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## YOUR TRUE SELF

**T**HIS is an attempt to prove to you who read that what you think is yourself is an illusion, and has no actual existence except as a concept and belief in your mind.

As you know, it would be an easy matter to gather together a considerable number of tiny seeds, each of a different kind, that would look so nearly alike that it would be difficult to tell one from another—not to speak of telling what kind was each individual seed. Yet you know that if each seed was planted in the proper soil, kept cultivated and watered and given plenty of sunshine, it would grow up into that which was its destiny to be—a particular kind of grass, shrub, weed, flower, bush or tree.

For in each one of these seeds in some mysterious way is confined both the idea—the “image and likeness”—of what is to be the destiny of that seed, and the life essence that will grow, direct, shape and perfect its destiny. Like-



wise in the seed of every animal and man is confined the idea — the "image and likeness" — of what is to be their destiny, along with the life essence that will grow, direct, shape and perfect that destiny.

But the only difference between the seed of men and the seed of the animal and vegetable kingdoms is that "nature," working through group souls, takes care of the latter; in the planting of the seeds, the choosing of the soil, the watering and the sunshine, except where men are called upon to assist with those species of plants and animals developed for man's use; while *man's* "image and likeness" is that of "the Gods" ("Let us make man in *our* image and likeness"), which means he has the power to *think* and thereby to *create* for himself—in other words, the power seemingly to interfere with and hinder the fruition of the "perfect destiny" awaiting him. But we will show that this seeming interfering and hindering is not actual, and that it is a part of the original plan confined within the seed.

We spoke of the lower kingdoms being guided and controlled by group souls, but in the articles on the Soul in previous issues of this magazine, it has been shown that each human being is but the outer expression of his soul, whose growth and evolution is guided, directed and controlled by a Divine Being, a Son of God—in fact, one of the "Gods" of the above quotation from Genesis, Who is actually his Higher or True Self.

It is generally understood that God is responsible for all life expression, for is He not All in all, and is it not His Life and Nature expressing? So we see all around us myriads of centers of His life expressing in the mineral and all the other kingdoms up to and including the human kingdom, although it is only in the human that they have



evolved sufficiently to permit of the expression of His "image and likeness."

But some will say that they do not see any human beings that are now expressing the image and likeness of God.

Those who say this show that they do not understand that the "image and likeness" is hidden in the "seed"—is the soul of the seed—and is in the process of bringing to fruition or to perfection what it has intended to outmanifest from the beginning, which indicates truly that the "image and likeness" hidden in every seed—of plant, animal or man—constitutes and is the soul of the seed.

Can you conceive of what that means? Can you see where your True Self comes in—that, being in the "image and likeness" of God, that Self must have all the attributes and powers of God; is indeed a "Son of God," a Divine Being, Who is responsible for the carrying out and bringing to perfection of God's Idea hidden in the seed of every man and in time descends into and makes His abode in man's soul—thus is the "light" which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, but whose "light" shineth in the darkness of man's mind, and the darkness comprehendeth it not?

Then must not that "light" be the *real* you, the *only* you, and does not that "you," deep within the soul, know the end from the beginning, and must it not be working continually to bring about the consummation of that perfect destiny which will not only eventually outmanifest as the image and likeness of God, but will permit and will be the very expression of God Himself?

But what is this then that is now manifesting as man and which you *call* you?



Do you call the wheat-stalk the wheat, or the corn-stalk the corn? Do you call the figure dressed in a suit of clothes the man? No, you know the wheat and corn kernals as the fruit of the stalks that grow only to produce the grain. Likewise is man's body but the growing stalk that will eventually produce the perfect fruit. Even as certain fruits are the result of many seasons of searching out the best kind of soil, the right kind of cultivation, and much grafting and pruning, so is each individual man the result of many ages of transplanting in different soils, of various kinds of cultivation, and of much grafting and pruning. But all the time the soul of each man, which is the real man—even as the "idea in each seed is the real stalk, plant or tree, is growing and unfolding and making more and more possible the expression of the "image and likeness," the Real Self of man, ever waiting to come forth and make His Self seen and known.

It is true that in man alone, of all the kingdoms, nature is apparently unable to bring forth the perfect fruit. But as shown that is only because man as a soul can think and consequently create for himself; which means that he must then have created or at least shaped by his thinking his own body, or vehicle of locomotion and expression. Therefore if he has created an inadequate vehicle, one which limits and hinders his best expression, naturally he becomes inspired again and again to build new bodies and each time to improve on his creations, until he builds a perfect instrument for such expression. That may take many ages to accomplish, but he has learned as a soul that one lifetime is but a day in life's school, and that there is eternity in which to accomplish it.

Of course the human mind, the outer center of the soul's consciousness, in most people does not yet know this, but as fast as may be the soul is putting man, its creation,



through the experiences of life that will enable it to teach the mind this great truth. Little by little, man comes to realize that he and his human mind *of themselves* are nothing, can have and can do nothing; and he gradually becomes aware of this Inner Self and Its directing and restraining Intelligence; that all the knowledge he has and all his power to do anything comes from that Self, that it is Its life that is animating his body and Its consciousness that actually constitutes his mind.

After long training and disciplining, accomplished through many trials, hardships and much suffering, lasting over many lifetimes, man learns to turn to and wait upon this inner Intelligence and to look to it for all his guidance and teaching; he no longer relies on outer sources or other minds, and accepts nothing that does not have the approval of the Self within.

He gradually learns that all the knowledge being taught him is for one purpose only—the use of this Higher and Better Self, Who is teaching it to His instrument, the outer mind and its self, solely in order to devote it to the service of his fellowmen. And he finds as he allows this Self to direct him in such service that the power is given him as well as the means provided that enable him so to use it.

**IT IS** possible that there are but few who read this who have actually arrived at this stage—even though most glimpse the truth of it all, and some *know* that sooner or later they must come to such acknowledgement of and subservience to this Higher and Better Self.

The purpose of this discourse is to impress upon the reader the necessity of coming to such acknowledgement and subservience soon—if he would escape what is threatening and which may break forth in the very near future. Re-



member, this is the end of the Age; the old must go, and along with it all that has kept man in bondage to the lower self—which means everything created out of selfishness and greed. Those still bound to the lower self naturally must go with their creations, and only those will be saved who have found their Higher or Christ Self and are waiting upon and serving Him.

So this truth then becomes a very personal and a very vital thing—yes, the most important thing in life at this time. If we can help you to see this and to find and know this Self of you, then we will accomplish what all disciples on earth ready to receive it. Heed then carefully what follows.

While God is All in all—is all every man is, because His Life, His Consciousness, His Nature comprise man's nature; yet God can express Himself and accomplish His Purpose for each individual man only through the aid of His perfect expressions—His Sons, Whom He sent to earth as His Representatives and made responsible for it and everything on it.

Can you realize then that these Sons of God are the Higher or Christ Selves of every man on earth—are the Light which lighteth every man? That with the great majority of men They in the Divine Realm of Spirit overshadow and teach the soul, and through the soul the outer man; but with the awakened and redeemed ones They "descend" and enter the soul and from there teach the outer mind, even as we have shown in those who become aware of Them as the Self within. Until this is clearly seen and understood, it is impossible to grasp how God is watching over, guiding and caring for every man on earth.

Think this over, until its significance dawns upon you, and perhaps for the first time you will really know Who and What is God.



In order to help His creations understand this great truth, God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, His Image and Likeness, to earth, to enable man to see and know what is God's Will and Purpose for them. Did not Jesus definitely say, "He who hath seen me hath seen the Father?" Jesus Christ is therefore the Pattern, Whose likeness all men will finally outmanifest; the Example Whose life all men must eventually follow and live. His teachings therefore must be the highest truths ever given to man, and the actual Word of God spoken through His most perfect expression.

Now think, if the Higher Self of you, a very Son of God, having the Consciousness of God, containing all of His Wisdom, Love and Power, has been responsible for you from the beginning; has been putting you through all the experiences of life up to this moment; has taught you all the knowledge that makes up your consciousness, which makes your consciousness His consciousness; Whose life is the only life you have, and whatever power you have is but as much of His power as He permits you to have and to use,—who then are "you" but *your human mind*, which *thinks* and has thought into expression all these things you are manifesting, and which certainly are no part in and do not belong in the life and consciousness of a Son of God?

In other words, you are *not* what your mind thinks and what it sees and believes is you. *That* cannot be you, for surely you now see the REAL and ONLY You is the Self Who is *all you truly are*, and is enabling you to do all you do; Whose life is the only life you have, and Whose consciousness makes up all the truth you know. All the untruth, the error beliefs, that are not God's thoughts, are only the creations of your outer mind that *thinks* itself separate from *Your* and God's Consciousness.



Then think how foolish it is to have any other belief—any faith or trust in man or his creations! Who else knows better your needs and destiny in life than the One Who has been growing you, watching over, caring for, directing and arranging all from the beginning? Think you He will permit you to endure any *real* hardship—anything not needed to teach you the truth, that physical suffering but cleanses and purifies you of selfish thoughts and concerns? Is He not preparing, disciplining, strengthening and moulding you into His Image and Likeness just as fast as you can bear it, so that in time He can come forth and actually live *His* Life, do *His* Will, and be *His* Self in you without let or hindrance of any kind?

We leave these thoughts for you to ponder over at the beginning of this New Year. Our greatest wish for you is that you do not allow one day to pass during the year that you do not take the time to recognize and commune with this Divine One, Who as your Christ Self is constantly endeavoring to have you know Him as your True and Only Self.

THE EDITOR.

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## HOW LONG?

By V. M. S.

TWO STRANGE visitors came to earth one day. The Piscean cycle was closing and they had been sent by a Great Spiritual Hierarchy to give to mankind the spirit of the new Aquarian Age. After descending they rested on a high mountain peak in the center of a great nation.

Universal Brotherhood said to Universal Love, "You go West and I will go East. Then we will meet here again in one year's time."

Quickly the year sped by. Brotherhood and Love again met on the mountain peak. And Brotherhood said to Love, "What conditions have you found among the sons of men?"

And Love replied, "I found welcome on the earth plane in very few places. There is little leaven in the mass, and great is the mass. I went into a fair city on the Western plains, where I visited in the home of a happy woman of the middle class as it is known on earth, though there is no class in Heaven. I said to her, 'You are a fortunate woman, you live in a lovely neighborhood with kindly neighbors. Surely you must love them.'

"With a polite laugh, she answered me. 'The neighbor on my right is very agreeable. She brought me in a lemon pie yesterday; but the one on my left has a boy two years old and he pulls off my beautiful flowers. I don't have anything to do with her.'

"I went to another home, palatial, sumptuous in its appointments and furnishings. I said to the woman who lived there, 'You must be very happy to dwell in such a beautiful neighborhood.'



"And she answered me, 'O I do not associate with any of the women in this neighborhood—only one. The rest all belong to the newly rich. The lady across the street is a member of the exclusive Idlaway Club and she is going to get me a membership.'

"I went into a home of one very poor, but which I found neat, clean, bare and beautiful with a radiance. A patient woman with worn fingers dwelt there. I did not need to ask if she loved her neighbors. I saw a beautiful blue light about her, and I knew. Her life had been hard, very hard; but to no one and of no one did she speak an unkind word. And the beautiful blue light filled her home and everyone loved her.

"I went into school and church, into theatre and club, into store and office, all of the places where humankind congregate and mingle with their fellows; but everywhere I found selfishness and greed. I found envy, jealousy, slander, no understanding that life is a school and each is here learning lessons of Love and Brotherhood. The greatest need in the world today is Love, but only here and there was I welcomed. There is little leaven in the mass, and great is the mass. What did you find, Brotherhood?"

"He replied, 'Even as you, I found little leaven of brotherhood. I went into a large Eastern city. I talked to a kindly, affable appearing gentleman. I said to him, 'Do you believe in brotherly love?'

"He replied, 'Oh yes, I belong to the Addlepate Club and all the other members are as brothers to me. We would do anything for each other.'

"'But,' I asked, 'how about the man who fires your furnace? Did you sympathize with him when his wife died last week?'



" 'I didn't know his wife died last week. He is some kind of a foreigner.' "

"I went to a large church. The members all agreed that they each and every one were all brothers and sisters in the Sacredology Church; but of course the other churches did not have the right doctrine, so it was best not to traffic with them too much. I said to an elder's wife, 'That was a sad incident the other day when your wash-woman's child was killed.' "

" 'I didn't know the child was killed. People like that have to be kept in their places,' she told me. "

"I came to a little church in a small city; an earnest man there was preaching brotherhood, even though a brother be yellow, brown or black. His congregation called him radical, ultra-modern—and paid little heed to what he said. "

"In another city, I went into a large print-shop and I said to a printer there, 'The time has come for man to practice Universal Brotherhood. It would make a different world on the earth plane.' "

" 'Oh yes,' he said, 'we have a union of all the printers and it has made working conditions much better. We all help each other and we are just like brothers, but of course we have to watch the 'scabs.' We don't let them get any work if we can help it.' "

"I went here and there in the busy marts of men, but everywhere they were thinking only of 'me and mine.' How to get, get more and more; never how to share, how to give or help another in need. "

"I was almost in despair until in a very large city, I saw a long line of men waiting while bread and hot soup were being given out. No one asked if they were worthy, or



why they were there, or how; but only, 'Are you hungry?' Brotherhood dwelt there. And all around was a light, a radiance, and many felt its vibrating force but did not know what it was. Here was leaven in the mass, but great was the mass.

"I found one here and one there who had a realization of the teachings of the Master of Galilee and were trying to practice His teachings. I found some Christ-inspired teachers doing all they could to lead seekers into the Light. But in the great mass was still much darkness and comparatively few caring for the Light.

"We must go back to the Higher Realms and tell Those who sent us that mankind must struggle and suffer yet a while longer before they can understand and truly accept the teaching of Universal Love and Brotherhood. Human beings must learn compassion and the art of sharing. And they will have to suffer much more until they learn. The Great Hierarchies are watching and when mankind is ready, the way will become easy. Let us go."

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## THE LAW

Spend one hour in every seven,  
One day in every seven,  
One year in every seven—  
In rest, meditation and assimilation.

Then shall thy labors be seven times more blessed,  
And thy days seven times more fruitful.



## THE SOUL

### TEACHING THE SOUL

DEAR FRIENDS:

My heart is bursting with joy and overcome with gratitude for all my blessings and the clear realizations that are coming to me almost daily. The joy that comes in serving my Master; the joy of knowing for the first time *who* I am and of *what* I am a part; and likewise the joy of hearing the Master within speaking to me and of realizing in my humble way that He is All in all, and has charge of me and all my affairs,—I could keep on and on naming my blessings, they are so many.

In reply to your asking me to explain more fully these things of which I write, I shall try to make it as clear as I can, because I do not want to appear absurd or as if I had some peculiar twist of the mind.

I am neither dreaming, sleeping or meditating when I see these things. This seeing seems to be just a part of my consciousness, and I am aware of functioning in two places or on two planes of being at the same time. For instance, at this particular minute I am conscious of writing this letter, of every article in this room, and at the same time I am just as conscious of being in the garden, sitting beside a fountain with a lady (a new Teacher, I think), as I am of the physical part of me. Do I make myself clear?

Maybe for days I will not be conscious of being or doing anything in the inner; then at anytime or anywhere I will become aware of what is taking place in the soul world, and for days maybe I will be conscious of that world. But while I am aware of all that I am doing in the inner world, and can see myself and others talking, I cannot *hear* what we are saying—or rather it is a rare thing that I can hear.



As an example, a short while ago I was walking and sitting on the banks of a lake with my old Teacher. He was teaching me; I know that, for I could see him explaining things to me. I could see myself asking him questions and discussing things with him. Yet I could not hear a word either of us said, even though I was perfectly conscious of being taught.

Then the last few days I have been getting marvelous revelations and understandings during study and meditation, and I know that it is in this way the soul is getting across to my brain mind what I was taught those few days by the lake with the Teacher.

This lady I spoke of as a new Teacher came to me the other day. She is an unusually tall woman, with black, wavy hair, wearing it in pompadour style. Her eyes are gray blue, very clear and soft. She is wearing a white flimsy dress trimmed with gold braid, with an elaborate cape of like material similarly trimmed. Just a few minutes ago as I sat down in my bedroom in the chair in which I love to meditate, I saw her again and spoke to her and told her I was glad to see her.

The same afternoon of the day I first saw her, Mrs. — and I were studying together in the outer. But I saw us both also sitting in the Garden, and this lady Teacher was sitting in front of me on a light gray marble garden seat. In a little while a man came and stood at her left, he seemingly being much interested in our study. Presently over by Mrs. — I saw four ladies come to me from around a mountain. They stood there for a moment, when five others joined them, and they all sat down on the grass by Mrs. — and stayed there all through the lesson, this Teacher seemingly explaining to me all I did not understand; at any rate, I found myself telling Mrs. —



things about the lesson that I did not know before. Since that time this lady Teacher has been continuously with me.

#### OUR REPLY:

Your most interesting letter received, and we thank you for so fully explaining what we asked to know. It is quite unusual that you are so clearly conscious of being on both planes at once, but it is as it should be with those who are both spiritually and psychically awakened. We hope that you will soon hear distinctly as well as see, so that there will be no limitation of any kind, and that the two planes will be as one.

Did you see clearly the faces of the nine women who came when you were studying the lesson, so that if you would see them in the outer you would know them? We ask this because we feel that possibly later some of them may come to you and join your Group.

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Try to realize that in truth there is no difference between the soul and the outer plane of existence; that the latter is but the outer extension of the former, and were the mind fully and consciously attuned to the soul, instead of thinking ourselves separate, we would immediately relate the outer with the inner by conforming all our thoughts, speech and acts with what is expressing in the soul world. Instead, because of our sense of being separate, and of our minds being so illy attuned to our souls, the relation is misinterpreted to our consciousness, and the outer expression therefore greatly distorted or perverted, so that there seems no connection between soul and mind.

This imperfect connection accounts for our friend's inability to hear what is said to and by her soul. But as she becomes more accustomed to her soul consciousness and it



thereby becomes more natural to be in it, she will grow to hear as well as she now sees.

An interesting phase of the way what one learns in the soul realm is later transferred to the mind is illustrated by how it came through into her consciousness during study and meditation. From this it can be seen the purpose of such study and meditation upon spiritual subjects, which permits the mind to be drawn inward into the soul's consciousness and there receive from it what the soul wishes it to know. For remember you are the soul—not the mind, and you are always teaching your mind—what you have first been taught by your Teachers in Spirit, or by your Higher Self.

By the same token, it would be natural for us to attract and meet our soul comrades—those who belong with us because of their being interested in the same truths and therefore being on our plane of consciousness—first in the soul realm, before they appear in the outer. This often accounts for the sense of familiarity felt when first meeting a new friend. We will have occasion to give further illustrations of this truth.

## USE

**K**NOWLEDGE is power, but knowledge without being applied is useless. It is as a machine that is not running; as a river that is still; as a train that has stopped.

This is only a paraphrase of Paul's "Faith without works is dead." But a new phraseology is needed, for we are prone to overlook statements we have heard all our lives, ignoring the import of their words.

Use knowledge if you have any. If you do not use it, it proves that you do not have it.—L. G.



## "SECOND SIGHT"

THERE seems to be no special beginning to the experiences in the unexplained which have been mine.

Possibly, at middle age, they seem so much stranger than those of most people only because of a different attitude of mind. But always there has been a feeling of being different, and an effort to resist a certain influence, or an ability to know of things before they happen, or a faculty of seeing ahead certain events or more recently, of hearing voices.

Do you remember the old superstition of being able to see "farther" if one were "born with a veil?" I was so born, and my mother used to laugh about it, but was a little inclined to be impressed with the fact, nevertheless.

It meant nothing to me, partly because of a normal supply of common sense, and later because of two or more experiences which clearly showed me I must either ignore certain more less definite facts, or let it go; for when the ouija boards were so common, I soon learned to leave them alone, as everyone with whom I used one at once accused me of "pushing." I did not push, but the board immediately started to move and quite as often as not, answered the unspoken question in my mind—not the one asked by my partner. Among other things I was told the day of my mother's death, correctly, three years before!

I soon found I needed no partner; the little table would run for me alone, quite as well as with another; but I became frightened, made up my mind to let all such subjects alone and be normal; and I have never touched any device of the kind since, or made any effort to develop any ability which might be available or latent in me.



Another circumstance which strengthened this resolution occurred soon after. With a party of friends at a summer hotel in the Berkshires we went to see a "crystal gazer," just for the excitement, and without any serious thought regarding it. The woman was one of the most beautiful I ever saw, with lovely white hair, and the saddest eyes. There were no "stage settings," just an ordinary living room, and this great glass globe, perfectly clear. Each person went in separately, a lady from Boston, wife of a professor at Harvard, first—then I. She came out looking very sober, but said nothing.

As I went in, the woman glanced up, then looked at me intently, and said, "Come here, please, and tell me what you see." I was about to tell her I came to see what *she* saw, but her manner was such that I looked where she pointed, and the entire globe was darkly clouded, then showed a definite scene—a street, crowded and in great confusion. I was so frightened I at once turned to get out as quickly as possible. But the woman called me back and asked me to close my eyes and tell her just what I saw.

I did so and she said, "I knew you could 'see.' Send in the other young girl, and then you come back."

The daughter of the Boston woman was gone only a short time, and when I went back in as directed, the woman said, "That girl *has no future*. Please go, all of you!"

After returning to the hotel and thinking it over, it seemed best to forget it as soon as possible, or to consider it some trick. But the next week, upon leaving the South Station in Boston, the girl was instantly killed in a street accident.

Sometimes the impression is not definite—just a feeling of great unrest and depression, with some one person or con-



dition uppermost in my mind. For instance, last year a member of my family went out on Saturday afternoon with one of my cars, saying he did not know just where he was going, but would be back "before morning," that he and another boy were going to look up some school friends.

About one o'clock I woke up suddenly, feeling dizzy and ill, and with a terrible pain in my left shoulder. In the morning I found the boy had not returned and I still felt ill. I had not the slightest idea where the boys had gone, as the friends were at a school in Providence, R. I., but did not live there.

To wait for a telephone message seemed the sensible thing to do, but I felt urged to go somewhere, but did not know where. It was so strong however, that taking a friend who could drive, I started out, and before leaving the yard I heard the car number repeated several times, and then the name of a nearby city. Feeling utterly foolish, but saying nothing, I drove to the town and almost at once saw the car at a garage with the top crushed. Hurrying inside, I found the boys both bandaged, the driver's *left shoulder injured*. He had been trying to telephone me, but no one answered. The car had skidded and turned over at *one o'clock*, and they had both been so badly shaken that they had been obliged to wait until daylight to get help.

During the Summer, repeated at more or less regular intervals, the feeling of a certain scene has come to me. I wake with a sensation of a confusion of sounds and a feeling of rapid motion, of being carried or *blown* along and becoming lighter and lighter, until there is no substance or personal feeling at all; yet the air is clear and very fragrant, as if from many invisible flowers. After a while I seem to settle down softly on a huge platform or open building, along both sides of which, as far as the eye can follow, are long wooden boxes.



The rushing noise gradually subsides and all is quiet. Several times this scene was repeated and ended here. After a short time I felt normal, except very, very exhausted, this lasting for a day or more, with a great desire to sleep.

Then the same thing was repeated, but not ending there; after all the confusion and rushing died down the boxes lifted the covers and black-clad figures emerged slowly and all stood in rows, with bowed heads—but they had no faces. Then, after this faded out, the last time it appeared it was just the same, except a figure came moving down from a distance and a voice repeated softly over and over, "The time is not yet."

#### OUR REPLY to the above:

We have read with deep interest the experiences sent us by your cousin. She is an unusual soul, being gifted with what is called "second sight" through her being "born with a veil." With all such comes the gift of prevision and often of "seeing" what is not visible to mortal sight. This explains all the experiences of which she writes, including the three soul powers exhibited—the use of the ouija board, the seeing in the crystal, and the hearing the voice that told her about the accident. Had she not been afraid and have cultivated these powers in her, many remarkable things would have resulted, for they were *naturally unfolded* powers, and she would have been taught and aided in the development of great soul qualities.

For instance, had she only known it, when witnessing the scene in the crystal, which means it was already manifesting in the astral realm of consciousness, she could have instantly destroyed that astral incident and driven it com-



pletely out of consciousness, by positively denying it as having any existence or actuality in God's Mind.

In this same way, anything told anyone by a psychic, or told or shown to a psychic, which is harmful and one does not want to happen, can be denied out of mind and therefore out of possibility of happening in the outer.

As to the feeling of a certain scene that often comes to your cousin, it is probably the memory of a soul experience from a previous life wherein at death she remembered leaving her body and going through the sensations and seeing the things she described, which are symbolic of what happens to a soul newly passing. The very fact that she was told that "the time is not yet" was to assure her that it did not apply to this life. Therefore, she should not concern herself with it, but just *know* that the Father is taking care of her and will watch over and guard her so that nothing can happen that is not for her highest good.

If the same method of denial as described above is used, should she again sense this experience, if she has any fear of its having any connection with herself, she will find it will probably never return, and she will have no more such unpleasant effects to bear or to cause her concern.

We will try further to explain this gift of "second sight." It is but a case of a soul coming into incarnation and giving to its mind, the outer extension of its consciousness, more or less clear connection with it, so that the mind is often in its consciousness, especially when shut off from outer sensations, as when concentrating on a crystal, or during meditation; or more especially when the soul through urgent necessity wishes to inform the mind of something most important.



Relate this thought with what is stated in the first article of this issue, and you can glimpse how this must be so. Being "born with a veil" seems to have something to do with such unusually close connection between the soul and its outer expression, the mind.—THE EDITOR.

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## A THINKER

**D**ID IT ever occur to you whence come your thoughts, ideas and impressions—and *why* they come?

Think you they come by accident, or aimlessly, and have no meaning and purpose? Could that be in a world of perfect order, method and system?

If you can see that not one thought is given or permitted you that has not its purpose, then you are capable of analysing a thought and determining if you wish to accept it, to admit it in your consciousness, and thereby to affect your life.

But if you can go farther, then hear that always a thought comes *from someone*, and that by being able to concentrate on a thought and analyse it, one can trace it back to its thinker.

How can that be? Watch the mind carefully, when thus concentrating, for the impressions or other "thoughts" that come, and you may find something or someone trying to tell you what you seek to know.

But cease not to analyse what comes. And note also that Someone is trying to point out the difference between good and bad, truth and error, what to accept and what to reject.

Heed and learn. All is for your good.



## THE BANKER

### II.

THE FOLLOWING is the second of the articles dictated by "The Banker," the first of which was published in the December issue of this magazine. It is unfolding some new ideas on the subject of "money" and what it represents in the spiritual realm.

We urge all who are interested in the subject to study carefully what follows and to ponder deeply its inner meaning, feeling they will be well repaid for the time and effort expended.—THE EDITOR.

Dictated November Ninth, 1932.

YOU WILL understand, my friend, that I have been called to work out a financial system that constitutes *an available exchange between earth and the Plateau* (the spiritual realm). It is hard to explain to you that I am unable to use for my purpose either the earth's or the Plateau's medium of exchange. I, a former Banker when on earth, called on to do financing in spirit, but suspended like Mahomet's coffin, twixt heaven and earth, and forbidden to use the exchange of either. Before you voice any requests of me, you must take this into consideration, and your comprehension must be able to grasp it.

If I were able to use the medium of the Plateau, all that would be necessary would be to awaken sufficient mortals to a full comprehension of what is Love, and the job would be done. But I am not as yet capable of doing that and neither have I all eternity in which to do this job; I am required to get results, so that earth's humanity may benefit from them even in its short lifetime. Do not forget that I am a practical Banker and expected to do a practical Banker's work.

This is the point that I have tried to get you to see. Being compelled to make use of, or create, mediums for my use



that are neither of earth or heaven, I can not even use a mortal mind. Please underline the "a." Naturally, the next thing to do is to use a group mind, for that is nearer to the material allowed me. And you will now see why I am searching for a group mind that is high enough and at the same time low enough to be on the plane where I am suspended.

Suppose I am unable to find one? The only order I would then get is to "Create one."

Put yourself in my place. I need a group mind, a single entity, high enough to *become* (Yes, write that word and underline it) a medium of exchange, and near enough to earth to be "visible" to earth dwellers. How can I create such an entity? Only out of the group spirit of a group on earth already adapted to such an end. Until such an entity is raised high enough to the plane where I am, so I can approach it and work with it, I must be content to work through human members of the group; for that is the only way I can hope to influence it.

Therefore, as I am trying to tell you, it does not hasten matters to give a plan to an individual man. I must give the plan, if plan it can be called, to that Entity, that Spirit which includes in Itself all in the group.

I have tried to explain to you, and you have tried to pass on to Mr. B. some of the fundamental points on which most human groups I am experimenting with are lamentably weak. Usually there is too great a proportion of members who have not learned to focus their forces at the point needed in attack, because of their inability to sense an enemy *behind* two opposites. You have named that a Cosmic enemy, meaning an enemy that defeats you whether you win or lose. That may not be a good definition but hav-



ing started with it, let it stand for the present. I did not talk at first to Mr. B. as you suggested, because I was afraid if we got together I might be tempted to talk shop, he also having been a Banker, and forget that I have neither an earthly or heavenly medium to talk about.

I must confine my talk, therefore, to a medium that is neither of earth or heaven. For this reason I came to you first. With Mr. B. and you I may have a nucleus of a group through the possibility of two minds meeting.

I want to ask especially that you have patience. To bring forth something that humans can cognize, one of the elements needed is Time, and I pray you, do not stint me on that.

You know, they have put me in a hard spot, and I wonder sometimes at their wishing onto me a big job like this. I am glad that even in my earthly experiences I retained my sense of humor, for the idea of a Banker being asked to do some big financing and being forbidden the use of money is something that still touches my funnybone.

What you and others have failed to grasp, is that in my position I have to use mediums and minds above the plane of earth, but below the Plateau consciousness. Use your imagination and see how limited I am in dealing with the various mediums that naturally suggest themselves to your own and other minds.

OUR REPLY to the friend who sent us the articles:

We have thought over a great deal what your friend, the Banker, was trying to convey to you. Let us see if we can put into words what came to us.

As we have tried to explain in several of the Papers, the ether of space which our friend calls the "medium" out of



which are built all forms and shapes is really the substance of Divine Mind or the One Consciousness, out of which all things are made and from which they derive all their life, intelligence and power to express and be what they are. There are many in the large Group receiving the Papers who to a greater or lesser extent realize this, and many are able to enter that Consciousness where they know the truth of the above and are hoping in time to prove it in the outer realm of matter.

We are now seeking, as you will note in the enclosed Paper, in a definite way to develop a Group Consciousness, and we shall keep at it until we have created one. When a sufficient number of the Group have attained to that Consciousness—a consciousness where they no longer are concerned about self but are actually thinking always of This Work and of the part they are playing in It, or will play in It—and always for the good of The Work, more and more fully realizing Who they are and of What they are a part—a part in their True Consciousness of the Great Brotherhood of Christ; then we will be in a position where the Group can work consciously with our Brothers in Spirit.

For in their True Consciousness as Members of that Brotherhood they fully realize that there is no need of money, that all that the Father hath is theirs, that their needs are instantly supplied and that supply is created instantly by the simple action of their thought motivated by the feeling of need whenever any need appears.

Therefore, *when self is entirely eliminated in the outer*, by their dwelling in the Group Consciousness, which partakes of the nature of their True Consciousness, the former becomes an open channel through which the forces of the Spirit can bring forth into manifestation whatever is needed



to round out and make perfect all conditions in the outer, even as it is in Heaven.

This cannot be accomplished until all desire for self is transmuted into a united desire for the Group, thus linking the consciousness and purpose of the Group with those of the True Selves of all composing It, who are conscious Members of the Great Brotherhood of Christ. When that connection is thus made, there will be nothing to prevent that which is within from manifesting in the without.

This will be brought about by a continuous conscious knowing that of themselves the outer expressions are nothing, that what is expressing exists in a perfect state in Spirit in their Real Identities as Members of the Brotherhood, and that that Brotherhood is a Reservoir or Group Entity of Consciousness, filled with Wisdom, Love and Power, able and ready to bring forth into the outer everything needed, when channels are wholly impersonal, selfless and wide open for Its use.

In such Group Consciousness all members will simply and naturally KNOW that everything needed for the furtherance and fulfillment of this Work of the Brotherhood and of the needs of Its members will be perfectly supplied and Its will fully accomplished. Those who have attained to that KNOWING thus build into their Group a mighty power that eliminates any possibility of lack or limitation existing in the need of the Work, or of any member who is a part of It; which of course implies where there is any need that money or anything or anybody can supply, that need will be provided for immediately.

We will be glad to receive the Banker's comments.



## THEY THAT DENY GOD

I HAD rather believe all the fables in the *Legend*, and the *Talmud*, and the *Alcoran*, than that this universal Frame is without a Mind.

For it is a thousand times more creditable that four mutable Elements and one immutable First Essence duly and eternally placed need no God, than that an army of infinite small portions, or seeds unplaced, should have produced this Order and Beauty, without a Divine Marshal.

They that deny a God destroy man's nobility, for certainly man is of kin to the beasts by his body; and if he be not of kin to God by his spirit, he is a base and ignoble creature.

Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider.

—Sir Francis Bacon.

## SURRENDER

By L. G.

SURRENDER is sweet.

The gnawing of unknowing is at rest.

A quiet peacefulness pervades my breast.

A sweet serenity that all is well.

Deliverance from self—self is hell.

In confidence I take the Father's hand,

Humbly waiting for Him to give command.

I take no thought for things, but trust unseeing.

In Him I live and move and have my being.

Then when I taste surrender's ecstasy,

I find he has surrendered all to me!



# SATAN

## AND SUBVERSIVE FORCES

**P**UT ON the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

—Ephesians 6:11-12.

**I**N THE January and October issues of this magazine were published two articles on the Invisible Government that is ruling the world, and in an editorial note preceding the October article it was promised "to show that there are actual invisible subversive intelligences working to drag and hold men back from their rightful spiritual inheritance, and to point how these intelligences work through their agents in the flesh."

In the present article will be shown the part that these intelligences play in the mental and spiritual evolution of humanity.

As far back as we have any recorded history will be found clear evidences of the existence of subversive intelligences working seemingly to hinder and halt man's spiritual growth. In fact the first evidence is seen in the Garden of Eden, when the serpent seduced Eve into eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which the Lord God had expressly commanded she should not eat.

In the result of that first act of disobedience, perhaps, can be seen the purpose and explanation of all that man has had to endure ever since. For at that time did not the Lord God say to the serpent, "*Because thou hast done*



*this, thou are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life. And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

This of course does not refer to physical snakes, no matter what their species; for almost everyone realizes that the "serpent" of the Garden of Eden which spoke to Eve could not have been of the snake family, but must have been an intelligence much wiser than Eve, having a serpent nature, and which evidently lived in the Garden, or how could it have been there!

Was this then not the first evidence shown in biblical history of the existence of Satan, and of the place he occupies in the scheme of life? And has not Satan ever since been crawling on his belly before men, been spit upon and eating the dirt men cast upon him? And has there not always been enmity between the seed of Satan and the seed of woman, so that men have ever condemned and bruised the head of Satan, and Satan's brood has ever attacked the heel or the hindmost part of man's understanding—his cupidity, the child of his selfishness, and through it has always been able to lead him astray?

One cannot help but notice, if he reads with seeing eyes, the sinister part that Satan, the "serpent," plays all through both biblical and secular history, from the Garden of Eden days up to the present time. Always he is there, seducing and deceiving men into believing what he tells them, as opposed to what God has taught is the right and true way. Always it is he that leads men into trouble, inharmony, suffering, sickness, sin and crime. Were he not in existence, there would be none of these,



and all men might be living in their original Garden of Eden state.

Who and what then is Satan? And what is his part in the scheme of life?

We will not now consider his connection with or relation to Lucifer, the fallen Angel and Son of God; but in this article we will study the part he is playing in man's life as he grows and unfolds in understanding and gradually learns to know Satan for just what he is and how to free himself from his influence.

Repeatedly in biblical history we learn where Satan has seemingly won peoples and even whole races away from God's influence. At the time of the flood, when God in judgment over men's wickedness destroyed the world by water; again in the destruction of Jerusalem and the taking captive of the children of Israel; likewise in the destruction and dissolution of the ancient civilizations of Chaldea, Egypt, Greece and Rome,—all of which was due to the evil and degeneracy of the people of these countries, brought about by Satan and his emissaries.

But if God is All in all, what can be the purpose and true nature of Satan, who as the serpent was co-existent with the Lord God—and even then was very subtle and wise—when Adam and Eve, the first living souls, were placed in the Garden of Eden, supposedly a perfect state of being? Why did the Lord God permit Satan in the Garden to tempt man, for surely being all-wise He knew Satan's nature? Satan must then have a definite part in God's Plan for the evolution, instruction and redemption of man; else why, when God is likewise all-loving and all-powerful does He allow him continually to hinder and often to frustrate man's efforts to do what God tells him to do?



In order to comprehend this great enigma, we will have to consider Satan in his other aspect as Anti-christ. As Anti-Christ he must not only be opposed to Christ, but he must be the very opposite of Him in all ways. Then in order to know just what is Anti-christ, we will have to learn just what is Christ.

To this end we will use a definition of Christ given elsewhere in the Sun literature, one that is short and concise and very expressive:

"Christ is the EX-pression of God's Love; is His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, come to man to abide in him, when man's soul (consciousness) has been cleansed of all darkness, and his outer mind has truly dedicated itself to God. That Love then becomes the Light which lighteth him and leads him in all ways and in all that he does."

Then if Anti-christ is the opposite of that which is Christ, he cannot be other than what is expressed in the following words:

Anti-christ is the EX-pression of the opposite of God's Love; is His Holy Spirit, the Adversary, come to man to abide in him, when man's soul (consciousness) is filled with darkness and his outer mind hates and denies God. That hatred then becomes the power which motivates and leads him in all ways and in all that he does.

In other words, even as Christ comes to proven disciples as the Comforter and is the Light which lights their way and teaches them all truth; so does Anti-christ come to his proven disciples as the Adversary, ever subtly influencing and confusing their minds and leading them farther and farther into the darkness of evil and untruth.

You will note that we are considering both Christ and Anti-christ as principles or attributes of God—acknowl-



edging God as All in all, and that therefore Anti-christ must have some useful office or function to perform in the administering of God's Plan for His people.

This does not mean that we do not acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and that He is just as much alive and active now in God's service as He was nineteen hundred years ago; or that there is not One who as the Anti-christ is equally now alive on the inner planes of being, even as he was in the Garden of Eden at the time of Adam and Eve.

But both the Christ and the Anti-christ, from what we have shown, must then be acting as attributes and agents of God's Will, fulfilling opposite purposes, it is true, but perhaps both working to accomplish for God what He has planned from the beginning—the redemption and perfecting of man. We will study into that thought to see where it leads.

**I**N ORDER properly to do so, we ask you to try to rise with us in consciousness where you can be entirely outside of human consciousness and can look down upon the earth and see man for just what he is. There you can see all of his childlike foolishness, selfishness and greed, his lack of love and consideration for others, and the consequent penalties he is paying to the Great Law for such disobedience. He seemingly cannot or does not want to learn that only by obeying the Law of Love, which is the guiding Law of all who are freed from human consciousness, can he attain to complete harmony and happiness. Yet he is constantly seeking freedom from trouble, hardship, lack, limitation, sickness, suffering, and even from sin and evil, dimly realizing that they are the outgrowth of his selfishness.



This from that higher consciousness seems strange, until you search out the cause of it—which can soon be seen by watching an individual case. It is then noticed that around every human being, but invisible to him, are other beings radiating light, and some who are like dark shadows. Those of the light are seen to be the source of most of the inspiration toward the good and true that is received; while those of the darkness are always suggesting and impelling him to selfish words and acts; to satisfy the appetites and lusts of the flesh; to sins and evils of all kinds; and when fully prepared, to crime, murder and suicide. The more one inclines to these dark suggestions, the more influence such gain over him; and likewise the more one inclines to the good and true, the more those of the light are listened to and the lighter grows his aura, which means the less there is in his consciousness that reacts to the suggestions of the dark ones.

What are these beings of the light? They are the brothers of the Spirit who have learned from experience on earth what the following of the ways of darkness do not and cannot provide—harmony and happiness; and they accordingly have joined the Great Army of Light under the Leadership of Jesus Christ, pledged to assist every soul struggling toward the Light, and are then appointed to those whom they can help free themselves from the dark forces trying to hold them back.

The beings of darkness are the young souls who in this earth life had not yet learned to what following the ways of darkness always lead—chaos and spiritual death. They do not understand the real meaning of sin and evil, and cannot yet comprehend what is goodness, purity and truth. Therefore, in the inner realms they are listening to and obeying the leadings of higher beings; brothers of the shadow, who are using them as unwitting tools to further



their own sinister ends. These in turn are inspired by still higher intelligences, under the direct leadership of the Anti-christ, whose work is to draw all possible souls away from the Light into the darkness.

You can see a perfect illustration of this in the young bootleggers, gangsters and criminals of the present day, most of whom entered upon such a life misled by the suggestions of evil minds of older men using them as tools to accomplish their dark selfish purposes. While in turn these older evil minds are used and directed by others in high places of finance, politics and even in the government, hiding behind their public positions, and because of the power of their money and influence, deceiving and robbing whole cities and even countries of often hundreds of millions of dollars.

These it can be seen must be in close league with "spiritual wickedness in high places," whether they are conscious of it or not. But surely their souls on the inner plane know and are in terrible bondage there, unable any longer to have or use any will of their own—so dominated and controlled are they by the powers of Anti-Christ.

WE HAVE pictured to you what can be easily seen and understood by all students of truth, even those on the earth plane; but now we intend to point out the evil machinations of those sinister spiritual intelligences that are not so well known and what few realize and can hardly grasp as yet. We speak of their influence and work in the soul realms.

It is known to but few studying along spiritual lines and especially those who are members of metaphysical and occult organizations, how easy it is to deceive and mislead such students, particularly those who enter upon



such studies consciously or unconsciously for the purpose of gaining something for self's use and benefit.

From the higher consciousness it is seen that it is around such that the brothers of the shadow gather, and such are egged on in their search and fed with every suggestion that will appeal to their desire for *personal* powers and development. They are led to turn to certain teachers or movements that will teach them how to develop their psychic faculties and powers; while such teachers and the leaders of such movements are inspired to send out their literature promising such powers to all who can be induced to study with them—regardless of whether such students develop their faculties prematurely or not.

It is true that in many cases these teachers do not believe there is any harm or danger, not realizing that their minds and wills are usually stronger and more developed than many that come to them, and that because they (the teachers) met with no serious harm is no reason why the average student will escape it; also that as they teach these things for money, should a doubt arise in their minds, it is soon stilled by their invisible mentors, who point out to them the loss of money it would entail to discourage anyone, and that such experience would undoubtedly be good and necessary for students—enabling them thus to learn and to grow.

To prove the wide and subtle activity of such subversive intelligences, take up any periodical carrying promiscuous metaphysical advertising, and note the many opportunities offered therein—how to heal, how to be healed, how to tap the subconscious mind, how to make your wishes come true, how to gain prosperity, how to know your past incarnations, how to know your future, how to hypnotize, how to gain a powerful personality,



how to gain dynamic power, how to gain the wisdom of the sages, how to become an adept, how to find a short cut to mastership, etc.; all intended to feed the desires of self for such powers.

Few of these advertisers probably think there is anything wrong in such advertising or in such teachings, not dreaming that they are being used to mislead earnest seekers, and themselves are being led away from Jesus' strict teaching to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things else will be added." But of course it is self in the teachers that listens and responds to such misleading, and it is such teachers, if they do not awaken and listen instead to the Voice of the Higher Self, that are finally lead completely astray and are used to draw hundreds along with them into the darkness, from which it may take many years and perhaps lifetimes to free themselves. And it is well known in the higher consciousness that all teachers are held responsible for souls coming to them for guidance, and those teachers that consciously or unconsciously mislead any followers into wrong-doing are compelled by the Great Law in future lives to watch over and some day to lead them back onto the truth Path.

But it is those who promiscuously teach how to develop and open the psychic faculties, without the support of the necessary spiritual unfoldment, that cause the greatest harm to unwitting aspirants. For when the inner faculties are opened, without the proper spiritual understanding and the guidance of the Higher Self, they are at the mercy of the many false teachers and "masters" that abound in the astral realm, and who claim to be able to give them high powers and promise adepthship, if they will follow and obey them.



The illusionary phenomena and the wonders of the astral planes are shown these aspirants and they are usually led through certain "initiations" that seem very marvelous and exalted. All this is intended to disarm their caution and succeeds in casting such a glamour over their minds that they are then easily led to believe all that is told them by these false teachers; in fact in a way they become so hypnotized that they will seldom listen to anyone who questions what they have been told.

From this it can be seen how easy it is to deceive and lead astray those who invade the psychic realms without true spiritual preparation; and that comes only after years of "living the life"—when such faculties open naturally, as Jesus taught. The astral realm is called the "realm of illusion," and without spiritual understanding, which alone gives discrimination, even those having a high intellectual knowledge of occult things are often fooled—by being fed just the things they want of an occult nature.

It is in the astral realm that the brothers of the shadow dwell and work, where, with their ability to assume any identity at will—even that of a Brother of Light, they appear to psychic aspirants and tell them what suits their purpose, and soon have them at their mercy,—if they are not fortified by the aforesaid spiritual understanding, which brings them the help and guidance of the Brothers of Light.

Naturally as Anti-christ it has been the business of Satan from the very beginning to reach into every department of life, in order to subvert every possible soul with his sophistries and fallacies. Consequently his influence is seen by those whose spiritual eyes are open, manipulating thrones and governments, controlling heads of banks, commerce and industries, debasing the judiciary, the legal and



medical professions, prostituting education, journalism and even religion; for all give very definite evidence of the subversive work of this mighty invisible intelligence that has now practical control of the world, through commercializing them and compelling all to bow the knee to money—if one is to judge by the condition of world affairs today.

In fact Jesus called Satan the "Prince of this world," and who will deny that far more men in their hearts worship him or render him obedience through his control of money—if one is to judge by the condition of world first in their lives?

**T**HEREFORE, it is in the occult realms where we must watch for and will discover the subversive forces that are always trying to reach us in order to destroy our ideals, to dethrone our sense of right and wrong, to turn us from God and His Son, Jesus Christ, to confuse our minds and make us believe that in the New Age science and the higher intellectual concepts of causes and principles alone are correct, and all those old "theologic" beliefs taught in the Bible are the relics of a past age that will have no place in "enlightened" minds.

Mistake not, these forces are very much alive in the world today and are working not only to destroy the good and true in every soul that can be reached, but they are determined so to weaken the moral fabric of our present institutions and governments that they will eventually collapse and fall in ruins.

All this is possible, even in this generation—do not hide from that fact! We are in the last days of an age fast disintegrating and which will soon wholly disappear—if present signs mean anything.



But what part has God in all this, and how does it fit into His Plan?

Can anyone deny that the world cannot continue under the old order that has brought humanity to its present state? Then what is going to change it? Is man of himself capable of solving this stupendous problem? You have evidence on every side of how futile have been his efforts. Then what must be the outcome?

The old order must go. It can have no part in the New Age. In order to wipe it out, God in His great wisdom and power is permitting, and in fact is causing, Satan and his subversive forces—the so-called “evil” in the world—to destroy its own creations,—every organization and institution of whatsoever kind built upon selfishness and greed. All must go, and who but the destructive agents in the world are better fitted for the task? They alone can do it, for in the doing of it God intends them to destroy themselves.

He has promised this. In the prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Jesus, Paul and in Revelation, is plainly told what must take place at the end of the Old Age, before the New Age can be ushered in.

As it is the work of this Magazine to help prepare all of its readers for the New Age, it is necessary to acquaint them not only with what must be done to equip themselves to be a part of it, but what they must not do—listen to any suggestions of the enemy. For in the listening to and thinking on his suggestions many otherwise good-intending souls have been led into confusion and darkness: and unless they turn once more to the True Light of Christ, they will be cast into outer darkness where they must abide until the end of the next Dispensation.



You may ask, how can one believe in God's Love and Wisdom when such evil subversive forces are permitted to do the terrible things they do in the world?

We have tried to show in this article that God utilizes all persons, things, conditions, and even the Devil, to serve His Will and Purpose, Which are *always* Wise and Good. Without *all* such agencies that can be used to try out and test His children from time to time, and thus develop their spiritual strength and understanding of His Will, how could it be known when any of them are ready for promotion at examination time?

Those who yield to the wiles of the tempter are but the ones who have not yet eliminated from their consciousness the desire for the things of the world, the flesh and the devil. But in time all will learn what is *not* the Father's will for them—through the suffering they will endure after listening and yielding to the seductions of Satan and his agents.

When one understands the nature of such forces and the purpose they serve, one examines very closely every impulse and suggestion that enters the mind; for no man can become master of himself until he is fully conscious of the source and purpose of every thought he thinks, every word he says, and every thing he does, and KNOWS that they are wholly acceptable to God, Whom alone he serves.



## THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

**I**N THIS Department you are invited to send for interpretation any dreams or visions of unusual character, those that made a profound impression on you at the time. Please do not send anything simple or ordinary, for it is desired to explain those only that are either actual experiences on the inner planes of being, or are efforts of the Soul or Higher Self to convey to the outer mind helpful teachings, guidance or warnings of things to happen in the outer.

As our space is limited, only a few interpretations can be given in each issue and these in the order of receiving. If yours do not appear in an early issue, know that it is either because of the many ahead, or that they are not unusual enough to be worthy of publication.

Those that follow will give you an idea of what to expect.

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**I** DREAMED that I saw my brother leading a man who was obviously a burglar into the house. He had caught him somewhere on the grounds. I was standing in the doorway with a gun which I had just shot off and had reloaded (I don't know why I had the gun, as guns do not interest me in the slightest and I do not own one.) When I saw my brother coming with the prowler, I deliberately aimed the gun at the man, and even though I did not intend to shoot him, I somehow pulled the trigger. I was so happy when the gun failed to discharge; I really did not want to harm the poor fellow.

We entered the living-room where I was conscious of other people about, but paid them little attention. Then, for no apparent reason, I jumped on our unwelcome guest and commenced to wrestle with him. But he was so weak that he made no resistance, and I was sorry and not a little ashamed for having attacked him. Then my brother and I had him sit down at a table and my brother began to question him. I was a bit uneasy, fearing he would attempt to get away. My brother allayed my fears by saying that he had called the police.

It was at this time that I had my first chance to study our invader. I had never seen him before. Indeed, he cut a most sorry picture—disheveled, poorly dressed and rather emaciated. My brother up to now had been very stern with him, but as the poor fellow com-



menced to talk and to relate how he came to be an outcast, my brother softened perceptibly. He started to write down the story as the man told it—but here the dream ended.

In your dream, the burglar you saw your brother leading into the house and whom you shot symbolized your Higher Self or perhaps a Brother in Spirit showing up to you a phase of your nature that was trying to steal into your consciousness and do you harm. The other people in the house were thoughts that belonged there or which you had welcomed there. What followed was an illustration of how you mistakenly tried to handle the burglar. But your Brother showed you the proper way—by talking it over with him and winning his confidence. Can you not see that this is the only way to treat such a burglar? Think it over until you get the exact connection and meaning.

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I have had several visions, but the first one impressed me so much and has so influenced my life that I want to tell it to you. I was more than a thousand miles from home, apparently, and had just retired for the night, when I saw myself walking through a dense forest with my only sister who is several years older than myself. We were holding hands as we walked. Suddenly it began to grow dark around us until we were no longer able to go on. Neither of us spoke a word; we simply stood still. I was puzzled—we could not go ahead, neither could we turn back, because of utter darkness.

Then suddenly I saw a tiny spark of light shining through this dense darkness ahead of us. The light gradually grew larger and brighter, until I discovered "Jesus" walking in that light, clothed in a white loose robe. Then He stood still a moment, slowly turned His head and looked at us, and in a gentle, sweet voice, said, "Follow Me."

I cannot describe the joyful feeling I experienced when Jesus spoke and bid me follow Him. Ever since I had this vision I have been seeking a deeper meaning of the Christ and His teaching, and praying for a better understanding of things Spiritual.

Also here is a dream I wish you would interpret for me. I was walking in a cemetery and had visited my father's grave. My mother, my brother and his family were with me. After leaving father's grave we decided to walk through what I understood to be a new part of the cemetery; but oh it was so poorly kept—was grown up in weeds and the graves all caved in. One grave especially was so terribly caved



in that we stopped to look in it. As I looked I heard running water in the grave and saw the head of a woman; her hair was dark and hanging loosely about her head. She was unknown to me. My nephew, about 16 years old, reached his hand into the grave and pulled out a large piece of something of dark amber color. We looked at it wondering what it was, and were horrified when we found it was a part of the woman's thigh; it was perfectly formed. My nephew gently brushed his hand over it, and it immediately crumbled to pieces and fell to the ground.

Your vision of being in a dark forest with your sister was intended to show you that you had been wandering in the darkness of materiality until you had become lost. It is at such times that the Loving Christ comes forth from out the darkness of the mortal consciousness, when the soul (your sister) and the outer mind (your self) have been fully prepared to know Him, and He becomes the Light that leads you forever more. It was actually at this time that He "called" you, and we are glad to learn that you have been following Him ever since.

In your dream, the cemetery is where are buried our dead selves, composed of all our wornout beliefs. The new part of the cemetery symbolizes a lot of dead later beliefs in which may be some hidden truths, illustrated by the running water, and in which if you look carefully you will find some evidence of life (the head and hair of the woman) although in a decayed form, part of which was brought to light by your nephew (one of your faculties).

This undoubtedly relates to something through which you were passing at the time, and it was sent to call your attention to some things which are really dead and should be kept buried, but which perhaps you have been trying to keep alive. See if you can discover what that is.

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I was trying to find my way home from the outskirts of town and found myself up on a high steep bluff, and far, far below was a rushing muddy stream. I debated trying to get down on that side, but presently thought I would not try it—I'll just go down the other way, and I did.

Your dream was really your memory when awakening after sleep of trying to get back into your body consciousness. It was symbolic of coming from the higher soul consciousness back into the muddy stream of physical life.



## THE INNER ROOM

IT IS fitting in this Department to make known the fact that many thousands have written to the Sun Center, as is called the healing and helping department of the Sun Publishing Co. work, receiving from it real Spiritual light, help and consolation; and this service is now offered to the readers of THE INNER LIFE.

Please know that it is only about Spiritual problems that you are invited to write us. The work of the Sun Center is to teach the laws of life, enabling each earnest seeker to heal and lift himself out of all conditions of inharmony, disease, lack and limitation. By Spiritual problems are meant those having to do with the Spiritual life and understanding. In our booklets, THE WAY OUT and THE WAY BEYOND, are given very plain and definite instructions how to attain for yourself physical health and financial freedom, and should you write us about such we would only refer you to these booklets.

We each day at 12 o'clock noon, however, take the names of all writing us for help into the Silence of the Spirit and "Speak the Word" for them. Many hundreds have received the blessings of such ministry.

What follows will give you an idea of the kind of questions invited and our answers thereto.

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### THE NOONDAY CHALICE

PLEASE know that you can receive all the help needed in the Noonday Chalice, if you will do your part. But you must not enter its Silence for the purpose of getting something for self, but with the sole intent of meeting with your Brothers in Christ in order to give yourself as an open channel through which They can pour the Light and Power of Divine Love into the hearts and minds of the children of earth, so many of whom are wandering in the darkness of sin, hardship and suffering. For it is by your thus giving and losing yourself in the Great Love, utterly forgetting self, that Its Holy Power can fill and cleanse mind and heart of all that is separating you from God and your good.

In this way you will learn to turn to God, instead of to any outer source for help—not by thinking always of self, but to give yourself



to the Father for His use. This also means that you are not to look to your business as the source of your supply, *but to God only*. Until you learn to put *all* your faith and trust in Him, counting Him as your Senior Partner in the business and consulting Him in everything you do, knowing that His Wisdom is supreme and that He knows ahead the result of every move, will you be able to accomplish anything worthwhile. In other words, you must refer all your problems to Him, and allow Him to guide you in everything—not for the purpose merely of making money or of even making a living, but solely to *please Him* in every thought, word and act of your life.

#### HUSBAND AND WIFE

Regarding your problem, there is only one thing to do, dear friend, and that is, what the Loving Christ within shows you to do; and until that is plainly shown you—do not do anything. No one else can tell you—dare tell you, for that is between you and husband only. This, however, we can say—try at all times during the day to be in the Christ Consciousness—the Consciousness of selfless Love. This means that self must not be in any way concerned, so that you are able to see out of the eyes of Love only. When in that Consciousness, you are One with husband's Higher and Better Self, and if you can actually pour out Love to that Self, knowing your true Oneness in Christ, there will surely be a change in him.

This, you must keep in mind always,—if he claims your truth studies are leading you astray and are misleading others, it is up to you to prove him wrong. By that we mean, you must show, through all your thinking, speech and actions, that you *are* living the Christ Life to such extent that he *must* see and feel it. If you are not doing that, though claiming you are, he has every right to point these things out to you. In fact, that is why he is led to say these things—to make you prove it by living it, as your Higher Self intends you shall live it. Do you see, dear friend, why all this is coming to you? Husband is but the instrument being used by your Higher Self to bring you fully to Christ.

#### PHYSICAL WEAKNESS

Yes, we do make allowance for physical weakness. But that weakness manifests only because of mental weakness—of *your not doing what you know you should do*. When you can make your mind obey you, you will find that it will be easy for your mind to compel obedience from your body. In other words, when you can lift your mind and its thoughts wholly away from self and its petty personal con-



cerns and fix them wholly on God and His concerns, thus giving Him all your faith and trust, you will soon see not only your material problems, but the inharmonies of your body and of everything else disappear, and you will be free from all that is now troubling you. But you will have to prove this by doing what you have been shown.

#### WHEN SELF SURRENDERS

Your wonderful letter received, and it makes us very happy to learn how finely you have been shown the Father's Love for you—that He has loved you from the beginning, has watched over you and put you through all of these experiences solely in order to bring you to a complete surrender of self. You have seen how, when you finally came to the extreme limit of your own efforts and really gave yourself into His hands, that strange calm fell upon you, lifting you in consciousness far above it all, permitting you to look down upon these things that seemed so terribly hard to bear, and to see them for what they are—mere illusions of the mortal mind, creations of that fearful, worrying, frantic self, having no real importance whatever to one in that Higher Consciousness.

Do you know what That Consciousness is? You were simply brought within for the moment into the Consciousness of that other "Being" or Self, Whom you were permitted to see and realize is your TRUE Self; and in that moment He enabled you to see with His eyes and to know with His understanding what He has been trying to show you these many months.

You ask whether all these things you tell us do not sound crazy? Why, dear friend, it is what we have been trying to show you you must come to before the blessings you seek can possibly come into expression. Go back over our recent letters and read them again in the light of your present understanding, and see if we have not been pointing out this very thing and promising you it would surely result if you would but let go and surrender all, so that God could have His chance!

Now that you know, try to get back into that Consciousness and to stay in it continually, in that calm serene KNOWING that He will take care of us—is taking care of—everything, and will do it just as easily as He brought about the things that seem to you so wonderful. There is nothing He cannot and will not do, when you keep your mind cleansed of all those negative thoughts and concerns about your petty little personal self.



## THE IMPERSONAL WORK

*For those only who are making the finding of the Kingdom first—not second in their lives.*

THESE words are addressed to those who are seeking the way into the Kingdom of God—the Kingdom where a Great Love and Wisdom, the serving and inspiring of others, and the utter forgetfulness of self is the natural life of everyone who dwells therein.

"If you who read have reached that stage on your journey through life where the world without can offer you nothing that will stay your efforts to find that Kingdom, and you welcome any directions that will clearly point you there, then you are ready for these words, and they will be to you a quickening power that will hasten you on your way and perhaps will enable you speedily to reach the goal."

The above are the two opening paragraphs of the first Paper or Lesson entitled, "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM," that is one of a Course of Lessons sent to those who are no longer seeking anything for self, but are making the finding of the Kingdom FIRST and SUPREME in their lives, and who have asked to journey with us to the Kingdom.

As the Kingdom of Heaven is *within*, necessarily our journey will be inward in consciousness to the very center of our being. It will be no easy traveling, for all will be mental and hard work for those who have not disciplined and trained the mind. In fact the mind will be taught on this journey to become the perfect and loving servant of the Higher or Christ Self, Who alone can lead it into the Kingdom consciousness. Only the few, the very few so far, the *earnest and determined ones*, you can see, are really ready for and are definitely consecrated to winning that goal.

This being an *inner work*, it must be an individual work, for no one can do it for you, or can help you, other than to point out the way, tell you of the conditions and obstacles you will meet, and explain the experiences through which you pass—if you cannot get their meaning direct from your Higher Self.

If something deep within you responds to the call of these words and you would like to accompany us on this journey, and you feel