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Dear Friends:

You will see in this instruction another view point on helping others, and we want you to understand that we are not contradicting the early studies, but coming into a higher state of consciousness. Many students in the beginning have said they wanted to learn of the truth in order to help others, which is most worthy as far as it goes, but we do not want to stop there. We heard a missionary from China say that the world may need Christ, but not to forget that Christ needs the world, and that Christ was in the world before we were. He remarked that Christ was already in China before the missionaries took him there. No one can say they brought Christ to others, but that they have opened the eyes of others to see the Christ that is already there.

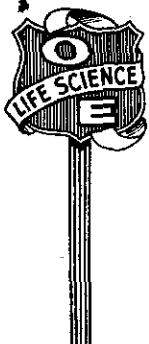
The life of the spirit is the continuation of our evolution; it is our continued growth in awareness, understanding and grasp of reality. This evolution is carried on in consciousness, but being done consciously. We must ourselves deliberately develop ourselves. This next step in our evolution is the kingdom of heaven state, here and now.

In thanking you for your co-operation we surround you daily with our love that you may be encompassed with the idea of universal unity, for in Him we are all one.

In His Name and Ministry,

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HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

I BEHOLD GOD'S LOVE EXPRESSED,
I CAN SEE YOU FILLED WITH POWER;
I CAN SEE YOU EVER BLESSED,
SEE CHRIST IN YOU HOUR BY HOUR.

I BEHOLD THE CHRIST IN YOU,
I CAN SEE THAT PERFECT ONE;
LED BY GOD IN ALL YOU DO,
I CAN SEE GOD'S WORK IS DONE.

FRANK B. WHITNEY

THE SECRET OF THE LORD

Let us remind ourselves that we are not studying for the sake of others, or for the impression we might make upon others, or to get anything other than the growth of our own Christ awareness. We believe that the potency of the twelve Divine ideas are the best approach we have as yet come into in the line of reasoning. These ideas so quicken the mind that a fine discrimination is developed, not that we see evil, but that we may more clearly define the complete good. It makes the judgement quick and accurate, and at the same time we are entirely undisturbed by that which does not measure up to our standard. We are not hurt nor angry, for a denial makes a thing harmless instantly.

The fifth step showed the law of the word, how the speech and thought must show forth the faith one has established, and now we proceed from this point. Many great ones have spoken of the unreality of evil, including Emerson, but he believed in having to overcome. He believed that, to whom the Gods gave many advantages, they also gave mighty tasks, and he said it so powerfully that he had just that. What kind of a way are we making before us? The way of Jesus Christ is easy, walk ye in it. In John 14, Thomas asked; "How know we the way?", and the answer was; "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one cometh unto the Father but by me." We are overloaded, trying to keep pace with our own words.

It is the law of the word that carries quick and irresistible action. This is why we, who know better, never tell people what is wrong with them, but rather praise them for the good qualities. In Exodus 34, Moses told his people to keep all the word of the covenant they made with God, and they would be prospered in all their undertakings. Make the covenant first then keep the words thereof and the result is prosperity, which Jesus called the Kingdom of heaven.

When creation was finished it is recorded that God saw that it was good. Good only sees good, and as God is Mind, Mind sees only good; nothing hurts, nothing offends. This is the power of the covenant kept with good. Whatever we covenant with, we get. Isaiah told us there would come a day when all the refuge of lies would be broken, and no one need strive for his prosperity in the new kingdom. There comes a moment when the full power of the word comes surging through us, but only when the little self is entirely out of the way, and the spirit is at work, for it is by my spirit saith the Lord. Although the power comes through the word, the Kingdom of God is not in the word but in

the power. We do not really feel that all is good until we get this lesson with its full meaning.

The word is not worth much until this power comes, but it is a pathway and we must keep the path clear, and we call this the life of discipline. The great interpreter of the Bhagavad Gita says; "the powers of Deity are beyond description and enumeration, yet both are needed for the benefit of the devoted."

Hosea said; "take with you words and return unto the Lord.". Some say words are useless, which is partially true if we are under the tyranny of words, for we can use so many that we hide the meaning. But the right words enabled the devoted to come into their demonstration of power. Jesus used them for the sake of those standing by. As we acknowledge that every bit of good is of God, or the presence in your life of the Holy Spirit, you will bring greater good, for the acknowledgement has a freeing power, and alters your relation to the good in appearance, not in reality. Everyone has much to be thankful for.

There is a special gift in each one, that can be stirred up, and the best way we know to do it is to repeat the twelve statements of science, which will open the way to express the gift, and every thing will yield to the gift, because it is of God, the good. Jesus who had the gift at its highest power, always gave thanks. Read the account of the healing of Lazarus as an example. The power of God is exhibited only over the highway of righteousness.

If I am, what must I be? If I am is God, then that of me which is not God, is not the I am of me, therefore unreal. As flesh I am nothing, but as spirit, I am substance. This being true, I must believe in myself. I must have faith in my own truth, and I must be the word of truth or my words are nothing. By the utterance of this reasoning the power of God is expressed. It is by the word of the Lord that the heavens were formed and all the hosts of them. This is prosperity, when we speak the word in power.

The character which thinks strongly in the right way will feel a pleasure in life entirely unknown to one whose ideas are not true. God looks into the universe and sees himself as man. Every one can learn this. There is an illustration given of men lost in the desert, and all were complaining of their terrible thirst except one man. He kept his mind on living water, and when he had the urge to dig for it he did and found a fine spring which took care of them all. Many remarkable illustrations have come

from world war two, of the power of spirit to save those who knew how to call on Him in time of trouble. Read the account of the disciples, who had fished all night and caught nothing, until Jesus came and told them to cast their nets on the "right side".

Understanding is clear seeing of how works are performed. So God sees all things in the universe as things He understands how to use for His own glory and satisfaction. It is all good in His eyes. Swedenborg said that the angels see only our good, and it is to this good that the study of Divine Mind leads us. The sight of our mind is the girth of our powers. Seeing good, we are powerful, but the instant we see evil, we are paralyzed, for the darkness of our mind is come.

This study is not a new way to be rich nor a new way to be healed, for the soul is careless of money and bodily conditions, although it shines over these with beneficent prosperity to them. The doctrine of the soul is that while knowing all things, and doing all things, it is identified with nothing, for it is absolutely free. To the soul there are no works to be done. Yet all works are done by the presence of the soul. The soul is the Divine I of each one, and when it is prominent, there is a radiation of power from the mind and character. The mind that best causes the soul to shed abroad its power is the mind that is absorbed in the study of principle. The motive behind our study is what counts, for the intent of the heart is all that God sees. If we look at the spirit it will give us its substance, and this is the meekness of spirit, that while knowing it does no works, it knidly overshines the operations we call works.

The ancient teachings of Buddhism teach to stand aside and let the spirit within fight for us, yet few seem to be able to do this. He, who best stands aside for the soul to do his work, while yet he does all, is the most powerful in overcoming and outdoing natural defects, and unkind destiny. Nothing but good can come to you. We do not fast to become spiritual, but because we are spiritual, and we speak true words for the same reason, for if we were not already spirit, how could we say so? One may appear to become more and more spiritual, but the real truth is that one shows forth more of the true nature. For instance we do not claim our health to become healthy, but because, I am health in reality, and we are stating the truth.

Pure truth touches the mystery of life and death, time and eternity, spirit and matter. The pure truth is independent in spirit, and if we use it as a premise, the native energy of pure spirit will be aroused and express itself. Of course we will see

mighty changes, but that is to be expected, for that is what we want. No one needs to be cured of drinking, stealing, swearing. Laugh when one swears, for it breaks the results that might take place. All are free to do as they please, so, if we, who know can really feel this, it takes off the burden of our heavy suppositions, and one feels free to quit bad habits. This is more the way of the spirit than to think one needs reforming. This is strong metaphysics. Healing can be temporarily brought about by a strong will overpowering a weaker one, which is more a spirit of antagonism and overcoming evil. It is more like pure spirit to effect a cure by being in the spirit, where there is nothing to be cured. "My spirit shall not strive". Gen 6:3.

The holy spirit contains and has all, as it is the movement of good only, and we do not have to beg or strive to make it work, for it is ever actively present. We can consciously stand in it, and regardless of the circumstances, if we are faithful, great miracles can be accomplished. Right where we are at any moment is the place to work miracles. There is nothing in the Scriptures about running away from the duties that lie nearest at hand. "Stand thou in thy lot to the end of thy days, stand and see the salvation." What is your lot in life?

At each purer realization, the world takes a different turn in our feelings, showing the best to us step by step. "The day spring from on High shall visit us, because of the tender mercy of our God, to shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet in the way of peace." Jesus called Himself the bright morning star in Revelation 22. Therefore when the light of pure truth strikes through our minds in pure glory, we shall see Him as He is, and the world as it is. This state of mind is the kingdom of heaven, according to Jesus, and it is near at hand, but somehow it became a mystery how to enter or see it. Many methods have been tried and systems have failed, in fact many that have found it, never seemed to have any particular system. Stephen saw it as he died. Jesus was aware of it all the time, and even one touch of it has the power to change a person for life. Moses took the children of Israel through the wilderness with a partial understanding of it, for the shoes that never wore out symbolize the enduring kingdom.

The new man in Christ Jesus will have a new world. Intellect and matter call this idealism, but rather, it is transcendentalism, and the practice of it is spiritual vitality, health, and provision, unhindered and unlimited.

There is a quickening secret to the teachings of Jesus that few

have touched as yet. He ascended and descended at will, and he appeared many times, so it is worth while to obey His directions where ever we find them recorded.

The sixth step deals with the secret and it's message is all about the quickening power of spirit in understanding. We want the understanding that makes and keeps alive, which is more than the understanding of music or any art, although these are called the manna in the wilderness. But these all die and only the echo of their work lives on. So what they have is not the true secret of the Lord, it lasts only a season, but the true bread that Jesus gives bestows life to those who eat it. "Abide in me". "Keep my words". "The Holy Spirit will come in my name."

Sometime try speaking the name of Jesus Christ over and over, because it brings us closer into His mind and secret. It is not in order that we may understand His secret that we speak, but because as spirit we already understand. It is the truth of spirit we speak, for spirit works only in truth. Let us acknowledge only our Christ nature at all times, and not two natures. This will put us in the ranks of the spiritual, fearless, satisfied and powerful. No study brings this forth except the study of fearless spirit. Other men and women on the streets of restlessness are spirit also, in truth they are walking secrets of the splendor of God.

***** GEM THOUGHTS *****

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain;
For the earth shall be full of knowledge of Jehovah, as
the waters cover the sea."

Is. 11:9

"Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents
and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and no-
thing shall in any wise hurt you. Nevertheless in this, re-
joice not that the spirits are subject unto you, but rejoice
that your names are written in heaven."

Luke 10:19

"Do nothing intelligently and profoundly. Spiritual virtue
is not in superficial laziness, but rather in a perfectly
enlightened inward tranquility that can come only with the
mastery of all external forces and circumstances."

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