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Dear Friend:

Because of your loving gifts, we are busy giving also, in the form of research, in writing of manuscripts, and in passing on our findings to those who are occupied in other ways. All ways are good ways, but there are a variety of ways to make up the kingdom.

Now that you have learned something of your power to attract and repel things, you should consider what things you ought to attract to be prosperous, but surely you do not want to attract anything that will burden you. Will prosperity burden you? The word prosperity comes from two words, pro, and sperare, which means to hope. Prosperity is defined not as an abundance of money, but as a gain of favorable, helpful things. Happiness and prosperity are synonymous terms. If money is helpful and brings happiness, then it is most certainly a part of prosperity. One of our great teachers says that poverty is a disease.

We want to be sure we possess our possessions and not let them possess us, for material possessions can be truly enjoyed only by those who fear not at all to lose them. We do not want to discourage you from attracting money, but we want to attract it in such a way that it will bring happiness. Before you begin to put into practice the Truth method of attracting prosperity, thoroughly imbue your conscious mind and your subconscious mind with the right conception of prosperity, so that you will truly benefit from that which you attract.

Money is a symbol, and our means of exchange, so we are grateful for it in abundant measure, and use it for happiness, in which you have a part, by reason of your gifts.

Faithfully,
J. Howard Davis

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Dear Friends:

We accept the fact that the likeness of God is implanted in man, and that man develops it in a long series of personalities.

The phenomenal phase of creation is so interesting we become engrossed in its study or pleasure and the originating cause may be ignored to the point of forgetfulness. To know GOD is the important thing. In the early growth some qualities seem to come slowly, and some times to rest, while other come forward quickly.

The process of forming a soul may be compared to photography. The image on the sensitive plate cannot be seen until it has passed through a developer.

The mission of Jesus was to break down the mental structure which had been reared through ages of blind servitude to form and ritual. The Mosaic law became rigid, excluding reason and common sense. No man made law is true enough to be a permanent guide for anyone.

A statement setting forth the teachings of a Religious Doctrine is essential, but compelling clauses should be omitted. Mortal man loves to be dominated and whipped into line by rituals and masters, but Divine man oversteps such childish circumscribing and goes direct to the Father for all instruction.

As we become obedient to the Divine, ever ready to acknowledge His Holy presence in our hearts, we find we have dipped the sensitive plate of personality into the developer of Christhood. The lamp of love will burn perpetually in our hearts. Jesus found this inner flame and it so lighted His presence that it lights the path for all.

No one lives by reflection. You live by the only begotten Son of the Father within you, through which all discords drop away. We are not liberated by suppression, nor by violent overcoming, but by steadfastness. In communion in the Silence your true way of release is indicated. In communion you lay a strong inner foundation of strength, power, order, wisdom, judgment and love. These come forth gradually, raising the body, infusing the more enduring Life.

May you realize this whole new state, through Christ Jesus.

Lovingly,

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INSTRUCTION # 155 Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

" O DESCENDENT OF BHARATA! SEE WONDERS
IN NUMBERS, UNSEEN BEFORE. WITHIN MY
BODY, O GUDAKESA! SEE TODAY THE WHOLE
UNIVERSE, INCLUDING EVERYTHING MOVABLE
AND IMMOVABLE, ALL IN ONE."

Bhagavad Gita XI.

THE TWELVE STONES OF CONSCIOUSNESS (Part II)

With the Sardonyx stone of the Temple of life represented by Philip comes the POWER to see things in Reality and to speak the spiritual word. The first six disciples have to do with the Principle and the last six with the application of that Principle. The power center in the throat controls all the vibratory energies of the organism. It is the open door between the formless and the formed world of vibrations pertaining to the expression of sound.

The Sardius is the sixth stone in the foundation of the Temple of Christ character. It stands for invocation both mental and mystical. The mind is surrounded by ever-present knowledge which may be indrawn by invocation, through which we are taught new things. We invoke the Holy Spirit, the Heavenly Dove to rest in us. The Holy Spirit is the moving power of God and His Christ, therefore invocation is the greatest efficiency of prayer. It is well to consider what we are invoking in His Power. Deep desire is an invocation and sooner or later it arrives upon us. All the joy and skill of the universe are given to the Holy Spirit. We do not have to beg it to work. Every good thing that happens in our lives is a demonstration of the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

The acknowledgment of this Truth will affect us mysteriously. Not that in reality anything is altered but in appearance everything is altered. Here, in our midst abides the glory of God. There is a state of mind in which we shall see what Jesus Christ called the Kingdom of Heaven.

Among the disciples this stone is represented by Bartholomew, who stands for IMAGINATION, that faculty of mind that handles substance. Is it any wonder the instruction number 146 was called "The Secret of the Lord?" The word Bartholomew means prepared for seed.

The seventh stone, the Chrysolite, is symbolic of right communication. "The tongue of the wise is health. The lip of Truth shall be established forever. He that speaketh truth showeth forth righteousness." (Prov. 12: 17,18,19.) This stone is the beginning of the Christ character in its relations to the world, giving an elixir to the word of Truth, so that the word may change the entire life. When this stone is polished, we let the soul do all the thinking and speaking. In other words it is the ability to let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in us.

We let the Christ Mind speak its way through us and bring good tidings of great joy. The Bible says the Christ Mind thinketh no evil, is not puffed up, is not angry, is not vain, is not critical, but is full of praise. So we make a practice of praising everybody and everything. Above all, give daily thanks that God has done such wonderful things for us in Spirit.

This brings UNDERSTANDING which is represented by the Disciple Thomas. We remember that Jesus did not hesitate to satisfy his doubting mind. The will and the understanding are very closely associated.

The eighth stone is the beryl, a stone of many colors, clear white, through yellow, to brownish, olive green or cat's eye. Being many colored it signifies the will, giving play for free will. People live a variegated life because the will is the man. God's will for us is perfection. As we see the necessity of putting Truth into every day tasks we polish this stone of character. The more truly we speak of things the more clearly the meaning stands out. The more we listen in the Silence or Secret Place, the more we understand the will of God for man. Among the disciples Matthew represents the WILL. As man exercises his will at all times in every act this faculty must be trained to persevere, to remain steadfast in the Truth.

The ninth stone is the topaz which means harmony between the thoughts and externals and is represented by James, son of Alphaeus. James stands for the faculty of ORDER. The topaz is called the laughing or joyous stone and we all know the value of joy in life. The joyous heart is a healing presence, acting to remake the body and affairs. As we sing the song of the spirit, joy breaks over all. It rolls the earthly conditions away, for it is the rest of God in which there is no work to be done. Does God work? Is not all finished in God? Yet this very saying that there is no work to be done gives us the appearance of accomplishing miracles, because as the good appears that which is not good disappears. The rolling away of earthly conditions looks like activity. This is the state of abiding satisfaction, or total harmony. Harmony means the just adaptation of parts to each other, giving unity of effect or a pleasing whole. We can compare this to an orchestra, which is a pleasing concord of simultaneous sounds, differing in pitch or quality, but all in agreement.

If we polish the ninth stone and have it established in our foundation, we are ready to set our feet onto a new land, the true earth, or symbolically, the Heavenly City. This new earth is spiritual substance and is spoken of as Chrysoprasus, a kind of quartz, a variety of chalcedony, apple green in color. We think of it in its highest form as the emerald, the stone of companionship for dwelling among equals.

If we have discovered how to be joyous and grateful while yet on earth, which seems so dark and unreliable, if we have learned to smile and praise while there is nothing seemingly to smile about or to be grateful for, there will come that moment when everything we are able to do, we can teach others to do. This is the stone of companionships, the green stone polished and shining with answering goodness.

This stone is the type of mind that can see land ahead whether anyone else sees it or not. It is truly the substance of faith. In this character we are able to look through appearances and know that we are born of God, that we go toward God and we know God. The apple green stands for fresh new earth or outward conditions among our associates and their affairs. No matter what adversities face us they are dispersed under the ministry of inward truth.

This stone is represented by Simon, the Canaanite, who stands for ZEAL. The student will recall that the twelve disciples are twelve faculties of mind each having a brain center in the body. As these faculties are raised into their spiritual counterparts the body takes on a new look, a transcendent look.

The eleventh faculty to be raised and established is JUDGMENT. Thaddaeus among the disciples stands for renunciation or elimination of all that does not add to the Christ life. There is a sense of yielding as well as one of freedom, a releasement, and is represented by the jacinth stone, or the ruby. It could signify the blood of the New Testament, concerning which Jesus said; "Drink ye all of it." The spirit of Jesus Christ is health, life and prosperity, red with the reviving as the wine He gave at the wedding feast. If we have meekness of character enough to yield a point instantly, when we see we are wrong, we are making quick and accurate judgment. Perfect judgment touches the life chords of each situation with the right word.

The ruby is the symbol of beauty and judgment which represent the proper adjustment of part to part, man to man. A good judge is more sought after than a king, for he puts man in right relation with his fellow man. Beauty is the proportion, the balance, the inimitable adjustment to the Whole. Confidence in the miracle of Jehovah; is the ruby stone among gems of character. It colors the blood with living fire. Let go for the miracle of Jehovah!

The twelfth stone is the amethyst, symbolic of the discovery of secret values. It is the symbol of health-giving indifference. God is the Great Indifferent, leaving the world to lay hold of His healing presence or to let it go. Our sun is an example of the great indifferent, caring not whether it ripens or rots the fruits and vegetables.

Judas represented by the twelfth stone is the custodian of life. He represents the unredeemed life forces. He typifies that humanity which, though it has caught the higher vision of life, still resorts to underhanded methods in order to meet it's obligations. When the Judas faculty reaches the spiritual standard of life it is known as Judah whose office is praise and thanksgiving. Praise radiates and gives glory to the latent powers of man. This is the advanced signal of hidden love, rest and home. Rest is relatedness to the Lord of effortless achievement, the rest that heals the sick and strengthens the weak.

The amethyst stone has the hues of all the stones and stands for security. Twelve works of God as Holy Spirit are all manifest in the amethyst. It is the symbol of the miracle working power of love, the stone of resurrection, of ascension, of the New Kingdom, where man is fulfilled in love. It is the love that is stronger than death and when it enters into man's love death is not possible. There is absolute security when you understand and feel this twelfth lesson.

In the final instruction, with the last polish of the lessons on your character, you will see that there is nothing whatsoever to do. Like the clear amethyst we let the Divine Mind sift its innocent light through us. "He shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with thy God." (Micah 6:8)

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"THE DEITY IS ONE, BECAUSE IT IS INFINITE. IT IS TRIPLE, BECAUSE IT IS EVER MANIFESTING."

THE KABBALAH.

"THERE IS BUT ONE TEMPLE IN THE UNIVERSE, AND THAT IS THE BODY OF MAN. NOTHING IS HOLIER THAN THAT HIGH FORM. WE ARE THE MIRACLE OF MIRACLES-- THE GREAT INSCRUTABLE MYSTERY."

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