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Dear Friends:

You will notice that the front page of this instruction is one version of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, which reminds us to suggest that you read Henry Drummond's famous essay on Love, "The Greatest Thing in the World". In our Christian training we have all been taught by Jesus. Christ that love fulfills all things, but which one of us has the kind of love that He is talking about?

We can easily spend a short period of time every day letting Divine love fill our whole consciousness that it might show forth in all our ways. No one has ever had too much love. We find in our healing ministry that all some people long for and need is just to be assured that some one loves them. People feel unloved and lonely, so let us be so full of it that people will feel it every time they come into our atmosphere.

You who are studying with us have read that we are all one in Divine Mind, and that gives you a broader understanding of the admonition to "love thy neighbor as thyself". Let us think about this seriously in connection with this instruction, and we will all feel closer together than ever before, for we are all one family under heaven, and we all have the same name for we all have the same Father-Mother God.

We send you a blessing of love in recognition of your faithfulness and co-operation, and may the peace of Jesus Christ abide with you.

Lovingly,

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

LOVE

IS VERY PATIENT,
VERY KIND,
KNOWS NO JEALOUSY,
MAKES NO PARADE,
GIVES ITSELF NO AIRS,
IS NEVER RUDE,
NEVER SELFISH,
NEVER IRRITATED,
NEVER RESENTFUL,
IS NEVER GLAD WHEN OTHERS
GO WRONG,
IS GLADDENED BY GOODNESS,
ALWAYS SLOW TO EXPOSE,
ALWAYS EAGER TO BELIEVE
THE BEST,
ALWAYS HOPEFUL;
NEVER FAILS.

1 CORINTHIANS 13.
MOFFAT TRANSLATION

HEIGHTS OF AFFIRMATIONS

The Truth teaches that you may take any position you like and hold to it until it makes your life demonstrate it. It is not necessary to change your affirmation. Many illustrations are given showing the significance of this in the line of support. One person said that the principle she took to hold in her mind, was that the yoke of Jesus Christ is easy and His burden is light, which released her supply to her in greater freedom than ever before. The supreme plan is that each shall attend to his own soul. In place of speaking of the salvation of the soul it is better to speak of the exhibition of ones divine nature. The soul does not need saving, but it does need to be made visible in all of its purity, which shows quickly when given the least bit of opportunity. Our steadfast resolve to be on the side of good, will bring good to us. Our health, prosperity and happiness plainly come into visibility.

As we are making statements that contain the substance of all there is, many have found it a good plan to set aside certain times to instruct the mind to touch the mountain peaks of the most noble thoughts. Your own two affirmations which will lift you out of bondage must be spoken by you. If your life is turbulent, speak of peace, if you seem to fail in your undertakings, tell how your God is able to do all things. The purpose in our hearts is what counts the most in our application of these instructions.

Let us reason together concerning the first affirmation, which is: My good is my God. My God is Life, Truth, Love, Substance, Intelligence, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient. Why do we each say "my good"? Because we are each the unit around which our good swings. If we are right, entirely right, in our relation to our good, and we can explain how we secure our good, we are in a position to tell the world how to attain its good.

Consider this much: "My good is my God". Do we understand that every move we make is to get some good for ourselves? We feel deeply that good is for us, so we do our best to get it. It makes the good our governor, therefore it is our God. We can choose whether we make our God the most High Principle Jesus Christ taught, or the incidents and happenings of our every day life. The ancients knew the significance of the law that says "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." Whatever draws us is our God. That is the reason some have arrived at a statement - "I am my own God". They thought it best to be self-governed, than to be governed by appetite for food, for praise, or a search for home or health, or hope for friends.

When you think awhile you will realize that man has always worshipped his idea of God at any given stage of unfoldment. It is perfectly safe to say: "My good is my God", for then it is our privilege to say what our good is, to name it. If we are displeased with our conditions in life, we are not talking of life itself, for we believe life is God, therefore we take a statement touching the free, fine elixir of the universe and say: "Life is good, good is God, thus life is God." Could this be displeasing?

It is natural for the mind to love Truth, but what is the Truth to us? We discern that the old understanding is not in accord with the new, when they taught that God was angry, and that Jesus came to be a scape-goat. Such as this showed a belief in a God that acted like a man. Yet we do not doubt that God is freedom, and that He is the intelligence in all things. If this is true, when it is spoken, it leads on to other truth. We seek absolute truth, which makes our God, Truth. That which we seek governs us, as we have already said.

Jesus Christ said: "I am the Truth, I am the Life." He had come into conscious awareness of universal truth and life. We feel an uplifting strength, when we acknowledge that God is life, and God is truth. This does not come to a man who says that his good is his beer, or his gambling. The face and form show what the thought proclaims as your good. Whatever we have sought after, that was our acknowledged good. Conscious thought according to a high truth, mark the face and form with a new light. Too often we have occupied the mind exclusively on the flesh pots of Egypt, what we shall eat, drink and wear, until the mind is dark. Whereas, if we fill our thinking minds with the subjects we call Divine Principles, we feel the glow from "On High" shining either suddenly or slowly over and through the mind.

As we continue to name our good, sometime we say it is love. We do not mean a love that clutches for friends, food, home, money or animals, nor the hold they have on us; but we mean the free, fine life of delight, that streams with kindness, mercy, gentleness and entrancing beauty, through the universe, and draws with its irresistible kindness all things and all people to feel its love. "I drew them with bonds of love and they knew not that I healed them." Hosea 11:3. We never know the full meaning of love, as long as we seek it outside of ourselves, nor as long as we think there is some power that operates against us. It is nameless to us as long as we believe our good is absent, or while we think we are inferior, that we have loss or that we suffer. The Most High Good is life, truth, love and to name it thus is uplifting. The most high good is higher than any good we have yet realized.

Even beyond our highest words is the love that draws the universe, and keeps all things seeking it, until the mind reaches the great plane of unreality, and strikes it with the all powerful, NO. "Jehovah appeared of old unto me saying: "yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3.

It is the true and eternal substance that woos us with its everlasting love, and to lay hold upon our good is to be satisfied. Then there will never be any feeling that, that which we love and are satisfied with, will leave us or fail us or disappoint us. God is love, love is good. God is eternal, eternal love is Good-God. Let us remember to name our love as eternal. It is by the use of the right word toward all things that they show their real character and do not hide from us. The delight we have felt is only a foretaste of the real love that is the substance of life, which has been hidden only because we thought our good was absent.

Let us reason together concerning the word freedom. The world's great thinkers have discerned that there seems to be a great dark shadow system hiding us from the good we are seeking. If the Good is our eternal God, then this shadow is a mental one only on our part. Then the only word that suits the case is freedom. We are seeking freedom from bondage to our own claims of ignorance and incompetency.

We are released to the degree that we claim our freedom, and we lay hold of some new good each moment. Study the Bible, for freedom Christ set us free, free from the law of sin and of death, but we have not believed it. The Truth makes us free and the Son makes us free, and we are free indeed. As the consciousness rises, you will first notice your freedom from disease. Your disposition will change, and you will soon be more prosperous. The things that use to hurt you have no power. This is the only way to change that is worthy to be called the easy yoke and the light burden, which is promised us.

Some may think we are talking nonsense, because it is not like the worldly ways of doing, but many have stumbled on this process without knowing that it is of the Christ. Others have found they did not have to be sick, so they are never sick. If you find it hard to train your mind, try writing it down, for with application one can attain exactly what they wish, for we are entirely built up and moved by our thoughts as the former lessons have brought out. Sometimes we are not aware of our progress, because we do not make comparisons. What was hard at first becomes so easy and natural that one is apt to think they are not progressing, while all the time you have become the thing itself that you were striving for, just accept it. Let us not enjoy the striving more than the thing we strive for. Recall the lessons on training the subconscious and you will understand how you have become that which you desire with your whole heart.

Our full statement under consideration is: God is life, truth, love, substance, intelligence, omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience. The evil seems present, and the good may seem to fail us easily, but let us study the quality of substance, for Presence which endures is substance. That which we take hold of and keep is the kind of good we would have. God is substance, and as God is good, our good is substance. Our good is substantial presence. This is especially good for people who believe their good is absent. In this word of substance there is no poverty, no loss, no lack, no want in this word, therefore our good is near as substance.

This realization will bring us into the consciousness of universal friends, for nothing is out of the reach of the power of these statements, and they bear fruit like any seed does. Do not judge by others, for no one knows the place in consciousness of the other. Light can come in the twinkling of an eye, and it does, when we are ready. Some are quicker at one thing than another, and all is easier if we continually praise God that the way of the spirit is easy and successful through us. You can say, "I will to do that which ought to be done by me." There is a self supporting power in the Holy Spirit,

which, unhindered leads straight to your substantial support. People may say you are lucky, fortunate, or born rich, but it is the fruit of your highway as you have thought on a high plane of provision. Many openly say they do not ask for much nor do they want much, and they are in financial straits most of the time and they don't like it. But can you see that by their statements they have created such a condition? Let us ask this: "What do I believe my God does?"

Support is substance. Skill in action is substance, for it brings it to birth. Consider what we mean by the term 'skilled labor'. In Papini's "Life of Christ", he speaks of the fact that the trade Jesus followed was one of the four oldest and most sacred of men's occupations. To transform into the useful is the way of salvation. It is the outer of the inner, an example of being transformed by the renewing of the mind. There is always a balance. Give glad joyous praise every night, before going to sleep, to the most high good, that the Holy Spirit fills your thoughts with ardor and your affairs with splendid achievement. To be utterly satisfied, one has to be satisfied in mind. Multiply your souls delight in the knowledge that God is the very substance of the things you want, by a number of degrees more than you want. "Delight thyself in Him and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4.

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"All is of God that is, and is to be; And God is good, let this suffice us still; resting in childlike trust upon his will."

Whittier.

"Religion is a life, or it is nothing. Theology is another thing, another matter, and creeds and views have their adherents and advocates, but religion is the knowledge of the soul, of its capabilities, its powers and methods of unfoldment. Religion is a life, not a ceremony."

Lillian Whiting.