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YOU

ARE REALLY

ON THE PATH - - - -

Yes, you are really on the path because you have taken the opportunity to spread the knowledge of Truth to others. By your gracious gift we are able to start someone else on their way!

This Truth we speak of is so simple that it is hard to believe that it works the miracles of healing, prosperity and success wherever it is practiced. When we realize the power that is within us (has always been within us; yet only performs these great deeds when recognized) our whole life becomes a glorious journey.

We need never leave our own hearth to enjoy this "vacation with pay", this trip on the pathway of life. Each morning when we arise we say "This is the day that the Lord hath made - - I will rejoice and be glad in it". Our eyes seem to be open for the first time to the wonders and glories of nature. In spring the grass is greener and the flowers are prettier. In summer the breezes are cooler and the sky is bluer. In winter the sun is warmer and the fireside cozier. Ah - - - You see, we almost wax poetic. Aren't you glad you came along with us? By your contribution another friend has also joined us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends:

So many interesting letters come to us here at the office that we often wish we could share with you the love and praise that fills these letters. They tell of lives made over, happiness restored, a new insight to the reality of man, and we do share this with you in our universal consciousness.

But, in all fairness, we must tell you that once in a great while someone drops out because they are not willing to meet the requirements of spirit. Such a one is looking for a magic formula that can be used to get, with never a thought of the giving of the self to God. This is the first step really, to seek the Truth with the whole heart and in this attitude we really find the Secret.

A caller in the office recently told of having taken many fine courses that seemed to lead him right up to the door of something wonderful, but did not take him in, but that in this course he was finding that truly "I Am the Door" as Jesus said, and he, the caller, had been able to enter in.

My friends, we would take you through that door if we could, but God in His Wisdom requires each to go through alone. This keeps man's holy place inviolable and is actually that which gives man his self-identity in free will. Isn't it wonderful to contemplate?

We recall that in Jesus' day many turned away because they could not bear to hear what He had to say. Read in the Sixth Chapter of John beginning with verse 66, and let us turn to Him who hath the words of eternal life and rededicate ourselves to His way of Life, for nothing else really matters.

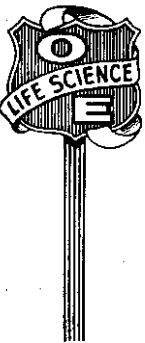
Sincerely and lovingly,

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Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

"MAKE CHANNELS FOR THE STREAMS OF LOVE,
WHERE THEY MAY BROADLY RUN
AND LOVE HAS OVERFLOWING STREAMS
TO FILL THEM EVERYONE."

"FOR WE MUST SHARE IF WE WOULD KEEP
THAT BLESSING FROM ABOVE:
CEASING TO GIVE, WE CEASE TO HAVE -
SUCH IS THE LAW OF LOVE."

Annie Rix Militz.

THE BODY OF LIGHT

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. All things were made through Him and without Him was not anything made that hath been made." John 1: 4-9-10.

By reading such mystical passages as the above, one's attention is called to the fact that God is the light back of this life, without which there would be no light. He was the light and man is the light. God is life, and God is love, so as in mathematics, love is life and life is love, and God is all, for things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. The sun may send its radiance to the far corners of the earth but behind the radiance is the heat that brings forth life. There is also the warmth of love in man or he could not radiate. There is life within life, there are forms passive and active. There is no inanimate because all is moving. Everything we touch is alive, and everything we partake of is filled with life, the embodiment of God.

We burn coal, back of which is vegetation and verdure, but further back the sun gave it substance, and back of the sun is God, so we are warmed by God in the winter time when we burn coal. We partake of coal heat which center drew life from God, so we are really warmed by the love of God. This same Divine Love surrounds us at all times and is also in the food we eat - for it is life in another form. So every time we eat we partake of the love and life of good, which is sometimes called the providence of God.

Every meal is a sacrament and we can see that we are really partaking of the Lord's supper and our food becomes a Holy thing. We learn that the saying of grace or blessing at the dinner table is much more than a gesture, it is our acknowledgment of the truth concerning our food. The food represents the substance of Spirit. The stomach is so complex it could be called a kitchen with many cooks, for the food we take in is presided over by the infinite intelligence which divides it into many parts, sending it into many avenues of transportation, various nutriments to various parts. The subtle food can pass to the brain from the mouth, but most of it goes through the stomach and the body is kept alive and strong.

We stoke a furnace with coal to furnish force and power to the machinery, without which the machine could not work. In the same manner we stoke the engine of being and we move because of the food we eat. The study of diatetics is good. The Lord provides, but we must keep our eye on the Divine if we would have discrimination and wisdom of selection in order not to tax our machinery. Go direct to that which is usable, but, "take no anxious thought what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, is not the life more than the food?" Matt. 6:25.

As man progresses in Truth, there is no question of stomach trouble, for wisdom comes from looking to the heights where we feed on wisdom's way and do not overwork the chef nor clog the machinery of

Being. Consider the food and its source and we find that it is air, sunshine and water put together. Every vegetable is a crystalization of the three, which is of God who is back of the air and sunshine. We partake of the food of God in the simple and the complex, and it is taken up by the mystic bloodstream that flows through this marvelous mechanism, transporting it to the various stations. These stations appropriate those things that tend to feed the hungry parts, the substance by which they are maintained, sustained and reproduced.

Truly the body is the temple of God and everything has its source in God. "Take, eat, this is my body", says Jesus. The Divine is forever going out and returning to itself in a continuous stream of life, for God is all and in all and there is none else. Knowing this, we will not again think of our bodies in terms of separation. We take from food the life that is within life and all life is the activity of One Life. As we trace a river to its source and find it in a hill, so we trace our life stream to its source - God. All life is one life, but the essence of life is love, for God is love. Until such time as we are able to partake of life direct from God, we as yet live the life of the planet and take life indirectly. If we were in an Absolute state of being we would be lifted above the necessity that we now feel for consuming food. We see as in a mirror, darkly as yet, but when we awake in His Likeness, we shall be as He is. "The light shineth in the darkness and the darkness apprehended it not." Jno. 1:5

As we raise our consciousness the appetite changes and we partake of different food, because the organs of the body do not require coarse food, but a finer form of earth's products. "The earth is the Lords and the fulness thereof." 1 Cor. 10::26. There is food for every state of consciousness, but those of lesser development are just as precious as a saint. A dyspeptic saint has not realized the love of God and where it is located. He has not known God or His love manifest. The food is the substance of God and life is sustained by the Lord of life. We are expressions of Divine nature and sustained by it indirectly. We do not work for a living, for life is, we work that life may be expressed by means of man, in other words, we "live a making" in place of "make a living".

Everything we do and eat is of God, Divine, nature crystalized, that we may use it in our present state as we move on the path of life from sense to spirit. In a way, we are incarnating Divine nature, refining and purifying the body as we become aware of spirit. The Body becomes lighter in weight and substance and more luminous, radiant with the light of life and love. So we learn to acknowledge in all our eating the Presence of Divine love. Back of the sun is the life on which it lives, draws its power and radiates it to us, for our planet was also brought in by the same power, energy and force. We are eating the planet, the rocks, the rivers and the sea. We live on the planet and it is the manifestation of divine, refined forms, for back of it all is God, so - in Him, we live, move and have being in every sense of the word. He is the light of our light and the strength of our strength.

The brain, the instrument through which thought can play, is built of fine substance. Jesus said that He told us what He heard the Father say. When we realize that all good is Divine in source, our system will respond and we will in time know Divine Will. Jesus said we would be told when we could bear to hear it. The inventors have a light that the ordinary person cannot bear, but it is withheld from them through mercy and wisdom, because their life has not been lifted sufficiently to bear it. There are sounds and music to hear that we are not able to register. There are sights we cannot see, for we cannot bear them now.

It has long since been proven and demonstrated before the National Academy of Sciences that light is locked up inside the brain and was made to shine visibly in a dark room. Such light or radiant energy is given off by all body cells after being absorbed from sunlight. The sun thus shines again in the protoplasm of the body. When various kinds of materials, such as alcohol, poisons, drugs, etc. are put in the brain they effect the kind of light that the brain material gives off.

But as we make acknowledgment of One Being, we find ourselves lifted, as John on Patmos was, otherwise we would be hurt. There are those who are not even hurt of the second death. A dog will howl when certain music is played, because it hurts his ears, since his vehicle of expression is not yet tuned to the use of it. As we make acknowledgment and see the Allness of God, we grow in grace, for - "of His fullness we all received, and grace for grace". (Jno. 14) Not many have known that they were eating Divine Substance in food, but have said "Grace" at the table without an inner perception. But we trace back and see that all is a manifestation of the love of God, and as we see this, we become instruments of higher and finer work and as ministering spirits we help to lift the race. As we partake of food, we partake in joy, and joy aids the digestion. Even ordinary men have discovered this much. Are the children of this world wiser than children of the light? Then let us partake of our food in joy, and joy shall be our strength.

The nature hungers and thirsts for righteousness rather than food and according to the statement of Jesus Christ, such a man "shall be fed or filled". (Matt. 5:6) Enormous eaters are never satisfied because they lack the knowledge that spiritual food is locked in the outer shell of other food. It is possible to transcend paths of indirection and take of the food that Jesus mentioned when He said that He had meat to eat that the others knew not of. Jesus also said: "I am the bread of life." When we become accustomed to the bread within the bread, we will draw the direct bread from heaven and partake of the food we know not of at this time. We will take out that which a coarser man does not get, for he only lives as the animals. As a man's consciousness is raised he becomes an instrument for finer forces and becomes the recipient of the bread of Heaven direct.

Breath is sometimes translated bread, so in the root meaning they are one through which we breathe and touch the direct life principle,

drawing by induction from space, Divine Power, the Great Breath, Holy Breath, Divine Essence. Love translates bread into light and we become luminous because we are fed on the bread of heaven life. We are living souls radiant with the light of God, behind which is life. Behind the sun is warmth, and the sun feeds the other planets with itself. As we awake in spirit we will be charged with Spirit, which will illumine the mind, quicken the intellect, raise all functions to higher degrees, and we become living souls, shining lights.

Let us remember the power to heal is an outer expression of an inward grace, the radiation of Divine love in you, so do not work to gain healing power, but see yourself as God sees you, a radiant being of light and life. We need to return often to the Source as the Master did, in prayer, else we cannot shine with spirit. We will even look different, remember that when Moses became light and went down to the people they could not look at him because he had partaken of the Divine nature on the mount. If we would do good among people, we all must repair alone and partake of the substance of Deity. It is not selfish to recharge ourselves that we may minister to those who need, and that we may light the candle in others. We must have our own light burning if we would put others in contact with the source of their life. Remember that everything we do is a sacrament, for we are one with the source of life, with its strength, life and power. Our daily meals are the supper of the Lord. There is One Mind, One Being, God, who is all and beside Him there is none else. As Christ is formed in us, we will be more luminous with the activity of God. His word is a lamp unto our feet, but a lamp gives no light when the current is shut off, so we keep His words that our light may shine.

We cultivate our oneness with the Supreme that we may light the path and cause others to awaken to whom, what and where they are, brushing away all ignorance that they may be new creatures set again on their feet. God made us upright, but many are bent over. These we raise and they move on a path of light, that shines more and more to a perfect day.

Light is love. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." In you is life that shall be the light of men.

* * * * THOUGHT GEMS * * * *

"The hearing of God's Word requires complete self-surrender. He who hears and that which is heard are identical constituents of the Eternal Word. The Eternal Father teaches that we are to be identical with Him."
Meister Eckhart

"If anyone owned the whole world and gave it up as freely as he received it, God would give it back to him and eternal life to boot."
Meister Eckhart

"The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."
Proverbs 4:18

"Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."
1 Cor. 10:31