CHRIST IN YOU

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"Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of men."

—PROV. viii. 4.

"Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see the things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear the things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

—MATT. xiii. 16-17.

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PART I

CHRIST IN YOU

CHRIST IN YOU

FIRST LESSON

A VOICE FROM THE HEIGHTS

I AM obliged to use your words and modes of expression, but I must say at the beginning that they[1] are wholly inadequate to convey spiritual truths. I long to help people who seem to be in the same mistaken conditions in which I once was, for man does not know himself.

We will consider together something of the truth of being, the most essential and the first of all things. You are not the outward and visible form; this is the feeblest and the most distant likeness of your real self. I will explain by illustration.

When an artist paints a picture, he does not

1 Cor. ii. 9, 10, 14.
9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" - 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

put on canvas the reality, he gives you simply a copy of that which is within himself. The real picture is on the spiritual plane and exists there much more truly than on the canvas; the real picture remains for ever, the canvas does not. No poet can give you his true poem. He does his best to convey something of its beauty, something of its life, but even then it is far removed from his ideal. That, too, is on the plane of reality.

There is a vast amount of creative energy working in and through the material plane. Like the picture and the poem, this energy is invisible to you. We want you to distinguish between reality and shadow. The physical plane, or plane of the senses, is a shadow, a faint imitation of the spiritual and the only real. Your work is to show forth higher laws, to live and breathe entirely from the plane of spirit, to create anew from the very centre of all life, to make one the kingdom of earth and the kingdom of heaven. You are not to think of yourself and the universe now visible to you as real. It is this that constitutes the difference

between us. We have entered into a larger consciousness of God, whereas you are content with the shadows of things. Just think how all your finest thought seems to vanish with the passing of great minds from your midst, yet this is not the case, as you will discover when you awake to the knowledge of a life that ever progresses from the unreal to the true. When this consciousness permeates the whole human race, you will be lifted to a higher plane, for growth is simply a larger consciousness.

Heaven is not a place, but a consciousness of God. God cannot be thought of as a personality, since God is all and in all. The Absolute is above and beyond the conception of finite mind, yet infinitely meek and lowly, filling all space. As you emerge into this all-pervading love, the true life becomes manifest and is always the answer to the deepest and highest aspirations of the soul. It is love fulfilling itself. Thank God for NOW. Learn first and thoroughly that you have been, and will be, for ever. Your present condition is an opportunity for spiritual advancement. Make the most and the best of your life NOW.

SECOND LESSON

FREEDOM BY UNDERSTANDING

IT is wonderful to realize that we are one great and unlimited whole. I could not understand this once. Your[1] Scriptures tell you that all things are open to the eyes of God. How slowly we learn that God and man are one. Do away with your limitations. Stand out free in the strong life of God. You are like children with your walls and partitions, your churches and chapels. We, too, wonder why we were so long learning the things that have since become quite clear to us. God is all life, seen and unseen. Millions on the material plane are in bondage, yet all the time the doors stand open. You will long to tell them this when you come to us. We are permitted to come to you at some cost, only do believe what we say, and act upon it.

We want to help you to live your real life.

[1] Jer. xvi. 17.
For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes.
Jer. xxxii. 19.
Great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds.
Prov. v. 21.
For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths.
Prov. xv. 3.
The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.
Heb. iv. 13.
And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Begin by obedience to the dictates of the spirit within yourself; it will lead you into truth. This is not easy, as man is always hedged about by a false personality, a Satan of the senses—this shadowy nothing must be cast behind us, for it is of the senses and would deceive humanity. It is sometimes like an angel of light, so much does falsity imitate reality; you can always distinguish it from the spirit, however, if you remember what I say. The[2] Voice of Christ is fearless, all powerful, the voice of a conqueror; the voice of the shadow of good suggests limitation, sickness, death. Hold fast to the All-good, the only real.

We worship God through Jesus Christ. There is no other way,[3] and there never has been, except in name. One title for God is Father, and it is the best we know, but it becomes much more comprehensive as we grow in the knowledge of God. You[4] have the power of a great victory within you, and God is continually speaking. In Him we live and move and have our being.

[2] John xvi. 33.
I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
Rev. i. 18.
And the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.
[3] John xiv. 6.
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".
[4] Luke x. 19.
Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

Many who are working among the downtrodden and degraded ask: "How is this?" "And why?" We would tell them that every created being must work up and through every necessary phase, evolving from the lowest point of created life. Yet we know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man cometh. Often in the deepest darkness of experience, illumination arises, changing the whole aspect and environment. The soul at once recognizes that only through this period of apparent degradation and ignorance can it evolve. Make the most and the best of every experience, you will thank God for them all. Do not weep with those who weep, but help them by a mighty love, pure as a mother's, for in the love of a mother is the unselfishness of God.

Learn to become unselfed.

You are not an atom, you are the whole. Every true unselfish life lifts the race nearer the Godhead. We are finding channels everywhere, teaching all over the earth by secret ways. Above[5] all things, walk by the spirit of God; as

[5] Gal. v. 16.
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

you do this more and more you will become conscious of harmony in your surroundings. Keep your hearts full of love to God and to all men, and we will teach you much. If you do not understand what we say, wait; we will teach very simply; but we beg you to realize our teachings in your lives.

THIRD LESSON

CHRIST THE LIFE

THE voice of spirit is far-reaching. It is the expression of omnipresence, and is both near and far. It knows nothing of space, but for the present we must deal with beginnings. Perhaps it would be as well to help you at your present stage of unfoldment. It is absolutely necessary that you should have times of quiet,[1] that you should come out from the business of life for a part of each day. If you were to wait in silence, holding the attitude of growth and steady development, thinking above all else of the kingdom of God—your condition should not be one of strain or of blank nothingness, avoid both these extremes—the result would be of the highest value to yourself and to all around you.

Hold in your heart, the true place of understanding, a stillness which is alive, like the heart of the rose. The God powers within

[1] Matt. xiv. 23.
And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.
Mark i. 35.
And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
Mark vi. 31, 46.
And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."
And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

you would assert themselves; crooked things would become straight, rough places plain. All smallness and discord quietly but surely would drop away and have no longer any power. To spirit, stagnation is impossible. The creative energy is constant activity within. All outside energy is waste and hindrance. As you quietly[2] wait upon God, the breath of life renews each particle of the body by its silent, orderly activity.

We are not able to tell you of future events, but we can indicate their trend, for each individual makes the future by the thoughts and acts of the present. You are today the result of your past. You may be hopeful, as your present thought will be fully realized in the future day. Hold the positive attitude in all that you undertake for spiritual development, knowing that God never fails. This holds you above the sense plane, and you immediately function from the spiritual, substantial, and only real. All must be finished before the

[2] Job xxxiii. 4.
The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Christhood of the race is complete—complete, unselfish, impersonal. Loving God and loving man, all may enter into unity. The evolution of spirit through the material is the work of creation. It is God that worketh in you now. Rejoice that you have this knowledge, and give the utmost for the highest. Live in spirit, breathe and walk in the innermost heart of yourself.

I want you to give some part of the day to this silent growth, thus bringing poise and balance into your whole being. I repeat this, as it is so necessary, so pregnant with results. First, you will be conscious of good sound judgment, a better understanding of your neighbour, and clear insight. Afterwards, the result in your body will be realized, for in the silence the[3] heart of flesh will have become one with the heart of spirit; and thus you bring about perfect circulation of the blood.

You can understand how highly important this is when I tell you that the brain is fed by the spirit; a finer element has become ruler over the grosser, and the spirit of the living

[3] Ps. xvi. 9.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
Ps. lxxiii. 26.
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

God breathes through the outer body of flesh. I am making this clear in order to emphasize the necessity for quiet. Later, you will not need this, as you will command at all times and in all places, heeding neither environment nor discord.

Do not seek love—give it. This is nourishment. Will you give ear to this? Take what is your right from your Father. He who brought you to this very moment of your lives is speaking in your hearts. Awake,[4] thou that sleepest. Christ shall give thee light.

[4] Eph. v. 14.
"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

FOURTH LESSON

PRAYER

PRAYER is to us the breathing of the breath of life. It is the strongest spiritual element in all worlds. I think we may now discuss the subject of prayer—as I see you have used this powerful weapon to some extent ignorantly. You say to some one in trouble: "I will pray for you," or you wish to help some one, say, in Australia. You know your wish is one with God's will, and you desire to bless with your whole being—but how do you send forth this God-energy? The prayer is often sent with the false idea of great separation, to a God afar off. It is never lost, but prayer of this kind enters into the vibrations most in accord with itself.

Although something is done in this way, the person you wanted to help is not helped to any great extent. Remember, Jesus spoke to the maid

alone, when He entered the room, saying, "Talitha cumi," and you too must be definite, clear, positive. Enter[1] into your closet, the innermost of yourself, and there see the perfect will of God accomplished for your friend—this is simple faith—and never see or hear anything else. Restfully,[2] and without strain, see victory in the name of Christ Jesus.

Now I will tell you what takes place when you speak from the God-centre of your being. In the strength of your calm assurance, false vibrations are withered entirely. There[3] is neither darkness nor depth where God is not, and you bring the troubled spirit into touch with God instantly. We have seen this many times. You cannot estimate the value of true prayer. To us it seems as if you were like children set down in a great power house, not knowing the importance of the switches and electric forces around you, waiting for knowledge, yet ofttimes blind and deaf.

I use your language so that you may understand, but words fail to express spiritual

[1] Matt. vi. 6.
But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
[2] Mark. xi. 24.
Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
[3] Ex. xx. 21.
The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.

realities. Your faith in God is your life and power. With[4] true prayer you shall ask what you will, and remember, nothing[5] is yours unless you take and possess. We have never known true prayer to fail. Do not cast your care upon an outside God and wait for results. God being within you, the answer is not distant from the desire. The spirit within is one with God and Christ; how then can God be afar off? I have given you this advice for those who have special need, but I would have you pray always: "Thy Kingdom come" in every heart and life. For he who knows God in his own heart and in farthest space is at one with all nations, north, south, east, and west. In your love and prayer include them all. Live in the thought of love toward all, and your life will become one unceasing prayer, a[6] constant going forth of God.

We would help to give you poise, that you may live always and only in the central life, dwelling on the plane of spirit, the only reality. Have done with shadow and illusion—enter

[4] Matt. xxi. 22.
And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.
John xvi. 24.
Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.
[5] Josh. xvi. 4.
The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance.
Josh. xviii. 3.
So Joshua said to the people of Israel, “How long will you put off

going in to take possession of the land, which the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you?

1 Kings xxii. 3.

And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we keep quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?”

Obad. 17.

But in Mount Zion there shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy, and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

6 Luke xviii. 1.

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Luke xxi. 36.

But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Rom. xii. 12.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Eph. vi. 18.

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

1 Thess. v. 17.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers.

into rest. Cease from time limitations. Remember our first lesson—You always are, and you always will be. Try to realize this now. Rest from your anxieties and live in the eternal. The blessing of God is with you always and for ever.

FIFTH LESSON

THE TRUTH OF BEING

THERE is nothing in life you need fear. You[1] will become sure that you are safe at all times and in every place. This realization will reveal to you how much you have understood of the truth of being. Nothing can affect your real individuality. We want these lessons to help you to enter into your own now.[2] It is wrong to hope and expect grace only at some future time.

Realize that spirit is omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. What is there to wait for? Let me state here—spirit cannot be less than the greatest. You have been trying to make statements from without. Let all your affirmations come from within, suggested only by the inward voice. Let[3] every other sound and sense be silent before it. Let[4] this spiritual highest YOU take possession

1 Ps. xci.
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. He will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
2 2 Cor. vi. 2.
For He says, "In a favourable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favourable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
3 Ps. xxxvii. 7.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
4 Rom. viii. 11.
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

of your mortal body. The only things that have ever really helped you to a higher knowledge of God have come from within. You must be true and faithful to the Word that speaks. Thoughts are the outbreathings of this Word, the first cause of all. We can only help you to help yourself. Remember all through these lessons that nothing helps from without unless it receives recognition from within. The[5] spirit is always revealing Christ, the whole and complete Saviour in you, the[6] hope of glory or gloriousness. Your[7] entire will, thought, and brain are led by this holy, invisible guide into knowledge of all truth. The moments of healing and growth have been when all the unquiet voices of the senses were hushed and silenced, when all personalities had ceased to touch you, when you had learned to be still. Then[8] God spoke in His Holy Temple. Oh that you would rest from your false thinking and BE!

Your present phase is a training ground, and

[5] John xv. 26,
But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.
John xvi. 13-15.
When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Gal. i. 12.
For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.
6 Col. i. 27.
To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
Gal. iv. 19.
My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!
7 1 Thess. v. 23, 24.
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.
8 Hab. ii. 20.
But the LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

you can do there what would be out of place and difficult here—just as you would find it difficult to learn the lessons of childhood when you are adult. Many loved ones who dwelt with you in the flesh have entered into the larger sphere to watch and pray with you. Listen to Christ Jesus the divine Man, and you will understand that His words are for you and have new meanings. That[9] you may have life in all its fulness, that your bodies may be perfectly whole, that you may be safe from harm and accident, that the worst enemy may be conquered, even[10] death itself, before you reach the thin veil which divides us: all this and more will be revealed to you, for all the works[11] of God are "very good."

Tonight when you rest, do not allow the senses to suggest weakness or weariness; instead, allow your spiritual atmosphere within and without to enfold and invigorate you, until you are conscious of spiritual conquest before you sleep. Your whole body will be renewed by this holy baptism, and your awakening in the morning

9 John x. 10.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
10 1 Cor. xv. 25, 26.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
11 Gen. 1. 31.
And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

will be a triumph and a joy. The effect of this is a sweet cleansing of mind and body. So[12] much is done during the hours of sleep and darkness. We pray that you may truly say: "Awake[13] or asleep, I am still with Thee." Cease from worry.

[12] Ps. cxxvii. 2.
It is in vain that you rise up early, and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
Ps. xvi. 7.
I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
[13] Ps. cxxxix. 18.
If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

SIXTH LESSON

GOD ALL IN ALL

ALREADY you are entering into a wider understanding. There are many who have gone on, yet in ignorance of much with which you are familiar. So far we have clearly stated the first fact—Who are we? Indestructible spiritual beings. The living knowledge of this alters your whole mental attitude towards sin, sickness, and death. Now we approach with reverence and humility our next consideration—Why am I?

The whole answer is contained in one sentence: You are, because God is; but as man is still blinded by false sense, I will endeavour to speak from your own standpoint. In the place where you are, there is a work of the highest importance to be done, and no one else can do your work. God has brought you to this time and place in order to carry out perfect

laws. You may never be known to the world, but your work shall stand for ever. By your own indwelling spiritual forces you will spiritualize and make real the plane of shadow and confusion. Working from the same spiritual standpoint, there will be no separation between us and you. In reality, there is no division. Your world sense of fear is the only barrier between us. This is a falsity, and belongs to ignorance and chaos. You are just where you are for the doing of God's perfect work. Hold an attitude of receptivity of heart and mind.

All the good around you exists for ever, and can never change or be lost. It is spoiled to you, because your eyes have opened to good and bad. The good is the only real. The[1] kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, working from the very heart of God the Creator. Your work the angels might envy, for in so far as you are true to your unlimited and spiritual nature, you are creative. We earnestly watch and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth. It will be the awakening from shadow to substance,

[1] Matt. xiii. 33.
He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

from confusion to order, from weakness to power—but, above all else, to the wholeness or unity of life. Realize that your work is the highest work that you have undertaken to do from the beginning. I would here recommend that you begin with your immediate circle, as the very next step must be the right one. See and know only the good in those nearest to you. Speak to them, recognizing the highest Self. Your trust shall beget in them new hope. In every detail of your life know only the good, which in very truth is the only real. Do not be cast down by appearances, but rather maintain an attitude of steadfast hope towards all who seem at a low stage of development, seeing always the goal to which they also shall attain; as for yourself, work with everything that makes for good. Your reason for being on the earth now is to help on this very work. There are helpers all around you. God is love incarnate. Peace is in your hearts and lives now. Behold, I make all things new.

SEVENTH LESSON

GET UNDERSTANDING

THE more we know of God, the greater becomes our reverence and humility. The infinite and eternal Wisdom has such exquisite order for every created being; the very stones and rocks are marvels of His goodness. Even the dewdrop obeys a law and fulfils the eternal purpose. As you evolve,[1] you discern these higher laws and become in harmony with them. It is one of our most interesting studies to discover the wonderful and perfect laws of living on each plane. If you could see the great interior worlds, you would almost worship your fellow-beings. God has endowed you richly. You have made mistakes, because you have not known yourselves. The mighty eternal love is seeking expression everywhere.

You ask: "What is the most practical method

[1] Prov. i. 2, 3.
To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight.
Prov. ii. 1-11.
My son, if you receive my words
and treasure up my commandments with you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
yes, if you call out for insight
and raise your voice for understanding,
if you seek it like silver
and search for it as for hidden treasures,
then you will understand the reverence of the Lord

and find the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,
guarding the paths of justice
and watching over the way of his saints.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
discretion will watch over you,
understanding will guard you.

Prov. viii. 14.

I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength.

Prov. ix. 10.

The reverence of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Prov. xvi. 22.

Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly.

Prov. xxviii. 5.

Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD understand it completely.

of healing the body?" Our great teacher Jesus Christ always met the need of the people at their exact degree of unfoldment. Thus, some would need the clay,[2] or bathing; others the spoken[3] word only. Jesus never failed to help in whatsoever condition or circumstance; that they came to Him was enough. This is where so many of your healers fail: either because they offer something beyond their power to realize, or because they employ methods that have become as words devoid of life. The[4] great Healer, by reason of the greatness of His love, could meet every need, and only as you love can you really help. Love[5] perceives as never man sees, suggesting with infinite variety the exact method. We are anxious that you should not spoil the great and beautiful work by following any known method, but always by following your own loving spiritual instinct, taking "no thought what ye shall say. It[6] shall be given

[2] John ix. 7.
And said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.
[3] Matt. viii. 8.
But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.
Matt. ix, 20-22.
And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman

was made well.

[4] Matt. viii. 16.

That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

Luke iv. 18, 19.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

[5] John xiii. 34.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

[6] Matt. x. 19.

When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

you in that hour." Love[7] with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and nothing is impossible to you. Jesus never failed to understand and recognize the perfect spiritual body in all men. Your body is perfect in spirit (substance), and every part of the material body should act in obedience to the spiritual, the only real.

When the senses would indicate pain and disorder, remember your spiritual body, and call it into manifestation by the word[8] of power. The[9] body should manifest wholeness, or you are surely making God seem a failure. Later on, when your body functions only from the plane of spirit, its uses will be finer, its obedience immediate. The positive spiritual man will assert himself, refusing to recognize the suggestion of the sense man, and will become ruler. Christ shall reign in you, and[10] Satan will be under His feet. Fill the house every day with strong, positive health

[7] 1 Cor. xiii.
If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are

tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

8 Luke i. 37.

For nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke iv. 32.

And they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority.

9 Rom. viii. 11, 19.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Eph. i. 19, 20, 23.

And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power towards us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places…[23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

10 Rom. xvi. 20.

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

vibrations, lifting the very atmosphere into purity and truth. Growth into good is so simple, so natural, for God[11] is working in your midst and cannot fail.

[11] Ps. lxxiv. 12.
Yet God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

EIGHTH LESSON

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

WE are taking the first cause and tracing its relationship to our present understanding. You have learned to say, "I am spirit," "I am to create." It would be as well to understand at what period of creation the race now stands, as this will make our immediate work clear to us. The race is at present in its childhood, just emerging into knowledge of the great and only life, the I AM, knowing very little of its true meaning and purpose. You understand that in these lessons we cannot express spiritual verities in words, we can only attempt to suggest the transcendental reality behind the shadow. The finest earth-music you have ever heard can only suggest real music to you; the highest that it does is to lead you to the heart of the composer, where you catch something of the perfect idea.

I have used this very crude illustration to teach you something of the meaning of God. He is ever beyond our highest ideal. Here, then, is our call to growth. Every stage of development reveals more of God, and every generation of men finds Him greater than the last. Today the conception is higher than it has ever been, and yet you see and know only[1] as men dimly groping in darkness and mist. God ever becomes more lovely as vision clears; every height we climb reveals fresh glory, and[2] calls us to follow on with unabated eagerness. And yet His greatness is greatest when it is in accord with the lowliest atom, when the Father-Mother God lifts the meanest thing to a place of safety in the very heart of love. The realization of this fills us with worship and adoration, for great[3] is our God above all gods.

Jesus Christ revealed God according to your need. The world, like children crying in the night, and with no language but a cry, was answered by the Father; by this name you know

1 1 Cor. xiii. 12.
For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
2 2 Cor. iii. 18.
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
3 Ps. xcv. 3.
For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

and love Him; by this name we understand much more than you do; but God is always willing to help you according to your need. Present understanding reveals something of the law of endless progression, of the fulness of life, of its deeper, richer meanings. Jesus[4] revealed the Christ of God, the hidden spring, abundant, overflowing, perpetual, never ceasing, that you might have it[5] in all its fulness, that[6] your flesh also might rest in hope. There is no mystery in this. Full, rich, glorious life should fill every vein—for Christ[7] is your life. Jesus did not draw down life from an outside God. He knew Himself to be the eternal Christ of God.

I think you will see more meaning in the life of Jesus as you live from the innermost of yourself. Humanity, God's eternal son, will one day say: "It[8] is finished," and "they[9] shall all be one." God is everywhere fulfilling Himself; not[10] even a sparrow shall fall on the ground without your Father. As Jesus the Christ was

4 John i. 18.
No one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.
5 John xvii. 13.
But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
6 Ps. xvi. 9.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
7 Col. iii. 4.
When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear

with him in glory.

[8] John xiv. 30.

I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me.

[9] John xvii. 21.

That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

[10] Matt. x. 29.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

unchanged by the experience called death, even so are we here, as there, ourselves, for we have always been and cannot die.

NINTH LESSON

PERSONALITY

TRANSITION from the personal to the universal does not mean loss of identity, but rather a greater individuality.

Personality as understood by man is full of limitations. If[1] the disciples were to keep Jesus of Nazareth, they would lose the Christ of God. Jesus[2] knew this and put the temptation of Peter far from Him, as He knew His personality was not their greatest good. I[3] come to reveal the Father, and I[4] will come and abide with you for ever: these wonderful words were full of meaning and today come with greater power. Only as[5] Jesus withdrew Himself from their midst, could He come again to all men in His omnipotence. I have shown you in our

[1] John xvi. 5-7.
But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.
[2] Matt. xvi. 21-23.
When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it

to you.

[3] John xiv. 7-11.

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

[4] John xiv. 16.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, to be with you for ever.

[5] John xvi. 7.

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

previous lessons that spirit is our first and real foundation. It has many channels and modes of expression, but it is the one and only life. Man on the plane of sense has tried to explain with finite mind the infinite wisdom of God. Man has limited the holy one, has dared to speak of God as person. Man, who does not know himself, has tried to explain the whole of God. In all these things you must live, think, and speak only from the spirit, for[6] the spirit searcheth all things. As you sink deep within yourself, a great meekness fills all your thoughts. You learn of Him who was and is greatest in His meekness and highest in His lowliness. The true understanding of personality becomes clearer to you as you realize your relationship to the whole. Your vision clears, you become filled with holy reverence and mighty hope. Personality is greater than you know, for the weakest person has the whole universe to draw upon—is entirely unlimited.

I say you exist because God is, and all[7] He has is yours. People seem to fail for want of vitality. The explanation is this: each of you

[6] 1 Cor. ii. 10.
These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.
[7] Luke xv. 31.
And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours'.

is a trinity, living on three planes—the planes of spirit, soul, and body. In most cases there has been an unequal existence on one or more of these planes. You should draw all from the spiritual first, thus feeding the[8] soul covering, and manifestation in the body must follow. Only on earth can man do this great and perfect work. Every spiritual truth brought into manifestation is creative, and all your future is made by your conquests now. You must consecrate your whole being afresh to God, that He[9] may work His perfect will, bringing harmonious conditions into your life.

8 Dan. vii. 15.
As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.
9 Phil. ii. 13.
For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

TENTH LESSON

THE BOOK

AT this point we will consider together the value of your Scriptures, the collection of books called by you "The Bible."

Books, words, letters, are all valueless in themselves. What[1] you call inspiration is the true secret of their value. The spirit by its potency, its subtle vitality, can take any word from any language, on the plane of sense, and use it to convey meanings, to suggest thought, and often to pierce through a wall of sense impossible to the word of itself. Thus the word is only the vehicle or outer shell, hiding either the pearl of great price or a two-edged sword. The[2] Word of God is quick and powerful; it is also sweeter[3] than the honeycomb.

Inspiration, then, is the one spirit using for its channels many books and many methods; it

[1] 2 Tim. iii. 16.
All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.
[2] Heb. iv. 12.
For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
[3] Ps. xix. 10.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
Ps. cxix. 103.
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

is ever seeking avenues to pour out the abundant wealth and wisdom of God. Inspiration is possible to all men. That you can from the spiritual plane use sense, or empty words, so that they become vehicles of spiritual power, is a great and glorious truth. This, too, is genius, for God has spoken, and the ordinary language of time and sense is made eternal and spiritual.

In just this way, Jesus took the word "bread," and gave it a holy and spiritual meaning. When we pray: "Give[4] us this day our daily bread," we are using words of great and significant meaning—seeking the nourishment that shall sustain us in very deed. In all things we are to bring reality and truth where nothingness and limitation have made chaos and darkness. Then we see the necessity for light: God's first spoken word at the Creation—LIGHT.[5]

Written words are not the only means of communication, for the spirit comes into our outer man with great illumination, and to explain this you have no words. I pray that

[4] Matt. vi. 11.
Give us this day our daily bread.
John vi. 32-51.
…[32] Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. [33] For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always. [35] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst…

… [49] Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. [50] This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. [51] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

5 Gen. i. 3.

And God said, “Let there be light”, and there was light.

this may be your experience in all its fulness. It is the first and highest expression of God. The illumined soul moves through all life, radiating light, the unconscious manifestation of divinity, a deep, inward peace, a real knowledge of men and of all things, a light which cannot be hid, for it is conveyed in every gesture, in every spoken word. Thus we understand an inspired or illumined soul. The real value, then, of the Bible is in the spiritual or inspired writer, who has opened your understanding to the things of God.

Added to this is another mighty factor—the place you have given the Bible. It holds the highest place amongst all your books, and it always will. Millions of people have lifted it, by their belief in it. In this we recognize the working of a law unknown to you. I can best explain it as the law of transmutation. The working out is as follows: You can lift everything into the highest place, until it becomes transmuted and purified, changing into very gold the basest metal of earth. This is the philosopher's stone, the transmutation into heavenly values by our faith in absolute truth.

I am putting this key into your hands, that you too may begin even now to turn every experience into an opportunity to lift it into the highest until it becomes purified, transmuted pure[6] gold tried in the fire of God; and not only this, but it returns to you a thousandfold, filled with richest meanings for all time. This is what has taken place with your Bible. You have given it this place, and your reward is that it will always reveal the highest things to you because of this very law. Take the Holy Book and read it much; seek[7] the spirit, not the letter, in this as in all other things.

We are very much in earnest about these things, and if you remember that this beneficent law is always operating you will understand the effect in your lives. You have the power to bring any one whom you wish to help, into this place of blessing. Every act of your life, every expression of your thoughts, should be lifted towards the very highest. There will come to you a realization of a place of sinlessness within yourselves, a place of purity and perfection

[6] Rev. iii. 18.
I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

[7] John vi. 63.
It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

2 Cor. iii. 6.
Who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

that nothing can touch or soil, for you have begun to BE, even as your Father who is in Heaven.

The Bible has become to you THE Book, but I would also have you know that God has inspired men and women with power to reveal, in our own time, even greater things, and ever fresh unfoldings from the heart of life. Above all things, we want you to have the open vision[8] today, for greater things are coming, and God is doing wonders[9] among you. Rejoice in the new revelation, abounding in[10] hope. The new will reveal the old to you afresh. Have no doubts. Launch out[11] into the deeps of God, and fear not.

Eternity is NOW.

[8] 1 Sam. iii. 1.
Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.
Prov. xxix. 18.
Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.
[9] Josh. iii. 5.
Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."
[10] Rom. xv. 13.
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.
[11] Luke v. 4.
And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

ELEVENTH LESSON

SIN, SEPARATENESS

TRUTH is the eternal Word.

There is nothing new, for truth has had no beginning. As you unfold you have clearer vision and wider spheres of action. You cannot see new truth, that is impossible. Whenever you enter into the plane of spirit, prepare yourself by prayer and the consecration of your whole being to God. This is the only safeguard against false teachers. When there is a threefold cord it[1] is not easily broken. Three souls in perfect unity can do great things for the cause of God and of all men. Let the spirit within you be your only guide. It is for this reason only that we come, that you may know yourselves. Our words can only help as they enable you to do this. Our love for your world is very great. Do not lean on any

[1] Eccles. iv. 12.
And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

outside help, however high, however good. You have already learned that it is impossible for the mind of man to affect Spirit in any way.

The work to be done in you is of far greater importance than learning from any teacher. Jesus could not do His works of healing while the mind was thinking. There must be silence when[2] God speaks. The Christ within you is the same yesterday,[3] today, and for ever. Wait in silence and repose, that Christ may speak, may write upon yourselves His thoughts, His purposes, His designs. Let this mind[4] be in you until not I, but[5] the Christ of God is your only reality. You have known this for many years, but let the old Word speak again, until you feel the thrill, the newness of life, the upspringing[6] of the eternal Son of God.

That sin may be forgiven, there is needed a

[2] Gen. xviii. 1.
And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.
Gen. xxiv. 63.
And Isaac went out to meditate in the field towards evening.
Ps. xxxvii. 7.
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!
Ezek. iii. 22.
And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, "Arise, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you."
Gal. i. 11-17.
For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. [12] For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation

of Jesus Christ…
…[15] But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, [16] was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone…
3 Heb. xiii. 8.
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.
4 Phil. ii. 5.
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.
5 Gal. ii. 20.
I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
6 John iv. 14,
But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John vii. 38.
Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'

cleansing, a putting[7] off the old, so that the tender, new realization of Christ may not be impeded by the opposite of good. Sin and evil must not be confused as they often are. Sin is that great falsity connected with our outer self of the senses, it belongs to separateness and chaos. It would dare to set up its king and make its kingdom in our midst; but the Christ, now consciously real to us, as an inward fact, is greater than we know, and shall put all things under[8] His feet. His very life in us is recreating, making[9] new, or filling with Himself, bringing the soul into unity with God; thus, as of old, driving out of His Father's temple[10] the thieves and robbers by His own right of possession. There goes out from us a cry of need, a[11] great want, a reaching out to the author of our being. The infinite love is all-sufficient, and from that heart of love comes the healing of forgiveness, such greatness of love, that[12] all is blotted out; since One dwells within who has conquered sin and death.

7 Col. iii 9.
Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.
8 1 Cor. xv. 25.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
9 Rom. xii. 2.
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
10 John ii. 15.
And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

11 Ps. xiii. 1, 2.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day?

12 Ps. li. 1.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Col. ii. 14.

By cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Learn that sin forgiven is the end of that sin, but[13] not the end of its results—the root is killed and the river of[14] life flows on. The suffering and results caused by sin can[15] be turned into good. We on this side see something of the compensations of life. The ways of God are perfect,[16] and the soul that is conscious of the living Christ, lifted into unity with the Father, becomes one with the work of redemption, lifting the whole race.

Love is pressing through the very atmosphere round about us and you. Love requires readiness and[17] obedience, and we are called to do its bidding. Are you willing to obey even[18] unto the death of the cross? That cross is the place of your sacrifice for all men. All must go to Calvary, there to become one with the Father. Greater love[19] hath no man than this. Love is the atmosphere wherein all that is highest is nourished and fed. Love dwells in every human life, however degraded it may seem to you. Love much,

13 Gal. vi. 7.
Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.
14 Rev. xxii. 1, 2.
Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the midst of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
15 Gen. i. 20.
And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let flying things fly above the earth across the

expanse of the heavens."

16 2 Sam. xxii. 31.

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

17 Isa. i. 19.

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.

18 Phil. ii. 7, 8.

but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

19 John xv. 13.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

and[20] Christ shall do His work through you, for He loves your world, and will never cease until it has become the kingdom[21] of heaven.

20 1 John iv. 16-19.
So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgement, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.
21 Matt. vi. 10.
"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, on earth also"

TWELFTH LESSON

"HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER"

HEAVEN is not a place to which you go, it[1] is just where you are. You can enter heaven NOW. Good men and women from time to time have made this discovery, and henceforth "All[2] is well." They have ceased to hurry, for the journey is over. They are no longer pilgrims and strangers, but children in the Father's home. The first thing we understand when we awake is, that there has not been any journey, or passing over and through vast spaces. We are just where we always have been—at home, alive for[3] evermore. There is no separation from any one we love, or from any good that is ours. To enter heaven is to become lifted into a

[1] Luke xvii. 20-21.
Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is within you".

[2] 2 Kings iv. 26.
Run at once to meet her and say to her, 'Is all well with you? Is all well with your husband? Is all well with the child?' And she answered, 'All is well.'

Hab. iii. 17-18.
Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no meat;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

[3] Rev. i. 17-18.
Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

larger consciousness of God, and in this consciousness we possess much more really all those whom we love. We are nearer to you, and we often talk together. There is no parting, but only greater unity. No belief in distance and space is possible on the spiritual plane. I can only remember it when I wish to understand your conditions. In the clearer light we can no longer hold the false idea of limitation. All is ours and all is yours. To[4] become spiritually-minded is life and peace. No suggestion of the carnal mind[5] can ever produce good.

Thank God for the secret stir of life on your earth, like the sap in the tree, sending forth life exultant into every part. A glorious liberty[6] is opening up before you. The captives are being set[7] free, old bonds are bursting, fetters of ancient creeds are being snapped asunder. Be not dismayed, the battle is[8] God's. Do not hug your chains; let go. Yield to the highest within you, and so become one with the great good, pouring forth healing and blessing through

4 Rom. viii. 6.
For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
5 Gal. v. 19-21.
Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
6 Rom. viii. 21.
That the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to

corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

[7] Luke iv. 18.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

[8] 1 Sam. xvii. 47.

And that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hand.

every waiting channel. The whole race is being lifted on to a higher plane. This work is going on in your very midst. We are full of thanksgiving at the thought that you may know the freedom of the children of God. Conscious union with God is your whole salvation; spirit, soul, and body. The knowledge of God's oneness with man, with yourself, is the open door to freedom. Jesus came to show you the way, for Christ is the Way.

I see you have not understood me about mind and thinking. This is a very wide subject. I can give you only the main points. The sense mentality, that delicate medium for spiritual truth, has shared in falsity—separateness—when it should have been the perfect channel for the one and only mind. Crammed by false thinking from the outer, it should have remained open to the divine inner and the only real, fed from the highest source, the real bread and[9] true blood, which is Christ. It is the power to bring into subjection[10] all sense perceptions, all false minds, alive in every

[9] John vi. 53.
So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

[10] 2 Cor. x. 5.
We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

part of the body. Every atom of your body should be under control, lest the hand,[11] foot, or brain should gain supremacy, rule you, and bring about confusion.

The sense of separateness in every sense is your great enemy. We beg you to let the mind of[12] the Christ control. IT is wisdom, IT is love, and IT is unity. Let this mind hold you, control you—sweeping through the outer body of flesh as its lord and king; so that each breath shall rekindle and glow. Ay, even the very dry[13] bones shall reunite and breathe. So shall you die to sin and the sense of separateness, but live unto[14] Christ. You will read and understand in your hearts.

11 1 Cor. xii.
…[12] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ… …[14] For the body does not consist of one member but of many. [15] If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less a part of the body... ... [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?... …[20] As it is, there are many parts, yet one body [21] The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you", nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."...
12 Phil. ii. 5.
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.
13 Ezek. xxxvii.
[4] Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. [5] Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live… …[14] And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."… …[22] And I will make them one nation in the land, on the

mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. [23] They shall not defile themselves any more with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backsliding in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God… …[26] I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst for evermore. [27] My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [28] Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst for evermore.

14 Rom. vii. 11.

For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

THIRTEENTH LESSON

CHRIST IN YOU

DO you ask for practical lessons on healing because you want immediate results? I will answer your question, in order that you may attain to the highest. You can appeal on the material plane and seem to get help quickly; this is because you have been so long under the dominion of the senses. At first, when seeking health from the spiritual plane, you will seem to become worse; always regard this as a hopeful sign. It means the last fight with falsity and shadow. With each attack of the enemy remember that Christ is your life; until finally you die to live, putting off the old man and his dominion, to live anew and for ever, for you have conquered the last enemy through the Lord Christ. God's work is never uncertain or hurried. It is sure, and is steadily working out good. "Therefore mine own arm so brought

salvation."[1] "Therefore be steadfast,[2] unmovable, always abounding," and although you may seem to make but little headway, you are really growing, even in the darkness of night.

The great master, Jesus, unfolded this aspect in His parables[3] dealing with the kingdom of heaven. The little brown seed sown in the earth is unaware of the sun, until it comes through the darkness of matter, by its own inherent activity, unfolding to receive consciously that which has always been influencing its growth in the darkness; and yet I say that even the sun would have no power, were it not for the central attraction within the seed. Now we understand something of the meaning of evil and its friendly uses, that the dark earth is the medium for growth; and I can best liken it to the creation of God, which is called evil, always pressing into activity the bidden force within the seed covering.

Without this friendly aid and left to itself, the seed, though perfect, would be non-productive.

[1] Isa. lix. 16.
He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.
[2] 1 Cor. xv. 58.
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.
[3] Matt. xiii. 31.
He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field.”

The so-called evil has caused the seed to quicken, to bring forth by its very opposition.

Look into nature, for therein is the symbol of every creative process on the spiritual plane.

All that exists is first and for ever in the real world of spirit, of which yours is but the shadow and semblance. When the fulness of time comes, your world will be no longer shadow, but substance, for it will be the kingdom of the Christ, the new heavens[4] and the new earth, one united home. There shall be no parting, for there shall be neither separation nor death, since the former things are passed away, and man and God are one.

[4] Rev. xxi. 1, 4.
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [4] He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.

FOURTEENTH LESSON

OUT OF DARKNESS—LIGHT

THE seed covering, as explained in our last lesson, contains the germ—the promise—of the fulness of the Godhead, just as the outer man contains the seed form of the spiritual man, with all the possibilities of growth and expression. We would have you remember that while the inner and spiritual is always perfect, the outer covering is often out of harmony and has many imperfections, owing to long ages—as you count time—of ignorance and sense domination.

You are to learn that spirit is the rightful ruler, the true owner and king. Man has tried to alter conditions on the material plane, to seek help from without; this has hindered and often prevented the real work. Wherever spiritual forces have been brought to the material plane,

the work is lasting, nay, eternal. An unconquered body is an unfinished life. All must be completed. He will perfect[1] that which concerneth Him.

As you grow in understanding of the realities, your vision of Christ will be clearer, and vision[2] is the beginning of attainment. We must first see, then become our vision. Hold the highest ideal, even Christ, and you will awake in His[3] likeness.

You may ask at this point, how we explain the perfect physique of the undeveloped races. The difference is that you have evolved, and although through ignorance you have not developed perfectly all round, yet it is a far higher thing to have come to a knowledge of your spiritual being, even at a loss to the material. The undeveloped man will awaken later, and he too must learn that I AM. The will to be becomes a force to be reckoned with. He will suffer, for knowledge is born of suffering, until he comes to the consciousness of God. As you have struggled with the less real, so will

[1] Ps. cxxxviii. 8.
The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.
[2] Hab. ii. 1-3.
I shall stand watch at my station, and shall climb the stairs of the watch tower; and I shall see, what shall be said to me, and what I shall answer to him who rebuketh me. And the Lord said to me, Write thou what thou seest, and make it clear on a tablet, ready for a courier to carry it with haste so that it can easily be read. For yet

the vision is far off, but it shall appear in the end, and it shall not lie; and even if it appeareth to be delayed, wait thou for it, for it is coming, and indeed shall come, and shall not be late.

[3] Ps. xvii. 15.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

he, and you will watch and pray with us, till all the kingdoms of the earth are as the kingdom of heaven, for all souls[4] are the inheritance of God. So much of your suffering is unnecessary and caused by opposing the will of God, but there is a quality of suffering that effects the highest good, that suffering which brings into activity the three great principles of spiritual growth—faith, hope, and love. The highest good is known by its opposite, and every experience can be used for ultimate good. Learn that the beauty of morning is known because of the darkness of night. Sorrow is ever making channels for joy.

[4] Ps. ii. 8.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

Dan. vii. 13, 14.
I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

FIFTEENTH LESSON

JESUS CHRIST—THE RACE MAN

THE[1] heart is the place of understanding, or as we would rather say, the doorway of divine wisdom—"Blessed[2] are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." The heart,[3] and not the mind, knoweth the deep things of God. Our lesson can only be understood in your own heart. The true revelation must unfold from the divine heart of love, beating in unison with your own. So near is God.

There are many theories, many explanations given about the cross of Jesus. Trust the inward and spiritual guide in all these matters, and not the mind of man. We know that the sacrifice on the cross has for your world the deepest meaning. In that sublime act Jesus the Christ symbolized God's highest thought for you.

[1] Prov. x. 8.
The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

[2] Matt. v. 8.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

[3] Prov. ii. 2, 10.
Making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; [10] for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.

Prov. iv. 23.
Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Prov. xxii. 17.
Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.

You[4] cannot now comprehend the greatness of it. Bonds were burst, and your earth was given its freedom. How much we have misunderstood its meaning! Let us keep reverent hearts and hushed voices before a mystery of such high import. It has a wide meaning, and only divine wisdom can interpret its greatness and its love. From our side we see something more of its results.

The principalities[5] and powers can no longer harm you against your own will. Jesus descended into the 1owest[6] hell that He might set free the captives and cast off all that makes for separation between God and man. The cross was the lifting up of humanity into divinity. Every incident in connection therewith symbolizes some great inner truth. In that mysterious outflow of water from the side, your earth received its chrism—its holy anointing—its Christhood. We worship in lowly adoration when we remember the greatness of that work. We have much to learn

4 Eph. iii. 16-21.
That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19] and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, [21] to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all

generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

[5] Eph. vi. 12.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

[6] Pet. iii. 18,19.

…being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison.

about this, and you can never know the full meaning of sacrifice until you too enter into sinless and selfless Christhood.

Jesus Christ is your highest conception of God. He chose to stand for your world from the beginning as the eternal Christ of God. He alone knew all God's meaning for you. When visible in the flesh He was the God-man,[7] a Man for all men, loving God and loving men, the universal Man. In Him all find relationship. He is of the great wholeness of life, the sap, the very tree and vine. He was truly Son of God and Son of Man. The great unity of God and Man is revealed in the cross.

[7] Ezek. i. 1,26-28.
In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. [26] And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. And upwards from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all round. And downwards from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all round. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

1 Cor. xv. 47.
The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

Acts xvii. 31.
Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

1 Tim. ii. 5.
For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

SIXTEENTH LESSON

TRUTH IS STEADFAST—IMMOVABLE

TO receive this teaching you must exclude the vibrations of inharmonious personalities; it is highly injurious to allow an invasion of magnetic currents. This causes exhaustion and want of vitality. Keep perfect[1] poise of spirit, never allowing any influence to enter the spiritual innermost, while sensitive and receptive. Try to help people to their own indwelling spiritual wealth, and do not imagine that it is the right thing to help them of yourself. It is far higher to help others to help themselves, leading them to the true source of all good. I suggest that you do not allow any but yourself to open the door of communication between yourself and us. You all need to remember your own right[2] to rule in every condition and circumstance.

Let us consider together the meaning of the

[1] Isa. xxvi. 3.
You keep him in perfect peace
Ps. cxii. 7.
He is not afraid of bad news;
[2] 1 Cor. iv. 8.
Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!

personal and of the universal, for there is much confusion of thought in your midst about these things. Jesus was both a spiritual personal identity and the Christ of God. This is God's meaning for you—with Jesus the divine teacher for your guide. Jesus the Christ became one with God when one with man. Only by withdrawing Himself from their midst as a personality could He really come again to His disciples in that interior sense which was to make of these ordinary men the great apostles of the Christian Church. Only by entering into the universal could He become the true individual in them and in us all, the You, the I AM of our life and theirs.

In that wonderful chapter of the Acts[3] you may find the record of their first glimpse of the great cosmic consciousness, the inner illumination which will cover the whole earth as the waters cover the sea. They emerged from the limitations of time and sense into a larger spiritual freedom. Their loss of the personality of Jesus was their great gain of the Christ all in all.

[3] Acts. iv. 31.
And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

You are to become one with all men, a great brotherhood and divine unity.[4] The words will surely reveal the truth. At present this consciousness is dawning; surely we see the coming unity of man with man in God.

You will in no sense be less yourself but you will be greater in love and understanding. The suffering of some is the hurt of the whole. How[5] beautiful are the feet of those who carry the tidings of peace and goodwill toward all men! Silently working in the heart of the nations is the Prince[6] of Peace. We pray for open doors that the great interior life may flow out and expand, the very river from the Ancient[7] of Days. There[8] is perpetual healing wherever the river cometh.

Rest in hope. Be strong[9] and of good courage, the day is coming[10]—the night is past. In[11] the darkest and outermost hell is God. There are planes below yours, some even unconscious of God, but all shall be redeemed. Every time you make a conquest on the

[4] Ps. cxxxiii.
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

John xiii. 34.
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

[5] Isa. lii. 7.
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
[6] Isa. ix. 6, 7.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
[7] Dan vii. 22.
…until the Ancient of Days came, and judgement was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.
[8] Ezek. xlvii. 9, 12.
And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. [12] And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.
[9] Deut. xxxi. 6.
Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.
Josh. i. 7.
Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.
[10] Rom. xiii. 12.
The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.
[11] Ps. cxxxix. 8.
If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
Ps. lxxxvi. 13
For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

material plane, you make better conditions for those below you. I repeat, every individual conquest is a victory for the whole race.

Pray often and love much; do not falter on the upward path, for when you fall, others fall with you. Thank God for your glorious opportunity here and now.

Read[12] the Sermon on the Mount continually, and wait silently as the words unfold their meaning to you.

[12] Matt. v. vi. and vii.

SEVENTEENTH LESSON

IMAGINATION

THE body is the covering and the garment of spirit, and you are learning that spirit is ruler. At first you may not see results, but the work begins the instant you function from the spiritual plane. Do not be discouraged—as I was—at not seeing results. I see now that the work of healing was going on, even when things seemed at their worst. You will thank God for the darkness and the struggle; you will prove their real friendliness. Christ's work in you is to proclaim liberty to captive souls, the opening of prison doors to them that are bound. Your body will be the beautiful garment of spirit, for salvation is not in part, but wholly.

You ask "What is thought?" Perhaps you have missed the true understanding. Thought is a creative process behind all phenomena. It

is not a mental concept, though it finds its avenue through the mentality. The thought is never separated from the thinker. The worlds with all their myriad forms in nature are thoughts expressed by the Absolute. You are God's thought, and so you also manifest love.

At the very heart of life, both universal and individual, is the well-spring of growth, from which all true life evolves. It is the Only ONE, the first cause of all, never outside Its own creation, but self-existent, inseparable from Itself; ever making for perfection and peace. This self of life is sending out rays of intelligence through its many channels, outpouring Itself in infinite variety, but always One. The great outer enemy, the senses, would pervert, making separation even of the expressed Being, until, as a result of ages of ignorance, man has dared to think of himself as a complete and separate identity, looking on the suffering of humanity as something outside himself, looking on God as afar off.

God requires outflow from the great central life. This is a law steadily working itself out

in the tiniest detail of your earth life. Your planet holds within it fire, water, and minerals of untold wealth, but it also holds a great invisible interior spiritual force, creative, reconstructive. This is thought, the outcome of the one life, breathing through stone, rock, and densest matter. Man limits himself by his mental process, and hinders the upspringing of the divine thought. (We see from our side.) Man gets a glimpse of a truth; he immediately begins to make it concise, gives it a form, clothes it by the mental process called reasoning; thus himself closing the avenue by separation from the whole. No truth is a part; there is but one truth. No man can hold all the truth. This is a work for all time.

You would do well to unfold the capacities for receiving by[1] clearing the mind of limitations,[2] beliefs that have become bondage, and by becoming even[3] as a little child. Otherwise you cannot enter the kingdom. We see so much spiritual force imprisoned behind

1 Neh. iv. 10.
In Judah it was said, "The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall."
1 John iii. 3.
And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
2 Matt. v. 21-48.
…[23] So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift… …[29] If your right eye causes you to sin,

tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into the Gehenna of the fire... …[36] And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. [37] Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil…[38] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' [39] But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also… …[43] "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' [44] But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45] so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

3 Matt. xviii.3.

And said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

the closed mental doors of humanity. The spirit of God quickens the intellect, for it becomes enlightened by the true[4] light. Open out to this hidden spiritual life, as the flower is nourished into full bloom by its own hidden forces.

Consider well the flowers of the field; they do not toil[5] in order to blossom forth. You will become calm and steadfast, and the effect in the end will be a great peace[6] both in your body[7] and in your environment. It is God that worketh[8] in you to will and to do. Man's mentality is not the place of thought. While the holy seed is unfolding, the work of creation begins in you, as at the beginning of all things. God's thought was your planet. When the life upsprings within you, it requires a place of action to manifest.

That which you call imagination is the ground for the expression of God's thought. You will learn to keep the imagination pure and holy, free from the contamination of the senses; for that which is imagined, afterwards becomes.

4 John i. 9.
He was the true Light, which doth enlighten every man, coming to the world.
John viii. 12.
Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
5 Matt. vi. 28.

And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin.

[6] Ps. cxix. 165.

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

[7] Ps. xvi. 9.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Ps. cxlvii. 14.

He makes peace in your borders; he fills you with the finest of the wheat.

[8] Phil. ii. 13.

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Your Scriptures unfold the importance of this, when they describe false imaginings, and speak of imagining mischief.[9] A pure imagination is sometimes called "genius." It is the mirror of God. Let the Christ have full control of this, that you may awake in His likeness. It will reveal God's meaning to your understanding. Your imagination is God's best gift. The heart and the imagination are closely related—they act and re-act. The heart and the imagination should be pure.[10] This involves real effort, but you will be richly rewarded. You will have the thoughts[11] of God, your mind will reflect them, and enriched and illuminated by the Eternal, you will be conscious of ever fresh unfoldment. You will see, bear, and know only God. This lesson will unfold within you while you read. God is the only reality for all time.

9 Ps. lxii. 3
Till when do ye devise mischief against a man? Ye are destroyed all of you, as a wall inclined, a hedge that is cast down.
10 Matt. v. 8.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
11 Jer. xxix. 11.
For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

EIGHTEENTH LESSON

IDEA—THE EXPRESSED IMAGE

SUNDAY was a day of great joy to me. The seventh day has a deep meaning for your planet. There is a correspondence to your Sunday with us, for the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord our God. Real prayer is a great attraction to us; deep earnestness is the open door for its answer. It attracts by its magnetism, the fulness of its need. In our last lesson I told you that the place of creation in the individual, the spiritual ground for the projection of thought from the divine innermost, was the imagination.

Our next consideration is IDEA. First, the eternal mind; secondly, the thought; thirdly and lastly, the outcome of both is the idea, that which is to become manifest in the outermost plane of being.

What are your ideas for the most part? Are

they only and entirely the outcome of divine[1] thought? Do you express the living Christ? I want to make clear to you the omnipotence of the divine man and the reality of the God idea. Try and stand with me as you read this, and look out upon the earth plane. You will be filled with a longing desire to fulfil all[2] the law, even as Jesus did. The end is from the beginning—God, the end of all separation. The great Love will leave the ninety[3] and nine to bring in the remaining one, for all[4] shall be in the kingdom of our Lord Christ.

God's idea for your world and for you is perfection and nothing less. There are many who have passed from your earth still clinging to the false idea that matter is substance, the result of long ages of sense belief. Good spirits, often deeply reverent and noble, they still live on the material plane; it is to them real. They like to see their thoughts expressed

[1] Isa. lv. 8, 9.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
[2] Matt. v. 17.
Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.
[3] Luke xv. 4.
What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?
Ezek. xxxiv. 11.
For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.
[4] Luke iii. 6.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God

on the material plane. This is a hindrance to them, all ignorance is, as they cannot unfold to the higher experiences.

Give[5] more time to quiet, that you may have the reflection of God upon the mirror[6] of your imagination, that you too may become God's idea, for He has said: "Be[7] ye holy." The growth of this perfect idea has become manifest to us. As you wait[8] upon God a great underwork is going on, and afterwards[9] it beareth fruit.

Close the door of your closet against the suggestion of the senses, that God's Idea may manifest in your body, for "if thine eye be single[10] thy whole body shall be full of light." Full, rich life-blood pulsates through the heart at one with God. This is the touch of healing, because the vitality of the whole universe is no longer separate but delights to pour itself through its own God-given channels.

5 Ps. xlvi. 10.
Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
6 2 Cor. iii. 18.
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
7 Lev. xi. 44.
For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground.
8 Ps. lxii. 5.
For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from

him.

[9] Mark iv. 26-29.

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

[10] Luke xi. 34-36.

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.

NINETEENTH LESSON

HEAVEN IS WITHIN YOU

MAY I help you in this chapter by giving you some little experience of my own. I think you know that the passing from the earth plane is different for almost every individual, and is entirely what each one makes it. The birth into real life should be exactly like an awakening on a beautiful morning when the dawn is stealing over the land, touching everything with a purity and freshness belonging only to the first hours of the day. It is meant that we should open our eyes and see God everywhere; just this simple, homely, all-familiar awakening into harmony and peace. God grant that you all may begin this experience where you are, then you will enter the more fully into reality, when that which is in part shall[1] be done away.

The consciousness of God is stealing over the

[1] 1 Cor. xiii. 10.
…but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

earth, touching all things into purity and truth by its burning, glowing love. The fire descends and ascends, as revealed to you in the symbolic[2] sacrifice of Abel. All things are revealed to you in your Scriptures. Man has made this book the medium of interpretation wherein God reveals wisdom. If you only knew, you could read God in every inspired work, but[3] the Bible is your rich and hallowed treasure. In this ancient story you find the eternal truth of the two in One, the place of meeting—a place of sacrifice. Read carefully.

I passed into the plane of realities gently. My transition was entirely unexpected by my friends. For this I thank God, as my dear ones were spared the cruel anticipation and dread of separation. This was a great help to me, as I soon found I could comfort and help them to something of my joy. This we can all do. What we cannot do is to rid you of false beliefs. This you must do for yourselves. You can never lose your own, here or hereafter. More than that, you find that your own is greater, your circle

[2] Heb. xi. 4.
By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.
[3] Ps. cxix.
How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

wider, your loved ones infinitely more beautiful and even more familiar, for there is nothing strange in love.

Rejoice! Have no fear. Fear is the cloud that dims the spiritual vision. The[4] angels came to say "Fear not." Fear would keep you from all that is good. It is nothing more than an emanation from the material sense, and can be dispelled in an instant by the perfect[5] love. Man is rising out of the fear of evil, the fear of God, the fear of man. The truth will set you free[6] from all that separates man from God.

The very heathen are seeking God by the lowliest worship, for in their worship is aspiration. I discovered this when freed from the body. I was slow to comprehend that I had passed through the experience called death to find myself a living and breathing soul, never so much alive as then. It was too much for me. I felt overwhelmed by the reality and the unlimited sense of things slowly dawning upon me. Was it a delicious dream? You see, much

4 Matt. xxviii. 5.
But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.
5 1 John iv. 18.
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.
6 John viii. 32.
…and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

of my false belief clung to me. I had expected a great, a tremendous change in personality. I[7] forgot that Jesus showed His hands and His feet; the same Jesus. How slow we are to believe;[8] but when we are ready to learn, we forget all error and ignorance and enter quickly into truth which is our own.

Bless and thank God for the knowledge of the wholeness and unity of the race. I tell you there is nothing lost into which God has breathed the breath of life. I thought also that I had not surely gone to Heaven, for I did not seem to be in any place. I had a new understanding, a fresh living consciousness of God. My eyes could see. The scales[9] had fallen from my inner vision, and love seemed the very breath of being. It was too much to enter into. Then it was as though I slept. Oh! how can I tell of the awakening? Such an awakening will be yours too! The best and highest I had ever imagined was realized, the deepest longing of my nature satisfied, my

[7] Luke xxiv. 40.
And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
[8] Luke xxiv. 25.
And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"
[9] Acts ix. 18.
And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized.

purest thought answered. Spiritual truths were no longer in some far distance, but a part of my very self. This had always been; the only change that had come about was my unclouded consciousness of God. Now you see why I give you my personal experience, that you may know that Heaven[10] is indeed within.

It was as if I had just begun real life. I was a child with everything to learn, and from then till now the unfoldment has never ceased. Ever fresh visions, wider horizons, reaching after a richer satisfaction, to find that God is without beginning and without end. Love never rests in enjoyment of itself. Love must pour itself out, and a longing came to me to help those who were coming along the road I had travelled. Oh! to tell them something of the indwelling[11] Christ. We love you all, and long to show you what you possess. I want you to understand that there is no separation between us. We are interior inhabitants, but there are other inter-penetrating states of existence. Of them I will not speak now.

10 Luke xvii. 21.
Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.
11 John xv. 4, 5.
Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
Gal. ii. 20.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Eph. iii, 17.

… so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love…

Col. 1. 27.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

It is a great joy to be able to reach you with these thoughts. You need not wait for Heaven. God—Heaven—the whole of good is yours now. Christ is God incarnate and dwells within your heart, so near that the feeblest whisper is heard, aye, before you speak. He[12] hears and answers, for He is behind all thought and speech. He also fills all space.

[12] Isa. lxv. 24.
Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

TWENTIETH LESSON

GROWTH REAL AND UNREAL

THERE is an atmosphere of rest and peace and much deep joy. An atmosphere of love is the one we can most easily enter. Everything is possible to the truly loving disciple. Love to God and man fulfils[1] every law. Love is[2] the key of all knowledge, wisdom and power. Dwell deep in this love, and you will see as God sees. Yet even this expression of God is imitated by the false or shadow self of the senses.

You will learn to discriminate between inflation, expansion, and real growth from the centre. Every good is closely imitated in the shadow world. Growth often means a great lack, a sense of poverty; it is never fulsomeness nor aggressiveness. "The meek will He guide in judgment. The[3] meek will He

[1] Rom. xiii. 10.
Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
[2] 1 Cor. xiii.
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all

things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

[3] Ps. xxv. 9.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Ps. cxlix. 4.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

teach." Learn the greatness of humility.[4] The little child[5] is all unconscious of its lowliness, its growth; so also must the soul be when really emerging; free from the unreal, the outer and false self of the senses.

"Love seeketh not her own." It should be nothing to you that others seem to manifest more of God. You and they may be at different stages of unfoldment. Be content to know that God is in the midst, and learn the secret of dwelling in friendly darkness, that your roots may go deep down; for during the time of hiddenness[6] a great work is going on. The soul that seeks nourishment from the true Self becomes strong. Learn from the parable of[7] the house built on the sand, and let nothing hinder this deep work of the soul. Know that all is well, though no result is seen.

Seek the silence, love all men, bless all; thus do you make right conditions for growth. Unknown to you, there are outer conditions arranging themselves in harmony with the

[4] 1 Pet. v. 5.
Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility towards one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
Col. iii. 12.
Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
Matt. v. 3, 5.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

[5] Matt. xviii. 4.
Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
[6] 1 Cor. iv. 5.
Therefore do not pronounce judgement before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.
[7] Matt. vii. 26, 27.
And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

hidden work, and your whole future depends upon the true foundation being cleared of false building matter, wrong thinking and wrong actions, self-aggrandizement, not true material. There is no other foundation[8] than the Christ of God, the true self. That which is unreal must sooner or later be swept into nothingness. You are just where you are in order to do this work. Spirit is the only true substance, and our lessons will teach you how to build. God cannot fail if you are alive[9] to Christ within, and dead to all else. You may know the unreal by its self-seeking, by the desire for adulation, praise and self-glory.

"Be not deceived, God[10] is not mocked."

8 1 Cor. iii. 11.
For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
9 Rom. vi. 11.
So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
10 Gal. vi. 7.
Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

TWENTY-FIRST LESSON

MATTER AND ITS RELATION TO SPIRIT

HERE is always a moment in life when we differentiate between the material and the spiritual. It happens in a variety of ways. Thomas[1] dropped the false belief immediately, when he saw the truth; material beliefs dropped entirely away and never ruled him afterwards. Pilate knew, when face to face with Christ, that he could never touch the[2] real life, although he delivered[3] Jesus over to the people. He had seen the eternal Christ when alone with Him. The whole of truth is beyond your present comprehension. No man can touch truth or stay the new vision now opening up to the eyes of men.

One of the great hindrances to understanding is fast slipping away—the old belief in the solidity of matter. There is no such thing as solidity

[1] John xx. 27, 28.
Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
[2] Luke xxiii. 25.
He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.
[3] John xix. 11.
Jesus answered him, "You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin."

in or on the planet. The instant you ceased to be vibratory, your body would disintegrate and fly off the planet. Spirit is substance, and is not subservient to natural law. Perpetual motion is the key to the attraction of atoms. The whole planetary system is a vortex of convolutions, orderly and continuous. True, man's material body is formed of the dust of the earth, though with eternal wisdom and harmonious wholeness. Your body holds in its material form an infinitesimal atom or grain of every part of the globe. You cannot behold anything in that material world of which you are not a part. You are a part of the three kingdoms—mineral, vegetable, and animal. Thus man in the natural world has rule[4] over all. This is not so of any other earth-life, as each animal is distinctly and only an animal, but man in the process of the ages has come up through all, that he may possess and have rule over all.

You are not matter. You cannot become material, and you must not be deceived by material

[4] Gen. 1. 26.
Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

appearances. Although the value of matter in relation to your spiritual evolution is very great, yet I would have you know that spiritual laws are supreme. Your body should be perfect, for is it not a magnificent vehicle[5] for the spiritual form? While in the flesh, you learn to use spiritual weapons. When you enter the interior and spiritual world, you will know that faith was made real to you. While in the flesh you should reach out for that which is behind the visible. Faith, the[6] strongest principle, is made your own by your simple trust, though you knew nothing of the reality.

Oh! the greatness of faith, the[7] power and might of it! Have faith, for only by it can you rise to spiritual heights, and your earth experience is the best, nay, the only means of revealing you to yourself. Have faith in God, faith in man, faith in all good. We on this side in very truth have found that faith can remove mountains. It is literally true that the whole landscape before your eyes can be obliterated

5 1 Cor. iii. 16, 17.
Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
1 Cor. vi. 19.
Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own…
6 Matt. xvii. 20.
He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move, and

nothing will be impossible for you."

Mark xi. 23, 24.

And Jesus said to him, "'If you can believe'! All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

7 Heb. xi.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [2] For by it the people of old received their commendation. [3] By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible… … [4] By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks… … [8] By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going… … [13] These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth… … [39] And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, [40] since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

by faith. This is a law; I will explain. You see now only in part that the things before you, houses, churches, etc., are the outcome of man's limited thought. He has been dimly working out a spiritual idea. The spiritual idea is the only fact, and not the bricks and mortar. There is really only the spiritual conception of a home, a church, a road, and with the eye of faith you could see the real only, for I assure you again that the spiritual is the only real.

In many instances the real is utterly unlike the appearance. It is so much more beautiful, for man is always working out the idea of God. Now you have this understanding, you can sympathize with an artist who says: "This building or picture is only the faintest conception of my idea." If he could only have the eye of faith he would see before him the complete spiritual thought expressed, and he would be overcome with gladness and delight. Thus at present you see through a glass darkly, ever reaching beyond the seen and the felt, that you may unfold the spiritual perception through mist and cloud, ever cheered by the

hope of realization. It is a wonderful time for you now. You are growing wings and preparing the spiritual body for its real existence.

Now, for your body I would have you use the eye of faith, that you may bring into operation the higher spiritual law. Your thought and idea become an outward manifestation. You become your own idea, but remember, it is you yourselves who open to the higher laws. It is for you to say, "Thy will be done in me"; it is no longer for the senses, but for Christ[8] in you, to will and to do. Creation is God manifest in the flesh. God is with you.

[8] Phil. ii. 13.
For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

TWENTY-SECOND LESSON

"MY THOUGHTS ARE TOWARDS YOU"

SUPPOSE if people only knew the true value of thought they would be amazed to find that every thought is as powerful as a deed, and in many cases far more effective than any word or weapon. Yes, it is your innermost and highest thought that makes you; always remembering that thought is the consciousness of the absolute will. You are judged by what you are, and not by what you seem to be. The judgment bar is the innermost of yourself. It is the judgment bar of God, and when our actions are tested there, the voice will cast into[1] outer darkness that which is not of itself.

Thank God, you may enrich the kingdom of heaven, for many, many times the voice says, "Come[2] ye blessed of my Father." Yea, truly

[1] Matt. xxii. 13.
Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
[2] Matt. xxv. 34.
Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

our thoughts do enter Heaven. You will find your treasure[3] where your heart is—with God. In very truth a man's treasure is the continual outpouring of God's thought, and I tell you that God is enriched by your co-operation. Let His thought be your thought, and say in the spirit of prayer: "The Father and I are[4] one."

Do I seem to repeat platitudes? Read them again in your moments of sacred consecration, until the Christ within is the only voice, till all that is unreal and shadowy has passed away, even as the melted snow. I am glad to meet you on the spiritual plane. You need to thank God for this. In the very place where you are, if you could only see, you would find your own. I can voice your prayer—"Lord, that[5] I may receive my sight." You know the answer. Jesus Christ left every detail to you, and to the spiritually-minded I say: His words are spirit.[6] They are life. I would say to all: Pray without ceasing[7] the life prayer. Live in God in the smallest detail. Do not think the results you see are the

[3] Matt. vi. 21.
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
[4] John x. 30.
I and the Father are one.
[5] Mark x. 51.
And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”
[6] John vi. 63.
It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
[7] 1 Thess. v. 17.
Pray without ceasing...

only results; there is not one good word that is fruitless. Believe this and have courage. The very desire to help, if really unselfish and pure, is immediate help.

I have come along your path, and I would help you to know the golden, the priceless boon of right and holy living. Pause! Consider well the command until it comes from your own heart. "Be ye holy, for[8] I am holy." As you prayerfully express this, you will stand renewed, recreated, alive to the possibilities of God within. There are moments when we breathe the same air. You know them. Follow the spiritual understanding only. You now have victory over the less real, through the Christ of God.

The human race is God's eternal Son. I want you to reach the highest bliss possible to you on earth, and in the flesh; that is, to hear the voice from Heaven say: "This is my beloved, in[9] whom I am well pleased."

Study the life of Jesus, and the veil will[10] be removed more and more, until the sublime

8 Lev. xix. 2.
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
9 Luke iii. 22.
and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”
10 2 Cor. iii. 15, 16.
Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts.
16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

sacrifice is revealed in all its greatness, the offering up of all to save all, and so to make the union of man with God complete. Do you not see the greatness of surrender? What you possess is of no value until it is given for the whole, for we are One in Him and not separate from the universal life; it is the basis or ground of all. You are maimed and hurt because of sin and suffering in your brother man, and again and again must the Son of Man be crucified until the great at-one-ment with God takes place.

Your work is to co-operate with God, existing only in and drawing only from the real, the spiritual, that you may be trees[11] of healing, that you may out-breathe God. Even as in the natural body you breathe to live, so also you must take deep breaths from the spiritual centre, that your whole being may be invigorated and revitalized. So much is in your own hands.

I must remind you that regret or sadness hinders the forgiveness of God. God blots out[12] the sins of the past by a fresh inflow of everlasting love. He

11 Rev. xx. 2.
…through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
12 Ps. ciii. 3.
…who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

only asks for your need of Him that He may fill[13] to overflowing with Himself.

Watch and pray.[14] Again—watch.

13 Matt. v. 6.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
14 Matt. xxvi. 41.
Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

TWENTY-THIRD LESSON

THE CENTRAL LIFE IS LOVE

SEE you are theorizing: never do this, but let the truth unfold gradually and without suggestion from outside. To make conclusions is to close the avenue and separate truth from itself. Nothing outside can ever help you or reveal anything until it finds its answer in yourself.

What is space? You are learning on the physical plane something of the rapidity of thought transference. Have you ever asked yourself what is between you and the mind you would influence? Positive thought knows nothing of distance.[1] It cannot be broken or interfered with. There is nothing that can touch its current, for there really is no distance. The only necessity is the condition of receptivity. Simple, good thought, sent out without any special direction, is caught up

[1] John i. 48.
Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."
John iv. 52.
So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

in the stream of good and helps all. Nothing is lost in the thought world. Space is a false and wrong idea, belonging to separation. Let your hearts and minds rest undisturbed in the thought of the omnipresence of God, until, even in the flesh, you may come to realize that there is no space or distance, for you dwell in[2] God and there is absolutely nothing outside God.

The sense mind would cloud or hide the vision, but Now you are in "the secret place of[3] the most High." "The tabernacle of God is with[4] men." In all your afflictions[5] He is made to suffer. Even as the rivers flow out and refresh the earth, gaining fresh life and power as they do their work of purification, even so bring into the outer life the unseen and spiritual substance. Use every opportunity to live that which you[6] know, and let your lives flow out and bless every brother and sister. We long to see your divisions swept away by the ocean of love welling up in human hearts and lives.

2 Acts xvii. 28.
'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.'
3 Ps. xci. 1.
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
4 Rev. xxi. 3.
And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the

dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

5 Isa. lxiii. 9.

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

6 Luke vi. 46.

Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’, and not do what I tell you?

TWENTY-FOURTH LESSON

OMNIPRESENCE

ALL you have ever prayed, longed, and hoped for exists. So mighty is good. You are laying up treasure[1] where there is no corruption, and all your good is your real wealth. You are making your future home, and your future self, by the way you live now. Rejoice that your names are written[2] in Heaven. We would fill you with more hope and joy. The souls that have perceived something of the illumination from the light of all men have been overwhelmed by the knowledge of the possibilities of their own lives.

Let us come very near in our understanding of omnipresence. God, who[3] fills all space, knows nothing of past or future, but is eternally present. He is Alpha and[4] Omega, the same yesterday and for ever. The whole human race

1 Matt. vi. 19.
Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.
2 Luke x. 20.
Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.
3 Jer. xxiii. 24.
Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.
4 Rev. xxi. 6.
And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment"

is meant to understand this. Let me explain. You sometimes wonder at what seems loss of memory in us. We can recall anything of good that we wish. We learn the higher spiritual laws very quickly, and there is one that is best explained by the words "All time is the present." At once we cease to hurry, a great strain drops from us, all is ours, and we must take our own. To some who are here this blessed truth is a great part of their Heaven. When the eager souls, who imagine they must do a certain amount in a given space of time, discover this, the effect on them is to renew their energies, unfold wider prospects, and service becomes a rest. They truly begin to live. To the weary heart the present is enough. To live on the spiritual plane is to live in reality, not spasmodically and in limits.

Pause and think—How can time be divided? Day and night are explained to us as the inflow into and the outflow from the ocean of ever-present time. It is a wise law—the eternal present, the glorious NOW, a rest and a joy, a satisfaction too full to make us wish to look backward or

forward, since we know that all is well. The sufficiency is the actual present. Think over this carefully, that your joy may be full. "I[5] AM" is the present tense for all time.

This beneficent and merciful consciousness is the outcome of love. Just think a moment what the effect of entering into this realization would be on your earth. To draw the very next breath direct from God, with no past memory of wrongs or sins, filled only with the knowledge of the great love-life, assimilating all the good into the present, living the blessed NOW: think what it would mean. This is what Christ teaches you. To say, "Lazarus, come[6] forth," was to speak from the spiritual plane, realizing only the present life.

Do you not see here the true secret of eternal youth, each stage of unfoldment opening up a richer, riper youth? I am the Lord, I[7] change not. Open your eyes and see this wondrous truth. You can be just as much of God as you are prepared to manifest. Even now you hold within yourself the accumulated good of all the ages. Christ the Son of God in the heart of

[5] Ex. iii. 14.
God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
[6] John xi. 43.
When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."
[7] Mal. iii. 6
For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

humanity reaches out to man until he awakes to divine consciousness.

The seven acts of Christ become actual to man, instead of belonging to a past period. He experiences the birth, the awakening in the Temple, the anointing, the temptation, the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension. Christ[8] must be in you; nothing avails man from the outside, all is from within. Thank God for Jesus Christ, "the unspeakable gift"[9] of God. The evolution of one soul exalts the whole race. "That[10] they all may be one."

The understanding of time as a present fact would remove false ideas of inherited ill. In order to bring this higher law into action on the sense plane, the mind would at once cease to up hold the working out of ignorance and sin; yet at the same time it would not alter the effect of past cause, seeing that only the good that man does has any real vitality. The sense of physical law makes both good and evil seem of equal power. Good must overcome[11] evil by

8 Col. i. 27.
To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
9 2 Cor. ix. 15.
Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
10 John xvii. 11.
And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.
11 Dan. iv. 27.
Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off

your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.

Rom. xii. 21.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

its own vitality. In truth, it is the real and the only real. Realize the present. As you read you will understand.

Peace to all.

TWENTY-FIFTH LESSON

OMNIPRESENCE *(continued)*

SO that you may the better understand ever-present time, I will make this statement, which is absolute truth: no time has passed since our last lesson, it was and is NOW. Man and not God made yesterday and will make tomorrow. This is to you the seventh month in the year 1907. It is the day on which Christ was born, and it is the only day that has ever been. Time cannot pass. There is no past. Man is a new creation by the power of the living Christ. You may not understand at once, but you will. Can you conceive of Christ ageing? Have you never discovered the wonderful fact in the thought of the eternal youth of the Christ? As Christ is, even so[1] are we, although it doth not yet appear[2] to physical or mortal sense.

You speak of us as the unreal. The truth is

[1] 1 John iv. 17.
By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgement, because as he is so also are we in this world.
[2] 1 John iii. 2.
Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we shall be has not yet been manifested; we know that if it is manifested we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

quite the reverse. We are on the only real plane, and your physical plane or plane of the senses is to us the unreal or the shadow. We find many vital laws exactly the opposite of those in operation on your plane. You are there to bring into manifestation spiritual laws, and Christ showed you this possibility. Water[3] was not able to engulf spirit when spirit was absolutely controlling the physical atoms. There shall no[4] evil or accident befall thee, nor any sickness come nigh thy tabernacle (or body). Your sicknesses, disasters, are the result of your descent, or rather of your wrong plane of being. The Fall is a present and not a past fact. Man's real fall is that he is content with the shadow of good. He still eats of the tree of good and[5] evil and until the Christ fills the whole consciousness, man will ever be at war with himself, his brother, and his God.

Man's understanding is clearer, and light is breaking everywhere. You can read your Old Testament more intelligently, seeing in the

3 John vi. 19.
Having rowed then about twenty-five or thirty stadia, they see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the ship; and they were frightened.
4 Ps. xci. 10.
No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
5 Gen. iii.
…[3]but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die'… … [6]she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate… … [8]and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

symbols the inner and spiritual ideas of God. The waters of[6] Marah were bitter; this was the result of the bitterness of the people. Man makes the quality of the land; the flow of waters increases or decreases according to laws hidden within yourselves. You have made the very form of your island, England, by your thoughts and inner forces. Look to it that you obey the voice of spirit, for man was made to have dominion.[7] The very changes of climate, all seeming disasters, are in accord with the life and being of man, and until man has come into and unto God, back to Eden, you will seem to wait for the new Heaven and the new Earth, "for in that day they shall neither hurt—nor destroy in all My Holy[8] Mount." I have lifted the veil that you may see the need of giving the utmost for the highest. Blessed be God for Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and Son of God.

In the story of the bitterness of Marah is a hidden truth: ingratitude and murmuring brought bitterness. It is the same today. Your

6 Ex. xv. 23.
And they came to Marah, and could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore the name of it was called Marah.
7 Gen i. 26.
And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over the whole earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth on the earth.
8 Isa. xi. 9.
They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth

shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isa. lxv. 25.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

thoughts, if they are the suggestions of the senses, will still lead to bitterness and ashes. Learn the secret of praise and thanksgiving, the oil of[9] joy. Even in the wilderness experience the waters shall[10] be sweet. You shall partake of the milk and[11] honey. The[12] manna is at your very feet, enough for each day, for Christ is that heavenly[13] manna. Feed on Him in your heart by faith.

The very gifts you seek are poured out in rich abundance. Lift up your eyes and see. Just inasmuch as you yield to the divine innermost, as you live and bring forth the fruit of[14] the spirit, to that extent shall you have access to all that earth and heaven can yield. There[15] is no want to the children of God. There are times on the physical plane when the way is hid,[16] and the heavens seem as brass. You can open the floodgates by steady thanksgiving[17] and certain hope. If you only knew, the closed doors are

9 Isa. lxi. 3.
To grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
10 Ex. xv. 25.
And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.
11 Ex. iii. 8.
And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey…
12 Ex. xvi. 18.
But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.
13 John vi. 51.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.

14 Gal. v. 22.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

15 Ps. xxxiv. 10.

The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

16 Isa. xl. 27.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God?

17 Phil. iv. 6.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

the senses, brought up against a wall of their own construction, a wall of doubt, fear, and falsity. A breath of the spirit of God consumes them. You are greater than shadow, sense, or clay. Having your feet on the Rock, they cannot slide. God is with you. Complete harmony will be realized, for God is working out His divine purpose in you.

TWENTY-SIXTH LESSON

THE CONTROL OF SELF AND ENVIRONMENT

THE world around, or rather the visible world, is, as you know, full of wonderful possibilities, though yet imperfect, because unconquered; illusory and shadowy only because man has not reached the crown of being. As man evolves, the whole material plane is lifted into a higher condition. The seasons depend on God in man, and are according to the inner mind. The world is wild and lawless in some regions, so much so that man is subject to the nature or world spirit. Misused energy and uncontrolled force call for lord and master, as the trees of old asked for a king[1] to reign over them.

If you read this parable carefully, you will find much hidden truth. God made man to rule and to have all things subject to him. The

[1] Judg. ix. 8.
The trees once went out to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.'

world is gradually learning some of these higher mysteries. If you had a tree or plant under your control, in time it would respond, and assume its highest possible form, on condition you became at one with its hidden laws, and you are meant to become this. I merely give you this simple truth to lead you higher. The physical world is governed by its own forces and passions, and not by the spiritual, the only real. For the teaching of this very lesson Jesus stilled the[2] storm with the word "PEACE," since He had control over His own natural and physical self, and afterwards used the God-given right of dominion.[3] You are the channels through which the divine will and energy manifests its one self. To effect this you must become selfless and at one, for the Lord thy God is one Lord[4] and not many.

There are spiritual treasures hidden in your earth awaiting your appropriation. These wonders and glories are unrevealed to the physical or fallen man. Cain stands as the

[2] Mark iv. 39.
And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
[3] Gen. i. 26.
Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
[4] Deut. vi. 4.
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

symbol for the spiritually blind; he speaks the truth when he says: "My,[5] punishment is greater than I can bear." Christ your Redeemer is leading you back to your own. You are alive to the truth of being—the omnipotence of God in man.

You are now learning that the natural and sense body can have no control, but should manifest wholeness and love. There is a great and glorious work to be done on your plant: the Christ work of[6] healing—and this is possible to all who have spiritual control. We urge you to do your part. God never fails, and victory is yours. You will know exactly how to act as the need arises. Take no thought[7]—only in all things obey the spirit, and never for a moment allow the senses to suggest failure, fear, or doubt. On all occasions speak to the senses the[8] word of power—"Get[9] thee behind me, Satan." God[10] waits to pour Himself out. I say you can prove Him. He never fails or makes a mistake. Do you not see what a beautiful work awaits

5 Gen. iv. 13.
Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.”
6 Matt. x. 8.
Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.
7 Matt. x. 19.
When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.
8 Luke vii. 7.
Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and

let my servant be healed.
[9] Matt. xvi. 23.
But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
[10] Mal. iii. 10.
“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

you? You[11] receive by giving. The more you bless, the greater the power of blessing.

Love is the greatest of all healers, and finds its own way.

11 Luke vi. 38.
Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

TWENTY-SEVENTH LESSON

THE DEATH OF MORTAL MAN—RENUNCIATION

OH, the inexpressible joy of vision! There is nothing higher or more satisfying. You shall know how to speak and heal in proportion as you live up to the highest within you.

Renunciation[1] implies a complete and deliberate stand for truth, abandoning all else. It is the step which, once taken, opens up before you the Christ existence. It is not, as supposed, the giving up of[2] wealth, position, and friends, to become poor and desolate; it is rather withdrawal from submission and obedience to the prince of[3] this world—the creation of mortal sense—that you may deliberately follow the Christ in[4] every thought, renouncing all other rights over you. Thus

[1] Matt. x. 39.
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
[2] Matt. xvi. 24.
Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."
[3] John xiv. 30.
I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me.
[4] 2 Cor. x. 5.
We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

renunciation becomes acquisition. You lay down in order to[5] take up, but with a great difference.

Hitherto life has seemed a vast arena, where some are winners and some losers, where all who can fight may win, where the battle is to the strong. In this great game of life man gives all to win all, that he may become greater than all; for him there is nothing beyond. This plane is of the senses. It is the plane of death and finality. The forces of the sense plane control him, and that which has happened to him is worse than death. It is the loss of individuality.

The spiritual man has failed to develop in that form, and must seek another. Thus the mortal has not become immortalized, and is known no more. This is true, and we tell it in order that you may understand the real meaning of the death of the sinner. The preservation of your individuality depends upon yourself—that you become the creation of God, a perfect man, a perfect woman, depends on your coming definitely to the place

[5] John x. 18.
No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.

of renunciation,[6] which is for you the beginning of life. I[7] am come that you may have life, says Christ, and not death.

You possess nothing of the sense world. You are a spiritual being, sent out from God to do His work and will. The material plane is your place of action, and your work commences with the dawning consciousness of God. Your Scriptures are full of this teaching; Jesus has gone every step of the way for your guidance. There are pathfinders in your midst today. Follow ME,[8] says Christ, and the spiritual and real man renounces all, to follow the King.

How we love your earth! How we long to lift you into true life, but the great and eternal law stands for ever. No man can walk along this path, till he has made the renunciation of his own will; by this choice man proves to man his right to divinity. To enter into truth, he renounces all that the world can give. You are on the spiritual plane to bring the kingdom of heaven into unity with earth, that we may all be one. Thus you see how important it is to live

[6] Phil. iii. 7, 8.
But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

[7] John x. 10.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

[8] Luke ix. 59.
To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”
John xxi. 22.
Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!”

every moment in the only real. We hope to teach you much; as you enter in, you must be full of that confidence which is the offspring of truth.

At present you are to conquer[9] the fleshly body, ruling in love, but always ruling. There is a beautiful work before you. Jesus said: "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in ME." These were words of life and power. These may be your words too, so that nothing can touch you, hidden in God, doing His work and willing His will. You may reach the place where you no longer hear two voices, but one only—that of the living Christ.

[9] Rom. viii. 11.
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

PART II

MIND AND SOUL:
THEIR RELATION TO THE BODY

FIRST LESSON

"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE"

WE have a glorious message for your plane, and our words are winged. They come with power and influence to all in need. You must have singleness[1] of heart, and the consecrated life, to be the pure channel which God desires. Is it not worth while to voice the highest and to bear the light? Our message is for the world of pain and suffering, and for you, too; wholeness and perfection[2] are God's intention. Our message will teach you how to attain. Every spiritual value must be desired,[3] must be lived. Our thought for you must become embodied, lived, manifested, expressed, to all men. The two conditions we ask, that we may teach you, are that you become willing and obedient. Your life shall help all you meet, cannot fail to

[1] Matt. v. 8.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[2] Matt v. 48.
You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
[3] John xiii. 17.
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

do so, because you cannot grow without drawing others with you. This is God's perfect plan for the redemption of the whole.

The seed dies[4] in order to live, and becomes hidden, that it may manifest from within. Out of darkness—light. Out of weakness—strength.

There is a wave of disturbance, a spiritual volcano, about to discharge itself on your earth. Be not dismayed; unrest and energy only prove that inherent life is at work. God's wheels must not clog. By all the wars and signs of the times, know[5] that the Day of the Lord is at hand, your own Lord and Christ, the indwelling and potent Christ of God. Marvel not, ye[6] must be born of water and of the spirit. This I may explain to you later. The[7] keys of the Kingdom are in your hands. Out of chaos and confusion there will come peace and order to your earth. The wars of the nations are the birth pangs of a new era, and the consciousness of the race will be lifted by the pain and agony

4 1 Cor. xv. 36.
You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.
5 Matt xxiv. 6.
And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.
6 John iii. 5.
Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."
7 Matt. xvi. 19.
I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

of the refiner's fire. In the hearts of those who have attained the Christ consciousness there will be rest and glorious hope, for they shall see the new dawn arising when Christ who is our light shall reign. His kingdom cometh for ever and ever.

SECOND LESSON

BORN OF THE VIRGIN

WE were discussing the journey of spirit through matter and its goal. This knowledge is valuable to students at your stage of evolution. You have learned the truth of Being, your high calling,[1] and some of the first steps in the great path. When a traveller is going into strange country he is sometimes brought to a seeming stop by huge tracts of forest land, tremendous rivers, and mountainous heights. The spiritual life has up to the present been one shared with others of like thought and habit as yourselves. Some of you are seeking farther on, and this means that you are called as Abraham was, alone[2] and in faith. Only the called see the burning bush[3] and hear the great I AM.[4] One of the obstacles we want to help you to overcome

1 Phil. iii. 14.
I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
2 Gen. xii. 1.
Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.
3 Ex. iii. 2.
And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.
4 Ex. iii. 14.
God said to Moses, "I AM THAT I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

is the mystery of the Incarnation, or, as we stated at the first—the journey of the spirit. To woman[5] and to woman alone came this understanding, and it will be again revealed to the feminine in this new age. Woman is having her true place in revelation and prophecy, and to woman shall the great mystery be made known.

You have learned through previous lessons that there is perfect unity between God and man. This consciousness is slowly and surely dawning over the whole earth. Now, only by keeping this truth in mind can you comprehend our lesson. Even as God and man are one, so also there must of necessity be one only, and in this one is the all, manifesting through every channel. God is the two in one, of both natures, ever self-creative, and the ultimate end of our race is unity. All life was symbolized by the life of Jesus Christ in every particular. He came of the perfect unity of the two natures. Mary symbolizes this truth, and here we would say—lest any err by worship, or undue adoration

[5] Luke i. 38.
And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

of type or personality—that Mary was the body of flesh used for this holy manifestation, for the teaching of the world, and not because of her separate worth. Seeing that the outer self is a separation, it cannot be known as the complete Self.

The race is rising to a knowledge of the purity of God, the sinlessness and love, wherein is harmony, and some here and there are learning that the age of passion, desire, and lust is passing away. There is stealing over men's hearts the love-nature of God. It is through our love-nature that we learn the complete allness of God. He is making of the twain one flesh; this is the marriage of the two natures. Jesus Christ was born directly from the two in one—as He willingly chose to take up the life on earth, from the beginning. In every way He stands for our race-man. Yes, Jesus was[6] God incarnate, and we[7] shall be like Him. He was creative, His seed is in[8] all, the holy child must first be born in you ere you can

[6] 1 Tim. iii. 16.
Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: Who was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

[7] 1 John iii. 2.
Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

[8] Gal. iv. 19.
My little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

comprehend this mystery. Life is a spiritual essence. Birth is a spiritual fact, invisible at present to mortal eye. Jesus of Nazareth was God-Man, coming by the path of the one body of flesh.

Let us make quite clear that God has always[9] been manifest in the world. The coming of Jesus was the symbol of the supreme wholeness and perfection of man by the Christ of God. Learn by this wondrous life the love of God and the great unity. I[10] and the Father are one.

When you have risen out of your false belief in separateness, and know in your heart that God is ALL in ALL, then, and then only, will you glide out of the false consciousness of sin, suffering, and pain, leaving it like a worn-out garment, rising into purer life, renewed and regenerated.

Our next lesson will be "Mind, and its possibilities."

9 Acts xiv. 17.
Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.
10 John x. 30.
I and the Father are one.

THIRD LESSON

MIND, AND ITS POSSIBILITIES

EVERY condition of mind always brings about an outward manifestation even on the sense plane, and the separate self has power over its own environment. Thus, we will say, you think, you act, you become. Man is constantly clothing himself with[1] his thoughts, but these truths are familiar to you, and I want to lead you to the higher possibilities of the mind that is supreme in truth; the only mind, the mind of[2] Christ. The Psalmist, groping after this great truth, cries out: "Why art[3] thou so heavy, O my soul? For I will yet praise Him Who is the health of my countenance and my God."

Around you are people in a condition of sickness, imperfection, and want, some of them Christians as regards the following of the personal

[1] Prov. xxiii. 7.
For he is like one who is inwardly calculating. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, but his heart is not with you.
[2] Phil. ii. 5.
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.
[3] Ps. xliii. 5.
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Jesus, but they have not made the great discovery of the indwelling Lord. There is no state of ignorance too low for the renewal of life and health. Those who throw off the body prematurely are just as culpable as suicides, and ignorance is not counted as innocence, since the light is in[4] all men—at some time or other the knowledge comes. I am speaking now only to readers of this book. You have no right to allow sin and death to reign in[5] your mortal bodies.

The vital question for you is—How to become alive to the mind of Christ and dead to the mind of sense? Let me here say that you have passed from death into life spiritually, but your work is less than half done if you have not conquered death[6] in your body of flesh. You have become clothed in the flesh that you may manifest God, and you have failed seriously if you allow anything to hide or blur the outer garment, which should manifest wholeness and love.

Now we come to the beginnings. You thought

[4] John i. 9.
The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
[5] Rom. vi. 12.
Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.
[6] 1 Cor. xv. 26.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

your body must suffer and die. Cease your thinking, and let Christ think. I am come that they might have full, rich, abundant life.[7] Wherever Jesus went, disease dissolved into nothingness; at His touch wholeness[8] sprang up. Your body should be willingly laid down when you have learned life's lessons, and when you are ready for the interior life. You will not escape the ills of the flesh even when you kill your present body, if you have failed to obtain your earth experience; for the soul has failed to use its faculties, to acquire, to obey some divine law, and therefore loses an opportunity to express divinity, the true purpose of incarnation. There is no finer school for this experience, which we set out to gain, than this earth life. We must enter into the Christ consciousness if we would express the body of wholeness.

Since the mind is the seat of pain, do you not see that unless you have the mind of Christ you cannot acquire it by freedom from the body of flesh only? It is more difficult to conquer on the plane of spirit, in fact, you will long to come back.

[7] John x. 10.
The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.
[8] Matt. iv. 23.
And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Just where you are is the place to learn; therefore we who love you come to help you at your present stage, not only for your sake, but in order that the great Self, of which we are a part, may not be ignorantly hidden.

Begin by opposing sense suggestion. You are not born to suffer and decay, but are here for a purpose. There is a reason for your place in the great plan of life, and no one else can do your work. Reject the suggestion that you have difficult circumstances, that your environment makes triumph impossible. These very conditions can be made steps of ascent; you can begin now to readjust your life. Every sense suggestion must be reasonably and carefully dealt with, not ignorantly denied, or it will crop up again and again. Therefore answer with patience and sweet reasonableness. You will find that this is the very opportunity for the higher Self to speak. Many[9] join with us, as you read these words, in prayer and strong encouragement that you fail not. Begin as we suggest, in the simplest way, to realize that it is God[10] that worketh in you to will and to do.

9 Heb. xii. 1.
Let us also therefore, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight, and sin which so easily entangles us, run with endurance the race that lies before us.
10 2 Chron. xx. 17.
You will not need to fight in this battle. Stand firm, hold your position, and see the salvation of the LORD on your behalf, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, and the LORD will be with you.

We hope to continue the teaching of the possibilities of mind in future lessons, and our next lesson will be "Personality." I am taking this subject because you must carefully and daily, even hourly, as you count time, follow the suggestions given, always remembering Christ in you, the Lord of all.

FOURTH LESSON

PERSONALITY

HUMANITY shrinks, and rightly so, from any thought of strangeness or loss, and any thought that occasions shrinking or pain should be quietly and peacefully dropped, without strife[1] or resistance. I can tell you for a certainty that you will retain your personality just as long as you need it, and you will need it much longer yet. I am allowed to say to you that the meeting with your loved ones will be sweetly familiar, a great deal better than you can imagine, for they and you will be enriched by the love between you. Your loss is always gain. You can help them by your love and prayer, and they help you; think often of them. Bless them and become conscious of unity, which is a blessed reality. There is nothing untoward or strange; you are here just what you have made yourselves, and they who love you would

[1] Matt v. 39.
But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

not have you with them until you have finished. In fact, you are near them now, but the veil or covering is over you at present.

Love—Love—Love. This is a potent force. It would not meet the demands of your present nature to arrive suddenly at the end of being, since everything in God's plan is in perfect order. There must be gradual unfoldment and gentle awakening; even after the spirit ceases to need its personal form, it can always resume it at will. Paul[2], who was allowed to enter the interior realms, tells you that the inner man is[3] renewed day by day in an identity peculiarly your own, and exactly resembling you as you appeared, except that you have added the spiritual qualities, refining and defining all the highest and best. This, too, is a covering or resurrection body, and it is clothed in[4] white raiment to appear before mortal eyes.

As your Scriptures tell you repeatedly, the continuity of life is[5] no more broken when

2 2 Cor. xii. 2.
I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.
3 2 Cor. iv. 16.
So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day.
4 John. xx. 12.
And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.
5 2 Tim. i. 10.
And which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

the breath leaves the body than is the continuity of child life broken by the incident of birth. It is the means by which life is liberated, becoming more intense. Memory[6] exists, although we have learned the power to dissolve into nothingness—this is true forgetfulness—all that is not of use. But I would have you know that you are greater than your form, that you have no limit, that you take limitations for purposes at present hidden from you, that true personality is not the fleshly form or a separate body, but, by reason of its greatness, is best manifested in part.

Paul, who had learned this mystery, tells you plainly that "the body is for the Lord, and the Lord[7] for the body," therefore it is quite clear that the body or form is only a part of the great whole, the mystic body of Christ. Paul also had revealed to him the omnipresence of man, as he was present in spirit with the Church of Corinth while his body[8] was visible in another place. Always bear in mind that to us there is neither time nor space.

6 Luke xvi. 28.
For I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.
7 1 Cor. vi. 13.
"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.
8 1 Cor. v. 3.
For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgement on the one who did such a thing.

I told you at the beginning that your Scriptures could reveal the highest, and you will find more and more that we only present to you in a new light the truth which was from the beginning, so that you may see life from higher standpoints, with renewed vision, new hopes, and moving in loftier spheres of thought and experience.

Now you begin to see that the Lord Christ possesses the body of flesh, through which you choose to manifest;[9] and there is no reason why it should not readily respond, unless you yield to the great enemy, the false belief in separateness. This enemy is symbolized in the story of the Garden of Eden, the separation from God. The lower self would become even as the gods, though in the words—"Hear, O[10] Israel, the Lord thy God is One Lord"—it was taught that we are one, that separate or outer forms never can finally overrule the One God. God requires perfection, therefore if we would rise to this consciousness we must begin with our lower self to bring it into obedience and

[9] 1 Cor. iii. 16.
Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
1 Cor. vi. 19.
Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own…
[10] Deut. vi. 4.
Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

subjection to the one Ruler, and as we do this we learn what our true personality is. We shall not accomplish this great purpose without constant watchfulness[11] and wholeheartedness,[12] giving all to gain all, ready at every turn to sacrifice the lower self, that we may become selfless and free.

11 Mark xiii. 37.
And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.
12 Mark xii. 30.
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

FIFTH LESSON

THE TRUE SELF

"Let him deny himself and follow Me"

HOW often we have to remind you of the truth you have already learnt! Spirit is the only substance; exactly as the sap is the true life of the tree, so also your spiritual being is the cause of your natural existence. You can never impart a truth until it has become alive within yourself. We have many things to tell you about the life here, but at present your highest good is to learn the truths best applicable to your present conditions.

When I speak of the wholeness of the race and the mystical body, I do not want to give you wrong ideas about your individual responsibility. Each member is a complete worker. What you see on the plane of the senses is to us shadowy, vague, and often meaningless. You are to make real, to create, to

bring into existence, spiritual realities by living on the only real plane of life. This is to[1] bring in the new heaven and the new earth. Your spiritual eyes will open gradually, not into an unfamiliar environment, but into an intensely real life, wherein dwelleth[2] righteousness.

We are working all over the world in bands to establish true unity and brotherhood. We shall succeed if you will unite with us. Is it not worth while? True unity is not to separate heaven from earth, but to bring the kingdom of heaven on to earth. For this we labour and pray—watch and wait—and we shall never cease until the Lord Christ has come to His own, the Christ of God who spake with the lips of Jesus; the Christ of God who dwells within, the great deliverer of mankind from the bondage of sin, flesh, and the world of sense. For the Son of man must indeed be lifted up,[3] and the false man of sense become as nought, that we all may be one—for Christ is God.

[1] Rev. xxi. 1.
Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
[2] 2 Peter iii. 13.
But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
[3] John xii. 32.
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.

Clearly you see the importance of denying self and following the voice and guidance of Christ!

In the morning of your day commence by cleansing your heart from within (the cleansing of the body follows as his shadow follows a man in the full sunshine). First cast out false thinking, prejudice, thoughts of sickness, fear and pain, by true reasoning and simple, childlike faith in God. As you rise, your thoughts should be of strength, love, a strong desire to bless. Now follows your prayer, a free and full consecration of all for good, that God only may be glorified, a prayer of steadfast assurance—Take no[4] thought what ye shall eat or what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, the body than raiment. It is true that God will supply[5] your every need. In all your thoughts and deeds, your intercourse with personalities, remember that you are on the plane of spirit, seeking first the[6] kingdom of God, the only reality.

Oh, you are rich beyond human language! Leave your chamber "strong in[7] the Lord and

[4] Matt. vi. 25.
Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
[5] Phil. iv. 19.
And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
[6] Matt. vi. 33.
But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
[7] Eph. vi. 10.
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

in the power of His might." Let your whole being join in the only true life-work—"That they[8] all may be one."

Amen, Amen, Amen.

[8] John xvii. 11.
And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

SIXTH LESSON

THE TRUE SELFISHNESS

BE[1] of good courage, for all is well. God dwelleth in you, and this is the chief eternal truth.

I know you are progressing because already you can command right thoughts and dismiss inharmonious ones. Results will follow, and now you will learn discrimination. It is not given to all to be able to judge others, but content yourself, when tempted to judge, with praying for them, and as you evolve, your prayers will be fraught with beating, because you are learning to pray aright. Be of good courage. Evil is friendly and has a beneficent purpose. Man becomes God-like because he rises through and out of evil, just as the plants emerge from the soil. Every good is closely imitated in the false dream world, and one of

[1] Ps. xxvii. 14.
Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

the imitations is called selfishness. This is a divine instinct, and you cannot and should not uproot it, but learn always that these delusions of sense have behind them a truth of God. Let us discover the true and holy selfishness.

Man's first instinct is self-interest, self-protection. Even in spiritual things you are constantly seeking to acquire for yourself. You require healing of the body, a rich mind, a true life. This is a God-given instinct, and you are to get, but learn that to get is to give. The true law of giving is to benefit all and thus you bring good to your Self; which, remember, is the great and only Self.

Let us begin by a simple explanation. I use the language of earth that you may understand, for you know already that material things have no real existence, that your thought of them is their only reality. Do you desire health of body? Let us teach you how to obtain it, the true way. You begin at once to send out healing currents to some one in a lower condition than yourself, and immediately you have made a pathway by which your own shall

come to you. Your first thought, I see, is, how can I heal when sick myself? The first time you try it, you will understand that the very effort of faith required is the beginning of your own healing, and the larger love going out to others doubles your own joy in the long run.

True[2] *getting is always by way of sacrifice.* This is a simple thing to know, but it is the key to all true healing, of mind, body, or estate; for all you have truly given you will receive double, but you do not render to the Lord that which costs[3] you nothing. In the sight of God, no gift has been blessed to your own soul unless you have willingly given from your heart and blessed the gift by your love. You may have wealth untold, though unmanifest to mortal eye. A good practice each day is to bless and heal every one in the house. Begin at once, knowing only the great Self, remembering the need of all in the house. Your own Lord will reveal each need; be resolute, be positive, and, above all, full of hope and love. If the unseen become visible at such times,

[2] Acts xx. 35.
In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."
[3] 2 Sam. xxiv. 24.
But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

include them, only send out, give, give, give. I tell you that this is your real getting, your real healing.

The spirit reveals to you more and more. Do you not see that I am helping you to one of the richest positions; that you may become a centre of healing; spirit, the pure flame, burning up the dross; the soul, the link, holding all the physical powers; and the body, showing the beauty[4] of the Lord, the true beauty[5] of Holiness.

Again I ask that you put these lessons into practice.

[4] Ps. xc. 17.
And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.
[5] 1 Chron. xvi. 29.
Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

SEVENTH LESSON

DWELL DEEP

YOU are spirit, soul, and body. The spirit, the innermost, is clothed upon by the soul. The body is the vehicle for manifestation. Your wholeness depends upon the one consciousness, and the active co-operation of soul and body. Knowing only God brings into operation hidden laws, at present unknown to you. You develop spiritual powers which have hitherto lain dormant, and your whole being begins to live. Hearing, seeing, touch, and the power to communicate belong to the soul; they are transmitted to a denser body for a divine purpose. The soul has great responsibilities, and everything depends upon her obedience to the Lord and Master, and to her transfer of spiritual desire to the outer body. More than this, by true living you send forth spiritual vibrations, currents of blessing and healing, and all are helped by your radiant and pure environment.

Every spiritual desire, expressed through the outer body, goes on and obeys a higher law; it is never lost. Never mind if you do not see results. I tell you the result of every noble thought expressed has far-reaching effects, and you will know one day that the faintest longing desire has been satisfied.

When you meditate or pray, it is the soul and not the body that opens to the spirit; mind wandering or lack of earnestness means that the brain is not co-operating with the soul. See to it that you are definite; and think, speak, act from the innermost of yourself. Your soul is your real identity. It is YOU.

The soul thinks, breathes, acts from the spirit, and should make perfect the outer body. Wherever this is not so, the soul has failed in its obedience to spirit. If this disobedience takes place, you will find that the passing out of the flesh does not mean that the soul will then function freely; for disuse of the spiritual medium

means coma, arrested growth, sleep. Awake![1] thou that sleepest, Christ dwells within.

When you have ceased to need the body you will give back the atoms, purified and transmuted by the divine life. Do not repress life, but express it. There is nothing either in or out of the flesh that can hinder the disciple who is at one with the will of God.

[1] Eph. v. 14.
Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

EIGHTH LESSON

UNFOLDMENT FROM WITHIN

THE soul has entered your present body that it may express God's meaning through this medium, also because the soul has need of certain experiences. The body, too, must be rightly valued, seeing that it exists for a divine purpose; but it is only of value when it takes its true place in the divine order. The soul is the sheath[1] of the spirit, the clothing of man, who is for the time veiled in flesh.

Man becomes God-like only through experience and discipline. This can be understood in your present period of life by the comparison between an innocent, happy child and a happy, ripe old age; the one is ignorantly happy and the other has matured and unfolded through knowledge and suffering. Both are happy, but the difference is very great. Your

[1] Dan. vii. 15.
I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my sheath (*nidneh Aramaic*), and the visions of my head troubled me.

present earth experience is the most beneficial state for your present healthy development.

The mind functions from the soul. Before man awakes to self-knowledge the sense mind has ruled. All the cells in your body have their centre, their mind; the grey matter of the brain is not the only centre for the sensation of mind. When ruled by the Christ mind they are flooded by the great intelligence in every part, each doing its work perfectly. But the soul of man awakes in a body that has formed a kingdom of its own, and a warfare begins. This is the very period of your life at which I would help you: we call it the transitional, and it is a time when you need all your faith and hope, for the body is so frequently unable to respond to the new king, and seems for a while to fail. Have faith: believe me, it is true that once you have passed this stage, you gain what you will never lose; you also rise into a higher cycle, and have opportunities for greater work.

It is at this very point that, from being the healthy, uncivilized man, you become the spiritually healthy God-Man. You fail perhaps

to become your ideal at once, but you will surely win. Obey the highest within you, and never let the sense mind rule you. For this reason I say that you cannot believe in what you see; you are conscious that you are about to manifest all things anew. This is a slow process, since false thinking has brought about false conditions. As an illustration, melancholy or depression causes acidity in the blood, and can only be cast out by its opposite—joy or hope. Remedies from without can do good for a time only. The inner man[2] should be daily renewed by spirit, the one reality. It is not meet that the last should be first. Spirit rules. Love and harmony should prevail, not warfare and strife. Teach the body that its highest good is obedience to its Lord. Now you know enough to be able to say—Christ reigns in me.

Rise in harmony—spirit, soul, and body reaching the eternal consciousness, which is unchanging, holy. You have learned that this is not the case with the lower self; the sense mind being changeful, evanescent, susceptible to other

[2] 2 Cor. iv. 16.
Wherefore, we faint not, but if also our outward man doth decay, yet the inward is renewed day by day.

influences, other minds. Now you are wholeness, true health and unchanging thought. This is the path to unity with the two worlds; Christ in you, bringing life and[3] immortality to light. You will receive the inner illumination. You are learning what a glorious thing your unfoldment is, warmed into growth by the interior sun. The soul has a real work to do in your body through the mind of Christ. Rejoice that you have burst the outer covering of the seed, that by an immutable law you must rise.

Sit in silence, and slowly repeat the Lord's Prayer. Its spiritual meaning will arise in you. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen. Amen. Amen.

[3] 2 Tim. i. 10.
And which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

NINTH LESSON

THE SOUL

I SHOULD like to continue our discussion on the soul, for I rejoice to know that you realize the spiritual world to be here. You will live in it more and more, learning that spirit is true substance, and that you function truly from your luminous body, holding within yourself all you need.

Wherever you see beauty, truth, or goodness, it is God finding expression, and you will see them where you least expect when dwelling on the spiritual plane, and much that seems to the natural eye good, beautiful, and true you will prove to be false imitations of the real. Music, art, poetry are expressions of God. All genius is God revealing Himself; by the very revelation, the soul refines the outer body, which should be as clay in the hands of the potter.[1]

All states of existence, now, and in the future,

[1] Jer. xviii. 6.
O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done? declares the LORD. Behold, like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

are determined by the inner life and its expression. It is not enough to know that you possess the indwelling power to become the eternal Christ. Your real work, like that of Jesus, is to express[2] God. Your environment is the outcome of your mind and thought. Heaven and hell are states of existence you make for yourself here and now. Your fall away from truth is caused by the soul's separation from God's thought, and by following the false self-consciousness. Listen to your own Lord and Christ, who brings deliverance[3] to the captive and sight to the blind, who redeemeth thy life from destruction.[4]

The seven creative days are experiences within yourself. God speaks the word of power when He says, "Let there be light,[5] and the light shineth from within." The dividing of the[6] waters is the separation of the divine and the human, the firmament, symbolizing the Heavenly-Divine, and the seas the Earthly-Human. The separation of sea and land means

2 John xiv. 9.
Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
3 Luke iv. 18
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.
4 Ps. ciii. 4.
Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast

love and mercy.

[5] Gen. i. 3.

And God said, “Let there be light”, and there was light.

[6] Gen. i. 6, 7.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.

the first state of receptivity, to express clearly that land (mind) is free and awaiting God's manifestation. And God said, Let the earth[7] (mind) bring forth, and God says within you, to your soul: bring forth, manifest, express My thought.

Then you read: God gave the two lights, the[8] greater and the lesser. These symbolize the lights of the two understandings—human and divine. The seas are[9] fruitful on the fifth day, thus proving the creativeness of mind and the birth of ideas. Then we read of larger growth, larger idea, till we come finally to ourselves—man in the image of God,[10] God's idea. You have not entered into the seventh period yet.[11] It is one of great delight and triumph. Read this for yourselves with the spiritual understanding.

Each soul makes its own Heaven, and there is a sense in which each created being augments Heaven by its own created environment. By your

[7] Gen. i. 11.
And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.
[8] Gen. i. 16.
And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.
[9] Gen. i. 20.
And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let flying things fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."

[10] Gen. i. 26.
Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
[11] Gen. ii. 2.
And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

rebirth into the spiritual kingdom, Heaven itself becomes greater. In this sense you can understand better what I mean when I tell you that all are benefited by one, because you are a part of all. I use the language of earth, but you have spiritual discernment.[12] We can never find true language to express Heaven and God, since the first is a state of consciousness, and the second infinity.

I have given you these three lessons on the one subject, as it is good for you to live according to divine and spiritual law. With all thy getting, get[13] wisdom. When the soul sees and knows, life appears orderly, and the body of flesh sensibly obedient. Be[14] patient; much more shall be revealed. The kingdom of heaven is open to all believers.

Love, Peace, Joy.

12 1 Cor. ii. 14.
The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
13 Prov. iv. 7.
The beginning of wisdom is: Get wisdom. And with all your acquiring, get understanding.
14 Jas. v. 7, 8.
Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

PART III

DIVINE HUMANITY

FIRST LESSON

I IN THEM

I WANT to unfold to your understanding something of the meaning of God immanent and God transcendent. God and man are not separated, and never have been.[1] After our lesson on the mind and soul you are quite aware of the oneness and unity of life. You are in every living thing. You are round about everything that is. You cannot separate yourself from anything that lives, moves, and has its being. You are in the rock, the crystal in every bud and twig, in all places at all times. You have always been. The sense of separateness is false understanding, and brings only confusion of mind.

Is not this feeling of unity more than a relation to God? Is it not the One speaking and breathing through all forms—all Creation—the creator and the created? How sayest thou:

[1] John xvii. 21.
That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

"Show us the Father?" "He that hath seen Me, hath seen the Father."[2] Oh, priceless truth, now our privilege and joy to enter into! "I and[3] the Father are one."

How are we going to live, so that this knowledge may be used for all? You dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth, you have your responsibility there, here, and everywhere. You are not without a witness, and you know nothing but the one good, one will, not a union of spirit with parent spirit, but an at-one-ment. Knowing only one Lord—one God—one Christ—this is not a mystery to you any longer. The race is unfolding, and you are unfolding; and just as you yield to truth and love, so all are helped. I cannot put this too strongly, for in it is the answer to all the seeming mystery of pain and the sorrows of life. Surely[4] He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, and is doing this even now.

Will you reverently consider why you seem to be a limited part? Is it not because you have

[2] John xiv. 9.
Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
[3] John x. 30.
I and the Father are one.
[4] Isa. liii. 4.
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

looked upon God as apart from yourself, thought of the indwelling Christ as Jesus of Nazareth? Do you not see for yourself how childlike has been your understanding? Your dependence upon some one, something, proved your childlike consciousness; and even as a child learns to say: I am myself, so will the whole human race say, as we now say together: I in you and you in Me. I am Myself. This understanding is putting Christ on the throne, lifting Him to where He deals with error and sin as a thing outside Himself. The truth dawns, and the inner Christ reveals to man his birthright, his true power, and henceforth he becomes one with, for and through all. Think for a moment how you dishonour Jesus as teacher if you hold Him responsible for the forgiveness of your ignorance. Hath He not said: All that[5] the Father hath is yours, is mine? He hath also given you the key, the power of appropriation by faith.

[5] Luke xv. 31.
And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours".
John xvi. 15.
All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
1 Cor. iii. 21.
So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours.
Matt. xxviii. 18.
And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me".
Luke x. 19.
Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

SECOND LESSON

"THOU IN ME"

KEEP in mind the previous chapter, and you will be led back to it and find that all your life is going to teach you that the God-Man Christ is all in all. This truth has to be made one with the outermost limits of creation, just as a leaf learns by drawing from its source its oneness—more than unity—with the tree. There is a condition of consciousness in everything that lives. The real you knows everything about itself, but the leaf or seeming unit can only learn slowly, by its life of dependence and unfoldment, its own place and meaning. Every atom contains the whole. The whole of God is in the blade of grass. Try to banish the thought of distance or space, and know that what you see contains within it its true life; the thought is within every expression.

Your first and lowest consciousness of life was movement. Your highest is love. The seed

thought is always hidden within every phase of life through which you merge; it moves, quickens, and brings forth seed (thought). This is true of all creation. Your first movement was in secret,[1] yea, in the lowest parts of the earth. This is symbolized in every physical birth; the whole of creation is manifest to the seer. The truths of life are simple and open. I do not wish to cause you vain speculation, but we desire to be of real practical use to you at the stage of unfoldment where you now are. However low in the scale of evolution—that is, spiritual evolution—a soul is, it can be perfect of its kind, and should be free from sin, sickness, and death. This is our glorious message for you. We would have you know yourselves. Get back to the cause.

Why are people suffering and sinful? Because they willingly choose to dwell in a divided consciousness of good and evil. Whoever for even a second has seen that there is[2] no evil, has passed from death to life. He has entered the Heaven of Heavens, he has seen God. The Fall is a thing of

[1] Ps. cxxxix. 15.
My substance was not hid from Thee, When I was made in secret, Curiously wrought in the lower part of earth.
[2] Isa. xxxiii. 15.
He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil.

the present. It is a false understanding.

Why have we tolerated this consciousness, seeing that God cannot fail? The real you has never tolerated it. There is only one consciousness really; it is deep within yourself all the time; it always has been, and now is around you; and because of it and its livingness you are shaking off the shadow of ignorance—a condition of growth—and rising into pure being. In the great process you will know that sin and ignorance are less than the morning mists now being dispelled by the inner sun, the fire of the love-life. To become aware, while in the shadow, of the reality of this one true life is the solution of everything, for with this true understanding you must know that all is well for ever. That you are one with this movement means that you are emerging into fulness and freedom. See how it is lifting the whole race! We see its potent healing power everywhere; we rejoice with you. You are entering into the kingdom of life and light. Death and sin are conquered now and for ever.

In our next lesson we will discuss the way of ascent from your present condition.

Peace and joy and the sweet fellowship of the heavenly host be yours, as you consider these truths.

Nothing is impossible to him that believeth.

THIRD LESSON

"SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND"

THE question may be asked: Why are so many people still in bondage even with this knowledge? We are in earnest, and are willing to be and do what we can. It is good for you to give your heart to the understanding of wisdom. Knowledge is not understanding. To know God we must be God-like. Because we long for perfection, we are already at its beginnings. Do not regard any of these things as distant or outside yourselves: that is the spirit of separateness. Let us meet the seeming difficulties together, the weights and hindrances of your everyday life, for the truth will[1] set you free.

Many of you seem to be in bondage to the climate, to lack of heat or to unevenness of temperature. Your bodies are subject to many influences. I too suffered in this way, and I would

[1] John viii. 32.
And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

gladly help you with my experience. How could I understand that what I needed was within? I thought it necessary to be warmly clad, to avoid chill, and to take food to sustain life. Ah! if I could only show you for a minute a spiritual being who has passed this stage, you would know beyond all doubt that Christ is the[2] bread of life, the true daily bread, nourishing both soul and body, able to supply your every need.

As you awake in the morning you look outside and see cold; now you both see and feel cold. You must see before you feel a truth or a falsehood; this is a law. We shall straightway begin to reverse the order. You will look within and see only God, you will feel and understand God. Your feeblest effort in this direction must have its reward.

Read this truth into every detail of the day, and live in the assurance that God cannot fail. See reality, God, behind every shadow. As you go into the outer, cast out fear. Be not anxious, and the very elements will be at one with you.

[2] John vi. 35.
Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst”.

This is the rule of the spiritual. Your whole supply for every need is within yourself. The day is at hand when man, on the earth, will be a true spiritual being. Even now you have expressed yourself in the present phase, and the God-Man is seeking a higher form of manifestation; but all must co-operate, and you are learning the laws of the spiritual kingdom for this end, that sorrow and sighing[3] may flee away, that the sons and daughters of God may hunger no[4] more. Your responsibility is great, but your work is for eternity. Do not lose heart. Be of good courage. The work may seem slow, but God is in it. The result in yourself will be first a sense of command, and later you will smile at your old fears and limitations, for you will be at home and at rest in any climate or circumstance.

Do you not see for yourself how your thought has been concerned with your dependence upon material warmth, food, and sustenance? Later you will put these in their true place, and life will open out its treasure.[5] At present your

[3] Isa. xxxv. 10.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
[4] Rev. vii. 16.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
[5] Deut. xxviii. 12.
The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

whole time and thought are given to caring for the daily outer life. Think what the spiritual being with its higher faculties could enter into if you gave half as much time and thought to the true life!

Live simply. Take no anxious thought for the things of today. Let the dead bury[6] their dead. Follow ME. I am within.

[6] Matt. viii. 22.
And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

FOURTH LESSON

"THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD SHALL COVER THE EARTH"

THE day of the Lord is at hand, is here. Truly the Lord Christ has come in great glory. The signs are in earth and sky. Lift up your heads. The King of[1] glory has come in. This is the wonder, the silence of this new birth.

What does it mean for you? The consciousness of Christ is dawning in every lowly heart. The supreme man Christ is on the throne, and darkness is[2] under His feet. God tells this blessed secret to the dwellers in the innermost, that they may carry the tidings to the very outermost. The Lord our God is One Lord, even Christ. There is something for you to do in this work, but all good, all knowledge is within oneself. The real need for help is great. We see

[1] Ps. xxiv.
The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully… … [10]Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

[2] Ps. xviii. 9.
He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under his feet.

souls imprisoned in limitations, thirsting for living waters. My people would die for lack[3] of understanding. Man is divine, and God is ever in the midst.

Your true consciousness is the knowledge that One and One only fills all[4] space. When you silently think of this you will know that in this understanding, in this continual realization, true freedom lies. You will cast off everything alien to this; nay, you will transmute the very sins and ignorances into the pure gold and wealth of life. These must be the healing of the self by the Self, the forgiveness, the whole redemption from your Christ, your indwelling Lord. You are in all and through all, in every place, since hidden within yourself is the centre of all worlds.

As you write these words we are near you, and many would like to come back and tell you the glorious news, to open your eyes that you may see in very truth—"There am I in the midst." So far you have understood clearly the one Self of all,

[3] Hos. iv. 6.
My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.
[4] Jer. xxiii. 24.
Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.
[5] Matt. xviii. 20.
For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

when you have looked within, but now we will try to look out upon seemingly separate personalities and still see the One only. To recognize the one Lord in all is to lift them into the consciousness of the Christ, and this is just what the spiritually taught are doing. You must each do your part where you are.

Help souls to cast out fear. Fear is one of your foes. In one way or another you allow this false condition to cloud your vision and drag down your spirits. Get rid of[6] fear for yourself and for others. There is absolutely nothing to fear. The indwelling Christ is Lord supreme.

Remind yourself constantly of your true nature. Declare that the light dispels darkness, and see this law in action. I no longer,[7] but Christ the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. See what this little enemy fear has done, a very fox, spoiling[8] the vine. In your immediate environment, the body, fear affects its circulation, digestion, and gastric juices. I only use these words so that we may swiftly ascend to a higher plane. Fear not. There is none other[9] God but ME.

Once rid the race of fear; and love, joy,

[6] 1 John iv. 18.
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.
[7] Gal. ii. 20.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

8 Song ii. 15.

Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that spoil the vineyards, for our vineyards are in blossom.

9 Isa. xlv.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings… …[5]I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, [6]that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. [7]I form light and create darkness… …[15]Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. [16]All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. [17]But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation… …[22]turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. [23] I swore to myself, a word of righteousness went out of my mouth, and it shall not return again void; yea, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall vow to be loyal to me. [24]Only in the LORD, shall one say, have I righteousness and strength. To him shall [men] come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

peace, would spring up. Now this must positively be done in each one of you. In fact, the universe has been conquered when *you* have won. Your own Christ has conquered sin and death.

Face life and circumstances with the certainty of the I AM with you and in you. Only thus will you honour God. Try from this moment to forget the small you, false and shadowy, and cast it off for ever. Here I would say that only love is Lord. You can fill the whole mentality with love thoughts, so making a rich soil for the growth of good. You have nothing to fear. You are in God and God is in you.

Cleanse[10] your hearts, and not your garments. From within must the true forgiveness arise, and not from without. Be clean every whit, whole and perfect. Be positive; know that you must make your circumstances, and not wait for events and then act. You are blind and miserable till your inner eyes, "the eyes of[11] the understanding,

10 Joel ii. 13.
…Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

11 Eph. i. 18.
Having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Job xxxii. 8.
But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.

Prov. xx. 27.
The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts.

are opened." "It is high time to awake out of[12] sleep." Use these God-given powers for the good of every one. There is nothing outside God. God and man are one. Confidence and trust are[13] the antidotes for anxiety and fear.

12 Rom. xiii. 11.
Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.
13 Isa. xxxii. 17.
And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust for ever.
Isa. xxx. 15.
For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling.

FIFTH LESSON

THE WILL OF GOD

WHAT a long time it takes us to understand the will of God!

You often use the phrase, "I have made up my mind." This has a great deal of meaning, if you pause to consider it, for in that very process you begin to bring into manifestation the desire of the mind. Thus you say: "I see a wrong condition in my mind, my mentality, my circumstances; I will make up my mind, this shall not be." You mentally set in motion the forces of the universe, seen and unseen, to accomplish your will.

You see, it is impossible to live carelessly or lightly on the spiritual plane, and these lessons would be of no use to any one who has not been aroused to true spiritual consciousness, the consciousness of the divine humanity, the I AM. How can the will of God be expressed except through life, through humanity, in the hearts

and minds of beings who exist in Himself? Therefore know that the will of God is operative in yourself.

Then how is it that the things we will and desire do not come to us, you may ask.

Because deep down in all your desires, thoughts, and purposes there is an undercurrent, as it were, the thought within the thought, the desire within the desire, and what you most truly desire is always at the root of all your fleeting impressions and moods of the moment. Have you not often felt that the very thing you desire is not for your eternal good? Well, that very glimmer, that faint suggestion, is from the self of you that is making your life. You know within yourself the very quality, the very experiences best suited for your highest good. Once you give full play to this subtle suggestion behind[1] all your thinking, you are one with the will of God, which is your own will. This is the voice of the spirit, heed its whisperings. Do not sin against the Holy Ghost, or you will lose eye and ear and become

[1] Isa. xxx. 21.
And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it", when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

blind and deaf. On the plane of the senses this is most disastrous, because you are just where you are to do the will of God. It is your meat and[2] drink. So delicate and so subtle is this holy inner voice that you must be very quiet and meek, if you would hear[3] it. Let Jesus speak to you again and again, read the Gospels until you are led more and more to remove the veil which hides you from your true self. I have only answered your question, but hope to speak to you again on this subject.

Peace, Heavenly Grace. God lives in you, He is your life.

[2] John iv. 34.
Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work".
[3] Ps. xxv. 9.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

SIXTH LESSON

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

THERE really is no such thing as space. For you, as for us, the spiritual law of attraction operates, but your consciousness of limitation, of distance, makes you blind and deaf to a great extent. At a later period of your unfoldment, to desire is to possess. Thus, if we wish to see you, our thought is a vital force, we are in your actual presence immediately, we are so close to you. Thought is so potent, so swift; every thought of ours becomes an outward expression; although you may not see it, you cannot think without a result. Be very careful that you think from the spiritual plane. The phenomena of time and sense are like children's toys to us. They will be discarded as you dwell in the higher consciousness. What divides us now is simply and only that you are not dwelling in, not breathing, seeing, hearing from the spiritual plane. Every effort to rise helps another; but

see to it that you are watchful, vigilant, purposeful, and loving.

You partake of the inflow and outflow of the breath of God. This is best described as waves, impelled by an irresistible law, and your whole planet is continually being swept over by this mighty healing breath. I am explaining this for purposes of healing, and hope to explain later that there are periods of outflow and recall. We wish you to breathe forth your healing currents in unison with the almighty good. Your cooperation is necessary for individual needs.

Noon and sunrise are good times for raising conditions of false consciousness into the great One, especially the conditions known to you as feverish and nervous, or the consciousness of weakness. Other cases I hope to explain as I see you coming into contact; but previous to the expression of your desire for the healing of the body and a change of circumstances, *breathe out a strong positive assurance of mans unity with God.* Your highest good is to banish the idea of separation from God.

Bands of us are striving to influence men and

women to free your land of asylums, reformatories, prisons, and similar places. Their inmates could be helped and healed so much more easily if they could be brought in contact with those who have learned the great truths we come to teach. We do not give these lessons for any other reason than to help your world, which we love. We hope to be of practical use in freeing your world from suffering, which is caused by ignorance. By this we do not mean that you escape discipline, but how can you begin to learn your real purpose for being if you are in bondage to false conditions? God did not purpose that your life should be spent in overcoming false conditions. He has a magnificent purpose, a part for you to take in His work.

God bless you and keep you alive unto Himself and dead to sin. Amen.

SEVENTH LESSON

THE CREATIVE ENERGY

IT is the silent, creative great One, dwelling in the abyss of each, in whom we live and have our being. I am being taken within the centre of life. Again I am in the centre of power, but this time I remember that I have always been. The process of creation is always present, it is not a past series of events. There is no sense of past or future, but of a continuous present. I have already described the great, silent energy and the lack of colour and sound when in the centre, but this time the desire of life is upon me, the sense of lack. I desire beauty and colour. I am the positive one, and the virility and strength of the atmosphere around me lacks its opposite.

With the desire I will, and soon the will, which is the producer, directs my forces. There is a new power about me. I am surrounded by a great arc of light, and I become conscious of a

heart within myself. I love, I will! The arc, which was of a varying shade of gold, slowly becomes roseate and glowing; the electrons of light are no longer colourless, but softened and shaded by pink. Love expresses the beautiful in colour. I am answered in myself. I am both positive and negative, male and female; and out of this consciousness, beauty of form and shade seem born; yet as I write this I know that perfection has always been, though I bring it into evidence by my will and desire. Colours surround me, and millions of shades seem to evolve from three—red, blue, and yellow. They harmonize and blend, and the place seems full of sound and form. I have desired, I have willed. The colours emit the sound, and soon I see the forms of flowers. These colours cannot be seen on the physical plane, though they are full of light and breath. As you see, this is extremely difficult to describe, as also for you to imagine, but the colours breathe and live, and are inter-related to sound and form. There seems no division between the moving shades and the appearance of elegant and

delightful shapes. Truly I am in a place of beauty, which is born out of the two in one. There is a sense of completeness, a harmony of many parts. The great energy is softened by beauty, and love is the breath of this life.

The teacher speaks. You could not bear this for long, and the meaning will unfold to you. One single drop of dew contains what you have seen with the eye of the soul. The Creator is in the atom. Yes, truly, the whole of God is in the blade of grass. By this know that space is a meaningless word on the true plane of being.

Everything is in the universal soul; the Christ mind alone comprehends. The one Self is creative, having both natures.

In heaven there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage. This is the highest consciousness of Christ.

EIGHTH LESSON

GOD THE ONLY LIFE

I WANT to tell you how real, how true it is, that nothing exists outside God, and I can best help you by the description of an experience of my own. Life both here and there is a constant unfoldment, always fresh, a continual revelation.

I have already told you of my entrance into the spiritual world, and now may I speak of one of my steps into a greater fulness of God, into life more abundant? I had learnt many things, the spiritual faculties were quickened, and I was always learning that our especial need is to have greater capacities for God, to do as Paul says continually—"Yield[1] yourselves unto God." It was most wonderful to discover that my thought instantly produced an outer environment; in fact, my thought came into being at once. For instance, I desire quiet for meditation—I am

[1] Rom. vi. 13.
Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

instantly in a grove and all is stillness, inviting repose. I think music—and at once I hear sublimest strains, ravishing and melodious. I am satisfied—the music gently ceases. Truly, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, all that awaits us when we are in God. I desire to help, and I am sent to people who are climbing up; and oh! the joy of helping them to their own. This is my longing desire for you. Be ye holy[2] (healthy), for I am holy (healthy), says God. Happiness and health and all good is God. There is no secret initiation, no mystery in God. You only need the heart of the child to[3] enter the kingdom. It is true in a beautiful sense that there is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed. All things are open and are yours. You are not always able to understand because you are not sufficiently evolved; but never forget that all is yours, for ye are God's.

Even this exquisite joy around me, even the knowledge that my thought made me, did not seem enough, and I longed intensely[4] for God

[2] Lev. xix. 2.
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.
[3] Mark x. 15.
Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.
[4] Ps. xlii. 1.
As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

above all else, until I realized that nothing but the Infinite could satisfy me. This thought, this desire, was not answered in the usual way, but one of the shining ones who go in and out among us stood beside me and said, "Are you ready for the cleansing waters? Your prayer is heard." At the same time the spirit within repeated the familiar words: "Ye shall[5] surely find ME." "Yes, yes," I said, "all for God," and I fell on my knees in an attitude of prayer. Then began the cleansing by the waters from the River of God. From within there arose a cleansing stream, that made me aware of its workings in my heart. My limitations must go. I, who thought I possessed relatives, friends, home, must learn that God must enlarge my heart with greater loves, more friendships.

There are no limitations where God is, no claiming of personalities. God is all. The waters were bitter, but you must do this for the great gain. Your ideas and thoughts are not God's thoughts, nor are your ways God's ways.[6]

Ah, it is true, and it will be your eternal good to

[5] Jer. xxix. 13.
You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.
[6] Isa. lv. 8.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

know this now. Everything that seemed peculiarly my own was simply swept away until I was as nothing, and longing only for God. The Angel spake again with great love and tenderness—"Thou shalt know thyself by this test: art thou content to be nothing, and know nothing?" With great faltering I answered "Yes." The reply came, "Know God, and thou shalt BE." I think there was a long time of quiet. I seemed to become conscious of fresh surroundings. I seemed in the centre of the worlds, in a place of strength; I was conscious of the heart of love, far above my understanding—the rest and comfort of a great strength, and yet I suppose the best description for you is that I seemed in the atmosphere of God—knowing nothing but God—wanting nothing but good; and yet aware that it would take me aeons to understand, to know and grow in this heavenly consciousness. Soon I saw our earth, I saw the blindness of men; though dwelling in this wondrous love they were content to live in shadow, in pain. "Lord, I must go to them, I must

tell them," I thought. The voice of the Spirit spoke within—"I[7] am God, and beside me there is none else." "Amen, Amen, Amen," I answered.

To dwell consciously in God is to inbreathe and outbreathe harmony and love. I am without limits, I revel in freedom, I cannot think sin, sickness, or death except to remove them; they have become to me less than vapour. God is all in all, and no one can be outside God. Even your very stones and rocks are interpenetrated by the God-life. "Awake, thou that sleepest, arise from the dead"; "Christ is[8] the light of the world." Oh for a thousand voices to proclaim the truth that nothing is but God! Rise out of your false, shadowy consciousness and mount into the consciousness of love. "Truly He maketh my[9] feet like hinds' feet." I know that in me the Christ has ascended to His Father; henceforth "the Father and I are one." In me the Trinity of the Three are one, and yet three.

Spirit is substance, nothing can be real except

[7] Isa. xlv. 18.
For thus says the Lord that created the heavens, the God that formed the earth and made it, that established it and created it not a waste, that formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.
[8] John viii. 12.
Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
[9] Hab. iii. 19.
God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

God; but joy of joys, as I met relatives, friends, and dear ones, I knew, how more than ever they were mine beyond thought of loss or separation! All I had lost was the *fear of losing.* God's thought is the only reality; the world is God's thought. You are yet to learn that all realities are in God's thought. You are to express them. Rise, dear heart, and take your place with us, that you may know God only, just where you are. Love never[10] faileth. Begin now. This is the true way to bring in light and love, conquering death by the sacrifice of the body of sense, to rise in newness[11] of life.

I will come again. I have told you of this experience only to help. I would not have done so unless you were able to apprehend it. It will be meaningless to the seekers of wonders and signs.

You must let self utterly melt away in order that Christ may come to His own.

10 1 Cor. xiii. 8.
Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.
11 Rom vi. 4.
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

NINTH LESSON

HE GAVE HIMSELF

AS you unfold in the consciousness of God, many inexplicable things become clear. One is the purifying process of pain. It is safer and grander to suffer, because, rightly viewed, it is sure to perfect the soul. Have you not sometimes felt the shallowness and the emptiness of joy? I tell you it is impossible to know true joy—the heights of joy—until you have known corresponding depths of pain. This is the process called "the refiner's fire."[1] It is cleansing; it is good, and not evil. True joy—the joy of Heaven—should saturate the whole being, and touch the inner consciousness with a sense of its eternity, its everlastingness; and the suffering[2] has prepared a place that joy may enter in. Learn the wisdom in these words—"As sorrowful, yet[3] always rejoicing."

[1] Mal. iii. 2.
But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
[2] Isa. ix. 2, 3.
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
[3] 2 Cor. vi. 10.
As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Now I would show you the difference between necessary suffering and useless pain, which is disorder; likewise between true joy and transient false joy. Divine humanity can attain the throne of the universe only by the way of the Cross. This is the way of sacrifice. Do not too hurriedly dismiss the pearl in the old orthodox teaching, it served its day and generation most efficiently. When man thought of himself as a separate and outside unit, only this teaching could help his unfoldment, so thank God for the ladder of dead creeds—dead selves. But now the divine Man is arising; He has burst the old[4] bottles; the new wine of life cries out for space and freedom, as the sap does in the tree. Beware, for here is your danger; the suffering begins, which shall make the path by cleansing and burning up all that hinders the uprising of the divine in earth, air, and sea. The Son of God is come, and your very experiences of pain and suffering are the heralds of His approach.

There is much more to be revealed to you, but

[4] Matt. ix. 17.
Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.
Rev. xii. 10.
And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

we leave these messages with you to help you to live and express the highest within you, knowing that Christ will perfect that which concerneth Him, and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

THE END

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[1] Luke xvii. 2 changed to Luke xvii. 20-21.

[2] Hab. xvii 17-19 changed to Hab. iii. 17-18.

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[1] Prov. x. 10 changed to Prov. x. 8.

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[5] Isa. lx. 9 changed to Isa. lxiii. 9.

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