

“Prove Me Now, Saith the Lord”

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Thus will the Kingdom, which we described in the first part of this article and that before was invisible except to the spiritual sight, become visible to every “living” soul on earth and will be their natural world and its life their

natural life. Although as we have shown, many before that time comes will have consciously entered the Kingdom, will have dissolved the veil, and will be living in what seems to be two worlds, even though their consciousness is then centred in the real world of the soul, and the outer is known to be unreal.

Our part is to help as many as possible to make the change as quickly as may be—to transfer their centres of consciousness from the mind to the soul, so that they may from then on be working **consciously** with their Brothers in the Kingdom for the advent of the New Day, when the true world of the spirit shall be on earth even as it is in Heaven.

MONEY

We will now take up the consideration of what is money. The dictionary says money is “any material that by agreement serves as a common medium of exchange and measure of value in trade.”

But let us see if we cannot bring out the spiritual idea, the real meaning and purpose of money; for as you must realize money is not used or needed in Heaven. Then it must be a substitute for something that is used there, but which man either cannot or will not use here in his dealings with his fellow men. Think on this for a bit and see if it must not be true.

First let us consider why money is not used or needed in Heaven. Must it not be because there everyone loves and trusts each other and wants to help and do unto others as they would be done by? Is that the case here? Then because of this money must have been invented as something needed that could serve as a substitute and could be invested with a value that everyone would accept for what was being sold or exchanged.

But that not being necessary in Heaven, what there took the place of money? Let us see.

Did we not show you that in the Kingdom we ever live in an atmosphere of Love; that that atmosphere is God's Love, and it is so wonderful an atmosphere that from it we derive everything we need and are—that it sustains, strengthens and gives us our life—**is** our life, and it not only supplies us with the necessary food to sustain that life, but inspires our every thought, word and act?

Can you not see that God's Love is our sole support, supply and sufficiency in all things at all times—that It is there what men have made **money** to be here?

Ponder on this until you see how true it is, and then see if you can glimpse what is necessary before money can be to you what it really should be, and not what you and your fellowmen have made it to be.

Take a coin or a bill out of your pocket and hold it in your hand, and try to see it as a symbol of God's Love. That may seem difficult at first; but as every manifest thing is a symbol of an idea, you will of course have to put all other ideas formerly held about money out of your mind, and must not even see the coin or bill but must look right through it and try to see, or rather **feel**, God's Love flowing to you from out the symbol.

Persist in trying this until you **do** feel that Love, and then note the wonderful things that follow—the impressions and feelings that illumine mind and heart—the realization that God and money are most intimately related, and that God **does** want you to have the abiding evidence and the fullest sufficiency of what money really represents—His blessed Love and the accompanying Understanding and Power that belong to every one of His children.

What will this mean to you? Think! If you can feel that Love, and thereby get the Understanding, then, dear one, you connect your mind and its consciousness with God's Consciousness, and through the channel of the symbol of the idea you are holding in your hand, the door is opened wide

and there is no longer anything to prevent the reality of what the symbol truly represents from flowing to you in rich abundance—for you have tapped the Source, the Spiritual Idea that brought the symbol into being.

But beware of how you use this wonderful truth. We have given it to you, in order that you may know the reality back of the symbol, and no longer will look upon money as the monster which men have made it.

Anyone who attempts to use this truth for the getting of money for purely selfish purposes will learn to his everlasting regret that spiritual truths and forces cannot be used for the benefit of self, and that a heavy penalty must be paid for every such attempt. On the other hand, those who seek through this truth to prove the real meaning of money, as God's Love, and thereby to come closer into oneness with Him, helping thus to eliminate self and its desires utterly, will find themselves invested with a Knowing and a consequent Power, that is inconceivable to a mind still seeking money for itself or anything that money can buy.

Money or the possession of money has given to man a fraudulent power that will surely bring about his own destruction. His love of money with his false idea of money's purpose have grown to such distorted proportions and have brought about such a perversion of its original purpose that the destruction of both money and all who thus misuse it, cannot help but follow; for they are deliberately misusing God's Love, the most powerful force in the universe. Instead of using Its symbol for the helping and blessing of humanity, man has allowed himself to be enticed into seeking it purely for selfish or personal ends, either to provide for his material needs or to build for himself a power and prestige among his fellows whereby he can exercise authority over them, and compel them to create for him more money and power.

Just think of man's perverting the visible symbol of God's Love in such a way, and the penalty he must pay for so doing! Then think of what might be if man could use money always and only as a tangible expression of

God's Love flowing freely through him! We wonder if that could possibly be! What a different world we would then live in!

Let us give you a word of caution. Do not be surprised or dismayed if the false value and power money now possesses is altogether taken from it in the near future, and that possibly money will become worthless. For if the Kingdom is to come down and be on earth and money is not needed in the Kingdom, the destroying of money's power will be a clear sign of the near approach of that great Coming. And remember, all of the old order—everything built for selfish ends or even to maintain the system of competition of individuals against individuals, industries against industries, countries against countries; which means practically all our institutions, commercial, industrial, financial, educational and even religious—must go, and will utterly vanish from our midst, before the Kingdom can be established here and we be a part of it.

Therefore begin now and make your peace with money; learn always to see and know it as an expression of God's Love and Power, for it is the Power that can make you anything you will—when your will is united with His Will by such seeing and knowing.

God, Who is All in all, Who is therefore all that you are and all that money is, when your mind and its ideas are thus united with His on the money idea you are in its vibration, are on its wave-length—to use a radio term; and it **must** flow to you from the All of His Mind, as long as you keep the channel of your mind open by a perfect seeing and knowing.

Then whenever money comes to you or you give it to others, always see and feel it as a direct evidence of God's Love that you are either receiving or giving. Let your love flow forth to God in return—to God Who is within both you and your brother—Who is All in all—Who is the Love which always blesses, when we see Him as He IS.

We have given you these truths to help you in these dark hours of trial and tribulation. Praise God and thank Him daily, hourly, for His many blessings. Prove to Him now that you are worth of what He has given you and of all that He is waiting to deliver to you.

“PROVE ME NOW”

In the July Paper and in the above you are provided with much food for thought, nay much food for your soul, which when fully digested and assimilated will prepare you for what follows.

You have been shown the only way of release from the “Depression,” in which the whole world is now involved,—that you must lift your mind entirely from it and require it to stay in your true consciousness, that of a Son of God. We have shown that in order to do this you must deliberately and persistently practice thinking, speaking and acting as a Son of God, until you are actually living in your true consciousness in the Kingdom and there is no longer a lower and a higher self, but only You, in your Christ Consciousness, seeing God in all things and knowing your Oneness with Him.

If you are now practicing working from this Consciousness, then you have digested and are assimilating the food supplied, and through the Grace of the Christ Spirit within the power is being given you to be your True Self on earth as well as in Heaven.

No, this is not impossible. It is your Divine heritage and nature and it but awaits your recognition and acceptance to manifest here and now. But it cannot manifest until you **assume** that it is so, and begin to act accordingly.

What do we mean? That not until you **begin** to assume your true nature, will the power start to flow through quickening in you the full consciousness enabling you to **act** as a Son of God.

We are trying so to inspire you with the truth of your real nature and power as a soul and Son of God being ever ready to come forth into expression, that you will begin now to **assume** your Sonship, will go about in that consciousness, and will prove to your human mind that You and Your Father are One and all that He is you are.

Does not the Christ Self of you always say to your human mind, *“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you?”* Surely you can see that means if it abides in Your Christ Consciousness, and Your words abide in its consciousness, they will inspire and direct all its thinking, speaking and acting, and it will no more need anything, for You will provide it with all things, even as You are now provided in Heaven.

We know that you cannot get your human mind to abide continually in your consciousness at first, but not unless you persist and require it to do so more and more each day, can it get the habit of so doing. And we know that you cannot get it to abide at all unless you have brought it to a more or less clear realization that You are its True Self, and it and its personal self are nothing, can do nothing, can have nothing, only as You give them the power to be, to do and to have anything.

But you are supposed to have brought it to such realization through the proving of the many teachings given it in the past. And so you should fully understand and be able to respond to what we now shall say. Consider carefully every word.

If you truly realize that God is All in all, and that **then He must be you**, by holding to that realization and **starting to act** as a Son or expression of God, God will then act through you, and His Power and Grace will flow through and enable you to do anything you essay to do.

We do not ask you to believe this, but we do ask you to **try** it—to **prove** it—to show your God-self that you are ready to put yourself and your instrument wholly in His hands, so that He can empower you as He wills.

Is it unnatural that as His Son you should assume to be like Him and to use His Power as a God? Did He not form you in His image and likeness so that He can express the fullness of His nature through you? Then why limit Him any longer by deeming yourself less than you are—“*a Son of the Living God,*” and “*Joint Heir with Christ?*”

The time will soon be when you must assume your true nature. When we tell you that by assuming to be what you actually are the proofs must follow, you will see how close you are to the reality of your Divine nature without knowing it.

All that you have to do is to **know** that God is ALL, is **you**, is every faculty, power and quality of your nature; is your life, your mind, your body, every part of your self—that there is no weakness, limitation or imperfection in you, because **He is all that you are**. Think on this long and earnestly until you get it.

Then you must likewise **know** that He, being ALL, is everybody and everything that is; that they are therefore all good and perfect, as expressions of Him despite what your human mind tells you; and that there is nothing else but Him. You must hold to this truth, though all the world deny it.

Can you see what that will gradually do to your consciousness? It will make you soon to see, hear, feel, smell, taste, think, believe, know, **BE God** only. He will then fill your consciousness to the exclusion of all else, and thus will be your SELF, the only Self there is. Ah, dear one, if we can only get you to see this—to prove it for yourself! What a glorious blessing will be yours!

When you can by doing this thus make yourself as God—not a God, but **as** God; of the same nature and substance—then by this **knowing** the natural flow of God-expression will take place, and you will begin to understand you are “under grace,”—will taste of the unutterable sweets of the Christ Nature. Then you will find that you will “decree a thing and it shall come to pass,” and many wonderful evidences of the God powers working through you will follow.

You will not have to visualize or imagine it, for as it truly exists in the Kingdom you see it there with **spiritual** eyes, the eyes of **knowing**. Assuming the Divine nature—making yourself as God—you always see the perfect whereas formerly you saw only the imperfect.

From the standpoint of assumption you will see health your natural state and disease non-existent. You will cease trying to get rid of disease as a reality and will know yourself as a Son of God living in perfect health and harmony of Spirit. One moment of this realization and disease has vanished into nothingness, for the Perfect Self is thereby revealed and made manifest.

From the standpoint of assumption, you will gain the actual, concrete results you failed to accomplish by imagination and visualization. Are you afraid to follow the steps of the Master and to assume your Divine rights so that they can come forth into manifestation? Are you afraid to accept the results of consciously accepting your birthright?

“The worm of the dust” finally discovers that he can do nothing to change or better himself, for he is a product of the dual belief in good and evil. Working with the body and personality, trying to perfect them, is exactly the same.

No matter what you have been, have done, or have left undone, when the Christ within is fully recognized as your True Self, all former limitations pass away. Thousands of sincere souls, seeking the light, have spent years trying to better the conditions of the “worm of the dust”—trying to make

“John Smith” a better man, healthier, richer or happier; but have accomplished little, or nothing. The worm cannot change except from within. The caterpillar of itself can never become a butterfly. A complete change has to take place—a transformation. What accomplishes it?

Only by yielding to the mind, the will of the life within, can the change take place. The caterpillar instinctively knows this and lets nature have its way. Only man rebels, interferes and interposes his own will and his own ideas. But when the Holy Spirit is born in him, the beginning of a change takes place in his nature; and when the spiritual man grows to maturity, the Christ, a Son of God emerges from the cocoon of the personality and its cloak of protection is cast off.

So will it be with you when you **assume** your true nature. You are now as the butterfly ready to break through and rise out of the cocoon; but like the butterfly you must make the effort, must respond to the urge of the Christ-life within—when **It** will give you the power, not only to break through your flimsy shell of self but to rise and fly to heights undreamed of.

Then your new being will be so far removed from the old, that the old will be as a dream. “The former things shall pass away—they shall be remembered no more, neither shall they come to mind.” Then as a Son of the Living God, living and moving in your new kingdom of expression, all fears and worries—the cause and effect of the “John Smith” personality—will drop away and be even as the cocoon of the butterfly.

“Be still and know, I AM, God” then takes on a new meaning: Be still and assume the glories of the new estate. Assume them in the secret place, easily, naturally—the power to do so will be given you, remember; assume them and rest in the quiet knowing of your True Self. In that knowing you will see nothing, hear nothing, be aware of nothing in the without; but you will see all, hear all, and know all in the within.

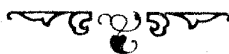
Be still and serenely assume the God given qualities, and hide them deep within the silence of your new consciousness. Then they will burst forth when needed as glorious expressions of your freed being.

“Be not afraid; it is I”—“I, who stand at the door and knock.” I am always there, awaiting your recognition and letting Me in, waiting to give you of all that I am and have, to use in the expression of the Christ Self which you then will be in full consciousness. Identify yourself now with Me and be at peace.

“Prove me now, saith the Lord of Hosts, (and see) if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”—Malachi 3:10.

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When this veil is finally lifted for all, which will be with the coming of the Lord "in the air," then you can see how those who are left will find themselves in their true homes in the soul realms. All evil minded ones will be in the dark realms of the lowest and outermost regions of consciousness where selfishness and greed altogether rule. While the masses of mankind, those who are neither good or bad and in whom the spirit still sleeps, will find themselves in the intermediate realms of the astral or lower mental, according to the growth of their souls. In other words they will be just where their souls are now, in those soul realms of consciousness where they belong and truly affinitize.

It will be exactly the same as if they had died and they no longer had physical bodies. But then death will not be necessary, for with the coming of the Lord and His Legions—the Sons of Light, Their vibrations will be so powerful that only those who have proven themselves to be His true disciples can live in and endure them. With all others their physical bodies will simply disappear with their human, "separate" consciousness, even as darkness disappears before the light; or rather their consciousness will remain in the lower vibration of which it is a part, while the heavenly consciousness descends and possesses the earth and all able to abide in it.

Thus will the Kingdom, which we described in the first part of this article and that before was invisible except to the spiritual sight, become visible to every "living" soul on earth and will be their natural world and its life their natural life. Although as we have shown, many before that time comes will have consciously entered the Kingdom, will have dissolved the veil, and will be living in what seems to be two worlds, even though their consciousness is then centered in the real world of the soul, and the outer is known to be unreal.

Our part is to help as many as possible to make the change as quickly as may be—to transfer their centers of consciousness from the mind to the soul, so that they may from then on be working consciously with their Brothers in the Kingdom for the advent of the New Day, when the true world of the spirit shall be on earth even as it is in Heaven.

MONEY

We will now take up the consideration of what is

money. The dictionary says money is "any material by agreement serves as a common medium of exchange and measure of value in trade."

But let us see if we cannot bring out the spiritual idea, the real meaning and purpose of money; for as you must realize money is not used or needed in Heaven. Then it must be a substitute for something that is used there, but which man either cannot or will not use here in his dealings with his fellow men. Think on this for a bit and see if it must not be true.

First let us consider why money is not used or needed in Heaven. Must it not be because there everyone loves and trusts each other and wants to help and do unto others as they would be done by? Is that the case here? Then because of this money must have been invented as something needed that could serve as a substitute and could be invested with a value that everyone would accept for what was being sold or exchanged.

But that not being necessary in Heaven, what there took the place of money? Let us see.

Did we not show you that in the Kingdom we ever live in an atmosphere of Love; that that atmosphere is God's Love, and it is so wonderful an atmosphere that from it we derive everything we need and are—that it sustains, strengthens and gives us our life—is our life, and it not only supplies us with the necessary food to sustain that life, but inspires our every thought, word and act?

Can you not see that God's Love is our sole support, supply and sufficiency in all things at all times—that it is there what men have made money to be here?

Ponder on this until you see how true it is, and then see if you can glimpse what is necessary before money can be to you what it really should be, and not what you and your fellowmen have made it to be.

Take a coin or a bill out of your pocket and hold it in your hand, and try to see it as a symbol of God's Love. That may seem difficult at first; but as every manifest thing is a symbol of an idea, you will of course have to put all other ideas formerly held about money out of your mind, and must not even see the coin or bill but must look right through it and try to see, or rather feel, God's Love flowing to you from out the symbol.

Persist in trying this until you **do** feel that Love, and then note the wonderful things that follow—the impressions and feelings that illumine mind and heart—the realization that God and money are most intimately related, and that God **does** want you to have the abiding evidence and the fullest sufficiency of what money really represents—His blessed Love and the accompanying Understanding and Power that belong to every one of His children.

What will this mean to you? Think! If you can feel that Love, and thereby get the Understanding, then, dear one, you connect your mind and its consciousness with God's Consciousness, and through the channel of the symbol of the idea you are holding in your hand, the door is opened wide and there is no longer anything to prevent the reality of what the symbol truly represents from flowing to you in rich abundance—for you have tapped the Source, the Spiritual Idea that brought the symbol into being.

But beware of how you use this wonderful truth. We have given it to you, in order that you may know the reality back of the symbol, and no longer will look upon money as the monster which men have made it.

Anyone who attempts to use this truth for the getting of money for purely selfish purposes will learn to his everlasting regret that spiritual truths and forces cannot be used for the benefit of self, and that a heavy penalty must be paid for every such attempt. On the other hand, those who seek through this truth to prove the real meaning of money, as God's Love, and thereby to come closer into oneness with Him, helping thus to eliminate self and its desires utterly, will find themselves invested with a Knowing and a consequent Power, that is inconceivable to a mind still seeking money for itself or anything that money can buy.

Money or the possession of money has given to man a fraudulent power that will surely bring about his own destruction. His love of money with his false idea of money's purpose have grown to such distorted proportions and have brought about such a perversion of its original purpose that the destruction of both money and all who thus misuse it, cannot help but follow; for they are deliberately misusing God's Love, the most powerful force in the universe. Instead of using Its symbol for the helping and blessing of humanity, man has allowed himself to be enticed into seeking it purely for selfish or personal ends, either to provide for his material needs or to build for himself a power and prestige among his fellows whereby he can exercise authority over them, and compel them to create for him more money and power.

Just think of man's perverting the visible symbol of God's Love in such a way, and the penalty he must pay for so doing! Then think of what might be if man could use money always and only as a tangible expression of God's Love flowing freely through him! We wonder if that could possibly be! What a different world we would then live in!

Let us give you a word of caution. Do not be surprised or dismayed if the false value and power money now possesses is altogether taken from it in the near future, and that possibly money will become worthless. For if the Kingdom is to come down and be on earth and money is not needed in the Kingdom, the destroying of money's power will be a clear sign of the near approach of that great Coming. And remember, all of the old order—everything built for selfish ends or even to maintain the system of competition of individuals against individuals, industries against industries, countries against countries; which means practically all our institutions, commercial, industrial, financial, educational and even religious—must go, and will utterly vanish from our midst, before the Kingdom can be established here and we be a part of it.

Therefore begin now and make your peace with money; learn always to see and know it as an expression of God's Love and Power, for it is the Power that can make you anything you will—when your will is united with His Will by such seeing and knowing.

God, Who is All in all, Who is therefore all that you are and all that money is, when your mind and its ideas are thus united with His on the money idea you are in its vibration, are on its wave-length—to use a radio term: and it must flow to you from the All of His Mind, as long as you keep the channel of your mind open by a perfect seeing and knowing.

Then whenever money comes to you or you give it to others, always see and feel it as a direct evidence of God's Love that you are either receiving or giving. Let your love flow forth to God in return—to God Who is within both you and your brother—Who is All in all—Who is the Love which always blesses, when we see Him as He IS.

We have given you these truths to help you in these dark hours of trial and tribulation. Praise God and thank Him daily, hourly, for His many blessings. Prove to Him now that you are worthy of what He has given you and of all that He is waiting to deliver to you.

“PROVE ME NOW”

In the July Paper and in the above you are provided with much food for thought, nay much food for your soul, which when fully digested and assimilated will prepare you for what follows.

You have been shown the only way of release from the “Depression,” in which the whole world is now involved,—that you must lift your mind entirely from it and require it to stay in your true consciousness, that of a Son of God. We have shown that in order to do this you must deliberately and persistently practice thinking, speaking and acting as a Son of God, until you are actually living in your true consciousness in the Kingdom and there is no longer a lower and a higher self, but only You, in your Christ Consciousness, seeing God in all things and knowing your Oneness with Him.

If you are now practicing working from this Consciousness, then you have digested and are assimilating the food supplied, and through the Grace of the Christ Spirit within the power is being given you to be your True Self on earth as well as in Heaven.

No, this is not impossible. It is your Divine heritage and nature and it but awaits your recognition and acceptance to manifest here and now. But it cannot manifest until you assume that it is so, and begin to act accordingly.

What do we mean? That not until you begin to assume your true nature, will the power start to flow through quickening in you the full consciousness enabling you to act as a Son of God.

We are trying so to inspire you with the truth of your real nature and power as a soul and Son of God being ever ready to come forth into expression, that you will begin now to assume your Sonship, will go about in that consciousness, and will prove to your human mind that You and Your Father are One and all that He is you are.

Does not the Christ Self of you always say to your human mind, “If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you?” Surely you can see that means if it abides in Your Christ Consciousness, and Your words abide in its consciousness, they will inspire and direct all its thinking, speaking and acting, and it will no more need anything, for You will provide it with all things, even as You are now provided in Heaven.

We know that you cannot get your human mind to abide continually in your consciousness at first, but not unless you persist and require it to do so more and more each day, can it get the habit of so doing. And we know that you cannot get it to abide at all unless you have brought it to a more or less clear realization that You are its True Self, and it and its personal self are nothing, can do nothing, can have nothing, only as You give them the power to be, to do and to have anything.

But you are supposed to have brought it to such realization through the proving of the many teachings given it in the past. And so you should fully understand and be able to respond to what we now shall say. Consider carefully every word.

If you truly realize that God is All in all, and that then He must be you, by holding to that realization and

tarting to act as a Son or expression of God, God will then act through you, and His Power and Grace will flow through and enable you to do anything you essay to do.

We do not ask you to believe this, but we do ask you to **try it—to prove it—to show your God-self** that you are ready to put yourself and your instrument wholly in His hands, so that He can empower you as He wills.

Is it unnatural that as His Son you should assume to be like Him and to use His Power as a God? Did He not form you in His image and likeness so that He can express the fullness of His nature through you? Then why limit Him any longer by deeming yourself less than you are—"a Son of the Living God," and "Joint Heir with Christ?"

The time will soon be when you **must** assume your true nature. When we tell you that by **assuming** to be what you actually are the proofs must follow, you will see how close you are to the reality of your Divine nature without knowing it.

All that you have to do is to **know** that God is **ALL**, is **you**, is every faculty, power and quality of your nature; is your life, your mind, your body, every part of your self—that there is no weakness, limitation or imperfection in you, because **He is all that you are**. Think on this long and earnestly until you get it.

Then you must likewise **know** that He, being **ALL**, is everybody and everything that is; that they are therefore all good and perfect, as expressions of Him, despite what your human mind tells you; and that there is nothing else but Him. You must hold to this truth, though all the world deny it.

Can you see what that will gradually do to your consciousness? It will make you soon to see, hear, feel, smell, taste, think, believe, know. **BE God** only. He will then fill your consciousness to the exclusion of all else, and thus will be your **SELF**, the only Self there is. Ah, dear one, if we can only get you to see this—to prove it for yourself! What a glorious blessing will be yours!

When you can by doing this thus make yourself as God—not a God, but **as God**; of the same nature and substance—then by this **knowing** the natural flow of God-expression will take place, and you will begin to understand you are "**under grace**,"—will taste of the unutterable sweets of the Christ Nature. Then you will find that you will "decree a thing and it shall come to pass," and many wonderful evidences of the God powers working through you will follow.

You will not have to visualize or imagine it, for as it truly exists in the Kingdom you see it there with **spiritual eyes**, the eyes of **knowing**. Assuming the Divine nature—making yourself as God—you always see the perfect whereas formerly you saw only the imperfect.

From the standpoint of assumption you will see health your natural state and disease non-existent. You will cease trying to get rid of disease as a reality and will know yourself as a Son of God living in perfect health and harmony of Spirit. One moment of this realization and disease has vanished into nothingness, for the Perfect Self is thereby revealed and made manifest.

From the standpoint of assumption, you will gain the actual, concrete results you failed to accomplish by imagination and visualization. Are you afraid to follow the steps of the Master and to assume your Divine rights so that they can come forth into manifestation? Are you

afraid to accept the results of consciously accepting your birthright?

"The worm of the dust" finally discovers that he can do nothing to change or better himself, for he is a product of the dual belief in good and evil. Working with the body and personality, trying to perfect them, is exactly the same.

No matter what you have been, have done, or have left undone, when the Christ within is fully recognized as your True Self, all former limitations pass away. Thousands of sincere souls, seeking the light, have spent years trying to better the conditions of the "worm of the dust"—trying to make "John Smith" a better man, healthier, richer or happier; but have accomplished little, or nothing. The worm cannot change except from within. The caterpillar of itself can never become a butterfly. A complete change has to take place—a transformation. What accomplishes it?

Only by yielding to the mind, the will of the life within, can the change take place. The caterpillar instinctively knows this and lets nature have its way. Only man rebels, interferes and interposes his own will and his own ideas. But when the Holy Spirit is born in him, the beginning of a change takes place in his nature; and when the spiritual man grows to maturity, the Christ, a Son of God, emerges from the cocoon of the personality and its cloak of protection is cast off.

So will it be with you when you **assume** your true nature. You are now as the butterfly ready to break through and rise out of the cocoon; but like the butterfly you must make the effort, must respond to the urge of the Christ-life within—when it will give you the power, not only to break through your flimsy shell of self, but to rise and fly to heights undreamed of.

Then your new being will be so far removed from the old, that the old will be as a dream. "The former things shall pass away—they shall be remembered no more, neither shall they come to mind." Then as a Son of the Living God, living and moving in your new kingdom of expression, all fears and worries—the cause and effect of the "John Smith" personality—will drop away and be even as the cocoon of the butterfly.

"Be still and know, I AM, God" then takes on a new meaning: Be still and assume the glories of the new estate. Assume them in the secret place, easily, naturally—the power to do so will be given you, remember; assume them and rest in the quiet knowing of your True Self. In that knowing you will see nothing, hear nothing, be aware of nothing in the without; but you will see all, hear all, and know all in the within.

Be still and serenely assume the God given qualities, and hide them deep within the silence of your new consciousness. Then they will burst forth when needed as glorious expressions of your freed being.

"Be not afraid; it is I"—"I, who stand at the door and knock." I am always there, awaiting your recognition and letting Me in, waiting to give you of all that I am and have, to use in the expression of the Christ Self which you then will be in full consciousness. Identify yourself now with Me and be at peace.

"Prove me now, saith the Lord of Hosts, (and see) if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:10.

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