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Dear Friends;

With this instruction and the one to follow, we are summing up the steps we have been taking together to raise our consciousness to a higher level of understanding. If you are interested and wish to know more of the symbology of jewels and stones, you may consult your encyclopedia as well as your Bible.

It is to the Egyptian Pharoah, Akhanaton, that we give grateful appreciation for his idea of the One God. All history takes on a new meaning when we look upon it as man's struggle for the Light.

While one may not have mastered mind and heart by the end of the course, he will at least know a definite plan for action, which, if followed will bring him into the Light. May the same spirit that raised up Jesus also raise you up, and may you be bountifully blessed along the way.

Sincerely,

J. Hamner Davis

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INSTRUCTION # 154 Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

ASPIRATION

I HOLD EVER WITHIN ME
THE VISION OF WHAT I AM
AND WHAT I AM TO BE,
FOR THAT WHICH I AM SEEKING
IS LIKEWISE SEEKING ME.
I FEEL NO ANXIETY.
I ASSURE MYSELF AND WAIT,
FOR PROGRESSION IS MY DESTINY;
PERFECTION IS MY FATE.

E.W. Shaw.

THE TWELVE STONES OF CONSCIOUSNESS. (Part I)

Each student who reads and hears and keeps the plan of revealed life will finish the book in his own life. What you live is what you write in your book. Your life is hid with Christ in God and the only WAY is written in your inward parts. "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men, written not with ink, but the spirit of the living God, not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." II Cor. 3:2.

You, as students, have chosen the path of election and not compulsion for you have discerned that the "Perfect Man," the Christ which was in the beginning is the only enduring phase of present man. By the natural order of things, the manifest man, must become the Christ Man. Happy are you who choose to travel the path of election and surrender yourself to the inevitable. At a certain point in your life you come to your spiritual adolescence and find that the tools of the Spiritual man are Spiritual forces instead of material forms. You must learn to let go the sense of dependence upon forms before you can learn to rely upon these forces.

To know the way of God in all things and to live according to that way is to be at perfect peace. All results must follow accordingly. The Christ in Jesus said, "I am the Way," and the Christ in you is the Way of God in your life. To see and live as the "Angel of His Presence" directs is to live in absolute security. Results are the exact out picturing of the richness of the life that is Christ. We die to the old and are alive to the new life.

There is a definite pattern of unfoldment concealed in all outer instruction; because the pattern lies within. We have been given a process which will enable the student to uncover the Real. "There is a white stone upon which the new name will be written" (Rev. 2:17). Symbolically we are busy polishing this stone. We are using the stones in the foundation of the temple as given in Revelation 21, as symbols of the purifying process.

If you will read the 28th Chapter of Exodus, you will see that these stones, in the early unfoldment of mankind, were set in the breastplate of judgment that was worn by Aaron, the High Priest, when he went into the Holy of Holies. There are twelve stones signifying the Children of Israel, the sons of Jacob, the intellectual man. Twelve is a much used number in the world today. The institution of the priestly office is a great Messianic unfolding, and in Aaron, Christ is typified as the Great High Priest of the New Covenant. Jesus had twelve disciples, and we believe twelve is the number of perfect man.

Paul, in writing to the Hebrews in Chapters eight and ten says we have such a High Priest. One who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, through whom a new covenant was made. A High Priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands. The new covenant enables man to discern the Holy of Holies within and to know that the law is in his own heart and mind. Therefore, stones, as symbols were worn in the outer in the old times, but today are within man as living qualities, which when polished sufficiently reveal the man whom Christ has redeemed. This is the "new and living way which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say His flesh." Hebrews 10:20.

Mind is composed of twelve qualities, which when exercised, become twelve characteristics which shine like polished jewels. They make a perfect foundation for an absolute demonstration of Jesus Christ Spirit. As given in Revelation 21: these stones are; jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth and amethyst. Some of these stones have been given more modern names and are now polished differently by the jewellers. In many Museums you can see these various jewels set in the handles of swords of the ancient chieftains. An uncut diamond is not very pretty, for there are no facets to show the brilliance. You realize we do not intend to lay too much stress upon any kind of symbol, for the symbol is not the thing itself. Even our words are symbols to convey our understanding. Understanding is formless, but it formulates. This is metaphysical, for one has no affairs and no substance except what the understanding formulates. We train our realizations first and deal with the world secondly.

The first stone in the foundation of the temple is jasper, which is the diamond and is represented by Peter, the disciple. Peter, or Petros stands for faith, the very foundation of life and the first disciple that Jesus called. The diamond is irresistible in beauty and brightness of purity. Your first instruction in discipleship told you to take the word of God and let it lie before you like a great white stone, that it may reveal the hidden meaning of God. The unconscious feeling that one should have good is indestructible. The ancient Hebrews filled their scrolls with prophecies of the day when all mankind should look to the heights for the opening of their eyes to see the glories of the true kingdom.

The second stone is the sapphire representing James, judgment. This stone stands for peace, health and liberty. This comes from reasoning your life out from an entirely different basis. Man learns that gazing upward to his Father's face is a liberating act. He forgets his calamities and is on the pathway of salvation from the causes of calamity. In other words his mountains of difficulties roll into the sea.

The third stone is chalcedony, now called the opal and is represented by Andrew the disciple who stands for strength. Authorities on precious and semi-precious stones give much more about these jewels than we can use in a brief review. Chalcedony has sometimes the colors of copper-emerald, denoting strength, while others are sky tinted, the emblem of quenchless life. Now is the time to choose the power or energy we would embody in ourselves, until the efficiency that lies in it is our efficiency. "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord." Isaiah 51:9. Without this stone, character is not strong, glad and fixed and secure. To wear a stone does not give us the quality of it. The aspirant must find these stones in his heart and in polishing reveal the priceless jewel.

There is upon the earth no stone quite like the ones John saw. You recall the instruction that said "the hilltops of delight are the true meanings of affirmations." The intellect at its height of human possibility explains the foibles of human life as the strength of life. This is a sort of enchantment that would cause us to forget that Jesus Christ is All. Intellect when told that love conquers death refuses to believe it because appearances do not prove it. Jesus said; "Judge not." Matt. 7:1.

The fourth stone is the emerald, which was once called the smaragd and held radiations for sharpening the memory, even to recalling our heavenly beginnings, making us mindful of "that country whence we came out," and one to which we all may return. There is an ancient legend concerning Hermes Trismegistus, the thrice greatest, the Scribe of the Gods, the Shepherd of men, who wrote the Divine Pymander, to the effect that he wrote great truths on an emerald tablet. This stone is represented by John the beloved, the disciple of love, which is significant of walking free from common law. This is the fourth foundation stone of the city of Peace, for we have great peace in the Spirit. There is no turmoil in Spirit. If there seems to be turmoil it is a sign that we have tried to believe in both good and evil at the same time. We see things in their Reality by being firm in our minds, thereby touching the original substance of all things. The firmness is faith and the substance is love.

The best ambassador for any king would be he who best understands his king's mind. There is One King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose whole purpose toward his kingdom has ever been peace, health, wisdom, even to the greatness and wisdom of His Own Self. "Look unto me." "I am the Lord that healeth thee." The fountain does not send forth both bitter and sweet water. So, when we have pain or sickness, poverty or misfortune of any kind, we have been looking away from the High Redeemer who said, "Seek ye my face and live."

As we each of us have a work that is supremely ours and no other can accomplish this work but ourselves, so Jesus of Nazareth had his work and his work was the redemption of mankind from sin, sickness and death. He accomplished this work, leaving the universe entirely without sin, sickness and death, thus making us to walk through a redeemed world. This was His chosen work and it seems only fair to Him to acknowledge the completeness and splendor of His finished work. The only trouble is that we have not accepted this as being true now. The soul hath a strength of empire and an influential glory which it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive.

When you rise into the highest thoughts that you can write or think or speak, you see your body as it really is, pure spiritual substance. Jesus was transfigured, but He was not really changed. Peter, James and John suddenly had their eyes opened to see Him as He is. So your eyes will be opened. So your mind will perceive things in their Reality. So your own body will show forth its hidden beauty. John called this accomplishment the Sardonyx stone of our Temple of Life.

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JESUS CHRIST IS NOW HERE RAISING ME TO HIS CONSCIOUSNESS OF FAITH IN GOD AS MY UNLIMITED SUPPLY

JESUS CHRIST IS NOW HERE RAISING ME TO HIS CONSCIOUSNESS OF DIVINE DISCERNMENT, AND I DECIDE WISELY AND WELL EVERY QUESTION AFFECTING MY AFFAIRS.

"LIFT UP YOUR HEARS, O YE GATES; AND BE YE LIFT UP, YE EVERLASTING DOORS; AND THE KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN. WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY." Psalm 24: 8.