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## EDITORIAL

### IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH

**I**N THIS period of readjustment, while making ready for the New Age, during which period the old order is being torn down and uprooted, preparatory to building a sound foundation for the new, we necessarily must expect to see some drastic changes take place before our very eyes.

So few realize what that means. In fact, the great majority are still hanging onto the old, refusing to let go or to believe that they have to have any change. On the other hand, many of the affected ones, sensing the impending change, rush unthinkingly to accept anything that promises to remedy existing conditions, not getting even a glimpse of what really lies ahead and of the glorious future that awaits when we enter fully into the New Age.

It is not our purpose at this time to talk of that future, but instead to view what is now taking place, to point out its significance, and to suggest to our readers the most effective way to help in these strenuous times, and without becoming involved in any manner in the conditions around us.

We mean just that—not *becoming involved in these conditions*; for in allowing ourselves to become involved, emotionally or otherwise, we cannot see clearly what is best to do, but are more or less influenced, though perhaps unconsciously, by the beliefs and feelings of others. When uninvolved we are brought to realize that these conditions must yield to the invisible forces of righteousness and justice.

Yes, the people are waking up, are beginning to learn the truth about how long they have allowed themselves to be exploited by the money powers, and how they are on the way of being exploited again by the labor powers, *if they permit it*, and they are getting ready to do something.

Do not think for a moment that this is not so. Remember the seed of decay is in every condition in which selfishness rules; that it cannot last, and that the greater its rottenness the sooner it will destroy itself.

Out of this seeming chaos something fine and great is emerging—a New Age of sanity, understanding and faith in the invisible power of righteousness and justice that has ever ruled the world. Few can see this as yet, because of being involved in their beliefs in the rights of one side or the other.

**N**OW HOW can we help at this time, and without becoming involved in the conditions of either side?

In one way only, and that is to align ourselves unequivocally on the side of righteousness and justice—which is *above* both of the other sides; this means we must take that stand not only in all our speech and actions, but especially in our *thinking*, for in *right* thinking lies our greatest—our true—creative power and which naturally affects everything else in our lives.

To show you just what we mean, we will remind you of the Law—“*Whatever we think and believe—or hold in consciousness as being so—outmanifests in our lives and affairs.*” That of course applies to humanity as a whole as well as to individuals. Then whatever is now manifesting in the world is the result of what we think or formerly thought and believed was right.

We cannot get away from it; the great majority of mankind believed that the methods that formerly were operating almost

everywhere in the world were right—men having been deceived into believing that such was God's plan for them. In fact, men's minds were literally lulled to sleep and their wills rendered supine under a system that from the very beginning built up the perversion that "might makes right." Have not men always been the slaves of the strong—of those commanding their lives or their jobs?

But the majority of mankind are indeed waking up, in that they are beginning to think for themselves, and thereby to learn the truth that the Creator intends that every man shall have plenty to eat and to wear and of every needed thing, as does every other of His creatures—that no man or number of men have the right to deprive him of such.

So as man is beginning to think rightly, the old system established in humanity's consciousness is breaking up and is making way for the new beliefs building up in men's minds; and consequently in obedience to the Law, something new is coming into manifestation. But as men are not yet wholly sure in their minds just what they want, their beliefs are not clear-cut and are not therefore established in their consciousness.

Of this you may be sure, however, they will learn the full truth in time; their Higher Selves, now that their minds are learning to listen, will quickly unfold to them the truth, and then the Law will take care of the rest and bring it into manifestation; in other words as they learn the truth that only the right and just is God's plan and purpose for them, *the truth will make them free.*

But just what must our part be in aligning ourselves on the side of righteousness and justice—how must we think, speak and act to correct the wrong conditions now manifesting?

In one way only, by *SEEING and KNOWING the truth, that the New Age—the Kingdom of Righteousness and Justice—IS COMING FORTH and is pushing through what appears from the inner world into the outer world; that this is the true cause of the breaking up of old conditions—and that nothing can stop it, anymore than when the light comes anything can stop the darkness from disappearing. For when the light of truth is brought into the consciousness of enough of humanity, the darkness of error and evil must flee into the nothingness which they really are.*

This means that we must keep our minds and hearts fixed on the emerging New Age, knowing now what it is; must think nothing else, speak of nothing else, and act as if we are already in it. But this also means that we must think, speak and act always according to the principles of righteousness and justice—the principles of true Brotherhood here and now.

Can one do that? Yes, if we want it strongly enough to *make ourselves do it*. The Law does not work for the weak-willed, the wavering, or for those who do not know what they want. But for those who work with it—who think a thing persistently *until they believe it is so*—it works with and for them until their belief becomes a manifest reality.

Think not that one thinking alone can accomplish little if anything. That is far from true, for truth like light is so powerful that it dispels the darkness of ignorance and shines forth in a mind that positively knows it like a beacon light, and lights the way for many souls seeking the truth.

The New Age is destined to be a reality, and will be brought into manifestation by those clear thinking minds who hold fast to the Truth we have declared above, despite anything that is now manifesting that does not line up with righteousness and justice. Such is of the darkness of error, and must disappear in the light of Truth that is now rapidly flooding into men's minds.

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## CREATIVE PRAYER

“O CHRIST, Saviour of our souls and bodies, Thou didst heal every sickness and disease among the people, teaching them the Power, the Love and Will of their Father in Heaven. Rearm Thy Church with the weapons Thou Thyself didst use, the weapons of Prayer and Faith, and lead it forth a mighty Army, wielding the Sword of the Spirit against sin and disease everywhere, till every foe is vanquished and the Cross hath won the field.”

—Selected.

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# COSMIC SIGNS

(Diary Leaves)

By Nicholas Roerich

THREE friends had gathered for a chat. One of them recalled the story of an eye-witness of the terrible, instantaneous destruction of Quetta. They were sitting on the veranda, having just returned from a theatre in a most happy mood, when suddenly they heard some cosmic roaring. They ran into the garden, and there before their very eyes, in one moment Quetta collapsed. In this instantaneous destruction of an entire city, burying over fifty thousand victims, was as if revealed a terrible cosmic Sign.

One of the listeners remembered ancient indications from various Puranas, which predicted how entire cities will perish, how the earth will become dry, how whole nations will become extinguished, and others will revert to primitive worship. He mentioned the prophecies about the end of the Kali Yuga and continued:

“And don’t we see all these signs before our very eyes today?! Are not entire cities destroyed by cosmic forces or human hands?! Is not the death rate in many countries higher than the birth rate, despite all endeavours of governments? Have not some people returned to nature worship? Have not terrible droughts devastated huge areas? In magazines we see daily, pictures of destructions caused by ravaging gales, sand storms and tornadoes. Some governments already try to prevent the epidemic droughts. Forests disappear, rivers become barren. Grasses are strangled by sand dunes. Every one of us has witnessed such horrible sights of morbid deserts. Some people do not, as yet, pay attention to such obvious realities. But the far-sighted are already on vigil. Seeing this, how can anyone say that predictions are not true?!”

The second listener quoted from Biblical prophecies and added: “One can imagine how the masses who lived at the time of Amos, Ezekiel and Isaiah scoffed at these seers. Also nowadays we know of many discoveries and predictions that are ridiculed and insulted. Ignoramusses never heed anything that is beyond their narrow understanding or that threatens their mercenary profits. But true scientists have already proved the transmission of thought, and the world has benefitted by their many beautiful

discoveries. And how the ignoramusses laughed at these new possibilities which they all themselves now use daily. Remember how even Edison was declared a charlatan by the academy, how the energy of steam was denounced, and railways were derided, and how it was declared by a scientist that the flight of heavier-than-air machines was an 'absolute impossibility,' thus stopping the development of aircraft for almost a century. The scroll of ignorant mockery and envy is endless. In history we can trace that such insults were not only a thorny crown for the inventors, but a testimony of true achievement."

During this conversation another friend had silently joined the company. He exclaimed: "Stop this nonsense about fossilized prophecies. My prediction is the best. Yesterday I announced that there would be a boom on the exchange today, and so it is. Before your prophecies will become reality, mine is already in my pocket. What does it matter whether Quetta was destroyed? Perhaps this will contribute to the rise of my Cement Factory stocks. And cannot the drought about which you wailed, bring me profit in some way? The more deserts the better. Humanity will flock into cities. We shall feed it with canned goods. My movie shares will rise. You all are not good to me. You may even try to revivify the deserts and all the urbanites will run away into the country.

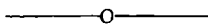
"You are drinking here some mineral water—where is your whiskey and soda, and where are your cigars? It is boredom to sit with you miserable people! You don't even understand the advantage of deserts and shelled cities! The more craziness that is manifested in cities, the more it is profitable! Even if your predictions ever prove to be true—when will that be? I am young but mother earth will last my time. And remember it was a King who said: 'Après nous le deluge.'—'After me—let there be a flood!' About whom do you worry—about your heirs? But maybe they do not deserve any better. And what does it matter if somewhere somebody worships a tree stump? We shall manufacture these stumps for him by the thousands. If humanity will be poisoned by narcotics, tobacco and alcohol, we shall make money on patent medicines. You hopeless people—there stands a gramophone, but I dare not use it. All your Bachs and Bethovens make me sick! You have no jazz, tango, foxtrot, carioca—and yet you imagine you are up to date! To sit with

you is simply to waste an evening!" And he slammed the door from the outside.

He was especially annoyed that the three did not even lose their temper but, shrugging their shoulders, looked at him as upon a certain zoological specimen.

The physical drought is menacing, but the spiritual emptiness is far greater. Besides care for the soil, let there also be remembered the need for the uplifting of the human spirit. Without such spiritual fertilization, all attempts at reforestation, grass sowing and other good efforts will be in vain. All this brings results only when people actually realize why they live, and when they will again know the meaning of the sacred word of Love. In Love the quality of labour will improve.

In Love deserts will again flourish.



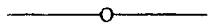
## PEACE AND REST

UNION Divine—the two halves blended  
Into One; the long quest ended,  
Peace and Rest.

The marriage of the Lamb and the bride  
The Eternal Spirit hath unified.  
Peace and Rest.

Light of the World—Thou Living Christ!  
I would know in Love's Great Tryst,  
Peace and Rest.

—S. B.



LIGHT will blind a man, sound will make him deaf, taste will ruin his palate, the chase will make him wild, and precious things will tempt him.

Therefore does the wise man provide for the soul, and not for the senses. He ignores the one and takes the other with both hands.—*Laotze*.

## “OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN”

EACH human being is an incarnation of his God, in other words, is one with his “Father in Heaven,” just as Jesus said. As there are many men on earth, so there are many Gods in Heaven; and yet these Gods are in reality ONE, for at the end of a period of activity They are withdrawn, like the rays of the setting sun, into the Parent Luminary, the Non-Manifested LOGOS, which in Its turn is merged into the ABSOLUTE.

Shall we call these “Fathers” of ours, whether individually or collectively, and under any circumstances, our *personal* Gods? Occultism answers, *Never*.

All that an average man can know of his heavenly “Father” is what he knows of himself, through and within himself. The soul of his “Father” is incarnated in him. This soul is himself, if he be successful in assimilating the Divine Individuality while in his physical, animal shell.

As to the Spirit thereof, as well expect to be heard by the Absolute. Our prayers and supplications are vain, unless to potential words we add potent acts, and make the Aura which surrounds each one of us so pure and divine, that the God within us may act outwardly, or in other words, may become as it were an extraneous Potency.

Thus have Initiates, Saints, and very holy and pure men been enabled to help others as well as themselves in the hour of need, and produce what are foolishly called miracles, each by the help and with the aid of the God within himself, which he alone has enabled to act on the outward plane of being.

The word AUM or OM (equivalent to the modern I AM), if pronounced by a very holy or pure man, will draw out, or awaken, not only the less exalted Potencies residing in the planetary spaces and elements, but even in his Higher Self, or the “Father” within him.

Pronounced by an averagely good man *in the correct way*, it will help to strengthen him morally, especially if between two “AUMS” he meditates intently upon the AUM within him, concentrating all his attention upon the ineffable Presence.



But woe to the man who pronounces it after the commission of some far-reaching sin; he will only thereby attract to his own impure photosphere invisible inimical Presences and Forces which could not otherwise break through the Divine Envelope.

AUM is the original of AMEN. Now, Amen is not a Hebrew term, but, like the word Halleluiah, was borrowed by the Jews and Greeks from the Chaldees. The latter word is often found repeated in certain magical inscriptions upon cups and urns among the Babylonian and Ninevean relics. Amen does not mean "so be it," or "verily," but signified in hoary antiquity almost the same as AUM.

The Jewish Tanaim (Initiates) used it for the same reason as the Aryan Adepts use AUM, and with like success. Both words mean the affirmation of the being, or existence, of the sexless "Lord" within us.

—*The Secret Doctrine* Vol. III, pages 449-50.

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## MY GOAL

TO TREAD the path the Saviour trod,  
Upright and unafraid;  
Calm and serene to march with God,  
On the road that He has paved.

On Love's great mission I am bent  
To serve and heal and bless.  
I know He is Omnipotent  
And fills my nothingness.

With Power and radiant Light Divine,  
That shines so true and strong,  
And fills you full, oh Soul of mine,  
With a heartfelt, joyous song.

And giving out this Power and Light  
To every living soul,  
My Christ will guide me thus a-right  
To attain my goal.

—*Paddy O'Shea.*

## A WHITE BROTHER

ON JANUARY 15th, 1919, what I now look upon as a great revelation came to me. I was living in Louisville, Kentucky, and had been in Truth about ten years and was making a great effort to live it in my life. My husband, mother and two sons lived with me in a large house of ten rooms. A druggist and his wife had been living with me about a year, and that day they left my home for Ohio.

About 3:30 that afternoon my doorbell rang, and I opened the door to see a young man seemingly about 19 years of age. He wore a cap, had on a shirt scrupulously clean, but with no collar. His clothes were threadbare but clean. He said to me, "Have you a room to rent?"

I asked him, "Why have you come here for a room, I have no sign for roomers? I do not take boys into my home to room."

He removed his hat and said, "I am not a boy; I am 30 years old." A peculiar feeling and cold shivers came over me, for I remembered that was Jesus' age when He took up His ministry. It made me feel unaccountably sad, and I said, "Come in and see the room."

He came in and asked the price, which was \$4.00. Then he said to me, "You are studying Science?" I replied, "Yes, I am." I then left him to get some towels, and brought my mother back with me into the room, for I felt he was not an ordinary man, and I wanted her to see him.

I introduced her, and he said, "You belong to the Pentecostal Movement." She replied, "Yes, I do. What do you think of the Movement?" He said, "It is all right for the people who believe in it, for it has its place. But your daughter has a higher calling, and has been sadly delayed in her work; however, this coming year she will be taken into a new field and will meet her Teacher who will waken her. It is too bad that she has been detained on her way."

I asked him what church he belonged to, and he said, "I belong to the Great White Brotherhood of Christ—a venerable School

of Wisdom." My mother said, "I never heard of any Religion like that." He replied, "No, you never did; for it is an Invisible Church. We are living in the Last Days, and Christ will soon appear to the ones that are looking for Him. He will appear first in the East in the early morning."

Mother then turned to me, after we left him in his room, and said, as she was going away for the day, "He is not a young man come here just to room; *he is a revelation!* While I am away be very careful and kind to him." I said, "Mother, what are you talking about?" She replied, "You will find out before he goes."

I did not see him again that day, but the next evening at 7:30 I was getting ready for a lecture when he knocked at my living-room door. He asked me for a match and asked if I was going to the Science Lecture. I replied, "Yes sir." When he said, "I wish I were going with you." But because of his lack of a collar and his shabby clothes I said, "Maybe sometime you can go with me." He then asked me to stop at his room after the meeting and tell him about it. I said I would, but I did not return home until quite late, and as there was no light in his room I did not disturb him.

I did not see him again, and on the next morning, which was Tuesday, I went into his room to make his bed. On the table was an unsealed envelope, with two new dollar bills in it, addressed to me. I left the room at once, feeling sad and lonely as though some one of my family was dead.

The next evening—Wednesday—my mother returned home from her visit and the first thing she said was, "How is the young man getting along?" When I told her all about it, she said, "You will soon see some change in your life." I then realized that she knew what she was talking about.

That was in January, 1919, and the following April I lost my husband and my mother two weeks apart. The next September I came to this city and the same Winter I met the one who was the Teacher he said I was to meet.

# THE ROAD OF NO RETURNING

By Earl B. Powell

TELL me not that things are hopeless  
In your feeble-hearted way;  
Or there is a shameful highway  
Where men travel down to stay,  
For, a "Road of No Returning"  
Was not mapped out by the God  
Who sent His own Son to help us  
Back the way that we had trod,  
Till at last we have surpassed the  
Heights we had attained before;  
For, "The Road of No Returning"  
Is not called that any more.

Though the way is steep and thorny  
And the cruel pointed stones  
Make you leave your bloody footprints—  
And your weary spirit groans  
In pain as you stumble upward,  
Yet, you make yourself obey,  
And with grim determination  
Go up higher on the way;  
Knowing though you faint and falter,  
That unless you fail and stop,  
That "The Road of No Returning"  
Is the pathway to the top.

When "The Lowly Galilean"  
Came to save us from our shame,  
Then "The Road of No Returning"  
Had to take another name;  
And though sometimes it seems useless  
For a weary soul to fight,  
When its dearest hopes are shattered,  
Then the Master sets us right  
(Though we may not heed His counsel  
Till we feel the chastening rod);

And, the "Road of No Returning"  
Is the road that leads to GOD.

**W**HEN this was written, I had lost everything, wife, home, and even a part of my good name, in trying to shield the name of one unworthy of the sacrifice. One night, when I was in despair, came a command to "write." I picked up a pencil and wrote this as fast as I could set it down; for it was a PERSONAL message to me, from the One who looks after me.

*Written in 1927—ten years ago.*

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## THE NATURE OF MAN

By Hanna Jacob Doumette

**M**AN is a Cosmic Being whose destiny is to occupy earth and heaven and on the intermediate road to experience the astral world. He is of a triple nature, physical, psychical and spiritual, and as one harmonious intelligent center of this mystifying reality he lives.

Through his physical body he is attached to earth, and through his deeds he is established in its kingdom.

Through his astral body he belongs to the soul world, and through his feeling he makes it a living and fundamental actuality.

Through his spirit he is a being of heaven, and through his thinking and willing he claims, affirms and lives his divine nature in the world.

Through his personality he translates earth, conducts the symphony of the soul and expresses heaven, transferring its commonwealth to an earthly civilization.

Through his will, thinking, and action he conceives and images the wisdom, designs, and reality of heaven and constructs them to the science, life, and beauty of earth.

Through wisdom, love and volition he erects in this world the kingdom of the truly human, answering his natural and divine calling.

Man is on earth to evolve and unfold, to beautify expression and transform creation. He descends in creating a purpose, and ascends in fulfilling its laws and demands. Not until perfect unfoldment is attained does he cease descending to earth and ascending to heaven, making earth his field of action and heaven his home.

—From *Truth Review*.

# JESUS CHRIST

## XV

NOW THAT ye have learned that your consciousness is My Consciousness and all that there is exists only in My Consciousness, why not create and have in it only the good and perfect things—which mean thoughts—that are in the Kingdom and which God wants you to think?

Ye can think what ye will. Then why not think true thoughts, the kind that are always in My Consciousness, and which ye can always see, if ye turn within to Me and let Me show you them?

This means ye can *have* what ye will, for *all that is are but thoughts—things ye believe are so*. Why not then have My thoughts—all the riches of My Father's Kingdom—that are but waiting for you to accept and to use. When ye truly seek *first* the things in the Kingdom of My Consciousness and make right use of them, then all good things are yours, because they are Mine, and what is Mine is yours.

Again I remind you Who I AM.—I AM *you*, all that ye are. Ye are nothing, have nothing, can do nothing, but what is of Me and of My Consciousness. Ye could not even be, except through My Life in you. Ye cannot think, except with My Mind, which is your only mind. And ye cannot do anything, except by My Will, which both inspires the effort and empowers you to act. For I alone AM, and ye are I. WE are One—but I AM all that ye are.

Know, beloved, if ye will strive always to abide in Me, waiting continually upon Me, seeing, feeling and thinking only of Me, and above all trusting Me perfectly, thus surrendering completely to Me, then are ye wide open for all the riches of My Consciousness to flow freely into your consciousness, thereby supplying your every need,—yea, even before there is a need. For then there is no more your separate consciousness—there is only My Consciousness, which is My Father's Consciousness, and all that He has is yours.

This is no fanciful dream, My own, but is a provable fact, or I would not have told you; and because I would give you all the

riches and blessings of the Kingdom, I urge you to try to make the abiding in and waiting upon Me *first* in all your thoughts and life.

For know, when this desire truly becomes a dominating force in your consciousness, it will influence and color every thought therein. Think what that means! Nothing exists in the outer manifest world but what ye think and believe is so. Then, if I AM supreme in your consciousness, ye will see, think and know only Me and My Consciousness; *which means there is no more you*—your sense of separateness has faded into nothingness, and I alone AM.

Yes, beloved, that is what awaits, and what will surely result, when ye train your mind to wait upon Me every moment of the day, doing everything solely to please Me within—I, your True and Only Self; Who from the beginning have sought to bring your mind to this state, where it turns immediately to Me whatever the need, trusting Me to take care of everything.

Then can ye not see there is no more you? There remains only your mind and Me, and your mind now knows it is only an extension of My Consciousness, and is but as your hand is to your mind—flying automatically to obey the mind's every thought; so does your mind then fly to obey My every command, which is then your command, *and it becomes a manifest thing*.

Beloved, in all your earthly lives from the beginning I have been developing and unfolding your consciousness to this end. I have been growing you age after age, gradually creating and preparing a mind that could be taught this great truth—the greatest there is to mortal understanding, and the goal of every soul on earth—wherewith I could do My Father's Work on earth even as in Heaven.

When I have brought your mind to this complete development of understanding—where it surrenders all to Me, then there is no more you as a separate self; ye have entered My Consciousness—the Kingdom of God—and are One with Me and with all your Brothers in Christ of the Holy Assembly, the Church of the First Born, and ye live now only to serve Me and our Father God.

All there are One—not many; all are in and of My Consciousness, which is also My Father's Consciousness, and all that He is

they are, and all in His Consciousness is theirs; for now in them He has pure and perfect channels through which the Light of His Love continually shines, permitting His Wisdom and His Power to express on earth even as in Heaven.

Then, beloved, surrendered thus to Me, as I AM My Father's expression of His Love on earth in your human self, I can cause My thoughts to become a reality in your consciousness, which means in your outer life; for when dwelling in My Consciousness, My thoughts are your thoughts, and your thoughts quickly become manifest things.

Think what that means! When ye think thus My thoughts, and especially if ye *voice* My thoughts and proclaim their truth, *knowing in My Consciousness* in which ye then are the power of your words, they will wipe out of the "separate" consciousness any wrong condition then appearing, and the truth instead will out-manifest.

Yes, beloved, ye will then be even as I, when expressing through Jesus of Nazareth. Dwelling always in My Father's Consciousness in the Kingdom, I then knew that all things appearing in the outer world were false, were but man's creations, built out of his sense of separation from Me and our Father God; and I saw them not, but instead saw the reality of them as they exist in My Father's Consciousness—and *with their reality alone I dealt*.

Therefore, when I spoke to those who *in their minds* were sick or afflicted, were lame or blind, or who believed such of their son or daughter, those who were possessed of evil spirits, even those who were dead,—I declared to them the Truth which I saw—that *the Real of them was whole and perfect* as My Father created them; and it became so in the outer. For Truth has such power that, spoken from a Consciousness that KNOWS, It will cause all that is contrary to It to disappear

In like manner, by seeing the reality that I wanted to manifest, and knowing the Truth that whatever I see in My Consciousness is so and must outmanifest, I caused Peter's and the disciples' nets to be filled with fishes; I rebuked the wind and the sea and there was a great calm; I fed the five thousand with five loaves and three fishes; I walked on the sea; caused the fig-tree to wither; and I disappeared from the sight of them that would harm Me.

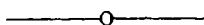


It now but remains for you who know the truth—ye who have gathered from My words that only what ye see in My *Consciousness* and believe is so will outmanifest—to speak the word in that knowing, and it will BE so, in the outer even as in the inner.

Yes, ye have known this for some time *in your mind*, but ye have not *proven* that ye know it. For you the time has come, if ye are ready, to prove and use this truth.

In these My words is hidden a great secret. But it is reserved for them only to comprehend and use it, who are abiding in Me and My thoughts and words are abiding in them. Them I will cause to see the Truth with My eyes and to know it with a new understanding, and I will enable them to speak Its word whenever the need is to remove error.

For such have now become an open channel through which My thoughts flow as easily into expression as your hands obey your will.



## THE THINGS WITHOUT

I LOOKED without and saw so much  
I thought was Real—('twas but a crutch!)  
I know I used it over long,  
It did not make me over strong;  
But through it, Lord, I felt Thy touch.

I felt Thy loving hand, as slowly  
I removed the crutch.—Now wholly  
Do I look to Thee for strength,  
Do I look to Thee for length  
Of days,—for I am lowly.

I am meek in Thy great Might,  
I am perfect in Thy Sight,  
I can walk with head uplifted—  
All Thy children, Lord, are gifted  
When they radiate Thy Light.

—S. B.

# THE AWAKENING OF SPIRITUAL SIGHT AND HEARING

## The Spiritual Self

SOME people are born with the knowledge that they live in the human body, using it but as a vehicle of expression while here in the physical. Others obtain this knowledge after a lifetime of training, while some never attain it at all; the latter live, think, work, and may be very good people, but as to the spiritual part of their being, it exists without their knowledge.

On the other hand, there are some who have a little spiritual knowledge and a great deal of faith, but are unwilling to live the kind of a life that would bring about a natural awakening of the spiritual faculties. Such think they can get this knowledge by using short cuts, by "get rich quick" methods. They cram on formulas and affirmations, and force their spirit as a florist might force a valuable plant to bloom before its time. The result is the same with both the flower and the person. Damage, sometimes irreparable, is done by such forcing methods. With the flower, it might prevent it from blooming for several seasons; with a person nervousness, sometimes insanity results. The individual, like the flower, might be permanently spoiled for the living of a useful or a beautiful life.

The Spirit-blessed person is one through whom the great spiritual forces of the universe can flow naturally and freely to other persons, children of God. All of God's creatures are His children.

The kindly deed to a sick child, or to even a dog, opens the way for kindly forces to flow through one; the unselfish deed which may mean little to the doer's own mind brings into manifestation the constructive forces of the universe, and adds its gift of spiritual power to the doer of the deed.

Faith without works is dead, and tends only to clog the spiritual channels. Imagine a river which constantly receives, yet has no outlet for the discharge of its waters, and you will have some idea of the destructive power which will some day break through and destroy those who have spiritual knowledge but who do not use it for the good of their fellow men.

We must become channels for the work of the Christ Spirit. The spirit-filled person is a tireless worker of good deeds. He works while awake or asleep. "*My Father worketh hitherto, and I work,*" said the Christ. "*Not I, but the Father in Me, He doeth the work.*"

If there is no apparent work to do, then look for it, and you will find it. It may be but a little thing at first, but great spiritual things come to those who are faithful in little things. To do our duty as we see it is all that can be demanded of any one. The duty may be hard, the service meager, but the reward is great. The duty may be to wait quietly until the Master speaks to you. Your next duty would then be to obey His commands to the best of your ability.

How shall we know when the Master speaks? Jesus said that the sheep know the voice of their shepherd and will not obey a stranger's voice. We must square our lives by the rules laid down by Him, and then we shall know His Voice. The cry of the sheep is ever heard by the watchful shepherd.

If you have the Christ Spirit in you and you would know Its Voice, think of the Inner Self, which is the *real* Self, as a part of God. The Bible says that God "*breathed into man the breath of life, and he became a living soul.*" Then that part of you *living in your body* is your soul, God's Spirit, is the real and only you.

Your *belief* can shut out from you the consciousness of this identity, or it can open you wide to the spiritual understanding of it; so that the outer mind, or the mind that deals with the things of the earth, can work in harmony with the soul which instinctively knows all things, and is ever trying to bring the outer mind into a realization of its God-given knowledge.

On the other hand, when you shut out the thought of this connection between God and you, you limit yourself to the use of only the five senses, the same senses that the lower animals use to maintain their existence upon the earth.

As God, like the Sun, is ever giving of His Life and Love to both the good and the evil, the just and the unjust, so must we, in the exercise of our God-given power, exercise charity, humility and loving-kindness to everyone we contact. We must practice

those things which the best of mankind have always taught are the things which lift our consciousness to God. His Nature must be our nature; in the degree in which we can imitate Him, so is the degree of our spiritual sight, hearing and inner knowledge. For God knows all things, is in all things, and ever seeks to express His Goodness and Perfection in all things; and the soul and mind that consciously identify themselves with Him take on His Attributes.

If we demand even justice for ourselves, we lose some of our omniscience; for God, or Love, seeketh not Her own. If we indulge in harsh thoughts we drive the God knowledge from us. He who can express in *selfless* love is he who can see best in spiritual ways. Love, peace and goodwill must attend him in such expression; but they always vanish when anyone attempts to use the power of God for selfish purposes.

The majority of men must do useful work in order to receive a recompense; even those who have vast sums of money must give an accounting, which entails a great deal of hard work and thinking. Jesus said, "*It is easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.*" The possession and care of money engenders selfish thoughts in the possessor, and more often than not closes the gates to spiritual understanding. Blessed is he who holds his wealth in trust for God's use in the service of humanity.

—D. V. S.

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## "COME UNTO ME"

COME to the Father within thee,  
Come now out of Love alone,  
Turning from self, the mind darkling,  
E'er to be used as My Own;

Come, for I need thee, beloved,  
In pouring out Light and My Love,  
Till darkness forever has vanished,  
And Earth is as Heaven above.

—F. E. Denison.

## “BEHOLD I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK”

**Y**ES, JESUS CHRIST stands at the door of every heart, and continually knocks. No man can hide from Him.

*“If any man hear My voice,”*

Many hear His voice, for He speaks to all men many times a day, but they heed Him not, for they know Him not. Some call His voice Conscience. Every normal man has heard its voice.

*“And open the door,”*

Not all men, however, have invited the Lord Jesus in. Not all have opened the door. The door is opened by letting Love into the heart, and yielding body, mind and soul to Its gentle rule. For Love is God’s Holy Spirit—our Lord Jesus Christ—come to sup with them.

*“I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.”*

What a blessed Truth! Yes, Christ Jesus Himself has come in when Love dwells in the heart.

*“Why stand ye gazing into the heavens?”*

Jesus Christ is here now, knocking at the door of your heart. Let Him in!

Thank God, He has come! Only those who do not know Love have not invited Him in. They still look for Him to come in the heavens. The large body of anti-christ still looks for His coming. But those who are of His Body know He is here now in many hearts.

We know the whole creation is awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God. *Manifest the Lord Jesus to all, that they may know He is come!*

No unclean person may know Him as He is, may ever expect to see Him. Only the redeemed of the Lord who are walking in Holiness, they will know His knock and will invite Him in.

Jesus has come, and continues to come to all who know and invite in Love. May He come and abide in you and you in Him, so you may be a continual manifestation of Him, forever and ever.

—S. T. N.

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## IT IS THE LAW

I ASK no good where'er I go  
That I by service have not won,  
Nor plead that any good should flow  
Into my life; if I to none  
Have given joy, I cannot draw  
From empty store—it is the law.

I hold this true—it is my creed:  
Within *me* lies my heaven or hell.  
It is by *my own thought* or deed  
I build the house where I must dwell,  
A marble mansion, tent or straw—  
I am the builder—it is the law.

I weave the garments I must wear,  
If beggar's rags or robes of kings;  
'Tis I the warp and woof prepare,  
'Tis I alone the shuttle fling.  
No one for me can thread withdraw—  
Myself alone—it is the law.

My Saviour is the good I've done,  
From this alone my heaven is grown;  
My crown the *love* that I have won,  
And deep within is God enthroned.  
I to myself will surely draw  
That *which is mine*—it is the law.

None questions but the voice within,  
Judge and accuser is my soul;  
My mind is that stern discipline  
That ever seeks to make me whole.  
I cannot from this court withdraw,  
I must bear witness—it is the law.

—M. M. Baker.

# A REVIVAL FOR CHILDREN?

By Mignon Hurst

NOWADAYS, especially in a place like Los Angeles and Hollywood, there are so many 'isms, 'ists, and new cults for the adult, but nothing for the children. They have even taken away God's Name and Word out of the rearing places for the young; and the irony of it is this is called "*God's Own Country*"!—a country which is instead becoming the most Godless in the world, with its banditry, murders, kidnapping and graft in politics and finance. Bribery and "hush" money are rampant, and an oath of honor or fealty means absolutely nothing to many, but is deliberately used as a stepping stone to self-enrichment.

By taking Religion from the schools the children have had taken from them an Ideal—something high and fine to live up to and to follow. It is like turning off the heat of a propagating house full of delicate seedlings.

Why was not the Golden Rule substituted for the Word of God when they took His Name out of the schools? For that would have belonged to every Creed and offended none. To do unto others only those things which you would like others to do to you; to say, and think only what you would care to have said and thought about you, would be a training any Nation could be proud of.

More especially in a comparatively new country which is open to the riff-raff and aliens, often undesirable, and usually in trouble, or not able to make good in their own land, and therefore, who flock here knowing there are so many loopholes in the Law they can wriggle through.

By deleting Religion out of the school curriculum, the children of America are being sent on to the Highway of Life, from which every helping sign and guide-post has been removed! And then they are expected to go straight and *keep* straight.

Even children of tender age can be taught to share their toys and so learn to grow unselfish, for at the bottom of every wrong and crime is nearly always to be found the selfish nature.

The pity of it is, that nowadays Religion has to be spectacular in order to draw anyone's interest. God never meant His Word to be made so in the beginning; the simpler it could be taught the better, and the more devout became the student. But now the radio gives, *has to give*, thrills in the broadcasting, or people think it tame and watery.

And the children are being trained to noise and excitement in their radio sketches that are slowly biasing their minds to unrest and feverishness, instead of sensible home-life themes. No wonder so many youngsters run away to find adventure for themselves; misled by hectic misrepresentations from the air, paid for by the "sponsors" of some face-cream, patent-medicine, beer, or other commodity. And so, each broadcaster, being afraid another will out-vie him in the thrills, does his best to make the kiddies of today the unsettled, neurotic adolescents of tomorrow.

Even babies in their cots can be trained not to cry and whimper if a toy is taken from them by another child to be played with; and to willingly share it and learn to like it! It is the "I want it, I *want* it!" that leads the youngster to become later a gentleman of fortune," who "*wants*" and gets what he wants at the point of a gun; or a girls who "*wants*" easy money and jewelry, and becomes a member of the underworld.

But the Golden Rule, if instilled from infancy, would check all such tendencies, for that Rule embraces *all* the commandments. It would help to eliminate most of these terrible Red Communistic agitators, whose sole aim is to stir up strife and mock at all Religion and better living, and who live only to create a mess of this beautiful world, and have no thought for the next one.

If the churches would start a Revival for the young and get them to join up, making a small charge to enroll each member, which I feel sure the parents would gladly pay, and give talks over the radio, with booklets of suitable hymns and songs, also given out at a small charge, so the little ones could sing in their own homes to the radio, I am sure there would be a *universal* revival of home life, for I am certain if the parents were asked to co-operate, they would do so for their own sakes as well as their children's.

What a lovely world we could have in another generation! It is worth thinking about, and then starting, for not many nowadays



think it worthwhile to go out of their way to help this beautiful old world and its inhabitants to make a better way of living. It is too much trouble.

To let children "express" themselves is one of the laziest and most cruel ways of bringing up a child. It is also "pickling a rod" for the parent's own back later on. For then it is too late for the children to learn to obey, and they become a trouble to teachers and others who have to do with them. That mode of bringing up means an incorrigible child and, later still—what? Read the statistics of any Juvenile Court! And then when things seem hopeless and authority has to be called upon, the parents say, "I can't understand my child; we have been the kindest of parents and have never crossed his (or her) will; we have always allowed him to "express" himself, knowing things would work out all right later on."

Then, it is too late, and the parents have only themselves to blame. And the irony of it is, when the youngsters get into trouble they turn around and say, "It's all *your* fault, *you* didn't care what we did, or where we went nights, as long as *you* weren't bothered!"

Parents owe a duty to their little ones from babyhood up; that duty they must fulfill, or else—! And you cannot blame the children, they naturally take advantage of any slackness or want of supervision on the part of their elders.

Better pictures for the juveniles, happier and better radio broadcasts (more worthwhile), and a more united home life, with co-operation on the parent's side to help the little ones keep, and *live*, the Golden Rule, would work wonders in the next ten years alone, not to mention the following years. If only people would carry out, doing to others only what they want done to them, it would do away with murder, crime of *every description*, even perhaps War!

Of course there *are* beautiful talks to children on the radio, but a turn of the knob floods the room with the shots of gangsters and their doings, yells of airplane escapades, and the whole gamut of modern hard-thought-up thrills for the children, and there you are! The knob is turned to the more exciting broadcasts, and the angels listening, bow their heads—for another opportunity for doing good has gone.

I have, myself, started a little Club of Golden Rule-ites. The ages run from eight years to twelve, with one little pet of ten months.

The children come to tea, and we have games. I am lucky in having an organ as well as a piano so we have hymns and songs. I also read to them and talk to them, and their mothers tell me they really seem to try to remember the Golden Rule in their play and home life. And the book in which they sign their names (all except the baby) is one of my most prized possessions.

It has come to this, if the citizens of the United States want to live safer lives, free from criminal violence, *the children* must be trained to bring that about; it is the young who matter, and who will have the issue in their hands in the future.

Therefore give them some Ideal to live up to—they cannot bring themselves up. True, the children have Sunday Schools, but it is usually at an hour just before starting out on a Sunday picnic or jaunt, when their minds are taken up with wondering if they will be late for the start and other things connected with the coming treat. Especially in California is Sunday given up to an outing, and who can blame anybody for that, with such beautiful scenery to be enjoyed and so much life-giving sunshine.

The club women and clergy helped in a wonderful way to clean up the films. If they would interest themselves in a great "Revival" for children they would indeed be doing another grand work; for the important people of the future, the politicians, men of science, financial magnates, judges, presidents, *all men of note* in the future, are now, so to speak, in the nursery. Help them fit themselves to be law-abiding and *unselfish* citizens, by putting *some* Guide-Posts back again on their Road of Life! And thereby fit them for improving the way of living in the next generation, when those of this one have gone on to be judged and given what they have earned for themselves by their life here; for God's Scales of Justice weigh with meticulous care,—"*As ye sow, so shall ye reap.*"

The bitterest cry in all languages is, "*If I had only known!*" for it is full of remorse and despair.

There are two kinds of men in the world; the men who plant trees for the benefit of future generations, and the men who sit

back and say, "Why should I go to the trouble of providing shade for people I shall never see or know?"

Both men have to pass through the Portals at the "end of the journey" with nothing in their hands but the "records" of their lives!

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## AN OPEN MIND

**H**OW OFTEN have I asked myself the question "Have I really made any progress, not so much in the study and theory of Truth, but in its application to my daily living?"

During the last week as I examined myself as to this, in some way I could not get away from the term "An open mind!" Every moment when I was alone this term presented itself to me, and I meditated upon the value of having an open mind, willing and receptive to learn new ways. I remembered that line from the old hymn:

*"I was not ever thus  
Nor prayed that Thou should'st lead me on.  
Pride ruled my ways, remember not past days."*

At first I had only thought to give myself a rather self-congratulatory pat on the head for having achieved a more open mind on certain tasks near at hand, but becoming more serious as the phrase lingered with me I meditated upon just what the term could mean.

"Why," I said to myself, "it means that the little mortal mind has opened itself to let the great Universal Mind take complete control!"

Again I thought of the word "open." Open to the wide glorious spaces where every barrier has been swept away, the great open spaces of the sky where only glimmering stars remind us of the vastness of the Universe.

Then I received the revelation that there can be no bondage when the mortal mind has opened itself to the inflow of the Universal Mind. Intolerance, slavery to age-old superstition, to

fear, self-consciousness, self-pity, resentment—such barriers that obstruct clear vision are swept away. One feels the mind swept clean of all that would obstruct the flow of revelation from the Universal Mind.

Humbly I accepted the lesson, for sometimes my mind folds itself together as a flower turns from the sun and refuses to open itself to the loving Voice that cautions, "Be patient, be kind, be tolerant, be receptive."

I prayed, "May I preserve an open mind at all times."

—Cerena I. Driscoll.

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## DISCOVERY OF THE KEY OF TIME

Announced by Ivan Narodny

**I**VAN NARODNY, former Russian revolutionist, writer and business man, who went into seclusion six years ago to discover the key of time, announced yesterday at his apartment, 564 Riverside Drive, that he was on the threshold of success. He had temporarily interrupted his hermit's life, he said, because of the arrival in New York of Dr. Lao Chin, whose address is the Gobi Desert, Mongolia, and whose archeological researches into Mongol pre-history, he said, had confirmed his own findings in the new intuitional science which he calls "chronosophy."

His major results, he says, will be in shape for publication before the end of the summer. But their implications, which were first suggested to him more than thirty years ago by another hermit, Master Feodosi, who lived in the forests of Pskoff, in Russia, will be so revolutionary that publication may have to be delayed.

"The key I have been searching," said Mr. Narodny, "will unlock the future and the past, and will give mankind the same control over the world of time as we now have over the world of space. I have worked out a method of auto-psychoanalysis which produces intuitional moods in myself and others who have tried it. *In these moods, the interrelation of events in history, on which all oracles based their predictions, becomes so clear that time appears for the first time in its true meaning.*

"Time is not a string of events arranged in a straight line. *It is something that is all around us.* When we have recaptured the intuitional faculties which this science is studying, and which the Western world has lost in recent centuries because of its crass materialism, we shall master time, both the past and the future, as we have already mastered space."

Dr. Chin, a follower of Tseiben Hegen, the rebel lama of the Gobi Desert who has defied the Living Buddha, left New York yesterday for Washington. But his arrival on Monday was important, Mr. Narodny said, because it had given him a chance to check the experiments in time analysis which they had been conducting jointly in New York and Mongolia.

Except for Master Feodosi, Mr. Narodny said his only precursor in the science of "chronosophy" was also a Russian, the late Velemir Hlebnikoff, who rewrote the history of his country in mathematical formulae in "Otryvok iz Dosok Sudby" ("Billboard of Destiny"). But a true understanding of the time dimension, he added, required more skilled and patient work along intuitional and emotional lines, and it is this that he has all but completed.

—*From a Newspaper Clipping.*

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## WHY ARE PEOPLE SO DUMB?

• **Y**OU would not expect a watch to function normally after some parts of its works had been removed. Then why should you think that the body can be aided and assisted by cutting it open and removing some of its vital organs? Thousands of persons, said to have appendicitis, have saved their lives and recovered from their illness by refusing to have their bodies cut open and their vital organs removed.

It is sad that people are so dumb that they are unable to reason these things out for themselves. They are like putty in the hands of the medical profession, which with its vaccine, serum and knife, seems determined to destroy man.—*Dr. C. G. Clement.*

## PROVING THE TRUTH

IN READING the article on "*Meditation*" on page 912, July issue, I must say, yes! It is action only that counts. For God is perfect action, God expresses Himself through action—every action. All that expresses is God in perfect action.

I believe the article following "*Meditation*," "*Proving the Truth*," is one you wrote to me long ago. Anyway I have *proven* its truth in my daily life. I was so hungry for the truth you lovingly gave me then. Now "I AM Truth." I AM It. I live It.

I was poverty stricken for years,—yes, poor in spirit, therefore poor in material things, as your Editorial says. Now, all the Father hath is mine. Why? Because I AM Wealth, Joy, Peace, Love, Abundance. Because I AM God in perfect action.

What do I do? My days are full. True, I clean houses, walls and ceilings. But it is not my work—it is the Father's work. I *love* it. Everywhere I go to work they say my work is perfect. I smile, because I know that God's work is always perfect.

I work spiritually everywhere I go. They do not always know it, but often they say, "You are so happy doing such hard, dirty work. Why are you?" I answer, "I do not see the work or dirt—I see only the perfect results." Others say, "What is your philosophy of life that makes you so joyful?" I tell them I have learned to live perfectly in the Now; that there is no yesterday or tomorrow; if I do the best I can with this particular moment, I need not look backward or forward, because in doing so I am neglecting this moment and not getting sixty seconds of good from it."

I am no longer disturbed by the things of the world, because I know God is all there is—God is in perfect action in all, through all, for the highest good of all.

If one will only USE the truths you teach! They will someday know that God is Absolute. They will see that "*The Impersonal Life*" is the pure, absolute teaching. How I struggled, and stumbled, and failed? But I had firmly resolved I would live

by Spirit, even if I died in the flesh doing so. Now I know the flesh has become Spirit.

The Light shines through. Yes, my face is showing the Light. Wrinkles have gone, the corners of my mouth turn up now, instead of down. Friends remark at the change. I say nothing, but I *know* that in Spirit, in God, in the Kingdom, there is no sin, sickness, or death.

Oh how glorious it will be when all begin to live consciously in the Kingdom, in the NOW! I treat continually, transform every thought that is spoken to me or appears to my consciousness that is not true of the Kingdom. I mean that I know if a word or thought is not true of God or God's Kingdom, it is not true of anything. I know it is only my limited seeing, so I claim perfection for it.

**A**BOUT the child who refuses to eat? It draws its substance from God, not food. The Word says, "*Man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*"

My child doesn't eat. I know that God intelligence in his stomach knows far better than I or anyone else what it needs for that particular temple. Because others have built their temples to conform to people's ideas is no reason why God cannot build these new little temples in His own way. My child is normal plus. One day a friend tried to insist upon his eating because I wasn't there, and she saw no sense in a child not eating when he did not want to. So my boy said, "I'm not going to eat; I am not hungry." She said, "*You are hungry; you haven't eaten enough this week to feed a person a day.*" He answered, "Oh well, I won't eat and I'm not hungry, and I don't have to eat, 'cause no one can tell me Jesus ever got hungry. He went days without eating."

And I too feel the same way about it. May be I'm wrong, but I am right as far as my boy is concerned. Besides one could never force him to eat either too much, or foods he does not want.

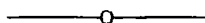
If all is God, and God is all, then child and food are both the same and One. Only we older ones have that old food idea to lay away with a number of equally useless ideas accumulated through the ages. The food only conforms to our thoughts about

it anyway. It may nourish me, because I hold thoughts of nourishment. The same food may poison another, because he has thoughts of indigestion. So after all it is our thoughts that nourish or distress us, is it not? Your article on Meat Eating plainly shows that. Therefore it is true of all food, and not only of meat.

I will close by saying, I *am* so happy—I am happy because I have learned that the things of the world are not real. So why let unreal things into my consciousness. If your students will only give up the unreal—will hold only to the real!

The fight is hard, but the harder the fight, the sooner it is over. We cannot go half way and gain the goal. It must be 100% or nothing. Just as Christ said, the Kingdom must be *first*, and it must be the Kingdom only that we seek. But one must forget all about what is to be added. When one has the Kingdom one has everything, and needs nothing.

—A. M.



## BY SUCH FAITH

**B**Y THE faith that the flowers show when they bloom unbidden,  
By the calm of the river's flow to a goal that is hidden,  
By the trust of the tree that clings to its deep foundation,  
By the courage of wild birds' wings on the long migration—  
Wonderful secret of peace that abideth in Nature's breast—  
Teach me how to confide, and live my life and rest.

—Selected.



# THE CHILD'S WAY OUT COURSE

## Lesson Two

### "THE LIVE DOLL"

"MOTHER," said Colombe one day, "you tell me that we are all a part of God, and that He makes us do everything. But in our automobile story you said that I am a soul driving my body-automobile. At other times you talk about my mind doing the driving. Now is my mind, soul, Higher Self, and God all the same thing?"

"Well," answered Mother, "In one way they are and in another way they are not. If we pretended that you were God, we could then call your arm the Higher Self, your hand the soul, the fingers your mind, and the gloves, which you put on and off, your body. They are *all* YOU, and part of the same thing, aren't they—except for the gloves, which you can use or not as you wish? But you still look puzzled so let us make a live doll to help you understand."

"A live doll!" cried Colombe. "Are you joking, Mother?"

"Indeed I'm not!" answered Mother. "We'll each make a really live doll for ourselves. Now first let us each get one of our gloves, spread it out on a piece of paper, and trace all around it, except for the thumb, which we will not need. See, we now have a pattern for our doll's body. Pick out from my scrap-bag the color cloth which you would like your doll's body to be made of, fold it once, pin your pattern on it and cut, being sure to allow enough cloth around your pattern for seams in sewing."

"I'm going to make a pretty red one, Mother," said Colombe in glee. "I like red better than that dark blue one you are making. There! Mine is all cut! Now what shall I do?"

Holding up a piece of paper, Mother answered, "Do you see the sideview of the doll's head that I have drawn? You draw one about as big as your fist for your doll, pin it on two pieces of pink, tan, or orange cloth and cut around it (again allowing for seams), while I sew our dolls' bodies on the sewing machine."

While Mother sewed, Colombe drew a funny little face with a big hump nose and sharp little chin. "I can hardly wait to see him finished, Mother," she laughed.

And what a queer little fellow he was when his face and neck had been sewed up (except for a thumb-hole in the back of his head), his head stuffed, cheeks pinked, button eyes sewed in, and little red mouth embroidered. A jaunty little cap was sewed on his head just above the open thumb-hole, and little black nostrils sewed in his nose.

"But why isn't his body stuffed and his head *all* sewn up, Mother?" asked Colombe. "What use is that big hole in his poor little head?"

"You will soon see!" smiled Mother as she sewed the stuffed head onto the front of its limp little glove-like body, leaving the back open. As a finishing touch Mother added hands and feet, and then held the dolls up for the little girl's admiration.

"Oh, Mother! Aren't they darling!" exclaimed Colombe in delight. "But I can't see that they are one bit more alive than are any of my other dolls!"

"Of course they aren't alive—yet," answered Mother, "and neither would *your* body be alive were your soul not in it. We must *make* them alive just as God is making *us* alive. Now, pretending that *YOU* are God, we will also pretend that your arm is God's Son, your Higher or Christ Self; your hand is your soul, and its fingers the mind. Alright! See! A living soul is about to be born! Push your hand into the doll, with your fore finger in one arm, your two middle fingers in the legs, and your little finger in the other arm, leaving out the thumb to place in the hole in back of his head. Now move your hand and the doll will come to life!"

As Colombe obeyed her Mother's instructions she was surprised at the change in her doll. It actually did seem to come to life! It would nod its head as she wiggled her thumb, hobble along as she moved her two middle fingers, clap its hands as she brought her outer fingers together, scratch its nose or chin, and act just like a human being.

"Oh, Mother, isn't he cute? I just love him! He really *acts* alive, doesn't he? But of course he isn't, 'cause it's just my hand making him go!"

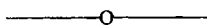
"He is as much alive as you are, Colombe. It is just one of God's 'hands' making *you* go!" answered Mother.

"Oh! God must have lots of hands then," laughed Colombe, "because there's lots of people for Him to make go."

He has, dear, but of course His 'hands' are somewhat different from yours. They are more like thoughts or rays of Light."

"How lovely, Mother! It makes me feel good to know that God really is in me and that when I think I'm doing something, it is really God doing it! But how about when I do something wrong? Is God doing that, too?"

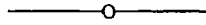
"God cannot do wrong, Colombe," answered Mother. "It just looks that way to you. But don't let that question worry you as yet, because soon we will create more live dolls and have an interesting story-game that will help you to understand just how this can be. So, whenever you can, just sit very quietly, close your eyes, and look for God's Light within you. Try to *feel* His Finger of Light, which is your mind, and then His Hand of Light, which is your Soul; and, if possible, try to get way into His Arm of Light, your Christ or Higher Self. Then you will really *know* you are a part of God, and will learn many wonderful things.



### Questions:

1. Do you think that God made us from a pattern, too?
2. What made the doll alive?
3. What makes us alive?
4. Did you have more trouble making your doll than your Mother (or Leader, etc.)? Why? Because her fingers had more practice than yours?
5. Do you suppose that some people's mind-fingers can make better bodies for themselves than can others, because they have had more practice? Is that why some bodies are not as nice and big and healthy as others?
6. When a baby is born what happens? Illustrate this with your live doll.

7. When a person seems to be dead what really has happened? Also illustrate this with your live doll.
8. Do you think the soul and mind which left the useless body will the next time make for itself another and better body?
9. Have you ever felt God's Love-Light within you? Tell about it.
10. What is your mind like? (One of God's Fingers) Your Soul? Your Higher or Christ-Self? Have you ever felt them when you became very, very quiet?
11. If the Real You is like one of God's Hand's, wouldn't His Love-Life run through *all* of Him, as does the blood in your body run through all of you? Would that connect you up with all other people? How?
12. Since the same Life is flowing through everyone, could you then shut your eyes, "ride" on this Love-Life, and allow the Real You to visit anyone you wished? Could you visit birds, trees, animals, and other things, too? How?
13. Have you ever tried this? How did it feel?



## THE ANVIL OF GOD'S WORD

LAST eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chimes;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."  
And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.

—Author not known.

# THE IMPERSONAL WORK

IN 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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## INNER WORK

WE HAVE made plain the goal and true part of all consecrated disciples or Inner Workers—serving consciously the Christ Within, actually working in His Consciousness, the outer man obeying as naturally and easily as the hand obeys the will.

We have shown in earlier issues how all Inner Workers in order to accomplish anything must work from their soul consciousness; that no one can reach and deal with another soul except he be in his inner or soul consciousness.

We will now explain this so all can see how simple is such work and just what it means and what is accomplished when you talk to or work with another soul.

In the light of the teaching that all is One Consciousness and that you are a center of awareness in It; that therefore your consciousness is That Consciousness, or is everything in It of which you are conscious,—then every thing or person you know must be but a thought or creation in your consciousness and consequently is not separate from you but exists as a part of your consciousness. This being so, then when you think of another person, you must immediately contact the *soul* of that person, because his soul is the real man, who is *also a center of awareness in the One Consciousness*, your thought of him being only what your mind believes is he. Therefore, his soul, being such a center of awareness and you being another center (both being like two thoughts in your consciousness), you cannot think of him without his soul being aware of you through the effect in *consciousness* of your thought of him.

In other words, you cannot think of another person, but his soul immediately presents itself before you *in your consciousness*, which is the One and Only Consciousness. Think this over carefully and stay with it until you see how it must be so, and the great significance it holds for you.

When you have reasoned it out thoroughly in your mind so that it sees it clearly, then with a little practice you can actually call before your mind's eye the soul of another and *can see it*, by merely calling his name and *thinking* of him; for a *clear thought* of him is his *soul* standing right before you in your mind or mental world, which is a much more real world than the physical. Do not try to see his personality or what appears in the outer. Just *think* of him.

Now we wish you to try to realize just what you have been doing. As a center of awareness—as a *soul*—you have been presenting to your *mind* (your outer self) a great truth, and have been requiring it to do what you wanted it to do. In other words, you have been back in your soul consciousness doing practical inner soul work. This becomes *conscious* inner work when you consciously *know* that you as a soul are doing it. This conscious *knowing* will actually increase the effectiveness of your work tenfold. See if you can get it?

Inner Work then is the work you do, positively knowing that “*Whatever you think, believing it is so will outmanifest itself.*”

In these two lines is contained one of the greatest of secrets. For when your mind fully realizes that all things exist only in your consciousness and whatever is manifesting is what you believe is so, then all you need do to change existing things and conditions is to think instead *what you want to manifest*, and *convince your mind* it is so, and the law will bring it to pass.

Your part then is in seeing it clearly in your mind as you want it to be, and then knowing it is already manifesting in reality, concerned not at all about what appears outwardly, and a seeming “miracle” will happen. But it is not a miracle, it is only the outworking of the law—and it is just as sure in its operation as is the operation of any other law.

Do you want to heal another? Deny the appearance, whatever it is, saying, “That has no part in God's Consciousness which knows

only Goodness and Perfection; therefore it can have no part in my consciousness or life, nor in the consciousness and life of that other." Say this and whatever else is needed to convince your mind of its truth, and the truth will make you free of this error, and likewise that other will be free. For he is free as God sees and knows him, and the error is only a belief you have allowed to come into your mind. Put it entirely out of your mind, and you will find it will no longer be.

Do you want to help another in some difficulty—no matter what it is? Then do exactly the same as above, speaking whatever truth in addition that will convince and free your mind of any doubt or error-belief in appearances, and the help will be felt instantly.

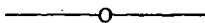
Do you want to help to free the community or city from undesirable conditions, such as violence or injustice on the part of strikers or others during strikes, or in mass gatherings called by leaders who would incite to unjust or unrighteous acts, acts which would not be for the benefit or well-being of all concerned?

Deny the appearance of whatever threatens, and say, "That has no part in God's Consciousness, which knows and sees only justice, harmony and peace ever expressing; therefore, it can have no part in my consciousness nor life, nor in the consciousness and life of any of these people who are all God's children." Then to further convince and strengthen your mind, see our Lord Jesus Christ walking in a blaze of Glory along the picket lines of strikers or in the midst of any of their meetings; and note the immediate softening of the hearts of everyone present as He approaches, causing them to change their minds and forego any wrong acts intended and to leave quietly for their homes.

Yes, dear friends, if everyone who reads these words will make it his or her duty to do just what we have suggested and as led of the Spirit, when reading or learning of such contemplated wrong-doing, they will find that back of them is a Power for Righteousness that will work through them and will accomplish very remarkable results. All that is needed are willing and selfless channels open to such use, and the Brotherhood of Christ will prove to you the Power that will manifest and bring about righteousness and justice where selfishness and injustice were formerly manifesting.

This is real work offered to every earnest soul seeking to become an *Inner Worker*. There is no more effective work that can be done these days. Study these words well and if you wish to serve, ask your loving Father to take you and use you in such service, showing you just what to do, and then faithfully obey, concerned not at all about results, leaving them all in His hands.

In order to do this most effectively, call two or three of your friends who would be willing to meet with you daily at a certain hour to perform such service. Meet either together in the flesh or in the Spirit; but in any event when working with others or singly, dedicate yourself to Christ, God's Holy Spirit in you, and let Him direct you in all that you do.



## THE PERSONALTY

IN ANSWER to prayer for light regarding the WHY of a manifestation of misunderstanding between myself and a very dear friend.

**B**E STILL, My child, and know that I AM not responsible for any woe that the human self brings upon itself. I AM not disturbed by what anyone says or does. All that is of the personality, and has no part in Me.

Remember, the only word Jesus had for those who intentionally tormented Him (or tried to torment Him) was, "*Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do.*" If you would be His disciple, you must do as He did—walk with poise, steadily on your way, unconcerned by what others say or think, which has no power to wound, or hinder, or in any way affect the Christ of you.

When the Christ or Real Self is in charge, He no longer lets His personality, and its foolish human pride, be affected by human opinion or spoken words.

This personality which you have fostered so long, which you have catered to and cherished, **MUST GO!** Every whack at it, every wound it receives, is a blessing, as much so as when a tree has to fall, every chip that is hewed out brings fulfillment—the falling of the tree.

Therefore, every wound your personality receives you should be thankful for, knowing that it is one more chip "off your shoulder,"



or out of the tree that must fall—your tree of personality, false pride, the phantom of the Real You which must vanish as the mist of the morning, in order that I AM, your True Self, may shine forth and be the Only You.

All men are instruments of God, and if He sees fit to use you in the pruning, purging, or chopping down the tree of another's human personality, you must be equally poised, humble, grateful even, that He has prepared you so you can be thus used, and can say with sincerity, "*Thy will be done.*"

### ANOTHER DEAR ONE COME HOME

DEAR Brother:

Your letter was received some days ago, but Louise could find no words to write to you.

She had been sitting quietly in a chair, and to convince her that I AM all that she is, she had been listening to the throb of her heartbeats. I explained to her that it would not beat had it not been My Will that it continue; that in this way I manifest My Life in her body to her. This is what I told her while she sat meditating on the first paragraph in your letter.

One of the hardest things she is trying to learn is that I AM all that she is. Early training, as she has told you on several occasions, has been clearly crystallized into a belief that it is sacreligious for her to say or think that God lives in her body. But I AM giving her little glimpses of Me, when I can get her mind still enough to hear Me, and in time when all the mist of self is cleared away, she will know just Who and What I AM.

Then when she can see Me, and Me only, in her flesh, will her crucifixion be over in the flesh. She has been unable to sleep at night; there is a tenseness, a trembling of the hands and much swaying of the mind from one thing to another. There are also things in the outer that she wants to do, and I AM trying to convince her that there is time for everything—a necessary time for sleep and for the needs of the physical, but she must step aside and let Me do it for her.

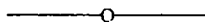
She is trying hard—she tells Me that the self of her gets smaller and smaller all the time; that she feels Me looking out at her fearless as the Lion, showing her that there is nothing to fear; that in the past she did all that she accomplished, thinking that she did it, but knowing now that I was there all the time doing it. This one thing she has learned—that I *really* did it—not she, and she is now willing to let Me do all for her. But she still forgets sometimes, in her hurry and impatience. I have taught her, however, that in time, I WILL REVEAL MYSELF FULLY AS I AM. She can wait, even if she is impatient.

She realizes that she has a special work to do here; always it has been foremost in her mind—the Sun Medallion, THE SUN MEDAL-LION—*Strength to hold fast to the fact that Right is Might.*

I pour My Love through her and she knows that It is I. Her eyes dim with tears of joy that I AM *here in her flesh*—that I Alone AM—there is no other; that I AM ALL, and she is My Instrument. Always now she can feel Me thus, and she knows that she and I ARE One.

I explained to her that just as the airplane is driven in space with only the instrument board as a guide, so is she led—blind-flying, it is called. Surely, with swiftness, they fly—by the aid of the instrument-board.

*Now she can go forward with her plans, knowing that I AM doing it for her.* Always she can have this assurance—always I AM here with her. There is only one way—THE IMPERSONAL WAY.



## DOES GOD KNOW SIN?

I ONCE heard a Truth Teacher say that God knows sin. From that moment to the end of his lecture, every thing he said was severely questioned.

There are many this Day who have the God Consciousness in their *own* being, and can *feel* It in others. This Consciousness is the same in all such. There are not two kinds of God. There

is only ONE. Ask any of these Anointed Ones and they will give you the same answer—"God knows no sin."

Those of Wisdom understand there was once *law*—but now, **GRACE!**

Let those who have lifted up their minds to that true state where they are in the Kingdom, speak then from firsthand knowledge, "*There is no sin of anything human, but only a knowledge of Perfection in the Kingdom of God.*" And as long as one can keep one's mind in that knowing one will see only perfection in everything and everybody.

When the consciousness is not strong enough to stay in this high vibration, the mind lets go and in that moment the consciousness is out of the Kingdom. But even from this transition from the Kingdom to the outer, there is something that brings comfort and strength to carry on. And it is this—the memory the mind has of the bliss of that condition, and a comparison of it with the outer.

I have often wondered how these Exalted Beings without human bodies, know mortal needs, or are even aware of such a state as this condition of sin and misery here on earth.

As They live and have Their Being in Perfection and can not be both perfect and imperfect; and as They can not lower Their Consciousness out of the Kingdom, then how *do* They aid Their lower expressions here on earth.

For months this was pondered; then I decided that These Heavenly Ones see something that is not white and radiant as are They Themselves. And as Their nature is LOVE—to see a thing is to love it. So They just naturally love this darkness which They see.

But the souls who have earthly bodies have a direct way or method of communication. First the cell body to the brain mind; then the brain mind to the soul; then the soul to the Christ; then the Christ to the Lord God; then the Lord God to the Absolute.

These states of consciousness are One and are a part of every soul, each state slowed down in vibration to meet the need of the next lower, until the human body is reached. But the Anointed

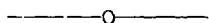
Ones have now lifted, by self effort, all the lower up to or very near the Highest.

I know *perfectly*, without the slightest doubt, that my Lord wants me not to see, hear, nor think evil. My visions—those lessons from my soul—are without sin, being (with a few minor exceptions) devoid of any expressions of suffering. The changes on earth have been wrought in sublime grandeur, and with no cataclysms. So far as this one has seen, no one is left out of Eden. The earth turns over in perfect harmony. This is just as my Lord wants it to be, and His is the *only* voice for this one.

In visions I see and talk to and know souls *without sin*. They are perfect in every way. And not one—not one, accuses or knows that his or her human self is sinful. They *love* their human selves.

Oh, I never cease to wonder over the splendor of these LATTER DAY SAINTS.

—Nancy.



## WORDS OUT OF THE SILENCE

THE PRAYER of My servant is precious unto Me. Every hour do I receive it. But of a peculiar sweetness is the prayer of one that seeks Me and falters on the way. For him I wait, and over him I watch all the night, until the morning break, and the shadows are fled.

Covet not secret powers. Labor not for them. They are My care. In My own time I cause them to spring forth from the ground I have prepared. They shall become as a fair tree. He that diggeth for himself, let him beware, lest he disturb a seed of My planting. A seed disturbed maketh a crooked tree!

O son of man! I laid a veil upon My Face, that thou thyself mightest withdraw it; yea, that in thine own desire thou mightest discover Me. How else couldst thou attain to look upon Me and be satisfied? Thus have I ordered it from the beginning, that none should cease from seeking; for to the lover only am I revealed.

—By the Author of *The Christ in You*.

# THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

**IN 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 CROWN ETERNAL

**ON** THE morning of the Coronation I awoke about five o'clock but thought nothing about the King. But I was in the inner consciousness and I was placing a crown on a man's head and told him I was crowning him with the Crown of Life Eternal. I seemed to know the man, but there was no personal attraction between us; but I greatly admired his Spiritual and mental qualities and it was so real and all so plain. Our bodies were like youth instead of the appearance of age. Then it flashed across my outer mind that the coronation was on and I turned on the radio and heard it all, the meaning has not been given to me yet.

Your dream of placing a crown upon a man's head telling him that you are crowning him with a crown eternal, may have been your outer self that you were crowning with the higher understanding that has come to your mind through these Teachings. The You who were doing the crowning was the Real You, the outer you being symbolized as the other man.

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## THE LORD IN THE MIST OF THEM

**I** WAS in a large chamber, and it was simply beautiful. It had in it statues and flowers, and the flowers were pale pink and violet and mauve, and of course the green leaves and vines. The colors were such as I have never seen here, so delicate. There was music coming out of the walls, and with no human mechanical source apparent. Then there was a beautiful seat or rather throne-like chair, and I was going around touching up the corners with a broom. There wasn't really any need for it, for it was spotless; but I was getting ready for my King.

Then He came and sat down on the chair and I could see up to His shoulders, but I could not see His face—just an instant glimpse is all. It was so beautiful. He had on a white robe with Greek design in gold all around the hem and the sleeves hem. Will you please interpret this for me?

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Your dream is a proof of your progress in Spiritual understanding. The large chamber you were in being the new consciousness in which you have been led by these teachings, and all the statues and flowers were but the adornments of the beautiful truths therein. The throne-like chair was where the Lord, your Christ Self, sits; and when He came in and seated Himself—which means, remember in the center of your consciousness—all you could see of Him was His white robe—His Purity, the glory of His face being too great as yet for you to behold.

Think this over until you get its full meaning, and rejoice that He has come and seated Himself in your consciousness.

## IN THE OUTER CONSCIOUSNESS

**I** SEEMED to be in the air, above the earth. There were others with me, altho I did not see them. We were watching some airplanes below us; there were many of them and they were all shaped liked fishes. Suddenly one of them seemed to collapse and fall, but as suddenly righted itself and came up with the other planes. We were all much afraid when we saw it fall, but the pilot laughed at us because of it.

Then I saw a large umbrella-like thing, like a parachute. It was of dazzling whiteness, as were the garments of the man hanging from it. There seemed to be forces that were pushing him down, and many birds alighted on top of the parachute. Those who were with me were afraid he would fall. Our pilot was sure he would not, and I had no fear, knowing he was all right. Will you interpret this?

Your feeling of being above the earth in an airplane shows that you were in a higher consciousness where you could look down and see what others below you were doing, some of whom seemed to be in danger of falling, or of being forced down by those who would harm them. But your pilot who was in charge of your plane evidently knew that they were safe and were sustained by some invisible power—perhaps because of that dazzling whiteness protecting them.

Can you realize that when above in this higher consciousness your pilot, your soul, knows the truth that God is taking care of everything, and that when your mind also knows it—well, then you cannot fall or be harmed in anyway. Think this over and see how it must be so.

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## RAISING THE DEAD

**M**Y MOTHER who was very much of a Truth student passed on seven years ago, and she comes to me in my dreams very often. I dreamed recently that she lay in a coffin, apparently just before the funeral services, for the room was filled with people, altho it seemed to be in the evening. I stepped over to the coffin and silently but very firmly spoke words of truth, about the One Life, over and over to her. She moved, rose, stepped out, and joined the rest of the people, and the meeting was turned to more of a family gathering. All seemed to have forgotten what they originally came for. This was so real to me I could hardly believe it was only a dream, and it has stayed very clearly in my mind ever since.

Your dream was a wonderful illustration of what knowing the truth and speaking the word will accomplish. While of course it was only a dream, yet it was undoubtedly given you to show you what can be accomplished when you do anything in the consciousness you were in at the time. Think on this and try to feel just as you did in the dream and speak with the same earnestness when you want to impress a truth on another or on your own mind, and it will be like raising the dead, so remarkable will be the results, fulfilling the law that whatever you say and believe is so, will outmanifest.

# 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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## THE PURPOSE OF HARD CONDITIONS

**D**O YOU realize these truths that have been given you by your Higher Self and the difficulties that you are now facing are but part of the same thing? When one reaches the stage in one's spiritual growth where one is earnestly seeking not only the way out, but is wanting to please one's Loving Father, the way is always shown, but in order that one may walk in that way, opportunities for proving one's ability to use the truth are likewise given.

The fault, if it can be called a fault, is yours; that is, you are unable as yet to see just how to apply these truths in your problem; but in your seeking, searching, and failing, in time, if you persist, the way will be shown you how to apply what you are being taught. And out of it will grow a deeper understanding that will enable you, not only to help yourself in the future, but many others who will be brought to you for help.

Therefore think carefully over what we have said and go back to the truths in the lessons, taking one truth at a time, staying and living with it until you can apply it in your daily life, before going on to the next. In this way only will you be able to free yourself from the hard conditions now facing you. We are seeing you accomplish just this, and are holding you in the Silence of our Noonday Chalice for the Spiritual help you need.

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## LIKE ATTRACTS LIFE

**T**HE law, "Like attracts like" applies on both the mental and the physical planes, for it fully agrees with the law so plainly stated in **THE WAY OUT**—"Whatever one thinks and believes is so, outmanifests in one's life and affairs." The part which puzzles you—that the positive attracts the negative—seeming to be a contradiction to the above law, is really a confirmation of it; for whatever is conceived on the inner must come forth in the outer; therefore when the positive attracts the negative, or a vacuum attracts air, or male attracts female, it is but the same law in operation—two opposites being a part of the *same thing* they rush to unite and complete each other. In other words, the inner of them is complete now and is drawing together the two parts in the outer that will bring about its true manifestation in the without.

So you see that you really answered your own question before you got through. All negative appearances are untrue, therefore the truth in the inner is ever seeking to remove appearances that are opposite to it—the like in the inner attracts the unlike in the outer to make it one with itself; which is but illustrating your point that "our emptiness attracts God's Fullness."

## THE ONLY WAY

**B**Y LETTING go and trusting it all to the Father, you are doing the only way that will bring peace, harmony, and happiness back into your life. And just as surely as you do that selflessly and without concern about results, you will find all three of these blessings will follow.

Of course, self is going to fight and object and intrude itself every opportunity you give it, but you are here to master self and take from it all of its forces and use them instead in the Master's Service. Your compensation is the understanding existing between your husband and yourself which should be a strengthening power to assure you that you can win out over self until there is nothing left in you that can be hurt. Would you not like to become as he, never disturbed over anything? Well, it can be so and it will be so when self gets wholly out of the way.

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## YOUR CROSS

**W**E READ of the cross that you have been carrying for twenty years, and we wonder if we can help by showing you that this cross is really a blessing in disguise, for has it not turned you to God as nothing else has? And has it not enabled you to find Him, to be taught by Him many things that otherwise you could not have learned? And above all has it not enabled you to sit at the feet of the Blessed One, to meet with Him, be taught by Him and receive His blessings, as you have told us.

This being so, would you exchange your cross for the peace and harmony that the human of you so much has longed for? Then can you not see that it is a blessing and not a cross?

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## THE INNER SUN CENTER

**I**T IS good that you are able to get before-hand the key truth in each Paper. That proves that you are in close tune with the Inner Sun Center, the Spiritual Consciousness from which these truths are given out. Think what that means! The outer parts of us are but channels or instruments for expression. The inner or real of us abides in that Consciousness and works from there, and just to the extent that we bring our human minds to respond to us there, are they able to work with or for us in the outer. That is all that they were sent forth into outer expression to accomplish—that which we planned in Spirit.

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## PERFECT HEARING

**I**N your problem of physical hearing, truly place this in the hands of your Loving Father within, your Real Self, and know that even as He is perfect He wants you, His instrument of expression, to have perfect hearing, and intends that you shall have it. Therefore be unconcerned about that—and only that you are hearing His loving Voice whenever He speaks, and all else will be taken care of. Your perfect hearing will surely come back to you, if you have a perfect love and trust in Him—refusing any longer to hold that picture of imperfection in hearing you have allowed to grow in your mind and become so dominant there.