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## EDITORIAL

### THE "I AM"

**T**HERE is much discussion these days about the "I AM." During the last few years many thousands of people have heard the term, have been intrigued by it, and are now beginning to search for its true meaning as applied to the personal life. For one by one they are becoming disillusioned of the beliefs instilled into their minds by perhaps well-meaning, false or self-deceived teachers, who have commercialized the term by building so-called "spiritual" movements around it, making it appear to be something it is not, and attributing to it powers that are greatly exaggerated.

All of this attention drawn to the "I AM" has unquestionably been permitted for a definite purpose. For those who have been attracted by the term and by the claims made for it are potential seekers of the Kingdom and lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ and of our Father God; and in order that they may attain the needed spiritual growth, they naturally must go through the experience of learning the age-old way—what is not the true meaning and

powers of the "I AM," before they can fully appreciate and know that meaning and rightly use its powers.

First, it is necessary to understand that the term "I AM" can be used in four different states of consciousness, and of course each carries its own significance and powers, according to the particular consciousness in which it is used. The following are those states:

(1) The God Consciousness, which we will designate as "I AM THAT I AM." (2) The Christ Consciousness, as "I AM." (3) The Soul consciousness, as "I Am." (4) The Human Mind, as "I am." Note carefully the use of capitals in these distinctions.

For illustrations of messages and teachings from these different consciousnesses we refer you to (1) the Message of *The Impersonal Life*; (2) the articles entitled "Jesus Christ," appearing in this Magazine; (3) the article, "The Classroom," on page 546 of the December issue, and to the article, "How to Believe," in this issue; (4) and to every statement you make from your self consciousness or ordinary state of mind. Study well each illustration so that you may learn the exact difference between each. The time and effort spent upon so doing will be more than repaid by the new consciousness resulting.

The purpose of this article is to make clear why the use of the "I AM" powers taught and claimed by certain books and teachings are not of Christ or of God, and that instead they are directly contrary to Jesus' teachings.

We offer the following thoughts for consideration.

If those of our readers who are interested in such "I AM" teachings and are practicing using some of the affirmations prefaced by the words "I Am," will carefully analyse their desires and motives in so using them, they may be surprised to learn how much of *self* enters into such use, and that there is nothing *spiritual* about it; but instead they are but employing this method as a means of obtaining certain things or powers *for the benefitting of self*.

That is, providing such things or powers are obtained. For seldom does this result. Persons with unusually strong wills sometimes make so-called "demonstrations" by their use, but generally they have to "pay" for it later, in one way or another. For such

selfish calling upon the Law to work for them always brings its own retribution.

The chief reason for so many failing to get results is that the very affirming of such things, prefaced by the words "I Am," without truly *believing they are so*, which believing is impossible for one when *self* rules the consciousness, actually arouses opposing forces that work to compel the *proving* of such statements, or to force the acknowledgement of failure—usually bringing with it disappointment and disillusionment, which then makes possible a being shown *from within* the true reason for the failure—that they have made the pleasing of self first, instead of "seeking the Kingdom," when all these things would have been added.

Many of these self-claimed teachers and authorities are leading readers and worshipping students to believe that the powers they claim can be called into play by such affirming, invoking, charging, decreeing and commanding in the name of the "Mighty I AM," are but waiting to express at the behest of any who thus call upon them. They seemingly do not realize that there is a Law back of such expression and use of these powers, and that those who invoke them for selfish ends must pay for such use by having the Law react upon their heads, bringing to them troubles and inharmonies from which there is no escape—until they *are able to prove* that the things they affirmed are actually so.

ONE OF the most ludicrous phases connected with such teaching is the thousands of foolish gullable people who believe the most preposterous statements made by some of these self-claimed "Messengers;" believe them on no better evidence than that such call themselves disciples or representatives of some "Master," or give forth messages they claim are direct from various Masters or from Jesus, Himself.

What we wish to stress is, these people believe such claims made by these self-proclaimed "Messengers," *without any proof whatever*—just accepting their own "sayso" for it.

Think of it! And of how they go along believing first one and then another of such teachers and teachings—until their *souls awaken* and they become aware of an *inner* authority that speaks more and more insistently and finally makes itself felt.

Can you not now see why it is necessary that all these well-intentioned, earnest seekers must go through these *experiences*, must be disillusioned again and again by such false teachers, until they learn not to believe anything that *anyone* says, but instead turn within to their own Higher Selves for confirmation, amplification or rejection of *everything* that is stated?

In this way only will they in time come to depend upon no outer authority or teaching, but only upon the Divine One within—the Christ in *their own souls*, Who will prove to them that He is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit of God, Who can and will teach them all things and lead them to all truth, as Jesus promised.

The interesting part to those who know, and who are watching the growth and unfoldment of the earnest ones whom they have contacted and in whom they have become interested, is to see how many of such will get caught by the alluring claims of such false or erring teachers and teachings.

For instance, the purpose of *The Impersonal Work* is to help all truly in earnest ones to find the Kingdom, and its chief teaching is to make them acquainted with the Christ within, their own Divine Self, so that they can learn to turn to and wait upon Him for everything and He can lead them to the Kingdom.

*The Impersonal Life* was first published in 1914—twenty-three years ago, and is widely known to contain the purest, the most definitely helpful and practical truths that anyone needs to enable him to find the Kingdom and to gain the Christ Consciousness. All that is necessary is to make oneself do what is so clearly shown therein and to live the life pointed.

It gives forth the pure I AM teachings, and is so well known that it is considered as a classic. This is so because the teachings are from the God Consciousness, and are recognized as such, for they seem as though spoken from out the Soul of each individual who reads; also because its message is so powerful and so universally true that many thousands of lives have been changed by it. Through its help many have found the Kingdom, and the Christ to them is now a Living Presence, for they know Him now as their One and Only Self.

But there are many students who had all or sufficient of the teachings and supposedly had learned to know Him and to be waiting upon Him within and to be looking to Him as their only authority. But the moment some new teacher or teaching appeared that stressed the "I AM" and pointed to it as the source of all knowledge and power—because it was similar to *The Impersonal* teaching, they assumed that here must be some personal exemplifier of these truths whom they could follow and from whom, perhaps, they could gain some of the powers promised in the teachings. Such evidently still thought they needed outer teachings and wanted to follow a personality, proving that they had not learned the real meaning and purpose of the truths of *The Impersonal Life*.

This is true also of many of the followers of other teachings which point the way to the Christ within. Such have noted a great falling away of the formerly faithful and earnest students during the past few years. But this was promised for the Last Days, which we are now in. In those days it was also promised that Christ would come and claim His own—after they had fully proven that He was first and supreme in their hearts and lives, and that nothing and no one could cause them to turn from Him as their Teacher and Authority.

If you can only know it, dear readers, *Christ is already come*, and is now testing and proving His own. All who know Him in their hearts have plenty of evidence these days of His actual Presence, of His testing them and permitting them no peace when they are not waiting upon Him every moment of the day. For whenever He has made Himself felt in a human heart, He is preparing to take possession of His human instrument, the outer personality with its mind and body; and when He has brought about a thorough cleansing and the complete surrender of self, He will then live His Life, do His Will, and be His Perfect Self in that mind and body.

But by the Christ we do not refer to Jesus the man, nor to the Jesus spoken of by certain teachers who claim to receive definite messages from him. Nor do we refer to those who claim to be loyal to His Name and thus hold Him first, but who are following outer authorities and are not listening to or waiting upon the Christ within themselves.

Such are not ready to be with Him in the New Day, for they do not yet know Him—because He has not come as Love and made

His abode in their hearts. They prefer to listen to and believe those who claim He is but another Master and that He has chosen certain Messengers on earth who alone represent Him in these days and give forth His teachings. They prefer to listen to and follow such, rather than to the quiet, loving Voice within their own souls, which is ever trying to make Itself heard, to tell them the truth, and to lead them away from these false and erring ones—when they are willing to turn to Him and to yield up all of self's desires.

TO ALL of such we say, these *are* the Last Days, and we are now in the King's Chamber—the Judgment Hall, and are being judged by the *real* Jesus, Who as the Holy Spirit of God is the Christ, the Lord of Lords, the Master of all Masters, and the King of all worlds. *By our choice of whom we will serve will we be judged.*

Therefore it would be wise for all who read these words to stop—if they are following any other Master or Teacher than *the Loving Christ seated in the Judgment Hall within their own soul consciousness*, and to turn to Him for guidance at this most critical time.

Those who have been caught in the glamour of some personality whose teaching seems the highest there is, who has many enthusiastic followers and who claims to be divinely guided, we ask to search themselves carefully before answering (to themselves) the following questions:

Do you accept wholeheartedly *every* statement made by this teacher? Are there some things stated that *something within you* cannot wholly accept? Are you not trying to still that something, to turn from and not listen to it? But does it not persist, and every time you are quiet its voice is again heard, causing a vague uneasiness to be felt within?

If you are feeling something like this, dear friend; or if these words remind you of such experience in the past, but that voice has now been stilled and is no longer heard, we would say: Your Higher and True Self has been trying to get your attention and to have you listen to His Voice. His not permitting you to accept certain statements was to show you there was cause to doubt other statements, for if some were not wholly true, more careful

search might bring to light further sophistries and errors which you had accepted without realizing it.

In other words, if there was a quiet, insistent voice trying to get you not to accept certain statements and claims made, it was to wake you up, to recall you from your glamour, so you could listen to your Higher Self and be led back and away from the danger of this mental control and confusion into which the desires of self had lured you.

These are strong words, but they are said purposely in order to make you *think*, and that you can realize fully how easy it is to get caught by the enthusiasm and glamour surrounding certain movements and teachings, and how difficult it is to free yourself once thus caught.

Not that we believe that many readers of this magazine are so caught, but all will recognize friends who are involved in the toils of such experience, and who will listen to no arguments or reasoning. They prefer at this stage of their unfoldment to be deluded.

However, we give you these warnings and suggestions so that you may know the signs when they appear of the quiet, dissenting voice within, inspiring those little doubts, misgivings and questionings which you strive vainly to still. Always, dear friend, such voice must be heeded, if you would have peace and harmony in your life.

You may ask, what are you to do when such doubts and questionings are felt? There is only one thing to do—to know them as the voice—the warning of your Higher Self, and to stop right there, turn within to Him and listen to and heed what He tells you.

If you are not sure it is He speaking, or of what He wants you to do, because of the turmoil in your mind—turn away from what you are then doing, *and do nothing*—until you are shown clearly what is His will. And just as surely as you are ready to give up self's will and desires, you *will* be shown, so that there will be no further doubt or uncertainty in your mind.

These are directions that will help, whatever be the doubt or question that stirs your mind. But especially should it be heeded

when listening to or studying the words of outer teachers—no matter from what source or how high the authority claimed for them.

NOW LET us consider for the moment what is the true "I Am." Naturally, from what has been shown, Its voice is always and only that quiet, confident, positive voice that speaks within, and there is never any uncertainty about Its meaning. It is not an actual voice such as the ears hear, but it is like a strong thought or impression received by the mind and which, when you train yourself to listen to it, will become as natural a part of yourself as the reports of your outer senses. For it is the voice of your *soul*—your *real* self, that has been teaching and guiding you from earliest childhood—if you only know it.

The only trouble is, that voice, because it has always spoken so silently and naturally, has been heard and heeded in the past only when it pleased self that you hear it. As a result you have had to suffer all the inharmonies, trouble and unhappiness that have manifested in your life. While had you listened and obeyed, all such would have been avoided, because the "I Am," the soul of you, knows, and would lead you only the right way.

If Love has been born in your heart, so that It colors and influences your life, know that the Christ of you, the great "I AM," has come and made His abode in your soul, and Love is now the Teacher and supreme Authority.

The "I AM," therefore, being the Christed Soul or Divine Self of every man, how could It be *outside of* or fifteen feet or more *above* a man, as claimed by certain would-be authorities? Likewise how could their Jesus, who has appointed them his special messengers, be "*the Light which lighteth every man in the world,*" as taught by St. John of the true Jesus?

Also contrast their statements to the words of Him Who taught us to "*Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, neither for your body, what ye shall put on . . . for your loving Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.*"

Those who would use the words "I AM" to affirm some of the things taught by such "authorities" and for the evident purpose

of gaining powers and things to benefit self, might well pause and think of the words of Satan when tempting Jesus, "*All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*"

As did this master of sin with Jesus, so does he tempt through his agents every man who listens to self's desires, by offering him sophistries and lies, sugar-coated with some well-known truths, thus getting him to swallow them whole, without detecting the poison they contain. For they *are* poison, and once in the consciousness one's sensitiveness is dulled, the mind becomes confused, and one is unable to think and reason clearly and is easily influenced in favor of the poisoner—no matter what he says or does. How many of us have seen this proven?

We of course know that there are many earnest students that read some of such teachings, take from them the good there is in them and discard the rest. But to such we say, it is almost impossible not to be influenced by certain of their sophistries and errors mingled with the truths, and if that quiet, insistent voice that is always in evidence with earnest seekers is not heeded, they will be led astray without their knowing it.

We will close by again reminding our readers that there is an ever-present Teacher, Guide and Master within every man—his own Christ Self, One to whom he can always turn and get all the help he needs—once he knows it and waits upon Him in a loving faith and trust.

Why not then spend the time and effort necessary to find and know this Teacher—He Who can teach you all things and lead you to all truth? Is not the finding and knowing Him the most important thing in your life?

The way to Him is clearly shown you in the *Impersonal Work* and every help is given you to find Him. No one who has ever had any of the Impersonal teachings can deny that. Then why not stick to them until you *do* find Him? When you do truly find Him, dear friend, you will never again be tempted to turn to any *outer* teacher or authority.

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## THE NEW CHRIST PICTURE

THOSE who saw the reproduction of the Christ Picture in the January issue, to which was given the title, "I ALONE AM," will be interested in learning the true meaning and purpose of the picture as conceived by the artist, and that the Art Pictures for framing will be much finer than the cut from which the one in the Magazine and the Christmas Cards were printed.

In the Art Pictures the expression around the eyes and mouth will be much clearer, the face will appear stronger, more loving and more all-knowing, and all the fine points of the original will stand out with striking effect.

It can easily be seen that this is not the picture of the Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified Saviour, that the world knows and remembers, Whose trials and suffering have so often been portrayed by innumerable artists. But it is our artist's concept of Jesus Christ, the *Perfect Man*—the Image and Likeness of God—the *True Self of every man*.

In other words, deep within every man is this Beautiful, All-Wise, All-Loving, All-Powerful, Perfect One, Whom the world knows not. But the souls of all Lovers of Christ know Him as I AM, the Beloved One, the Christ, Who is the Light that lighteth them and is the Source of all that they are.

Now think of these words, "I ALONE AM," when you look at this picture of Him, and you will understand their great significance.

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## YOU AND I

NEITHER are you wholly right, my friend;  
Nor am I wholly wrong.  
Our concepts each to each must be  
As much of Truth as we can see;  
And so until the journey's end  
Let us give and take . . . E'er long,  
Perchance, we'll strike the self-same key  
And understand Life's Harmony.

## BILLIE

**T**HE story of a little girl who "knewed" things most grown folks did not know, who went places consciously in spirit, and played with invisible playmates.

By Maud F. Robinson

**T**HE DAY I first moved into the hotel where I am now staying, I noticed a little blond girl in the halls. She seemed lively enough but was pale and thin almost to emaciation.

As the days passed I noticed that she spent a great deal of time in Babe's—the landlady's—apartment, and that Babe was busy—and happy—in making her a great many new clothes and buying her shoes and stockings, etc. Gradually I learned that her name was Billie, that she and her mother Pat had come to the hotel but a few weeks before; that Pat, the mother, was but nineteen years old and very shiftless and unstable and unreliable. One glance at Pat, when I met her, seemed to bear out all that had been said of her.

I found that she "chased the streets" most of the night and slept a great part of the day, leaving little Billie to get along as best she might. When they first came here Pat would open their door in the morning and let little Billie out in the hall, with nothing but a rag pinned around her that had served as a night dress. There was usually a bottle of milk in the room, but no attempt made to see that it was fresh and wholesome. Pushed out in the hall alone, there was little for the child to do, so she naturally went in the open door of the landlady's apartment.

Babe has had no children of her own, but she loves them and couldn't turn away from this helpless mite's plight. She took her in and fed her, and started in at once to see that she had proper clothing. Little Billie responded to this expression of loving care, and in two or three weeks began to blossom like a flower. She adores Babe, and it is beautiful to see the simple childish faith she has that Babe will provide all that she needs. Babe is now far more her real mother than Pat.

Billie has naturally a very sweet disposition, but her mother had spoiled her and she was inclined to be whiney, etc. Babe has many duties, of course, and could not permit Billie to cry and

fuss all the time. So she has taught her to overcome those mean little habits and to obey her—when she stays with her. One morning, when I was there, Billie began to cry that she wanted a plate for her marbles, but none of us could understand what she said. Babe said to her, "Billie you have nothing to cry about. Stop it right now. Tell me or ask me for what you want and I will give it to you, if I can."

The little face cleared up at once, and smiled and said, "I want a plate for my marbles." Babe answered, "Is that all you say when you want something?" Quickly Billie added, "Please, Babe." Of course the dish was forthcoming at once. A few days later, Billie came running into my room with a new dress on and everything to match. I said, "What a pretty dress, Billie! Where did you get it? And those nice shoes?"

She smiled and said, "Babe gived them to me. Babe says I just have to tell her what I want or like, and she'll get it."

She had practically no playthings when she came here, but that did not stop her from having a very happy time. She would take one or two of the most ordinary objects, like spools of thread, and they would become whatever she wished them to be. One day she took Babe's thimble and put it on the middle finger of her right hand, and it became her "baby girl." One of the tenants noticed her putting the thimble on the bed and covering it. This woman said to her, "Is your little girl sick?" That puzzled Billie, to whom sickness was evidently a new idea. The woman went on and said, "You had better get the doctor. He will make her well."

At that Billie smiled, and danced out into the hall and stood a few minutes; then came quietly back. I had been watching her, and said, "Did you see the doctor? Where is he—out in the hall?" She came and leaned against me and said, "Why, he is everywhere, don't you know that?" I immediately said, "Of course, Billie, but what did the doctor say about your little girl?" She looked around and lowered her voice a bit as she said, "He said she was all right; there isn't anything the matter; just let her rest. And now He is resting her." I said, "That is fine, Billie. You do what the doctor said." She lingered at my side a moment, then said, "You know the doctor what's resting her, don't you?" This was the second time she had looked con-

fidently at me and said, "You know, don't you?" Of course I said that I knew the Doctor.

After that she fell into the habit of coming up to my room nearly every day. She would play with whatever I gave her, but she liked the Bible most. I tried to give her magazines with pictures, but she would push them away and say, "I want the book." She would stand by the bed for a long time, just turning the leaves carefully. I am not much of a singer, but one day while she was here and I was busy I started to sing, "There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus; no not one." That is all that I remember of the song. Billie dropped her playthings at once, and said, "Now that is singing. Sing it some more."

Sometime after this Billie began to complain of a hurt in her head. She was taken to a doctor. This was during the period when I was working at the maternity home, so I did not hear of it till later. The doctor said she must have her tonsils and adenoids removed at once. Babe and two or three others in the hotel raised the money for the operation. Pat who had completely ignored the child before, became very solicitous for a few days. The second night after the operation Babe had to go out in the evening and asked Pat to come in and stay with Billie. She was very gracious and willing about it at first, but after Babe had gone and while I was sitting talking to the child, some man phoned and wanted Pat to go out. I heard her say, "Oh, gee, I can't; I have to stay with the kid. Babe *would* have to go somewhere just when I had a chance for a date." When she came back where we were, she was very pouty, sullen and sharp with Billie.

The next morning she took Billie to the home of a friend and left her. Some weeks later Billie came back to spend a day in the hotel, and it seemed as if all of Babe's training had been undone. She spoke to Pat about it and Pat was rather surly, but took Billie away from the friend and left her with another woman who cares for children.

We all missed Billie very much, but tried to think she was receiving better care than her mother gave her. About ten days ago, I heard a little commotion in the hall and on opening my door saw Billie standing there dressed in cow-boy costume, like so many of the children were then wearing in anticipation of the Fourth.

I was so happy to see her, and I said, "Why Billie, where have you been? I missed you so much." She climbed onto my lap and put her little arms around my neck and said, "Why I've been here all the time, every day."

Without stopping to think, I said, "Why, no you haven't, Billie. You've been away a long time. Haven't you been staying at some lady's house way off from here?"

"Oh, yes," Billie answered, "I stayed with Betty Jones, but I lived here all the time. Every day I was in Babe's room, and up here, and I rode my bicycle in the hall."

She looked straight into my eyes as though seeking to know whether I would dispute her claim. I said, "Oh, I see. Of course you were here."

Not quite satisfied, she said, "I did stayed at Betty's and lived here, didn't I?"

I realized at once what had happened, and I said, "I think you lived here Billie. But what did you do where you stayed? Were there other children there?"

She told me there were some girls there, and one boy named Dukie, who was a very nice little boy. She said she played some with them, but she was here too, and that once she brought Dukie with her. I asked her what I was doing when she came to see me, and she said that sometimes I was writing and sometimes I was reading, and one day I was lying down on the bed and had the light on in the daytime. As the last is not true to my knowledge, I wondered if she might have come in consciousness at noon some time, because she added, "It was such a nice light." Then she went on to say that sometimes she came and I wasn't here at all; but some days the door was way open and she walked right in. It was only since she went away that the heat became so intense in my little room here that I had to keep my door open.

I asked her what else I did when she came, and after a minute she said that one day I put a pretty dress on that had beads in the front, and walked right down stairs to Babe's, and she went with me. One day while she was gone I remembered taking out a dinner gown which had grown too tight for me—the last time I tried to wear it. By mistake I put it on backwards and to my

surprise noticed that it fit me better that way, and looked better, as it is just what is being worn right now, built up to the neck line and a little lower in the back. And I did walk down to Babe's apartment and asked her if she could see what I had done to my dress.

Then I questioned her as to what Babe was doing when she, Billie, lived here while staying at Betty's. First she said, "Oh lots of things." Then she smiled and said, "One night I was here, and she was all alone down stairs, and was almost wanting to cry, and I sat on her lap till she felt better; then I went away. But Babe said when I got down, "I wish Pat would bring Billie back."

Then she danced around and laughed happily, and said, "And then pretty soon Pat did, and I came here like now."

"Because Babe wanted you so much?" I asked. "Yes, and, cause I wanted her so much," she answered.

This of course is how she gave me the lesson in the law of manifesting.

The next afternoon I took her down town with me. We passed a shoe store that had a display of sandals in the window. These seemed to excite and fascinate her. She danced up and down and said, "Look! Look at those without any toes in them. That's the kind *they* wear." I said, "Who, Billie; the little girls where you stayed?

"No, No. I mean they—the little girls and everybody where I go." I let her stand and admire them a few minutes, then took her hand to go on; but after a few steps ahead she asked if she could go back and look. I went back with her and she gazed at them quite a while, and then asked me if people here wore that kind and if I thought she could have some without any toes in them. I said that if Babe knew she wanted sandals, perhaps she could have some.

"Sandals," she said, "Yes that's what they are." It was several minutes before she came back to what was around her in the street.

Billie has been with me many hours everyday since then. Late in the afternoon a few days ago, I saw that she was tired from much playing, and I took her on my lap where I was sitting

by the window which overlooks a downtown street. We did not say anything for quite a while; then Billie looked up at me and said, "You haven't any little girls here have you?"

When I said no, she smiled, and said, "But you have a little boy there, where I go, 'cause I've seen him." I tried to find out more about this little boy, for I have never had any children; but I did have a little brother who died in infancy. Evidently she couldn't remember much about him, or didn't want to talk, for all I could get was that he was "a nice little boy."

Then after a pause, she said, "You have mans there too—one, two, three, five; I don't know how many."

I asked her if she knew their names or what they looked like, and how she knew they were mine, as she said. She shook her head, and then said, "I just know they are yours, but I can't remember any more now but just one. He is an old man and he is nice just like you, and he likes me and holds me sometimes just like this. They all call him— . . . Here she stopped and it seemed an effort to remember for a moment, and then she laughed so happily, and said, "Oh I know. It's Uncle Lew!"

I must have gasped, for she turned quickly in my arms, and said, "What's the matter. You know him, don't you?"

My father's name was Lewis, and all the children in the town called him Uncle Lew. I said, "Yes, dear, I know him, but I think I called him Daddy." She sighed and said she guessed I did. Then she snuggled closer and said, "You and I know lots of nice things, don't we; only we don't talk about them much."

With that she closed her eyes and went to sleep in my arms.

This seems a fitting place to stop but I can't refrain from another incident. Billie had been in Pat's room in the early evening, but Pat had gone out and left her. She became sleepy and started to undress, but could find no pajamas. She came into Babe's apartment. Babe gave her a little ice cream, and then said, "Come on Billie, it is time to go to bed. Come let me put on your pajamas. I bought you some new ones to-day."

"I knowed it," was Billie's reply. "How did you know it?" Babe asked her.

Billie just smiled and said, "Well I couldn't find any in there, so I just *knowed* you'd have some for me."

## “DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?”

WHEN bewildered in the labyrinth of possible courses of action while trying to solve the problems of our daily lives, have we sought an acid test—one that could be applied under any and all circumstances, and never be found wanting?

In my frantic efforts not to permit the self to be the object of solicitous care, I have committed many errors in behalf of my brothers.

In my anxious attempts to stand upon the neck of a self-righteous one, I have trod often upon the liberties of my neighbor.

Where could I find an acid test, whereby I might know that my action would eventually result in the most good to the greatest number?

Where could I find an acid test, whereby I might know that even the service I render myself will ultimately rebound to the benefit of the whole?

When I ask myself the question: “Would it be good for you?” or “Would it be proper for me?” I inevitably become lost in a maze of entanglements.

The perfect acid test I finally found in trying to answer this question:

“DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?”

Ah! Now have I risen above personalities. I stumble not in another's path, I slip not in my own; for I am heading toward the ALL.

Is this the acid test? Can we apply it safely? Let us try it.

For the one who walks each step of the Way, who must test each rung of the ladder that leads from mortality to divinity, there can be no surer, safer guide than making oneself always measure up to this question:

“DOES IT GLORIFY GOD?”

—Freda Gusky

# THE TREASURES OF THE AIR

By DAVID SARNOFF

President of the Radio Corporation of America

SIDE by side with the development of radio and television, human ingenuity is evolving another method of aerial correspondence. I refer to the immediate transfer by radio of facsimile documents through the ether. Man writes a letter and—presto!—its exact image appears somewhere 3,000 miles away. The technical problem of transmitting photographs, letters, telegrams, and printed pages of newspapers in facsimile through the ether is solved already within certain limits. The facsimile transmission of documents presents fewer problems than television, because it need not be instantaneous and is not synchronized with sound.

Ether delivery will one day be developed so that I will be able to write a letter at my desk and have that letter transmitted in facsimile almost instantly to Australia. My correspondent in Australia should be able to reply within a few minutes. Then it would not take more time to transmit his reply than to dictate the letter.

Men may read their home paper, reproduced electrically, on board of an ocean liner or an airship. We have not reached this point as yet, but it is a development that will come within our lifetime.

The wealth of the earth may be exhaustible, but we have not even tapped the treasures of the air. In the future man's blessings and man's wealth may come to him from above. Even today we exploit the air not merely for transportation and communication; we actually extract from it nitrogen to fertilize our crops. There are other elements in the aerial ocean only waiting to be released. The cosmic ray may unlock new unsuspected sources of energy.

The air is full of "static" electricity. Today static is only a nuisance. Some day a battery may be invented to convert static electricity and to make it dynamic. It may snatch out of the air energy that can be harnessed to many uses. Pushing onward, we may draw directly energy from the sun and light from the moon.

Who can foretell the next move, or tell if the new inventions will bring happiness, good will, and peace to man?

The radio, television, and other modern scientific devices cannot change the fundamentals of human nature.

I do not share the terror of the mechanical age, preached by some philosophers and endorsed by the befuddled economists. They tell us that we are becoming the slaves of the machine, they frighten us with the cry of "technocracy," and insist that every new mechanical device throws thousands out of work who will never find employment again. To me, this seems arrant nonsense. Civilization means elimination of unnecessary labor. The sewing machine and the vacuum cleaner save millions of women from backbreaking toil. The tractor makes the farmer's life bearable. The automobile lends wings to us all. The airplane is our magic carpet.

It would be madness to slow up invention because of a mistaken philosophy. Our trouble is not that mechanical science moves too speedily, but that the governmental and social sciences move too slowly. They fail to keep step with progress.

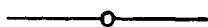
If man is to live up to his destiny, he must recognize the necessity of constant movement in a dynamic world. Man's primary difficulty, I repeat, is his slowness to adjust himself socially and economically to the speed of mechanical progress. We must make our social and political forces move faster.

We do not need the totalitarian state, the complete submergence of individualism, demanded by the "isms" of the day. There is, there must be, a democratic formula for ending the barren conflict between politics and economics. In such a conflict politics temporarily wins, because the politician can transform his will into law. But in the end economics wins, because its immutable laws supersede the man-made laws of dictators. The conflict between the two, while it lasts, creates prejudice and disorder and leads—unless checked—to the survival of the unfittest.

What the world needs most is a new philosophy, providing the laborer, the financier, and the statesman with a common ideal and a common objective. We must learn to live and to let live. We must accept reasonable restrictions of personal freedom while preserving its essence, and we must admit that all people are entitled to better things and a higher standard of living.

Man will find his way to a more abundant future, the future I prophesy, not by defying but by applying the forces of science. In a world reorganized to vibrate within certain wave bands, human intelligence will be able to distribute equitably nature's bounties from above and below, and make princes of paupers. Science will create for us a new heaven on a new earth!

—As told to George Sylvester Viereck, in *Liberty Magazine* under title of "After Television—What?"

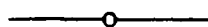


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## WHOSOEVER WILL

"O TENDER One, O mighty One,  
Whoever sent away  
The sinner or the sufferer,  
Thou art the same today.

The same in love, the same in power,  
And Thou art waiting still  
To heal the multitudes that come,  
Yea, whosoever will."

# JESUS CHRIST

## IX

YE HAVE learned that Jesus of Nazareth was but a symbol or thought-picture of Me, the Christ of every man, sent forth into the world of men's consciousness to show them the Image and Likeness of My Father that dwells in every man, and which, when man grows to his fruitage, he will outpicture in his life as I showed to the world in My Life as the Man of Nazareth.

Therefore, ye may know that every phase of the life of Jesus of Nazareth was to illustrate in perfect form to man what someday I will show forth in *his* life, after I have unfolded My Consciousness in him sufficiently so I can come forth as the Light within him and can dwell in his *soul*, and thus make him aware of My Presence in his heart as My Father's Love.

The awakening of Love in the heart is outpictured as the birth of the Babe Jesus in the manger, where the animals feed; or the birth of the Christ in the purified animal nature.

This birth is often called by illumined ones the First Baptism, or the baptism of the *soul* by the Holy Spirit, or my Father's Love. But Love at first is like a babe; while It changes the life of those to whom It comes, yet at the first It is feeble and must be wisely and carefully nourished, so that It will grow in strength and understanding. At the age of twelve the first evidence of Its true nature is shown by Jesus, when He sought and entered the Temple without the knowledge of His parents, and there sat with the Teachers, both listening to their teaching and asking them questions, amazing them with His deep understanding.

So at this symbolical age of twelve will I as Love in the reborn soul show forth My Presence in the consciousness as knowledge and understanding that will confound the wise of the world, even those claiming to be My Ministers.

After the twelve year age I bring to the mind many outer and inner teachers and teachings, in order to unfold to it not only all the knowledge that the world can provide, mixed with its varied sophistries, fallacies and errors, but all the wisdom of the ages available in the different religions, including all their hidden wisdom;

until the mind has learned perfectly to listen to My Voice and to know Me as its only *real* Teacher and its only *sure* Authority.

Thus the symbolical age of thirty is reached and the consciousness of the mind has developed and unfolded in understanding and power, and it is ready for its Baptism; for it is now able to abide in My Consciousness and My Word can abide in it and be its one and only Guide.

This is called the Second Baptism, or the baptism of the *mind* by My Father's Holy Spirit, or His Divine Love. This means that the mind can now receive of and be filled with My Consciousness, so that a Son of God, its Father in Heaven, can enter and take complete possession and be its one and only Self.

Remember that I, the Holy Spirit of God, the Only Begotten Son, came forth in the beginning from the Father as the Christ, or His Holy Consciousness, which was the only Consciousness of every Son of God, Who as the Higher and Real Self of every man in the world is ever guiding and is ever responsible for his every thought, word and act.

But as the Christ I came to redeem the world, which means the outer consciousness as well as the soul of every man; and by coming as a thought-picture to the world of humanity's consciousness as Jesus of Nazareth, My Father's Concept of the perfect Man, I thereby became a Light or an Ideal which serves to quicken, illumine and inspire the minds of men—even as I as a Son of God within the awakened soul quicken the soul and thereby am able to get the mind to listen to and obey My Voice speaking from out the soul.

So at the age of thirty, or of the matured mind fully ripened by Love—My Light within, the Holy Spirit can come forth (or descend as a dove) from My Consciousness in the soul and possess the mind, making mind and soul One in My Consciousness.

Thus ye can see that the First Baptism takes place at the Birth of the Christ in the soul, or at the descent or coming forth of the Holy Spirit or Son of God into the soul. While the Second Baptism takes place at the maturity or ripened perfection of the Christ or the Love Nature, when the Holy Spirit or Divine Self comes forth from the soul and takes complete possession of the

mind, and the Spirit, soul and mind then become One Consciousness, My Consciousness on earth even as in Heaven.

Then and not until then can My Work be done on earth as planned in Heaven. Only then has the channel of the human mind become purified and its consciousness redeemed, so that a Son of God can freely and fully use it for the work in My Ministry for which all past lives on earth have been a preparation. And not even then—until the human expression has been fully tested, and has proven that the prince of this world can find nothing of self left in it.

My true disciples willingly submit themselves thus to be tested and proven in these last days, for they know the glory of Union with Me that awaits.

Many disciples are now being tempted by the prince of this world, who if ye but know it is the means I use to test and prove all candidates for Christhood, those who aspire to enter the Kingdom of My Consciousness and to abide therein. For can ye not see, there must be nothing left in the world of self that can draw them away from Me—they who would be fully One with Me?

Therefore I must need use the tempter until ye are wholly pure and free from self's power, and ye can say like Jesus of Nazareth, *"Get thee hence, Satan; thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve;"* so that the devil leaveth thee, and the angels can come and henceforth minister unto thee.

The proven Christed man then begins his ministry, in the particular part of My Work he has been fitted to do, and many souls are brought into the Light of Christ and enabled to walk therein through his efforts. Being now a pure channel through which My Love can pour, his special fitness permits of new phases of Truth and a new and higher understanding of Me and of My Father God being given to man through him. Each of these phases of Truth complement one another and aid in expanding and rounding out the consciousness and making it easier to know Me, and to enter and abide in My Consciousness.

After the symbolic three years of such ministry, the Christed man is prepared for the betrayal, crucifixion and "death" of his human expression. He is now fully established in My Consciousness and is One with his Father in Heaven. This means

that nothing that can happen to his earthly body and personality—no amount of physical suffering, no “hurt” to his personal self—can now in any wise affect him or bring his consciousness back to self.

He has been doing his Father’s and My Work on earth even as it is being done in Heaven. He has proven that his consciousness is of Heaven and is no longer of earth, and therefore that he no longer needs a physical body as an instrument. For his mind has become his perfect instrument and can conceive for him a body and be in it any place he wills, or he can free himself from his body or cause it immediately to disappear; proving that he knows he is pure Spirit, that mind is Spirit’s perfect servant, and body is mind’s perfect servant; that all are now under his perfect dominion; that he has therefore redeemed and lifted up all of their forces, and that there is no longer anything that can hold him to earth—no separate consciousness, no human self.

This proves that his work on earth is completed; that all the forces of his lower nature have been mastered and transmuted and have been made a part of his Christ Consciousness. The betrayal and crucifixion of the human self then is but a matter of form and serve but as symbolic illustrations of the final freeing of the consciousness of the soul from its earthly accretions.

The betrayal, the standing before his accusers, reviled, spat upon, stoned and then crucified—without descending once into the separate, personal consciousness, unaffected and undisturbed by none of it, because now being One with Me in My Consciousness—brings about the final release of the body consciousness, lifting it into oneness with that of the mind, soul and Spirit. And with Jesus of Nazareth he can then say, “*It is finished.*”

This is called the Third Baptism, or the baptism of the body by the Holy Spirit, so that it is no longer separate, which means mortal, but it also becomes spiritual—proven by Jesus’ body not being visible when the tomb was opened and it seemingly was not there.

Man’s work *on* the earth is then indeed finished, but not his work *for* the earth—that, his *real* work, then just begins. Being now One with Me, it remains only for him to prepare his disciples, before his final ascension, so that they will continue the de-

partment of My Work he started on earth. For ye must know that by this time he will have drawn to him many disciples who will have recognized Me, My Father's Holy Spirit in him.

With Jesus, he can then say unto them, *All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*"

He can then breathe on them and say, *"Receive ye the Holy Spirit. Whosoever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whosoever sins ye retain, they are retained,"*—and it will be so. And their minds will be opened so that they will understand the scriptures; and the power will be given them in My Name to cast out demons, to speak with new tongues, to take up serpents and drink deadly things and it will in nowise hurt them, and to lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

After which he shall ascend into the heavenly Jerusalem and sit down at the righthand of God, in company with innumerable hosts of angels, the general assembly, the church of the first-born, and the spirits of just men made perfect.

Then as a Perfected Man he is truly prepared to do My Work in Heaven as on earth, and as One with Me and My Father he will fill the place in the Heavenly Plan that was waiting for him when the earth was formed.

But through his disciples and My disciples will he now work, alongside of his Brothers in spirit, One with Them in My Consciousness, All-knowing, All-loving, and All-powerful. For I, the Light of the world, AM all that he is, and through him as a perfect channel I can now radiate My Father's Love and do My Father's Work and that special part of It for which I have been preparing him from the beginning.

The Peace and the Glory of the Christ Service is now wholly his.

# THE MYSTERY OF MAN

TO OUR physical eyes man is a body of flesh, but to our mental eyes he is much more and not so easily seen or found. We say, "I walk, I see, I think, I understand, I know." But what do we really mean when we use the pronoun "I." What is it that does these things? Does the eye see—or do "I" use the eye to see? Does my brain think, or do "I" use my brain to think? If "I" use these things, what am I?

Some will say that I am my mind, but why then do we use the word "my?" What is it that owns the body, the eye and the mind? If the mind is the highest part of us, how is it that we can change our minds, stop thinking of one thing and think of something else?

The "I" must be something higher than even the mind.

Again we ask: "What am I?"

Our intuition tells us that we are an invisible Power, or Something, living in us and using our body and mind to do Its wishes. Like God, the great Universal Spirit that lives and manifests in the visible Universe, so too are we Spirit, dwelling within our bodies, invisible, but knowable by our actions.

We are Spirit, not flesh. We own our body, not the body owns us. We ARE Souls, not we have Souls.

We are Spiritual Beings, here in this life, living in physical bodies, which we use to help us in our climb toward Perfection.

—The Great White Brotherhood, From *Humanity Magazine*.

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## ASPIRATION

O EYES of me,  
Look sharp and see  
The Godliness of things in life,  
That heart and mind  
Will grow in kind  
To likeness of His purity.

—Selected.

## FOOD—MATERIAL and SPIRITUAL

IN THE January issue of this Magazine was a thought-provoking article entitled, "*Do We Have to Eat,*" and in what follows readers interested in the subject will find what will give them further food for thought.

We publish this as additional confirmation of our previous efforts to impress upon all that there should be only one guide and authority for each follower of the Path, whether it be in the matter of eating material or spiritual food. Each has within him what will tell him what to eat or what not to eat, as is so clearly shown by the writer of the following letter.

Note that she was able to receive definite answers and directions in her need. This ability is open to every reader of these words who will watch carefully the impressions that come and will follow faithfully the previous directions given in this Magazine, and which are again repeated in the article "*How to Believe,*" and another phase of them in the Editorial, both of this issue.

Try to realize that there can be no hard and fast directions regarding any particular food that all persons should or should not eat, for each one is of a different type and has a different nature—not to speak of a different mind, with different thinking and believing powers. The old saying that "What is one man's meat is another man's poison" is very often true, because what one loves and believes is good for him will always be good—if he does not overeat of it; while what one *fears* often acts as a poison to him. If it were not for this fact, patent medicines would find very few buyers.

The writer of this letter, who lives in far away New Zealand, tells us in it of many things that are instructive and inspiring, and we pass them on to our readers, whose Higher Selves we know will point out to them what each one needs to know and apply in his or her life.

AS A CHILD I had what I came to look upon as my private game. A large square pit would appear before me, with a wall going across the middle of it and another wall crossing at right angles near the center. My part was always to start walking on top of the wall in front of me to the far side and never to

turn to the right or left when reaching the other wall half way across. I was always ready to venture across and found it quite thrilling.

Sometimes there were a few people in the pits. I found, if I took any notice of them, I would nearly over-balance and have to run the rest of the way to keep from falling. Then throwing myself on the grass I would lie awhile, breathing hard with excitement and pleasure as having managed it.

(The wall or path across the pit was the symbolic outpicturing to her mind of the straight and narrow way she must go to avoid falling into the pit, which she could easily do by taking her mind off the path and giving attention to the sense allurements of her lower nature, or when tempted to turn off the straight path that leads to the higher life.—The EDITOR).

I once asked some children what game they played when alone. One said she played with dolls, and another read, etc. I tried to explain to them my game, but it was plain to see that they did not understand—which surprised me. So I never mentioned it again, although it continued into my early teens.

I knew next to nothing of God. For some years we lived in a socialistic community in South America where religion was banned. However, circumstances so shaped themselves that at the age of thirteen I was sent to a school in England, the head of which was a real Christian woman who personally gave scripture teaching each morning. I was simply enthralled with it all and at times strangely affected; for instance when first hearing, "*Narrow is the gate and straight is the way that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it,*" I experienced a curious feeling which I could not understand; and I could not get the words out of my mind. I did not at the time connect them with my game, though I have of recent years; for I feel that the same Truth is being impressed upon me now as in those early days.

At the age of twenty an older friend, when reviewing my life, remarked that I had already had more experience than many have in a long life. The next twenty years or so brought many more of a more severe nature; by that time I was worn out mentally and physically.

One day, while down in the very depths, a big disturbance took place in the region of the solar plexus, which kept me quite prostrate. This happened several times within a few days. Then I heard a voice say, many times, "*Drink of the water of life freely.*"

I had always thought that had a purely spiritual meaning, yet strange to say I just had to drink water all the time. This went on for many weeks, during which time the Inner Voice spoke many times, and I saw many visions. I was told to "*Make ready, for the time of the Lord is at hand.*"

At first I literally drank gallons of water in the twenty-four hours. Later it was several quarts, and I do still, though this took place over five years ago. During those first weeks my life was changed, and the finding of the Kingdom became first in my life, except for a horrid time of reaction afterwards.

I have only recently realized that this experience was a spiritual rebirth, or the birth of the Christ-child in my heart. I had longed for that great event, and was not aware of it when it took place.

More than a year ago I was told again from within to "drink much water, eat little—and no meat." I did this, then a few weeks ago, feeling my progress was too slow, I asked my Higher Self how I could best hasten my progress; and was really surprised to hear again, "Drink much water; eat little." There are indeed many paths to the Kingdom.

I am losing all desire and need for food, but drink cold water constantly with relish, feeling I get all I require from it. The Loving One said, "My child, you do not require it," when I thought of taking a little more food at table. So I know all is well.

I am stronger mentally and physically than I have been for many years. I have lost only a few pounds in weight, which is rather surprising. At first relatives thought I must have diabetes, because of my drinking so much water. I was sure I did not have it, but saw a doctor to satisfy them; who assured them there was no sign whatever.

What interests me greatly is that other members of our family are losing desire for food and are drinking more water—not through any suggestion of mine, I never encouraged them to do so

—especially the last six months or so. One of the boys remarked, "Gosh, I drink a lot of water these days; the others in the office don't, yet I have to keep on getting a drink."

It is impossible to convey to you how thankful I am for the Impersonal Teachings. They are far more satisfying than anything I ever contacted before; though I have received help and been very grateful for other teachings. Your many presentations of *consciousness* have helped me very much. Years ago I used to say to myself, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you—what can that mean?" I could find no *satisfying* answer anywhere. But I found it in the Impersonal Teachings and rejoiced greatly. The articles "*Who You Are*," in November '35, and "*The Order of Melchizedek*," in February '36 issues, are like the most thrilling romance. Questions I would ask I find get answered in your subsequent articles or students' experiences—which I am thankful for, as a lot of time is saved.

I "Speak the Word" for many and visualize the Christ Light to change inharmonious conditions. The greatest results I have seen in our own home. The transformation there is wonderful, and I know will soon be much more so. I am regular with the "Noonday Service."

A few months ago my husband dreamed that he and I were surrounded by evil spirits, and that he was afraid on my account. After awhile we held hands and together drove them off "in the Name of Jesus Christ." About that same time I was awakened on three nights by a dreadful *smell*. The first night I could hardly stay in bed—it was so bad. The second night it was much less so, and the third night it was scarcely perceptible.

A few days ago on waking in the morning my husband said to me very earnestly, "You radiate something which I need; I feel at times if I could just hold your hand I could go forth and do *anything*." He does not study these teachings, at least not as they are presented. If he did, his personality would most likely question nearly every sentence. Yet I feel, especially of late, that inwardly he knows these truths and that they will soon come forth and express. I have "Spoken the Word" for him many times.

Five years ago I was strongly impressed that I must be the means of changing the outer lives of our family. The responsibility appeared great, especially as I did not know how effectually

even to begin. Within a few weeks the Impersonal Teachings were brought to me. In them I found the way to do it.

Dear friends, tears of joy come very near the surface when I think what they have meant and will mean to us. At that time I was also impressed that I would *teach* and *heal*! The very idea was rather startling—me, quiet, sensitive person, who never cared to talk with more than two or three people, preferably with only one.

You are the first people to know these things. I rejoiced over the proposed "School for Disciples" and have helped to visualize it. How I would love to attend. I cannot see how it is possible—but who knows?

**A** WEEK later: Things appear to be progressing rather rapidly. The last week I have been impressed, before dressing in the morning, to feel and pat my body all over from head to foot, while saying something like this.

"Little lives! Little lives! I, your God, command you to put every part in perfect order. I send you cleansing water, Truth thoughts, and words *which are Power!*" This has been improved upon from day to day.

For about two weeks now I have had an unusual feeling in my face when I was very still. After a number of times, I began to think some change must be taking place. Yesterday I asked the Father about it. This was His reply, "My child you are right; you are developing the "Body Beautiful," and *will in time shed this mask.*"

The Father then said, "Write these things," presumably to you, as I never write or say a word to anyone else. So I hasten to write them. But before doing so, to make sure, I said, "No, Father; what do you say?" Then I heard, "It is I. Be not afraid."

The amount of food I take now is—at night, one slice of stale whole-meal bread, or two granose wheaten biscuits and butter, sometimes an apple; nothing more until after the Noonday Service next day—when I have the same thing again.

I used to have vegetables, nuts, raisins, dates or cheese, but I have either lost desire for or have been impressed not to have them.

At the beginning of Winter I started having a cup of milk-cocoa in the morning, but was soon impressed that milk is clogging. Today, while having my lunch, I heard, "Butter is clogging. Every cell must be purified." So butter is to go.

I find water the most satisfying, which I drink continually, and will soon have that alone—under the Father's guidance. I have not done this without opposition and having to take a stand, though little notice is taken now.

I am able to get answers and impressions much more readily now—even about quite ordinary things. A few weeks ago I was impressed to deal at a certain grocers; my mind at once thought, "That will cost two or three shillings more a week." The Father said, "Do you limit My supply?" That settled it.

I was thinking of buying a bed-rug, and asked the Father if I should go to town that afternoon and get it. He said, "As you will—you will not need it." Thinking the others might need it, I went and got the rug. When it arrived I was strongly impressed to send it to—what we call—"The Comfort Ship," for the sick and aged poor.

I am looking forward to the time when communication will be less laborious.

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## WHAT IF YOU FAIL!

S. B.

WHAT though the heart break, if thou hast tried;  
What though the body fail, if thou hast died  
To life's illusions? Is this not gain?  
Does not "paid in full" balance thy pain?  
Does not thy soul rejoice, serving the Master;  
Do not thine eyes unveiled see something vaster  
Than broken heart, bleeding feet, self humbled low;  
Do not thy lips unsealed praise God t'is so?

Praise God that Jesus Christ—Love Divine—liveth.  
Death is o'ercome and the victory giveth  
Dominion over all . . . Is this not gain,  
Knowing thy Master forever shall reign?

## HOW TO BELIEVE

YES, beloved, I Am with you always, even if you do not know it. From earliest childhood I have guided and inspired you and caused you to do all things that you did.

Every day of your life I have shown you many things that you accepted and profited by—without your knowing it; and everyday I showed you many other things that in a way you accepted but did not heed or follow.

From the inharmony, difficulties, trouble and unhappiness that ensued, your mind is gradually being brought to that state where it is learning to heed and understand what I am showing it; that it is the way that I, your true self within, desire it to go or to do. And in time it will even be able to turn within and commune with Me, to ask Me questions and to be taught by Me whatever it seeks to know—when it learns to know My voice and to listen for it, as it speaks from out your heart.

After awhile, with practice, when needing to know anything, you will cause it to turn within to Me and say, "Father, explain this to me." And then I will impress you to say to your mind, "Be still, and know that because I Am, your all-knowing self, caused you to seek this knowledge, I Am ready to give it to you." And then continue speaking, taking no thought of what you shall say, just voicing the words that press forth for utterance and which I will put into your mind to say. Your mind will often be both amazed and pleased at the truth it thus learns.

The only difficulty will be to get your mind to *believe* that it is I, your own soul, the *real self* of you, that speaks, and that it is not mere imagination. But when something within impresses you with the truth of what I thus speak, know that if you will accept My words with childlike faith and trust and will *do the things that I say are needed to be done*, you will find that My words will always come true.

This means, however, a *perfect* faith and trust in Me when I thus speak—without the slightest doubt, question or wavering—just knowing that *if you do your part, I will do Mine*, and bring it to pass. For such is always My Purpose—in thus getting your attention and then promising you *what you need to have or know*

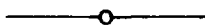
—first to test your faith, and then to prove to you My desire to give you every good thing you need.

When you have thus learned to turn to Me and to receive from Me, more and more I can get you to wait upon Me throughout the day, even as you are told on the back cover page of this Magazine.

In those words are hidden the power to gain all that your heart is yearning to attain; for when you have trained yourself to keep mind and heart fixed on Me, then I become *first* in your thoughts, and where your thoughts are centered there your consciousness is open to receive what awaits, and when the channel is thus open it is easy to inspire and show you all things you need to know.

Did not our Lord Christ say, "*If ye abide in Me and let My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you?*" That is because, when your consciousness is thus open to Me, it gradually becomes one with My consciousness—the consciousness of your Soul, *Who I Am*.

The Lord Christ speaks for every Soul to every human expression in these immortal words of Truth. They are His and My promise to you, beloved, and Our promise is always fulfilled, when you do your part.



WE HAVE caught the vision of the "I Am," and now is the day for the application of this vision."

"The only way to produce perfection is to know the Father within us."

"Truth IS—and our part is adjustment with Truth."

"God takes no time, the speed of God is instantaneous."

"You must learn to ride the horse that threw you."

"What does your neighbor think of you? What does God think of you? That you are a child of God is all that matters."

—Excerpts from address by *Ruth Hacking*.

# THE SECRET OF WORK

K. A. C.

**W**ORK is a thing in itself—all work, any work, and it holds a secret. It contains its own meaning, and when you know the meaning of anything, you are at peace with it.

While you frantically beat your wings against it and hate it, the work still remains as it is in itself, but you do not remain the same as you are in yourself; you have gone outside of your own consciousness of light, into the darkness of hate, so you are living in darkness. No wonder you cannot see.

It is said that everything is under the control of the Will except Love, and that Love alone is free. That is why you often hear people say "I wish I could love such and such, or so and so; but I have tried, and I can't."

You will find instant relief if, while feeling that you hate your work and cannot understand why you are tied to it, you will nevertheless bless it.

You can say, "I may not understand you, or feel that I can love you, but at least I can bless you, the work of my hands."

This is an Act of Love, and if you will "do this thing, and that thing, and a thousand things whose end is Love," Love will recognize it, and will come to give Life to your blessing.

So through the Great Reconciler, you too will become reconciled, and you will enter into all things and be free.

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## BEAUTY

**O** WHAT majesty of beauty  
In a soul at one with God;  
What glory in the light  
Of a mind attuned to Him;  
What sweetness in the presence  
Of a heart where He abides!  
O what Peace there is  
Surrendered to His Love!

—Virginia T. Reese.

## AN EXPERIENCE WITH AUTOMATIC WRITING

IN ONE of THE INNER LIFE numbers was an article on "Automatic Writing" that was very interesting to me, and tallied with an experience I had, so much so that I am going to give you an outline of it.

Spiritualism usually is the first step up the ladder to higher things, and eighteen years ago I started searching around through the maze of this branch of study for some proof of something beyond this life. After about six months I began fooling with an Ouija Board and from that into the writing. I wrote page after page of stuff, none of it worth the paper it was written on; but I kept on in the hope I would get something worth-while.

It wasn't long before a condition fastened itself on me that was anything but pleasant. I heard voices almost incessantly and they were not nice things they said. Had I not been terribly strong in health and rather stubborn-natured they probably would have conquered; but I was determined not to be bested, although it took me over two years to free myself entirely.

From the Inner Self, to me then unknown, I have realized since that the only way to remove them was to rise above the source of those voices, and so I tried the best I knew how to do this. It was a long battle and I learned a very valuable lesson. But even then I didn't realize it was the writing had brought this on.

It was through this experience, though, that I began a deeper study of all the phenomena I had come across during the "spiritualist reign." Much stuff and nonsense I had contacted, but I knew that there must be a deeper truth beyond, and I was determined to reach that and was led from one thing to another in my search.

I still now and then would try the writing and although I never had the bad results again, I cannot say I ever received anything worth-while.

Three years ago I heard Manly P. Hall in his lectures here, and he touched on this subject and said that any one who persisted in

this would be born in the next life with a shriveled arm, because the substance that went into the building of the next body would be burned up. Needless to say I have never since that day tried it again.

When I look back over those years I have so very much to be grateful for, for in all my stumbling around there was always that guiding Presence, leading me carefully through the maze and out into the light of true understanding. How glad I am that I went through it all; each lesson was worth a king's ransom to me now, and I feel sure as I advance further up the ladder their value will increase with each ascending step.

Just now I have very little time for concentration, but each morning before I leave the house I have a few minutes and place myself in the hands of my Higher Self for the day. I give the day and my work entirely into the Father's Hands, and while disturbances of all kinds come up around me none of it seems to touch me. My home life seems actually to shine with harmony, and at work it is the same.

Thursday of this week I had a wonderful experience. I seemed to get into a Light during my morning devotion that was beyond describing. I have to walk just a short distance to the car line, and I left the house filled with joy and walked to the corner, where I met a young neighbor, and said, "Good morning, isn't this a grand morning!"

She smiled but looked sort of puzzled; and then I noticed that it was foggy and drizzling. Until then I had walked there from the house, and it was as bright and cheerful as though the sun was shining fully.

I was so thrilled over this it stayed with me all day. I had seen through to the "Real."

—V. G.

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THE Commercialized world knows there is a gold mine in the human stomach and exploits it to such a degree as to keep the whole world sick—all for the love of a dollar.—Neil Place.

# THE IMPERSONAL WORK

**I**N THIS Department will be included teachings and truths for more advanced students, especially for those who have received the monthly lessons in the sixty-five issued Papers.

Some of our readers perhaps may not be able to grasp these truths, but we urge if so that they reserve them for future study and consideration, as they will contain matter of vital moment to the soul, when it is grown ready to receive and use it as intended.

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## KNOWING THE TRUTH OF YOURSELF

**I**T IS interesting to note how difficult it is for even earnest students to miss certain truths we repeatedly try to impress upon them.

Every once in a while someone writes us of an illumination that came whereby he or she finally perceived one of these important truths and was greatly helped thereby, although it may have been clearly presented in different ways many times before. This time, however, it was fully grasped.

As often as we have explained about the *soul consciousness* and the necessity of every disciple of Christ being able consciously to retire back into that consciousness and to free himself from the dominance of the outer mind, only a small fraction of those who read fully understand and make any definite efforts to practice and prove what is shown. Yet it is the most important step they can take at this time, for it at once puts them in a different and higher realm of consciousness than those still held in the realm of the outer mind.

The following letter is a clear illustration of how an earnest and well intentioned student wholly misunderstood our teaching on the soul, if indeed he had carefully read it and tried to understand. Instead, it is quite evident he had accepted explanations of other teachers and has no clear comprehension of the exact difference between mind, soul and spirit.

Dear Mr. Editor:

You have so much in your little magazine that is fine and true, that which enlightens many all over the world; but there is much also of what one may call "chaff" that I am inclined to

have my little "say"—your suggestion in the Editorial entitled "*The Law*."

First of all, having read both *The King's Chamber* and *The Great Pyramid* booklets, and recognizing in their words the true Christ Spirit (which is to let the Lord's Will be made manifest in us), I feel that in discussing "*The King's Chamber*" you are not truly entering into the spirit of it.

You say, "We showed how definitely to begin to practice mastery over the mind and its thinking processes. If you were interested enough in what was held out as possible in the article, '*The Next Two Years*,' to study it carefully and to *make yourself* do what was suggested, etc." And in the next paragraph, "But if interested and you found yourself unable to do what was suggested, and you truly *wish to become master of your mind, to make it think what you want it to think, to concentrate all its forces wherever you direct*, etc." "The time has come when every earnest student of Truth must make consistent and determined efforts to rule his every thought, word and act, to demonstrate that he has grown up mentally and spiritually, and that he knows he is a soul, and is not his mind and body."

I have copied your words and if you will sincerely reread them and face the facts, you will know that they are directly opposing the teachings of Christ. These words above are words of striving, of concentrating on one thing, pushing away another. Although you say we are speaking of souls, the *real* of us, we can really approach our souls, the Inner of ourselves, in one way only. And that is by *letting* go of all ideas of accomplishing something ourselves, letting the Father within do the works.

For what do we know of the wonders and glory of the Soul, when we say we wish to become master of the mind, to make it think what we want it to think, and so on? The only way we can truly begin to know the Lord, our Father within, is to realize that we are the temple of God, and that only as we stop trying to rule our own mind, divide it against itself, can we truly *be still* and let the Spirit within us direct our every thought, word and act.

Jesus said, "*Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*" We can never know the Kingdom of Heaven within us

unless we look upon ourselves as little children, trusting in God and knowing that He will direct us in all things, if we will but let His Spirit within come forth. There is too much striving and fighting in this world now; some striving and fighting for evil, and some striving and fighting for good—both are from the same tree of Good and Evil. There is a Peace that passeth understanding in the words of Jesus, "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*"

## OUR REPLY:

Your letter received and read carefully, and while we feel your intentions are sincere and good, yet it is very evident that you failed altogether to get the true meaning of our articles, "*The Law*" and "*The Next Two Years*," as well as failed to understand what we have been explaining in our several articles about the Soul and its most important part in the guidance and direction of the outer man.

When we say we fully agree with all that you write in the last part of your letter, beginning with "Jesus said, etc.," you can see that there must be something wrong with your understanding of our meaning. For when you say we must "stop trying to rule over our mind, *divide it against itself*, and be still and let the spirit within us direct our every thought, word and act," it shows clearly you do not know your own mind, its thought processes and whence come the inspiration and direction of all your thinking, speaking and acting; for how could you or why would you "divide the mind against itself," *when you rule it*?

Who is this "you" that is able to rule the mind—*truly rule* it, we mean? *Whose* mind is it? What is its purpose in your life? Try also to answer the following questions:

How can you "be still," without *making* your mind and self and all its forces be still? How can you "let go," without *requiring* your mind and self to become as a little child, so that you can be unhindered by them and can do what you know you should do?

Think you that the you—that part you call "you"—can let go of itself? If so, why does it not "let go" and why does it not

"be still," when you want it to, so much? Who—what enables you to "let go" or "be still," when you are made ready to do this? Or putting it in another way, why do you not let go "of all ideas of accomplishing something yourself and "let the Father within do the work?" What part of you is it that "lets go" or is "still?"

Do you mean that you are to do nothing in life—are not to *make yourself* do anything, but are just to drift along on the current of life and to let the winds and waves—the forces of your lower nature—blow you where they will? You know, if you think carefully, that cannot be. You must do something—nay, must do much, if you are to get anywhere at all. But there will come a time when you have taught and trained your mind and all the forces of your nature to obey you—and *not before*, that this mind and all these forces that make up your lower self will become as a little child, and will *let you*, their lord and master, do the work you came here to do and for which all your past life has been a preparation.

If this is so, then what is wrong with your understanding of Jesus' words, and why did He give to us His many commandments? How are we to obey them, if we are to do nothing ourselves?

Dear friend, until you learn the true meaning and purpose of your mind, soul and Spirit, and their relation to you, their lord and master, know who you truly are and of *what* you are a part, and your exact relation to our Father-God and to our Lord Jesus Christ, you will wander in the wilderness of outer-teachings and authorities and be lost in a maze of confusion and misunderstanding."

We then urged that the writer himself go back and carefully re-read the articles mentioned, in the light of the above, or better yet, read and truly study the articles teaching about the Soul and the Mind, especially the Mind articles beginning with the June 1934 issue; or get our *Way Out Study Course* on the Mind and *The Inner Life Study Course* on the Soul, and stay with each statement in them until all of the inner meaning is clear—before going on to the next.

In so doing, however, that it would be necessary to lay aside all previously accepted beliefs and authorities about the Mind, Soul

and Spirit, and to let his Higher Self point out to him His confirmation, explanation and meaning about every statement read. That in this way only will he get the true understanding that awaits.

IT IS quite evident that many get only an intellectual comprehension of the difference between the outer and the inner consciousness, but that seems to satisfy, for it is as far as they go. They think there is only the outer self and the Father or Lord within—that all the outer man needs is to let go, and immediately he is in the Kingdom. They do not as yet realize that they as souls are growing in understanding and strength of will, and they cannot teach their minds or the outer self cannot do (“let go” or “be still”) what they as souls do not as yet know or can not as yet make their outer selves do.

These words are probably as Greek to them, and they may therefore feel that we do not know what we are talking about as did our friend, as he plainly indicates in his letter.

There has been enough definite instruction in the pages of this Magazine, however, to enable anyone who desires to do so to understand just what we mean and to enter at will into the inner or soul consciousness and to work from there as long as needed.

In fact, as we have before stated, many older souls retire into that consciousness frequently each day—but *they do not realize it*. It would be easy *for them* to do it *consciously*, if they would take the pains to follow the directions given, so as to be able to prove to themselves that they can *make* themselves—or their minds—do what they want them to do.

We showed last month how humanity is supposed to have grown up and that as souls men must now take charge of their lives; and whether they realize it or not, their outer consciousness is getting close to the inner world where what they think, say or do is beginning immediately to react upon them and to outmanifest before their eyes.

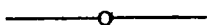
We asked you to consider carefully just what this means and how the illusion of *time* and *space* eventually, as we learn more of the truth of our being, will wholly disappear. We did not put it in just those words, but those who studied with understanding what was said in the article will know our meaning.

If the King's Chamber is our inner and real world, the world of our souls, and before we can consciously be in the King's Chamber we must know ourselves as souls and be able to retire into our soul consciousness at will, it then behooves us to free our minds as quickly as possible of all belief in time and space.

We reasoned out carefully for you last month, showing just how time and space *are* illusions and that *they do not exist in the soul realm* or the inner world of consciousness. And every true healer or metaphysician has learned that by perfectly *knowing the truth* for anyone or of anything, time and space are annihilated and the truth immediately outmanifests. Then let us consider again just what "knowing the truth" entails. Does it not mean that your mind must know the truth equally with you, causing it to be a perfect knowing? And has not all your efforts from the beginning been to teach your mind the truth from within as fast as it could receive it, so that it might know even as you know?

Then it is about time that you *required your mind consciously* to wait upon and know you as its teacher and master, and that you *make it* study and stay with these helps until it fully understands and works with you. Those of you who are beginning to get a glimpse of what we mean, we know will get busy and do what is stated.

We will leave these thoughts with you, hoping this time we have impressed most forcibly upon you the importance of doing what we have suggested so often before.



## WHAT AWAITS THE EARNEST ONES

**A** GREAT change has taken place in my life since taking these lessons. No one knows how much inner development I have made, but I surely do.—Elimination of fear, a peace and contentment beyond words.

It used to be, a few years ago when my kiddies would show the first sign of sickness, that I would be scared so I could hardly see. The other day my oldest girl became ill, but I said to myself, "I do not see her so;" then I put her to bed and went about my work, and in half an hour she was up dressed and gone for her music. Usually it would have meant days in bed for her.

And when I got the flu last week I declared, all was God's Consciousness, all night; and was up doing all my work in the morning. It works, I know, and the glory of proving it!

Another time that I proved the Truth was a few months before my baby was born. My husband became infatuated with another woman, one with lots of money, who offered him everything to get him to go with her.

At first it was terrible to me. I went to a teacher here and she said I should leave him, take her money, etc. That wasn't love to me, so I tell you what I did. I read *The Impersonal Life* constantly and held only thoughts of love for both of them, trying to know that God knew best, and would take care of me and the children. Then I hung on the best I could. It was very hard and when I'd go to bed at night it was all so dark I would be as if I were walking through a dark forest all alone with no light.

I never told anyone but worked with God only. A few weeks before baby came the woman came to see me. I knew she was coming but I prayed for strength, and when she talked to me I saw only God in her. All up to this time I never spoke a cross word to my husband, and told him he could leave when baby came.

There is no need to go into details, except to say, about three weeks after baby came I noticed a change in him. I got me some new clothes and fixed up real nicely, but left him alone. He came to me after awhile and asked for forgiveness, which I gave freely, for I really loved him.

And now I have a husband whose every thought is for me and his family. The baby worships him and he her, and I believe this is so because my mind was so full of love for both of them. I blessed her every day and tried to protect her. Our home is complete harmony, and I owe it all to having your Lessons, and *The Impersonal Life*, which guided me every step of the way.

The teacher I went to told me just recently that she felt like getting down on her knees and thanking God for the way I had showed her, in handling this affair. It wasn't I, but the I Am within which led me.

I am telling you these experiences so you will know what I have gained.

# THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

**I**N THIS Department will be given interpretations of dreams and visions of those needing to know their inner meaning. We reserve for it only those of special interest and helpfulness.

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## THE RESULTS OF PERSISTENCY

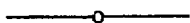
**I** HAD a dream yesterday which I think gave me more proof that I am steadily advancing; see if I am correct. I dreamed I was pulling a sleigh up a high mountain. The sleigh was so heavy and the road so difficult that at times I had to carry the sleigh in order to make any progress at all. Finally I reached the top and started the downward journey on the other side. Although the road looked very dangerous, with precipices, crevices and dangerous curves, sitting on the sleigh I was able to regulate its speed by sheer will-power; I had it well under control and enjoyed it immensely.

Does it mean that the sleigh represented my mind, both being merely instruments for travel? Pulling it up the mountain with difficulty means the hard work one has to do before the mind becomes a perfect instrument for our use in life. Then on the downward journey, the mind has become a most obedient servant. As I directed the sleigh through sheer will-power, so now I am in full command of my mind, and can make it think what I want it to think and enjoy the peace and comfort I have intended for it.

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Your dream was a perfect illustration of the present situation with you. Just KNOW then that the way you have taken is going to be exactly as you were shown in the dream. From now on you are going to be the "boss" and are able to control your thoughts and even to enjoy every experience that comes. The sleigh represents the consciousness of your mind that was so heavy with the old thoughts of lack and limitation you were with difficulty pulling along with you; but believing in the truths that you had been taught, you persisted until you reached the top, when you found from that higher viewpoint that all of the things you were carrying on the sleigh were illusions and had no reality at all.

Now, knowing the truth, the truth makes you free, and makes the mind your servant; for you pay no attention anymore to its old beliefs and desires, but you are requiring it to do what you want it to do. Remain always on the driver's seat, and see that it obeys you, and the downward journey will be all that it was pictured to you.



## FREING ONESELF FROM THE BODY WHEN SICK

**S**OMETIME during the night of Saturday, November 14, and before 4:20 a. m. of Sunday, November 15, I was out of the body. I was in my own bedroom and standing by the radiator, about seven or eight feet from

the bed. I was functioning in a male body and was dressed in a dark gray suit. I was bending over doing something; I think I was bending over a satchel as a Doctor might do, but I do not know that I was an M. D. However, I was facing the window, but not looking out. as I said I was bending over doing something.

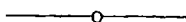
Then I stood up and turned to look at the object on the bed. And it was myself, stretched out like a corpse and dressed, it seemed, in a flannel-ette gown (this I never wear). By looking I assured myself that the position was satisfactory and I went on about what I was doing. I did not see the face of the man or of the figure on the bed, but seemed to know they were both me. I was awakened at 4:20 a. m. violently ill, and was very sick for several days.

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Your dream was but to show you that you are not your body, that part of you that was lying on the bed and which, following the dream, felt so sick. For as shown, you are able to get out of your body and be in that positive state pictured by yourself in a male body like a doctor, able to look at his patient and to know just what is wrong with her.

Do you realize that it is wholly possible to free your mind from your body even as you were then, and be in a consciousness where you can look down upon it exactly as you did when you were seemingly in a male body?

If you faithfully study the teachings you are receiving, you will see the possibility of reaching that stage; and you will gradually be lifted into it through knowing and applying the truths we are sending you



## HER TIME HAD NOT YET COME

**O**NE NIGHT about six weeks ago I seemed to pass out. My heart had been aching and threatening to give up for quite some time, and I had gotten to the place where I did not want to live any more. Suddenly I was conscious of it beating very weakly, stopping, then starting again very fast. My fingers cramped and I could not open my hands. Then I was conscious of not being able to see because of a white substance which seemed to press against my face about an inch thick. I thought then I was free and I ran toward the door, calling someone. A woman and a man met me inside the door, and put their arms about me. I was telling them all about it, but they rushed me back to the bed from which I had risen, telling me I must do something. There were many others back of them, but I could not see them.

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This experience evidently was a real one, resulting from your illness and your not wanting to live any longer. It looks very much as if death had drawn near, from the white substance pressing against your face and your leaving your body and attempting to pass through the door into the other life. You were met, however, by loving helpers, before going through that door, who led you back into your body on the bed, telling you your time had not yet come, as your work was not finished and you must stay and accomplish that which awaited.

# THE INNER ROOM

**C**ONTAINING quotations from our replies to those writing us for help in their *Spiritual problems*.

Each day at 12 o'clock noon, we take the names of those asking for such help in the Silence of the Spirit, and "Speak the Word" for them. Many hundreds have testified to receiving the blessings of such ministry.

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## INNER REALIZATION AND OUTER MANIFESTATION

**W**E LIKE your admission that you have advanced quite a lot in Spiritual understanding since your letter of a few months ago, this despite the fact that you say that outer conditions do not seem to have changed.

Now let us see if we can get something across to you. We are going to restate the law, but in a different way, reversing the order of it. The fact that you see so prominently in your mind and believe it is so that outer conditions have *not* changed, is what prevents those conditions changing in the outer; because what you see and believe to be so in *your mind* must outmanifest in the physical. The moment that you can change that picture in your mind and see and believe a different thing is so, the outer conditions will correspondingly change.

Now let us show you that the change is actually beginning, whether you see it outwardly or not. You state that things and conditions do not concern you as much as they used to, and you are quieter and more peaceful within. In other words, you are beginning to take your mind off of that old picture and are not feeding it very much these days, because it does not concern you so much. When there is absolutely *no concern* about it and you do not feed that picture at all—do not even think of it anymore, you will find that it will disappear from your consciousness and therefore from outer manifestation, being replaced by the new picture of the truth you are building, as you more and more *believe it is so*.

If you will carefully consider and then meditate upon all that we have stated, you will find that it answers all your questions, and eventually your mind will give in to the truths that you are building in its consciousness.

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## FAILURE TO SURRENDER

**C**AN YOU not see that the more you want to surrender self, completely surrender to God, the more self rebels, holds on and refuses to let go? Of course that would be so, because you are wanting to take from self all the life and power that it has over you; and when you take from it its life, then it cannot live and rule any more, and so it will have to die, and self never wants to die—its very existence depends upon the maintenance of self or selfishness.

Think on that idea for awhile. Then just know that the only way to accomplish the complete surrender is to stop feeding self, stop recognizing

it, stop admitting there is a self, and see instead only the good and perfect One that You are, that image and likeness Self that was created in the beginning and which is always abiding within, waiting to come forth and express Itself, when the mind is fixed wholly on It and no more on that other self.

The light of this great truth, dear one, as it penetrates your mind and is allowed to remain there, will help more than anything else to bring about the complete surrender. We are aiding by holding you in the Light of our Noonday Chalice, seeing you wholly free, beautiful and perfect even as God sees you.

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### THE PURPOSE OF GROUPS

**O**F COURSE it is not necessary for everyone to organize a group in order to serve, because one can serve wherever one is. But there comes a time with many who feel the yearning to draw other souls together to help point out some of the great truths that have come into their lives. Such are urged and helped to form a group in order that these others may be brought into the consciousness of service, so that they in turn can draw to them those that they can prepare for service.

This is but the plan followed in Spirit, where is one great loving Brotherhood of many degrees and orders of unfoldment, but all fitted perfectly and working as One to help their brothers on earth to come into the Light of Christ that they have found. Where you are now and what you are doing proves that you are serving in the way that has been shown you by your Higher Self.

The real purpose of a group, therefore, you can see is to develop workers; not all are equipped or ready as yet to do that, or are led to do it. You must follow your inner leadings, and we are sure you will do that from the way you are now being used.

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### STAYING BEHIND AND WAITING FOR A DEAR ONE

**A**S TO your husband, God is in him and is unfolding His Consciousness in him just as He is in you, and He knows best what he needs and is therefore expressing Himself in and through him as is best for him at this time. So far as your staying behind and waiting for him, that is not possible; for God is growing you and is growing him, and you cannot help yourselves. Therefore, give it no concern, but trust it all to the God within you.

Who is it that has made up her mind to stay behind? That is only the human part of you that feels that way—not the *real* You. You are a Spiritual Being and have lived in many bodies, and probably have had many husbands in other lives; therefore you have no concern about such things, but know as we have shown that your husband's True Self will take care of him, even as You are taking care of Your outer expression.

Think this over until you get our true meaning.