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Lecture 1 (7th August 1947)

THE ANGELIC POWER OF LOVE, WISDOM AND HEALING

When you, a spiritual being, are born into this world you build into your personality and outer life what is supplied by the earth and its atmosphere. You do not become embodied in virgin soil by no means. I do hope that you recognise this fact. For the Substance you draw upon has already been utilised by others who have preceded you.

Every particle you use has been saturated by those who utilised them and to a great extent you are affected by these particles which make up your external organism including your mind.

Your mind accepts the thoughts of those who have gone before you, for very few are original thinkers. Only those who have stepped out of the commonplace of everyday thinking have given the world something new. The world does not accept it all at once, only those minds capable of receiving are the first fruits, then others follow and eventually the whole world accepts. That is why men and women only become great many years after they have left the earth plane.

But there is one way of affecting everyone on earth without even their knowing it. This method requires study and development by those who engage in it. The fact that it is Silent in its nature does not arouse the antagonism of the limited erroneous pre-existing ideas and superstitions of man which the ignorant cherish and cling to as if they were true.

The mind does not absorb new ideas readily because they clash with accepted ideas, which are old and worn out and have long ago become useless.

Man clings to the old ideas of separation and superstition created by the various beliefs which clash with one another only because of different ideas, but you will observe that these ideas are man-made, and have become limited beliefs that are at the bottom of all separation.

When the new knowledge of our Spiritual Universe is revealed to man he does not take to it at first because it supersedes his limited ideas of the material world, of his religion, philosophy or system which has become his habitual, limited and static belief.

It is only half a century ago since the new idea that the mind had something to do with the functions of the body was even accepted by those who were our leaders in thought. Since then psychology has made itself known to many yet millions have never even given it a thought. Now the previous ideas of psychology have been superseded with new ideas and out of this several schools of thought have risen, some opposed to each other.

Science has made great strides in the molecular and atomic energy. Science is discerning the wonders of the new age in the material sense, but few have reached out to the truly great and only safe science, the Science of the Spiritual Universe which is behind the material Universe. Without this knowledge chaos must necessarily exist in the world, because the Laws which are a protection for mankind are revealed only in the Spiritual and not the material and that is why you and many more like you have realized this fact but have seen no way to spread this great truth, for the simple reason that most people will reject it as they did two thousand years ago with the advent of the Man of Galilee.

Now you must all know by now, especially the students who followed me from the beginning, that I am the mouth-piece of the great Spiritual Forces that are working to help mankind (in spite of man's ignorance and disbelief) for they are also linked up with the progress of mankind. When I say this I do not put myself forward as one who is superior to any of you, my brothers and sisters, for I am only that humble instrument peculiarly made,

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as you might say, to be a link between the higher Spiritual Beings in the inner realms and the Spiritual Beings in the outer who will one day become Spiritual Beings in the inner and will "see' with a greater love and understanding. Their one purpose will be to help their brothers and sisters in the outer, those whom they have left behind and those who will come after, and will know there is no separation for we are all of the One Life whether we are conscious on the outer plane or conscious on the inner planes. The Christ Life is the only Life that exists in all, and the Christ still lives, the true Source and only Source to look to for freedom from fear, worry, sickness and conflict. For this Life is the source of true happiness, no matter what name we have given it, interpreted through the different religions. Thus I am instructed to instruct you in the great Universal movement to help mankind through the Silent Healing Power which in itself has all the power to unfold in man that Angelic Power which will lift mankind out of the state it is in today. You have been called to this great work, a blessing which you will see, will not only help your brothers and sisters but for yourselves will be a glory unsuspected by the most imaginative.

You will be pleased to know that Sanctuaries of the Silent Healing Power have been established all over the world. In America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Great Britain, Ireland, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Italy and other European countries including Russia. All over the earth those Sanctuaries will be linking in conjunction with thousands like yourselves in the quietness of their daily receiving and broadcasting into the atmosphere this Current of Life carrying with it Love, Wisdom and Healing for all mankind.

Above the Mighty Himalayas there has always been a mighty Spiritual centre of which the physical world has never heard. Masters are in direct communication with this Mighty Power for the upliftment of Mankind.

I myself, when in the Himalayas with the Masters, made contact with these great Angelic Forces, call it the Christ Power if you wish for that is what it is, others call it by other names

but it is the one great Infinite Light and Love that surrounds the earth being directly mediated to earth through the medium of the Solar Angels. This one Power is linked up in every living soul on earth and it is the only Source of our being though few are aware of it. By our conscious awareness of it we open ourselves to it and by our acceptance of it it expresses itself through us, we become God's channel for the unfoldment of this Angelic Power latent in all.

God is the only living Being there is and you live because He lives silently within you and becomes active in your life immediately you become aware of Him.

The atmosphere surrounding the earth, as I explained in my communication to you with reference to the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power, is permeated with the thoughts of mankind, thoughts of sickness, hate, jealousy, antagonism between individuals, groups and nations.

Ignorant man is continuously reacting to this thought atmosphere and by doing so not only adds to it but is drawing these conditions upon himself or herself according to the attitude of mind they hold, creating more misery for themselves and others.

Fear rules the heart of most men and women, everyone is afraid of something and few trust each other. Confidence has disappeared and mankind is divided against itself. Although we are all linked up in the great Angelic Stream of Life which is Love, Wisdom and Healing, yet the mind of man is not receptive to it mostly because he has never felt it or become aware of it, being ruled by the emotion of fear and by other influences that surround him, but our work will definitely help to change all this.

Now let me explain to you the state required so that you can join in receiving and expressing of this Mighty Force that will revolutionize the thinking of mankind.

1. The mind must be free from disturbances, steady, light and glad, open to this Power that will free the Life in all its beauty and loftiness. This will free become more evident to you as you tune in at the specific times in this communication.

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- 2. You must endeavour to get rid of the habit of the invasion of troubling thoughts, wrong feelings such as envy, jealousy, anger, reaction to things, people, circumstances and the confusion of ideas about the various religions, philosophies and systems that cling to the mind.
- 3. You must not struggle with these things, for you will note that this makes things worse and as you discern deeply you will see that these things matter little because they are relative to you and have no power except the power you give them, for Life (Love and Wisdom) is free and natural and is not affected by any of these things or conditions and it is with this Life alone we are concerned and nothing else, It being the only Reality.

If you struggle with thoughts and wrong movements that come to you from outside you make them your own and this only further disturbs the nature and makes it more difficult for the Force to work.

- 4. To be a real help in the expression of this Divine Power your mind must be quiet and at peace so that the Force can be received and expressed in its true nature—Love and Wisdom.
- 5. You will observe that these instructions supersede all other systems or studies of the past, even the studies of the art of the mind does not compare with it, neither can you compare it with any form of meditation you have tried. Neither is it that vacant state of mind that most people engage in for this allows the mind to open to all the influences of the thought atmosphere that surrounds you. It does not matter to what religion or sect you belong, it is this one Power that acts through all even if most people are blind to it.

To be a real channel you must study these instructions and try to grasp their full and deeper meaning.

The state required is a state of awareness, alertness, with the mind calm so that nothing can disturb it. The mind is

then not ruffled or agitated; if activities come from outside there is no reaction to them and these pass across the mind leaving no trace, as I explained in one of my lectures, like a flight of birds crossing a windless sky. Even if the most violent events take place outside there remains that in destructible peace, that peace that passes all understanding, that peace of the Christ within. In this state you will be in tune with that Angelic Power of Love, Wisdom and Healing and you will be of real service to the world.

- 6. You must not try to give this Angelic Power a mental form nor add anything to it but remain calm, composed, unexcited, impersonal. It certainly means not only a presence but "THE PRESENCE". You need not try to define it or turn it into an image of The Presence for this Presence in its nature is "Infinite." What It has to manifest of Itself or out of Itself It will do inevitably by Its own power when there is a sustained acceptance by you. Many will feel the thrill of the Mighty Power pouring through them and this of itself is ample reward for it leaves its Presence with you. It is impossible to imagine the great benefits you yourselves will derive for it fulfils every personal need as well.
- 7. Now let me explain to you the times when you can take part in the broadcasting of this Angelic Power for the benefit of all mankind.

The most positive time of the day is 12 o'clock noon when the sun is at its meridian and every three hours afterwards are suitable times, such as 12 noon, 3 pm., 6 pm., 9 pm., 12 midnight, 3 am., 6 am., 9 am., and so round the clock daily. It is not necessary for you to engage in all these times, the times most suitable for you for a few minutes **wherever you may be** is all that is necessary. This is also the time for all throughout the world. You will note that as the earth revolves and as the work will cover the whole earth, there will be a continual flow of the Divine Power moving

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round the world. There will be no time when this Love and Wisdom will not be dissolving away the chaotic atmosphere created by mankind. At the same time mankind will receive the Angelic Power in his or her own heart and mind to make it his or her own. Thus your work will be the greatest blessing that was ever offered to the world, for the Christ can live again in the hearts of man and woman.

As this message has been given to me by my Mentor so it is passed on to you.

May this Love and Wisdom of our Glorious, Indescribable, Adorable Loving Father-Mother-God and the Light of His Mighty Angels surround you in your great and glorious work.

GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU.

PRAYER

Our Father-Mother-God, we are all Thy children. We are seeking our way back to our Source, the one Abode of Light. Show us the one Highway of common realization to where all bye-paths must eventually lead.

All religions are but branches of the One Tree of Truth, some yet unaware of the One Life within that Tree, which is the only Reality. Help all to see this Life.

In the one Temple of Silence the chorus of many religions is heard by Thee, yet their differences serve to separate us from each other.

Teach us to chant in that one harmony of Love so that the melody of all Souls shall sing as one with Universal understanding of the one Life and Immortality.

Lecture 2 (14th August 1947)

DEATH IS NOT THE END

I have been asked time and time again, do we live after death and if so what happens to us?

Now this is a question that enters the mind of every living soul some time or another. There is not one who has not asked himself or herself this question or has not made some enquiry in regard to it.

All religions have been based on the assumption that there is an after-life but few can give a satisfactory answer to it. Most people pray for forgiveness of their sins with the view that they may still live after death. Many people fear the event, others wish it were upon them so that they could get out of their misery here. Some wish others were dead so as to get rid of them. Yet few understand the true meaning of the event that must eventually come to all.

Death is not the end by any means but the true beginning of the Spiritual Life. It was Jesus who knew this so well. His reappearance after the passing on the Cross was to assure mankind that Life is eternal. "I am" before Abraham.

Now this is a tremendous subject especially when there is so much to understand about it and what I intend to do is to ask for further information and will give you what I receive.

As far as I myself am concerned I know that there is no death, because I have experienced that time and space merge into one another at the exact moment called "death" and Life, the only Reality, neither knows time nor space, being eternal and ever-present. This experience came to me during the first World War and then again in the Himalayas with the Masters. I have already told you of these experiences and will not take up the time in repeating them in this lecture, but will confine myself to what I receive in answer to my question for more enlightenment on the subject.

ANSWER:

The question you ask is perhaps the most important of all the questions you have asked for the simple reason that it not only pertains to every living soul on earth, but it also affects those who have passed through the portals called "the first death,"—the leaving of the physical body.

Death is by no means the end, in fact it is the beginning of your real experiences, although your real spiritual experiences do not take place till after what is known as the second death which will be explained later.

You have experiences through the physical senses by means of the physical body, so you have experiences through similar senses although more refined and expansive in nature in your astral body, and so on you will experience this expansion and glory, each stage being greater than the one before it. The **you** which is you will still be the same "you" becoming aware of these experiences similar to how you became aware of the experiences you had on earth, there is no comparison as to the experiences, although the modus operandi is the same. I hope you are able to grasp what I say.

You cannot compare your earthly experiences with Spiritual experiences although you may catch a glimpse of what they mean, but if you can separate yourself from all your experiences on earth and learn to discern them you will observe that they are external to the self that is examining them. This becomes more evident after the passing called death. You are then able to observe all your experiences with impartiality. Those necessary you keep while the others you dissolve away. If you could do that while living in the earth plane all would be possible to you, but most do not see this clearly till you leave the earth plane.

I have already told you that interpenetrating your physical body you have the finer substances out of which the neucloid of Life builds up the body you will use in the inner states.

The first or immediate body is the psychic body which exists within the physical body and survives physical death and brings you into relation with the inner earth plane which pertains to

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the world soul. This is not really a Spiritual state of living but a stage which you have to pass through where there is a further reconstitution, reorganisation, and reformation which enables you to deal with all your earthly experiences as I have already mentioned. This enables you to leave that state and pass in time into the true Spiritual world.

If I can make it more plain to you by saying the ascending circuit corresponds with the gestation in the descending circuit into the physical plane—the descending is the involution or involving of your eternal existence in the various grades of substance including matter; and the ascending is the evolution or unfolding of your eternal existence out of the various grades of substance including matter.

This psychic form is not truly a Spiritual form but is built up out of the world soul in which you are living while in the physical body. It is in this body that all desires remain after leaving the physical. It is pliable and retains all earthly experiences, these must be dealt with by yourself. The crude is dissolved away in a similar way that you dissolve your crude experiences while on earth through discernment. If you cling to these experiences while on earth through fear emotion or reaction they frustrate your true experiences.

The saying that I can best give you to relieve you is, "Thy sins are forgiven thee, arise and walk." The dross must be left behind, the only use these experiences can be to you is that by them you learn to unfold the Real, which is Love and Wisdom and Healing.

The psychic form is often referred to as the psychic double and sometimes it is violently precipitated from the physical during the earth life. Those who are precipitated from the physical body suddenly and ignorant of these facts often appear as ghosts because of their intense and urgent earth desires which makes them known as earthbound spirits, but immediately the consciousness becomes aware of itself and the condition in which it is in "out of body state" the ghost disappears. The appearance is made through strong earth desires which tend to modify the psychic

body so that the physical senses can become aware of it. Also the projection of this form during earth life is now so well-known as to become an established fact being recorded so many times by so many people.

The appearance of this psychic double (or ghost) of those who have passed from the earth body is also well-known. In your Bible you read of many incidents of this kind and now while the world is entering a new cycle, many and many more such incidents will be recorded until such time that it is accepted by all, just as your wireless and television and many other things, which were thought to be impossible.

During your incarnation in the physical body the psychic remains connected to the body by a magnetic Life line. This magnetic Life line can be stretched across the world if necessary by one who has practised the projection of the astral body.

In the first instance the double can only be projected a short distance, but with practice however it lengthens through confidence, fear immediately draws it back into the physical and may never again leave the physical till so-called death.

At the advent of this death, this connection is severed and the psychic body no longer returns to the body. Severe illness or shock may cause the psychic double to leave the physical temporarily, this is often done while the person is in a state of semi-consciousness and many times during sleep. Children often experience the presence of their parents who are anxious about them when separated because there is a psychic link between all parents and their offspring. This is caused through the link that unites them with the Solar Angel who is the parent of the parent.

There is not such a thing as an illegitimate child in the Spirit world that only pertains to the ignorance of your world, when things are seen in their true light this unnecessary agony and suffering caused to the innocent will disappear.

When "you" the conscious self within the psychic form enter into relation with the plane of the world soul in which you find yourself you will react to the condition in that plane, to a great

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extent you will learn as you did on earth when you were a child with the exception that conditions are totally different. There is one thing I can assure you, you will never be idle for one moment, you will find so many interesting things to do as you progress, your inner faculties which you were unable to give full utterance to while on earth will find new avenues of expression. Opportunities will be afforded to you to express yourself fully.

At this psychic stage you know very little of the Spiritual state although you may think you are in the true Spiritual state and may think you are in "Heaven," so-called.

Now it is from this plane that most of the communications come through mediums—entities in this psychic plane are often called spirits from the Spirit world, but these entities are selves whose interests still have strong earthly ties and can only deal with things pertaining to the outer earth. That is why so little information can be obtained about the Spiritual realms which in many cases causes most people to disbelieve in Spiritualism. They say "I can tell them more than they can tell me," that is possibly so because of the fact that you may have studied the subject to a greater and higher degree.

The second death is when the entity leaves the psychic plane and enters into the more inner state and when this is completed the past becomes lost in oblivion and the consciousness of such can only be regained by entering temporarily into relation with the earth through a medium in the inner realms and then through a "medium" on earth. That is why I have told you before that the information obtained about the Solar Angels has been relayed from the inner to the outer and you are in direct communication with this information through this modus operandi.

In regard to evil as I have told you before: Evil only pertains to the outer world of appearances and does not affect the internal Spirit. It is not transformed into internal states. Experience in the lower degrees of Life makes the entity conscious of such states and when the entity reacts to this atmosphere he makes it his or her own. You hear a great deal about the evil in your world. You cannot eliminate evil by killing off a few people who

you think responsible for evil for all are equally responsible. Those who think themselves good and others evil are often the worst offenders. If more of the eternal, ever-present goodness was realized, the atmosphere in which you live would soon change. That is why you have been instructed to form the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power. When this is fully understood, as will surely dawn upon the minds of the people, separation, the cause of all your troubles will pass away. It has been already stated by other Spiritual Beings that a millennium is at hand that can only come when separation is dissolved away from the minds of the people on earth. You have many religions on earth, each claims itself to be the only religion. Anyone outside that particular religion is called a heathen, an infidel and so forth. When all peoples come under the spell of the One Presence a new enlightenment will come and all religions will merge into the one abode of Light and Love.

Your work is more important than you can ever imagine for the whole Spiritual World is co-operating with you. Yet we can do nothing unless man himself opens his mind and heart to the ever-present, omnipotence and omniscience of the Love that surrounds him, and the method you have been directed to adopt is the best way to accomplish this.

Many who are helping in the inner realms have while on earth lived selfish lives, lived for what all the pleasure of the world could give them. When they left the earth Life they continued for a more or less brief period in the plane nearest the earth until the form in which they emerged from the outer earth was dissolved away and the glory of their new experiences revealed the grandeur of freedom of the ever-present Life and by the experiences they have passed through both in the outer and the inner, after being emancipated and elevated, they are able to become instruments to descend and help in a manner unknown and un-thought of by Church or State as constituted on your earth. They become the saviours of mankind. Thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands are working with you now influencing for good your earth plane.

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More information will be given on this subject later. In our next communication there will be further instruction in regard to the mental states in the order of quiet, calm, peace and Silence and how they are more easily obtained and will make you more proficient in your work of healing.

BENEDICTION

Thou great loving and generous Parent, Father-Mother-God, I did not hear nor did I see but the presence of Thy Eternal Love whispered to me in the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power. My slumbering wisdom and love slowly awakened and I heard the whispers of Thy Eternal Presence becoming ever closer and closer. I felt my brother and sister who had already seen the Light and whisper Its presence to me in that Silence that knows no equal and as I awakened more and more I knew that I was also the spokesman of Thy Eternal Love, Wisdom and Healing and now that I am awake my whispers shall never cease.

Awake now, my brother, my sister, work thou with me so that all shall hear the whisper of the "One" Eternal, Ever-Present Love and Wisdom. Let us all go into the one Home, that Sanctuary wherein all are one family praising our Eternal Loving Father-Mother-God Who gave us birth, born in His image and likeness.

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In my previous communication I made it plain to you I hope, that the natural body or outer material body was the outer psychic body or otherwise the outer body of the soul while the psychic body or inner, was the inner physical, the inner body of the soul. These two interpenetrate each other as ether interpenetrates matter or as water interpenetrates a sponge. Both bodies are made out of the same substance only one is finer than the other but identical to each other, the only difference being in degree of vibration. Each body reacts upon the other, what is established within appears upon the outer and vice versa.

You were told that all is Infinite Mind, that this Mind fills boundless space, there is no outside it, so there can be no other substance in existence. Therefore all is Mind and matter is Mind materialized. In fact matter is the name you give to the opinion you have in regard to it but you do not know what it is but you know that it is, that is plain to you now, is it not?

This mind we have called "Non-Self Conscious Life—Intelligence—Infinite Mind Substance." This non-self Conscious Life is responsive to the direction of the Infinite Self Conscious Life—Infinite Self Consciousness. In this way all forms take shape and by these two we call the Father-Mother-God all must exist and all that lives must be a manifestation of them. The reason I am reviewing this is because I want to show that the story of Jesus and his reappearance to his disciples is not an unnatural or mysterious singular happening but a perfectly natural event. In the light of your recent advanced scientific research and

with more knowledge on the subject of the psychic and super-physics old prejudices and superstitions are gradually disappearing. The minds of the people of the world are gradually seeking new knowledge, and will not much longer be content with the jargon that has lasted through the centuries.

New knowledge is now accepted more readily but it is necessary that this knowledge should be correct, not limited to any kind of belief that would limit it, and thus prevent your further advancement.

It was ignorant beliefs that prevailed at the time of Jesus. Priesthood ruled as it still does in some parts of your world today where people are less enlightened. The priesthood saw the end of their control over the people if the teaching of Jesus were accepted by the people and even in your day there is the same fear although it does not take such a virulent form.

The following are true facts concerning Jesus and I am sure will be of great interest to all.

When Pilate appeared before the priests and the populace, and washed his hands in a basin according to the oriental custom he cried "I wash my hands of this man's blood. Upon you be it," and the crowd responded with a great shout "Upon us and our children be his blood." Little did those who said this realize what it meant for them and their children. I am not going into the whole story of his crucifixion for that is not so important at the moment as his reappearance, his resurrection.

Jesus had already informed his disciples that he would in three days appear once more among them. To the ordinary understanding this event seemed to indicate that he would occupy again his physical body and the gospel narrative seems to verify this idea. But this narrative was written by his disciples who, although acquainted with the Master's teaching of the inner world, did not comprehend the full significance of the one Mind and one Substance in different degrees, one interpenetrating the other, they did not fully comprehend the full meaning of the resurrection.

Now Jesus did really appear to his disciples and abode with them for a time instructing them in the deeper mysteries and secret

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doctrines. These mysteries are now being revealed to the world not as mysteries but as natural events in the lives of all. Enlightened minds are able to grasp these truths and make them their own thereby freeing themselves from ignorance and superstition.

Jesus appeared in his psychic body or his inner physical for the simple reason that shortly after leaving his physical body it was dematerialized beyond physical sight, and his appearance was in the astral or psychic body which was the inner physical.

Most of his disciples knew that the immortal part of the Master still lived when he made his appearance to them. Thomas was the doubtful one, only when Jesus showed his hands and his feet and the hole in his side was Thomas convinced.

The psychic body always takes on the features and characteristics of the physical and as Jesus was aware of what he went through the marks were still visible in the inner form although it had no effect upon it. You have seen yourself Yogis who plunge daggers into their bodies without leaving a wound or losing a drop of blood, also you have seen Yogis who walked over a blazing coke fire and were not even scorched.

When the out-of-body state is realized revealing the truth that death is not real, the mind is free from fear and belief in death so the body no longer is affected by fear of anything, thus complete control is obtained.

The first to see the Master in his astral form was Mary of Magdala. She was weeping beside the empty tomb and when she looked up she saw someone approaching and thought it was the gardener. The astral form was unfamiliar to her, more of a transparent nature only being partly materialized and at first she did not recognise Jesus. It was when he called her by her name that she saw the form growing more distinct and familiar, that she recognised the features of the Master.

Many people have had experiences of their loved ones who have passed over appearing to them and then disappearing again. These incidents are so numerous and convincing that there is no longer any doubt about them. It is this similarity I want you to see in regard to Jesus that is important to you.

The fact that when Jesus walked with two of his disciples while they thought he was a stranger, until he made himself known to them and after that he ate at the same table, later gave the impression that he must have had a physical body but the fact that one can eat when in the astral is common knowledge to those who understand this phenomenon.

The failure to recognise the Master is beyond ordinary explanation and the Churches who profess to teach his teachings make no effort to explain or make it understandable. The reason is because Jesus had not wholly materialized. His astral body at first, and his features were not therefore distinctly marked. You must now explain your own experiences when in the Himalayas when you gradually watched the features become clearer and clearer until wholly distinct, also your weekly experiences in the writing of these lectures. It is important that those whom you are teaching must have a grasp of these inner mysteries otherwise they will no understand what is to follow later on. This is also necessary for a complete understanding of the work in conjunction with the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power and the Spiritual forces you are co-operating with.

The orthodox theory of Jesus having reappeared in his physical body is because of the lack of understanding of the true facts. This coincides with the fact that they have been unable to explain the non-recognition by his disciples who had been his everyday companions before his death. Jesus appeared to many more people than his disciples, and which are not mentioned in the narratives about him. Jesus confronted the High Priests in the Temple and brought them to their knees in terror. He also appeared to Pontius Pilate and Herod.

The sudden appearance and disappearance of Jesus showing himself to those who he wished to see him shows you conclusively that it was his astral body he used for this purpose. It seems incredible that there should be any doubt about it. If the true teachings concerning the astral world and such phenomena were thoroughly explained to people instead of creed and superstition which fails to enlighten their minds there would be much more enlightenment on the subject in your world today.

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Now the Gospel tells you that his disciples recognised the Master not as any unsubstantial form but felt his body and saw him eat. This has been to a great extent the cause of the belief that it was the physical body in which he appeared, but you know that the astral form can become so thoroughly materialized that it can be not actually seen but felt.

Then one day he appeared to his disciples and they accompanied him to the Hills. He gave them instruction regarding their future work. He then bade them farewell and began to fade away from their sight. His astral form began to slowly dematerialize and he gradually faded away from the sight of his beloved followers who were now convinced that Life was continuous, even the personality survived the first death or the leaving of the physical body. When the complete dematerialization took place Jesus had cast off this psychic body known as the second death and passed on to the higher planes of being. He had then ascended into the Father or into a higher spiritual state.

It is plain to you now, I hope, that you observe that the physical body cannot pass into the planes where ordinary forms of matter do not exist. The physical body is but a temporary vehicle for the soul's experiences in your plane of action and you will discard it when the proper time comes, but as you have the gift of appearing on the astral you will also appear in a similar way to that which Jesus did. All this is for the purpose of enlightening people of the truth that there is no death, this alone will change the mind of man from material gain to Spiritual gains.

To know without doubt that the physical is but the outer shell and will be discarded by the soul as the chrysalis is discarded by the butterfly for its aerial flight into a new world, is what the world really needs.

The sooner the world realizes these truths the sooner will it free itself from all illusion and superstition which has been taught by orthodoxy. Hindered and blinded with beliefs that have no foundation of truth mankind has lost the true teachings of the continuity of Life.

All are Spiritual Beings now and do not have to wait till so-called death to become one. Life is independent of a physical

body. Angels are those who are Spiritual Beings as you are but without a physical body, but at one time had physical form.

Life is one process of progression in infinite variety of forms yet all one Life in one Mind, one Scheme, one Plan.

When Jesus appeared to his disciples in the astral form he imparted many truths to them. He took John out of his physical body and showed him the Spiritual world and in this state John wrote his epistle. Jesus also informed them of the cycle of the world in which the sowing of the seeds of truth he taught would not bring the fruit until the time was ripe and that time must take two thousand years, that the passing of the centuries would be the preparing of the soil for the great work of truth that is now making itself known amongst you all. This fruit will be good to eat but you must wait until it is ripe on the vine, when the Life of the Spirit will be lived by the race. This light of the Spirit is now being kept burning by you, in the Sanctuary to help mankind. This Spirit, the Spirit of God in man, called the Christ, still lives in the world ever striving to lead all to the realization of the Real Self within. It is this Spirit that I speak of as being ever with us, the Silent Partner waiting to enter into your daily life as the Comforter and Helper. He has not gone from you. He is actually here with you now and forever in actual Spirit communication and it is through this Spirit we are communicating the Presence to all the world through the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

The Lord has risen from the mortal form to immortal Spiritual existence, as all must do for this is the goal of the race.

It does not matter what defects you may have in your nature the one thing that matters is to keep yourself open to the Presence. No one can transform himself by his own unaided efforts. It is only the Divine Presence that can transform him. If you keep yourself open all the rest will be done for you. If you put too much reliance on the action of your own mind and will, you will not progress. If you get the habit of silent reliance on the power of the Presence not merely calling it in to support your own efforts from time to time but with that realization of its constant presence, every obstacle that may be in the way will

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disappear and the glory of the Spirit that knows no opposition will reveal itself in all your doings.

Study well the instructions given in the first and third communication it is of great importance in your work for the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

BENEDICTION

O, Beloved One, One, Thy Love is like a balm that ever increases as we adore Thee.

Thy Presence spreads through all minds in all lands and as we learn to love Thee first above all else, Thy Spirit manifests Itself in all Its Divine qualities for the benefit of all.

Let Thy Kingdom, which is within, manifest Itself without, and when we look upon the face of our brothers and sisters we shall see Thee.

No need to plead, no need to struggle for the comfort and joy of Thy Divine Nearness and Companionship.

We only have to know that nearness that brings quietness into the Life, confidence and peace in the heart.

It is Thy Presence alone that can transform conditions and lives bringing harmony and beauty, peace and love.

SO MOTE IT BE

Lecture 5 (4th September 1947)

GIVE UP STRUGGLING WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

In this communication I wish to show you the one essential thing in your practising the Presence. Give up struggling with the outside world, and relative things, for this is the cause of all frustration. Calm yourself and ask the question quietly, "What am I struggling for or what am I struggling against?"

Some are struggling all the time against sin with the result that they live miserable lives and want everyone else to do the same. The cure for this is to take hold of the Tree of Life and let go of the Tree of Good and Evil, then there is no longer any struggle for when the Presence is recognized there is Love, Wisdom and Healing. Immediately one sees that there is nothing to fight, there is freedom. It is like one struggling with the darkness, immediately you bring light to the darkness, it disappears.

To hold on to two extremes opposing each other is the cause of the double-minded creature, who cannot get anything from God because he misapplies the Law.

To have the Presence, you must wait on the Presence knowing it is there with the mind held firmly in that direction. When you hold the two extremes in your mind struggling to get one out and struggling to get the other in, you have what is called a double exposure. When two exposures are made on the one film you have distortion, so the mind is confused and ruffled and that calm state necessary for the reflection of the Presence is missing.

Some of you are struggling with disease similar to those who struggle with sin. We are witnessing this useless struggle going on, only making conditions more difficult.

If you think of disease at one end and health at the other you assume there is a distance between them and you struggle to bridge the gap. So health is always in the future, like tomorrow

it never comes. It is just where the mind of the thinker placed it, at a distance, a place away from where "I am." I am the Presence—and the Presence is Love, Wisdom and Healing and is ever-present with you all.

Our aid to you in your healing is to impress your mind and the patients' mind of the immediate realization of the Cosmic Oneness—Cosmic Wholeness. There is no outside it and no division in it, it is ever-present in its wholeness. Let go of the self-created idea of disease. Infinite Mind does not hold it, neither should your mind hold it. When you realize that your mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind there is no longer need for struggle, the only condition being sustained acceptance.

Most people who suffer are continually acknowledging disease and are possessed by the idea of it. Some struggle with it by denying it thus giving it a power it does not possess and this creates in the individual's agitated mind a strong recognition of the power of disease. Denial of disease when it is felt in the mind and body only fixes it more firmly there and tends to disorganize the mind.

Again I want to point out the similarity in the Tree of Good and Evil where there is always conflict and frustration. Your religious leaders are hypnotized by the power of evil and can see nothing else. In the mind this thing is being given a power it does not possess. How can there be a power of evil in the omnipotent Omnipresence?

Your Bible tells you that you must not partake of the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil for by doing so you die in your sin or ignorance. This tree has its growth and roots in man's mind only. In your ignorance you created this dual nature within yourselves, so you are mentally divorced from the Garden of Eden, the Garden of the Soul (Cosmic Wholeness) because you cling to your ignorant belief of your duality, double-minded creatures! Jesus, when he healed the sick, asked "Wilt thou be made whole?" in other words believe with me and thou shalt be free. His wholeness was complete in the realization of "I and the Father are One." But this **has to be realized** not merely

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said without understanding. How can the mind be free if this is not thoroughly understood? How many truth students today crumble at the last hurdle? You may as well fall at the first since the fall is not so heavy, then you can get up and go on with true experience. I will have more to say of this further on.

You must be one-pointed with regard to the Tree of Life or the Presence. It means the same thing only in different phraseology. You will appreciate by now I hope that the Tree of Good and Evil is relative and not a reality, its growth is in man's mind and this blinds him to the Truth of the Cosmic Wholeness. So the fruit of this Tree is of his own growing and he eats thereof or otherwise feels and reaps the effects. Freedom comes when we discern the cause within ourselves, not merely denying it. This ignorant denying has been the cause of many abandoning the very thing that would be of help to the individual in suffering. Some may say that this teaching is the same as other Truth teaching only put differently, but you have only to examine it closely to see it is different—chalk may look like cheese, but it is not cheese.

You are Spiritual, made in the image and likeness of your Creator, you are His reflection and to have this reflection you must cease struggling, cease to crave, for this causes conflict, confusion and sorrow. God's Reality is your reality, His Presence your presence. I wonder how much you realize this great Truth! "Raise your hand and take hold of the Tree of Life," in other words, become aware of the one Life, the only Life. I am that Life, you are that Life "I am Alpha and Omega," the end is in the beginning. Within yourself is the proof of this.

This is the great Truth that must be kept alive. It was the Truth that Moses and Jesus were sent to reveal.

The story of Adam and Eve is an allegory. Adam and Eve are represented as a wedded pair. Adam represents the body and Eve the Soul. The soul is the builder of the body and the deception or wrong thinking on the part of the soul who eats of the Tree of Good and Evil reproduces upon the mind and body of the thinker what he or she thinks. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

The erroneous idea which is prevalent amongst you all is that some mysterious way can be found to relieve man of his responsibility and will make him free from the obligation of Life and free from his problems. Most of you are waiting for an escape. The only escape is to discern the cause within yourselves and when this is seen and dealt with fearlessly and without struggle there is a clearing of the way for the Presence, the Presence can only operate by your giving it reflection through you.

I told you previously that the immortal Spirit, the Christ of God which manifested through Jesus "the Light of the Solar Angel" is in the world helping all to meet their problems with that calm, steadfast feeling, light and glad, open to the Presence, never shirking any responsibility but with courage and confidence going forward without limitation.

Associate yourselves with the power of the indwelling Presence of the Infinite Intelligence—your Silent Partner, let Him speak through you and work with you. He is the greatest of all and the servant of all. He is Love, Wisdom and Healing.

Do not have your minds filled with the idea of demonstrating your ability to acquire things. Most people desire the truth only inasmuch as it can get them this and that and many do demonstrate small things and sometimes big things, but as this grows it creates a vicious circle with the mind centred on things with the result that when the most cherished desire is not forthcoming there is a deep inward struggle that causes havoc, the mind collapses and with it the body and all the things acquired are of no avail, they are left behind. This is where some truth students are utter failures and do much harm to others. The answer for this is, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," God's Kingdom within oneself. All things are there, there is no need to struggle or demonstrate, "the Presence" does it for you. "Whatever things the son seeth the Father doing the son doeth also in like manner," the Father does not boast neither does the true disciple—only those filled with their own importance do this stupid thing and this is proof that they still believe in the limited self. The true disciple does not care whether people believe

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in him or not. His mind is far above these petty things. He sees the one Life running through all Nature and binding all together in one Universal whole, and throbbing with its Vital Wholeness. It is this Wholeness that is termed "Holy."

Love and Reason must be equally balanced, both taken together must preserve that calmness, alertness, without fear; that poise against all impacts from without which might tend to throw one off balance.

You must become aware of The Presence sufficiently that nothing can happen which can make you even for a moment hate instead of loving or cease to look upon everything with the eye of all-embracing Truth.

Love and Reason must not be in opposition to each other, otherwise wisdom may be absent. Wisdom is pure action and is outward going, never relying on external things or external reaction.

To love, to feel love there must first be Love of the single individual, though that is not pure or balanced Love. But to arrive at that perfect balanced poised Love without fear or struggle you must go through this attachment to the individual with its limitation and sorrows and struggles and so on,—through these experiences growth is attained.

Growth comes naturally when the Presence makes itself felt, then that Love that has its roots in Eternity will be present. The most practical person in the world is the one who has discovered the true values of all things (that discovery is illumination). Like an eagle poised on a delicate branch it can fly high or fly low, it is poised always ready for action without struggle.

Those who live from their own separate centre think they live, but the time comes sooner or later when they find that the struggle is too great so they try to find a means of escape. There is no escape except through true discernment of the cause of struggle and the cause is separation. This separation can only be removed by the Presence of the Wholeness which is real.

I told you before you cannot make an image of the Presence for it is Infinite in nature. It is what it is, "Itself"—Love, Wisdom and Healing.

Mental theories are of no fundamental importance for the mind forms and accepts the theories that support the belief of the being. But the knowledge that there is a Supreme Existence, Consciousness and Bliss, which is not merely a negative existence or a static or featureless Absolute, but dynamic, complete and encompassing all, establishes the Presence. With this awareness of a Divine Consciousness that can be realized not only beyond but here, the acceptance of the Divine Presence is the foundation for your great work in the world today, with those who have been called to help. The Healing Power which is developing at the Sanctuary, at home and at the class lectures is being used by the Spiritual Forces operating all over the world. We are more than pleased with the results. The personal efforts made by all of you has been transformed progressively into a movement of the Divine Force. Become more conscious of the Divine Presence and it will govern your efforts. Much has been done and much remains to be done. The Blessing of the Angel of Light surrounds you all in your work of the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

BENEDICTION

The Voice of Thy Wisdom is roaming through the ether searching in minds and hearts for a resting place.

O, Divine Broadcaster, we are receiving Thy Love and Wisdom. Our Divine Radios are tuned in to Thee, with the result that many are hearing the Music of Thy Love and Harmony.

Souls smothered beneath indifference, touch them with a sense of perception so that they may also hear the magic song of Thy Presence—Love, Wisdom and Healing.

SO MOTE IT BE

EXPERIENCE IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR FREEDOM

These communications which are especially adapted to your work in the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power should be studied carefully.

Experience is the essential thing to your freedom. Through experiences you begin to realize that which lies behind the individual. Without experience you would lie dormant, asleep in your limitation. Yet experience without discernment and continuous adjustment is but a repetition in error and this means frustration, but continual adjustment through experience means freedom.

Life is impersonal, has no peculiar temperament. So Life cannot be understood through any temperament, for Life is the self of everything. But between that complete personal self and the understanding of it by the individual lies the individual existence. In this individual existence there is experiences, joys, sorrows and all that makes up the individual. It is in wearing down that individual existence through discernment and understanding lies the purpose of this individual existence. The small "T" in Life loses itself in the greater "I am" of Life where there is no division. There is no distinction between manifestation and Life. You cannot separate one from the other—you cannot separate a part from the Whole for they are inseparable. Separation then only exists in your own individual consciousness and not in the consciousness of the Whole which is behind all creation and the individual self.

When you feel yourself to be only a part seeking to become one with that Totality and that Totality is external to the self then there can never be a cessation of this continuous struggle that you are engaged in. But when you get a glimpse of this Life—Pure Being, the Presence of the Omnipresence, and understanding

this, then through spontaneous action you wear away this wall of separation that is in your own consciousness.

When there is total realization of this Omnipresence there is no longer the craving for separate existence, you are everything, you are creation, and the scar of individuality that was in the consciousness will have vanished. It is this scar of individuality which is separation and is the cause of all struggle. There cannot be pure action when there is a sense of separation.

Some will say that this means total annihilation because it cannot be achieved without the total destruction of individual existence. When you look at it from this point of view your individuality becomes the most important thing to you, but from the point of view of the Omnipresence, the individual existence is imperfection. You cannot develop something that in its very nature is imperfection and this individuality is imperfection. But you can wear down this individuality, this imperfection, this separation by constant adjustment of your conduct in action. That is why it matters vitally to you to put off all theories, and to know what you are **now**. In this you will see that it matters little whether the self exists or not—you are consciousness and in that consciousness alone there is the "I myself" or that which supports the "I myself." If the former is dominant then there will be struggle, sorrow and separation but if, on the other hand, there is the realization of the Whole then struggle ceases and freedom is reached—only through discernment of your cravings, desires, wants, emotions, thoughts, can this state of Being be reached and not by theories, cults or religions for they are but the epitome of separation themselves.

In the Whole there is the "Love" which is Its own eternity, this Love which no one can gauge because it is beyond conception. But as you grow through experience, through suffering and through the limitations of your own narrow love you arrive at that point where there is consummation. Not until you arrive at that point where love does not demand an object will you have found then this true love which is without reaction. Jesus made the statement which sums up what I want to convey to you "If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

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Yet this love can only be known through the limitation of your personal love, because Love is its own eternity.

By intense struggle you find out that the seed of Eternity lies hidden in this Love in which there is limitation, sorrow, pain, pleasure, ecstasy.

If you are truly seeking this realization of true Being you must have in that realization that fundamental lasting reality and this does not mean dependence upon any person however far evolved. If you seek this hidden reality and attach that reality to highly evolved types, when you have adjusted yourself to that type you find that reality is not in that type, so you go further on with the result that you only find illusion. Neither is it a question of gratitude, Truth has nothing to do with gratitude. Truth "The Presence" is beyond all persons, beyond all stages of individual development.

Most people who are seeking this "thing" are always attributing it to persons whom they read about or come across, but they will in time gradually eliminate these imagined types and arrive at that which is beyond all persons, beyond all visible effects. For these things are all external to the one who is seeking.

In the self alone can be found that which is real and supports all other selves. This Presence is not afar off but actually present with each one. "The Kingdom of God is within," therefore do not attribute the totality of truth to individual types. The Ultimate is not reached through a person, through a sect or through a particular path. If you cling to any such illusion you are filled with that illusion. To understand you must be as empty as the desert, stripped of all illusion, of all external appearances.

My purpose is to show to those who are willing to see, that the Truth the "Presence"—the Omnipresence—lies within themselves. The happiness which you are seeking is hidden within your own limitation, within your own narrow love and thought. To expand that limitation into the unlimited which is within yourselves is the only way of realizing pure Life—pure Being. There is no mystery to anything which you understand, hence those who make mysteries of what they teach do so with

the obvious intention of mystifying you and it is proof that the Truth is not understood by themselves. I am making an effort to enlighten you of the Truth that will make you free from all negativity.

The greatest sin in the world is for man not to think for himself. When man truly thinks for himself he will be free.

That is why sin is the foundation of all religions. Take the word and the idea of sin away from the Church and it would collapse. Cease to teach the philosophy of sin for three generations and the idea of sin would pass out of the consciousness, because sin is not a part of the Cosmic Creation. Sin is a man-made idea, hence it is not a permanent thing of the Cosmos.

"God the only One is Holy." "God is too pure to behold iniquity." God alone lives, and all that lives must be a manifestation of Him and all are thus His creation. Then this Truth should make the individual free from all hokum and bunk which is handed out on every side. Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." He meant the Presence was in the immediate present.

I want to take you back to the advent of the Master Jesus, two thousand years ago, because all of you, no matter what religion you follow, know that the fundamentals were taught by this most remarkable person who revealed in no unmistakable manner that the Son of Man was the Son of God.

At that time the All-important thing to the ecclesiastics was the observance of the Sabbath. Obedience to this Rule was adamant and any act, no matter what its nature, was a sin, even to take an ass out of the ditch into which it had fallen was a sin. Just imagine then what a bombshell it must have been for those ecclesiastics when a man from the Hills unknown to them, but with great authority began to talk about "Love your neighbour."

Let us build up the picture of what happened in Jerusalem two thousand years ago when the Carpenter of Nazareth appeared upon the scene and enacted the world's most stupendous drama. This drama of Life was of a Cosmic Nature so much so that at that time the advent of Jesus was looked upon as you look upon the crowning of a new King, or the election of a new President.

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All were unaware that the Solar Angels were taking a hand in the affairs of mankind and that the lives of all would have that impetus to move forward in the great Cosmic Scheme to free man from his own illusion and delusions.

The Hebrew people were the only people in the world who had formulated a religious philosophy for the guidance of man from his ignorance into enlightenment. There is ample proof of this in all writing of antiquity. From the time of Moses downward they were the leaders in religious thought. But let me state here lest you mistake me: the prophets were entirely different to the priesthood. The prophets were the teachers, then the priesthood organised religion and destroyed the true germ that gave the world a glimpse of the great hidden reality in man by causing man to look without instead of within, and by taking away from man his power to think for himself, he became a slave to organised thought. By making him abide by various rules and religious ceremonies man was forced to look without and lost the great truth that the prophets revealed, the Truth of the "immanent" God.

It is well-known that the prophets prophesied the advent of a mighty King that would throw off the yoke of the pagan rulers and set up a government of righteousness that would permit all to find expression of the inherent beauty and power and glory of God.

This King came as prophesied, but the priesthood denied him because they saw in him their own downfall. The majority of the people having no real understanding of the inner reality and of what He spoke of were influenced by the priesthood, and the one whom they secretly loved in their hearts was rejected and then crucified.

Now Jesus knew that separation was the downfall of his own people and was the curse of the world, therefore he refused to enter into their personal enmity with their masters, the civil authorities. He said, "Thou shalt love thine enemy" for he knew that this was the only way. He knew that love was the foundation of the Cosmos and nothing could alter it and therefore He refused

to be a party to anything that was contrary to the Law of "I and the Father are one," and from this all things must be in accordance, otherwise only further chaos would prevail. So when He said "Thou shalt love thine enemy" He failed to come up to the standard of what they thought He should be.

This strong man in God was to them a weakling but in that so-called weakness, which they thought, was his great strength and which all accepted later, and so through the ages Christianity has been organised with the result that the teaching of Christ no longer lives and not until Christianity as it is known today will die can the teachings of Christ live again in the hearts of all. For His teaching was the teaching of Love in which there is no separation and is the foundation of the Cosmos and the Law of the prophets.

The priests knew the Truth about Jesus and many understood him but they refused to tell the people because it would ruin their business. So when they asked Jesus to join them in their business he refused, but He asked them to join Him in His Father's business. As religion was the great power in the world mighty work could have been done, but we all know the result.

This is the all-important question that I want to put to you. Do you approach God to join you in your business or do you ask Him for the wisdom so that you could join Him in His business?

Do you not all feel the cruel yoke of bondage, injustices, all the "shalt nots" to which you have all been compelled to yield? Yet all the time salvation is at hand.

That Salvation is the Presence of the Mighty "Presence."

In your work of the Sanctuary you are doing more and more good, the world is now beginning to feel the power of the work that is being done. Remember the Angels can only work with that substance called Love and it is this Love which I want you to feel—the Eternal Presence **is** Eternal Love.

You are surcharging the atmosphere with this material but much more is needed. I told you last week how it is used for healing and helping thousands all over the world and as more and more

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of this Love is expressed by you so will there be millions of spiritual beings using it for the benefit of mankind.

The Blessing of the Angel of Light is upon you and your glorious work.

BENEDICTION

My spirit bounds in joy over the Blue Sea and under the Blue Canopy of the Sky, banishing the discouraging vapours of the lowlands.

The fragrance of Thy Presence dives into my being which overflows with my Love for Thee and all Thy Creation.

O, what vitalic volumes of Life flow into me and out through the ocean breeze.

The shore on which I stand where the Blue Sky of Heaven meets the calm blue ocean, this glory of Thy Creation fascinates me. From this beauty I will drink Thy Presence of Love, Wisdom and Healing, and as Thou didst knit the deep blue sea with pale Blue Sky so dost Thou weave the vastness of Thy Spirit of Love, Wisdom and Healing with our faith in Thy "Presence" spreading it everywhere.

SO MOTE IT BE

Lecture 8 (25th September 1947)

HEALING THROUGH THE SANCTUARY OF THE SILENT HEALING POWER

In this lecture I want to speak to you about Healing—Healing through the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power. This work was prearranged by the great Spiritual Centre above the Mighty Himalayas directed by the Solar Angels who are directly responsible for this work and who are in direct communication with the Earth Plane. This same force was used through Jesus when he was on earth and is still being used by him now.

The Presence is always present and it is this that all Masters know so well and I want to direct you in the way of using this power for the benefit of all.

Now, most people speak about creative thought power and many think that thoughts of Love and Strength sent out to people whom they know to be in sorrow, ill-health or depressed help them. Now many have tried to do this and often persons to whom these thoughts have been directed have been helped, but more often the upliftment does not last long and this has made many people doubt the value of this kind of thought power.

The weakness in this kind of thought projection is that the one who sent forth the thought did not understand the true fundamentals upon which it works with the result that only a little was done instead of a lot.

It is not a question of sending thoughts to someone who is suffering or not suffering. It is a question of thought itself.

How can anyone help another if they themselves are uncertain of their own achievements, their own desires and actions?

If you are strong, certain, purposeful, then you automatically help everyone around you. But this strength, this certainty, this purposefulness only comes when the presence of the Presence is realized. How can you be purposeful if you are uncertain?

What does your thought amount to when you are weak yourself? I have made it plain by now I hope that it is not the individual alone that does the work and if thought is weak it is not usable. But if thought is charged with the essence of the Presence from within, then it is usable by the Spiritual forces who are working with you.

Bees go to the flowers that have the nectar out of which honey is made. The objective is pure honey. Now if you are all the time concerned with whom you are going to help without being concerned with having the quality that enables you to help, then you do not have pure honey or nectar to make honey.

Spontaneous action is always beautiful and hence it has certain qualities to help but it does not sustain that aid unless it is charged with that real quality of the Presence for this means permanent and complete aid.

Now this quality is effortless and hence one is not concerned with whom one is helping or not helping. If you are concerned, worried and entangled in the idea of whether you are helping or not helping you are caught up in a mental struggle which is not filled with the Presence. The Presence is healing and the Presence is in everyone and it is the All and not only the individual that you must be concerned with. The projection of the Healing Force charged with the Presence is that effortless reality that in itself contains the cure for all conditions. You do not have to think of a particular trouble or to send a particular thought, what is necessary is to know that the Presence is present and this in itself fulfils the Law.

I want to take you back to the time when Jesus returned to Capernaum after passing through the coast town in his mission of healing and teaching. The news of his wonderful healing power had spread far and near.

As he reached Capernaum a man named Jairus, an eminent member of the Church and the community came to him and beseeched him to heal his little daughter aged twelve who had been taken seriously ill and had been given up by the physician as incurable. What I am going to relate to you will convey to

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you the meaning of what I want you to receive probably more than if I made several communications on the subject.

Now Jesus was teaching at the time when Jairus approached him and because of the father's great grief Jesus paused in his teaching and turned towards Jairus' house. Of course you can imagine the throng of people who followed him to see this another miracle—performed, everyone was jostling one another and pressed hard around the Master Jesus. His mind was made up, He knew the Presence was with the child and himself. His whole being was charged with the power of the Presence. His organism was filled with the vital forces ready to be released at any moment. When he felt someone touch his garment in search for healing, he immediately perceived what had happened for he felt the stream of this Living Force flow from him into one who was ready to receive it and he turned and said, "Power hath been drawn from me, who touched my garment?" Now it is obvious that many had touched his garment but only one had claimed that power, so his garment was touched in a certain way and the power flowed from him towards the one who had sought it so fervently. At that moment the woman was healed and his words were to her a benediction, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

It is this Presence that you all must realize and feel within you and as you come into the Sanctuary you give off that power so that thousands eagerly waiting with faith can receive it.

But let me complete my story to you about the healing of the little girl. As Jesus neared the house of Jairus the servants and relatives came running out to exclaim in their sorrow mingled with a certain amount of resentment because the "healer" had not arrived sooner, that the little girl had died. The father broke down at this terrible news coming at the greatest moment of his hope. Jesus turned to him and said, "Jairus, have faith, believe with all your heart, and the presence of God will be revealed to you."

Jesus then called on three of his disciples: Peter, James and John and sent outside all the weeping family and the wailing neighbours.

He then took hold of the child's cold hands within his own. Then a strange happening began; the little chest began to swell out with Life's breath and the child's cheeks began to glow with Life's blood as she opened her eyes with a wondering look she peered into the eyes of Jesus and smiled, within she knew that the Presence had met the Presence.

This incident created a great stir. The orthodox priests and relatives were indignant. How dared the usurper (as they called him) interfere with the dead on whom the last rites had been performed and whom the learned physician had pronounced dead.

But Jesus knew their ignorance, took no notice and went back to his work of teaching as if the event was just an ordinary occurrence. It was to him because he knew, but to others it was a miracle.

As the work progressed he began to instruct his disciples in the methods of Healing and as his disciples went forth under his instructions great successes were obtained.

You can imagine how the news spread of this young Hebrew from Nazareth who had been doing mighty works among the people, yet he showed them that this very power lay within themselves. If you will only believe in me and what I tell you, these things you see me do you will do even greater things and anything you ask in my name my Father will give to you. His name was the Presence, the very Father being expressed in the Son and that this Presence is ever-present everywhere not only in the visible but in the invisible as well was something that most people could not grasp, that those who had passed from earth were still present with God and the Presence was still in them. This was beyond their comprehension, and is much the same with most people today.

Look back in your own lives and think: how long is it since this knowledge has come to you, this assurance of the Mighty Presence in your midst and think how you have changed. "God in the midst of thee is mighty."

I hope you are beginning to see now the true meaning of what I want to convey to you. Words are inadequate to describe

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the indescribable but when within yourselves you feel this Presence although you cannot say it is there or here, It is working through you or when you leave this room you are aware of something that you cannot describe—that is the "Truth" that sets you free. For that which can be described is not the truth. The knowing is within yourselves but that knowing is not explainable in words. Only the mind that sees can know within itself this glory that is indefinable, this grandeur that words cannot express, this ecstasy that the human mind is incapable of giving expression to, to the full. This love that remains when all other emotion has died away. This wisdom which is true expression from within, where reaction has faded into nothingness.

This is the quality that I want you to have and wherever you are and whomsoever you meet you help automatically. For we are always present with those who have this quality and through them we can help others.

So you see it is not a one-sided affair as most of you have thought.

I will try to give you a short description of what happens on our side. As space is limited I will confine myself to the operators who descend from the more interior planes and not those who are in your immediate plane next to the earth.

Now I want you to realize that you cannot gaze upon the Angel form and see it as it really is but the Angel form can descend through the various planes taking on the quality and form of that plane and can be actually embodied in the flesh. For the Angel must assume the appearance of those who inhabit the external planes in which the angel is functioning.

Now Angels can and will and do appear in the outer earth plane as men and women and then return into the Angelic spheres and appear there as such. I know it is quite difficult for most people to understand this, but in your own work you appear on the inner planes as you know entirely different from what you appear in the physical. You retain a great deal of your youthful appearance when you return to earth again and this happens during your sleep state. Just as you saw Geshi Rimpoche appear to you on

several occasions when you were in trouble in the Himalayas so you can realize what can be done for others by thousands of spiritual workers eager to help through the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

The Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power is our work, you were told and inspired by us to set up the necessary foundation in the earth plane. The Presence is within each one of us as it is within each one of you. Also Angels proper who do not become embodied in forms on the lower planes, commune with embodied human beings by reason of the Life Current. They can enter into the consciousness of those with whom they commune with while in contact as you experience when lecturing to your class.

This will give you much valuable information to be passed on to those who are capable of receiving it.

Great operators are penetrating through the different planes of being within our Solar System, the inmost of which have been till now unheard of and unknown to us. Yet to them from the Centre to the outer is linked up in one continuous unity while with us the higher and inner planes remain discrete and transcendent. This action really pertains to the process of the Evolution of the Cosmos.

As the offspring of these mighty beings, made in the image and likeness of their parents the Solar Angels, plunge down into this outer plane and return again to their homes, and as you in this outer plane express more and more of that Presence which is within all and in all planes of manifestation, so, in increasing numbers, will these Beings descend to your earth. As you all become more powerful so will the work be greater.

The Blessing of the Angel of Light is upon you all and your work of the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

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O, Silent "One," Who ever remains behind invisible space, Thou hast torn the veil of Eternity and appear in finitude in the boundless temple of space.

In the Shrines of Cosmic dreams the idol of finitude moves consciously in the sleep of individuality.

Yet every day with closed eyes I gaze at Thee—Thy Presence—and try to grasp Thy Infinity.

As I open my spiritual eyes I gaze into Eternity and there abide. I see the One who became many, yet remained One.

It is Thy Presence alone that will loosen the entanglements of our self-woven nets of illusion. Let Thy Presence spread over the earth sprinkling each petal of Thy flower of humanity with Thy dewdrop of Love, so as each awakens to Thy Presence, Thy Love shall lead the way back to Thee, O, Beloved One.

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UNDERSTANDING AND FAITH IN THE PRESENCE

In this communication I want to show you some important factors which are necessary to your understanding and faith in the Presence. The divisions in humanity have their roots in the different religions. For instance it you were born a Hindu or a Chinese you would no doubt follow the Buddhist religion. If you were born an Arab or into one of the North of India tribes you would probably become a Mohammedan. If you were born into a Jewish family you would follow Judaism. If you were born in Europe or in America you would become a Christian. That these religions are not reconcilable, is not true for all, although it seems that animosity between the different religions prevents any form of unity in the masses. They are unable to think for themselves because of the rigid orthodoxy taught in these various religions.

Those who do and can think for themselves have advanced beyond the antagonism of the different religious sects and see the unity of humanity as more and more people begin to think for themselves so will they loosen the bonds that have bound them to any form of religion that prevents the true expression of the Divine Spirit in man.

You will readily see that man is not antagonistic to the Truth but antagonistic to the different opinions people hold in regard to it. It is only when you are able to reason to the ultimate that you can escape the limited opinions that bind you to false doctrines.

All religions have the same foundation viz. "In the beginning there was only God" "I am the only One" "I am the Lord thy God and there is none other beside me. By Me and out of Me the only One all things have been made."

In this is the completeness of man's understanding of himself, to become aware of the unity of God and man, also to become aware of your relation to things and people, to discern deeply your thought-action, how and where it is moving. Is it moving towards other beliefs and opinions or is it deeply concerned with Reality? For you are only able to free it from limitation when you are concerned with Reality. But if you are caught up in greed, craving, envy, imitation, beliefs in the different creeds or when you are dependent on things and people then you are limited and bound, and this brings fear, sorrow and conflict.

Your freedom comes through self-reliance obtained through your awareness of your own Reality, your oneness with God the Father of Love and Unity, Wisdom and Healing and on the other hand being able to discern that which is false, able to discern the world of illusion caught up in opinions of the different beliefs, and opinions which do not matter.

You cannot escape your relationship to people and things for through them you gain experience. You begin to know yourselves only if you can discern your thought-action and reaction and free it from envy, cravings, dependence on people and things, beliefs and opinions of others.

If you do not become aware of your thought action and are caught up in reaction then freedom is impossible. Freedom is a state of consciousness, an awareness of the unlimited Reality. This alone can free you from envy, jealousy and emotions that rule the mind and thought.

You are immortal now as you always have been and will always be, immortal. In this realisation there is no longer a seeking after immortality. You will no longer be filled by the belief that this way or that way can lead you to immortality. It is "the One" and "Only One" who is manifesting Himself in humanity. The time is soon coming when religion and Science will move forward hand in hand; when this takes place the fear of death will disappear. When this last enemy in man's consciousness will be dissolved then mankind will be freed from all belief in the vengeance created by orthodoxy for the purpose of subjecting mankind to false authority.

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Division will never solve the problems of Life.

When children are brought up to understand the Science of Life, there will be a sense of freedom and this is now the age of science, that is why so many people are beginning to question religion as it is taught today.

There is only one religion: the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. If anything enters in to interfere with this fundamental truth then there can only be sorrow and conflict in the world.

Some have the belief that if children are brought up without any religion there is a danger that they will become materialists and that they will not seek the Spiritual Life.

Now why should the materialists be despised? They are just like everyone else in sorrow and conflict. Do you think that by giving names such as material and spiritual you are going to solve the problem? By only labelling this group or that group or this person or that person you are not going to find out the Truth. Some have the word of God on their lips all the time and they think that is spirituality. It only requires your deep discernment to see that it is not the Truth. On the other hand if a person has real affection, if he loves people, if he is impersonal in his thought he is not looked upon as Spiritual.

So first of all you must find out what Spirituality is.

A materialist may be more spiritual than one who has God always on his lips and evil in his eyes.

Now, Spirituality does not consist of intellectual feats. Spirituality does not consist of examination of phenomena in other planes. Spirituality is not the exclusive worship by any sect whether it be a belief in Christianity or Hinduism or Mohammedan or Judaism or the exclusiveness of Spiritual distinctions whether a man is a bishop, a priest, cardinal, pope or rabbi. True Spirituality is to be all-inclusive without any distinctions. This can be arrived at and it is not a very difficult thing. But if you try to arrive at it through distinctions it is much more difficult and that is why some of you have perhaps chosen this way. True Spirituality is the awareness of the true worth of things and the expression of Love, Wisdom and Healing to all in thought and action.

When you begin to understand this then the distinction between material and spiritual disappears. When you no longer separate yourself as a superior being because you think yourself more spiritual. When you have understood the laughter and the tears of Life with others who have the same laughter, the same tears, hidden in them, when you have understood that, then you will not divide up life and say this one is spiritual and that one is material.

Being is the finality of all action. "Being" is the greatest thing there is but most are not content with just Being, they want to see proof of their action. Being is eternity and "Being" is just Being Real. Understanding and Love are its highest achievements.

The world is yourself magnified millions of times in different forms, in different manifestations, that is the world. The result in that manifestation is the result of the change in yourselves. That is why I have repeated the necessity of your realisation of the Presence ever-present everywhere. You automatically produce an effect but you must not be concerned with the effect lest you lose the substance for if you are concerned with the effect you are caught up in the effect and are held in the bondage of the result of action. To be aware of the Presence and Being that Presence is the essential thing.

The cause of cruelty, pain, sorrow and conflict is separation. In this separation there is exploitation of others. To bring a change about you must see what part you played in these contributing causes. Therefore to no longer engage in these causes but to see yourself free from all these things and to awaken in others the desire to make themselves free, by giving them the freedom of the Presence; and in that Presence only there is Being and that Being is Being the Presence. **This is freedom**.

Do not battle or struggle with ethics, virtues and their opposites. If you battle against error, longing for virtue, you are caught up in both. If you find out what you desire, then the struggle will cease, because you will find out that your desire is the pursuing of happiness. If one does not know where true happiness is one may try to achieve it by drink, if one thinks it

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can be achieved by drink then drink becomes the goal of desire. If then one thinks that by giving up drink it can be achieved then this new goal becomes the desire. One may think that by things happiness can be attained, then things become the goal of desire and when happiness does not come through this end another is substituted. One will engage in good work and this then will be the goal and so forth until all avenues are tapped without result. Do not hack yourselves to pieces with vices and virtues. The perfume of understanding lies in desire, in desire itself. But one must know what desire is and where it is leading. The wise know how to lay the emphasis on the essential. The Presence is the only essential, It is Itself—freedom, unlimited expression and in this lies happiness and freedom.

Love, Wisdom and Power is the trinity in mankind. Wisdom and Power can guide man into the things of the world but without the key of Love to open the door into the Divine or Christ consciousness man is lost. Wisdom and Power guided by Love is the perfect expression of the Presence with all.

Infinite Power is never expressed without the perfect element of Love within it. True Wisdom and Power are the results of the expression of the binding element of Love.

Those who would become leaders in thought must have the expression of the three in unity and through this the female emancipation of mankind will come. For God created man in His own image and likeness and in the image and likeness of God are we all made.

With this understanding we are filled with the faith by the presence of the Creator in His creation.

Now this awareness or faith in the Presence is a gradual and natural growth. As you become more aware of the one Life that is behind all creation and expressing Itself through the individual and as the individual realises this so is the power increased in the individual. It is this power and faith I want you all to understand, and I could not do better than relate the incident when Peter saw the Master Jesus walking on the water. When with the Master, Peter had the faith to sustain him on the surface, but by himself he lost that feeling of confidence that was necessary for the power to work.

It was on the shores of Lake Bethesda seven miles from Capernaum the town where the Master restored the little girl from death to life of which I spoke to you last week. It was on the still side leading down to the lake that Jesus fed the multitude of five thousand from the few loaves and fishes which were at hand, and after all had been served and eaten, the scraps and fragments which were gathered up filled many a wicker basket and were distributed to the poor people of Capernaum for tomorrow's use. Enthusiasm arose in the multitude after this act of Jesus and the people were proclaiming him the Messiah, the King of the Jews, Provider of the people, Ruler of Israel. The crowd were swept with intense excitement. Jesus, recognising the peril to his mission, ordered the twelve disciples to cross the lake to the other side in the darkness, while he returned to the hills near by where he spent a few hours in meditation.

Then early in the morning he noticed a storm rising over the lake and knew that the tiny boat with his disciples in would be in great danger. He wished to reassure them that all was well, no boat lay handy and he steeped upon the water and walked swiftly towards the direction in which He knew the boat must be.

With that complete awareness of the Presence he did not have to use the occult power necessary for levitation in accomplishing such a feat. He soon overtook his disciples. When they saw a white figure swiftly moving on the water towards them they were greatly afraid, believing it to be a ghost. When they heard a voice calling to them out of the dimness of the early morning light "It is I, be not afraid," you can just imagine what was in their minds after the miracle of feeding the five thousand and now to see the Master walk swiftly towards them on the surface of the waves. Then Peter in all his excitement of his own thoughts cried out, "Lord, direct me to walk to Thee on the waves." The Master, understanding the feelings of his disciple, directed him to walk towards him. Peter's latent occult power was aroused by his great faith in the Master and he sprang over the side of the boat and took a few steps towards him. When Peter saw himself walking on the water he could hardly believe

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it, then he suddenly lost his faith and courage and the power left him and he began to sink beneath the waves. The Master knowing what had happened stepped forward quickly and caught Peter by the hand and told him to walk, saying, "The water is solid beneath thy feet." So they both entered the boat together and they all proceeded to the shore near Capernaum.

It is this experience of Peter I want you to see. When Peter saw Jesus in the water he was caught up in the power of the Presence, all else was oblivion to him. At that time he knew that if the Master directed him to walk upon the water he would do so, but when he actually saw himself doing something unfamiliar to his belief in himself, he lost that faith, that awareness. The spell was broken, through his mortal mind he succumbed to the prevalent belief in its limitation.

All masters know that without implicit faith in the power of the Presence within them, they do not attempt certain forms of manifestation. For they know that with faith—that awareness of the Presence—so called miracles are performed, which are impossible otherwise. For the individual performing the feat must know that it is the Presence that is doing it, the individual is the instrument through which it is performed. The two must be as one and nothing else. So as long as Peter held his faith he was able to counteract the laws of gravity, but as soon as doubt and fear took the place of faith his power left him. For the individual and the Presence must be as one in the consciousness and not separate. This incident of Peter will give you greater understanding of what I want to convey to you than several communications on the value of faith or a volume of occult instruction. To those who have ears to hear let them hear.

In your work of the Sanctuary I want you to apply the same feeling that Peter had when he asked Jesus to direct him to walk upon the waves.

In entering the Silence of the Silent Healing Power, enter into the Presence and unite with It, for It Itself is all. In this state there is neither the desire to see the effects of your action because you know that when the Being is the Presence and this

Presence being Love, Wisdom and Healing there is only true Being and the world has benefited beyond the most vivid imagination.

The Blessing of the Angel of Light is upon you and your glorious work.

BENEDICTION

O, Beloved One, I feel in my heart Thy heart-throbs, in my happiness Thy joy, in my activity Thy power of direction, in my soul Thy Spirit of Love, Wisdom and Healing.

Divine One, I lay all the petals of my love at Thy feet. Open wide the bud of my devotion for Thee and release Thy fragrance that it may spread from my soul to the hearts of others, in Thy ever-whispering love. United we will find Thine Omnipresence enthroned forever.

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REAL SERVICE COMES THROUGH TRUE UNDERSTANDING

Real success is derived from a real attitude of mind. It is this attitude of mind that opens the door to all things. The full significance of this Truth does not reveal itself all at once for the simple reason that the mind is taken up with the external world and loses itself in fear and in desire—"where your heart is there shall your treasure be also."

Desire is an attractive force and fear is its enemy. Both are active in the mind that is not matured through understanding. But understanding comes through experience and when experience is rightly interpreted it leads to the seeking of something that is greater "pure thinking." Pure thinking leads to that mental attitude that enlarges our circle of friends by helping others, by being of service to all.

Real service comes through true understanding. Most people give service only when they want something in return, this is not the attitude of mind that makes one a real success. Now real success is not acquired through possessiveness, real success is only developed through experience that leads you to pure action, and pure action leads you to service with integrity and justice.

The person that is not fair in his intention is simply ignorant of the fundamental Law of Success. He may think he is winning but he is doomed to disappointment. You cannot cheat the Infinite, the law of compensation is always in operation and it is this that the ignorant are unaware of.

Now watch carefully how I am putting these points before you. You have in the past learned a great deal about the mind that has misled you. In fact you have often read and often heard from others ignorant of the real Truth how to approach the Deity, how to attract the attention of the Deity so that your "desire" for a

material possession may become fulfilled. But you will notice that I am leading you away from the material plane into the inner realms where you truly abide and only from this realm are you able to govern the material plane.

Until you can pierce the veil of outward appearances and see the truth that you are the reproduction of the Divine Creative Spirit of the Presence that is eternal and ever-present your thoughts are bound to externalize themselves to your disadvantage. But immediately you become aware that you are the image and likeness of your Creator, your mental attitude takes the form of quiet and peace in which the Spirit manifests itself in all its glory and perfection.

If you will look into your minds you will see that your prayers have been mostly for your own personal benefit. Yet your faith was never strong enough to overcome the fear you had in your mind before and after you prayed and this to a great extent is the cause of all your failures, coupled with the fact that you lived in the material plane and looked away from within yourself for your aid. "I do the will of the Father, the Father's will is done in me." This alone gives you the right to that perfect happiness which is promised to all mankind, when you listen to the Presence, that Silent Voice that always guides aright. But if you seek things from the outer world while reacting to the conditions in that world you establish the errors you are ignorantly unaware of, with the result that you defeat your own purpose.

The forces of Life are volatile, through this force our thoughts and ideals are turned into form and all depends upon the attitude of mind you have. Remember always that greater opportunities approach you when you are interested in the race rather than the prize. The pleasure is always in the action and seldom in the possession. Your success will come as you begin to help others, and what benefits one must benefit all.

Generous thoughts are filled with strength and vitality, selfish thoughts contain the germ of dissolution. If you recognise the Presence that is the source of all supply and adjust your consciousness to this Presence then through this Presence will flow the supply not only to fulfil your own needs but the needs of others.

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The average person is entirely incapable of deep thinking. He accepts the ideas of others and repeats them in very much the same way as a parrot. This is quite apparent to the enlightened mind that sees the methods used to form public opinion. The docile immature attitude of the large majority who seem perfectly willing to let a few persons do all their thinking for them. It is this that enables a few men in all countries to usurp all the avenues of power and hold millions in subjection.

Creative thinking requires discernment and understanding. One who conforms is unable to think. There is too much worshipping and too little thinking and too much preaching and too little action. Clear your mind of the deities and images you believe in, and the hindrances you create through craving, then you will get that deep knowing, that awareness of wholeness, then you no longer crave for things, yet these things are there for the taking. "Son, thou art always with me and what is mine is thine."

So long as you limit the Presence within yourselves to the narrow boundaries of condition in which you are involved you will never know the truth of Being. You must know yourselves to be united in the Presence which is unfettered now, and always, as it was in the beginning. This is the only "One," out of which and by which all things are created and in this "One" we live and move and have our Being. "For I am persuaded that neither death nor Life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the Love of God." Romans 8: 38-39.

Most people live a life of craving not only for possessions but for immortality. When you realize that you are immortal, craving ceases not only for mortality but for possessions; in this realization there is peace, love and understanding.

There are thousands of individuals in the world who are rich in possessions but poor in thought and no matter how much they possess they can never be rich till they change their thinking. There are others who fear evil and are caught up in its tragic net. But whence does evil get its power? Not from God—for no

destruction of Life can come from the Fountain of Life and as it does not come from God whence else can it come but from your own misconceptions.

Spirit, whatever it may be, must be considered as the essence of consciousness and as consciousness must envelop everything it must be the Reality underlying thought and as all ideas are phases of activity of conscious mind in thought, it follows that in Spirit and in It alone is to be found the ultimate fact, the real thing or idea. This being so it seems reasonable to hold that a true understanding of Spirit and its laws of manifestation would be the most "practical" thing that any "practical" person can hope to find, and this Spirit being the "Presence" or Life that gives you consciousness and sustains you, the realization of it, you would think, would be the first thing a "practical" person would seek, and the first thing a practical person would do is to get in touch with some one from whom that person might obtain such knowledge of Spiritual things and laws. You need only grasp this fundamental fact to move in the direction of that which is the essence of all achievement and success.

Knowing the function of this tremendous force which is in all you can see and feel, it is essential that it be awakened, and like the muscle of the body it will grow stronger by use.

It is left to each one of you whether you will remain infirm and weak or awaken and arouse this force and use it for your up-building and for the aid you can give to others who are also seeking the way, and who through their own ignorance have come to that "dead end" state of mind. Through misunderstanding they have been seeking in vain through conformity, through craving, through fear, through reaction to the external world not knowing what it is, through looking without instead of within, through ignorant desire for things instead of for that which creates all things, through selfishness, desiring things for the self instead of being imbued with the idea of service.

Remember if you love you will be loved, if you hate you will be hated, if you laugh the world will laugh with you but if you cry you cry alone. When you know the inner Reality you will

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not be affected by the pessimist or the optimist. Take away the personality or magnified ego from the conception of the "the Infinite" and there remains that "Infinite Presence" the essence of Spirit Consciousness and as you are the manifestation of Spirit you should harmonise yourselves with your origin and source. Then you will manifest in the degree of your awareness of your unity with the omnipotent and omniscient Omnipresence, the "One" eternal and ever-present in all.

Happiness rises from within from your knowledge of your unity of the ever-present Omnipotence. Happiness is not obtained from that which is external for there you find the opposites. Success and failure, health and disease, love and hate, beliefs and antagonisms, good and evil, these are the things that perplex the unenlightened mind.

You must free yourselves from this positive-negative, giving for getting, possessive-loving and heartache, desiring to have and fearful of getting. You are bound in the prison of your own making. You can only break your prison walls and free yourselves from this turmoil by discerning the cause of it, and Living in the Reality, the Presence, which is free and natural.

If I am painting a picture of your minds it is for the one purpose of freeing you from illusion. As soon as you acquire this inner realization you will attract new things. They will drift towards you as a piece of steel drifts towards a magnet. The less you care for things the more they drift towards you, the magnet does not run after the steel, the steel flows to the magnet whenever the magnet approaches it. Craving demagnetizes the magnet of the Presence because you surround it with the resistance created in your own mind.

Security can only be obtained by steadfastly uniting with the ever-progressive Spirit in mankind. It is this Cosmic evaluation that is ever urging us on to greater heights.

Realize that the transcendent force of the Spirit of the Cosmos "the Presence" is within each one of you and you will then know that there is no privileged few. Everyone is progressively moving towards the inner realms of the Universe of which the outer is but a school for experience in which God is no respecter

of persons. All are human beings no matter what station or position they hold in Life and as the evolution of the Cosmos progresses more and more, those who fail to give service in the appointed task will be promptly removed. As man becomes more enlightened to the Reality in everything so will he take an active part in the Cosmic Scheme of which he is a part, not separate from other parts but united in one whole as the Cosmos is one whole. Love and service will then be the keynote for progress, for it is the Law of the Cosmos underlying the whole Cosmic creation which includes mankind as its special creation made in the image and likeness of its Creator.

Today man is in the throes of ignorance where he is cajoled and controlled because he is ignorant of this Truth. But I can assure you that the Spiritual evolution and the unfoldment of the Spirit in man is now moving man forward with great pace and through the suffering of the masses will come the wisdom that will guide them to Reality and freedom. Man will come to know that the only Divine authority is the Presence that dwells in every soul and not some self-appointed authority that supports the present irreligious religions and the evils of your political, social and economic systems that have long since outlived their usefulness in your modern age. Nevertheless through this opposition to the progress of man will be found his freedom.

What frees man from all his limitation is to discern the cause of his limitation and to recognise his unity with the Universal Life which is impersonal and makes no exception in favour of any individual. The Universal Life does not act from hate, anger or jealousy, neither can it be flattered, cajoled or moved by sympathy or petition. It works through co-operation and those who understand this appear to be favoured because he has found the source of all things. But the moment you worship something objective to yourself or some other "I am" outside yourself you are dwelling in an illusion.

Truth is beyond all personal allegiances. Step out of all these illusions and see how magnificently you can thrive on your own strength in the recognition of your oneness with the Infinite Life, the "Presence" within.

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The work of the Sanctuary is progressing most favourably with your excellent co-operation. I may venture to say that nowhere on earth today is there such good work being done for humanity as a whole. More and more Spiritual workers are being added to the Sanctuary on the Spiritual side of the work and as you all become more and more proficient in your positive meditation in the "Presence" so will you increase your value in the work.

The Blessing of the Angel of Light is upon your work of the Sanctuary of the Silent Healing Power.

BENEDICTION

The fortunate who care not for the unfortunate cannot feel Thy Omnipresence. Those blinded by selfishness cannot see Thy abiding Presence in others. The unfeeling rich are poor in heart, their comforts are but pangs of ignorance.

Blessed are those who serve others knowing that they serve Thee. To die rich without giving service is to die poor. But to pass through the portals of death serving others is to be truly rich.

I love dreams of noble achievements. I love all dreams of love and service for they are the Keys to Thy Presence. But even if I dream many dreams I will ever awake thinking of Thee. I will ever behold Thy face as I love and serve Thee in all my brothers and sisters who are ever under Thy watchful Eye of Love.

I know that health and sickness, life and death are but dreams and when I finish my dreams of love and service and awake behind the world-painted screen of illusion I shall behold Thee as the only Reality the Presence in all and I shall hear Thy voice say sweetly in my heart "As much as you have done unto one of these (my children) so have you done unto me."

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"CHRIST"—THE SUPREME MASTER OF THE SPIRITUAL AND MENTAL LAWS

The greatest event in the annals of human history is the Life of Jesus, for the simple reason that nearly every person on earth has heard his name and has read something about him and this was the humble carpenter of Nazareth, whose teachings have spread all over the world because they held more promise than any other. This is not only my own view but the view of the leaders of thought in all lands, in all nationalities.

Man has split the atom, has invented instruments that can use the ether in space. We can travel through space faster than sound and is only now turning his attention to the greatest study of all, the study of the mind and consciousness in man the instrument through which all these things have been made possible, and its mysteries are no longer mystifying to those who have entered into this field of science.

As you commence your studies of the mind you all commence at the outer edge but as you go deeper into the realms of the mind you realize more and more the Supreme Master of this power of the mind and who demonstrated its hidden power was this man whom we know as the Carpenter of Nazareth who attained to the title of the "Christ"—the Supreme Master of the Spiritual and Mental Laws.

The teachings of Jesus constituted the highest scientific treatise of the subject of the mind ever known, but not until one gets into the deeper study of the mind and all its phases can his teachings be properly understood.

Jesus went to the root of all things and there extracted the essence of truth from it. He taught that love was the fulfilment of the Law. It was his consciousness of the companionship of the

Father as his Silent Partner and by dwelling in that he got back to the Source to find himself in possession of boundless possibilities without any fear of misusing them because he did not seek to possess the Divine Power without being possessed by Divine Love and Wisdom.

I have shown you many interpretations of Jesus' words in the parable of the prodigal son and here again we can gather a great deal when we see the elder brother is the man who had not thrown off Divine guidance as the younger had done, but who had realized it only in the light of a restriction and within that limit could he act and consequently starting with the idea of limitation he finds limitation everywhere. Then the Father meets him with the gracious words "Son, thou art ever with me and all that I have **is** thine," and therefore as soon as this elder brother becomes sufficiently enlightened to perceive that all the elements of restriction in his beliefs have no place in the ultimate reality, the only existing Law being the Law of Love, he also joins in the festival of everlasting joy.

The entire Bible is the unfolding of its initial statement that man is made in the image and likeness of God and the teaching of Jesus is the proclamation and demonstration of this Truth in its complete development—the individual rejoicing in perfect life and liberty because of his conscious Oneness with the Universal.

The teaching of Jesus whether by word or deed may therefore be summed up as follows: He says in effect to each of us: what you really are in essence is a concentration of the one Universal Life-Spirit into conscious individuality. If you live from the recognition of this Truth as your starting point it makes you free. But you cannot do this as long as you imagine that you have one centre and the Infinite another—you can only do it by recognizing that the two are one, for Life can only come from Life and this Life which is Infinite in nature creates the body, brain and nervous system through which it expresses itself in individuality, the individual perceiving this truth is then capable of using this Creative Power.

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This is the meaning of the words the Master spoke when he said, "It is the Father who ever remaineth within me is performing his own deeds" and also when he said "I do the will of the Father, the Father's will is done in me."

Think of these things until you see that it is impossible for them to be otherwise, then step forward with perfect confidence knowing that the Universal Principles must necessarily act with the same mathematical precision in yourself as they do in the attractions of atom, of matter, or in the vibration of ether.

Every undiscovered fact in the great Universal order is a Divine Secret until we find the key that unlocks it and the Master says that there is nothing hidden that shall not be revealed.

The working Laws inherent in nature follow an intelligent sequence of cause and effect and this is what the Master showed to us. With the limited time we have at our disposal I can only deal with a skeleton of the work of Jesus. The greatest point we have to discover in our own hearts is the sound basis of the moral and social laws which Jesus taught which was love thy neighbour as thyself. Now, how many social laws do you know that are based upon this teaching?

When man begins to legislate social and moral laws based upon "Love thy neighbour as thyself" then and then only will you see the Law of God incorporated into the constitution. Social and moral laws do not cause the tides to rise and fall nor do they make the earth bring forth its bountiful crop every season.

Jesus taught that God is Love. He demonstrated the one Law of God in all his works. You must get the teachings of Jesus divorced from social and moral laws or you will never get the slightest inkling of what he taught. No institution can ever teach you this truth you learn by your own application, experience and practice.

The Gospel narratives show Jesus as the great healer as well as teacher and this was his practical application of the Law. There are several incidents that stood out among the hundreds of less noticeable ones. The cure of the leper is one of such remarkable cases.

Leprosy is a foul disease and is prevalent in the oriental countries and is dreaded by most and the unfortunate person indicated in the narrative had become an outcast from whom all others fled. Now this leper heard of the wonderful things that Jesus did and he was determined to get into his presence. How the leper managed to get through the crowds into the presence of Jesus is not known, but in some way the leper came face to face with Jesus. This poor creature raised his repulsive form, the picture of human misery and woe and confronted the Master and begged him to exercise his gift of healing.

The leaper's face shone with faith and expectation; as Jesus gazed upon it he saw the fire of a fervent faith covered the tortured features. He moved towards the leper defying the laws of the country which forbade the same, not only this but he laid his hands upon the unclean flesh and fearlessly passed his hands over the leper's face and cried aloud "Be thou clean."

The leper felt a strange surging thrill of life running through his body, every atom of his body seemed to tingle with a peculiar smarting sensation and even as he looked he saw his flesh changing and taking on a new shape and form, that of a healthy person, the numbness departed from the affected parts and as the Life current began to build up new cells, tissue and muscle Jesus still held his hands on the leper allowing the Life Current of the highly vitalized Life energy to pour through him, for Jesus knew that he was the point through which the storehouse of this vital energy could flow and under the trained will of the Master the work was directed to completion.

Then he made the healed man depart to comply with the Laws of purification and change of garments including appearance before the priests to receive the certificate of cleanliness, and he also bade him not to say anything regarding the nature and the particulars of the cure for two reasons. If the authorities knew that Jesus cured the leper they would be prejudiced against the leper and also that he himself wished to escape the notoriety that the report would be sure to excite in the masses.

But this was asking too much from human nature for in spite of the injunction laid upon him the healed man began to shout

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aloud the wonderful powers of the Master. With wild gestures and gleaming eyes he told the story time and time again until the whole countryside was familiar with it. The whole region became excited and crowds gathered around him crying aloud for new wonders and miracles. The curious sensation seekers were in full force crowding out those whom the Master wished to teach, great numbers of sick and crippled people also crowded around him for aid and cure.

Not only were the authorities and priests angered and annoyed but also the physicians who saw their practice ruined by the man whom they called a charlatan and deceiver of the people whose physical wellbeing was safe only in the their hands, while the spiritual well-being was only safe in the hands of the priests. So Jesus closed his ministry at this place and moved on to another town.

At the well of Bethesda,* a region where there are many mineral springs, called at that time "healing waters" many sick were carried there by friends and paid attendants. Jesus walked among the crowd unknown, when his attention was drawn to a poor fellow who lay on his cot far away from the springs with no one to help him. Jesus knew well that the cure was not in the water but within the man himself. Jesus walked up to him and by a firm look the healing power streamed into the man, then he cried suddenly "Take up thy bed and walk." The man startled into obedience much to his surprise took up his bed and walked, he found he could move freely, a well man.

This cure also aroused the greatest interest but also antagonism from the ecclesiastical authorities because it was performed on the Sabbath day, so the good pious folk urged on by the priests began to abuse and condemn the healer and the patient. Bound by forms and laws of the ecclesiastics they failed to see that Love of God was being continuously outpoured to all his children twenty-four hours of the day seven days of the week. But as their minds were blind to the Truth they abused Jesus just as they also abuse those who are gifted in our time.

The "good folk" of the place loudly denounced the Sabbathbreaker and demanded his punishment. "Were the ancient Laws

of Moses to be thus defiled by this presumptuous Nazarene whose religious ideas were lacking in orthodoxy?" So they cried, "Punish the upstart" and again Jesus was in actual peril owing to the religious bigotry of the orthodox people. Is not the same feeling held by the orthodox people today? Some are even forbidden to go to the healer to be healed because he is not of the same church or perhaps does not belong to a church. Therefore he is a heathen. How ignorance is perpetuated down the ages and the masses are fed with antagonisms one against the other because of the different beliefs. They cannot see that it is the one Life, the one God that exists in all and His name is Love and His son is the Christ that lives in every heart.

Jesus was opposed to the strict iron-clad laws of the Sabbath observance for he knew that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. He knew that Sabbath was a day of rest from the physical toil of six long days, and what better way could man rest but in realizing nature in all her beauty and magnificence, not in intolerance and restriction and bigotry.

Jesus spoke many things in parables. "For whosoever does the Will of my Father in Heaven he is my brother, my sister and my mother." Here he showed the one family, the Father in heaven as the Supreme and each one of us as sister, brother, mother, all born of the Spirit. In this he showed the oneness of the Spirit in all and this he recognised as the only essential thing.

The parable of the sower is another powerful reminder to those who seek the truth, and how some seek it weakly or for their own ends.

When I was in the Himalayas I was told a story about one of the Masters there. A youth came to him to be taught the Truth so the master took him down to the river and bade him kneel with his face touching the water, then the master held his head under the water till the youth struggled for breath. When he let him up he asked him "What was it you wanted most when your head was beneath the surface" and the youth replied, "My breath." Then said the master, "When you want the truth as much as you wanted your breath come back to me." There are so many the

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same today they want the Truth but how little do they want it. So the parable of the sower is a good one to end this series. Although I have given it to you before I feel it is time again for you to have it. Now here is the parable:

"The sower went out to sow his seed. And when he sowed, some fell on the roadside; and it was trodden under foot, and the birds ate it.

"Other fell upon the rock; and sprung up earlier, and because it has no moisture, it dried up.

"And the other fell among thistles; and the thistles sprung up with it and choked it.

"And other fell in good and fertile ground; and sprung up and bore fruit a hundred fold. And when he said this, he cried out, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"And his disciples asked him, "What is this parable?"

"He said to them, To you it is granted to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God; but to the rest it has to be said in figures; for while they see, they do not perceive; and while they hear, they do not understand.

"This is the parable. The seed is the word of God.

"Those on the roadside are those who hear the word; and the enemy comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they may not believe and be saved...... 'from their ignorance.'

"Those on the rock are those who when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and yet they have no root, but their belief is for a while, and in time of trial they stumble.

"That which fell among the thistles are those who hear the word, and then choke themselves with worries and riches and worldly covetousness, and bear no fruit.

"But that in good soil, these are those who hear the word with pure and good heart, and keep it, and bear fruit with patience.

"No man lights a lamp and covers it with a vessel, or puts it under the bed; but he puts it on the lamp holder, that whoever enters sees its light.

"For there is nothing covered which will not be uncovered; and nothing hidden which will not be known, and come to light.

"Take heed how you hear; for he who has, to him shall be given; and he who has not, even that which he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."

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O Christ, Thou rarest of hearts, Thou didst sail on the storm-tossed sea of prejudiced minds. Yet thou shed the aroma of goodness and forgiveness so helping all through example to become like thee, knowing "Our Father in heaven" to be Thy Father also for thou didst say, "For whosoever does the will of my Father in heaven; he is my brother, my sister and my mother."

And the mighty miracle of love was established in each heart when the magic of Thy Voice uttered, "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

We have grown to see thy instruction "Love thine enemies as thyself," for they are thy brother and sister though sick and sleeping and only by doing so can we ourselves be free. O Shepherd, wandering hearts are seeking the one fold of the Divine Love that heals all. We have heard Thee ever calling with Thy infinite kindness.

Our one desire is to be at home with Thee in the one house of the Father of Love, where we will all rejoice together. There we shall also know thee to be our brother who showed us that Love was the only way to everlasting happiness.

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^{*} Bethesda. From Aramaic beth hesda 'House of mercy.' A pool in Biblical Jerusalem, believed to have healing powers. John 5: 2-4.