfectly natural things for him to do. What was thought to be "supernatural" law is but divinely "natural"

law. That is the lesson the world has yet to learn. It made no difference to this carpenter man what was needed—the spiritual God-Law supplied the need. Shall I tell you the secret of the Power of the lonely Nazarene? Listen for a moment, and digest it well-it will open up to you like a rose when you see it. This Nazarene KNEW THE EXISTENCE OF THE MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT I AM TALKING TO YOU ABOUT—AND HE KNEW HOW TO KEEP HIMSELF IN TUNE WITH THIS MIGHTY LAW. And so may you. For I shall tell you a little secret now: IT IS PERFECT HARMONY WITH THE GOD-LAW THAT BRINGS COMPLETE VIC-TORY OVER EVERY MATERIAL CIRCUMSTANCE. The existence of the great cosmic world filled with its cosmic energy or ray, is an established fact. It is also an established fact that your thoughts are THINGS. It is also well known to you now that your THOUGHTS are a PART OF THE GREAT SPIRITUAL COSMIC REALM. I have been very careful to explain to you how this thought realm of yours was part of the great cosmic consciousness or energy. I have told you to continually and without lapse, direct your desires right straight into this Realm of cosmic or God-energy.

You have done carefully the things I have asked you to do, and, judging by the letters I daily receive, the great proportion of my students have found that this great cosmic or God-Consciousness really exists and really does the things needed to be done. And may I say to you that the more of the cosmic consciousness you absorb—the more spiritual and happier you will become. Your work from now on is but to keep yourself in HARMONY WITH THE GREAT COSMIC GOD-LAW OR REALM AS IT EXISTS. THIS IS TO BE DONE BY UTTER RELAXATION AT NIGHT, AND BY A CONSTANT RECOGNITION OF THE POWER OF THIS COSMIC GOD-REALM BY YOU. I think you will be able to see now the reasonableness of my hypothesis, and now I want you to go quite a little further in your simple, but dynamic exercises. I want you to practice being very quiet, and TUNING YOURSELF TO THE GREAT COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS. You can do this through the channel of your

thoughts.

At night, just say from a thankful heart, the affirmation I gave you in the last Lesson: "I THANK THEE FATHER THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME." Then stay quiet for a long time, or until you go to sleep, KEEPING YOUR THOUGHTS FAR OUT YONDER IN THE REALM OF THE GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS. LET THE INVISIBLE EMANATIONS FROM THIS REALM FLOW THROUGH AND THROUGH YOU, AND REALIZE AT ALL TIMES THAT YOU ARE NOW USING THE VERY CREATIVE POWER OF THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS IN YOUR OWN LIFE. If you place a piece of steel against a magnet, and rub the two together, after a few rubs the piece of unmagnetized steel will become magnetized. When you place yourself up against the God-Consciousness, you absorb the power of the

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great God-Law, and your life will be transformed from then on. The religious people would have us get down on our knees and "pray" to some mystical creature in heaven called "god," and then, only "if it be his sweet will" in his own good time, they will receive the petitions. But they never do. How much better is it to know that God is a real living spiritual power, CAPABLE OF CHARGING OTHERS WITH THAT POWER. How much better is it than "praying," to actually place yourself in vital living contact with the all-creative Living Life

Spirit here and now. It is an old saying and incidentally a well-known fact that as one's thoughts are, so is one. This is especially true in the God-Realm. When once you begin to realize the fact that God is a living reality to you, and a living Law, CAPABLE OF FULFILLING YOUR EVERY NEED, then what a power there is for you to use. Why my friend—all the God-Power of the whole creation lies in your hands, and the closer you get to it and keep to it, the more powerful will you be. You can see that. You know this power exists. You know it exists for you. All right—then from now on, ABSORB OR TAKE FROM THE GOD-REALM THE POWER IT SO FREELY OFFERS YOU. IN YOUR BUSINESS, OR IN YOUR HOME, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHICH, USE THE MIGHTY POWER OF THIS MIGHTY GOD-LAW MOMENT BY MOMENT. I ask you to so saturate yourself with it that it will bubble out of you and everything you touch will be a success. Is there disharmony in your home? There will not be if you are filled with the spirit of the God-Law. Is there failure in business? There will not be when you become so filled with the wisdom and business acumen of the God-Law that failure cannot manifest at all.

Send your thoughts into the great cosmic realm, draw from that realm the things of God that you need, or the material things for that matter, and, when you have isolated yourself and your thought of God, or to this great cosmic God-Consciousness, THE THINGS YOU NEED TO MANIFEST WILL MANIFEST. Perhaps not tomorrow, BUT THEY WILL MANIFEST, AND THE THINGS NEEDED TO BE DONE TO BRING THAT MANIFESTATION WILL COME TO YOU. I think you can see this, so until you receive your next Lesson do as I ask you to. Get so close to this God-Realm and keep so close to It that you become full of Its power. This is the way in which Jesus obtained his power. You will remember that he loved to be alone either on the mountainside or by the sea. I can tell you what his thoughts were on these occasions. They were thoughts of the power of what he called "his father." This was only another way of saying the power of God. This is but another way of saying the great cosmic Creative Intelligence behind the universe.

POINTS TO REMEMBER IN THIS LESSON

- 1. Jesus obtained his power from close communion with the great Life Spirit of the universe.
- 2. He learned the secret of being alone with God, or with the great God-Consciousness of the universe.
- 3. You may have the very same power that Jesus had when you become so close to this cosmic power that you become like it.
 - 4. Let your evening exercises and your waking exercises be designed to rest

quietly, and let the God-Consciousness thrill you and flow through you to the very full. If you should experience strange vibrations—write and let me know immediately. Many students will experience them, and many will not. If you do, however, I want to know of it at once. Also, if you see different colors before your vision when you are contacting the Spiritual Realm, I want to know that also.

EXAMINATION QUESTIONS FOR LESSON NO. 13.

These examination questions are for your benefit and you should know the answers to them. If they are not clear to you, read your Lesson again and again until they are clear.

- 1. From what standpoint is the character of Jesus considered in this Lesson?
- 2. How can this standpoint be justified?
- 3. Mention some of the facts that throw doubt upon the Bible story of the miraculous birth of Jesus.
 - 4. If the Bible story were true, humanity would be the sufferer. Why?
- 5. What answer is given to the inquiry, "Shall we know each other in heaven?"
- 6. If just one condition be fulfilled, it will be utterly impossible for you to desire anything without receiving it from the Living God-Law.
- 7. How will you be enabled to come into a full realization of the actual presence of the Living God?
 - 8. In what way can you get rid of unbelief and superstition?
 - 9. What is it that brings complete victory over every material circumstance?

or the west cosmic Creative Intelligence bearing the universe

- 10. By what means are you enabled to keep yourself in harmony with the great cosmic God-Realm?
 - 11. What instructions are given you for night-time?
 - 12. How did Jesus obtain his wonderful power?

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