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Dear Friends:

We are not trying to make healers out of you but as we have pointed out, health is one of the results of a spiritual life, and all the following instructions will mention it often. Therefore we are giving statements that you may find helpful in maintaining your attitude towards others. The front page has only half of the poem by Frank Whitney, who was the editor and writer of the Unity Daily Word while he lived. While you are memorizing this half we will see that the last two verses are on the next instruction.

In a class on self discipline we found it good training to enter the class and make a statement aloud, such as "The Good I am seeking is my God". Then the ones already assembled answered an appropriate statement, such as, "Our God is our life". The statement always tied in with the lesson of the evening. As the class was large, we all received a great blessing from this procedure.

I want to suggest in this letter that if you have any extra time for reading you will enjoy a book by Manly Hall, "How to Understand your Bible". I will quote an interesting bit to be found on page 35, so you will see it is a profound book; "In the formula of Pythagoras unity alone is perfect wisdom, for where ever there is division, desire is born. Desire is only possible under a concept of diversity, for possessions is one of the first of the illusions. Desire leads to an innumerable array of other evils, and is itself rooted in ignorance, which in turn, is man's inability to perceive the sovereign oneness of all things". This is very interesting in relation to your instruction, for it is written in a different set of terms, giving us another viewpoint.

We do truly thank you for all your love and blessings that come to us in so many ways, and we like to see each of you as you really are in Spirit, a being of light, of radiant glory and of power.

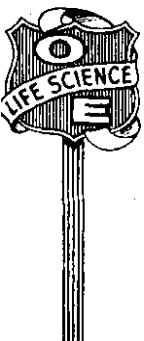
Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTION #145 Assuring to the Acceptable and  
Accepted HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND  
SUCCESS.

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I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU,  
HERE THE LIFE OF GOD I SEE;  
I CAN SEE A GREAT PEACE, TOO,  
I CAN SEE YOU WHOLE AND FREE.

I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU.  
I CAN SEE THIS AS YOU WALK;  
I SEE THIS IN ALL YOU DO,  
I CAN SEE THIS AS YOU TALK.

FRANK B. WHITNEY

## THE FATHER DOETH THE WORKS

The student will find that when one begins to practice the doctrine set forth in these instructions, he is set apart from the ways of the rest of the world, even the world of the professing Christian, to some extent, for we believe that only good can come to us. Let us remember the statement made in a former lesson, that faith is the point of contact between God and man. If faith is the substance, then we have just as much substance as we have faith in the good. We have the use of all faith, but we control our destiny only in so far as we use it, and not run with the "herd". When the disciples cried to Jesus; "Lord, increase our faith", He said unto them; "Why are ye fearful?" "Fear is having faith in evil. Be not faithless, but believing." Abraham signified an early type of faith.

If this great confidence were not something we could easily secure, Christ's orders would make the Christian way just as hard as some early preachers have made it. Jesus never called His way hard, even the healing of the sick was easy, because He knew what He was about, and He knew His oneness with the Father. No healer can take pride in accomplishing so much, for all things are possible to them that believe. Every real Christian should be able to heal by Divine right. Christ is the real healer. Any pride would be false and vainglorious.

Not only did the disciples get strong, but those to whom they preached were strong also, and for several hundred years great healing was accomplished by all Christians. Why did it cease? Because it came to be a sign of power in Spirit and sometime people not high in Church office could heal better than the high officers, which aroused jealousy. Jealousy is not a healing quality, so they stopped the healing ministry, first in the high Church dignitaries, through feeling jealous, then in the layman, through forbidden to heal. Our purpose is to become a Christian in every sense of the word and healing follows after. If your very presence is healing, who is to say it isn't? The power is free and healing is free, for it is the work of faith. Faith always works, or it isn't faith.

Let us not attempt to judge whether one is ready for a type of teaching or not, for who knows, and the one making such a remark is displaying a belief in bondage and limitation. True faith is every where present or it doesn't exist at all. True faith gives freedom to all exactly as God gives. You can tell when you have true faith, by the pleasure you take in seeing others successful and prosperous in their own ways.

It is human nature, but no Christ nature, to wish to compel others to do as we think they ought to do. It is Divine to see that their own way is their true way. There are people who as friends mentally re-arrange other peoples lives all the time, unconsciously making hard conditions for themselves. If an employer has a hard time, he never suspects that he is a slaveholder on a small scale, and the bondage is retroactive.

When we realize that God acts only through freedom, we release our fears, suspicions and false beliefs in regard to people, but remain strong and wise, poised and centered in the Christ Mind. One who is mournful, complaining, full of disappointment, is not able to behold good health, for there is a blot between, or a dark screen, and it stops some energy of spirit from being free. Each one must tell the Spirit how free it may be, but it never acts through accusation. In Luke 3:14 when the soldiers asked what they must do, He said unto them, " Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse anyone wrongfully, and be content with your wages." That is far different from the labor situation today, but the army is different, and these were soldiers inquiring.

One may think the healing power acts through one thing and some-one else may think differently, when all the time it is operating through that one who has confidence in the good as health.

God acts through confidence in Good, for that is one form of freedom. God acts through our toleration for doctors, for toleration for the rights of others is a sign of confidence in good. Any act, thought or feeling which evidences confidence in Good, will have the power of Good acting through it at once. So, finally we come to place our confidence in the law of the good itself instead of secondary things. "God is my refuge and my strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change." Psalm 46.

If we are disappointed in our leaders and teachers, it is a sign we are disappointed with our poor judgement. We have no right to expect others to live beyond their understanding. The one who feels there is a work to do is the one to do it. If you think crime is increasing in the world, then that is a signal for you to cure the crime of the world in the thoughts of your own mind. Another point is for us not to put good off to the future, for it is true NOW. The disciple Peter never believed in waiting for anything, and he was called impulsive until he was trained in understanding. Peter represents faith, so we will do well to put the word NOW in all our statements of faith, for the Truth is NOW.

Students sometimes wonder why things in the outer world do not

change immediately, forgetting that the change has to come within, first. Often people want to be healed for selfish reasons. The world of appearance represents the unconscious mind of the world, the result of former conscious thinking, just as the body is the register of past thoughts consciously thought. The body is the machinery of the mind, therefore the body of the world of appearance is the machinery of the mind of the majority of the race, the race mind. There is only one sub-conscious mind, or race mind.

The body responds quickly, when set to the conscious tone of our true words. What is called a chronic case is set to positive and determined errors, which are not easily re-leased all at once, no matter how sincere and earnest one is. New bodies and affairs have to be made, as we give up the past.

At first we have to do more than just speak the word of Truth once or twice, we have to feel it before we can be sure our unconscious mind is shaped toward the Truth, then it will soon come to light. This is another way of saving, to renew the body by the renewal of the mind set to the Truth of Christ. Any part of the body can be rebuilt, teeth, bones and hair if the consciousness is high enough. The winds and the waves obeyed the voice of Jesus. Take for example the simple cup of coffee, has it power to keep you awake? If so, who gives it that power, and unless we can take command over a thing as simple as that how can we expect to do the greater things? What we think concerning things is what they become to us.

It is much easier to live according to truth when we understand the reasons why scientific statements are true. The body is spirit, and the coffee is spirit, and all it can do is to bring pleasure and sweetness, for all is good. There was a way in which early scientists said that matter could not hurt spirit and they got fairly good results, but we can see that, that way implies a separation again, and we do not believe this is the highest and easiest way to accomplish healing. If one says the body is nothing at all, one is apt to lose the body. All is spirit and the manifestation of spirit, therefore all is good. We have only one body and it is spirit, and only so far as we realize spirit is there an substance to our thinking, and only to this extent are all things real. This is the whole of truth teaching and every realization of spirit brings our bodies out from their unconscious machinery into their glorious reality and freedom.

Jesus could manage matter in any form instantly. The disciples could do it all but save themselves from persecution. We are

learning to take the conscious teachings and train ourselves until our machine like bodies spring to as quick intelligence as our consciousness itself. People were astonished when they first found out there is intelligence in the feet as well as the brain, for all is spirit with divine intelligence. By thinking of material things as real we have brought about our bodies with troubles and pain, which disappear, when we know the nothingness of them.

We are told that we use only one fifth of the brain, so let us expand the consciousness to occupy the vehicle already prepared, for there are two more senses to be fully developed.

Do we understand how we can change our entire life conditions? If you can get the red blood to cover your face in a blush from a thought, you can also straighten crooked bones. In the highest thought we can see the body glorified as Jesus was transfigured, but all do not see it. It is the real body that every one has all the time. Read the account in your Bible, for Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of His true body, but He was not changed, they just saw Him for a while as He truly was all the time. Let us open our eyes, that we also may see.

When we can see clearly, our bodies will lose their denseness, but for convenience sake they will appear to others as they see them. Now do we understand that healing is incidental to the knowing of Truth? Healing follows the truth, for there is healing power in the Truth, whether we ask to be healed or not.

The fifth word of the truth of life will cause our thoughts to go out to their works with obedient kindness. Now that we see the importance of speaking the word of Faith, let us turn our attention to the power that lies behind this word, for it is the secret of all things. It has been called the lost word, because it comes from the secret place, to which we lost the key while we were investigating the world of materiality which we had made. This is a form of curiosity or acquisitiveness, which comes under the head of the Judas phase of consciousness, which has always betrayed the Christ consciousness in each one who listened to it.

You have probably read of the living examples of those who have had the upward mind, and the ability of such a one to lift the burden of others. We spoke of the meaning of the two in agreement, when the inner and the outer are in agreement, there is the Christ. Some of us have known such people, but we have also known those who look upon the dark side of everything, they are not able to make light of disease, so they are not healers, but workers with disease instead of with God. Their system is the shadow system, it is truly "the valley of the shadow of death."

There is an inner light about some people that wins their way

anywhere, for it is the spirit of their own high Lord with whom they commune. Who is the Lord that goes before you and makes plain the way? No matter how many years you have in the world, it is never too late to begin, for the beginning is the point of redemption. To do this requires a systematic mode of reasoning. "Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace".

\*\*\*\*\* GEM THOUGHTS \*\*\*\*\*

"Leaving the past behind me, I go forward this day with God as my partner."

"Since God fills all, there is no place for anything adverse to God. There is no place in God's presence for sin, sickness, nor death, and that Presence fills it."

"I accept the Omnipresence without any reserve. This means that I am resolved to see in every place, time, circumstance and condition only the one Presence."

Fannie B. James

"All creation is replenishment in space, a new manifestation of eternally existing principles.

Confucian Metaphysics