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*those who seek Salvation from
Poverty, Sorrow, Sin, Sickness,
Old Age and Death, this book
is reverently dedicated.*

THE GLORIOUS LIFE

WHEN YOU can get up in the morning and feel that life is good, and know that it is full to the brim of all the things you need, and you are overflowing with happiness and contentment, and your days are full of activities in just the things you love most, then it is that life becomes Glorious. Such a life is made possible to all by the Teachings of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation, as set forth in this book.

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FOREWORD

NEARLY TWO thousand years have passed since Jesus walked the earth and demonstrated man's ability to overcome death through the spiritualization of his body, yet few persons of this generation believe such a feat possible. Why this unbelief?

Contained within the pages of this work, an authoritative work emanating from the teachings of the Great Brotherhood, is proof that the teachings of Jesus, as set forth in the Bible, give the solution to every problem that can confront mankind. If the material herewith presented is handled according to recommendation a successful solution to all problems will invariably be found.

No other man was ever subjected to the difficulties which confronted Jesus. He was faced with all the problems that are common to all mankind, yet He conquered every one of them. His method, which never failed Him, we are now passing on to you.

Study carefully the words here written. Also give special attention to the diagrams as a thorough knowledge of them will be of great assistance in understanding the Teachings. Their importance cannot be overestimated.

Paul gave milk to his listeners because, as he says, "they are not able to eat meat." To the public Jesus also gave only milk; but to His disciples He gave meat. This meat was never given to the public at large, then or now, for they were inadequately prepared to "hear" the words. Such gifts would have led only to confusion, because the recipients could not have understood their meanings. Many of the acts performed by Jesus were not displayed, because

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the multitudes, unprepared for their proper understanding, would have become confused and the resultant confusion would have caused harm rather than good.

This book offers you a means of contact with those Great Brothers who, like Jesus, have been given all power, and to whom all things are possible. If studied in connection with the Christian Bible, it makes it possible for all to follow the glorious Path that winds its way through the Bible, from cover to cover, in all its beauty, mystical splendor and power.

To travel under the cultural condition and tutelage of the Great Brothers is to give rest to the weary, strength to the weak, contentment to the discontented, plentifulness to the poverty stricken, peace to the troubled soul, health to the sick; it gives eternal youth in place of decrepit old age, the spiritualization of the mortal body, and its resurrection from a state of mortality to a state of immortality, here and now.

Once again, through the pages of this book, studied in conjunction with the Bible, the shout goes forth announcing, “. . . the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely,’” for the method by which all this is made possible is told in plain language upon the pages of this book.

In offering these fundamentals of the Teachings to the public, the writer is mindful of the fact that at no previous time has this School, or Order, put forth a text related to its secret Teachings. However, because it is believed that a selection of the basic principles, put into book form for study in connection with the Christian Bible will render a much needed service, the compilation was instituted.

The author, an Initiate of the Order, was requested to make a selection from the Teachings of the Order, funda-

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mentals he felt would be of the greatest service to the greatest number, and cause them to be published.

Study this book diligently, and "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me," (the Christ) who is your Lord and Master; your Heavenly Father, the Christ within and your only Saviour.

CHAPTER I

THE GREAT BROTHERS OF THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

THERE WAS A TIME, in the dim ages of the past, when those able to give instruction in the spiritualization of the body were as well known to the public as are our present day teachers of higher education. Their work was highly respected, their counsel sought and their advice followed.

These Teachers or Prophets as the Bible calls them, were Students and Initiates of various degrees and received their instructions from the Great Beings, who had, ages before, spiritualized Their bodies, perfected Their Wisdom and Understanding and had received the Keys to the Kingdom Universal, including all Power, over *all* things of earth.

In the early days, all went well so long as man followed the Teachers, but there came a time when he became selfish and oppressive; trampling upon the rights and liberties of others with the result that the Teachers, acting under instructions from the Great Ones, protested against such practices. But humanity, despite the advice shouted from the highways and hedges by the Teachers of Righteousness, sank deeper and deeper into sin.

The leaders in sin soon became also the leaders of the people. But these leaders in sin and crime, though now occupying positions of trust and authority, were being continually set upon by the Prophets who never ceased to stir up the people against sin in high places.

The wicked leaders finally took steps to silence the Prophets, those Messengers of the Great Ones, by ap-

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pointing unto themselves false teachers; false prophets who would do their bidding. Thus the true Teachers or Prophets were forced to retire deeper and deeper into the mountain fastnesses, while the monster of evil stalked the land spewing out all forms of misery, destruction and death.

Now these false teachers could do no mighty works, but the Great Ones could. Therefore, The Great Ones would send a Messenger, called in the Bible, "Angel," who would appear before one of the Prophets and proclaim, "Thus saith the Lord." So it was that the Teachers or Prophets went forth filled with courage and great daring, saying the things they were told to say, and doing the things they were told to do.

In Genesis, 22:11, we have one of those Messengers or Angels appearing to Abraham and forbidding him to carry out the slaying of his son.

Matthew, 28:2, the Great Ones sent another Messenger from heaven who rolled away the stone from the sepulchre wherein the body of Jesus lay. You will notice in this case the ability of this Angel to create a most impressive background: "His countenance was like lightning and His raiment white as snow." There has been no earthly magician, past or present, who could duplicate such an appearance.

Luke, 1:13, The Angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias.

Luke, 2:10, The Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds announcing the birth of Jesus. And so all through the Bible, we have examples of some of the spiritualized beings, under the direction of the Great Ones, appearing in various places and in various ways as Angels.

These Great Ones originated from two sources. First there are those who never became lost, who never did "fall" into sin. Second, are those who fell, but who became conscious of their lost condition, sought help from

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those able to give it, namely those who had either been saved or had never suffered the fall, followed Their instructions and found Salvation. The nature of their work may be explained by the following parable:

A great philanthropist takes it upon himself to give the children of a certain community an outing in the form of a picnic. He goes far out in his search to find a place suitable to himself.

Finally he finds a spot where nature seemed to have had in mind just what he wanted. Lakes and running streams, woods, majestic mountains; canyons, hills, some rugged and precipitous, forbidding, yet intriguing and compelling. Low grassy plots with wildflowers in abundance and trails running in every direction, endless in variety and interest. From each spot, trails led on to other trails where new beauties were unfolded. Surely, thought he, this is the place. It will be heaven to the children.

The day appointed for the picnic arrived. Early in the day the children with their benefactor arrived upon the ground overjoyed with the loveliness which met their eager eyes and filled their joyful hearts. Each one started out to enjoy himself in his or her own way. Some in groups, others, in solitude.

Some of the children found their greatest pleasures along the running streams, others among the lovely flowers and soft grassy plots. Some there were who went out upon the smooth lakes, while the more venturesome sought the thrills and dangers of mountainous crags and gloomy canyons.

The day sped by upon wings silent but swift. Finally, it was time, all too soon, to make preparations for the return. A check-up, however, disclosed that a great number of the children were missing.

While the wonderful place selected for the picnic was

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a thing of beauty, with a great variety of intriguing spots of interest, it was also found to be a place in which danger and disaster lay hidden near every point of interest, or where danger used every beauty spot for its cloak. When this was discovered the excitement among those who had not wandered grew in intensity with each passing minute.

All of those who were not lost were immediately organized into searching parties, and as fast as one of the missing was found he, too, eagerly joined with the others in the search. No one gave a thought of returning home until all who were missing had been found.

The significance of this little parable lies in the fact that only those who were not lost could be of any help to those who were lost. The lost person, however, could help as soon as he himself was found and placed among those who had not been lost.

Though the illustration given shows quite clearly the specific solution to the problem considered it treats only with those who were lost and appreciated their dangers. But there are great numbers among the human race who are just as completely lost, yet who are unaware of the dangerous situations in which they have become involved.

Such persons may well be likened to a number of horses in a burning barn. The horses may know that they are in extreme danger and still resist vigorously all efforts to save them.

This analogy differs somewhat, however, with respect to man in that it is permissible to use *force* when effecting the rescue of horses, but such methods cannot be employed in the rescue of men.

The Absolute, or All Father, insists that man be permitted to remain a free agent, and so man has the privilege of refusing assistance if he so chooses, and help may be rendered him only when he *seeks* it.

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We do not do any injustice to Jesus and the Twelve, nor do we deny them any of the glory they so richly deserve when we say that behind and back of them were and are a great concourse of Beings; the same Great Ones who instructed and guided the Prophets of old and who still hold in Their hands the destiny of the human race.

In this concourse are those who, since the beginning of man, have been standing, so to speak, at the helm of the great Ship of human Salvation, steering it here and there, lowering the gang plank now and then, taking on board the soul that has proven himself worthy.

Jesus and the Twelve had obtained a noble heritage and earned the right to take part in the greatest and most spectacular drama the world had ever witnessed, the drama of the Crucifixion and the resurrection of a mortal body from its state of death to a state of immortality and life Everlasting, here on earth.

They were given the honor of coming into this life in a mortal body, the body of death, and spiritualizing it to the point where it could *not* be destroyed. And the splendid manner in which each one played his part is beautifully set forth in the Bible and compels sincere admiration and love. They played these parts not for Their own glorification, but solely to prove to those who were lost, and filled with misery, that they too could win in the fight. They illustrated **HOW** the fight could be won and thus inspired new courage in those who were lost; those who, with hope gone had given up the struggle.

Thus Jesus the Christ and the twelve Apostles are called the Great Brothers and constitute the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation whose work in visible form is found in the New Testament, and their teachings set forth in succeeding chapters.

CHAPTER II

SECRET ORDER OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD AND SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

IN THE DAYS of Abel, the "Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation" was called the "Brotherhood." In the days of Seth, it was known as the "Divine Brotherhood." Later, it was the "Ancient Order of the Divine Brotherhood." Its present appellation is comparatively modern.

There are Seven Schools of the Lesser Secrets, called by some "Mysteries," from which all Religions sprang and from which they continually draw their inspiration and by whom they are continually fed and encouraged.

It is to be remembered that Cain, Abel and Seth are generic terms, denoting a class of believers, such as Catholics and Protestants. Under Protestants we have a further generical division, namely: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and numerous other denominations.

Enoch is also generic in that it refers to those who spiritualized their bodies and were "translated."

In the beginning, translation was the rule and not the exception. Not until the Cain element became strong and of great influence did the exception become so prevalent and the number of the Abel element or followers became so few that it is recorded that "Cain slew Abel."

But the Divine Spirit in the human race is of the Universal All. It is primarily devotional, and within a comparatively short time this devotional and worshipful nature or element in mankind began to assert itself, and once

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again a Messenger went among the people and the Order of the "Divine Brotherhood" was the result.

Long did this Order flourish. Again, however, the order of Cain grew strong. Mind went on a rampage and the order of the Divine Brotherhood waned. At a later day, there arose the "Ancient Order of the Divine Brotherhood" and once more mankind Spiritualized its bodies and translation was again the rule.

Through the knowledge they possessed, they overcame not only sin, sickness, old age and all forms of physical distresses, but death itself.

Their youth they never lost, but retained it in all its charm, beauty and splendour; in all its zest, strength and vigor. They lived in peace and good will toward each other. Happily and joyfully they lived their lives, increasing in spirituality day after day until the time came, when they had "finished their course," fulfilled all the requirements and were given their "Crown of Righteousness."

However, their lives were not ones of idleness. Happiness and a life filled with joy does not go with idleness, for one of the fundamental Attributes of God is Activity, and no one can make any progress spiritually, living in a state of idleness; in a state of indifferent activity. To become inactive is to become ungodly.

Full of activity along the lines of Righteousness, (right-use-ness) or right action, following the Will of the Divine Spirit within, they preserved their youth, grew in pleasurable experience; ripened in wisdom and in Divine Power, spiritualizing their bodies. Their eyes dimmed not, neither did their countenance change nor did their natural forces decline but grew in strength and vigor as year succeeded year.

The Great Brothers of the Order say that as the ages passed the number who overcame death, by spiritualizing

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their bodies, became comparatively few. This few became smaller until the number whose bodies died the death became so numerous that about the year 790 B. C. the Order now known as the Christian Brotherhood met with the other Schools of Initiation to consider the time and a plan for the reawakening in man an interest in saving himself.

Mankind at large had ceased to fight successfully sin, sickness and death. Death, as is the case today, was considered inevitable and unavoidable. Hence no effort was made to overcome it.

It was evident to the various Schools in convention that the most practical plan would be for some one to come before the people and demonstrate that not only could the body be so spiritualized that it could overcome death, but that it can overcome all things whatsoever!

Man must be impressed with the fact that he was placed upon this Earth for the express purpose of becoming as fully and as completely Spiritual as is the Father, and as free from sin, sickness and death; to ultimately possess in all fullness all the Attributes of God the Father, and the Father will not be satisfied with anything short of this realization.

Therefore, the plan was for someone to come; to be born just as other men are. Born of flesh and blood just like those who had failed in all the essentials of salvation. He was to subject himself to all the temptations to which other men were subjected. Starting thus he was to accomplish all and master all.

He was to appear among men and in the open and give a practical demonstration of Spiritualizing the body and the raising of it from the dead. Among those considered for the performance of this feat, the Spirit who, when He came among men was called Jesus, was found to be the most suitable.

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As soon as the choice was made and the "forerunner" was selected, the prophets of the Brotherhood began their prophecies preparing the people for His coming. In the fullness of time He came and gave to the world and in the open, and in spite of every opposition His friends or enemies could offer, a powerful and complete demonstration of the great Truths, concerning the spiritualization of the physical body, to the point where it could be absolutely indestructible, and the raising of it, from a state of death, to a state of everlasting Life, here and now.

The plan worked. The large number of followers and students of the Seven Schools of Initiation, and a still larger number of students attached to the sub-schools, experienced a great awakening, and from that day the number who have accomplished all that the demonstration stood for has been most gratifying. These shall be able unto all ages to return to Earth, appear in the flesh, and perform such duties as are deemed necessary, then to disappear again when their work is finished.

Those who enter the Path, and follow successfully the Teachings of the Order do not become old and decrepit. As a rule they are unaffected by the general ravages of age, nor lose the charm and enthusiasm of youth. There are those, however, who grow old with the passage of time, who attain an age of a hundred years, three hundred years, and a few who continue the age cycle even longer. Then, having reduced their knowledge to a practical working basis, they begin the process of restoration toward physical youthfulness. Before these Initiates remove their bodies from the Earth Plane, the apparent age of their bodies may have been restored to those of twenty years, forty years, or whatever age was best suited to the last days of the work they most desired to do.

All who have become sufficiently evolved through prep-

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aration may see at any time many members of the "Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood" of another period who spiritualized their bodies in accordance with the teachings set forth in this book.

The following are the names of a few who, using these methods, the same as those practiced by Enoch, Moses and Elias, may be seen by those properly prepared:

Aaron, brother of Moses	Caleb, Son of Jephunneh
Abednego, one of the friends of Daniel	Carpus, of Troas
Abel, Son of Adam, (Generic)	Celopas, disciple of Jesus
Abiather, Son of Ahimelech	Daniel, the prophet
Abinadab, of Kirjath-Jearim	Darda, Son of Mahol
Abraham, Son of Terah	David, Son of Jesse
Agur, Son of Jekeh	Debora, a prophetess
Ahiah, prophet of Shiloh	Dyonysius, a bishop of Athens
Ahio, Son of Abinadab	El'asah, a priest
Amariah, a high priest	Eleazat, a mighty man of David
Amos of Tekoa	Eli, a descendant of Aaron
Amoz, father of Isaiah	Eleazar, Son of Eliud
Ami, one of Solomon's builders	Eliezer, citizen of Damascus
Amplias, a citizen of Rome	Eliezer, of the sons of Harim
Ananias, of Damascus	Elijah, the prophet
Andrew, one of the Apostles	Elisha, disciple of Elijah
Anna, of Jerusalem, tribe of Abner	Eliud, Son of Achim
Annas, Son of Seth	Enoch, Son of Jared
Appelles, bishop of Smyrna	Enos, Son of Seth
Appellos, of Alexandra	Esther, daughter of Abihail
Archippus, a Colossian	Ethan, Son of Mahol
Aristarcus, a Thessalonian	Ebulus, a Roman
Aristabulus, of Rome	Eunice, Mother of Timotheus
Artemus, of Lystra	Enodius, of Philippi
Asaph, leader of David's choir	Ezbai, of Naarai
Asher, eighth son of David	Ezekiel, the prophet
Aram, son of Hezron	Ezra, scribe and priest
Barnabas, disciple of Christ	Gaius, a Macedonian
Bartholomew, Son of Tolmai, an Apostle	Ga-lal, Son of Asaph
Benjamin, Son of David	Gama-liel, Son of Pedahzur
Boaz, of Bethlehem	Gemariah, Son of Shaphan
	Hab-akuk, a minor prophet
	Hag-ga-i, one of the minor prophets

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Hamu-tal, daughter of Jeremiah	Jaddu-a, Son of Jonathan
Ha-nan, one of the chief people of the tribe of Benjamin	Jaha-zi-el, a priest in the reign of David
Hanna-ni, a Seer	Jaze-rah, priest of the house of Immer
Hanani-ah, one of the sons of Hemen	Ja-kim, head priest in David's reign
Han-iel, Son of Ulla	Jahonadab, Son of Rachab
Hannah, Mother of Samuel	James, one of the Apostles
Han-niel, Son of Ephod	James, Son of Alphaeus
Hasadi-ah, of the line of Judah	Jam-lech, of the tribe of Simeon
Hashab-nah, one of the chiefs of the people	Ja-red, father of Enoch
Haziel, of the family of Shimi	Ja-son, a Thessalonian
He-lep, Son of Baanah	Jedai-ah, priest in the time of David
He-lek, Son of Gilead	Jedi-a-el, a chief patriarch
He-li, father of Joseph	Jed-idah, mother of King Josiah
He-man, Son of Joel	Jeremiah, the prophet
Heph-zi-bah, mother of Manasseh	Jer-emoth, Son of Heman
Hermas, a Christian of Rome	Jes-se, father of David
Hermes, bishop of Dalmatia	Jesus, Son of Joseph and Mary
Hezeki-ah, King of Judah	Job, the patriarch
Hez-ra-i, one of the guards of David	Joch-ebed, mother of Moses and Aaron
Hi-el, of Bethel	Joel, Son of Samuel, the prophet
Hose-a, one of the minor prophets	John, the apostle
Hoshea-a, last King of Israel	John, the Baptist
Hul-dah, a prophetess	Jo-i-ada, High Priest
Hur, Son of Aram	Jo-i-akim, High Priest
Hur, who stayed the hand of Moses	Jo-na, father of the apostle Peter
Im-ri, a man of Judah	Jo-nah, the prophet
Isaac, Son of Abraham	Jonan, Son of Eliakim
Isaiah, the prophet	John-athan, Son of King Saul
Is-cah, daughter of Haran	Jo-rim, Son of Matthat
It-ta-i, a commander in David's army	Joseph, Son of Jacob by Rachel
Iz-har, Son of Kohath	Jo-ses, Son of Eliezer
Ja-a-ziel, a Levite in the service of David	Joshua, Son of Nun
Jacob, Son of Isaac	Josi-ah, Son of Simon
	Judah, fourth son of Jacob
	Judas, surnamed: Barsabas

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Jude, one of the apostles	Mele-a, Son of Menan
Judas, one of the Lord's brothers	Menan, father of Mele-a
Judith, author of the apocryphal book bearing her name	Me-sha, eldest son of Caleb
Julia, Christian woman of Rome	Me-shac, friend of the prophet Daniel
Junia, a fellow prisoner with the apostles	Methuselah, descendant of Seth
Kel-ita, who signed covenant with Nehemiah	Micah, a prophet
Kemuel, Son of Nahor	Mica-iah, prophet of Samaria
Kenon, Son of Seth	Mi-cha, a signatory of the covenant
Ke-ren-hap-puch, youngest daughter of Job	Miriam, sister of Moses
Lois, grandmother of Timothy	Mish-ael, Son of Uzziel
Lucius, kinsman of St. Paul	Moses, leader of Israel
Luke, the Evangelist	Na-aman, a Syrian
Lysias, nobleman of royal blood	Nadab, Son of Aaron
Lydia, a convert of St. Paul	Nag-ge, one of the ancestors of Jesus
Mahal-ale-el, Fourth from Adam	Na-hum, one of the minor prophets
Malachi, author of the book Malachi	Na-omi, mother-in-law of Ruth
Man-aen, a teacher and prophet	Nathan, eminent Hebrew prophet
Mark, one of the evangelists	Nathan-e-el, Brother of David
Mars-sena, prince of Persia	Nehemiah, author of book Nehemiah
Mary, of Cleopas	Ne-reus, a Christian at Rome
Mary Magdale-ne, See Luke 8-2	Ne-ri, Son of Malchi
Mary, mother of Mark	Nicode-mus, a Pharisee
Mary, sister of Lazarus	Nun, father of Joshua
Mary, Mother of Jesus	Obadi-ah, a prophet
Mary, a Roman Christian	Obed-edom, Levite of Gath-rimmon
Mathu-sa-la, Son of Enoch	Obed, Son of Boaz
Matthew, Author of the book of Matthew	Onesimus an inhabitant of Colosse
Matthias, the apostle	Onesiph-orus, a Christian
Melchi, Son of Janna	Oth-niel, Son of Kenaz
Melchiz-edek, king of Salem	Patrobas, a Christian at Rome
	Paul, an apostle
	Pelati-ah, Son of Hananiah
	Pe-let, Son of Jahdai
	Persis, a Christian woman at Rome

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Peleth, Son of Jonathan	Se-rug, great grandfather of Abraham
Peter, the apostle	Seth, Son of Adam
Pethuel, father of the prophet Joel	Shammu-a, Son of David
Phal-lu, Son of Rheuben	Shapan, secretary of King Josiah
Phalec, Son of Eber	Shaphat, father of prophet Elisha
Phanuel, father of Anna the prophetess	Shem, Son of Noah
Philip, the apostle	Shema, a Rheubenite ancestor of Bela
Philip, the evangelist	Shemaiah, a prophet
Phi-lologus, a Christian at Rome	Shemaiah, father of Obadiah
Publius, a friend of Paul	Shemaiah, eldest son of Ob-ededom
Pudens, Christian and friend of Paul	Shemaiah, descendant of Jeduthun, a singer
Puti-el, mother of Phinehas	Shemaiah, a prophet in the time of Nehemiah
Quartus, a Christian in Corinth	Sheva, royal secretary of David
Rachel, wife of Jacob	Shimeon, layman of Israel
Rad-da-i, Son of Jesse	Shimma, third son of Jesse
Ragu-el, father of Sara	Shobek, one of the sealers of the covenant
Ragua, Son of Phalec	Silas, an eminent Christian
Rahab, woman of Jericho who hid the spies sent by Joshua to spy out the land, etc.	Simon, Son of Mattathias
Rebek-ah, wife of Isaac	Simon, brother of Jesus
Rehabiah, Son of Eliezer	Simon, of Cyrene
Re-i, a friend of David	Sirach, writer of the book of Ecclesiasticus
Re-phael, Son of Shemiah	Solomon, Son of David
Re-phah, Son of Ephraim	Sopater, Son of Pyrrhus of Berea
Rhe-sa, Son of Zorobabel	Sothenes, of Corinth
Rho-da, a maid of Mary	Susanna, the heroine
Ruth, author of the book of Ruth	Tabitha, female disciple of Joppa
Sal-ma, Son of Nahshon	Thaddeus, one of the apostles
Salome, wife of Zebedee	Thomas, one of the apostles
Sarah, wife of Abraham	Timothy, a disciple
Secundus, Christian of Thessalonica	Titus, companion of St. Paul
Sem, the patriarch	Tryphe-na, a Christian woman at Rome
Sergius Paulus, proconsul of Abraham	

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Thecla, a woman convert of St. Paul	Za-cher, one of the sons of Jehiel
Trypho-sa, co-worker with Tryphe-na	Za-dok, Son of Ahitub
Tyran-nus, a Christian at Ephesus	Zalaph, father of Hanum
Uriah, high officer in the army of David	Zeb-edee, father of the apostles James and John
Uzza, one of the sons of Ab- inadab	Zebadah, wife of Josiah
Zabad, Son of Nathan	Zachari-ah, one of the minor prophets
Za-bud, a priest	Ze-nus, a preacher of the gospel
Zaccheus, a tax collector	Zephaniah, a minor prophet
Zachari-as, father of John the Baptist	Zip-porah, daughter of Jethro
	—and millions more.

What an honor it is to be a member of such an Order.

DUALISM—MONOTHEISM

1	Realm of The Absolute	Formless Limitless	Monotheism—Immortality
2	Realm of God Spirits Christ Spirit Substance	Formless Limitless	
3	Realm of Universal Spirit Substance	Formless Limitless	
4	Realm of Life Spirit Substance	Formless Limited	
5	Realm of Mind Spirit Substance	Formless Limited	
		Formative Limited	Mortality
6	Realm of Desire Spirit Substance	Formative Limited	
7	Realm of Physical Spirit Substance	Formative Limited	Dualism

DIAGRAM I

Diagram showing that both Monotheism and Dualism are
right from the viewpoint of each

CHAPTER III

THE TWO SCHOOLS—DUALISM— MONOTHEISM

THE SEVEN LESSER Schools of Initiation fall into two classes: Dualism and Monotheism. The difference being that the Dualist begins his research in the Physical Plane where the God Substance is formative, while the Monothoist begins in the Planes where the God Substances are formless.

Here in the physical realm or plane the Dualist sees two ends to every pole. A night to every day. He experiences heat and its opposite, cold. He sees nothing that is perfect but he does see much that is imperfect.

He sees that which is good and a great deal of that which he construes as evil. He sees right action and much of that which seems to him to be wrong. He sees health and its opposite, sickness. He sees the manifestation of life, and its opposite, death. Duality everywhere.

"Here is something," says the Dualist, "that I can grasp; something I can get my hands on, so to speak. Here I will begin my work; the work of my salvation." However, he finds the situation quite different when in his ascent his consciousness reaches the consideration of the Third Division of the Realm of Mind, the Substance which is formless.

Heretofore he had been dealing with Substances that were formative and opposites which were determinable. But in this Third Division of the Realm of Mind, he finds that there are no forms and he also finds that none can

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be created. It is here he realizes that the ladder of Dualism, which has brought him thus far, vanishes.

In this formless God Substance he finds no imperfection. He sees no pole to have two ends. No night to a day. No evil to a Good. No sickness, no sin and no death.

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The Monotheist begins in the Higher Realms of the God Substance where all is perfect: Perfect Love, Perfect Mercy, Perfect Wisdom, Perfect Power, Perfect Truth, Strength, Life and Perfect Understanding. Furthermore, he sees that God, the Universal All is not only *in* all things, but that He *is all things*.

Both Schools are necessary. The mind that leans to the scientific side of things can make a better and "quicker getaway" working along Dualistic lines.

There are other minds, however, that are more of a devotional nature; more Idealistic. Their love natures are a bit stronger than their scientific inclinations. So to accommodate this class the "Helpers of Human Destiny" also instituted and have kept their teachings (while fully ablaze with activity and vigor) a profound secret until the publishing of this book, known only to themselves and Initiates of other Schools and to those who were found worthy to become initiated into the Order, the name of which is the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood, with Jesus, son of Joseph and Mary, as the Head.

A Christian should be a scientist and a scientist should also be a Christian. Therefore it is the purpose of the Leaders of the two Schools to bring together these two factions which, in the past, have been working in such strong opposition to each other.

A great highway is to be builded. Under capable en-

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gineers men are set to work at each end of the highway. They meet. There is no quarrel when they meet, on the contrary there is great rejoicing. So let it be with these two Schools when they meet as they will from time to time. Let them rejoice and be glad.

CHAPTER IV

THE SECRET OF LIFE

JESUS, Head of the Great Brothers of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood taught that the great secret of Life was God the Universal All; the Great Father of all things, *expressed through* the Christ which is in the mortal body. Jesus never intended to convey the idea that He, Jesus, the personality, the body they all could see, the body which was born of Joseph and Mary, was the Christ who was come to save man; to preach salvation to the lost; to heal the sick; to comfort the comfortless. No statement was ever made by Him that would lead to such a conclusion.

He made every effort to get the people at large to understand that it was the God within; the God spirit which God gave to all His creatures in the day of Creation. This was the Christ He was preaching and not His personality. This Christ is in every one, Jew and Gentile, and it is this Divinity within; this Christ within the human form, that is one with the Father, the Universal All, and it is this Christ that saves.

Jesus also taught that the fundamental of all achievement of mortal man, of whatever nature, was accomplished *through* the Christ within which is the true Child of God. He also taught His disciples that the oneness with this Divinity or Christ within was achieved by permitting the Christ to bring about the Spiritualization of the mortal body; by permitting the Christ to have full control over all thoughts and all deeds. By forcing the carnal mind to yield *fully and completely* to the Divinity within, which is the Christ.

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He taught that old age and death of the physical body could be overcome by Spiritualizing it. He taught that there must be a *resurrection*; that there *must* be a raising of the mortal body from its state of sin and death to a state of Life and Immortality; and that this resurrection was nothing else but the Universal All operating *through* the Christ or Divinity in man.

Whatever His numerous plans were and the number of things accomplished, and prophecies fulfilled in the crucifixion and His resurrection of His body, Jesus made a special effort, not only to *teach* but to demonstrate beyond any doubt to His disciples and followers that the mortal body *could* be Spiritualized and, furthermore, that it *must* be; and being Spiritualized, it could not be destroyed!

Jesus approached the crucifixion, not with fear and trembling, as so many believe and preach, but with a joy and peace unspeakable. See how He rushes things through. Hear Him tell Judas "what thou doest do quickly." Then, standing in the very shadow of the cross, looking across the way, seeing Judas on his errand of betrayal, see Him turn to His disciples and hear Him say: "Peace I leave with you, *My peace* I give unto you."

See Him also when His enemies, the priests and Pharisees came upon Him, go quickly forward and ask them whom they sought and how quickly and vehemently He reproved Peter for interfering and attempting to defend Him against those who came to arrest Him.

And when brought to trial, not only did He not try to prevent His conviction, but He did everything that would provoke them to demand His conviction. Why? Because this was to be the Great Demonstration of the Power of the Christ within; the demonstration of the resurrection of the mortal body from the dead! This was His great opportunity to prove to His disciples and followers be-

yond doubt the possibility of man's triumph over sin; over sickness and over death. And the exclamation "It is finished" was a shout of VICTORY and not a cry of resignation nor of defeat.

If the world could realize how He rejoiced in that He was able, through the Spiritualization of the mortal body, to show to all of suffering humanity a way out of all their sorrows of earth, even death, the human race would swing into line with an enthusiasm that would be revolutionary.

Jesus did not permit His body to lie in the tomb any longer than it took His enemies to finish making sure to themselves and the public that His body was actually in the tomb and properly sealed and *guarded*. Just as soon as this was done, Jesus immediately took His body and with it appeared to His disciples, the Brotherhood, and to other Schools of Initiation.

It must be remembered that the Order of the Christian Brotherhood was not the only Order or School interested in this demonstration of the indestructibleness of a body Spiritualized. Every School was well represented and took part in personally witnessing the demonstration.

For nearly sixty years after Jesus lived in this resurrected body, in and around Judea, in places apart, teaching His disciples and others the facts of the resurrection of the body, or the "resurrection of the dead" *here and now*; not beyond the grave but in this life through the spiritualization of the mortal body by the Power of the Christ within; and He has that body—its essence—unto this day.

During the years He remained, after the crucifixion, all the Apostles, including Paul, were further grounded in the doctrine of the Christian Brotherhood, and Paul appointed by Jesus to the ministry. Before He took His departure the Apostles had so Spiritualized their bodies that,

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regardless of the manner of death their bodies might be required to go through, (because of the superstition of the people) they would be able at the auspicious time to raise up the Spiritualized form, and this they all did, even John who was beheaded. And all have with them unto this day the spiritualized bodies in which they lived while on Earth. Having become Spiritualized, they were *indestructible*!

Joseph and Mary were truly the father and mother of Jesus, but God was the Father of the Christ *in* Jesus just as He is the Father of the Christ in every human form. And "they shall call His name Jesus," said the angel of the Lord. But after Jesus had Spiritualized His body, thereby making the Christ within Lord of All, He was named Jesus the Christ; Christ Jesus, etc. (See Names, Appellations and Titles of Jesus the Christ). Since this Christ, which is in all, is the offspring of God and God is its Father, a realization of this relationship makes it possible for us to say as did Jesus, "I and my Father are one," through the Christ within.

As you read the Names, Appellations and Titles of Jesus the Christ, remember that they are the Names, Appellations and Titles of *Your* Christ; your Lord and Master; your King of Glory; the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. That is, *your* Christ is all of these things to you!

NAMES, APPELLATIONS AND TITLES OF JESUS THE CHRIST

Adam
1 Cor. 15:45
Advocate,
1 John 2:1
Almighty,
Rev. 1:8

Alpha and Omega,
Rev. 1:8
Amen,
Rev. 3:14
Angel of his presence,
Isa. 63:9

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| Angel, | Chiefest among ten thousand, Song 5:10 |
| Gen. 48:16 | |
| Ex. 23:20, 21 | Child, |
| Anointed, | Isa. 9:6 |
| Psa. 2:2 | Luke 2:27, 43 |
| Apostle, | Chosen of God, |
| Heb. 3:1 | 1 Pet. 2:4 |
| Arm of the Lord, | Christ, |
| Isa. 51:9, 10 | Matt. 1:16 |
| Author and finisher of our faith, Heb. 12:2 | Luke 9:20 |
| Beginning and ending of Creation of God, | The Christ, |
| Rev. 3:14; 22:13 | Matt. 16:20 |
| Beloved, | Mark 14:61 |
| Eph. 1:6 | Christ, a King, |
| Bishop, | Luke 23:2 |
| 1 Pet. 2:25 | Christ Jesus, |
| Blessed and only potentate, | Acts 19:4; |
| 1 Tim. 6:15 | Rom. 3:24 |
| Branch, | Rom. 8:1 |
| Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8 | 1 Cor. 1:30 |
| Bread of Life, | Heb. 3:1 |
| John 6:48 | 1 Pet. 5:10, 14 |
| Bridegroom, | Christ Jesus our Lord, |
| Matt. 9:15 | 1 Tim. 1:12 |
| Bright and morning star, | Rom. 8:39 |
| Rev. 22:16 | Christ of God, |
| Brightness of the Father's Glory, Heb. 1:3 | Luke 9:20 |
| Captain of the Lord's host, | Christ, the Chosen of God, |
| Josh. 5:14 | Luke 23:35 |
| Captain of Salvation, | Christ the Lord, |
| Heb. 2:10 | Luke 2:11 |
| Carpenter, | Christ, the Power of God, |
| Mark 6:3 | 1 Cor. 1:24 |
| Carpenter's son, | Christ, the Wisdom of God, |
| Matt. 13:55 | 1 Cor. 1:24 |
| Chief Shepherd, | Christ, the Son of God, |
| 1 Pet. 5:4 | Acts 9:20 |
| Chief Corner stone, | Christ, Son of the blessed |
| 1 Pet. 2:6 | Mark 14:61 |
| | Commander, |
| | Isa. 55:4 |
| | Consolation of Israel, |
| | Luke 2:25 |

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Corner stone,
 Eph. 2:20
 Counsellor,
 Isa. 9:6
 Covenant of the people,
 Isa. 42:6
 David,
 Jer. 30:9
 Daysman,
 Job. 9:33
 Dayspring,
 Luke 1:78
 Day star,
 2 Pet. 1:19
 Deliverer,
 Rom. 11:26
 Desire of all nations,
 Hag. 2:7
 Door,
 John 10:7
 Elect,
 Isa. 42:1
 Emmanuel,
 Isa. 7:14
 Ensign,
 Isa. 11:10
 Eternal Life,
 1 John 5:20
 Everlasting Father,
 Isa. 9:6
 Faithful and true,
 Rev. 19:11
 Faithful witness,
 Rev. 1:5
 Faithful and true witness,
 Rev. 3:14
 Finisher of faith,
 Heb. 12:2
 First and last,
 Rev. 1:17
 Rev. 2:8
 Rev. 22:13

First begotten,
 Heb. 1:6
 First begotten of the dead
 Rev. 1:5
 First born,
 Psa. 89:27
 Foundation,
 Isa. 28:16
 Forerunner,
 Heb. 6:20
 Friend of sinners,
 Matt. 11:19
 Gift of God,
 John 4:10
 Glory of Israel,
 Luke 2:32
 God,
 John 1:1
 God blessed for ever,
 Rom. 9:5
 God manifest in the flesh
 1 Tim. 3:16
 God of Israel, the Savior,
 Isa. 45:15
 God of the whole earth,
 Isa. 54:5
 God our savior,
 1 Tim. 2:3
 God's dear Son,
 Col. 1:13
 God with us,
 Matt. 1:23
 Good Master,
 Matt. 19:16
 Governor,
 Matt. 2:6
 Great shepherd of the sheep,
 Heb. 13:20
 Head of the Church,
 Eph. 5:23
 Heir of all things,
 Heb. 1:2

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High Priest,	Acts 10:36
Heb. 4:14	Acts 16:18
Head of every man,	Jesus Christ,
1 Cor. 11:3	Rom. 1:1, 3, 6
Head of the church,	Rom. 2:16
Col. 1:18	Rom. 5:15, 17
Head of the Corner,	Rom. 6:3
Matt. 21:42	1 Cor. 1:1, 4
Holy child Jesus,	1 Cor. 2:2
Acts 4:30	2 Cor. 1:19
Holy one,	2 Cor. 4:6
Psa. 16:10	2 Cor. 13:5
Acts 3:14	Gal. 2:16
Holy one of God,	Phil. 1:8
Mark 1:24	Phil. 2:11
Holy one of Israel,	1 Tim. 1:15
Isa. 41:14	Heb. 13:8
Isa. 54:5	1 John 1:7
Holy thing,	1 John 2:1
Luke 1:35	Jesus Christ our Lord,
Hope (our)	Rom. 1:3
1 Tim. 1:1	Rom. 6:11, 23
Horn of salvation,	1 Cor. 1:9
Luke 1:69	1 Cor. 7:25
I am,	Jesus Christ our Savior,
John 8:58	Tit. 3:6
Image of God,	Jesus of Nazareth, King of
Heb. 1:3	the Jews, John 19:19
Israel,	Jesus of Nazareth,
Isa. 49:3	Mark 1:24
Jehovah,	Luke 24:19
Isa. 40:3	Jesus, the King of the Jews,
Jehovah's fellow,	Matt. 27:37
Zech. 13:7	Jesus, the Son of God,
Jesus,	Heb. 4:14
Matt. 1:21	Jesus, the Son of Joseph,
Jesus Christ,	John 6:42
Matt. 1:1	Judge,
John 1:17	Acts 10:42
John 17:3	Just one,
Acts 2:38	Acts 3:14
Acts 4:10	Acts 7:52
Acts 9:34	Acts 22:14

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Propitiation,	2 Pet. 1:1
1 John 2:2	Saviour of the body,
Rabbi,	Eph. 5:23
John 1:49	Saviour of the world,
Rabboni,	1 John 4:14
John 20:16	Sceptre,
Ransom,	Num. 24:17
1 Tim. 2:6	Second man,
Redeemer,	1 Cor. 15:47
Isa. 59:20	Seed of David,
Resurrection, and Life,	2 Tim. 2:8
John 11:25	Seed of the woman,
Redemption,	Gen. 3:15
1 Cor. 1:30	Servant,
Righteous branch,	Isa. 42:1
Jer. 23:5	Servant of rulers,
Righteous Judge,	Isa. 49:7
2 Tim. 4:8	Shepherd,
Righteous servant,	Mark 14:27
Isa. 53:11	Shepherd and bishop of souls,
Righteousness,	1 Pet. 2:25
1 Cor. 1:30	Shepherd, chief,
Rock,	1 Pet. 5:4
1 Cor. 10:4	Shepherd, good,
Root of David,	John 10:11
Rev. 5:5	Shepherd, great,
Root of Jesse,	Heb. 13:20
Isa. 11:10	Shepherd of Israel,
Rose of Sharon,	Psa. 80:1
Song 2:1	Shiloh,
Ruler of Israel,	Gen. 49:10
Mic. 5:2	Son of the Father,
Salvation,	2 John 3
Luke 2:30	Sure Foundation,
Sanctification,	Isa. 28:16
1 Cor. 1:30	Teacher,
Sanctuary,	John 3:2
Isa. 8:14	True God,
Saviour,	1 John 5:20
Luke 2:11	True vine,
Saviour, Jesus Christ,	John 15:1
2 Tim. 1:10	Truth,
Tit. 2:13	John 14:6

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Unspeakable gift,
2 Cor. 9:15

Way,
John 14:6

Which is, which was, which is
to come, Rev. 1:4

Wisdom,
Prov. 8:12

Wisdom of God,
1 Cor. 1:24

Word of God,
Rev. 19:13

Word of Life,
1 John 1:1

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WHAT A POWER THIS HIGHER SELF IS!

There are many profound Secrets concerning man and the unfoldment of his Spiritual powers which are God-like in their manifestations and which are reserved for those who prove themselves to be worthy.

To the possessor of a working knowledge concerning these tremendous Powers, all things become possible. This knowledge, a "Pearl of great price which when found all will be sold that it might be purchased," is today possessed by many. They are the worthy ones.

To you may be given the opportunity and privilege of helping these wonderful Beings in Their work for the betterment of mankind. This may be accomplished by spreading word of Their Teachings among those who seek. Any service unselfishly rendered, will be approved by Them and the one rendering such a service will be drawn closer to Them and will eventually be given permission to stand face to face with Them and experience indescribable joy.

There are, of course, certain methods of direct approach, but, even though this direct method is not pursued, much

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progress can be made by following the instructions set forth in this book, by searching the scriptures diligently, and by placing yourself under the Cultural Condition of the Order.

Let us resolve to begin at once to get in conscious touch with our wonderful Higher Self, for truly it is the answer to all our difficulties.

CHAPTER V

FATHER

THE NAME, Father, has three different meanings:

1. The flesh and blood father, or earthly father.
2. The Heavenly Father, the Divinity within; or Christ Spirit, the Spirit which is the "alone begotten of God."
3. The Universal Father, or Universal All, which is the Father of all Christ Spirits.

Thus we have the Universal Father, which is the creator of all things as well as the creator of the Christs in all human forms. The Christ in the Human form is the spiritual Father of the form, while the earthly father, together with the mother (See Birth of Dense Body, Chapter XXI) is used by the Christ Spirit as one of the processes in creating a form or body, sometimes called temple, for the purpose of contacting physical things upon and in the Physical Realm, to the end that it may have the opportunity of incorporating into Itself the spiritualized essences of this Realm, as well as to acquire consciousness *in* the Physical Realm. God, the Universal All, which is the Father of the Christ Spirit, is thoroughly conscious in the Physical Realm, but the Christ Spirits are not conscious to the same extent. Therefore it is necessary that the Christ Spirits build again and again, a physical form, using all the various elements existant in the Physical Realm, to the end that they may become as full *of* all the elements of the Physical Realms as their Universal Father, and as fully conscious.

When the Christ in Jesus communed with His Father,

naturally it was with the *Universal* Father; but when the man Jesus communed or prayed to His Father, it was to his Christ within, which was His Heavenly Father. (See Birth of Dense Body, Chapter XXI.)

But after the human form or mortal body, known as Jesus, became fully spiritualized, by the Christ Power, or Christ Spirit within, and merged fully and completely into the Christ Spirit, or the Heavenly Father, as He so often called It, the functioning of Jesus, as a separate force or entity, ceased, and He was known ever after as Jesus Christ, Christ Jesus, etc.

When the mortal body becomes spiritualized, and becomes one with the Father and the Father one with the spiritualized body, there is then no more Jesus or mortality to strive or pray. But until this union is effected or brought about; until mortality has been transformed into Immortality, there is much to be done, so much, that we are commanded to pray without ceasing.

All efforts put forth by the mortal body, to spiritualize itself, must be directed to its Higher Self; to its Christ or Divinity within, for it cannot be too often stated that it is through its *own* Christ, through its *own* "Mighty God" that the body is spiritualized and saved, and in no other way.

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This statement does not mean that God the Universal All begat only one Son and that He gave *that* Son to die for the sins of the world. Such an interpretation is out of all reason. What is more, it is not in keeping with the facts as they appear in the "Records of Nature".

In the "Records" we have the following meaning: "The Sons, or Children of God; the Christ or Divinity within mortal man, is a begotten Son of God the All Father.

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But the mortal or physical body of man is begotten by a mortal or physical body."

In other words, mortality begets mortality and Immortality begets Immortality. Therefore, God gave (only) that which He had begotten (namely the Christ within mortal man) that the mortality that believeth *in* this Christ, should not perish but have Everlasting Life. See St. John 3:16.

Again, in I. John 4:9, it says: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His begotten Son (or Christs) into the world, (mortality) that we (mortals) might live through him." That is, that we mortals might live through, or by means of the Divinity within the mortal body, which Divinity is the Alone begotten Son or Child of the All Father.

CHAPTER VI

"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

WHAT is commonly known as the Lord's Prayer, was a statement given by Jesus to the disciples, by which they might bring themselves to a full and complete realization of the true relationship that existed between them and their Heavenly Father. Further, that they might also realize what their Heavenly Father was continually doing for them, and that they might also pledge themselves to follow His example of right action, in all things. Jesus used the pronoun, our, because he was speaking to them en masse, and is as follows, as recorded in Matthew 6:9:

9: Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

10: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

11: Give us this day our daily bread.

12: And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

13: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

While the foregoing arrangement of the Prayer is quite different from the one used by the Christian Brotherhood, yet it serves a very good purpose for many of today.

The practice of teaching the people at large to ask for the things they need or want has the wholesome effect of keeping at least some of the human race humble. However, there are individuals who do not need to be taught

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humility and meekness, in this manner, however great or outstanding they may be in the community or country; but since the number of such is small, little, or perhaps no harm is done.

The average individual keeps himself in such an unspiritual condition that none of the many things he prays so fervently for can come to him. Even though the blessings are being pressed upon such, they are not felt. "Try me, saith the Lord and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour out to you blessings such as there will not be room to contain."

We ask that His Will be done, while seeing to it in a very decided way that His Will is not done, by giving our own will full right of way. We pray Him to give us our daily bread, while God is ever holding out this Bread to us, and we at all times refuse to eat it; at least this would seem to be so, judging from the spiritual leanness of those who continually beg for it.

The God within even goes so far as to entreat man to eat of the Bread of Life that they might *live* and *not* die. Telling them in so many words, that if they do not eat of the bread and drink of the Water of Life, they will surely die, and the fact that they continue to die, is evidence of the fact that they are not eating nor drinking of the Bread and Water of Life.

The Prayer continues: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," the reverse of what even a worthwhile earthly parent would do. The Prayer as used by the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and Christian Initiation is quite different, and is a duplicate of that found in the "Records of Nature." It follows:

My Father which art in Heaven: Adorable One. Thy kingdom is come. Thy Will is done in me, as it is in Thee.

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Thou giveth me, each day, my daily bread, and Thou forgiveth me my debts, and I forgive my debtors.

Thou maketh me strong against temptation; Thou delivereth me from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Can you not feel the warmth in the above? There is not only warmth, but there is friendliness and comradeship, and at the same time a full acknowledgment for all the Father has done, and is continually doing. Furthermore, it contains some of the greatest secrets pertaining to spiritual achievement found in the Bible; secrets which are freely and cheerfully given to those who prove themselves worthy.

CHAPTER VII

GETHSEMANE

IT MIGHT be helpful if the writer gave the reader a brief definition of the word Gethsemane. Here on the physical plane, it means, a small farm including various fruit trees, and an oilpress for the extraction of oils and juices. However from an occult standpoint, it also means a place of restoration; a place where things are grown and refined; to elevate; to make fit for use; to transform. With the foregoing definition, you will be able to get somewhat of an idea as to what took place in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The writer realizes that what is written herein regarding the Cup, the crucifixion and the resurrection, will come as a shock to many of the orthodox Christians. However, it will not be the first time Truth has shocked humanity. And yet, why should Truth shock any one? It should be a pleasurable experience to lay aside error for Truth. Error always binds, enslaves and ultimates always in distress, in all forms of misery, and finally in death, while Truth gives freedom from all of the foregoing.

Truth exchanges sorrow for joy, poverty for riches, weakness for strength, sickness for health, old age for youth and death for Everlasting Life, *here and now*. Instead of being shocked by such Truth (for Truth it is) let us rejoice evermore that it has come to us. However, the writer has no quarrel, but rather a deep sympathy for those who persist in refusing this wonderful Truth. He is content to give it as it was given to him and as it appears in the "Records of Nature."

Because of the wickedness of the people previous to the

days of the Bible, the Great Secrets concerning the Powers of God which enter into the plan of Salvation were given to the "Chosen;" to the "Elect."

So in writing of Their Teachings or Plans and the selection of places and happenings, words, names and places were selected which would convey to the "Chosen" the idea they wished to set forth, while the unworthy would be none the wiser. It was for this reason they selected the Word or name Gethsemane. It conveyed adequately to the "Elect," to the initiated, not only of *that* day and time, but to the worthy of all time to come, the true purpose and reason for coming to this Garden and the report of what really took place.

We have mentioned in the foregoing that mankind had fallen to great depths during the dim ages of the past. Sorcery and black magic in all their most violent and vicious forms had been rampant for ages upon ages and had left their disturbing effects upon Earth conditions. Forces and Powers, in fact, all the Substances of the Earth had become so turbulent through perversion that only a comparatively few were able to achieve Liberation from death, the Giant enemy of all mankind.

Jesus, and all others concerned, were well aware that to demonstrate the facts of the resurrection of the physical body was in and of itself, not enough; for this a few were still able to do, notwithstanding the perverted or turbulent condition of the Earth's Substance which the wickedness of man had wrought.

For the demonstration to have the desired effect, these turbulent forces and powers of the earth must be restored to their state of *normalcy*. This was a task the magnitude of which very few persons of that day and time much less those of today, could appreciate.

Although we are permitted to give only a few of the

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facts, enough can be given to set right an error which, because the masses were not ready to receive the truth, has been allowed to remain uncorrected for nearly two thousand years.

It is universally recognized that dissemination of some truths, if divulged prematurely, may cause harm rather than good. Truth must be uncovered in such a way as to give the greatest amount of good to the greatest number of people.

Now, brought into the open are facts concerned with one of the greatest events in the life of Jesus. It follows:

THE CUP THAT PASSED

There are One and Seventy Centers of Motion; Centers of Living Light and Fire which when stirred into co-related activity are direct contributors to the "Cup" which Jesus, while in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed so fervently should pass from Him to all mankind.

All of these Centers are active in all the Great Brothers of the Christian Brotherhood. They were all active in the Body of Jesus and, ultimately, in all the Disciples. It is the activity of these Centers of Energy, Light and Life that gives Eternal Youth with all its charm and Life Eternal. Only occasionally do we find in the average individual any motion at all.

It is the stirring of these Centers into motion or action that brings about the Spiritualization of the mortal body, whereby sin, sickness, old age and death are overcome and a continual Joy, Peace, Happiness and conscious union with the Heavenly Father is experienced here and now!

With these One and Seventy Centers of Force, Power and Life active in the body, the body is then a veritable "Garden of Gethsemane" where these "Oil Presses" or Centers are continually extracting from the body, Oil or

Spiritual Essences which are then diffused through certain channels back into the body, causing it to become richer in Wisdom and Power, and richer in Oneness with the Christ within.

Jesus Christ acted as the Representative of all the "Begotten Sons" of God, the Universal All, and in collaboration with the "Lords of Wisdom" and "Jehovah" (the third Attribute of God, the Universal Father) adjusted the Turbulent Earth conditions and various Spirit Substances, Forces and Powers to the end that for all time to come, not only the strong and the "Elect" could work out their Salvation successfully, but that all mankind could be equally successful. That, regardless of parental conditions, home, community or national environment, every one who would hear the call could develop their own Garden of Gethsemane to the point where they could grow the Living Cup within their own being and extract from their own bodies the wine or Life Essence and drink freely of the water of Life which flows into them from the All Father.

Thus it is now made possible for every one from every land and clime; of every caste and creed to drink from his own Cup of the "Water that springs up into Everlasting Life" and, having Everlasting Life, there is for him no more death, for that which is Everlasting cannot die; it knows no death. Thus hath death lost its sting and the grave its victory.

THE THREE DISCIPLES WHO SLEPT

Aspersions have been cast upon Peter, James and John for repeatedly falling asleep while Jesus, their Lord and Master, was supposed to be bowed down with sorrow and grief, in such agony, according to the Bible, that "his sweat was as if it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."

It is written that these same three had been privileged to witness with their own eyes the wonderful scene of the Transfiguration of Jesus, wherein Moses and Elias appeared. Other extraordinary privileges, too, had been granted to them, yet it is told that though they were twice awakened, they continued to sleep. And when He came upon them the third time and again found them asleep, "He saith unto them, 'Sleep on now and take your rest'."

It is interesting to take a look into the "Records of Nature" and to see just what really happened. The "Records" give us the following information: Jesus Christ, as before stated, was to co-operate with the Lords of Wisdom and the Spirit of Jehovah in adjusting the Earth condition back to a state of normalcy; a state which would once again make Spiritual unfoldment easy. It was to be made so accessible that *all* mankind could take advantage of the resurrection of their bodies from a state of death to a state of Life Everlasting. That *all* could henceforth accomplish what Jesus came to demonstrate, namely, the resurrection of their mortal bodies to bodies Immortal.

This meeting place was not only in the Garden of Gethsemane but in the first three Divisions of the Realm of Mind. Jesus could raise His body to this Spiritual height with ease but the three Apostles could not, though twice did Jesus endeavor to help them accomplish this feat so much desired by them. They were not quite sufficiently unfolded Spiritually. But they could raise their bodies beyond the range of plain Physical vision. Such a feat is fairly easy of accomplishment for it is only a step, while to raise their bodies to the place or to the height that Jesus did, a height necessary to meet with these Great Beings with whom He was to co-operate, required not only one step but eighteen steps and this was too much for them. So it

was that when Jesus saw that it could not be done He told them to let their bodies *sleep* and this they did.

However, they were there in all the fullness of their consciousness. Thus did they witness the great work done by Jesus in collaboration with the Lords of Wisdom and the God Jehovah. This explains why it says in the Bible that Jesus went a little further. So you can readily see that instead of the Garden being one of agony, it was a place of joy and a time of unprecedented achievement, of victory and of great rejoicing. Hence the shout went forth saying "the Spirit (which is the Christ) and the bride (the Spiritualized body) say come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of Life freely." All Earth conditions having been restored to normal functioning, the way of Salvation is now open to all.

CHAPTER VIII

JESUS CHRIST WAS OF GREAT COURAGE AND AT ALL TIMES UNAFRAID

BIBLICAL writings, and their interpretations by a majority of Christians, infer that Jesus the Christ suffered great agony in the mere contemplation of His crucifixion. It is contended that His agony was so great that drops of blood oozed from the pores of the skin.

Such interpretations charge the Son, the Immortalized and Spiritualized Jesus with being a greater coward than either of the two thieves who were crucified with Him.

There have been many martyrs who, confronted with a death just as tortuous, manifested none of these conditions; who showed a far greater courage than is granted Jesus by those who continually worship Him.

Not only is such an interpretation damaging to the cause of the Christian religion and to the courage and bravery of a great Being doing a great work, but it is pitifully inaccurate and entirely foreign to the facts as well as repulsive to possessors of plain common sense.

Jesus came into this world in a physical body to demonstrate that He, by Spiritualizing the body, could lay it down and take it up again at will. St. John 10:18. "No man," says Jesus, "taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have Power to lay it down and I have Power to take it up again." "This Power," says He, "have I received from my Father. Destroy this temple (this body) and in three days I will build it again."

This does not mean that it would require three days to effect the restoration of his body (Temple) for that He

could have done instantly. But, for prophetic as well as other reasons, He would take the three days to bring into the open the rebuilt body.

Again He says in Matt. 26:53, "thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father and He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (54) "But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled?"

This reference is made concerning the great demonstration of the resurrection of the dead, a demonstration that was planned in the great convention, at which time prophecies were promulgated to prepare the minds and hearts of the people. It asks, in effect, "Should those who have fallen be without help? Should they be lost?"

"If I," says Jesus, "were to forestall the crucifixion by the Power I have through the Father, I would be a traitor to my Father, God the Creator of all things, to my Brothers of the Order and to all mankind.

"I am come to demonstrate the resurrection of the dead; the resurrection of the mortal and sinful body from its state of sin, sickness and death, to a state of Immortality and nothing shall interfere nor deter me from fulfilling my mission." And nothing did!

There is another gross misinterpretation of the facts, namely: His sufferings upon the cross.

The body of Jesus was no ordinary body. Pain is a physical phenomenon; a physical and not a Spiritual condition, for Spirit neither suffers nor does it die. Every cell of every tissue of His body had become Spirit.

Furthermore, here is a Being who was the Son of God and in every respect like His Father, God. If such was the case (and it was) how then could He have suffered, seeing that God cannot feel pain? Moreover, He had all Power, and this Power was given to Him by none other

than His Father Himself. Jesus had demonstrated His Power over physical suffering on many other occasions even to the raising of the dead. So with a body thoroughly Spiritualized, and with all Power in Heaven and in Earth under His control, physical suffering was an impossibility. On the other hand He had every reason to rejoice greatly, which He did.

But the crowning error committed by the translators regarding the crucifixion of Jesus concerns the words He uttered upon the cross. According to the translators, here is a Son of God with all that such kinship implies, there before all the people, crying out to His Father, of Whom He had so frequently stated that the two of them were One, the accusing question: "Why hast Thou forsaken me?"

The translators portray Him cringing in the Garden, begging for mercy and, according to the Biblical record, not receiving it. Then on the cross He, the Son of God, asks the question, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" It is all so illogical and so unreasonable.

Fortunately neither is true. He did not ask for mercy in the Garden nor did He ask God as to why He had been forsaken. But what He did say was: "My God, my God, *how Thou hast exalted Me!*" This is exactly how it reads in the "Records of Nature" and the "Records" are true.

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The 7 Realms; each containing 7 Divisions

1	Substance Absolute		
	Highest Aspect of the Sons of the Absolute; the "Begotten"		
2	God Substance	Sons of the Absolute, "The Begotten" of the All Father, God or Christ Spirits after their differentiation in the Universal Father—Here they begin the extension of their consciousness down to the Dense Physical Substance.	}
3	Universal Christ Substance	See explanation on following page See explanation on following page	
4		Life Spirit Substance	
5	Mind Spirit Substance See Diagram —3—	This substance and all above are Formless This and all below are Formative	
6		Desire Spirit Substance See Diagram 3	
7	Physical Spirit Substance See Diagram —3—	Etheric Spirit Substance Dense Spirit Substance	

DIAGRAM II

Substances of Realm 3 are, according to Divine Law, continually drifting into, and becoming the Substances of Realm 7, (Physical Substance,) and changing back to Realm 3, in lemniscate, or figure 8 fashion. When man becomes conscious of the workings of these 5 Realms, he better understands what Jesus meant when He said: "I lay down my life that I may take it again," and "I am the Bread of Life."

CHAPTER IX

EXPLANATION OF DIAGRAM

1st.

The First section, God the Universal All. Second
God section, Highest aspect of the Christ Spirit.
Realm

Second Realm. The Realm of Christ Spirits; Sons of God; "The begotten of the Father," etc. From here they begin the extension of their consciousness into the physical Substance, the physical world.

The third Realm is called the Universal Christ Substance Realm. The first section or division is called Universal because the Substance is so thoroughly and intimately connected with all the Realms below, as a study of the right side of the diagram will show. Furthermore, this section is also co-existent with all that is above from Solar System to Solar System. While it is Infinite in that it reaches throughout our Solar System, and in and through all others, it also reaches down to the depth of matter.

It is the source of all variousness: variety, diversity, differentiation, spontaneity, also of adaptability.

So, being Infinite fundamentally, and just as fundamentally Infinite in variousness, there can be no two things identically alike. Therefore, Adaptability becomes a fundamental necessity to the end that this Infinite variety receive just consideration.

SECTION TWO OF REALM THREE:

This section or division contains what is called in the Bible the "Bread of Life; flesh, blood, meat, Living Water," etc., etc. For a fuller description of this section see Bible passages in the following pages.

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In a similar manner in which the seventh Realm represents the lower personality of man, so does the third Realm represent the lower personality of the Christ *in* man.

Hence the Christ in man is continually "Laying down Its Life" that the man element may have life, "and having life may have it more abundantly," etc. The remainder of the Realms are explained in other parts of the book.

CORRELATED SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES

St. John 6:35. And Jesus (Christ) said unto them, "I am the bread (Substance of Realm 3) of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Verse 48: "I am that bread (Spirit Substance, Realm 3) of life.

49: "Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50: "This is the bread (Spirit Substance) which cometh down from heaven (Realm 3) that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51: "I (the Christ in you) am the living bread (Spirit Substance) which came down from heaven (Realm 3): if any man eat of this bread, (Christ Spirit Substance) he shall *live forever*: and the bread that I (Your Christ) will give is my flesh, (Spirit Substance Realm 3) which I will give for the life of the world. (Mortal body)

53: "Then Jesus, the Christ, said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man (that is unless your mortal body eat or appropriate the Spirit Substance of the Christ of Realm three) and drink his blood (Spirit Essence) ye have no (Spiritual) life in you'.

54: "Whoso eateth my flesh (Realm three) and drinketh my blood (Vitalizing Essence of Life, Power, Wisdom,

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Love, etc.) hath eternal life; and I (the Christ in you,) will raise him (mortality) up at the last day." That is the day when your body is completely Spiritualized.

55: "For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56: "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57: "As the living Father (God the Universal All) hath sent me, and I live by the Father (God): so he that eateth me (that is, the mortal body that appropriates the Christ Substance, Spirit Essence that flows through Christ, which is the Father of the mortal body from the Universal All) even he shall live by me.

58: "This is the bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers (in the flesh) did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread (Spirit Substance Realm three) shall *live forever!*"

St. John, 8:12. "Then spake the Christ again unto them, saying, 'I (the Christ in the mortal body) am the light of the world (mortal body): he that followeth me (the light) shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'"

St. John 10:9. "I (the Christ in you) am the door (to the Universal All): by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out (free to leave the body and return at will), and find pasture.

10. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Col. 3:4. "When Christ who is Your life shall appear {to your consciousness in all his fullness) then shall ye appear with him in (all his) glory."

When you shall have spiritualized your body to the point where you are openly conscious of the Christ within,

then you, the spiritualized body, the resurrected body shall appear with your Higher self, your Divine self in glory which is the Home-land of the Spirit. You do not have to die to appear thus with your Higher self, your Christ who is now your Lord and Master.

1 Cor. 15:23. "Every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

That is, Christ the First Fruit, the True Child of the Universal All, or Father; God's *first* born, the begotten. The image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature.

The second fruit is the physical personality, the body; you, which will be Christ's when He comes; when you, the mortal body, have become Spiritualized.

24. "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule, and all authority and all power.

25. "For he must reign (over the mortal body) until he hath put all enemies (of the body) under his feet.

26. "The last enemy (of the body) that shall be destroyed is death.

28. "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God (the Universal All) may be all in all."

Then will the end of the world (mortality) come to you. Having Spiritualized your body, your world, nothing of the world has any further power over you. To you it is forever ended. Your body now, through the coming of your Christ into your life, has overcome all enemies, even death, and by reason of this accomplishment, the second fruit (of the Spirit) is the Spiritualized body, while the First is the Christ, that spiritualized it.

CHAPTER X

VICARIOUS ATONEMENT

THE DOCTRINE of Vicarious Atonement has been preached and accepted by the Christian world for nearly two thousand years. It has served a great purpose and is still the only doctrine, it seems, that will stimulate or induce some of the people of today to a life of personal restraint.

Pity and sympathy for one who has suffered greatly is about the only thing that will appeal to some. Hence the idea of suffering for another; the idea of one man giving his life through means of great agony and suffering that others might live; that others might have peace, comfort, plentifulness, happiness and freedom from sin, sickness, death. And there are many today, far too many, who cannot be aroused to a sense of right living except through the thought that some one *died for them!* Pitiful!

The leading Bible testimony, which by its arrangement makes it possible to interpret in favor of Vicarious Atonement, is found in St. John, chapter 3, verse 16. It reads as follows: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The following interpretation is just as possible and far more reasonable, and entirely in keeping with the facts: The Universal Father gives of Its Life or Self so that which It begat should live; so, likewise, that which Its begotten Son begets, must also give of its life or self in order that that which it begets may also live. Thus we see how the Law operates by which the physical or mortal is raised from its state of mortality to a state of immortality.

So it is written in St. John 6:57, "As I live by the *Father*, so he that eateth me (partakes of me, see diagram three, Realm three) even he shall live *by me*."

By studying Names, Titles, Appellations of Christ (Chapter IV) and the Birth of the Dense Body (Chapter XXI), all Scriptures will be more easily understood. Such study will bring, also, the realization of how impractical as well as how impossible is the doctrine of Vicarious Atonement.

Not only is God's begotten Son precious to Him, but precious, too, is his mortality; that which is begotten by His Son, is equally precious, for both are of *Himself*. So the Universal Father preserves, according to His Law, all that is within Himself by His limitless Love and Power.

Therefore, as Christ the begotten of God partakes of God His Father and becomes one with Him, so also does mortality become one with *its* Heavenly Father by partaking of it.

See pages 74-75. In the following we see that salvation is possible only through Christ:

St. John 10:1. "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and robber.

2. "But he that entereth in by the door, is the shepherd of the sheep.

3. "To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4. "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and they follow him: for they know his voice.

5. "And a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6. "This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them." (And there are also many today who do not understand the foregoing parable.)

7. "Then said Jesus unto them again, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8. "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.'"

Any mortality that tries to reach God the Universal All any other way than through his *own* Christ is a thief and a robber. Furthermore, it cannot be done.

9. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

16. "And other sheep have I which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

In the "Records of Nature" it appears as follows: "And other Christs are there who have sheep which are of other races, these Christs must also bring their sheep and all shall become one fold under one shepherd which is God the Universal Shepherd and Creator of all things."

The manifestation of the Spiritual, the Christ within, will be in proportion to the non-resistance of the mortal body.

There are many who pray the Father to increase their Spirituality, to enlarge their vision, to work wonders through them, yet they take no thought of their bodies which are the only instruments upon which the possibility of these attributes depend.

It is small wonder that such a body, filled as it usually is with filth and all manner of corruption, is called the "Body of death," for such a body always dies.

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It is sown in corruption and is permitted, or more nearly in keeping with the facts, is forced to die in corruption.

It is sown in dishonor and dies in dishonor.

It is sown in weakness and dies in helplessness.

It is sown a natural body and seldom ever becomes anything else.

But if man will permit the Christ within to quicken his mortal body and also permit it to become Spiritualized, then it dieth not, for it is no longer of the earth earthly but the Lord from heaven.

When it is told in the Bible that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven the meaning is clear that before the body can enter this realm it must be entirely Spiritualized.

Then it is that we come home bringing our sheaves with us. Here Paul, One of the Great Brothers, who had fought a good fight and had kept the faith and finished his course makes mention of what he calls a mystery.

"Behold," he says, "I show you a mystery." Or in other words that which has been kept a secret from the world in the ages past. Namely, we shall not all sleep. That is we shall not all die.

Then, as now, every one thought death unavoidable. Who among my readers thinks differently? How many times have you heard the saying, "There is just one thing in this world that is certain and that is death! It comes to all alike; it is no respecter of persons; it comes to the child in the hovel and likewise to the king on his throne. *All* fall before the grim and relentless reaper, death."

"We shall be changed," says Paul; "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound and the dead (body) shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

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“So when this corruptible (body) shall have put on incorruption and this mortal (body) shall have put on Immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’.”

Here Paul, true to all Great Beings, cries out and gives thanks to the Christ within which has made it possible for the conscious mind to comprehend this truth which Jesus the Great Brother has demonstrated so forcibly: that death could be defeated; that it could be overcome. Paul was telling them the great and joyful news or secret, or, as he called it “Mystery.”

“Thanks be to God (the Universal All) who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,” says Paul. That is, the mortal body by means of the power of God the Universal Father, operating through our Divinity, or the Christ within, has been Spiritualized; has been raised from the dead; raised from its state of mortality; from its state of sin and corruption. Therefore, the body now being in a spiritualized state, the sting of death, which is sin, not only has no more effect upon the body to cause death, but the body no longer sins.

With all this in mind Paul enthusiastically and with great joy offers the following exhortation: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”

CHAPTER XI

THE TRUMPET

THE PHYSICAL body, as you can well understand, is an aggregation of sounds or tones, all of which, if good health is experienced, is in harmony with the basic tone.

When any one becomes "Dead" to a certain sin, the "Key Note" or tone of the body immediately strikes a new and higher pitch, a higher tone, and this new "Key Note" becomes the Note upon and around which the new symphony of the body is constructed.

There is a Divine Law operating here which works out for our Eternal good. The sin which has just been overcome can exist only in the range of vibration which gave it life and it can live and grow only in that range, and as long as that particular range of vibration remains the sin will also remain.

But, if a new and higher tone is struck and maintained, a tone which is altogether out of harmony with the rate of vibration or tones that gave life and growth to the sin just overcome, then we are forever free from that sin because instead of giving the old sin life, this New Note, this New sound of the Trumpet and the symphony builded around it, becomes one united Force and Power in its destruction.

So Trump after Trump sounds as change after change of "Keynotes" occurs and sin after sin is overcome until the "last enemy" (Death) goes down in defeat.

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All old symphonies will pass and will become new; the Symphony of Love, Joy, Peace, Happiness and Everlasting Life. A complete victory over all earthly things while still on earth. Such is the purpose of Life and such is the ultimate destiny of all of the children of men.

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CHAPTER XII

ACQUIRING THE CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS

IN STARTING on the Path, the first thing to do is to bring yourself to realization of your Oneness with the Christ within; your Divinity; your Heavenly Father. It is not enough that you believe it or acknowledge it. Strive to be openly conscious of it. Conscious that this Divinity within, this Christ, is a Child of the Universal All and that you are also a child of the Universal All through the Christ in you. Bring this fact into your consciousness. Also bring to a state of realization the knowledge that through the Christ in you, you are heir to all that the Universe has or consists of. That through Christ you were born in and of the Father of All things and that you and this Universe are One. When you become conscious of this, then it is that you will realize that you have only to ask and you will receive.

To hasten this Christ consciousness, place yourself fully and completely under the Cultural Condition of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood. Under the Cultural Condition, through your Christ, which is your Heavenly Father, who will at all times strengthen you, you will come to that greater realization, the realization of your oneness with the God of all Creation.

A SUGGESTION

Become quiet and meditative. Raise your vibration by visualizing God's Being, with all His Forces, Powers, and Attributes, containing and encompassing the Universe. Try to behold the grandeur and majesty of this wonderful

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Father of All. Try to *feel* the splendour of His Forces and Attributes, and the glow, and the loving warmth that ensouls them. Then remember that these Forces, and these Attributes are God *in expression*. And that He is always active for the good and welfare of His children. Also remember that all of these expressions are the *very essence* of the Father, The Universal All.

Some of the names of these Forces and Powers are: Love, Joy, Truth, Happiness, Peace, Sympathy, Mercy. Remember that all are forever and continuously active in every atom of the Universe and that they are also active in you, and that all you have to do is to become conscious of their activity so that you may direct their activities to the working out of your desires; to the supplying of all your needs. Meditate upon this. Persevere until you *feel* the realization of it; then your consciousness will be correspondingly raised and when it is, then

ASK THE WAY

Ask the way you should try to realize Him more, and your prayer will be answered. Practice the raising of your consciousness as often as possible; as often as the opportunity presents itself, and the time will soon come when you can obtain any information you need. Not only can you act in all your ways wisely, not only can you get your information from the source of all Wisdom, but through Christ within, who strengtheneth you, you can contact the Universal All and extract from It whatever things you may desire.

SUBSTANCE

Eternal Life, Eternal Love, Eternal Youth, Will Power, Wisdom, Force, Activity, Motion, Intelligence, Understanding, Truth, Joy, Peace, Tolerance, Goodness, Kind-

ness, Sympathy, Faith, Hope, Meekness, Temperance, Patience, Courage, Strength, Nobility, all are *of* Substance and *all are* Substance, and may be seen as such by those who have Spiritual vision. To those having Spiritual vision even that which is called by the layman, principle, is seen as a Substance. Whatever is real is Substance; is God, the Universe. Work with this; meditate upon it until you can realize it. Your progress depends upon it.

Because the various Substances of the Universe cannot be seen by the physical eye is no evidence that they do not exist. Keep that thought constantly in mind. The world today has demonstrated the existence of many things that are invisible to physical vision, but which are plainly seen by those who have Spiritual vision.

The greater the Spiritual unfoldment, the higher up into the Realms of Spirit Substances does the vision extend. And the Substances there are just as real to the Spiritual vision as are the Substances of the physical realm to the physical vision.

CHAPTER XIII

FAITH

PAUL STATES very frankly that "Faith is the Substance of things hoped for." He goes on to say that it is "The evidence of things not seen." That is to say that the Substance out of, and from which the thing is made, is not visible to the physical vision, but if the Law by which things are brought into realization in the answering of prayer is observed, this Substance — this Faith Substance which was formerly invisible—stands before you now in a state of visibility, and in usable physical form; the Evidence of that Substance which was not before seen physically.

We cannot see with our physical vision the Substance from which all things come, but we can and do see the Evidence. Things seen have their origin in the Faith Substance; Spirit Substance, and all things that are seen with the physical vision are called by Paul "Evidence" of this Faith or Spirit Substance.

Paul speaks of Faith Substance in the singular form, saying it "is the Substance," even though Faith is composed of a great variety of Substances. We speak of meat as a substance, but to say that it contained only one kind of a substance would be an error.

Faith is a name given to all the Substances which enter into the materialization or Creation of all that becomes "Evidence" in the physical Realm. Moreover, each member of the entire group of Substances contains within itself its own constitutional and basic elements in great variety.

Furthermore, each member of the group, as well as the group in its entirety, is the acme of plasticity and adapt-

ability. So that regardless of what is desired when you pray (if desired according to the Law) it will appear. An "Evidence of things not seen."

All these Substances are everywhere present in whatever Realm they occupy. Not only in the Realm of their highest vibration, but in and through all Substances below, down to the densest of the dense in physical matter.

But, to be of use or help to us in the various needs and necessities of life, they must be present in a co-operative and constructive way; in a Creative way. They must be responsive to our desires. This co-operativeness will be in proportion to our Spiritual unfolding; to our Spiritual Powers; to our understanding of Divine or Spiritual Laws.

When you see the word "Faith" in the Bible, try reading it as "SUBSTANCE" and you will be surprised to see how well it fits in with the meaning of things and how much more easily the passage will be understood.

We are giving here a few references from the Bible which give you an idea as to how well it works out. In these references we are using the word SUBSTANCE instead of FAITH:

Mat. 16:8—"Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, 'O ye of little Substance, why reason ye among yourselves because ye have brought no bread?'"

Luke 17:5—"And the apostles said unto the Lord, 'Increase our Substance.'"

Luke 17:6—"And the Lord said, 'If ye had Substance as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.'"

Luke 18:8—"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find Substance on the Earth?"

Rom. 1:17—"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from Substance to Substance: as it is written, the just shall live by Substance."

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Rom. 3:3—"For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the Substance of God without effect?"

Rom. 12:3—"For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of Substance."

Rom. 14:22—"Hast thou Substance? Have it to thyself before God."

Gal. 1:23—"But they had heard only, that he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the Substance which once he destroyed."

Gal. 3:26—"For ye are all the children of God by Substance in Christ."

Heb. 10:38—"The Just shall live by Substance."

Gal. 3:11—"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for the Just shall live by Substance."

Acts 26:18—"To open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by Substance that is in me."

Gal. 2:20—" . . . And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Substance of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

Heb. 11:3—"Through *Substance*, we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

Old ideas die hard and no doubt some will find it hard to accept Paul's definition. However, it would be well for us to remember that the more difficult we find it to adjust ourselves to NEW revelations, or to shift from errors to facts, the more we need to do it. Errors and preconceived ideas have no place in the life of one who starts out on the road of spiritual progress.

All that mankind has, and all that he is, is Substance, but the "Carnal mind" which is at enmity with God or Substance will not let Faith (which is Substance) operate.

It stands, so to speak, at the door or entrance of man's

being and prevents the operation of the All Powerful. The Essence spoken of elsewhere cannot be activated co-operatively, hence, we stand in need while in the very midst of plenty.

If the carnal or personal mind were made to step aside, let us say, and give *free action* to the Divine mind, the Christ within, then the Substance Universal or Faith Substance would become co-operatively active, and could be drawn on by the corresponding Essence in man's being, and the need, whatever it might be, would be immediately supplied.

With Power, Wisdom and Activity operating in man, all things are possible to such a man. With these three Attributes of God (the Universe) having free course in your being, you then are one with your Christ in the same way that your Christ is one with God the All Father. Jesus came in His day to show us how He became one with His Christ; His Father; His Mighty God and Divinity within, and to encourage all mankind to strive for this one-ness, for it was *this* one-ness that conferred upon him (Jesus) all the Powers in heaven and in earth.

CHAPTER XIV

CREATION

THE PROCESS of Creation is not a complicated one. A contractor, let us say, is building a house. He has gathered his various materials from various sources. He begins the erection of the building and ultimately finishes it. You observe nothing complicated about the procedure, nor is there.

Creating a supply for your needs, or the needs of others, is just as simple as that! Even more so for in the latter case you do not have to purchase any material, nor do you find a shortage of any of the materials needed; nor is there any shortage of funds, neither are there ever any labor troubles.

The house was a need, a physical need, and the builder supplied it by first gathering from Nature what God had already Created, and God, the Universal All, permits man to destroy forms of His Creation that man may build the things he needs, both for himself and his fellow creatures because he, man, is not able to Create such things for himself. But God does not expect that such will always be the case.

He fully expects His Children to learn to not only create (build) homes and other needs for themselves, but eventually to be able to Create the material out of which these things are builded, instead of destroying the various forms in any way, which He, Himself, has Created to the end that they may remain undisturbed and thus be able to fulfill their true destiny.

With our physical vision we see the beginning of a physical structure; we see it in course of construction and

with our physical vision we see it completed. To us there is no mystery about it. It all seems very simple, and it is.

When you arrive at a point of Spiritual unfoldment sufficiently high, you will not only see with your physical vision the creation of the building, but you will be able to Create the material for the building, IF such should be necessary. You will understand that one is just as simple as the other. You will see and understand that there is really no mystery attached to the process of Creation.

The Great Brothers who are Master Builders, and who understand all Law and have all Wisdom and all Power can take a plot of ground, and without a stick of lumber or anything else necessary with which to build, produce a building of any kind, of any material or size wanted, complete in every respect.

You are not asked to believe the foregoing statement. You are only asked to live the life according to the Teachings set forth in this book and the time will come when you will be able to see these things for yourself. Not only these things but many others which the writer is not permitted to speak of in this day and age.

Why should one consider such things impossible when it is the Christ within, who in collaboration with the Universal All does the work? Is there anything impossible with God? We admit that many things are impossible with man, but we cannot say the same about Christ the Son of God the All Father.

When man reaches the point in his Spiritual unfoldment where the All Father can operate through His Son, Christ, and then freely through the man element, then, for such a man, nothing is impossible. By living the life yourself you will, some day, know the verity of the foregoing statement.

God Creates the things He needs. Man is supposed to

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do the same. Man is supposed to supply his needs in the same way that God supplied His needs; using the same methods and the same Laws. He fails in his responsibilities when he does not.

We use the Law properly, and form is Created. If we misuse the Law, the form is destroyed. It frequently happens that we destroy as fast as we Create, for we no sooner have success than we consciously or unconsciously misuse the Law and everything vanishes.

Before we Create Conditions, Environment, Cheerful surroundings, Happiness, Pleasant places, and such, we must see the need of them. When we realize this need, then we are in a position to properly place the need, for to misplace it, would be to mis-use the Law, and that would mean its quick destruction.

When the need is seen and the picture properly and intelligently formed, and the Substance in the Realms of Faith stirred into activity and the "Word" spoken, immediately the supply will be at hand. Speaking the Word simply consists of saying as did God: "Let there be—" (whatever the desire is).

● God first saw the need of Light. After visualizing it, He demanded that there be Light and there *was* Light. There *had to be*; it was and is the Law. As it was and is with God, so it *must* and will be with man as soon as man meets the requirements.

The quicker mankind becomes conscious of this fact and makes it operative in his nature and in his consciousness, just so quickly will he free himself from the necessity of living by the sweat of his brow. He will be able to do things the God way and thus will he be an honor to Him.

FREEDOM FROM THE BURDEN OF LABOR

When man reaches the point in Spiritual unfoldment

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With all man's striving to honor God, he is continually dishonoring Him. He does little or nothing that God does. He has little or nothing that God has. He manifests little or nothing that God manifests. He claims to be a Child of God, but is unlike Him in all his habits and in the things he does and is.

Instead of living bountifully, he lives in poverty. Instead of living in a state of happiness, he lives in a state of misery. Instead of living in a state of health, his life is spent mostly in pain and suffering. Instead of living in strength, he lives in weakness. Instead of living courageously, he lives cowardly, filled continuously with fear.

Instead of expressing love, he expresses hate. All of which is the reverse of what God does. Thus does the mortal man, though claiming to be His Child, continually dishonor Him.

CHAPTER XVI

THE DIVINITY WITHIN AND ITS POWERS

THE GREAT ONES, in the dim ages of the past, dwelt long and often upon the Divinity within. They also taught others to do the same. With the Light they had received and which they had blended with their personal minds, they became conscious of this Higher Self: conscious that this Higher Self was Divine and that it was this Higher Self that had been created perfect and had been pronounced "Good."

They became conscious of the fact that this Divinity within was the *true* Son of God. Furthermore, they realized that this Higher Self, this Divinity within, had been given all the Powers and Attributes possessed by the Universal All, and that all things were possible to every man, *through* this Higher Self; through this Divine Self, called in the Christian Bible of today, "The Christ."

Since this Higher Self was Divine, Powerful, Wise and Creative (having been given the same Power and right to Create as had their Universal Father) naturally they (their lower selves) prayed to their Higher selves, their Divinity, their Christ within.

This was what the Universal Father, as well as the Divinity within, wanted the personal mind to do, for in this way only could there ever be a reconciliation of the lower mind, the carnal mind, with the Higher, Spiritual mind.

They realized that in no other way could the physical body with its carnal, mortal or personal mind ever hope to become Spiritualized, and Spiritualized it must be, if death

is ever to be overcome, and overcome it *must* be *some day*.

All down the ages the Great Ones have been teaching and helping struggling humanity, regardless of color, creed or caste, for They know that all individual life has a Divine Spark, a Divinity within and that the great and only need of the lower is to *find* the Higher, the Christ within, and to this end they ever work and labor.

Since to become conscious of this Divinity within is of such importance, the inquiring mind naturally asks, "How is it achieved? What is the method? Tell us so that we may start at once!"

We give in the following pages the method and the main Formulas used by those of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation. Formulas and methods which, if intelligently followed, will bring you to your goal in the quickest and safest way possible, and without fail.

First of all, a suitable environment is most desirable and decidedly beneficial and helpful. The more nearly perfect is the environment, the better and more speedy will be the advancement. This statement admits of no argument.

There is no Condition or Environment comparable to that produced by the Great Brothers of the Brotherhood. It is called by the Brotherhood: "Cultural Condition." However, before proceeding with the method of placing yourself under this Cultural Condition, it might be helpful to relate, briefly, what has been done with things physical, the improvements made and achieved by improving or bettering the cultural conditions.

S. Linstrom, in Finland, subjected garden vegetables, fruits and small grains to electrified soil treatments and reports an average crop increase of fifty percent.

J. H. Priestly, by the application of electromotive force

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in his garden, increased the yield from fifteen to eighty percent where such food crops as cabbage, beans, strawberries, cucumbers, etc., were grown. Flattering as the foregoing appears, it is small compared to the improved Spiritual growth possible to man when assisted by the proper Cultural Condition from a Spiritual standpoint.

You will note that the vegetables mentioned in the foregoing were placed under an improved condition, and not under a perfect condition. And notwithstanding it was only an improved condition, the yield was considerably increased.

If such is important and so beneficial in the vegetable world with only an improved condition, how much more might rightfully be expected with man under a perfect Cultural Condition. The Great Brothers having reached a state of perfection, naturally their Cultural Condition must also be perfect.

It is for this reason we give you a method by which you can place yourself in their environment and under Their Cultural Condition. But before proceeding to do so, read carefully the "Birth of the Dense Body" found in this volume, (Chap. XXI) also the "Names, Appellations and Titles of Christ" (Chap. IV) remembering that they are the Names, Appellations and Titles of your Higher Self; *your* Christ the same as they are of Jesus.

The purpose of life is to give man the opportunity to acquire the ability and power to spiritualize his mortal body; to *raise* it *from* the *dead*, thus conquering *all* enemies, even the great enemy, death.

The sooner we realize this, together with the realization of the further fact that such is accomplished only through the Higher Self, the Christ within, who is our Heavenly Father, the more quickly will we enter definitely the Path, and the more quickly will we feel the wonderful help given by this Cultural Condition of the Great Brothers.

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Remember *always* that the more sincerely and intensely we can *love* our Higher Self, our Heavenly Father, the more quickly will we become one with It, who is our Christ, our Redeemer, and our Father.

PLACING YOURSELF UNDER THE CULTURAL CONDITION OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

Realizing the great, and innumerable benefits to be derived from the Cultural Condition, which accompanies, and pervades the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood, and School of Christian Initiation, and my great need of Its help, I (sign your name in full)
....., on this the day of
.....19....., and in the presence of a
Brother of the Order, do hereby, invoke the presence of
the Cultural Condition of the Great Brotherhood and desire with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, that It abide with me always. And it is so.

(The following, after having been written down, should be memorized, and repeated at every opportunity, especially before arising in the morning, or before beginning the duties of the day, at noon and on retiring for the night.)

I am now, and forever in the presence of the Cultural Condition of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation. Not only do I feel Its overshadowing Presence, but I realize that every fiber of this human form of mine, is this minute, responding to Its Divine friendliness, Its uplifting helpfulness, and Its wonderful sustaining power, which shall increase more and more, until the day when I shall come to a full realization of my Oneness with my Father, in all the fullness of my consciousness.

To assist the Great Brothers, and the Cultural Condition

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in bringing about the spiritualization of my body, and the realization of my Oneness with my Heavenly Father, I will as often as opportunity permits, study diligently, reverently and devotedly, the Christian Bible, and the Teachings of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation, as given to Edward Lewis Hodges, by the Great Brothers, and which appear in this book.

I love Thee, my Lord, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength, and so it shall ever be.

Heavenly Father; Adorable One. Thy kingdom is come.

Thy will is done, in me as it is in Thee.

Thou giveth me each day, my daily bread, and Thou forgiveth me my debts, and I forgive my debtors.

Thou maketh me strong against temptation: Thou delivereth me from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Thou art my shepherd, I shall not want. Thou maketh me to lie down in green pastures: Thou leadeth me beside still waters. Thou restoreth my soul: Thou leadeth me in paths of righteousness for Thy name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely Thy goodness and mercy followeth me in all my ways; and I shall dwell in Thy House forever! Amen.

The foregoing should be written after much thought and serious consideration, and with all the reverence and devotion to your Father and Creator, your nature can command. If you do this rightly, rest assured that one of the Great Brothers of the Order will be present, to "Own and to Bless."

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I want to walk by the side of the man
Who has seen and suffered and knows;
Who has measured his pace on the battle line
And given and taken the blows;
Who never has whined when the scheme went wrong,
Nor scoffed at the failing plan,
But taken his dose with a heart of trust
And the strength of a courageous man;
Who has parried and struck and sought and given,
Though pierced with the points of a thousand spears
Can still lift up his head to heaven

And is not ashamed of his tears.
I want to grasp the hand of the man
Who's been through it all and seen;
Who's walked through the night without fear or dread
And stuck to the world machine;
Who's bared his breast to the winds of dawn,
And hungered and thirsted and felt
The sting of the bite, of the bitter blasts
The mouths of the foul have dealt;
Who was tempted and fell and rose again
And gone on trusty and true,
With the God of Heaven supreme in his heart
And his courage still burning anew.
I'd give my all, be it great or small,
To walk by his side today;
To stand up there with the man who's known
The bite of the burning fray;
Who's gritted his teeth and clenched his fist
And gone on doing his best
Because of the love of his fellow-men
And the faith in his manly breast;
For the man who's fought and struggled and won
Is the man who can strengthen the weaker one.

(Adapted from an unknown author's poem)

CHAPTER XVII

REGARDING THE USE OF FORMULAS

THE FORMULAS set forth in this book, operate with the same definiteness and with the same certainty as do any of the formulas found in any of the cook books of today. However, like the formulas of the cook books, the directions must be intelligently followed.

The old and oft used quotation from the Bible, that "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," stands today as an accepted fact by all psychologists. Psychology teaches that "For every idea, there is a corresponding vibration or movement of brain tissue." Furthermore, every brain vibration causes a perception, an idea, whether we be in a waking state or in a dream.

Simple imagination, the mere expectation that a thing will happen, suffices in most instances, to alter body functions, to produce or allay sensations of pain, or bring about other conditions, conforming to those which would result from a real experience of the thing imagined.

The foregoing is quite in keeping with the Teachings of the Christian Brotherhood, for in them, we have the following: "All desire tends toward materialization, toward realization. If a *true* idea of a desire is *intelligently* formed it *will materialize*." This is in keeping with Divine Law. Therefore, it becomes of prime importance that an Aspirant practice diligently the art of forming or building *true* ideas, or correct and accurate images of the thing desired.

You may know what you want and the image builded may be altogether different from what is wanted, because of your inability to build accurately, and when it material-

izes, very likely it will be something you thoroughly dislike or something entirely unrecognizable.

No doubt you have heard people say: "All my life I have wanted this and now that I have it, I don't want it." A typical case of malformation of an idea. They did not build or form a *true* Image of what was desired.

It will, of course, require practice to build or to accurately form a true Image of the thing you desire, but it pays; in fact it is to be had in no other way. It takes time to acquire an education; it takes time to learn a profession. It takes time to learn anything, and there is nothing we or anyone else can do about it, but it *pays*.

Not only must one learn to form intelligently and accurately a true idea or Image of his desire, but he must form a true Image of the *results* he hopes for. Furthermore there must be a constant and an unwavering belief that it is happening now.

"There is no Law in the Universe more responsive to man or God than the Law of Creation; than the Law of materialization or the Law of realization. And be it remembered always that they come *true* to the Image *formed*. There is never the slightest deviation. Hence the necessity of learning to build TRUE to your desire."

"What things soever ye desire when ye pray, *believe* that ye *receive them* and ye *shall have them*." Mark 11:24.

In the following pages we give a few of the Formulas used by a pre-historic people, when God taught by direct Messengers. These Formulas were given by the Lords of Wisdom, High Messengers of the Universe, to the Ancient Order of the Divine Brotherhood, today called the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation.

They needed Health. They needed Strength. They needed Harmony, Happiness, Life, Power, Wisdom, Un-

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derstanding and Abundant Prosperity; they needed, also, the method of bringing forth from the Universal Spirit Substance, into visibility and usable form, whatsoever things they need, physically, mentally and Spiritually.

So they were given the first formula which reads as follows:

"O my Divinity. I blend myself with Thee, that out of darkness, I may go forth in Light."

The above is the oldest Formula known to man and, as can be seen, is a resolution of the mortal self to become one with the Higher Self. Mortality seeking Immortality. It is the human soul crying unto its mate, the Christ, or as it was called at that time, Divinity, which is today recognized in the Christian Bible as the "Bridegroom."

It is a decision of the lower self, the mortal self, to make ready the soul or mortal body as a proper "Bride" for the coming of the Christ, the "Bridegroom," and it is recorded that the mortal self succeeded.

This affirmation soon brought results, and those who received the Light never ceased to give thanks; for they found that, through this Divinity with which they had blended, they could have all they could become conscious of. This called for great and prolonged thanksgiving.

Through the continual giving of thanks, it was found that not only did needed supplies continue, but to give thanks for that which they did not have was a certain and sure method of bringing it into visibility; into materialization that for which they were giving thanks.

They found also that giving thanks was in keeping with the Law of the Universe, the Parent of their Divinity within, the Divinity with which they had blended. So they gave thanks continually, knowing that the Light would eventually come.

They also learned that everything they needed was already in the Universal Substance and that the giving of thanks *stimulated* or brought into activity in their own beings, the particular Essence of the desire they cherished. And this in turn set in motion a Force in the Universal Spirit Substance which resulted in the materialization, and the bringing into visibility the needed supply, *on the Plane*, and *in the place* where the need existed, *in quantity*, and in quality.

Having become conscious that their Divinity was the very embodiment of action—activity, they learned that inertia on their part brought about a separation of their mortal and Higher Selves, and that the more active they became the nearer they blended with their Divinity.

This was a wonderful discovery and it is not surprising that we find that the Brothers of those Ancient days gave thanks continually.

So each, according to his need, would visualize his need; build a true Idea, a true Image, together with the results he wanted, and then begin thanking his Divinity within, for it, by saying: "I thank Thee, O my Divinity, that I have," (naming the thing desired).

To illustrate: "I thank Thee, O my Divinity, that through Thee, I have Abundant Prosperity and the method of bringing forth from the Universal Spirit Substance, into visibility and into usable form, all my physical needs."

Of course it is always better to be specific as thus the results are more quickly realized by a beginner.

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FORMULA FOR THE PRESERVATION OF YOUTH AND THE OVERCOMING OF DEATH

"I now realize that there is within, a Spiritual body, forever Young and forever Beautiful. The Spirit of Youth is within this human form, constantly bringing forth new, beautiful Youth cells. Every cell of my body is of the Spirit of Eternal Youth and is *now, this minute, perfect, permanent and indestructible, and shall never see death.* And it is so!"

Meditate upon these words until you feel them taking hold of you. Until your whole nature sanctions it.

By keeping your body young and beautiful with all the charm of youth; by keeping it healthy, free from old age, sickness, and death, you are not only living the life beautiful, but you are proving to a sin-sick and death-stricken world that you are a Child of God and *not* a child of old age, sickness and death; that through your Divinity, you are a Child of the Universe, whose Substance is Youth and Life Everlasting. Realizing this, your Affirmations will be Spiritual and will carry with them the Power of the Spirit and will be both decisive, effective, and permanent. And, by the Power of the Universal Spirit, Beauty and Perfection as God sees them will flood the entire body.

Old cells with all their diseases, imperfections and old age will give place to the Divinely Healthy, Perfect Youth cells and the glow of new skin will appear with all of its loveliness. And, instead of its being just another form, it becomes that which God designed it to be, a Spiritual Temple—a fit place for the indwelling of the Child Divine; God's Child, called today the Christ.

This is honoring God. Anything else, however worshipful, is not, and in no way can we honor Him less than by manifesting sickness, misery, poverty, old age and death.

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The Father expects us to overcome all these. God calls them enemies, the last of which is death. The Father would have us conquerors in the battles of life and not losers. We fail in the great duty to ourselves and in our mission here, and disobey God's command when we lose *any* battle or are overcome by *any* enemy.

We honor our Heavenly Father only when we win. God does not lose any battles and we as His children will also lose no battles, if we fight them through our own Divinity; through the Christ within.

"In this way, it is God who fights and unto God is always the victory." Start from this minute to live the Conquering Life. Be a Conqueror! It is the only life.

METHOD OF INVIGORATION

To throw off weariness; to renew your strength, affirm: "Infinite Peace, Power, Energy and Vigor fill my mind and thrill my body with perfect Life."

First practice sending mind waves over your body. Take an easy position—relax. Become conscious of your head; then your neck, shoulders and arms, chest, abdomen, hips, thighs, knees, ankles and then your feet.

Go over this again and again, until your consciousness acts smoothly and rhythmically. Then practice holding your entire body in your consciousness. Then feel the Peace you wish filling your entire body. Repeat this several times. Do the same with the amount of power you want; the Energy and Vigor you want. Feel these Forces from the Universal All filling and overflowing your entire form. Continue this until you have what you need and want. When you learn to do this successfully what a renewing you will experience!

Not only will you be renewed personally, but all who come into your presence will feel that somehow they have

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received a blessing. In this way, not only are we renewed and blessed, but we bless those within our environment.

SPIRITUALIZING THE BODY

"I now realize that within is my Divinity, the Child born of and created by the All Father. I also realize that, as the Universal Father is All Spirit, so also is my Divinity within, All Spirit. Therefore, I affirm and declare that this body, this human form, is this minute as divine as is my Divinity within. And it is so!"

It is said that the Masters of the Formulas repeated these affirmations and meditated upon them until they made them a fact in their consciousness; until their entire bodies became in perfect harmony with their Divinity. Thus were they able to overcome death and to take their bodies with them to the Heaven worlds and to come back again to earth as occasion required.

There are quite a number of people who find it rather difficult to rid themselves sufficiently of doubt. They realize that in the proportion that they doubt in that same proportion do they fail. They also realize that to arrive they must be able to say, "*I know.*" Then the question of *how* they might know, naturally arises. "How can I be certain that I know? What are the proofs?"

You will be certain that you know, only when you can demonstrate the fact. This knowledge comes to you more and more as you get closer and closer in touch with your Higher Self. When you reach the full consciousness of your Higher Self there will no longer be any doubt, for you will be able at all times to make whatever demonstrations necessary.

Knowing that there is no sickness, you can heal the sick. Knowing that there is no such thing as poverty, you can heal the poverty-stricken. Knowing that there is no old age, you can heal the disease of old age with the same certain-

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ty and ease that you heal any other disease. Knowing that there is no death, you can not only prevent death but you can raise the dead as did Jesus. Furthermore, knowing that you are through your Divinity, a Creator, you can *Create*. All these you can do, not only for yourself, but for your fellow beings. This is doing the will of God. Honoring God by doing the God things.

FALSE BELIEFS

The majority of the beliefs of today are false beliefs. These, of course, must be eradicated. The mind you will have to contend with will be the mortal mind; the carnal mind which is at enmity with God. For this reason it is, of course, filled with preconceived ideas founded upon many errors and misunderstandings and, being carnal, more or less resentful of all truth.

It is quick to seize upon anything as an excuse or reason for doubting, criticising or finding fault. Yet, however difficult the situation may appear, if one is honest and sincere in his desire to unfold his Spiritual powers, to meet the Christ within as did Jesus and the Great Brothers, the Brotherhood has provided a very simple way. One that is both specific, definite and effective, if done correctly. The method is as follows:

“Simply say to your personal, mortal or carnal mind:

“I now return you to the Great Sea of Universal Spirit Substance from which you came and from which all things come forth, and where all is perfection, to be resolved again into the elements from which you were created.”

COMMENT

Realize in so far as you can that your own Inner Mind, your God Mind, has taken hold of your mortal mind, which you have just returned to the great Sea of Spirit Substance, and has transmuted it, refined and perfected it. That your

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mortal or carnal mind is no longer carnal but is dissolved back into a pure and perfect Spirit Substance.

Having established this realization, then speak to this mind, the personal or mortal mind as follows:

"I now bring you back from that pure Substance, as Perfect as is God my Father and I hold you always in that state of absolute perfection. And it is so!"

Not only can you transform your mortal mind into complete subjection to your Divine Mind, the Christ Mind, but you can ultimately transform anything that is not perfect to a state of perfection.

Being overshadowed by the Great Brothers of the Christian Brotherhood, and under their Cultural Condition, you can transform every unbelief and every false belief, of which there are many! Fear, ignorance, lack of courage, lack of self confidence, health, unsatisfactory home conditions, or environment, lack of prosperity or anything that is not in keeping with your Divine self.

Also, lack of Wisdom, Joy, Peace, Power, or any of the virtues or attributes of the Universal Spirit, Father of All. It is within your power as God's Child to make any and all transformations necessary. By doing this you not only work out your salvation, but you do the work you came here to accomplish.

Speak as one having authority. Remember you are dealing with error; with false beliefs, unbeliefs, with preconceived ideas which in fact have no real existence. You are clearing the way for Truth, the Truth that makes you free!

PERSEVERENCE

Remember, if you find these practices difficult, you should try all the harder. Others are proving the success of this method. Those who have "finished their course" recommend it, and the Gods of Wisdom prescribe it. So press determinedly *on* and success will surely reward you.

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BEING TRUE TO YOUR VISION

First, the vision. Second, being *true* to it. This has *ever* been the unfailing practice of all who have ever reached the goal. Everything that has ever been brought forth has *first* been a vision. The formation of a true idea. Even God, before creating the world and all things that are therein, became quiet and contemplative and visualized His creation to be; the creation as He wished it, together with the results as He wished them to be, spoke the word and creation went forth to the true vision.

SACRIFICE

You must not let anything, nor any one, influence you adversely, and like those who have gone before in this accomplishment or bringing forth of a vision, you must be willing to sacrifice for the vision. You must *believe* in it. And the Law is, as you will *believe*, *so will it be*.

The vision was the result of a desire and a *true* desire is a *true* prayer and a true prayer *must*, according to Divine Law, be answered. So *hold to your vision*. Forget everything else if need be. Every word, thought and act must be in strong support of the ideal; in support of the vision which has been planted in the inner nature. This being in compliance with the Divine requirements, it must and will come forth.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

The vision must be born of a desire to serve. Also the will which directs must be born of like quality and nature, or failure will be the inevitable result. If the will does not possess the desire to serve, the Power which the Will wishes to direct cannot be released from the Higher Self, the God within. The Will to *serve* keeps the Life currents flowing

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from the Higher Self, the Christ Self, *into* and *through* the lower, the mortal self. Thus keeping the lower self in *full* radiation of life and creative power.

RESULTS

When the Teachings and Formulas set forth in this book are followed properly and intelligently, the Life currents from the Higher Self will flow through the lower self and thrill every cell of the physical body with the Life and Power of the Divine Love, Joy and Peace. Thus the body becomes harmonized and radiant. The personal or mortal mind becomes keen, brilliant and definitely alive.

The words spoken will be magnetic, true and constructive. The flesh will be renewed, quickened, purified and Spiritualized. Material affairs of every nature readily adjust themselves to their true position for the Christ within is at the helm, operating freely through the personality, instead of the mortal mind acting of its own volition and on its own weaknesses.

With the Son of God, the Christ within, expressing itself freely through the lower self, then one can say "I am in the Father and the Father is in me. I do nothing of myself; the Father who dwelleth in me, He doeth the work." To such nothing is impossible.

CHAPTER XVIII

ANCIENT FORMULAS

THE FOLLOWING exercises are a few of those used by the Great Teachers and Brothers of the Order of Divine Brotherhood. While the wording has been somewhat changed, nothing has been done to alter in the slightest the idea they were intended to convey. All their Exercises had to do with their Divinity within, the inner Spirit, that Spark of Life which to them was without beginning of time or end of days. That Spirit within, which comes again and again, in form after form, until such form is finally Spiritualized by this Spark of Eternal Life when it becomes a "Fit Temple" for the indwelling of the God Principle or Spirit, and the Divinity within returns no more for the purpose of building a physical form, and the round of re-birth, to this Divinity, is forever ended. The main change of wording consists almost altogether of the word "God" for that of "Divinity." That is to say, where the Order of the Divine Brotherhood used the word "Divinity," the writer uses the word "God." With this explanation we proceed:

MIND

"God is my Mind. To be sane minded is to be God-minded. The mortal mind is carnal and must be transformed into the God-mind before it is sane. The personal or mortal mind is transformed by allowing the God-mind to direct the personal mind in all things. By so doing, the personal, or carnal, is 'Swallowed up' by the God-mind and all conduct is approved of God because under the direction of God."

STRENGTH

"God is my Strength. To express Strength is to express God for without Him there is no Strength at all. Of my own Strength I can do nothing. God strengthening me, I can do all things."

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COURAGE

"God is my Courage and nothing shall I fear. If God doeth the work, nothing can hinder me; nothing can harm me for will not God, who hath all Power, protect His own? Therefore will I not falter nor will I hesitate, but shall be strong and very courageous for God is my Strength and Courage."

AMBITION

"If my Ambition is of God, then it is a Godly Ambition and is therefore the expression of God. It, then, is not I that worketh and bringeth to fruitage the Ambition, but the Father, the God within: He doeth the work.

"If I live the Life, I do nothing of myself. Therefore all I do is good for all my Ambitions are God Ambitions and it is God who doeth the work."

SUCCESS

"If God is my Mind, my Strength, my Courage, my Ambition and my Success, failure is impossible. If I leave God out and try to do of myself, failure is certain. But, if through the God within, I contact the Universal All, the God Omnipotent who spoke the worlds and all Creation into existence, then no power that I need to bring my efforts to a successful conclusion will be with-held, for God is my Power and my Success. Therefore I know no failure."

WILL

"I seek not my own will but the Will of God, which is the Great Light within. My own will is of the flesh and subject to all the limitations and weaknesses of the flesh. Therefore, I at all times ignore my own will, which is the fruit of the carnal mind, and bring into operation the God-Will, the Divine Will which is not limited, but is unlimited, which is not weak, but of great Strength and against which nothing can prevail. Therefore I constantly affirm, God is my Will."

WISDOM

"There is no Wisdom outside of God. That which man calls wisdom is foolishness to God. There is no Wisdom against God: that is outside or apart from Him. Therefore, ever do I declare that God is my Wisdom."

UNDERSTANDING

By using the God-Understanding, all problems are solvable, for no problem confronts man except such as are com-

mon to the Universal Father who is Creator and Master of His Household.

By and of His Understanding was it brought into expression. It is when we endeavor to use our own understanding that we encounter so much mystery. That which seems dark and mysterious becomes full of Light, exceedingly simple and altogether reasonable when the God-Understanding is applied.

When you hear someone say: "I don't understand," that is because they are trying to work independently of God; using their own mind power, which is weak and finite, instead of applying the great Power of the God-Understanding, which is both Strong and Infinite.

LOVE

Exclusive, personal or mortal love is the God-Love perverted: Therefore it is not True Love. Mortal or personal love is of the flesh; is of the earth. It is therefore changeable and full of sorrow and disappointments. The personal love, leavened with the God-Love, is one of the methods used to lift humanity from weakness to Strength.

The God-Love is the embodiment of all that ennobles. It binds families, communities and nations in bonds of comradeship and holiest ties. It wrests from the poet his holiest conception of Heaven and causes him to eagerly, constantly, and in varied ways, hold before a hungry, sorrowing and sin-ridden humanity its never ending happiness and immortal Bliss.

"The God-Love is fundamentally Creative. Without it, nothing is builded, nor planned. The God-Love casteth out all fear. It is the fulfilling of all Law, and knows no Master, for it is God. God being my Love, then through this God-Love, I have all Power, Happiness, Joy, and all Peace, and furthermore, all that God has is mine to have."

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DESIRE

"God is my Desire, therefore will I desire to do the things that God does. Whatsoever things God delights in, that will I delight in. God delights in Mercy; I, also, delight in Mercy. God delights in Compassion; I, too, delight in Compassion. God delights in forgiving; I, also, delight in forgiving."

"God delights in being kind and gentle; I, also, delight in being kind and gentle. It delights God to give Joy and Happiness, and it also delights me to give Joy and Happiness. God does not give sorrow and grief; neither do I give sorrow and grief. All holy desires are my Desires for God alone is my Desire."

YOUTH

"God is my Youth. God does not become aged, then why should I become aged? God renews Himself, and I will renew myself. I *now* realize that the renewing Power of God—which in truth is the Spirit of Youth,—*is within me* and that this renewing power, or this Spirit of Youth will keep my body renewed to the same degree and perfection that it does the body of God, for I am His child, made in His image and after His likeness, and have all the elements and attributes that God, my Father, has. Therefore I can say:

The renewing Power, the Spirit of Youth is constantly renewing the Body of God, and, as God is my Youth, this same Spirit of Youth is also constantly renewing *my* body. God expresses Eternal Youth. I, also, express Eternal Youth. The Body of God ages not, *my* body ages *not*. God is my Youth and in His Youth will I ever live."

HEALTH

"Physical health is the expression of God in the human form. God is Health, for in Him there is full and complete Harmony. In Him there is no discord, no disease. I, also, am Health and there is in me full and complete Harmony. In *me* there is no discord, no disease. God is all the Harmony there is and I am in God. Therefore I am Strong, Vigorous, Active, Energetic and Industrious for I am not only healthy, but, like God, I *am* Health."

HAPPINESS

"God is my Happiness. God is not only happy, but God *is* Happiness. Personal happiness, or happiness produced by the things of this world, has a reaction in its opposites of sorrow and tribulations. But the God Happiness is not only free from all distressing reactions, but is as enduring as the permanency of God. Therefore,

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I constantly affirm that I am not only happy, but I am Happiness itself, which shall co-endure with God the Father."

LIBERTY

Is not God free? Who or what can bind God? What shall limit Him? Is not He All Powerful? Is He not Omnipotent? Is He not the Father of All Creation? Did not He Create the Heavens, the Earth and the Firmaments and all that therein is?

"Through the Divinity within, my Father and my God, will I always live in this Universal All in which and in whom only is there Liberty. My God is a Child of the Universal All; A Child of this Universal Liberty, and thus, through my God, I become a joint heir to all Liberty. His freedom is my freedom, and even now, this minute, am I free and shall henceforth live in the fullness of the Liberty of God, my loving and compassionate Father."

PEACE

"God is my Peace. God cannot by any means become disturbed. As I am in God, neither can I become disturbed. God's Kingdom is a Kingdom of Peace. I am in God's Kingdom, therefore I am in Peace.

"Not only is God's Kingdom Peace, but God and His Kingdom are ONE with each other. God is the Kingdom and the Kingdom is God. Being born of God, I am also born in Peace, and I shall live in Peace for ever more."

JOY

"God is my Joy. There is worldly joy and there is a Godly Joy; a Holy Joy. Worldly joy is transient, disappointing, and sorrow is its reaction. Because of this I seek the Joy that cometh from above, the Holy Joy, the Joy that is of God, which turneth not to grief, sorrow and sadness but which shall continue with me always. Therefore I will be Joyful with the Joy that is of God.

"The Divinity within, that Spark or Living Flame which is of God and which makes me His Divine child, I, even *now* raise up in the Strength of my Divinity and let it come forth in all its Joyous nature and in the full expression of Its God—Joy. And it is so.

THE FRIEND WHO STANDS
CLOSE BY

When trouble comes your strength to try,
You love the friend who stands close by;
For there is much that he may do
In helping you to get things through.
Tho' the trouble may seem to be all your own,
You need not tread the Path alone;
For love can smooth the lonesome road
And friendship lighten the heavy load.
And just to feel you have a friend
Who'll stand by you until the end;
Whose sympathy through all endures;
Whose warm handclasp is always yours.
It helps somehow to pull you through
To see and hear him cheering you.
And so with fervent hearts we cry:
God bless the friend who stands close by.

(Adapted from the verses of an unknown author).

CHAPTER XIX

THE EVERYWHERENESS OF GOD

“WHITHER shall I go from thy spirit, or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there,” says the Psalmist.

A study of the following diagram will give you an idea of the wonderful knowledge and the comprehensive understanding the Psalmist had of the sweeping Universality of God's Personality; of His Everywhere-ness.

All that is real is God, and, since Love is one of the fundamental Attributes of the All Father, you can readily see that nothing can harm us unless we be evil, in which case we are out of harmony with the great living, vibrant and harmonious Power of Universal Love.

Two of the many basic natures of the All Father are Creative and Preservative. That is to say, God not only Creates, but He Preserves that which He creates. And, strange as it may seem, one of His Laws of Preservation (Harmony) is also the Law of Dissolution or Destruction.

When any one, or thing, gets out of harmony with the Divine Law of Harmony, that one or thing, if it remains in that state, becomes self-destructive. It brings about its own dissolution by the mere act of just remaining in a state of discord or away from the Law of Harmony.

This act is called in the Bible, Sin. Therefore, the Bible states a Cosmic or Universal and an irrevocable fact that the soul (body) that sins, it *shall die*.

Nothing can exist for long that is not in harmony with the God-Harmony. It is in the strict compliance with this

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Law of Harmony that lies one of the Great Secrets in the preservation of Health and Youth, and the attainment of Everlasting Life. This, of course, requires much Wisdom and much Understanding of the various Laws of God, all of which are easily accessible through the help given by the Great Brothers of the Order.

REALM ONE

There is nothing we can say about this First Realm other than it is God. It is the All Father; and the All Mother. Out of this Realm All things come, and into it All things eventually return.

REALM TWO

It is taught by the Brotherhood that at the beginning of our Life Wave, God felt the Creative Urge and visualized what He wanted and the results He desired, then spoke the Word. He projected the Tone, carrying the particular rate of vibration that would cause the differentiation of Centers of Force or Energy within Himself, after the pattern visualized.

These differentiated Centers of Force, of Life Substances, are called by the Brotherhood the God Children, Divine Spirits, Christ Spirits, etc.

In the Christian Bible they are called, under certain circumstances, "Lord, Master, King of Glory, Lord of Host, Prince of Peace," etc. For further names see Names, Appellations and Titles of Jesus Christ. (Chap. IV)

REALM THREE

Here the Differentiated Spirits start on their descent into the Dense Spirit Substance, the 49th modification of the God Substance, designated here in the diagram as Realm

1st Realm 7 Div's.	ABSOLUTE SUBSTANCE		The Absolute of our Universe—All Father Highest Aspect of the Sons of the All Fa- ther: "The Begotten."		
2nd Realm 7 Div's.	GOD SUBSTANCE		Sons of the Absolute, "The Begotten" of the All Father. The Gods or Christ Spirits after their differentiation in the Universal Father—Here they begin the extension of their consciousness down to the Dense Phys- ical Substance.		
3rd Realm 7 Div's.	UNIVERSAL CHRIST SUBSTANCE				
4th Realm 7 Div's.	LIFE SPIRIT SUBSTANCE				
5th Mind Realm	Sec. (1)	Mind Spirit Sub.	1. Germinal idea of all form in man, animal and plant. 2. Out of this Division comes the idea into which Life manifests itself in man, animal and plant. 3. Here germinates the seeds of desire and emotions of all animate Life. 4. This Fourth Division may be called the "Great Di- vide" for all above is "Chaos — Formless — Void, while all below is Formative—This is a Division of Reversion as well, wherein all Currents, running Lemniscately cross over and run in the opposite direction—Record of Nature. 5. This Division contains the Archetypes of Desire, Passion, Emotions, etc. 6. Archetypes of Universal Energy, Strength, Vigor, etc. 7. Archetypes of All Form.		
	Sec. (2)				
6th Desire Realm	Desire Spirit Sub.		1. Organic Power 2. Organic Light 3. Organic Life		In these three Divisions we find Attraction — Cohesion — Build- ing — Rearrangement — Con- struction — Origination, etc. } Location of First Heaven
			4. FEELING		
			5. HOPES AND WISHES 6. SUSCEPTIBILITY 7. MORBID DESIRE MORBID PASSIONS, ETC.		{ Repulsion Dissolution Orthodox Hell Catholics Purgatory
7th Physical Realm	Sec. (1)	Phys. Spirit Sub.	1. Recording Ether—Nature's Lowest Record. 2. Pertains to all the functions of man, animal and plant, and the five senses in man and animal. 3. Third Division — Reproduction and main- tenance of species. 4. Fourth Division Function — Assimilation and Elimination.		} ETHERIC REGION
	Sec. (2)				
			Chem- ical Region	{ 5. GASES 6. LIQUID 7. SOLIDS	

Father—Mother—God. The All Father—Universal All-Absolute

Father—Mother—God. The All Father—Universal All-Absolute

DIAGRAM III

Seven, called by present day humanity, material substance—Gases, Liquids and Solids.

It is not quite true that here man started on his fall. It was the plan that man was to descend and the number who did just that—who descended and fell not—was millions of times greater than many writers and lecturers would have us believe.

The descent was a necessity. Necessary not only in our scheme of things, not only in all of the Creative processes of all the Beings of our Universe, but in all of the Creative processes of all the Creative Beings of all other Universes, and on to the ultimate, if such there be.

When a Spirit is differentiated in and of its Parent, the Universe, notwithstanding its perfection; its greatness, its wisdom and its power, it is *not* fully conscious of its differentiation, of its separateness.

This condition is not strange when we consider that notwithstanding its differentiation, it is still *in* and *of* the Universe, and furthermore it is in the Universal Spirit Substance and still *feels* the Universality of *all* things. However, there was no falling away from the All Father in this Realm. When these Christ Spirits passed through this Realm, they left behind them the last Substance, counting from One to Seven, that is continuous throughout the immensity of space.

REALM FOUR

SUBSTANCE LIMITED

It is in this Realm that the Differentiated Spirits began to feel the pleasure of their separateness. They began to sense the differentiation that has been effected by the All Father. The Universal God Substance in which they now

live, move and have their being, has been many times modified.

These several modifications mean a slowing down of motion to the point where their own consciousness began to operate. Here they began to feel the thrill of a separate life, an individual life. Of course it was not to any great extent, but it was quite enough for them to become enthusiastic about it.

This pleasure, joy, happiness and power seemed to them a kind of private possession; to belong to each individually and independently of all others, and this feeling thrilled them and they followed up this wonderfully new experience with fervor and vigor, with the result they planted in their beings the germ of Divine Life Spirit, the Spirit which is the vitalizing Essence, the function of which was to organize, vitalize and sustain it throughout the aeons of ages to come, as it descended lower and lower in the scale of the various modifications of the Father Substances.

The God Child is now invested with the Germ of Two Spirits: first, the Universal which is of the "Universal Spirit" substance and which, among other things, makes it possible to become an integral part of this limitless Universal Substance and at the proper time to sail the boundless Ocean of the Universes, freely and safely.

Also it gives the Christ Spirits Universal and Individual touch with all things pertaining to the lower Divisions of the physical world. In this way does the God Child become Universal like unto God the All Father.

The other is that of Life Spirit, the seat or Center of Divine Love, the great unifying Force and Power by which all things are maintained and established. It is within this Life Spirit that all things that have ever eventuated from the beginning are faithfully and accurately recorded and exist forever and fade not away.

REALM FIVE

FIRST SECTION

This Realm has two Sections: the Formless and the Formative. The Substance of the Higher is Formless and is the soil in which all ideas germinate. If the current carrying the impulse is from above, from the Divine Mind, the Christ, then that which germinates, if permitted to bear fruit, will work out for the good of the person. If the impulse is from below, from the personal or mortal mind, it is also germinated in this division, but will work harm, because it is from the mortal, the carnal mind which at all times works in opposition to the Divine Mind, against Truth. However, regardless of whether the idea is good or evil, it is always germinated in this formless Mind Substance.

All noble and unselfish impulses are from above, from our Divinity, from our Christ, and should always be nurtured, while all impulses of hate, selfishness, envy, jealousy, lasciviousness and distrust are from below; from the mortal side of our nature, and the germination of such an idea should never be permitted.

Too much care cannot be taken in our sowing, for whatever we sow, *we reap!* If we permit the germination of ideas from the mortal mind, which is always the seed of evil, we reap the fruits of evil without fail. If, on the other hand, we sow goodly seed, we reap that which is good.

This certainty of reaping what we sow, is one of the most beneficent and encouraging Laws of God. Just to *know*, that to have all that is good, we have only to sow the seed of good. And to know that just as surely as we do, just that surely will we reap the fruits of the thing sown. What a precious Truth!

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In this Section, Energy, Vigor, or God Substance has now reached a state of modification which makes form possible. This is the Substance which makes possible for our dreams to come out into the open where we can see them and enjoy them.

There is no form, however large or small, that does not have its mould or archetype here; into which the various formative God Substances flow, bringing into visibility and usefulness things here on the physical plane or Physical Realm.

You sow a Pansy seed and you get a Pansy because the Pansy archetype was in the seed and anything else was, under the Law of God, an impossibility. When you see the plant come as a Pansy, you are not surprised, you expected it. And, when later on it blooms with all its beautiful colors, you are still unsurprised—you fully expected it.

You count it common and uneventful because you have watched such happenings all your life. It never occurs to you that anything else but that which you plant will come up, and you give it no further thought, for your past experience has taught you that you get what you sow or plant. So it is in the sowing in the great field of human endeavor. That which is *sown* is that which *comes up*. Such is God's Law and it is a Law that is invariable.

The germination of an idea or a desire, and the bringing of it into visibility and on to maturity, is just as simple and comes forth with the same certainty as the germination of the seed of the Pansy.

The process of sowing or of planting a seed idea or desire and the bringing forth into visibility and usable form

is really just as easy, and as simple as is the sowing or planting of a physical seed, and the bringing of it to maturity suitable for our needs. The sooner the human race can realize this great Law, the sooner will they lift themselves from their various forms of distresses into conditions which make for happiness, comfort and all the pleasures needed.

REALM SIX

SUBSTANCE LIMITED

This Realm is interesting in that it is the Realm of Desire; of wishes, ambitions, aspirations. Without it there would be no change in form, nor in habits, no activity and, furthermore, none of the many evolutionary processes by which man raises himself from weakness to strength, from ignorance to Wisdom, and there would be no incentive *for* anything, and no incentive to *do* anything.

This Spirit Force, this Desire Substance, is the bed rock of all Activity and Motion. It is God in action.

In the first three Divisions of the Desire Spirit Substance the Law of Dissolution is unknown. Every manifestation is one of building—of construction. Attraction and cohesion is the rule.

In these three Divisions we see in everything the manifestation of Life, Love, Joy, Peace, Tolerance, Goodness, Kindness, Faith, Meekness, Harmony and Happiness. Therefore, it naturally follows that, if you want these Godly Virtues and Attributes, you must build your Desire body of the Spirit Substances of these three upper Divisions of the Desire Realm.

The three lower Divisions, 5, 6, 7, are to mankind, discordant and inharmonious in varying degrees, and errors appear in multitudinous forms due, largely, to the many

erroneous desires and fancies of mortal mind. The Forces of Good, or God, are ever active in displacing evil with Good; in dissolving error with Truth.

It is in these lower Divisions that the Protestant's hell and the Catholic's purgatory are found. While there is not the "Fire and brimstone" that is preached about so much, yet the sufferings of some are truly severe.

They suffer in every sense and in the same way and to the same extent that they caused others to suffer during the life they lived on Earth. And no one leaves these three lower Divisions until they have been thoroughly *purged* from *all their sins*.

This purging and cleansing process is brought about *through and by* the Divine Law of God, known as the Law of Repulsion, the Law of Disolution, which Law is kept ever active through the Third Attribute of the Universal All, known as "Activity."

Things and forms wrongly brought about or produced by ignorance, selfishness, greed, are by the Law of Disolution dissolved back into their primal Spirit Substance to the end that the Primal Spirit Substance may be used for something useful and needful.

In some instances, according to the nature of the error or sin, the Dissolution takes place, seemingly, in the form of combustion and it is this seemingly burning process the orthodox Christian refers to as "Fire and Brimstone."

It is in these three lower Divisions that "Satan," or sin and error, holds sway: Where the great battle of Armageddon is fought over and over. The mortal mind controls the mortal body, and the Christ within is fighting battle after battle that the body may become Spiritualized and be free from its turmoils, from its troubles, sin, sickness, and death. This conflict continues—the Christ with the

flesh—until Christ wins and the “Last Trump sounds” and the body is changed from a state of mortality to a state of Immortality.

We have spoken of the three Higher Divisions, 1-2-3, also the three lower, 5-6-7. There is yet the Fourth to be considered. This Division is the real battle ground of Interest and Indifference, of Action and Inaction. If interest in an object or an idea is manifested, the manifestation will take one of two courses: Constructive or Destructive—Good or evil.

If the manifestation has as its motivating source mortal mind, which functions in the three lower Divisions, where the law of change and dissolution is operative and where to mortal mind all is confusion, its action will result in error. If, however, the Spiritual Mind is its motivating source, instead of building its form out of the Substance of the three lower Divisions, it will build its forms out of the three Higher which is the Substance of the First Heaven World.

If the Substance which manifests itself is that of Love, Joy, Peace and Good will toward men, then the Christ within will be able to do a work that will never perish: neither on Earth nor in Heaven.

If, however, no interest is aroused, no action will be taken regardless of the need of the object; regardless of how wonderful and universally helpful the idea might prove to be.

A lack of manifestation due to a lack of interest has in numerous instances caused the loss of an opportunity which would have meant much, not only to the individual but to the world at large. All men and all women should give much thought to this Realm if they would hasten their day of Liberation.

REALM SEVEN

FIRST SECTION

ETHERIC SUBSTANCE

This Section of the Ether Realm is called the Recording Ether as it contains the pictures of everything that has ever happened. Thoughts, deeds of men and animals, as well as the existence of everything in physical nature, are faithfully pictured in this Division.

The roaming of herds of animals, the migration of the birds, the sailing of ships together with their passengers, and everything else in all their details; the marching of armies, together with the object of the march, their successes and difficulties; the behavior of all animate life, individually and collectively. In fact, there is nothing that exists and nothing that happens that is not recorded here in all its fullness and in every detail. Furthermore, such recordings are open to all who have even Etheric vision.

SECOND SECTION

CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE

This Section has to do with each of the five senses and the regulation of the temperature or heat of the form in which it is functioning. It controls the coloring matter in the animal, plant and man. It promotes the circulation of the sap in vegetation, the circulation of the blood and the various other fluids and juices in all animate life.

THIRD DIVISION—SECTION I

The special function of the Energy and Force Substances of this Division is that it is concerned chiefly with the propagation and the reproduction of species and can very rightly

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be called physical Life Ether. It is most intimately related to the Second Division of the Realm of Life Spirit Substance, as both have to do with propagation and reproduction and the manifestation of life in the physical plane and the sustentation of the same.

FOURTH DIVISION—SECTION I

This division of Spirit Energy plays an important part in the Life Forces and Energies manifesting themselves in plant, animal and man. It is the Force which carries the Elements suitable for the maintenance of form, health and Life. This process is carried on in what we call the Dense Spirit-Substance and is operated by the Spirit Energy operating in this region of the Physical Realm.

REALM SEVEN

FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH DIVISIONS—SECTION II

These Realms consist of Gases, Liquids and Solids, the two latter being the God Substances that are visible. In this dense state or modification, we can see Him with our eyes, handle Him with our hands and change this Universal or God Substance into various forms and into various conditions from which God originally placed it to satisfy our desires and to suit our needs.

It is in this dense God Substance or solids that we come to the lowest state or modification, so far as man is concerned. So God, the All Father and Friend, is at all times with us; here with all His Power; with all His Wisdom, Love, Mercy, Joy and all His riches. And it is His good pleasure that we have of them all we require.

There are those who have the idea that if they could only live in some higher Realm, they could know God; that God is not accessible on the lower planes. That is true

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only to those who are lacking in the God Wisdom, for there is no place or condition that is free from His Presence.

Refer to diagram 3, and meditate seriously upon it. You will soon realize that every pebble; every grain of sand; moreover every atom of the lowest and densest contains within itself the entire scheme of this diagram, from end to end. And remember that wherever God is, there also is His Heaven, for they are inseparable.

CHAPTER XX

EARTH'S STRATA

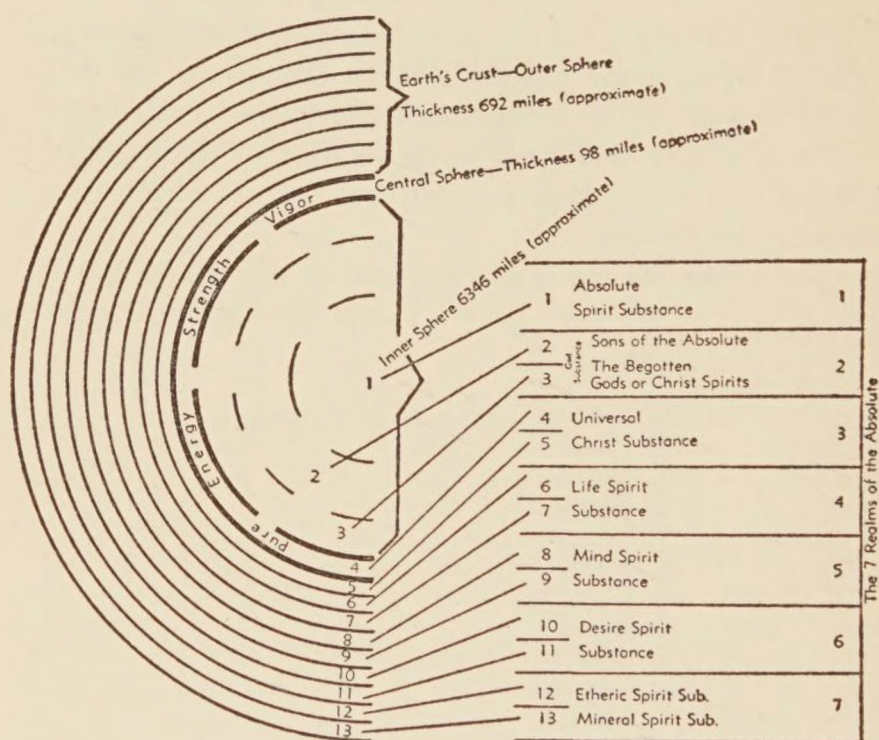
AS WILL BE seen in the following diagram, there are thirteen Earth Strata and thirteen Realmic Divisions, which go hand in hand, so to speak, in all Initiations of our School. That is to say that each Stratum, with its accompanying Realmic Division (which is of the same number) represents an Initiation.

The names of the Earth's strata, of our School are the same as those of many others, except the four inner strata. They are as follows :

13, Mineral, or Chemical Stratum	
12, Fluidic	"
11, Vapor	"
10, Water	"
9, Seed	"
8, Fiery	"
7, Reflecting	"
6, Atomic	"
5, Intellect ; Material brain	"
4, Centrum	"
3, Christos	"
2, God	"
1, Absolute	"

As much can be said about the various Strata of the Earth as has been said about the Seven Realms, but space forbids. However, a few words about Stratum four, become necessary due to its peculiar functions, in addition to that which is in common with all the others. We refer to the fact that it is upon this fourth Stratum, or Central Sphere that the entire weight of all the Strata above rests. At first, this seems astounding; incredible. A Stratum of a

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CONSTITUTION OF THE EARTH

The 13 Divisions of the Earth and their correlations to the 13 Divisions of the 7 Realms of the Absolute, the Universal All.

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little less than 100 miles holding up the entire Earth's crust and it, the fourth Stratum appears to be nothing but a vacuum; a substance not visible to physical eye. However, the secret is that *it* represents, PURE ENERGY; PURE VIGOR; PURE STRENGTH. Here is also the Center of Gravitation; the beginning, and the END. *The Centrum.*—

You pass a Stratum and its corresponding Division when you have learned to operate constructively and harmlessly its Laws, Forces and Powers. To illustrate: You begin first the study of the Laws, Forces, Powers, of Stratum thirteen together with its corresponding Division thirteen. After having learned to operate them harmlessly but efficiently, you pass by a system of promotion, called Initiation, into the next Stratum, 12, and its corresponding Realmlc Division twelve, where you are taught to handle in Masterly fashion the Laws, Forces, Powers, etc., pertaining thereto, after which you pass by Initiation into Stratum eleven and its corresponding Division eleven.

Thus do you pass, by Initiation, from Stratum to Stratum and from Division to Division until you arrive at Stratum two and its corresponding Division two. So far you have had twelve Initiations. There remains but one more, the thirteenth.

In this Last Initiation, you are not only required to operate the more ponderable Laws, Forces and Powers of all the Strata and Realmlc Divisions from thirteen to two, but you must be adept in manipulating them successfully and efficiently in what we know here as emergencies.

Using a physical illustration: In getting a license to drive an automobile, it is not enough that you know how to start and stop, turn corners and perform other mechanical operations. You must also know traffic rules,

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parking rules and many other things. Furthermore, you must know how to handle the car under many and various conditions and emergencies. Having passed this thirteenth and last Initiation successfully, you are then given what might be called the badge of Mastership, of Authority, and the Robe of Liberation, and crowned Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

TEMPERATURE OF EARTH'S CRUST

In view of the preceding statement, that man passes by Initiation to the Central Sphere and on to the Inner or Central portion of the Earth, it becomes necessary that we discuss the Earth's temperature.

It has been found by scientists that the temperature in borings increases at the rate of approximately one degree F. in every 55 or 60 feet of descent. At such a rate, in the latitude of San Francisco, at a depth of a little less than two miles the heat would be sufficient to boil water, and at a depth of 35 miles the temperature would be 3,000 F., a heat amply sufficient to melt iron.

With the heat continuing to increase as the center of the Earth is approached, the temperature at the center would reach the tremendous height of, approximately, 367,110 degrees F., producing an expansive force too great for the external layers to retain or hold in check.

There are Seven physical openings, or channels, or passage-ways, running unbrokenly from the surface of the Earth to the Inner Sphere and these channels or passage-ways of ingress have been used for untold ages and are used even today by certain Schools of Initiation and they report no discomfort from either excessive temperature or pressure.

Of course it is to be borne in mind that those who are selected to make the trip through these passages from Earth's surface to the "Inner Sphere" are bold, daring and

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resolute. They have already accomplished much in the way of Spiritualizing their bodies, making them more or less immune to things material, such as heat, cold, pressure or any other physical condition or thing.

It is surprising how little the vibrations of the body have to be raised to place it beyond any harm from fire or heat at any temperature, however great, or pressure however excessive, or cold however severe it may be.

There are those of the South seas, people who are looked upon as savages, who can walk through a pit of red hot coals of fire without any harm to themselves at all. It is a very simple Law, otherwise these Islanders would not be able to perform a feat that the most intellectual of our so-called civilized races cannot execute.

Such Laws, and many others, become the common property of all who proceed along the lines of Spiritual unfoldment as set forth in the Teachings of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation.

However, the writer finds that the heat or temperature of the Earth does not continue to increase indefinitely any more than does the temperature of the body of man or any animal. There is a limit to this temperature increase.

Scientists who hold to the theory of temperature increase and that such continues, even unto the center of the Earth, are unacquainted with two fundamental facts: First, that the Earth is alive; that the Earth is not an aggregation of dead matter, but a Great Being, playing a great part in the evolutionary economics of this Universe, the Great Father of All. Second, that material Substance does not continue to the center; that matter, as we know it, stops far short of the center; that when we come to the far side (counting from the Earth's surface) of stratum five, we

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come to the end of all substance that is visible to ordinary physical eye, and that by the time you reach this stratum, heat, or temperature of any kind or degree, or any kind of pressure for that matter has no effect upon such an one, even if such a temperature, or pressure did exist, which is not the case.

While these Seven geological openings, from the Earth's surface to the Inner Sphere, are still being used by certain Schools of Initiation, yet there are Schools which do not make use of them, as the method used, and the nature of the Initiation makes it possible for them to begin their journey to the Inner Sphere, from any part of the Earth's surface. One such School is the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation. In making this trip to the Inner Sphere, a descent is made until you reach the Fourth stratum. After this, you begin to ascend.

If you go toward the center of the Earth, you ascend; it is up. Also, if you return to the surface; it is up. There is a difference, however, between the two ascents. Ascending toward the surface, the journey becomes increasingly fatiguing and wearisome, while the ascent from the Fourth Stratum toward the Center of the Earth, is the reverse.

In describing it, one feels as if the journey began without effort, and ends with still less effort. You begin this part of the journey with a buoyancy undreamed of, and this buoyancy seems to definitely increase as progress is made, even to the very Center of the Inner Sphere, the "Secret Place of the Most High," where you are given the "Crown of Victory" and christened "Lord of Lords, God of the Whole Earth and King of Kings." Having conquered ALL things your liberation is full and complete!

Note:—There have been many occasions when one or a group, has slipped silently away, with destination unknown to their friends

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and families, having in mind the hope of locating one or more of these openings, only to fail . . . Each opening is the special property of a particular School and is not to be found by mere man, for to such an opening simply does not exist. However, it is the writer's opinion that the day will come when these openings will be of common knowledge to all.

CHAPTER XXI

BRIEF OUTLINE OF A LIFE CYCLE

A BRIEF outline of what happens at death and on through the various Realms beyond Death, through which the Spirit of man passes and back through Rebirth into the physical world for a new life's experience, might be helpful. To that end we present the following:

PART ONE

DEATH

THE JOURNEY FROM EARTH TO THE THIRD HEAVEN

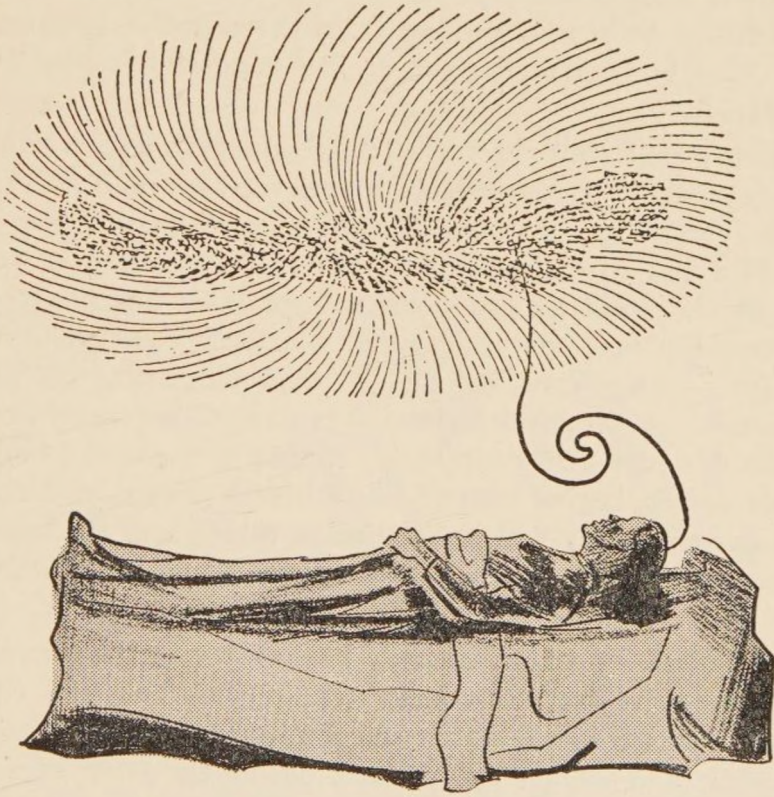
Mr. A. has now come to the end of his natural life and is taking his departure from his dense body. We show here a picture of Mr. A. immediately after death has taken place. The lines you see connecting the Higher vehicles to the dense body are called in Ec-cle-si-as-tes, chapter 12, verse 6, the "Silver Cord," and is of a glistening silvery appearance.

SPIRIT LEAVING THE BODY AT DEATH

You will notice that this Silver Cord, connecting the Higher instrument to the dense body, is unbroken. As long as this Cord remains unbroken, resuscitation is possible, but, after it has become separated, restoration to life of the dense body cannot be accomplished. This Cord, when shown on a flat surface as in the illustration, has the appearance of two sixes attached to each other. It is at the point of attachment that the break occurs.

The higher vehicles, the vital body, desire body and mind, have left the dense body, taking with them the Spir-

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SPIRIT LEAVING THE BODY AT DEATH

itual Atomic Force and Power of the Permanent Atom of the dense body to be used in the building of a new dense body at another life's experience.

They remain as shown, for some time. In some instances it is as long as three days before the separation of the Cord is completed. During the time the Cord is intact, the desire body is absorbing from the negative atoms of the vital body everything that has happened in the life of Mr. A.

Every experience, however trivial, everything said, done, every thought, every attempt made, successes and failures and everything connected therewith in all their fullness: all joys and all sorrows, all harm done or received as well as all the good he has done and good he has received. Everything that contacted either him or his environment, whether he was conscious of it at the time or not—all was recorded by the vital body and is now to be transferred from this part of the vital body to that of the desire body. This record begins with the first breath drawn, and continues unbrokenly with every breath throughout the entire life, whether he is conscious or unconscious, until he breathes his last. Then, and then only, does the record end.

If quiet reigns and the body lies undisturbed during the time this life record is being transferred from the vital body to the desire body, the record in the desire body will be clear and without blur. Then, during the state or time of Purgation, a deep realization of all wrongs and all failures, will not only be felt, but Mr. A. will see and realize the why of it all and will be able in the next life to do better; be able to do less of the wrong and more of the things that are right and good, and thereby bring his physical body nearer a spiritual state and toward a greater power for good.

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After the separation of the Cord, the part which is connected with the dense body remains with the dense body and the other part remains with the higher instruments. There is, however, another separation which takes place

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SILVER CORD

when the Cord is severed, namely: that of the separation of that part of the vital body which is not spiritualized from that part which is.

This lower part of the Cord and the unspiritualized part of the vital body is still of the earth and, therefore, must return to the earth. From dust they came and, not being spiritualized, to dust they must return. The higher vehicles now take on the form of the dense body and once again Mr. A. looks just as he did before death.

Mr. A. is able to restore himself to his earthly form because the two upper elements of the vital body which were spiritualized and which helped to control the form of the dense body during his life on earth are still with him, thus causing the desire body to take the shape and form of the body it had during his earthly life.

After the Cord has become broken, Mr. A. enters what is called Purgatory by some and Hell by others. All who die, saints as well as sinners, pass through this state of purgation or Purgatory. True, it is less severe for some. Those who have lived exemplary lives, doing a minimum amount of harm and committing a minimum amount of sin, naturally suffer less than those who have sinned much.

The saints pass through Purgatory because they died of sin and nothing else. The only thing that causes physical death is the *sting* or sin. To die means that the person sinned and this means that the sinner must pass through Purgatory to the end that he may be purged, that he may pay for the sin by suffering. The law of Right must be satisfied.

The things that happened in Mr. A's life that were classified by the Law of Right action as wrong, and which were transferred to the outer part of the desire body, are dealt with in reverse of the order in which they happened. That is, the last act is taken or acted upon first. Then next to the last is the next to be acted upon and so on all the way back to the very first wrong or sin committed by Mr. A. In other words, in Purgatory, the last comes first.

As Mr. A. suffers for the wrongs he has done and realizes the error thereof, it sloughs off and he is then purged of that wrong act, or sin. This process continues until all sin has been removed and the desire body free to enter the First Heaven.

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Before we proceed further in the consideration of the happenings of things beyond death we must dispose of the dense body and the lower elements of the vital body. Both are now useless to the higher instruments.

If the dense body is cremated the lower elements of the vital body disintegrate at the same speed at which the dense body is consumed. If buried, the lower vital elements, hovering about twenty inches above the grave, will be visible, to those who have eyes to see, until the dense body is decomposed. In other words, one with proper vision can tell the progress of decomposition of the dense body lying buried, by noting the state or the progress of the decomposition of the vital elements, which are lying in the same position just above the grave.

During life, the vital body was composed of four different modifications of Ether. The Ego retains, together with the Permanent Atom of both the dense and vital body, as much of the two higher modifications as the Ego has successfully worked upon and incorporated or absorbed into itself.

The two lower modifications or elements of the Ether composing the vital body, and the entire dense body, is all that is left behind. Hence as Mr. A. enters what is called Purgatory, he takes with him the Spiritualized part of the higher elements of the vital body and the Life Forces of the Permanent Atoms of both the dense and vital bodies, the desire body and the mind.

PURGATORY

Purgation takes place in the three lower divisions of the Realm of Desire and is the "Hell" of the orthodox religions. In some instances the suffering endured is severe and excruciating.

Suppose Mr. A., during the life just passed, had indulged in some of the practices of the past in which he inflicted extreme torture. He too then would be called upon to suffer in the same way, and to the same extent, as had they upon whom the tortures were inflicted. He would be burned at the stake, would be torn apart piece by piece, or compelled to undergo the tortures he had inflicted upon others, regardless of whether or not his actions had been upheld by the law.

How those who in the past took part in these terrible practices suffered in Purgatory is beyond comprehension.

Take, for instance, a case where one person after another was tortured. All who took part actively or as willing attendants in such practices, as well as all who were responsible for the tortures, will each suffer, in full proportion to their activity and approval, the pain felt by the victims.

These torturers are, in fact, in a much worse situation because the sufferings of each individual victim will be heaped upon each of those responsible for the inflictions. If a hundred victims were tortured to death, those responsible for the tortures will each suffer a hundred deaths.

It is in this way that many of the severe practices of the past have been removed from the hearts and minds of the people. The suffering through which they passed because of the way they had treated others is so indelibly stamped upon their consciences and memories that nothing can ever after induce them to be other than kind to their fellow creatures.

Let us bring this a little closer to the present day run of things. Say Mr. A. was manager of some large institution or corporation. Suppose further, that he willfully mismanages the affairs so that the stockholders, the number of which runs into thousands, lose all their savings, which brings them great suffering.

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Now, when Mr. A. reaches Purgatory and comes to this part, he will have the suffering of all those thousands who suffered by his mismanagement pressed upon him and this aggregation of suffering will be quite sufficient to prevent Mr. A. from repeating, ever after, such an act. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord." Nothing can compare with the Law of Justice and Righteousness in making one pay in full for the wrongs done.

Not only will he suffer in this aggregated form, but he will have the added distress of suffering in as many different places as were the victims at the time he caused them to suffer. This feeling of being in all these different places is not only confusing to him but it also carries with it other distresses peculiar to this Purgatorial Law. The operation of the Law is such that, while he does not altogether lose his individuality, yet he feels himself to be the one harmed. In this way he is able to see both sides of the question, and to also feel both sides.

Thus, he can see from an impersonal standpoint as he suffers, just how wrong it was, and just how inexcusable his act was. Thus he is able to pass upon himself a just judgment.

While the Purgatorial experience of some is long and full of suffering, it is just and of this the sufferer is made fully aware. Thus, Mr. A. passes judgment upon himself and will in the next incarnation live a much more commendable life; a life free from all the things for which he suffered so fully and so completely.

However, if Mr. A. lives an exemplary life, doing a minimum amount of harm, causing a minimum amount of suffering, his stay in Purgatory will be comparatively short and his distress of little consequence.

The Desire body, being now purified and cleansed from

all sin and wrong doing and the result incorporated in the Permanent Atom of the Desire body, now passes into the First Heaven.

FIRST HEAVEN

The First Heaven occupies the three upper regions of the Desire Realms, namely 1, 2 and 3. When Mr. A. arrives here, his Desire body is more or less reduced. If he spent most of his life in wrong doing, in living a life of sin and selfishness and all that goes with such a life, naturally his Desire body would be composed mostly of sinful material and thus he will have much less of the Desire body than he would have had had he lived a better life. If he lived a righteous and useful life, he will have much to carry into the First Heaven.

Upon his entrance into the First Heaven, the absorbing or transferring process is once again enacted as the thread or panorama of life's experience is rolled backward. But, since the record of all sin has been consumed and as Mr. A. is without sin, nothing but the good which he did is taken over. For the first time since he left the Heaven worlds on his descent into the previous life he experiences a joy and peace beyond his comprehension, and if he had just expiated the sufferings of thousands of people he had caused to suffer, this change is all the more beyond his comprehension.

However little of the joys of life he has in store for himself, by comparison, he is filled with ecstasy and supreme delight. From this time forward, no sorrow or suffering will come to him. Having paid in FULL and to the last farthing, his is one round of peace and joy unbounded.

Just as surely as Mr. A. suffered for all the wrongs done, just that surely will he experience to the full all the joys

felt by others of which he was the contributing factor. If it had come his way to benefit the lives of a thousand people, he will feel to the full the gratitude, and that in the aggregate, of a thousand people, plus what joy he himself had felt in giving this joy. As no wrong or sin, however trivial it may have seemed to Mr. A., was allowed to escape settlement, so also will no joy he himself felt in doing righteously, or the joy and gratitude others felt by reason of the good things done, be permitted to pass without Mr. A. enjoying it to the full. Both the joy felt by Mr. A. and the joy and happiness felt by those who were beneficially affected, he will feel anew.

If Mr. A. was a poor man in the life which he has just left and, because of that, felt that there was nothing he could do for his fellow man, and lived accordingly, he would thus have lived a most selfish life, and, though in Heaven, he will have very little happiness. The real joy that might have been his, he would not know. He will, though, have at least the pleasure of experiencing once again his former joy and the pleasure others felt the few times he gave pleasure.

Also, if Mr. A. had isolated himself, feeling that the world held nothing in particular for him, also that there was little he could do for the world because of his numerous limitations, he will find little joy in Heaven. However, if he had realized that whatever joy he was to experience in this Heaven depended wholly upon the good he did and the joy he gave others, and had lived his life accordingly, his Cup would have been continually full.

So he sees the great importance of these two Realms of the Desire world. One discourages in a most decided manner the doing of wrong and the other encourages in a most definite way, the doing of that which is right, and helping in every way possible his fellow beings. Such is the

Law of Evolution which will eventually bring all of God's Children home. Thus is reincarnation or a repetition of lives an absolute necessity and thus does mankind grow from childhood to Godhood.

One of the first things one should remember is that it is not the giving of money while here on Earth that gives the greatest joy in Heaven. You give joy, of course, when you give money, but to give money without weakening the character of the receiver is difficult. When we give of ourselves, selfishness can so easily be left out of it. A sympathetic look, a kindly word, a word of encouragement that helps a man to get up and continue the fight, "rooting" for the man who is down, *standing by*, that one may *see* that you are there to help if necessary; a beckoning hand, a smile, these anyone can give, however poor.

All children who die before the birth of the Desire body, which is around the 14th year, are found here. They go no further. They remain here from one to around twenty years, or as soon as they are ready for another try for an earth life and a suitable environment is found for them. Much progress is made here by the children. Because of the plasticity of the Substance of this Realm, object lessons are easily given. Also, the children here are completely responsible and impressive, lessons are easily learned and need no repeating.

Not only do children, but adults as well, learn here with ease. Some of those who felt no inclination to improve themselves while on earth, do not accomplish so much at first because, to a degree, the same indifference they felt toward improvement on earth is still present. But the great activity that is all around them eventually stirs them up. They get the spirit, their activity begins and, though at first they may have no definite plan of action, they soon remember that while on earth there *were* a few things they

had really wanted to do. This is their starting point and progress goes on.

Among the many reasons why progress in the First Heaven is easy is that you do not lack for anything. If you want a book which will give you information, you have only to want it and it is before you. If you want any material for the practice of *anything*, it is there, and NOW. The substance with which one works is plastic and can easily be made to take ANY form or condition desired. In other words, you do not LACK ANYTHING, therefore knowledge is acquired with the greatest of facility and ease. So, whatever Mr. A's ambition was in the earth life, he now has the opportunity of satisfying himself to the uttermost. If he had the wish in earth life to own a magnificent palace, here is where he can make his wish come true with the greatest of ease. Here we find stately mansions, splendid homes, beautiful beyond anything seen here or conceived of.

You learn that it is by your thought power that colors are blended and forms shaped. Also that you have a more definite idea of what you want as to colors needed, also of design. Thus your work is more beautiful than any thing you could produce when you were here on the earth plane. In the first heaven world, the material used is of a much higher grade and more nearly perfect in quality and exactness of colors wanted, thus making your work, not only more beautiful but altogether more satisfactory, and also your progress more rapid and far more pleasurable.

You no longer have a physical body. The body you are using now, is what is termed a spiritual body and it is with this spiritual body that you do all your work, and the work is not unpleasant as it sometimes is here, for in this heavenly land, all is joy, peace and happiness.

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Here you have with you the Permanent Atom of the Dense body, the Permanent Atom of the Vital body and the Permanent Atom of the Desire body together with the Mind.

And you also have no eyes. You no longer need these little organs of vision when you now have Vision in its fullness and in every direction and all at once without a single turn of the head. This is truly a Land of Joy, Peace and Happiness.

When you shall have come to the end of your stay in the First Heaven two very important lessons will have been indelibly stamped upon the Permanent Atom of the Desire body, One: the Law of Compensation; that if you do any wrong in any way whatsoever, consciously or unconsciously, there will come a day in which you will be called upon to pay, and that to the uttermost farthing. You will also learn that from this Law there is no escape.

The other lesson is stamped just as indelibly and works just as certainly, and that is that every good deed done to a person or thing, consciously or unconsciously, carries with it a blessing and a joy forever. Thus does Mr. A. learn that every wrong is punished and every good rewarded.

SECOND HEAVEN

Even the dim outline of the head has passed and, looking at Mr. A., we now see only the Mind which is enclosed in a kind of sheath. This Second Heaven is called by some Schools the Home of Sound or Tone, also the Home of Colors. This Second Heaven is located in the lower division of Realm Five: Mind Substance Formative.

Mr. A. finds that there is NO COLOR that does not have its accompanying sound or tone. He further learns that the tone is as strong to the hearing as is the color to

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the vision; the strength of the two are equal; that as you change the color you change the tone and the changing of the tone also changes the color. Wherever he directs his attention, there is one mass of colors and tones. The entire division, or Second Heaven, seems to be a kind of amplifier for tones and colors, and he also learns that all colors and tones, even noises, that he contacted while in the Dense body had their origin here in the Second Heaven.

He learns that each color on the Dense plane has its tone, even though it is not heard. He learns that all sound likewise carries color. For the first time he hears the "Music of the Spheres." He not only hears the Music of the Spheres, but he can distinguish the Symphony of each Planet or Sphere and by its music can follow it in its course around the Sun.

It is this mass of incomparable colors and tones of indescribable beauty, in which his delight increases with each revolution of the Earth, that he spends the most of his time between Earth lives. While he lives in a world of increasing Joy and beauty, yet he is just as joyfully active. Here he remains for centuries. All things being regular, his stay here is approximately one thousand years.

Here comes one of the many explanations of the Bible statement which says that "A thousand years is as one day and one day is as a thousand years." Meaning that one life day on Earth (whether that life day is twenty years or a hundred years) is as a thousand years to God. That is to say that the life you live on Earth is as a day and that this life day is matched up against the thousand years you spend in the Heaven worlds. They go hand in hand. Of course there are occasional exceptions where the 1000 years are greatly reduced or increased.

There will be much for Mr. A. to do here in the Second Heaven. While this is a place of the highest activity and

an activity that is altogether incessant, yet the activity is the manifestation of the Third Attribute of the All Father and not only is there no fatigue, but the activity is of a nature that gives increasing strength and power. Not only that, but his interest increases as he grows in strength and in Wisdom. And this continues throughout the entire stay in this most wonderful Heaven World.

Here Mr. A. learns to do things, he also learns about things. He finds that all creative and formative processes are brought about by Sound, by Tone—called by St. John “The Word.”

Here in the Second Heaven Mr. A. finds himself devoid of arms. He is also without legs, ears, eyes, nose or mouth. Yet he speaks the “Word.” How can this be, you ask? God spoke the world into existence without mouth or tongue and so can those who enter the Second Heaven.

Whatever is done here, is done by the spoken “Word” just as God does. The “Word” is spoken by thought power. Thought is a vibratory force and there is no vibration without sound or tone, and sound or tone is far more easily shaped by thought than by mouth, and with a greater degree of accuracy. Mr. A.’s success in the Earth life to come will be largely due to his ability to remember this important lesson—also his ability to apply here on this Earth plane successfully, what he learns in this Second Heaven.

Here he becomes one with all the Creative Forces of nature. Construction, rearrangements, and all the various changes that are brought about, together with the various methods and procedures, Flora and Fauna, etc. With all these things, Mr. A. being now one with all Nature, is busily engaged. Not only is he learning important lessons in the Creation, reconstruction and building of all of the foregoing, but he is given much work to do in the rebuilding and reconstruction of the human form. In the Heaven

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world he is dealing with Spiritual Forces, and, upon the accuracy with which he can operate these Divine Laws, will he be able to properly apply them to the building and the proper maintenance of the physical body in the life to follow. And, if he learns his lesson well enough, he will be able to build and maintain a physical form that will be easily of spiritualization, thereby overcoming death, and finishing his course.

Previous to all this, however, and as soon as he enters the Second Heaven, his first work is the assimilation of all that he has experienced, down to the last minute, during the Earth life which he has just brought to a close. As you remember, he has now the Permanent Atom of three bodies, namely: the dense, the vital, and the desire bodies. These three Atoms have brought to the point and place all that was real or Permanent of the three bodies; and they turn over, in all fullness, all the Permanencies of these bodies.

The Permanent Atom of the dense body turns over to the Universal Spirit all the consciousness it was able to appropriate or absorb from the dense body. The Permanent Atom of the Vital body in like manner turns over to the Life Spirit all the Intelligence it was able to absorb from the vital body, and the Permanent Atom of the desire body transfers to the Human Spirit all the Emotional Powers it was able to absorb from the desire body.

Briefly, that which the Permanent Atom of the dense body was able to acquire is absorbed by the Universal Spirit. And all that the Permanent Atom of the vital body was able to acquire is absorbed by the Life Spirit, and all that the Permanent Atom of the desire body could acquire is absorbed by the Human Spirit.

Thus, the acquirements of the three-fold body have become absorbed by the three-fold Spirit. Having finished

the work and acquired the knowledge demanded of him, he is now ready to pass into the Third Heaven.

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Mr. A. is now above all things Earthly and where no form exists. Even the Sheath which surrounded the mind in the Second Heaven is no longer discernible, having been dissolved in the passing. We now see that he is formless, and spreads forth to become, while in this Realm, one with the Universal Life of the All Father.

The Permanent Atom of the Dense body has become imbedded in the Universal Spirit, the Atom of the Vital body in the Life Spirit, and the Permanent Atom of the Desire body in the Human Spirit. Thus does the threefold body become one with the threefold Spirit, while the threefold Spirit, becomes *one* united center of Activity in the Christ, the only begotten of the Father. And, thus, has the Christ, the true Child of God, come home bringing Its sheaves with It, to receive the commendations and blessings of the All Father.

Thus you see that that which the Christ was able to make His own here on the Earth plane, He was permitted to take with Him, even to the bosom of His Father.

All the Permanent Atoms, of which there are four, and three Spirits, are now *one* in Christ and are an integral part of this Child of God, whose physical form was known on Earth as Mr. A. This Divine Child of God came to Earth and builded a dense body with which to obtain consciousness in the physical world.

Thus in the Third Heaven the Christ Spirit builds into Itself all the consciousness It acquired while in a dense body on Earth. Therefore Mr. A., in his next life on Earth, will be far more conscious of the physical world, will have

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a better understanding of its laws and forces, and he will thereby be able to achieve much more than he did in the preceding life. This understanding will entitle him to a better environment and increase his opportunities, thus making his stay in the next physical body more joyful and more pleasant.

A BRIEF RESUME

After passing from the Purgatorial region into the First Heaven, he awakens to the expansiveness of things. He begins to see that things are not so limited, nor so closely drawn. Everything is less rigid, more flexible. This is what Mr. A. finds. However, in passing into the Second Heaven, he is astounded at the seeming Universal Sweep of everything.

He feels himself no longer limited to even the lines drawn in the First Heaven. While the First Heaven seemed fully expansive, yet, in the Second Heaven, the expansiveness of the First Heaven seems the maximum of limitation.

In the Second Heaven, he felt that his life was almost, if not altogether limitless. But here, in the Third Heaven, with the limitations of all bodies, with even the sheath of mind removed, he not only feels that life is continuous with the Universe, but he now *knows* it for he is in Christ and Christ is in God, who is the All Father. (Meditate upon this until you get the full meaning and significance of it. It will repay you a thousand fold.)

The Divine Spirit of Mr. A., together with the three-fold Spirit, remains in the Third Heaven, the region of Formless Substance, from which vantage point it reaches from God to Earth and from Earth to God.

All Christ Spirits attract to themselves and appropriate, a certain amount of this Formless Mind Substance which

remains theirs as a kind of embodiment. This they keep and it is theirs just as permanently as is any other of the possessions given them by the Father. In this specialized Third Heaven Substance, the Christ remains. However, it also has its seasons of refreshing. When it has enfolded within itself the four Permanent Atoms and assimilated that which it has brought from the lower Realms, then It, the Christ Spirit, extends Its desires to the Realm of God Its Father, and receives the blessings so nobly earned.

The period of time in this Heaven is not very long when compared with the others. However, it was in many respects a most active and interesting one to Mr. A., since in the past Earth life he had given a great deal of thought to the Abstract things in Nature, to the good of humanity, and things Universal. So during his stay here, much was accomplished.

Eventually the various Permanent Atoms have built into themselves, to the limit of their strength, the Universality of All Life throughout the entire Being of God and have established in themselves, in so far as their strength will permit, the *oneness of all things*, to the end that this fact may eventuate as fully as possible to Mr. A. in the life to come.

PART TWO

THE RETURN JOURNEY

Now the Christ Spirit is again ready for another experience in a dense body upon a physical plane of existence. To this end the Permanent Mind Atom becomes slower and slower in its rate of vibration, until the region of Formative Mind Substance is reached.

It will be remembered that on Mr. A.'s ascent, this was the Second Heaven. Now, however, it is to him something

else. It is a place wherein he gathers important material for the successful building of the mind he is to use in directing the affairs of his life to be.

As the Permanent Atom of the Mind becomes low enough in vibration to contact the region of Formative Mind Substance, it emerges from the threefold Spirit in which it has been embodied.

When the Permanent Atom of Mind enters the Formative Mind Substance, being intensely magnetic (as all Permanent Atoms are) it attracts to Itself, in quantity and quality according to its strength, the Formative Mind Substance with which to build a physical mind. And the behavior of Mr. A. in the Earth life to follow will be in keeping with the quality of the material attracted and the quantity will govern very largely its strength.

By referring to the diagram you will note that in the lower part of the Realm of Mind there are divisions numbering five, six and seven. This is where Mr. A., through the medium of the Permanent Atom of Mind is gathering his material.

The method of attracting this Formative Mind Substance is through a centripetal process. After gathering to itself all that it can, it is now so heavily loaded, let us say, that naturally its vibration or activity is greatly reduced, and when the rate of activity becomes harmonious, or more nearly accurately speaking, the same as that of the division six, it begins to gather this sixth division Substance in the same way that it gathered Substance in division five.

In this sixth division it once again gathers to its full strength of the material here, which accumulation also lowers its vibratory rate to that of the next division, which is seven. Here the process is repeated with the consequent lowering of the vibration and the passing into the next

Realm, which is the first division in the Realm of Desire Substance. The Permanent Atom of Mind, having secured its full complement of all the material needed for the building of a mind, is now quiescent.

It is now time for the Permanent Atom of the Desire body to become active in the acquisition of material for a desire body to be used by Mr. A. in the coming life. To this end, the Permanent Atom of the Desire body begins to attract to itself, in quantity and quality, material for building such a body.

When it draws to itself all that it can of this division it enters the next lower, where the process is repeated. This repetition is continued until the Permanent Atom has gathered to the full the material it needs from the entire seven divisions of the Desire Realm. Then the work of gathering is complete.

As soon as the work of the Permanent Atom of the Desire body is finished, the Permanent Atom of the Vital body comes forth and enters the upper division of the Etheric or Physical Substance where it begins its work of gathering material for the Vital body, which is taken from the four upper divisions.

The method of gathering material by this Atom is the same as that of the Mind and Desire Atoms. After the Atom of the Vital body has gathered to the full its material, the Permanent Atom of the Dense body enters division number five, where it begins the work of gathering material for the Dense body. After it has gathered all it can of division five, it proceeds in the same manner with numbers six and seven, completing the work of the four Atoms.

THE SET-UP

The Christ Spirit with Its highest aspect in the lower Regions of the Realm of God, and functioning in Its high-

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est state of consciousness in Formless Substance in the Third Heaven, with the Permanent Atom of mind located and functioning in the Formative mind Substance of the Second Heaven, and the Permanent Atom of the Desire body functioning in the Desire Realm, the Permanent Atom of the Vital body in the upper division of the Physical Realm and the Permanent Atom of the dense body in the lower division of the Physical world, gives the Christ within an existence that covers the entire range from this dense Physical world on up and into the Realm of God, the Universal All. And whatever the consciousness of the Christ is, so may also be the consciousness of Mr. A. if he can only fulfill the Law.

No wonder Paul, who had been established in the Secrets of the doctrine of Life and Immortality and the transformation of the finite into the infinite, exclaims in Colossians 2:9: "In Him dwelleth All the Fullness of the Godhead Bodily," and Ph. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

BIRTH OF THE DENSE BODY

According to arrangements made previous to leaving the Third Heaven for another Earth life, Mr. A. now finds himself in a country and in a home where Earth conditions and Home environments are most suitable for the continued working out of his destiny. Here the Permanent Atom of the Dense body enters a Spermatozoid which is a positive nucleated life element or seed of the male organs. This Spermatozoid *fertilized* and *animated* by the *Permanent Atom*, imbeds itself in the negative Ovum of the female organs which becomes *fertilized* by the *Spermatozoid*, by the *operation* of the *Divine Principle IN THE PERMANENT ATOM* of the Dense body to be, which Atom, as before stated, is in the Spermatozoid.

This coming together of the Spermatozoid and the Ovum under the fertilizing and life-giving Power of the Christ contained in the Permanent Atom, is really the beginning of Mr. A's physical existence. It is from this point of time that physical substance of a basic nature begins to be segregated to the end that the Christ, the Child of God, may build a physical body with which to gain or enlarge Its Consciousness concerning all things pertaining to the Lower divisions of the Physical Realm, namely the 47th, 48th, and 49th Modifications of the God Substances or Substances of the Universal All.

The four Permanent Atoms are the acquired Forces and Powers of the Christ Spirit, an integral part of Its Being from which there is never any separation. It is through these Atoms that the Divinity, the true Child of God, builds to completion the four vehicles or instruments (Dense body, Vital body, Desire body and the Mind) by which It enriches Its consciousness, Its Wisdom and Its Powers in and upon all formative God Substances.

The Vital body is not born at the same time as the Dense body. Birth of the Vital body occurs about seven years later. Birth of Desire body about the age of fourteen, while that of the Mind takes place about the age of twenty-one.

Thus you see that the only birth to which the Earthly parents make any contribution is the Dense body. And even the dense body could not have been produced had not the Permanent Atom of the Dense body (which Atom is the exclusive property of the Christ Spirit) fertilized the Spermatozoid of the male, which in turn fertilized the ovum of the female.

So, in reality, all the Earthly father supplied was the Spermatozoid, while the mother furnished the Ovum, and

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after that she supplied the solids, liquids and other essentials which entered into the structure of the physical body. The remaining three births and the building of their vehicles are all independent of the Earthly parent since they take place after the birth of the dense body. Therefore the real parent, as you can see, is the Christ, not the earthly parent. We now understand why the physical body is called the temple of God.

Every atom of the personal mind is but the product of the Permanent Atom of the Christ Mind without which there would not be any personal or physical mind. This Permanent Mind Atom is the Eternal possession of the Christ Spirit; it is Everlasting and dieth not.

The same is true concerning the Permanent Atoms of the Desire body, Vital and the Dense bodies. These Permanent Atoms are of the Spirit of Eternal Youth, hence the possibility of embuing with the Spirit of Eternal Youth the Mind, the Desire body, the Vital body and the Dense body.

Furthermore, that is just what we must do eventually. That is why we have a repetition of lives. The physical body must be raised and the death of all physical instruments must be finally overcome.

CHAPTER XXII

I AM THE WAY

WE NOW understand why Christ says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: No man cometh unto the (All) Father but by me." Jesus was not referring to Himself, personally. He knew only too well that ever since the creation of man, souls had gone to the All Father; that long before He, as Jesus, had ever been heard of, a continual stream of humanity had been treading the straight and narrow Path back to God and Home.

What He did mean was that no man could approach the All Father except through the Father principle within, known by the writers of the Bible and the Christian Brotherhood as the Christ. He was setting forth the fact that it is the Christ in the mortal body that saves it, that raises it from the dead and brings it home to the Universal Father.

He was telling them that to come up any other way was simply not done, never has been done and never will. That it is only by means of our Christ that it is possible for us to make contact with any of the Virtues and Powers of the All Father, that it is only by and through our Christ that we can ever hope to accomplish anything at all. Whether in finance, lack of understanding, or that of keeping free from sin, old age or the victory over death, the Path to it always leads, or lies, by way of *our* Christ. There is no other way!

Mathew 23:9. "Call no man upon the Earth, your father: for one (the Christ) is your father which is in heaven."

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This Third Heaven is the home of the Christ Spirit during the time It is manifesting or expressing Itself in a dense body here upon the Earth.

Matthew 11:27. "All things are delivered unto me of my Father (The Universal All) and no (mortal) man knoweth the Son (the Christ) but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him.

28. "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," says the Christ within each mortal.

29. "Take my yoke upon you (Yoke: Instrument of progress. Method, System or Secret of Achievement and Accomplishment, etc.) and learn of me." Why? "For I am meek and lowly of heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls (bodies).

30. "For my yoke is easy and my burden (duties, requirements, etc.) is light."

There is no Order or School of Spiritual unfoldment whose "Yoke" is so "Easy" and whose "Burden" is so "Light" as that offered by the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation.

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Be sure you get the full meaning of this last paragraph. Ask yourself *why* is the "yoke" easy? Why is the "burden" light?

Can you not see how completely we belong to Christ? Do you not see how dependent we are upon our Divinity? Do you not see that, after all, mortal man is but the physical expression of Christ the true Child of the All Father? Can you not see that to escape all the miseries of Earth life and to have the joy, happiness and riches of the Universal All, you have only to accept the great truth that the entire kingdom of the All Father belongs to the Christ that is *in you*, and that you are joint heirs with this Christ? This is a most precious Truth and a Truth that makes you free.

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It is the "Pearl of great price" which, once found, all else is sold; all is given up, and the proceeds given for the possession of this Pearl.

When you become conscious of this Truth, you are no longer in bondage. Your days of slavery are over and you stand forever free, in all the Power and Might of a Divine Child through the God Child within, here and now.

We now see how important it is that we love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds and with all our strength. Nothing can stand between one and the object of such love. With such a vigorous devotion the time cannot be long delayed when the lower self will stand face to face with its Higher self, and the Heavenly marriage will take place with the All Father officiating and the words: "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," will ring throughout the Cosmos. Psalms 37:

1. Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
 2. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as a green herb.
 3. Trust in the Lord and do good; and you shall dwell upon your land and verily thou shalt be fed.
 4. Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
 5. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust in Him and He shall bring it to pass.
 6. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light and thy judgment as the noonday.
- Deut. 8:18. Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.

CHAPTER XXIII

REINCARNATION

ONE OF THE MOST remarkable things about the followers of Jesus of Nazareth is the claim of their belief in the Christian Bible from cover to cover, in the face of their utter disbelief in the doctrine of Reincarnation, notwithstanding the fact that it is one of the last things referred to in the Old Testament and among the first things referred to in the New Testament by the Nazarene, the very one they revere so highly and love so profoundly.

How this vital and essential truth has managed to escape the searchings of all the brilliant minds of the devout followers of Jesus for nearly two thousand years is, to the writer, one of the greatest wonders of the ages. Especially when every printed word the Nazarene uttered has been read over and prayed over again and again by followers, whose sincerity no one can rightfully doubt.

On two different occasions Jesus stated very plainly the facts of Reincarnation, giving the name of the party in his former life and the name of the same party in the following life, or Incarnation, which was being lived at the time Jesus himself was speaking. We refer to John the Baptist.

The testimony of Jesus concerning John being the Reincarnation of Elias is found in the Eleventh chapter of Matthew, verse seven:

“And as they departed Jesus began to say unto the multitude concerning John, ‘What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? (9) But what went ye out to see? A prophet? Yea, and I say unto you, and more than a prophet. (10) For this is

he of whom it is written, (Malachi 3:1) Behold I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me. (Malachi 4:5) Behold I will send you E-li-jah the prophet before the coming of the great day of the Lord.' ”

Matthew 11:10—“For this is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (14) And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. (15) He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.’ ”

Matthew 17:10—“And his disciples asked him (Jesus) saying, ‘Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?’ (11) “and Jesus answered and said unto them, ‘Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. (12) But I say unto you that Elias is come already and they knew him not!’ (13) Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.”

See how quickly the disciples caught the meaning. They already understood the Law necessitating the repetition of lives, the Law of rebirth. They already were aware of the fact that it was the only method that made possible the Spiritualization of the body and the overcoming of the great enemy death. Make no mistakes, dear reader. That old enemy must be overcome and we come again and again until eventually we win! It is the Law!

A great many people look upon Reincarnation with a great deal of disfavor. They think that it is a terrible doctrine. But honestly ask yourself: Is it better and more merciful to live only one life and at the end go either to the land of the blessed or to a place of eternal punishment, or is it better and more merciful to have chance after chance until success is achieved?

Is it just that he who was born among thieves, born with little intelligence and reared in an atmosphere of sin and sordidness, should be judged equally with the more fortunately endowed?

Should there be but one inflexible question asked: Did you do right, or wrong? with no consideration given to the *causes* which brought about the effect?

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Consider well the quality of mercy. Consider that which is in keeping with a God of love. God's plan is to save all His Children, and God will not fail.

He will not go down in defeat in His contest with the devil. The Reincarnation way—the chance for another try, and another try—is the way of Love, the way of Mercy, the way of Kindness; it is the Good Father's way—it is the only way.

Life lived according to the plan set forth by the All Father and assisted by the Christ in mortal man and the Cultural Condition of the Great Brothers of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation is not full of trouble, sorrow, sickness, old age and death, but a life of Joy, of Conquest and of Victory; Peace, Happiness, Eternal Youth and abundant Prosperity. Not at some future time, but here and now if we live according to the plan.

You enter school. You can have a wonderful time, or you can have a miserable time. You can take great pleasure in improving your mind, in preparing yourself for future usefulness and greatness, or you can fret, grumble and quarrel with teachers, schoolmates, friends, with your work, and thus make your term in school one round of discontent and misery.

It is all up to you. And, try as you will, you cannot graduate in one day. You must go back the next day; the next year and the next, and on, until you satisfy all requirements if you would graduate. In the schools of Earth, you must, like Paul, "Fight a good fight," you must keep the faith and you must finish your course *if* you would win your graduation papers, or, as Paul called it: Crown.

So, as on Earth we go to school day after day to learn the lessons arranged for us, so do we come from the Heaven World—which is the Home of the Spirit within—to

Earth for another Day in the School of Life to learn the lessons arranged for us by the Gods of Destiny. At the close of the Life Day we once again leave School, the Earth Life, for Home—the Heaven World—only to come back again, as in Earth life, for another Day in School.

Thus are the chances set before us again and again. Patiently do the Great Beings, Messengers and Helpers of the All Father, the Universal All, work with us and for us until the Great and Glorious Day when we, like Paul, can say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, Henceforth there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me."

While there are scriptural proofs more than sufficient for any unprejudiced and unbiased mind, yet a reasonable or logical mind does not need scriptural testimony for proof of Reincarnation any more than an Astronomer needs Biblical proofs that the Earth is round, or that the Earth rotates on its axis, or that it revolves around the Sun.

The Astronomers have arrived at their present day information, knowledge and wisdom by first eliminating from their minds all pet theories and preconceived ideas, and maintaining an open mind: a mind open to conviction: a mind willing to accept things just as found!

What is true concerning the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom astronomically, is equally true concerning the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom and the truth which makes possible, reasonable, sensible and merciful, the plan of Salvation.

What would the world think of an earthly parent or father who would place one of his children in the lap of luxury and another in a den of poverty and destitution? Or one in a religious environment where everything is conducive to the living of a good and religious life so that

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after death it could further enjoy a home in Heaven throughout an Eternity; and another child in a home of crime and misery, being forced because of such circumstances and conditions to lead the life of a criminal and, by reason of its surroundings, after death being compelled to spend an Eternity in a place which is not only no better than the one on Earth but, according to the translators of the Bible and its present day interpretation, in a Hell of fire and brimstone, which has no end? Can you think of anything more unreasonable, more ghastly? It is unthinkable!

Our present day civilization, imperfect though it is, would not and *does* not permit man to treat a dumb animal with one tenth, nor even one hundredth, the amount of cruelty that the followers of the lowly Nazarene, are continually accusing the all loving and all merciful Father of all Creation of inflicting.

It is comforting to hear from such an authority as Jesus, the Great Brother, that God will not cut us off with just a one Life try, but that we can have just as many lives as are necessary. The All Father is far more generous and kind than are the laws made by man, which allow only a certain number of years in which to complete or finish our course.

God is not filled with the spirit of impatience nor with the spirit of intolerance like mortal man, for His patience and mercy endureth forever! He is full of compassion and tender in His Love for His children and will permit them to come again and again until all the battles of life are won and they die no more. What a wonderful Father we have!

As comforting as the sayings of Jesus are, there are many (and the number is increasing with every second of time) who do not have to turn to the sayings of Jesus for comfort and encouragement regarding the privilege of a

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chance to keep trying until they succeed, for they know of themselves.

When the life of a Student of a School of Initiation is such that he is worthy of having first hand knowledge, he is caused to take notice of a child who is about to die. He learns to know it thoroughly. He learns to know it while it is awake and in the body, and he learns to know it while it is out of the body.

This is not at all difficult for the appearance is identical, even to the clothes it wears. He also watches it as it passes through what is called death. He sees and notes all the changes that take place. Nothing is permitted to escape his attention for he must *know*, and there must be no doubt about it.

When the time comes for its return to a new physical body, which in these selected cases, is from one to two years, and which in a majority of cases is in the same family, he sees the entire process of the child entering the body of the mother-to-be and its stay therein, also its birth.

If it comes into a different home from the one it had in the previous life, while the spirit of the child will be the same, yet the physical form at first may look quite different. If it comes back into the same family there is always a marked resemblance, both in appearance and in conduct.

The facts of Reincarnation are one of the first about which a Student of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation is required to have definite knowledge. The facts of this part of God's plan of Salvation you must know of yourself and not from another.

What a joy it is to know that we have a kind, gentle and loving Father, and that this All Father has all Power and that He is, as the saying is today, "for us one hundred per-

cent," and that He will see to it that, ultimately, we will win in *every* battle, and win joyfully and completely, and that through His only begotten, we will become heirs to His Kingdom and live in the "Many mansions" prepared for us.

According to the Teachings of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation, there is one misuse made of the knowledge of Reincarnation. I refer to the tendency upon the part of some to minimize the importance of overcoming the master enemy death.

We frequently hear the remark among believers in Reincarnation—whether or not they know of the facts: "Why worry about death? We all have to die some day. Forget it." Furthermore they say: "Death, after all, is a mighty good friend. I'd hate to think that I'd have to keep this old and decrepit body always." If, perchance, it is a young person with everything to live for he too looks forward to the time when he also will welcome death as he would a friend who comes to relieve him of some great difficulty.

They say, "You do not regret laying aside an old garment which has served you long and well, do you? You put it aside gladly and possess yourself of another, better suited to your needs.

"In the same way that you cheerfully lay aside a worn garment for a new and better one", they say, "in like manner you should lay aside the old body which, in some instances, is not only worn out or unsuitable for your purposes, but a hindrance and a grievous burden to carry." Thus do they frame an alibi and soothe themselves into death.

The writer admits that this point is, in some instances, well taken, and all Schools of Initiation, with the exception

of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation, hold out this olive branch as a solace to those who, in spite of themselves, are hourly engaged in self destruction.

But the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood puts up a *relentless fight*, and that to the last ditch, against not only sin, Old Age, Sickness, but against *death*! This Order realizes to the full that these things are *enemies*! That they are not only enemies, but enemies that must be *overcome*, *some day, some where*, and that there is no time like the present to begin.

They also know that *no* battle should be lost to *any* of these enemies so long as one is able to move even a finger in his defense. They hold up before you always and at all times the fact that in all battles against all enemies you must win, so that when the master enemy comes to you—that last enemy, death—with the strength and courage you have acquired through the victories of the past, you will be able to fight bravely, nobly and well and come out more than conqueror over the greatest enemy that has ever confronted mankind. Remember always, the Brotherhood says, that this last enemy must be defeated; you must win, and you cannot win by losing: you cannot overcome death by dying. Therefore, never give up the *fight*.

You may lose even though you do fight valiantly with vigor and determination, with unquenchable courage, but it will be a glorious fight, for losing under such conditions, as the last breath leaves to come no more, the God of all Good, through your Christ, will throw over your mortal form a mantle of His great compassion and as a token of His approval of a fight gloriously fought, will wrap the real you—who is nothing less than His Own Child—in vestures of Love and crown you with His Crown of Glory.

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In this last fight against the last enemy, the Great Brothers are always present, rendering you every assistance you can receive. After a fight like this, and the compensation given by the All Father, what a Power for good you will be in the next life.

You can readily see that, since the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood teaches a fight to the death against all enemies, it necessarily follows that they will not fail in any instance to do their part to the full.

However, this laying aside of the old garment for a new, not only requires surrender to the enemy and loss of a victory that should have been won, but there remains the fact that there will be another thousand years before the possession of another garment. In other words, there is, according to the general rule, one thousand years between garments.

It can be argued that during those thousand years, we will be in heaven, where all is joy, peace, and happiness. That is true, but we must go through purgatory or hell to get to our heaven.

Also we must not lose sight of the fact that Heaven *can* be, and *is* being reached without dying or without the laying aside of the old garment. Furthermore, all must be able to do so, some day. The "Fight" is not a good fight; the "Faith" has not been kept, nor is the "Course finished" until we are able to reach Heaven without passing through what the world calls the death of the physical body.

When Paul said: "I die daily," he meant that his physical body died through the process of transformation; by spiritualization; by not being conformed to the things of this world, but by transforming it, by the method of renewing his mind, and not as a result of some disease.

Those who do not agree with the foregoing are evidently

unaware of the fact that it is possible to lay aside an old garment (body) for a new one without having to die. They are unaware that any human form, however old and decrepit, however deficient or deformed, can by the Power of the God within, be made *any thing* they desire. That is one of the reasons why this Divinity within is called in the Bible "King of Kings; God of the whole earth (body); God, Mighty in the battle" etc., for with this "Great Physician," with this "Lord of the dead and living" nothing is impossible. Learn the Law, and apply it, is the only requirement.

What if it does take time. Does not getting a new garment through the process of death, and the thousand years between the laying aside the old garment and the getting of a new (body) one through the process of a physical birth require time? To die willingly is the quitter's way out.

By putting up the right kind of fight, you not only avoid death and the many disadvantages that go with it, and the further necessity of being born and of passing through childhood, but you gain the greatest victory that can ever come to one; you have won Everlasting Life and an Eternal companionship with the God within and a joint heirship with this God, to the Kingdom of the Universal Father, the Great Creator of All Things.

Is it not worth fighting for, dear Reader? So don't give up the old garment; reconstruct it according to your plans. It is the Great Plan of Life; don't fail. It's all up to you.

As an evidence of the earnestness of this Order in fighting the common enemies of Immortality and their eagerness to render all the assistance mortality will receive, we turn back the pages of time to approximately 600 years B.C. and listen in on the words of God as He spoke through the mouth of Ezekiel, one of the Brothers; in which He

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declares that it was not He who was the cause of the death of the wicked; that He did not will the death of *any*. But let us hear Him.

Ezekiel 18:23—" 'Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should *die?*' saith the Lord God: 'and not that he should turn from his ways, and *live?*' "

Ezekiel 18:31—"Cast away from you all your transgressions whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a *new* heart and a *new* spirit; for *why will ye die?*' "

Ezekiel 18:32—" 'For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth', said the Lord God: 'wherefore, turn yourselves and live'."

Ezekiel 33:11—" 'As I live', saith the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live:'—then the Lord God speaks forth this call:—"Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will ye die?' "

CHAPTER XXIV

SIN

THE STING OF DEATH

NO DEATH occurs, regardless of the kind or manner, that is not traceable to this sting. All Bible students are well aware of this yet nothing has been done about it and the indications are they will continue to do nothing, at least for some time to come.

Not only is this sting the cause of all death, but it is fundamentally the cause of all physical and mental afflictions, of every form of distress to which mankind is heir.

Think of the vast sums of money spent in the endowment of the various institutions and in the employment of experts in their various specialties, who, sincerely and conscientiously give their time, and frequently their lives in their efforts to discover, if possible, some effective method of combating and eliminating the effects of this sting.

But, owing to the multitudinous diversifications of its manifestations, the search seems a hopeless one. While it is a noble effort and worthy of all commendation, yet so much more could be accomplished if those behind these various movements would only recognize the fundamental *cause* of it all, namely the "sting of death," and do something about it.

The tragedy of it all is that the very ones who are working so nobly and giving so much for suffering humanity, are continually — and what is worse — cheerfully, subjecting their own bodies to this same thing. Even ministers of all churches, who above all should know both the cause and

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the remedy, subject their own bodies just as frequently and just as cheerfully to this deadly sting as do others.

And thus they too suffer all the miseries of mortality—and die—just as do all the rest of sinful humanity, while preaching the gospel of Salvation! Could anything be more tragic!

Such practice carried on in any other department of life would cause universal censure, and what is more, it is the opinion of the writer that there would be something done about it.

There is no misery, fancied or real, that is not traceable to this death sting and if the world at large will not do something about it, or its part in combating this most malignant of all stings, then the individual should.

Fortunately, no one has to wait for an international, national, or community or family movement to protect himself against this fatal sting. Thanks to the Father of all, it is a personal affair, and for this we can never thank God enough.

How our hearts should glow with joy as we remember that He has made it possible for *any* one, at *any* time, *any* where to begin at *any* moment to protect himself from a repetition of this sting of the past and also to heal himself from the stings of the past and the afflictions resulting therefrom. The sting of death is SIN. Without sin, there is no sting and consequently no death; there never has been and never will be.

Romans 6:23—"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God (the Christ) is eternal life through Christ (the gift) your Lord."

Leaving out the insertion it reads as follows:

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ your Lord."

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Romans 8:13—"If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; But if ye through the spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." And *not* die.

St. John 5:24—"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, *hath* everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is *passed* from *death* unto *life*."

St. John 5:25—"Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming and now is, when the dead (mortal body) shall hear the voice of the Son of God (the Christ within) and they that *hear shall live*."

St. John 8:51—"Verily, verily I say unto you, if a man *keep* my sayings, he *shall never see death*."

St. John 6:40—"This is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son and believeth on Him may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."

Comment: The "Last day" refers to that day when the spiritualization of the mortal body is completed; when mortality becomes Immortality. When flesh and blood is no longer flesh and blood as we know it, but Spirit. See "Trumpet" elsewhere in this book (Chapter XI).

Romans 6:22—"Being made free from *sin*, and become *servants* to *God*, ye have your fruit unto *holiness*, and the *end everlasting life*."

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SELECTIONS FROM THE TEACHINGS

"MAN WAS created unto Life and not unto death. Death is the penalty of sin and without sin there is no death.

"Man's life does not consist of the abundance of this world's goods, but of the Life and Power of God, all of which he possesses through the Christ within.

"Man does not need to hoard any of the goods of this world, for, having Life, Substance and the Power of God, like God he can bring forth from the Universal Substance, into visibility and in abundance, anything he may need. Therefore he need take no thought of tomorrow; what he shall eat or what he shall wear.

"The personal will is mortal, weak, sinful, ignorant and filled with errors and false beliefs. It has no real existence.

"There is only one Will and that is the God Will. It is a Universal Power; it holds together the worlds in space in a directive way, controlling all the Forces of the Universe; it is the great originator of all that eventuates.

"The Law of Cause and Effect cares nothing for our excuses. It accepts none.

"All that is not God perisheth; but that which is of God liveth forever.

"The body that sinneth dies, but the body that sinneth not, is Spiritual and hath Youth Eternal and Everlasting Life.

"The body that is led by the Divinity within, the Christ Spirit, sinneth not but is an heir of God and joint heir with his Christ, which Christ is his Higher Self, his Divinity

within. They are no longer twain, but one in the Universal All, and with access to all the Universe possesses.

"When the lower self finds the Higher Self, the Christ within, it becomes free from the law of poverty, sin, sickness, and death, and takes up companionship with the Law of Peace, Plentiffulness, Joy, Health, Strength, Eternal Youth, and Life Everlasting.

"Be not slow to compensate in some way *the one* who rendered you a favor. To compensate someone else instead, may not pay the debt.

"He that receiveth without giving a just compensation sinneth again the Law of righteousness, and will be held accountable in the Day of Judgment.

"Vanity cannot be taught.

"Resolve to know nothing of yourself. Look to your Christ within wherein Wisdom is abundant.

"The wisdom of mortal man is foolishness with God and the Wisdom of God is foolishness with mortal man. Between them there is no harmony. All is discord.

"What you are and what you have today are but the fruits of that which was sown on a yesterday. It is a Universal Law and a most beneficent one, for by this Law we can have whatsoever we want. We have only to sow the seed.

"Man's Divinity is in a form or body that is dead in trespasses and in sin. But this Divinity, this Christ within, works with this body of death until every enemy is put under rule, the last of which is death, and the body Spiritualized. Then it is that the body through the Christ within is raised from the dead.

"The human form is born in corruption. The Christ within raises it to a state of incorruption. It is born in weakness and the Christ within raises it to the Power of

God. It is born a mortal body and the Christ within raises it to a Spiritual body. Thus is death overcome.

"The resurrection of the dead (mortal body) is brought about in only one way, namely by the Power of the Universal All *through* the Christ within the body. By blending your mortal body with your Christ, you walk in newness of Life.

"It is the Christ within that judgeth the mortal body, that sanctifies, that glorifies, that immortalizes and gives it the Power to overcome all things, even death, crowning it with everlasting Life, here and now. Therefore, look to it at all times for guidance.

"Let the mortal self realize that the real self, or *you*, is God's Child and that this Child is as perfect today as it was at the time that God the Creator in all Power and perfection created you. Then humble this mortal self and make it submissive to this perfect Child of the Universe. Transform it by the Power of the Higher Mind to conform to the pattern of your Divinity, the Christ within. Then will you come into the full consciousness of your heirship to all that the Father has.

"The Universal All accepts no man's mortality. When it is transformed, Spiritualized so that it is completely subservient to, and in full harmony with the Christ within, then it is that God accepts and adopts it and it is then no longer a mortal body but an immortal form, and co-existent with its Christ, the true Son of God. It is also then joint heir with its Christ to all the wealth of the Universal Father; to all Its Power, Joy, Peace and Life Everlasting.

"He that faltereth on the Path has lost step with his Father, his Higher Self, his True Self. Under such conditions further progress is impossible.

"Your Divinity is the true Child and knoweth at all

times what God the All Father would have you do. Therefore, seek continually Its council; thus will you at all times do the will of your Creator, and thus will you prosper in all things.

"There is no escape for those who live after the flesh; they shall surely die. But for the mortal self to live after the Spirit Self, the Christ Self, is to break the bonds of death and to gain Eternal Life.

"To the mortal body that has become Spiritualized by its Divinity within, is given the mission to bear and to show forth unto all the Fruits of the Spirit which are enumerated in the Christian Bible as Love, Joy, Peace, Tolerance, Goodness, Kindness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance. Not only these, but also the God Power, God Wisdom, God Understanding and Truth. Against these there is no Law.

"He who searcheth the heart knoweth the Mind of the Divinity, and this Mind will lead the carnal mind into Paths of Righteousness and being thus led, mortality will be redeemed from the body of death and possess the Life that perisheth not.

"Sin blindeth the vision and they who are so blinded cannot see when good cometh; thus they stand in the midst of plenty, yet suffer want. In the midst of joy, they find only sorrow. In the midst of Peace, they hear only the raging tempest. Instead of rejoicing, their eyes are wet with weeping. They cry out to God, but with a strange voice and their cries are not heard.

"Let not your faith be in the wisdom of men, but in the Wisdom and Power of God.

"Complacency is but a state of stagnation, and produces a withering effect upon one's Spiritual unfoldment.

"All the harm that befalls others, through you, must inevitably return to you for adjustment.

"If you would have only that which is good, then sow only the Good, for it is the Law that what you sow, *that shall you reap*.

"In all the ages, the only true consolation ever found by man was found in and through the Christ, the *true* Self, which Self is a Child of the All Father. To look for consolation elsewhere is to fail, for only the Divinity within which is the Christ can raise the sick, the sorrowing and the dead body to health, joy, happiness and Eternal Life.

"If you walk after the dictates of the Christ within, you are no longer a child of darkness but a Child of Light. Therefore heed at all times the admonitions of the Christ within.

"The Christ Spirit within transmits freely the Light of the Universal All and therefore the Christ Light becomes a burning and shining Light. He who follows it, will not stumble nor will he walk in darkness. This is the Light which lighteth everyone that cometh into the world and which will ultimately lead the world from darkness into the Light of Salvation.

"If you walk in the Light no evil will come near you; evil loves darkness and cannot bear the Light. Hence those who walk in the Light are free from all harm.

"Those who walk in the Light are Children of the Light, Children of Immortality, and death shall not come near them for death comes only to those who are in darkness; to those whose flesh is still of the earth earthly and not of the Light of the Spirit from above. Continue in the Light that you may be the Children of God.

"Ignorance is man's greatest curse and stumbling block, and he who wilfully remains in ignorance, gets what he deserves and deserves what he gets.

"The sins you commit are not against the Great Father of All Things nor are they against your fellow being. You can harm your fellow man but you cannot sin against him. But you can and do sin against the God within, which God is called in the Bible, your Heavenly Father. (See Birth of Dense Body).

"There is in reality, nothing that is imperfect. That which appears to mortal man as imperfect is due to a lack of proper understanding by mortal mind, for there is nothing happening and nothing existing that did not happen or did not exist, primarily in perfect keeping with the operation of a perfect Law of a Perfect God.

"That which is good, sees no evil and that which is perfect sees no imperfection. Preceding the manifestation of that which seemeth to mortal man as evil, is the unperverted good, or God. Likewise, preceding the manifestation of the seemingly imperfect is the unperverted and undistorted perfect in all Its beauty, splendor and power.

"In the proportion to your ability to visualize or conceive of perfection, in that same proportion do all your instruments *grow* unto perfection.

"The Wisdom of one's Divinity, the Christ within, is beyond the power of mortal mind to comprehend. And it is in the proportion to the ability of one's mortal mind to blend with the Wisdom of the Mind of his Divinity, that one approaches the Universal Wisdom of the Great Father of All.

"The Aspirant's greatest enemy is his own carnal mind which fights to the last ditch. Beware of its reasoning. An Aspirant as a rule can overcome the jibes and jeers of the mortal minds of others, but it takes *real* courage and great strength to stand up under the withering fire of one's own carnal reasoning. Therefore, it is advisable to

denounce it vigorously the instant it begins, and not let up until it is thoroughly subdued.

"In the proportion your mortal body becomes Spiritualized, in that proportion do you feel the infiltration and thrill of the Father's Love, Joy, Peace, Truth, Wisdom, Intelligence, Understanding, Power, Might, Strength, Activity, Energy and Vigor. And what is more, you will take on His Eternal Youth and His Everlasting Life.

"Few things hinder, stunt or disorganize Spiritual development and growth as does Pretense. Kill it at once for the deady viper it is. Unless you do, you stand continually before your Christ as an imposter and a falsifier. A standing monument of untruth, and the Truth that makes Free will not, cannot, take up companionship with you.

"To know *yourself* is a Divine pre-requisite to Spiritual Achievement.

"A fool cannot be taught, for in his own mind he already knoweth all things. Fools are capable of much evil; and error continually spews from their mouths.

"An angry spirit is the fool's possession, because he knoweth not of its destructiveness. Beware, and let it not come nigh thee.

"It is what you know of yourself that counts and not what others may know or think they know. Therefore, seek to know for yourself the verities of all things, for, however desirable and valuable they may be, they availeth nothing for you unless you have knowledge concerning them.

"To know a thing is to give that thing organized Motion; directive and constructive action. Thus do you build, produce and achieve. Such is the Law.

"The Spiritual Mind visualizes the need. If the Spiritual Mind is in control of the physical or carnal mind, then

Brothers will extend their beneficent help. Actually, then, you will be sitting at the feet of the Great Teachers of Old. You will then heed the admonition of St. Matthew when he says, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

There are those among the readers of this text who will arrive at an immediate and satisfying understanding of the material presented; for the benefit of others, the following short table of questions and answers will prove helpful:

1. How may I get in touch with the Great Brothers?

Ans. By placing yourself under the Cultural Condition of the Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation.

2. How may this be accomplished?

Ans. See "*Placing Yourself Under the Cultural Condition.*" (Chapter XVI, Page 110). 86

3. Is this the only requirement?

Ans. No. You must study diligently the Teachings as set forth in this text book, and you must *search* the Scriptures. The Brothers require the study of *both* books.

4. Can I contact the Great Brothers without placing myself under Their Cultural Condition?

Ans. It is highly improbable because they have formulated a specific plan by which you may approach Them. Even though you managed to contact Them without complying with Their requirements your position would be analogous to that of the student who would attempt to receive scholastic instruction from a university without matriculating.

5. Is it required that I separate myself from my present religious affiliations in order that I may become a student of the Teachings?

Ans. No. The Teachings of the Brotherhood are not

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designed to bring about such separations, but rather to strengthen the student in the power of the Spirit of the Universal All, making him a greater power for good JUST WHERE HE IS.

6. Would one be permitted to form a class, either in the church of which he is a member or independent of it?

Ans. Any one may use these Teachings in class, or lecture upon them. However, it is expected, of course, that the Great Brothers and the book will be given proper credit. Increased benefits may be derived when such groups meet in unity and harmony, as the Spirit-Fire burns more brightly and with more fervor among groups if harmonious than in solitude. However, the author requests that no part of these Teachings be used in the formation of a new church or cult of any kind.

7. While studying the Teachings, either in solitude or in class, are the Teacher and the Cultural Condition present?

Ans. When the heart is right, whether the number is one, or more than a thousand, the Cultural Condition and the Great Brothers are always present in Spirit and influence, and in great Power. Their presence will be felt by each one in proportion to his ability to receive Them. Just as truly as do the teachers in a university help the students to acquire knowledge possessed by the teachers, in like manner do the Great Brothers of the Secret Order help those who study these Teachings to achieve all They have accomplished.

As a last word about these Great Brothers of The Secret Order of the Christian Brotherhood and School of Christian Initiation, words cannot adequately express just what Their help means to one who is endeavoring to reach that goal which all humanity must reach *some* day. Their help

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through the Cultural Condition, which always accompanies Their presence, is a boon no aspirant can afford to be without.

As Helpers and Teachers, as Friends and Counselers in all times of stress and need, with Their cheerful companionship, together with Their tender sympathy and constant dynamic radiations of strength and courage, They imbue us with an ever increasing joy—a joy that is truly of God.

We can never thank Them enough!

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