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PUBLISHERS PREFACE

A great portion of these lectures have not been made public in printed form since they were originally given out in South Africa by Dr. Murdo MacDonald-Bayne between late 1945 to mid 1954.

Murdo was very specific about how his material was to be released. His lectures, given in serial form, followed the ancient method of teaching or transmission of knowledge from master to disciple, a method used by both Western and Eastern Mystical traditions. The format was one of a spiral system, always returning to a subject or point, but each time revealing a bit more and advancing to another level in awareness. Murdo stressed repetition of re-reading his books or lectures to his students. He stated, “the style adopted in these Lectures is intentional and the repetitions are deliberate. The double object is to convey the Truth to the mind. It is through this unique form of wording and of repetition that the student is able to grasp the reality that is invisible and which is the basis of the visible. When we understand the invisible we are more able to understand the visible.... I trust that you will progress through these Lectures diligently, quietly and slowly. Repeat the process as often as you can. The more often one reads, the more one begins to understand.”

It is therefore to be noted that these Lecture Notes only formed the basis for Dr. Murdo MacDonald-Bayne’s talks from which gave further explanation on the actual night. The Lectures Notes even on their own are still very inspirational and full of wisdom. With the advent of the sound recordings it is then that we are able to present the full lectures as given by this great man.

PUBLISHERS NOTES ON “*DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH*”

The following lectures were given in Pretoria, South Africa, between 2nd August 1949 and 4th April 1950 (the same being given in Johannesburg between 21st April 1949 to 15th December 1949).

The main themes of these three sets of lectures concern: Biblical scripture and Moses, The Light of Truth, and Faith.

Also included is one Lecture (“The Voice”) plus a 2nd verbatim transcription version of “Your Faith that Produces Works” both from the Johannesburg series to complete the series.

NOTES ON RECORDED LECTURES (4)

Included in this book are verbatim transcriptions into text taken from original ‘wire’ sound recordings of 4 of the lectures contained in this book. Two taken from Johannesburg series and two from the Pretoria series.

As with most of the recorded lectures a portable Webster-Chicago wire recorder was used, that is, the lecture was recorded onto a spool of stainless steel wire. A digital (PCM) transfer from the original wire spool was made between 2004-6, from which final Masters were made and released in Digital CD MP3 Format (MMB 3003-6).

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(Pretoria Series)

Lecture 1 (2nd August 1949)

“HE WILL ENJOY THE LIGHT OF LIFE”

In the past I have purposely repeated truths set in different facets so as to lead you to your own realization of the Truth Itself.

The mind unfolds more easily when different facets of the Truth are shown, and by repetition the mind begins to grasp more fully, and tonight I am going to fulfil the request of many of the students to go into the subject of the teachings of the prophets and the Apostles.

Now most people read the Bible. Some cannot understand it, others say that it contradicts itself at every turn, and others say it is a lot of junk compiled by theologians to confuse the people and so forth. But there is no truth in any of these statements. Such remarks are made by those who cannot understand the Truth. Consequently many open their mouths to show their ignorance.

I will make to you all here tonight a profound statement, that is, “That the Bible is a book showing man the way of deliverance from sorrow, sickness, poverty, ignorance, uncertainty and limitation and finally death itself.”

This is a true statement and can be verified by hundreds who have come to know the truth by studying the Bible. Truth is a way of Life that reveals the secret of perfect liberty of action that leads to the green pastures flowing with all good things and it only remains for us to partake thereof.

In St. John, Chapter 8, we read what the Master said, “I am the Light of the world. He that follows me will never walk in darkness, he will enjoy the Light of Life.”

The Master had already found the Light of Life and had followed It and he wanted all to share in his good fortune. He shall never again walk in

darkness but “he shall find for himself the Light of Life” (and will enjoy the Light of Life.)

The Light of Life is the truth of our Being, we will find that we ourselves are the true Light of Life, of God Himself the Eternal Creator. When we become aware of this Truth we can never again walk in darkness but will enjoy the Light of Life.

Here are some other words I want you to consider from John Chapter 5 “Truly I tell you he who listens to my word and believes Him Who sent me has Eternal Life.” Could there be any clearer statement than this? And this is further confirmed by the following words: “He has already passed from death across to Life.” He has already passed from the ignorant belief in death across to Life Itself to become alive forever in this realization. “For as the Father hath Life in Himself so too He has granted the son to have Life in himself.”

Here we see clearly how the Master impresses his words on our minds, the great truth that it is the Father Himself that is living in the Son. Therefore we are that Life coming from Its Source. And as there can only be one Life, that same Life must be “ourselves.” The proof that we are alive is proof that God is living in and through us.

This Life is not separated while It is individualized in each one of us, and this is impossible for the fact that no fundamental underlying structure of the Universe can be separate or divided in any way, and it is the fundamentals that we have to realize so that we can “enjoy the Light of Life.”

In Job 22: 25.26.27.28* we find these words, “Make the Almighty Himself your Treasure and the Almighty shall be a joy to you. When you pray He shall answer, whatever you plan shall prosper.”

Again we are urged to realize that the only Treasure is the Almighty and with Him we have everything. For this Almighty is not something that is apart from us but the very Life that makes us alive.

Here is another phrase that leads us to the Truth of our Being. “The Almighty in the midst of thee is mighty.”

This statement calls us to recognise that which is in the very midst of us is mighty. There is no doubt about what the prophet meant for immediately

we became aware of the Truth of our Being we are sure of the prophet's words, they spring into Life in ourselves.

In Job we find where man at one time in ignorance of the truth is in dire trouble from every side, what he feared came upon him. And when the truth dawned upon him that the Almighty in the midst of him is mighty and to make Him the great Treasure, and that this great Treasure would be a joy and whatever you ask in prayer so it would be done, there was no fear now, no doubt, no anxiety, no wavering, the prophet had found the truth and this same truth is for us all so that we "can enjoy the Light of Life."

The picture is the same today. Man's mind is the wilderness of images, ideas, where none is the Truth. Then as we begin to grasp the Truth, sometimes slowly, sometimes through adversity, or through any other avenue, we begin to reflect Reality, we begin to translate the Almighty into our daily living. God becomes the moving power in human nature. There is no mystery about this it becomes as clear as day, as we begin to practice enjoying the Light of Life.

Again James gives us a clear picture of his version of the Truth. He definitely shows to us that God is no respecter of persons and the only way we can enjoy the Light of Life is to follow the infallible law, and this is the law of action: "Greet it with great joy my brothers, when you encounter any sort of trial, sure that the sterling temper of your faith produces endurance, only let your endurance be a finished product so that you may be finished and complete with never a defect."

Here we see the prophet revealing the grand Truth of Life. When we realize that the Almighty in the midst of us is mighty we know that with Him all is possible, therefore we endure so that this power will be made perfect in and through us.

His next words are even more significant, for he warns us not to be double-minded not to waver in our knowing of the Truth for this alone enables us to endure in the end.

So he says in these well-selected words, "Whosoever of you is defective in wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all men without question or reproach and the gift will be his." Ask and the gift will be his. God gives to all without **question or reproach**. Can you see the deep meaning in this truth? Think it over well and you will see that the Law fulfils itself because

God is with us not apart from us, and it could not be otherwise, if it were so, no fundamental law could ever exist as the establishment of the things seen or unseen.

Further the Apostle goes on revealing the completeness of the Law. “Only let him ask in faith with never a doubt for the doubtful man is like the surge of the sea, whirled and swayed by the wind.” Here we see how the doubtful person is swayed this way, that way with every wind that blows. He is not sure of himself, there is no stability because he has not fully realized that he can enjoy the Light of Life that can produce all things, this being with him always and never is he even separated except through his ignorance of Its Presence.

So the final statement of the Apostle strikes at the root of our ignorance, “That man need not imagine he will get anything from the Lord, double-minded creature that he is wavering at every turn.”

I have heard people say that they believed in the Lord, yet they did not believe in themselves. That is easy to understand. It was only a belief they had in some outside God, some God apart from themselves. How could they believe in themselves when this state of consciousness existed.

To become the finished product is to accomplish completely by fulfilling the law of your “Being.” The one Life Consciousness individualized in us is the same Creative Power underlying the Universe. Thus we are made in His image and likeness. Like unto God having power to create through the same Creative Power. But this must be realized before it becomes active in ourselves, then we can enjoy the Light of Life.

This Life is not limited because it inhabits a body. It is complete and free when realized. The flesh has no say in the matter, the flesh has no power over the Life that created it, and inhabits it for its own expression, and as this Life is God and God is Life, therefore I am the Life, you are the Life. We see that consciousness of our understanding is the point through which the Almighty God expresses Himself (being the Servant of all) and is the means through which we can express the Almighty according to our awareness of our consciousness being the way of Life, then so shall this Power be manifested. There can be no other way for the Law fulfil Itsself.

We have the liberty of Life to enjoy the Light of Life by being single-minded, “Let your eye be single,” aware of our thought action free from the

net of craving for this only reveals our sense of lack and makes us double-minded.

What we intend to do in this series is to reveal the Truth, the prophets and apostles knew. What they said they meant, as we begin to know the Truth we recognise the meaning of their words. We are confirmed in the Truth and never again shall we walk in the darkness of ignorance.

The instruction and inspiration we shall get from this vital series will be of little value in itself if we do not use it in our daily living. Jesus tells us in plain words, “All depends on keeping my sayings.” By acting on the word and not merely listening to it, and those who have done this have had wonderful results. All of you here can acquire this special knowledge by diligent application to these lessons of instruction. No student should miss even one night and all should make this a possibility, for what you can gain is greater by far than what is possible in any other way.

As you become aware more and more of your true nature you will gaze upon it and bring it forth. You will say in your heart, “I do the will of my Father and the Father’s Will is done in me.” **I will enjoy the Light of Life.**

(Here ends this Lecture)

Lecture 2 (9th August 1949)

THE MIRACLE

The greatest thing that we can do is to free our thought action from limitation. This is sometimes difficult to do but is by no means impossible and through it we find ourselves with a power that can overcome all things.

If we are caught up in greed, craving, envy, jealousy, belief in creeds, dogma and the like we are dependent on people and things, thus we are bound and limited. You will readily see that this is a fact and you will say, "How is it that I did not discern this before? The reason is that you were caught up in these things and the sorrow and conflict caused by these conditions blinded you to the truth.

We cannot escape our contact with people and things and we do not want to escape, nor can we no matter how we try. But through our relation to people and things we gain experience, and as long as we do not allow our experiences to rule us, we can discern our reaction to people and things and free ourselves from the entanglements of our reactions.

If we do not become aware of our thought action then we are bound. I hope that you are beginning to see this important point.

The great search in the world today is for immortality. Millions follow one or other religion for this purpose, but you will readily see that no form of religion can give you the satisfaction you so eagerly desire. It is only when you realize that you are immortal that the searching ceases.

The story of the creation of the world reveals the secret of immortality, and I am going to relate this to you in my own words gleaned from the story of Creation in the Bible.

The Bible goes on to relate how God formed everything and the story can be read by anyone, to repeat it all here would be superfluous. The fact

remains that God did form in Himself everything and every creature that exists on earth as well as mankind.

The statement that concerns us most is that God formed man in His own image and likeness to rule and have dominion over all His creation on earth, showing that it was the Spirit of God that was the ruling factor in all things and Spirit is the consciousness in man.

I want to make this statement to you, and you should always remember it. In the beginning there was only God and by Him, in Him and with Him every thing has been created, and nothing came into being except by and through Him. This is the fundamental Law we must take into consideration when reading the Bible.

The next statement that I find proves our inherent power over all things is this, "Let Us make man in Our own likeness to resemble Us with mastery over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air, the animals, every wild beast of the earth and every reptile that crawls on earth." **"So God formed man in His own likeness and in the likeness of God He formed him male and female."**

We see here that as God is infinite in nature all creation must be in Him and of Him and there can be nothing outside Him and the likeness in which mankind can resemble God is that man has the same power inherent in him as that of God Himself, the only difference is in the degree of this power.

This power only comes into action in mankind when mankind realizes this fact. When man is aware of his God-power he has inherited by Divine right, he can use this Divine Power which has dominion over all things. Man is the master when he is aware of his true Spiritual birthright, born of the Spirit and not of flesh and blood.

The Bible is a statement of Universal Law of that which is in the realm of the invisible as well as that which is in the realm of the visible, and deals with facts of the Spiritual nature as well as facts of the physical nature. It showed how Spirit is involved, this involution precedes evolution and is never lost sight of. The perpetual urge is onward and upward of the Spirit for self-expression in infinite varieties of form.

The Spirit which is continually passing into manifestation is always the same Spirit, in other words the only "One." Then God makes things by

becoming the things He makes, all He made He says is good. If this is so how can man say that God created evil.

The logical conclusion all thinking men and women must come to is that there cannot be anything but the Infinite and no matter how we may try to accept the theories of our theologians, we cannot when we see that it is our and their misconception of things that makes things look as evil because we have not yet come to understand the process of involution and evolution.

Therefore God has involved Himself in all His creation including man. The beginning and the end are one, for God, the Only One being omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, has created within Himself and thus is expressing Himself through all His creation including mankind. Mankind having the power to become aware of this Creative Power as the ruling factor in his own life also has power over all things less aware than himself.

As there can be only one Mind, one Substance, one Power, for there can be no other, otherwise God could not be Infinite, thus man not cognisant of this fact creates in himself and by himself by his wrong thinking through his misconception of the Reality of things.

The Bible is symbolic language and the symbol of Heaven and earth means the inner and the outer. Water is the symbol for the psychic substance where cause ends and effects begin, so with man, his thinking is cause and what is visible is the effect.

Therefore we have to accept the truth that Spirit “God” being the only One is Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance and Its pure action is wisdom, love and power. With these all things are created, this is the Divine Creation in which there can be no flaw.

We are forced to accept, by reason of the fact that it could not be otherwise, that the Infinite, the Eternal One, timeless, limitless, ageless, birthless, deathless, the first and only Cause, remember, has individualized Himself yet not separated in any way in Himself for this impossible.

I will put it this way to you because I want you to think this out for yourselves.

The Infinite Mind is all there is, in which all is made in Heaven and on earth—the inner and the outer—the one cannot be separated from the other.

In this Mind originates the Divine ideas which must include principles and laws to sustain them. This is the Tree of Life which we must hold on to, which will be a Spring of Living Water rising up to Eternal Life. We are in the Garden of Eden when this state of consciousness exists in us, when the soul is aware of this, and this only as the only real.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is where man sees things in manifestation and begins to use his intellect. He creates images and ideas in his human mind, not knowing the truth about things, and by his reaction creates in his own life and circumstances according to what he thinks and fears.

However, Science comes to our aid. It says that form in matter, that which we can see and touch, can be dissolved into its elements and disappears into the substance that fills boundless space, a substance that is without form in itself but is capable of creating form in and of itself. That the greatest potential energy is at point, and point is everywhere or can be everywhere, showing that all form begins at point and ends at point and that the greatest potential energy is at point. Yet all energy and power must be behind point.

This proves again the great truth that the Father-Mother-God is the cause of all manifestation and that this Creative Power is inherent in us all, and through this inherent power in us so do we create.

This is the Divine Law of action, having all power within itself and there can be no separation in the whole of Created Life. Therefore I will venture to say that man's consciousness is the point where the Infinite Spirit or conscious Creative Power is individualized. Individualization does not mean separation but an eternal unity with the Whole.

The ancient sign of the Cross* is symbolic in nature and reveals the same thing, the perpendicular line is the Father and the horizontal line is the Mother, where they meet is point, and this is the Divine Child. The Cross was at first the division of the Circle into four, the circle meaning the whole, and both lines stretching into infinity, yet where they meet, there is the Divine Creation with the quality of both the Father and Mother, this is the symbol of the Creation of the Christ of God in man. The Sign of the Cross is of great significance to us, when understood in relation to the Universe and created manifestation.

When the Infinite expresses an idea there must be motion in Mind, we understand this because we are made in His image and likeness, an idea in our minds creates motion in our minds. The only difference being, one is Divine and the other is human, but the same law must prevail.

As there is the Principle of Law involved the Law comes into operation and this we cannot change, being Infinite in nature. The transmission of the energy in the idea into form is the fundamental Law of the Universe. Therefore all form is but the idea translated from the formless into form, but remains in that formless substance and is the same substance modified.

Science tells us that matter or form viewed separately from energy is nothing at all, and I will go further and say energy viewed separately from Intelligence does not exist, therefore the conclusion that we must come to is that all is within the Infinite Mind, and there is nothing outside it, and everything is of it and nothing exists except it is of this Mind Substance.

Therefore the HOW of the Universe is permissible for us to understand, and as we are made in His image and likeness so do we create. As we understand more about ourselves so do we understand more of God.

When we hold an “idea” the Intelligence completes the details and it becomes manifest. This same law we see exists in the Infinite Mind, thus we are created in His image and likeness. The outer is but the expression of the inner, the same law is inherent in all. Thus man is as he thinks he is, this Law being individualized in man.

We cannot question the “WHY” of God but we can, through understanding ourselves, understand the “HOW” of God.

The passage in Genesis relating to this Creation does not mean the body or form but the Spirit, the Creative Power, the First Cause that is behind all creation.

The Creation of all form and the whole world’s conscious relation is the result of Spirit’s one mode of action and that is thought. First we have the Spirit, the Creative Power, this Creative Power manifests the power of thought or ideas, and this thought, thinking or idea becomes form.

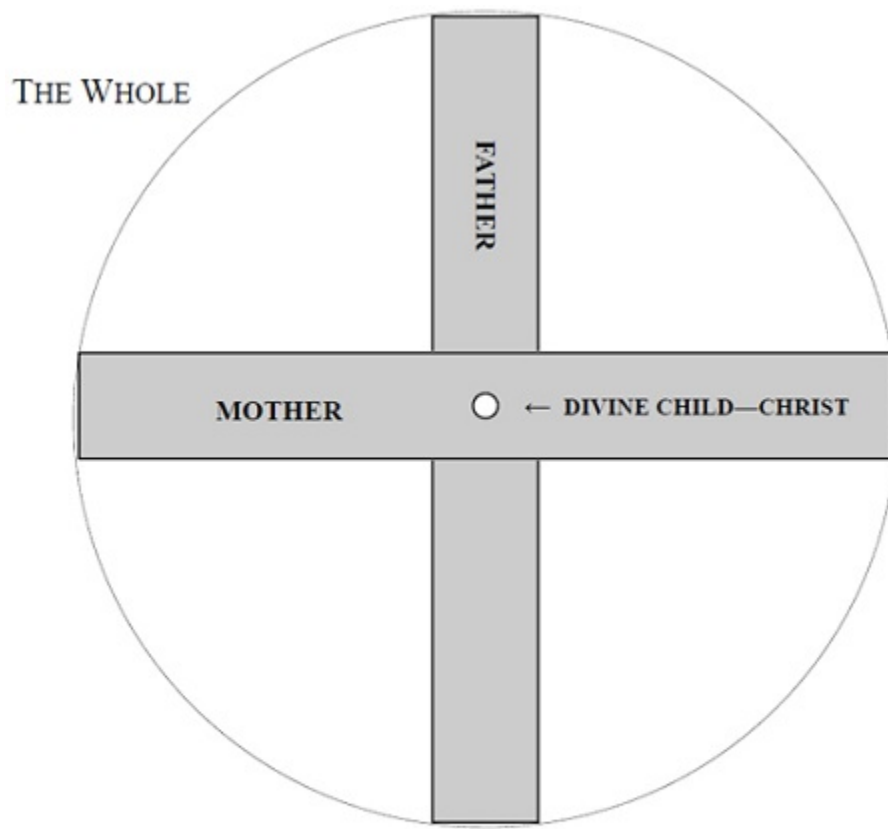
We are the individualization of Father-Mother-God, not separate but one and the same. In this realization God becomes a Reality to us, and not some relative thing apart from us.

Then the greatest miracle we can ever realize is to know that we, you and I, are the thinkers and in this way we create, that is why the Master said, “Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”

The only power our thought has is the power we give it, for it is our own creation. To have this perfected we are directed by the prophet to rest on the Eternal so that He shall reveal His glory and not ours. In this way we will free our thought from limitation and fear.

BENEDICTION

Loving Father, Thou hast created the sun to give me light, and the moon to release me from the darkness, and Thou leadeth me into pastures green. All this Thou hast done for me and more, Thou hast given me Thy Spirit to conquer all things. As Thou art so shall I be.



THE ANCIENT SIGN OF THE CROSS

[* See Diagram on page 23](#)

Lecture 3 (16th August 1949)

FAITH IS OUR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE FATHER

The Bible reveals the power of “Faith” not as commonly understood but with a deeper meaning, and in this lesson we will see what faith really means.

The general idea with most is that we must have faith in a God, and this God we are rather uncertain about. But if we read the Bible correctly we will see that faith is something much more than this.

Faith is a “knowing” an “awareness” that leaves no doubt in the mind.

The faith we read of in the Bible is real and significant which makes Abraham the Father of us all, not from flesh and blood, but from the “seed” of Abraham who revealed this great truth that we are greater than the Law, this is the seed spoken of in the Bible—the Spirit of God. In Galatians 3: 6.7. “Just as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. You must know therefore that those who trust in faith are the children of Abraham.”

This faith is greater than law for law never created Life and in Life lies the Creative Power not in law. Again this proves that we are above law.

I am not saying that knowledge and law are of no particular benefit, they are, for we must use the Law of Creation to create, yet we are above the Law because Life created law and not law created Life.

What I want to point out very strongly to you is that knowledge or law is not creative power, therefore the “promise” was revealed by Christ that who ever believed as he did became the children of his Father, the only living God, and it is this knowing that the Bible calls “faith.”

The Supreme Law of the Universe is not Life or Creative Power but there is the Law of the Creative activity of the all-originating Spirit which operates in us to make new conditions for all.

The Divine “Promise,” and the individual knowing (faith) rest on each other, they act with mutual accord, thus a cause within the Cause. If you can comprehend this fully, you have “awareness”.

When we begin to understand the connection between cause and effect we see the force of the Master’s statements “All things are possible to him that believeth,” “Have faith in God and nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

If we attribute any authority to the Master’s sayings we are fortified by them in affirming that there is no limit to the power of “faith” and what he says is not mere figure of speech but statements of truth that enable the individual to act upon the Creative Law of the Universe.

Viewed in this light the Bible promise assumes a practical aspect and a personal application of the Creative Power we have, being born in His image and likeness, born of the Spirit and not of flesh and blood. The flesh has no say, the flesh has no Creative Power, the Spirit alone is Life and Creative Power, “I am the Life.”

In Galatians Chapter 4: 22-26, 28, 29* we read, “Surely it is written in the Law that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave-woman and one by the free-woman; but while the son of the slave-woman was born by the flesh, the son of the free-woman was born by the promise. Well, this is an allegory. The women are two covenants. One comes from the mount Sinai, bearing children for servitude; that is Hagar, for mount Sinai is away in Arabia. She corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for the latter is in servitude with her children.” “Now you are the children of the Promise, brothers, like Isaac; but just as in the days of old the son born by the flesh persecuted the son born by the Spirit, so is it still today.”

These then are one, but if we do not understand the relationship and its meaning revealed in the Bible we are then under duress. The body (Jacob) persecutes the Soul (Issac), only the Spirit (Abraham) has power to overcome all things. The message of the Master also reveals this truth when he says, “Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me, the flesh having no say in the matter.”

Then to be “heirs according to promise” we must be descendants of Abraham. On another point the bible is very plain. It is that they are children of Abraham who are of the faith of Abraham, they are his seed

according to the promise that they are living by the same principle which is set forth as forming the ground-work of Abraham's life, that is "Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Here is a parable that I want you to take notice of, "God is a big dealer and His best work is done for Love and not from compulsion."

Let us compare ourselves with an artist who has to paint for a living. He paints as many pictures as he can, they are called potboilers. But his true work is done when he is not restricted in any way and paints for love and beauty. His name is made, then the Divine dealer takes a hand in making His art.

Let us take this parable to the heart, so that we will do our work diligently, honestly and cheerfully with love, serving no hard taskmaster, but in the happy confidence that loving Creative Spirit acting in and through us, has all the connection and will open avenues we had never dreamed of. Yes, fresh avenues for us where we saw no way.

He will clear a path in the forest of our experiences when we are the artists of Gods creative production. He is also the great appreciative dealer and will place our productions for us in the right market.

That is what is meant by exchanging the burden of the Law for the peaceful liberty of "faith" in the Divine goodness of our all-giving Heavenly Father.

With this understanding faith we will skip the vague rantings of the theologians heard on every side. For if we burden ourselves with Law as a starting point for our Creative action, we will bring the whole burden upon ourselves like a ton of bricks, because of our fear and misunderstanding of the Law not knowing that Life is above law, "I am the Life."

But if we take the all-giving all-producing Creative Spirit as our starting point then everything else will fall into harmonious order, and all we have to do is to receive and use what we receive, asking the Divine guidance to use it rightly.

Take no heed of the morrow, the morrow will take care of itself, acting always in the present, making the Presence a Reality and not something relative by making God law and not Life. Life is creative and is above law

therefore I am above Law as one with the Father “It is the Father who ever remains in me is performing His own deeds.”

This is the faith that the Bible tries to show us but as man is slow to understand, instead of reading Life into law, man reads law into Life, with the result that he makes God a mere impersonal force and ultimately has nothing to depend upon but his own unaided knowledge and power of the Law.

If on the other hand through understanding the love and the all-giving of the Father we regard Him as taking the initiative as the giver established in ourselves, not something separate, cold and distant but with that personal intimate love that a parent has for its offspring, we will find ourselves backed up by the Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power. There must be then a true feeling of comradeship with the Father and the self united in action which becomes enthusiastic when our true relationship is realized.

To obtain this “Promise” made to us as revealed in the Bible we must stop arguing about non-essentials. For faith in God is better than vague beliefs. Therefore the most practical thing for us to do is try it. The Master showed us the way, He made the Father intimate and close at hand. For His Life was the translation of the Love and Wisdom and Power (“God”) into action.

We can do the same if we will get His awareness of the Love, Wisdom and Power of the Father in which we live, move and have our being, and knowing that the Father is living, moving and having His being in us. This is the faith that is meant in the Bible and no other. Any other faith is void and has no substance.

Paul makes it plain to us when he says “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Real faith in God is warm, close and snug. This the feeling that the promise gives us. In Isaiah 43: 1-2,* “But now, the Eternal promises, he who created you, O Jacob, he who made you, O Israel fear not, for I redeem you, I claim you, you are mine, I will be with you when you pass through waters, rivers shall overflow you; when you pass through fire, you shall not be scorched, no flames shall burn you.”

I would have it written in big letters everywhere. “God is Love” “I am Love” then let these words sink into your minds and hearts. For Paul says “Love is greater than talents.”

He says, “Set your heart on the higher talents. And yet I will go on to show you a still higher path. Thus I may speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but if I have no love, I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal; I may prophesy, fathom all mysteries and secret lore, I may have such absolute faith that I can move hills from their place, but if I have no love, I count for nothing; I may distribute all I possess in charity, I may give up my body to be burnt, but if I have no love I make nothing of it. Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears. As for prophesying, it will be superseded; as for ‘tongues,’ they will cease; as for knowledge, it will be superseded. For we only know bit by bit, and we only prophesy bit by bit; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will be superseded.”

All prophets have made Divine Love the dominating factor in life, being the perfect thing that has no flaw. It is the source of our intimacy with the Father so that His work in us will be exceeding good, and this is the “faith” that makes us whole, and this is the faith that gives us personal contact with the Father.

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Lecture 4 (23rd August 1949)

THE INFINITE LIFE IS FULFILLED IN MAN AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Creative Power is inherent in our consciousness whereby we create thought. This is the invisible nature of the effects which become visible.

It will be seen by all that we need much instruction in the nature of our own amazing possibilities and as yet vaguely realized.

The Bible is a book that gives us this instruction on this subject as well as directing us to the recognition of our true "Being."

The whole world needs this instruction although at present it is hardly ready for it, yet it is moving in that direction and millions are seeking the truth. The thousands of books on the subject are in answer to the demand, and although many are vague and inaccurate they are fulfilling a want.

In my last lecture I revealed to you the great promise of Abraham, showing that when we realize the truth of our Being we are above the Law. Yet through Law we manifest on all planes. The Law is the means, not the end or the beginning, for a little consideration of the evolutionary process explained in the Bible reveals this truth.

The Bible shows us clearly that the individual Life Consciousness, which is the essential "Being" we call man, can be none other than the concentration of the Universal Life Consciousness into individual Consciousness.

Therefore my mind and your mind is a miniature reproduction of Divine Mind, and it is on this fact that the Bible fixes our attention. It reveals that if the interior realm of consciousness maintains a harmonious order the external realm of effects is certain to exhibit correspondingly.

Thus we see how health, happiness and beauty can be obtained through the recognition of our own Being as the concentration of Universal Being into individuality. My livingness is my personal contact with the Father, and

my living also proves that “my Father” is with me always and that it is He who doeth the work.

Therefore according to my realization of this truth within myself so shall the external be. No matter what others may think or say or do, does not alter the case, what they think and say or do they alone have to account for.

When we know that the Father is always with us and when we cooperate with Him, we give expression to that Divine design that is always there as the foundation of our being.

Another great truth we must become conscious of is, the human mind being the exact image and likeness of the Divine Mind, then the Creative Power must be equally unlimited. This becomes evident too, when we realize that we cannot set any limit to consciousness or thought. Only by creating conceptions of ourselves do we limit our creative ability.

Faith is the instrument we use, and we know what faith means when we become aware of our livingness. Whatever we ask in His name so shall it be done unto us.

Here I want to point out to you a truth that few of you have recognized. We cannot think of something that we cannot conceive. Therefore the more limited our conceptions the more limited is our Creative Power.

Our Creative Power is according to our realization of the fact that the form and the formless are one. No one has ever seen the formless, we only see form, yet form has no power of own. Then how can we conceive of something that we have never seen? I have never seen Life, yet I am alive. A conception is something that we have perceived, but we have never perceived Life, **yet Life is.**

I can only explain to you from the relative and from the relative we become aware of Reality, when this knowing comes then there are no doubts. This faith is not gained in one day but is a continuous movement which becomes greater and greater as we become truly “aware”.

It is for this purpose that the prophet’s instructions leads us into that Divine Light which is spoken of in Genesis where God said, “Let there be Light and there was Light,” this was the involution. This Light does not mean the light of the sun or moon. It is the expression of Infinite Love,

Wisdom and Power that creates the perfect in man. This Light created in the second day is not visible except through man's translation of this Light into his daily living. Therefore we must not be confused with the light created on the fourth day, as this was the light that gave the physical light of the sun and the moon, and as there was no physical light till the fourth day the Light created in the second day must be that inner Light, that is the Light of the World.

The inner was created in His own image and likeness. The senses were formed when physical light began to reflect its own rays from the objects it struck, the individual not knowing what it all meant. But as the gradual unfoldment took place the inner was revealed, and this unfoldment or evolution is still going on, and will continue until man becomes truly aware of himself.

This is why I am so sure that everything is moving in the right direction. We may judge things in the light of our own experiences, yet when we begin to understand, we will see that it is the dawning of morning out of night. The Divine Day has opened and there can be no more darkness for the Divine never descends into shades of night again.

This is the Light of man that never can be extinguished for it is ever unfolding into greater splendour of Itself. "I am that Light." When you can say this with conviction you enter into that freedom where the darkness does not overcome the Light, and further comprehendeth not the Light for it does not understand it. The senses do not know the Light of man.

Evening came and morning came. It is always morning now, for the Light of man has entered the world. When all recognise this the whole world will change.

This perfect state can never cease for it is our foundation, our salvation, "I am the Salvation of the World."

Heaven and earth are the two states of consciousness, Heaven the Spiritual state "I am the Light of the World," and earth is where man is in bondage because he is not yet aware that he is the Light of the world, so he reacts to his own negative creations.

Mankind lighteth his own consciousness by the awareness of his Divine consciousness as the only Real. Here he creates pure action. He gets what

he wants, because he consciously acts upon the Law and the Law responds. The Law becomes his servant and not his master, only when he reacts to his own negative cognition in ignorance is the Law master and he the slave.

Thus man creates his own prison walls through his ignorance of the Truth that “the Law is for the Lord.” Jesus said in other words I am not subject unto the Law, for the son of man is above Law and this was the promise of Abraham of which we spoke of in the last lecture.

The wondrous work of Truth will never cease but will go on expanding into more radiant expression of Itself in Love, Wisdom and Power.

The days of Creation is germinating, and the new Heaven and the new earth the Bible promises are already maturing in the Heavens and earth, “that are now only waiting for the Sons of God to follow up the principle of evolution to still further expansion into the glory that shall be revealed,” Paul said.

We become our own evolution as we realize the truth of our “Being” first the self, then in the race. We are no exception to the rule for we are included in the whole Cosmic scheme and we are the means by which the great Creator is unfolding His Love, Wisdom and Power in the manifestation of the Reality of Himself.

First we are told of the Creation in the realm of the invisible, the involving of the Divine Spirit, and afterwards we are told of Creation on the plane of the concrete or material, this can only mean the unfolding, the evolving of the Divine Spirit after It has individualized Itself in Its own creation. It is the inner we have to realize so that we can then understand the outer. With this knowledge we acquire the faith that acts upon the Law, this is pure action. We will understand that our thought is subject to Law but the creator of thought is above the Law.

Involution is the cause and creator of evolution and law. One is the cause, the other is the effect and the Bible observes this order in the account of the Creation of the World and of man. Thus the new Heaven and the new earth will reveal itself as the individual realizes his true Spiritual nature and begins to express himself as the Light of the World.

Our physical bodies serve as a means for our advancement along the plane of mind and Spirit. The man Adam, the earth man, does not limit the

Spiritual man except man believes that he is but flesh and blood. But it is said in the Scriptures, “Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in Heaven.” “The flesh has no say in the matter.”

The development of the physical man is the spontaneous operation of Nature, but the development of the Spiritual man can only result from his own recognition of the self-expression of the Spirit operating as the core of his own being, unfolding the Light of the World through him.

The suffering that man has in this plane is enjoyed in the Light of the Truth that as man takes on the burden of the world he raises it up to where it becomes light. Therefore it is not by transcending the world that we play our part but by living in the world and raising it up by our own thoughts and actions in co-operation with our Divine Spirit which is the Light of the World. “It is the Father who ever remaineth in me is performing His own deeds.”

Our attention is rigidly drawn to the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Now this likeness is not the outward form for the Father “Spirit” in which all things subsist cannot be limited in shape. Spirit is that formless permeating Life that gives birth to the form from within Itself.

The Bible tells us that in the beginning there was no form only Spirit-God. Therefore the only Creative Power there is must be the Spirit, and Spirit is not subject to Law but Law and form is subject to Spirit.

Therefore we must develop intelligent co-operation with the Creative Power that is the core of our being. “As the Father has Life in Himself so He grants the son to have life in himself.”

This truth sets us free when we become “aware” of it. I am the Life, undifferentiated even when in differentiation. I am not separated from the whole but am the expression of the whole. Life is God and God is Life. I am Life, I am Love.

Life alone has consciousness. Thus God has personified Himself in the “I am the Son of God even while I am the son of man.”

“As the Father raises the dead and makes them alive so the son makes anyone alive whom he chooses. He who does not honour the son does not

honour the Father who sent him. He who listens to my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal Life.” John 5: 21, 23. 24. (Moffatt)

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Lecture 5 (30th August 1949)

“THE TREES THAT GROW IN THE GARDEN OF THE SOUL”

In following up the inner meaning revealed in the Bible the following meaning is of great significance:

The first was God alone, no other but Him. This shows us that He is the first and only Cause and is still the only Cause. In Him and by Him all things are created for there can be no other Source and the Bible tells us this in plain words.

The inner Light created in the Second day, as we saw in our last lecture, existed before any other manifestation came into being and it was through this inner Light that everything was afterwards created. In John we read that the Word was with God and this very Word was God and then the statement goes on to say that the Word was created flesh and was the Light of the World.

In Genesis we are told how heaven and earth was created, then we come to the most vital portion of the statement after all was complete, “Let us make man in our own image and likeness.” This was the expression in the physical of the man called Adam, the Word becoming flesh.

Science shows us that there is only one substance in the Universe, a substance that acts intelligently, has definite laws and only acts in accordance with these laws. No matter how we try to make it act otherwise, the Law refuses resolutely to be changed.

Therefore man has to find out the law of operation and this leads us into the field of investigation of the unfolding of the Law of the Universe, and the more we know about the Law the more we begin to become aware of something that is beyond Law.

We read that the man Adam was created and that Adam was asleep and God took from him a rib and made him a mate and called the mate woman.

This indicates that the two are one because out of one the twain is made.

The word “sleep” means the inner realm, something that is not on the surface and we find in nature that both man and woman are both male and female; a slight surgical alteration will alter the sex, as in several cases we have read of recently. In gestation the sex is not determined until about between the 4th and 6th months.

The Father-Mother-God shows us that in our Spiritual state we are both male and female, just as the Creation must be both male and female, for Life could not be otherwise. It is through our ignorance of this Truth that the Deity has been made to resemble the male side of His nature ignoring entirely the female side. But we are shown very plainly that nothing can come into being except the Infinite Himself therefore He becomes what He makes, male and female.

Now the Word that was in the beginning is none other than the Spirit which is both male and female as it manifests Itself in either way. The why of all this is beyond our comprehension, but the working operation of the Law is easily comprehended when we begin to get more light on the subject, that the dual nature exists in all creation from the atom to the Universe.

Another statement which many do not understand is that, “And God saw all that He had made was very good.” Now this statement brings us to realize two things, that God was aware of His Creation, and also that He knew that it was good.

Therefore everything **is** good, yet man sees evil. But only man saw evil, for it is said that “evil does not exist in the sight of God.” It is also stated that man has been given power over all things on earth to rule over them. That is to say to learn to make all things subservient unto Him. But Spiritual man **is** when he becomes aware of his birthright, born not of the flesh but of the Spirit, he has power over all things in heaven and on earth.

Man made like unto God, means that the fundamental principles must be the same, the physical being the Spiritual in modification which becomes the vehicle of expression through which man masters all things. Without this form man could not be master of the things in the physical and this mastery comes through his realization of his Divine inheritance.

When man is in the Garden of Eden he realizes his true Spiritual self made in the likeness of God. But we are told that man has been expelled from the Garden of Eden, so the great question arises, **“How did man fall from his true Spiritual state and has he the power to rise again?”**

This is much more than we can deal with in one lecture and we will continue what we have not dealt with in the next.

We are all aware by now that the Creative Power that gives rise to the thought is unlimited. But the thought only is limited by the conception which it is sent forth to embody. That is to say that thought fulfils its function by manifesting accordingly, by taking on its own form.

We cannot conceive Truth in a conception, for Truth is the creativeness in us. If we have a conception of our Creativeness then our creativeness is limited to our conception. Therefore we cannot conceive the whole Truth because it is beyond our conception. We know that Truth is, but not what It is. This can be proved by trying to analyze your own consciousness. You will soon arrive at the fact that it is the consciousness that is analyzing always external to itself while the consciousness remains unanalysable, forever remote but always present.

Truth is God Infinite and the consciousness that dwells upon the unlimited nature of Truth will produce corresponding results, and we enter our highest riches through our realization of our oneness with Truth. When we fix our attention on this simple explanation we will find the key to the whole mystery of man's power of self-evolution and with this key we unlock the mysteries of the Bible.

We must get beyond our ideas and concepts for if we try to find ourselves in any idea or concept we will be caught up in our idea and this is not Truth. Truth is not an idea, concept or an image, I have so often told you this plain truth.

Here is man's world of cause and effect:-

1. The Creator, First Cause—the Thinker,—the only real and substantial that exists, all other things including thought are secondary. Form is the effect of thought but the Thinker is the cause of thought.

2. The image or thought created is secondary cause and is relative to its creator—the Thinker.
3. The expression or manifestation of thought is the effect of the secondary Cause—Thought, which takes on form. Man is in his thought or creation and his thought or creation is in man. Yet he is distinct from it. As the Father, so is the Son.
4. If man is not aware of his own creation as the effect, he reacts negatively and is caught up in his own creation until he realizes the Truth. This is the fall and rise of man.

The mastery and power of Life is revealed in the Bible to those who understand Creative thought. But for those who do not understand this great power the meaning is hidden and it is well that it is so, for ignorant man to wield this power would be disastrous.

The story of the Garden of Eden is an allegory, this is shown by the nature of two Trees that grow in the centre of the Garden. The meaning is, the Garden is the soul, and the two Trees are different, one is the Tree of Life and the other is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The Tree of Life is the innermost perception of Reality, of Life Itself, this Jesus spoke of as the Well of Living Water springing up to Everlasting Life to all those who realize it. “If you listen to my words and believe, you have already passed from death across to Life.”

The Garden is that in which man works, call it soul if you like and the plants man tends and cultivates are his thoughts and ideas. If man cultivates the “Divine Idea” he clings to the Tree of Life. If he cultivates his own ideas he cultivates the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. These Trees are represented as being in the centre of the Garden and from this centre all other ideas must flow outwards taking their life and colour.

Human life has an action on three planes Spiritual, intellectual and physical. The Spiritual is that which is perfect in Itself, this Creation is seen by God as good. The Divine eye could see no flaw and we should note very carefully that this Creation includes man.

But as soon as we descend into the intellectual plane which is man's conception of things it is quite different. Man's conception is a misconception which results from his ignorance of the true Spiritual nature of things, resulting in the misdirection of his creative thought which produces corresponding results and distorted ideas of Reality.

Man sees a power of evil in the world opposing good and makes God the balancing power between the two. The intellect is blinded by the appearance of things and man fails to see that evil is of his own making.

There can be no substantial power of evil in an Absolute Power of good, and man does not realize this until he takes hold of the Tree of Life as he is directed to do, and this is his salvation. Man finds that he no longer creates for himself negative conditions therefore he does not eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he does create negative conditions he knows how they come about and is able to deal with them.

“You do not get what you want you only get what you think deeply,” this means that whatever is deepest in our minds we produce because of the Creative Power within ourselves.

Man being the creator in the likeness of God must have the same nature to create. Therefore the nature of the one Tree, the Tree of Life is true and produces Its kind, the nature of the other Tree is the Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil and is **not** true, but still it also brings forth its kind to the discomfort of mankind and **this is his ignorance** because he eats of the fruit of it.

Man is told not to partake of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, for by doing so he would die in his ignorance. But man continued to eat of the fruit, and both Adam and Eve fell.

Now Adam and Eve are represented as a wedded pair, the two principles in man, the soul and body. Eve represented the soul and Adam the body. As Paul says, “It was not Adam that was deceived but Eve,” and the deception of the Soul was materially expressed upon the body. One was capable of being deceived but the other was not for the body has no sense. So both fell as the result and were divorced from the Garden of Eden because of the soul's misconception of things.

Man is divorced from the Garden by the power of his own creative thought, but yet had the power to become the son of God by seeing that he was not born of flesh and blood, but of the Spirit of God, and this Spirit is in him as the Tree of Life. This Tree he can take hold of now, at this very moment he would be free.

Man born Spiritual is still Spiritual, this is our true nature. Man makes this a reality in his life and when he takes hold of this Tree of Life and tends it, so It will grow in him.

No matter how small the realisation is, like the mustard seed the smallest of all seeds, it grows into the largest of trees with branches spreading in all directions, and fills the Life full with the Truth that sets all free.

“Let us know the Eternal, let us make haste to know Him, for He will come to us like winter rain, like spring rain watering the Land,” Hosea 6: 3. (Moffatt)

“(The Lord means the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is there is open freedom.) But we all mirror the glory of the Lord with faces unveiled, and so we are being transformed into the same likeness as Himself, passing from one glory to another— for this comes of the Lord the Spirit.” 2. Cor. 3: 17. 18. (Moffatt)

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Lecture 6 (6th September 1949)

AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDNERNESS SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP

Most people in the world will not take the trouble to think for themselves, they follow a leader blindly, with the result that their power to think is subjugated and directed into false beliefs.

The only power man has is his power to think, yet he throws this on to the dust-heap of ignorance because he will not think for himself. The practice of this power will make man the perfect man or woman because it leads us into perfection.

It cannot do otherwise for the simple reason that when we begin to think for ourselves we ask ourselves all sorts of questions and we continue to ask till we find the answer that satisfies our true reason.

We saw in our last lecture how Eve was deceived, Eve representing the soul which is the builder of the body. So the deception which caused wrong thinking on the part of the intellectual man reproduced itself in the physical imperfection and in adverse circumstances.

The soul only was capable of being deceived, the body is not capable of thinking for itself and falls with the soul that is deceived.

The story proves one thing, that the intellect is wrong because it believes in evil. It is not the Spiritual man that rules the world today but the intellectual man. These leaders we follow blindly which results in ill-health, depression, war and misery mentally and physically. Yet man's salvation is at hand if he will take hold of the Tree of Life.

The Church has failed miserably to fulfil its task of enlightenment. It has aided and abetted the evils of our political, social and economic systems instead of exposing them. It has glorified war as a crusade in the name of the Man of Peace and Love.

The new order we heard so much about some time ago is dead. Why? Because it was just lip-service. If the teaching of the Master was understood there would be no need for any new order. Any new order just becomes an old order with the same falsehoods.

Further we read in the Bible that the serpent was the cause of the fall of Eve.

Now the symbol of the Life Principle in its external manifestation is represented by a serpent coiled up. This is represented to be the form of the deceiving element.

It was this outward manifestation in the senses (not understanding its true nature) becomes the serpent that Moses lifted up in the wilderness. The wilderness means a barren place and this barren place is man's mind. So this serpent had to have that true light shed upon it by Moses, the man of wisdom.

The master gives us the key to this truth when he says as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

The Son of Man can only be lifted up by realizing that he is the Son of God and it was this that the Master proved beyond a doubt.

The Yogi also gives us the key to the serpent coiled up. He calls it the Kundalini* and by special exercises he makes this Life Principle, which is coiled up in the body, rise to the top of the head so that it can be controlled by the will of the "I am" and not allowed to run rampant to cause all sorts of difficulties, which it does through the psychic or soul through ignorance of its true power of manifestation.

I am not going into the discourse of the ways and means of the Yogi in this lecture only to say that the Yogi knows that the Divine centre is above the head free from all entanglements in the body and from there he controls the body in anyway he chooses. There is enough evidence of this in the many feats which he does which is authentically recorded from time to time.

The Life Principle in the physical must be raised up into the Spiritual state where man's Spiritual understanding enables him to control everything beneath him. This is why the Master said "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth." But first man must master himself through Love and

understanding by taking hold of this Tree of Life and understanding It, while living in the flesh.

But without this understanding this Life Principle, as the ultimate mode of Divine Spirit which is all in all, becomes the deadly serpent not lifted up but crawling upon its belly.

This is the ignorant conception of Spiritual realities. Ignorant of the Divine Law of Creation when man does not look beyond secondary causes, he therefore creates thoughts that are continually externalizing conditions representing his conception of things.

In this way mankind has become more and more involved in a network of conditions in which he finds no way of escape. The reason for this is because he is ignorant of the true law of causation, he never suspects the real fact, that the originating cause of this is himself.

Therefore the soul “Eve” believes the serpent, the ignorant conception of Life, which is nothing but secondary cause created by itself, seeing nothing beyond secondary cause. Consequently the soul accepts the “knowledge of evil” as being necessary with the knowledge of good. So the soul eats of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is this dual aspect of knowledge that is deadly to the soul.

The more we dwell on evil as a power in itself the more we fear it, the more evil is produced.

It is quite evident to all that the more we dwell upon conditions we ourselves create the more powerful they appear to us and naturally we are affected accordingly. But this is entirely a conflict in the mind through lack of understanding and the Bible goes on to tell us how this can be removed.

All energy is some mode of manifestation of the “One” and is always making something, though in doing so is making something else. This is the Cosmic Law of Transition. Nature is always working, making and undoing to make something else.

As man does not understand the Law of Transition he thinks it evil and by his inherent power he brings more “evil” into operation relatively to himself.

Now above the Law of Transition there is the Higher Law, and the Bible’s one object is to lead us through to this realization of the Law of the

“individual” where the individual becomes “aware” to select and create what he wants to manifest in his life with power over all things. This does not do away with the Law of Transition for without it man could not create nor could there be any evolution.

The glory of the Eternal Life is that It is continuously unfolding greater splendour of Itself.

It is this living Law of liberty of the Divine Spirit that makes us more and more our true selves. That is why the Bible insists on the mathematical statement that God is “one,” and there is no one else, and in fact makes it the basis of all it says from beginning to end.

Now the serpent represents the Principle of Error which results in death and can never be reconciled with the Divine Spirit which is “Truth.” Therefore the pronouncement upon the serpent is a curse. That is a sentence of destruction and the Bible goes to show how this sentence is ultimately worked out.

The final deliverance and restoration from the Fall is promised through the instrumentality of the woman “Eve.” Her seed shall crush the serpent’s head. It shall utterly destroy the false Principle that the serpent represents.

Since Eve is the soul of the individual consciousness her progeny must be thought. Truth is not brought forth easily, it is the result of painful experience and long mental labour, so the text illustrates the birth of Truth into the world.

This is the enmity between the seed of the woman or the enlightened conception of the Life Principle and the seed of the Serpent the unenlightened conception.

During the process of the struggle the serpent bruises the heel of the Divine seed, that is to say retards the progress of Truth on the earth. But the Truth conquers at last and crushes the serpent’s head forever so that it shall never rise up again.

The seed of the woman is the fruit of the Spiritually enlightened mind and must at last achieve final victory in the Supreme Truth of man’s Divine Sonship.

The Truth is that we are the image and likeness of our Creator. For in Him all things began and without Him nothing exists. Therefore there is no

authority outside man himself. He is the creation of his own world. He can make it a heaven or a hell. So the final analysis of this all-important subject of the fall of man and his rise again is:-

1. The great truth concerning man is that he is made in the image and likeness of God with mastery over everything.
2. Man is first ignorant of this truth and this ignorance is his fall. By his own creative power he creates his self-imposed condition for which he suffers because he falls into the error of seeing a negative power as having distinctive power of its own outside the Infinite.
3. Man at last comes to the perfect understanding of the Truth of his oneness with God and this understanding is his rising again and enables him as he is instructed to do to overcome and master all things by taking hold of the Tree of Life.

For your benefit as a study, here is the full summary of the Allegory of the rise and fall of man:

SUMMARY OF ALLEGORY

THE BEGINNING

ONE LIFE

The Garden of Eden

The Garden of the Soul or the Mind.

The Plants

Man's thoughts and Ideas of Life.

The Tree of Life

The innermost Perception of Spirit.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Man's erroneous conception of; recognizes evil as a power opposing good, with God as a balancing point between both.

Adam

Symbol of the material or physical.
The Earth Man—the Body.

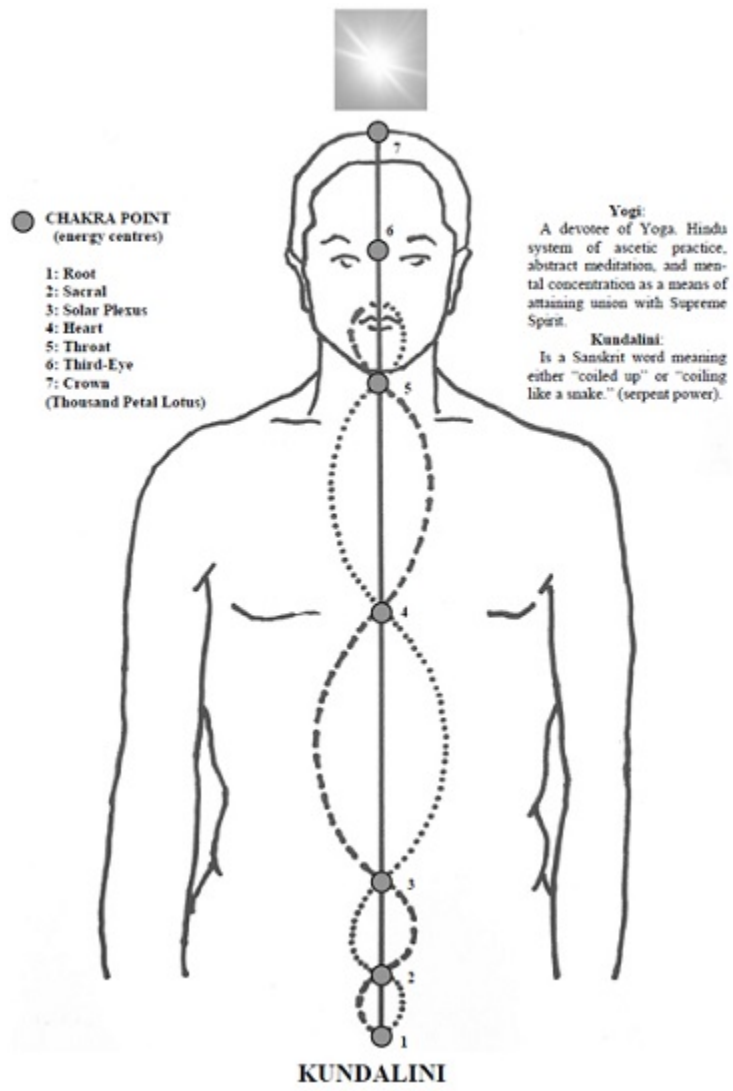
Eve

Symbol of the psychic—The Soul of

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| | the Individual consciousness. |
| The Serpent | The Life-Principle in its external manifestation or the Life in the body. |
| The Serpent crawling on the Ground (the deception) | The ignorant conception of spiritual realities. Unenlightened man, deceived by his own limited intellect. |
| The Serpent Lifted up | The Life-Principle in in enlightened man raised to spiritual understanding— entirely under the control of the will of the “I AM.” |
| The Seed of the Woman | The Birth of New Ideas into the World. |
| Seed of the Serpent | Unenlightened conceptions which retard the progress of Truth. |
| Man expelled from the Garden | Conflict with a world of sorrows and difficulties—a world of illusion, for the purpose of learning the Law of Causation. |
| Man in the Garden of Eden | Realization and recognition of his true Spiritual state—his Divine Sonship. |
| THE END (which is one with the beginning) | ONE LIFE. |

AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDENESS SO
MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP.

(Here ends this Lecture)



* See diagram page 49

Lecture 7 (13th September 1949)

MOSES REVEALS THE UNIVERSAL SPIRIT OF GOD

The Solomon recorded in the Scriptures is 900 B.C. but the wise Solomon was before Moses and according to the ancient Hebrew calendar this Solomon existed about 3,500 B.C. Moses existed about 2,000 B.C. Therefore, Moses came about 1,500 years after Solomon. It was this Solomon who brought to Egypt all the ancient truths which the Egyptians knew and understood, known as the secrets of Osiris.

The ancient Wisdom of Solomon was revealed in the building of the Temple of Solomon.

Moses was trained in the inner knowledge and also in statecraft after his initiation into the Secrets of the Solomon Temple, which held the secrets of Osiris.

Moses became a Minister of State to the Hebraic Pharaoh, but after the death of this Hebraic King another ascended who was an usurper and Moses opposed his ascension to the throne because this Pharaoh was not of the Amen Brotherhood. From this time onwards Egypt went down and fast became degenerate. It had departed from the truth that Solomon taught and many of the Hebrews followed the irreligious practice of worshipping idols.

Moses then, to preserve the Divine Truth, led the Israelites out of Egypt.

Moses' instructions to the peoples were, in Exodus 20: 2-5.*

God spoke all these words, "I am the Eternal, your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt, that slave-pen.

"You shall have no gods but me.

"You shall not carve any idols for yourselves, the shape of anything in heaven above or on the earth below or in the sea; you shall not bow down to them nor worship them, for I the Eternal, your God, am a jealous God..."

Here we see clearly what Moses knew and taught, that there was only one God, and that was the Eternal and if we worship anything else we do so at our own risk because of the creative power within us. If we put our faith upon an outside image we destroy the only power we have, of God within, “Thou shalt not have an image before me.”

There were certain symbols used at that time which were revered such as the Golden Calf of Aaron, but this represented the period of prosperity when lands were ploughed and seeds were sown. It was Aaron the High Priest who, being a great Astrologer, invented the symbols for each month of the year which are still used on the Zodiac.

This was known to the initiated as the perfect magic of God, much of this great knowledge has been lost to the world, yet the secret that was taken by Moses is carried down the ages and when Jesus came, he said, “I have not come to destroy the Law of Moses the Prophet, but to fulfil the Law.” Thus he showed that this Universal God was individualised in man.

Therefore Moses was the great man who preserved for us the ancient wisdom which he learned in Egypt, and if it were not for him this wisdom would have been lost to the world in the external consciousness of man, which was sinking into darkness through the degraded evils of idolatry.

Egypt, which was the land of Spiritual Light, was sinking into darkness so Moses decided to lead the Israelites out of the darkness into the Light. This was no easy task, for these people had been taught to worship idols by priests who knew less than themselves.

The external consciousness of man is ever ready to fall into the error of worshipping something that it can see, so symbols became idols. Only the Spiritual Consciousness can utilize the symbol in its representative form without worshipping it. This requires a deep understanding to rise to the Reality of the abstract and not descend to the error of worshipping the formation of atoms that are in themselves but a creation of the abstract, thus forming in the mind a personal God to save us from our troubles and trials, sickness and death.

The enlightened mind sees that this is impossible and this is verified by the words of the Master himself who says, “He that believeth on me and Him that sent me shall find for himself the Light of Life.” Another

translation says, "He that believe on me and Him that sent me has already passed across from death to Life."

Our present day religions are full of idolatry, most worship in the manner of the idols of the dark ages.

The external consciousness will forever be the soil in which idols are erected for worship. The enlightened consciousness can grasp the reality of the abstract and the unreality of the form and it was this that Moses and Jesus, the two great prophets, taught and demonstrated. It is this truth that must be carried down the ages. It is you who must realize it, you are the people of God who must understand it.

The churches today are preaching a God that is relative, a God outside themselves, but the "Real" God lives in us all and has the power to produce Himself in the form of a human being. "Thus when you have seen me you have seen the Father," "Yet I of myself am nothing," "It is the Father who remaineth forever in me is performing His own deeds." These words I have put to you in this way so that you can truly understand the great truth of the only "One."

History is repeating itself, as Solomon, Moses and Jesus came at periods so as to light the consciousness of man in a period of degeneration, hence the same is today in your midst. It is this inner philosophy of soul-culture through knowing the Truth that sets you all free.

You will note that the circumstances in which these great prophets found themselves were different. The unfoldment of the intellect is greater. The science of the ages is unfolding and the science of the world today is far in advance of the scientific knowledge known at each of the previous periods. So must the Spiritual understanding be even more unfolded to balance the progress of mankind on earth.

These lectures will eventually be published in book form as others have been done. Although extremely popular throughout the world with those who have advanced to understand the hidden mystery of Life, yet the time will come when millions will be read instead of thousands.

It is not so much the history of the prophets that we are dealing with but with the teaching of the Truth that they knew.

The same Truth is carried down the ages, for in Ecclesiastics 1: 9-10.* we read, “What has been is what shall be, what has gone on is what shall go on and there is nothing new under the sun. Men may say of something, ‘Ah, this is new!’—but it existed long ago before our time. The men of that old time are now forgotten, as men to come shall be forgotten by the folk who follow them. (But truth shall flourish forever).”

It is only by the unfolding of the Truth that we can enter into the greatness of what we are. We must first of all realize this Truth, that we are made in the image and likeness of God, reproducing in individuality, the same Universal Mind Consciousness which is the origin of all things and thus reproducing also its Creative process of thought. If we are ignorant of this Truth we bring upon ourselves all sorts of trouble and limitation.

Our growth is founded upon the Law inherent within ourselves which acts uniformly making no exception in favour of anyone. In James we read, that God gives to all without question or reproach but that he must ask in faith with never a doubt.

This is the Trinity of the Law of God which is revealed throughout all creation:

1. In the creation of the Universe the Mighty Intelligence, in the process of creation involving Itself in Its creation, firmly establishes Its inherent law which makes it immovable, unchangeable and it cannot be affected in any way by either angel or man;
2. That this Intelligence that created the Universe will respond to man’s creative thought in creating for him in his own world good or bad according to what he thinks. This is man’s Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
3. The final aspect of the Law is that the Love of God is supreme and when man realizes his true sonship as the prodigal son did and become one with the “One” Infinite Life, all that is not in harmony with his true self is wiped away, and he stands as he is, **free**, made in the image and likeness of God.

Like the prodigal son, he feasts at the Father's table and we are shown by the Master's words about the elder brother, "That all that I have is thine." All that is God's is ours but this we must first realize before it becomes a fact to us.

What the great Spiritual leaders worked for was to impart the understanding of the Law to those who would listen and this work applied to Solomon, Moses and Jesus the Master. These prophets have not left the world but are close at hand to further proclaim the truth by inspiration through those who have been chosen for this work.

Generation after generation the Law is still further revealed, as the progress of humanity rolls on so is the truth revealed according to the intelligence of the people. And it was this that the Master had in mind when he said, "The things I do greater things shall ye do if you will but believe."

The method of training was such in the first place to lead mankind into the ignorant obedience of the Law. For it would have been impossible for the unenlightened mind of early man to grasp the real relation of things, such explanation would be worse than useless. Hence came the whole system of the Mosaic Law.

There are today many unable to comprehend the Truth. The great masses are still ignorant to the inherent Law within mankind, so the revealing of the Truth is still in its infancy.

The experience of one generation after another reveals the growth of understanding. The great hindrance to man's freedom is orthodoxy, this is the serpent that wounds the heel of the seed of Truth—that holds it back.

But as Truth must become the victor, it shall crush the serpent's head so that it shall never rise up again.

Truth must and will conquer, for humanity is God's own Life manifesting in this world, and as It unfolds so does the Wisdom, Love and Power express It in their true aspects to make the new heaven and the new earth that we are told of in Revelations.

Now we see then that all is the Divine Plan, Moses came as the forerunner to lay the foundation for the people of God and we will see how he gathered the tribes of Israel together so that the great Truth would never be lost and makes it possible to be ours today.

“The Lord is with you while ye be with Him and if ye seek Him He will be found of you.” 2 Chronicle. 15: 2.

(Here ends this Lecture)

* Moffatt translation

* Moffatt translation

Lecture 8 (20th September 1949)

THE MISSION OF MOSES

We have seen in our last lecture that Moses came as a forerunner to bring into operation the foundation of the people of God.

From the desert he gathered together the tribes of Israel, all the people he could rely upon as a foundation to carry the Truth down through the ages, so that the Truth could never be lost.

The tribes of Israel had existed for thousands of years and were known as the Shepherd people. From this people all the prophets came, King David and Jesus came from the same people.

Although the masses of the tribes did not understand the inner truths the prophets did and this knowledge was handed down through the ages from one prophet to another by Spiritual communication and this is the ancient wisdom.

It was the Shepherd people who built the Temple under Solomon's direction. It was the same people that built the great Pyramids of Egypt which include in their precincts the ancient Law, Divinely given for the purpose of enlightening the world of the inner truth as the centuries roll by.

The all-pervading truth throughout the Bible is the Divine Unity as the foundation on which everything rests. So there can be nothing else but Spirit. So we must go beyond religious beliefs that separate mankind and clearly see what Moses taught and what Jesus taught is identical in nature.

Beliefs and creeds were made by those who worshipped the prophets. But Moses made it clear that there must be no worship of any kind except that of the Eternal God, the only "One" and this is still the salvation of the race.

It is the Tree of Life that we must take hold of and not symbols created by the mind of man.

Whatever name we give the First Cause, God, the Eternal, it is always the “One” self existing and self-transforming Power of which everything is some mode of manifestation, simply because there is no other source from which anything could come, **so the great truth of the mission of Moses was the “Oneness”** of everything and to worship **no idol no image no man** but the Eternal alone.

“The Father and I are one” reveals the mighty truth of the Infinite Spirit individualized in man. Yet today man is still in bondage because he does not comprehend this Truth. He accepts a lot of jargon which is meaningless just as the ignorant masses of long ago accepted, so they worshipped something they did not know. The same is with the masses today.

When we become aware of the truth of the prophets and realize that we are not separate in anyway, we consciously act upon this truth, we create for ourselves what we want and not what we do not want. By our own Divine power we prove ourselves to be the children of God and only through the recognition of the unity of God as “one Being” and not separate beings can this be done.

Therefore the mission of Moses was to reveal the “One” in “All” and the “All” in “One.” “I am the Lord thy God—I am the God of your forefathers.”

The mission of Moses starts with the phenomena of the Burning Bush, Exodus 3. The Angel of the Eternal appeared to him (Moses) in a flame of fire rising out of the thorn bush. When he looked there was the thorn bush ablaze with fire yet not consumed. God called to him out of the thorn bush, saying, “Moses I am the God of your Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.” (Moffatt)

The allegory is very plain. The Bush represents the form which the fire or Life permeates, the form through which the Life is expressing Itself, and within the bush God speaks. It is easy to read the meaning. The bush is the man, the fire the Life Intelligence in action which produces the form, and the Voice the consciousness within—the “I am” speaking.

Now note what the Voice says, “‘I am’ the God of your Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob,” showing that it is the one Lord that is in all and there could be no other.

Abraham is represented as the Father, and means the Spirit manifesting in man.

Isaac represents the Breath or soul-life in action, the same Life of the Father is in the Son.

Jacob means the body, the instrument of toil but lives only because of the Life that permeates it.

Here we see the great wisdom of Moses. The Life is the only Reality being the Creator of both soul and body. Spirit, Soul and body are one and must be so, for there is nowhere outside God from whence anything could come.

The Voice is always the expression of the Spirit, “My Word shall not return unto me void but will accomplish that which it is sent forth to do.”

The sacred power of the spoken word has always been hidden from the masses. Even Moses did not reveal it to his people although he used it himself.

Here is the sacred Word, “I am” the Life, that is why Jesus said “‘I am’ before Abraham.”

The “I am” alone can speak the Word yet the Word is on everyone’s lips, but they know it not. But note what God says to Moses: “‘I am’ shall be my name for all time.” This brings to us the clear understanding of the power man has over all things, but not until he understands this truth can he use the Word, that was with God, that Word that is God, and that same Word has been made flesh.

The Consciousness is in Life—that is your real self, who can speak the word even unto your soul and body and they shall obey.

The rod of Moses represents the physical when seen as the physical, but when seen as the Life it turns into the serpent which is represented as the Life in the body, showing again that the body has no existence apart from Life.

The feats performed by fanatics is the ignorant expression of this one Law, walking through fire, drinking deadly poison, passing a sword through the heart etc. This is the subjective, being reflected upon the objective, for the Law, acted upon ignorantly or knowingly, responds.

The subjective will always be reflected upon the objective and whatever the subjective believes so shall the objective reflect. It is the simple Law inherent in our being and has been proved by hypnosis repeatedly. The great power of man is to be able to use this power consciously.

But first he must understand the senses and what they represent for they are always suggesting to the subjective what is not true. This must be mastered first then the power to overcome all things becomes evident.

Many of the conditions that exist in your body and circumstances are because you believe they do exist as a reality. But Life is not affected by these things, yet within Life is the consciousness that creates these conditions because we are ignorant of the Law of Creation.

When this is not understood you are a slave to your subjective mind. This means that the ideas you create, like seeds you plant in the ground, they are sure to show growth sooner or later.

In Genesis it says God formed man in His own image and likeness. In the likeness of God He formed him with power and dominion over all things. This means exactly what it says, that we are like unto God having dominion over all things, but few know it. Even those who do know it can hardly believe it to be true, so it is a matter of growth; like the mustard seed it is very small, the smallest of all seeds, yet it grows to be the largest of all bushes. Jesus said, "All power has been given unto me in heaven and on earth."

So Moses got instructions to go to the children of Israel and to proclaim unto them what God said to him, "I am that I am and this shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I am' hath sent me unto you." Now Jesus says in similar words, "The Father who sent me...."

Moses has to tell the Israelites that the Eternal, the God of their Fathers, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob has sent you. This is My name for all time this is My title for all ages."

This shows distinctly that the same God of the prophets whom they revered was also their God, and would be for all time for all ages. No matter who came after them, it was the same God. This reveals the great significance of the words of the Master, "I am before Abraham."

This is the announcement of Being in the Absolute in that first originating plane of pure Spirit where the material form does not yet exist, therefore must be eternal and not a sequence in time, showing that the only possible mode of Being is the consciousness of Self-existence without limitation of either time or space.

The realization of the Universal **Here** and the everlasting **Now**. The concentration of “All” into point and the expansion of “point” into All. There is but “One” and that is God Eternal. To make it more effective I will repeat the Master’s words, “I and the Father are One.” This is the announcement of Being in the Absolute, pure Spirit, “I am.” “I am” is the Creative word that was in the beginning and is the same now in man.

I will detail it more easily for you thus:

“I am” the Cause behind all things.

“I am” everywhere, there is nowhere where “I am” not.

“I am” not limited, in differentiation, but as “I am,” undifferentiated.

“I am” perfect freedom with power and dominion over all things.

This is the foundation of our Spiritual existence which is not changed or affected by our physical existence, except that we believe that we are born of the flesh. Jesus says again, “Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in heaven.”

We limit ourselves only by our beliefs, what we believe to be true becomes true to us. But when you think properly you will realize that there can be no limitation to Life or consciousness, therefore no limit to thought, for thought is the expression of consciousness that takes form. As God has created us in His likeness we cannot destroy that which is within us but we can limit the use of this power by our ignorance of it.

“I am” Consciousness is the Creator, thought is its product and mind is the vehicle of expression or the soil in which the seed grows.

“All” has no boundary and point is everywhere in All, therefore All is in point as point grows into the “All” so does the “All” reflect Itself through point. Point is the “I am” in you and me and “All” is behind point, thus we grow into “awareness” through understanding.

We see that God has worked in wondrous ways revealing Himself through the prophets He created for this purpose, **for this they were born.**

“Scarlet your sins may be but they can become whiter as snow, they may be red as crimson and yet turn white as wool.” Isaiah 1: 18. (Moffatt)

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Lecture 9 (27th September 1949)

HE THAT FOLLOWS ME SHALL NEVER KNOW DARKNESS

The Truth that the Prophets Abraham, Solomon, Moses and Jesus knew must eventually become the property of the race.

The Prophets were trained oracles to translate the secrets of the heavens from the Spiritual source to become the salvation of the race.

It has always been thus since ancient times when the great oracles were the guiding stars of the masses, yet much of this knowledge had been submerged in idolatry. So in the days of ancient Egypt the people had to be educated up to the great Truth and the masses today have not advanced very far in this education yet, because of the ignorance of those who lead them. Jesus said, "The blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch."

Moses saw the great Truth as the only power which must expand throughout humanity to liberate the world. He realized that his mission was to set his people free by educating them gradually into the true knowledge of the Divine Name, so that they might gain a true understanding of the Law of their own Being.

Moses also saw the possibility of the complete destruction of civilization and the loss of the great Truth. Yet he also saw that through the understanding of the Truth humanity could be liberated from all limitation, misery, disease and want.

Modern research has shown us that this great fundamental Truth was not confined to Egypt but formed the ultimate centre of all religions of antiquity. It was the secret in which the highest mysteries culminated. It was the ultimate conclusion of the great sages and wise men of their age. Unfortunately creeds and dogmas have sprung up from the worship of sages instead of translating their instruction into daily action.

The great difficulty with the masses today is that they have not got a true understanding of things as they really are, they live in the illusion that matter and mind are two separate things. Consequently they are ever trying to solve their difficulties through the physical while ignorant of the fact that mind and matter or Spiritual substance and physical substance are ingredients of one single system.

When you begin to realize that this Truth I am telling you is not a mere figure of speech nor a product of the imagination but a living Reality you will no longer cling to the dualism that has haunted philosophy throughout the last few centuries.

We have been philosophizing for centuries on the teaching of the prophets but have failed to grasp the great Truth they taught of the materializing power of our thought action.

It is only through the understanding acquired through the teaching of the prophets Abraham, Solomon, Moses and Jesus that we can grasp the magnificent Truth as it dawns upon us, and what this means to us here and now. We are utterly spellbound by the action of its overwhelming force in our lives.

The mistaken dualism of mind and matter has confused so many Truth students and mental scientists that they try to prove that matter does not exist at all, that it is just an illusion of the mind.

We know that the senses do not know what matter is neither does the mind know what mind is nor does the consciousness know what it is, yet when the truth is known of the one Creative Power inherent in mankind, we know that healing can never be accomplished by denying matter or by argument, trying to prove that it does not exist or the condition that appears in it does not exist.

We gain that degree of understanding to realize that conditions are the result of our own reactions and when they appear they are supported by our belief in them thus supporting the phenomenon we ourselves produce.

Blind argument may give temporary relief but it can never give us true healing. This can only be obtained through the understanding of the fundamental truth that we can consciously or unconsciously act upon this substance we call matter, knowing that we have been given dominion over

all things. This remains a fundamental truth that can be proved by anyone who applies the Law explained to us by these prophets. The great Truth of our oneness with the Father reveals the Divine Nature of mankind.

Unfortunately this Truth has been lost in the mist of meaningless words, and even the learned in our midst are confused. They confuse themselves by the spinning of words and belief in the power of evil which has taken hold of their minds. Yet Truth is simple and easily applied.

We find that the priests throughout the world today, as of old, have very little knowledge of the inner mysteries which reveal the Truth of Being, but have an immense knowledge of ritual and formalities which they practice religiously without having any idea of what they are really doing. So they go on mystifying the people and confusing themselves.

We also find people praying to their God for aid to destroy their enemies, so-called, little realizing that their enemies, so called, are praying to the same God to destroy them also.

Now what God can they really be praying to? It cannot be a God in Reality so it must be one they have created for themselves, for there is but "One" God and He is eternal and ever-present in every human being, so they are worshipping something they do not know.

Hence throughout the ages we find a few who have the inner knowledge while the masses have a religion which is mostly idolatrous, taught by a lower order of priests who are, if at all, little better instructed than the worshippers.

When we come across an error in a calculation we do not accept the error but set about correcting it. Yet the most extraordinary thing is that most people accept an error that exists in the human mind, body or circumstances as a reality.

The Law of God is as sure as the Law of Mathematics and if applied as we apply the Law of Mathematics the result is perfect and true, made in His image and likeness. If you will bear this in mind you will not be confused by the phenomena you see before you.

Everything is the result of the consciousness acting upon the Law, whether we create a condition that is foreign to our true nature or whether you allow the Law to operate correctly by the realization of the oneness of

the individual and the Universal, that the invisible and the visible are “One,” the one is the cause of the other.

You can be caught up in the error of your fear and your belief, if you do not realize that the Creative Power in you is that same Creative Power you have inherited from your Father in heaven. No matter how much you argue with yourself or philosophise you will fail if you are unaware of this inherent Law.

The great mystery of the ancient Egyptian Temple was enthroned in the midst of a magnificent edifice. In the inner veiled Sanctuary, behind the golden curtain, stood not a great Apollo or a god as you might expect but a common **onion**.

Why should the most common thing on earth be so enthroned? Tons of them lay on the streets to be sold, for everyone at that time ate onions freely. The masses could not perceive the meaning, but the one who penetrated the real meaning was initiated into the mysteries of Osiris and thereafter his lips were sealed.

The veil was lifted with the understanding of the all-Presence of the Eternal Living “One” Spirit, present not only in the Temple but in the streets, in the fields and in all places alike.

The onion also held the symbol of the outer and the inner, until the centre was reached and this was found to be identical with the outer. The outer was the effect of the inner, so the inner became the outer. Only one in a hundred thousand penetrated the mystery so was immediately admitted into the inner mysteries of Osiris.

To the masses a superficial meaning was palmed off, so ignorant creeds and dogmas came into being and the real meaning became submerged, as it is today, by sanctimonious formalities.

It was the great Truth of the omnipresence of the Eternal that the prophets and sages passed down through the ages. It is this same Truth that you must hold fast to today.

The predetermined knowing of the Eternal is being manifested in you. It is the beginning and the end. It exists as the Universal Law of Life, so when we look at the serpent Moses raised up in the wilderness and see the son of man raised up, we begin to know the Truth of our Being.

I want you to remember this clearly in your mind, whatever the consciousness is aware of so the predetermined knowing of the Infinite (the Intelligence) will fulfil.

While God's ideas are perfect, man's ideas are often imperfect. But this should not alarm us for only through experience can we learn to operate the Law. It was for this that man was put out of the Garden of Eden to learn for himself through experience the right use of the Law. And the prophets were sent so that man could be guided back to the Garden of Eden to the realization of his true birthright born of the Spirit. "Call no man your Father on earth for one is your Father who is in Heaven."

So the discovery of our true state is natural and inevitable and we are led into the Garden of Eden through the teaching of the prophets. These teachings will stand for all time as a guiding star to unfolding humanity.

Modern thinking today is causing consternation in the minds of those who stick to the erroneous fiction of their creeds which reveal the unscientific and stupid belief of a devil and a hell as depicted in Dante's Inferno.

You are playing a great part in the great scheme of evolution according to the nature and intention of the Infinite Creative Principle through the instrument of your mind in action, to bring about the direct expression of the Presence that abides in you, by realizing that there is no other mind but His, and no power but His, and assured that the ultimate result is perfect freedom.

Man may for a time please himself but in the end he can only please God. Thus he finds through his action and experience the Law relentlessly brings upon him what he sows so does he reap. Ultimately there is no other way but to please God, and we find the way through the prophets Abraham, Solomon, Moses and Jesus. The same wisdom is being expressed to you now in your midst.

Those prophets were universal figures and it is only ignorant man that has made sectional denominations out of their teachings by making claims that have no basis in Truth. The various dogmas only create confusion and separation and are therefore false. The statement that the Kingdom of Heaven is within is proof that only within can we find the pearl of great price and not through any outside organisation or system.

When leaders of nations disregard the Truth as revealed by the prophets thereby setting in operation campaigns of hate which will revert upon themselves, and in which hate and antagonism remain, suffering in both body and soul is evident. As the prophet rebuked the leaders of old so are our leaders rebuked today.

We must not create error in ourselves by hating others no matter how they display their ignorance. For if we follow their example we will be no better than they are and we will suffer even more because of our knowledge of the Law.

Your place is to be always ahead of the race so that the race may be led along the path of truth and freedom, those in front must be the light that lighteth the pathway, "I am the Light of the world and he that follows me shall never know darkness."

BENEDICTION

O Divine One, we thank Thee that Thou hast seen fit to send into the world Thy chosen ones to show us the way.

We ardently desire that our eyes and ears be opened to see and hear Thy Voice calling all souls to look to Thee alone, O Eternal One.

We have come to realize that we are born of Thee and open ourselves to Thy presence so that all who come to us may be strengthened in Thy ways.

That we may all be one family, living in peace and joy, feasting at the one table in our Everlasting Home in Thee, Beloved One.

Lecture 10 (4th October 1949)

“ISRAEL AWAKE, THE LORD THY GOD IS ONE LORD”

The greatest thing we can do is to reveal the Life as the “One” Life in all, as was in the beginning, is now, and the same forever. This was the work of the prophets and is still the work of the prophets for this work is by no means finished, this is why the prophets are now in your midst.

Only a few are used to leaven the many and they are the spearhead of the Infinite Life revealing the truth of the one Life, and the only Real manifesting in human life.

There is much intellectual learning in the world but little real wisdom is discerned in it. Therefore it is your work to discern the false, the ever-changing from the everlasting.

Head-learning and soul wisdom are two different things. It is not what the eye sees but what the heart feels that is real. Even ignorance is better than head-learning with no soul wisdom to guide it. The crowd follows what the eye can see, but few find the secret wisdom of the soul.

The crowds are confused because their minds are cluttered up with so many ideas of others, they read book after book and are not one bit better off.

Refuse to let others do your thinking for you, for this will destroy your power to think for yourselves. Thinking for yourselves is the greatest asset you have.

Do your own thinking for in this lies your safety. Most people are imitators, they follow the suggestions of others and are caught up in the desires of others and become pawns in their schemes.

The purpose of these lectures is while teaching the Truth to enable you to think deeply, thereby freeing you from the dictates and ideas of others.

The negative conditions in your lives will disappear when you think Divinely. This keeps your mind in a state of awareness of the Truth of your being. This is the law of progression which will eventually manifest in the race.

You all learn by experience, consciously or unconsciously, according to your ideas, producing health or sickness, success or failure. You will find that your ideas are the impelling force behind your daily conduct, your thinking and acting. You act in accordance with the ideas that dominate your minds, thus you out-picture your life accordingly.

When you do not know the cause, you live in a world of misunderstanding and illusion. But when you know the cause you are free. Thus thinking for yourselves is the most valued possession you have, then guard it with all the power you possess.

I have repeatedly told you that cause and effect are one. Effect is but the cause manifesting. Cause is “mind in action” manifesting in its vehicle called “matter,” and this is called the effect. If you are not aware of this then you are lost in the effect, and you can never escape from it by ignorantly denying it or by using material means alone to eliminate it. So in your individual lives as in the masses this must be understood; as in olden times so it is today.

Egypt was old when Moses was young and signs of decadence were evident. Cruel oppression, pomp and vanity, these self-disintegrating forces were at work. Soon mighty Egypt would be as dust, smitten by its own rottenness. This was Egypt that had led the van of civilization. What could be expected from the rest of the world, if the great Truth was lost?

What was the outlook for the future with an intellectual development expanding only on the material side without any knowledge of the Spiritual Truth of the real livingness of Life? Materialized intellectual greed and selfishness were feeding the beast in man and would ultimately destroy the world in deadly strife.

This was Egypt when Moses was young. Are we repeating the same cycle of ancient Egypt? Is our world today not smitten with its own strife and separation and desire for conquest of the things of the world?

Separate ideologies are warring against one another. It is only by the Truth that the prophets Abraham, Solomon, Moses and Jesus revealed that civilization can be freed from misery and suffering.

Success today is gauged in material gain. This is the false god that man still worships. To the unenlightened it is the most cherished thing in the world but to mankind it is the most destructive.

What will become of the world if the real Truth should become extinct? But the Infinite has planned otherwise. When man has suffered enough he will seek the Eternal. This is the story of the prodigal son repeating itself in our midst.

Therefore the Truth must no longer be the mysterious legend of the inner temple but must become the household word in every family. This is the work of this generation; although it is far from being accomplished, it is on its way.

The Supreme mystery of Life must be the starting point in every child's education instead of being the final teaching before man dies.

To claim what the Eternal has in store for us we must disregard sectional denominations, polished materialism. We must also cease worshipping the intellect and cleverness of the mind of man. We must discern what our ideas are and the motives behind them. We must practise what the Master taught, to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength and love our neighbour as ourselves. For surely our neighbour is ourselves, in the light of the Truth that God alone is the only "One."

Therefore I am not stating anything new but that which the prophets revealed. This we must translate into our daily living and refrain from worshipping the individual prophets in themselves. The Master makes this plain when he says, "I of myself am nothing," showing that the Infinite to be infinite there must be only "One" and this is the "One" we must worship in Truth. Therefore we prove to ourselves that the simple Law of "Love your neighbour" is the true expression of God in us all.

No matter in what capacity we are engaged, this law gives to us freedom and happiness, because it is in accordance with the Divine expression in us.

In our experience we are prone to react to conditions and circumstances, and blame others for our troubles. We thus create enmity within ourselves. If our reaction is anger we utterly destroy our harmony. If our reaction is jealousy we weaken ourselves, for jealousy is an admission of failure which establishes a feeling of inferiority.

Our safety lies in following the direction of the Master, “Love your enemies, return good for evil, bless them that curse you, and do good unto them that hate you and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be children of your Father which is in Heaven.” This is a clear statement of the Law.

Whatever we think and feel within ourselves so do we create in the outer, thus we suffer through our reaction to things external to ourselves. Pure action comes from the Spirit within and is expressed outwardly, thus creating harmony in every atom of our being as well as harmonizing our surroundings in accordance with our Divine Nature.

“Instead of being moulded to this world, have your mind renewed and so transformed in nature, able to make out what the will of God is, what is good and acceptable to Him and perfect.”

We see then how important it is for us to discern what are our thoughts and reactions. Are they moulded to the outside world or moulded by the Divine Nature that is true within us.

The belief in an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth is as out of date as the belief that the earth is flat. It is only then we realize that the Real Self is none other than the great Infinite Self which is behind all Creation, do we recognise the unlimited inexhaustible power guided by Love and Wisdom which is ours. Therefore we no longer react upon the outer but are able to change it in accordance with that which is true.

Thus we gain for ourselves health, success and happiness as a natural sequence. “For no eyes have yet seen or ears have heard of all the good things that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The plastic mind of the young is moulded by what it is taught during the first years. The mind accepts in terms of what is forced upon it, and is no longer able to think for itself, but in accordance with the concepts it has absorbed. Therefore proper culture would teach the truth of Being and the

culture of the mind. The mind would be trained to think in higher ideas of wisdom and understanding of Life, which would develop kindness and true values.

As polished materialism begins to fade away so will the system of education that has fed it disappear also. Truth culture is a sure foundation for the Life of the people, not a narrow bigoted culture but an expansive culture that will include all peoples.

This Truth is not found in any books but in the heart of enlightened man himself. Fearless love and understanding of true values alone can unite the peoples of the world and not conferences based on the external things that cause sorrow and conflict.

The first announcement must be that of the Divine Being as the “Infinite One” the Universal “I” and the ever-present “am.” “I am” ‘that’ “I am.” This was the mission of Moses.

The Master showed the same “I am” Individualized in the flesh. When you reflect within yourself the only power is the subjective “I” this is the starting point in man. “Am” confirms the report and says “Yes ‘I am.’” This is our future growth to all eternity. That is why both Moses and Jesus assigned it to its supreme place in the human life.

Moses proclaims the Eternal “I am” and Jesus proclaims the personal expression of the great “I am.”

Moses says, “O my brethren, shall the Lord raise up a prophet like unto me.” Here Moses saw the necessity of such a prophet as civilization rolled on. This prophet must be one who would duplicate Moses and take Life a step further in its progress of evolution. When Jesus came, he said, “If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither would they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.” “I have come to fulfil the law of the prophets.”

We can see the great scheme of the Infinite, choosing Its own channels to reveal the great Truth for the progress of humanity from age to age, and we will find the key to these words in our own hearts and on our lips in the secret word “I am.”

Therefore the people of the “I am” must be free, independent of both time and country, and derive its solidarity alone from the recognition of the “One” only.

If we identify ourselves with the family tree or race, tradition, state or church we identify ourselves with something that is external, illusive and unstable. If we are caught up in any of these we will have a belief in separation that leads to antagonism. If we permit any of these beliefs to rule us we are no longer the people of the “I am.”

The ignorance of the individual is shown in the struggling of the masses today. In the midst of our amazing scientific achievements we find ourselves in a world sick, disabled and depressed because we have looked outside for our remedy.

We have not yet realized the deep underlying error in our whole civilization. We must discern the cause of separation, then and then only can we realize our unity.

It is easy to say, “The Father and I are one” but this does not free us from our prison. We only bring this truth into our prison. It is only when we discern the cause of our prison and dissolve the error can we translate our Divine nature into our daily existence.

We need not shrug our shoulders and say the responsibility is not ours. Nor must we deny that these conditions exist. Neither does dwelling upon our defects help us for this only causes discouragement. But if we see that we are contributing to the misery of the world we will cease to do so, thereby allowing the Absolute freedom of expression through us for the benefit of all.

Thus the great march through the wilderness is symbolic as it is told in Exodus. The wilderness is the symbol of a barren place where no growth could be obtained. The people are led into a land that flows with milk and honey, and milk and honey is symbolical of Spiritual food, where the bounties of God could be found. This can only be by the realization of the Spirit of God in man. This is the people of the “I am” for this was the true name of the Eternal “One.”

Is—ra—el in syllables carries a great meaning. The first “Is” is pronounced as if you were drawing in breath, signifying the Life Principle in action more particularly the individual Life. “Is” forms the basis of worship of the Egyptian Goddess “Isis” “Is” represents the soul. The second is “Ra” and is the name of the Egyptian Sun God and this represents the Life Principle manifesting in the body, and the third, “El,” is that which

supports both and represents the Universal Being known as the “Nameless One” which includes both male and female and gives rise to them.

This is pure Spirit—the Supreme Being—now the same as before It had individualized Itself in the many. In other words it represents Spirit, Soul and body. Therefore man is instructed into the Kingdom of Heaven which combines the threefold recognition of God and manifesting in individuality, which is accurately represented by the combination of the three syllables “Is—ra—el,” and unless these three are joined together in one single unity, “Israel,” the recognition is not complete. “When you have seen me you have seen the Father.”

Most cults fail because they separate the Spirit, Soul and body. “And the Word was with God and that very Word was God and the same Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.”

BENEDICTION

“O Magnificent One, as we unceasingly meditate on Thee we feel Thee and know that we have dominion over all things.

O Essence of Love, our intellectual concepts were cold and devoid of feeling. But now we have come to know Thy enduring Love by Thy ever tenderness to us.

O Divine Omnipresence, these words are not mine but Thine. I only felt them and gave them expression through the medium of words.

May Thy Blessing go with them to strike an answering note on the living harp-strings of our hearts so that we may feel Thy Presence always, O omnipotent One.”

Lecture 1 (11th October 1949)

THE GREATEST GIFT

It is not a code of ethics that will free mankind from his self-imposed condition. It is only through understanding the Law of Life that this freedom will come. Only in unconditioned Life can there be perfect freedom.

As our thought world changes so must all outward conditions change accordingly. For in fact the external world is the exact replica of our inside world—the world in which we create. Most people, including our leaders, are ignorant of this great truth. Yet it is the Supreme Law of the Universe and acts with uniformity in every plane from the highest to the lowest.

Do not think that I am bringing you any form of new religion or philosophy or mode of life, this is not the intention of these lessons. But if you flounder in these relative things, that is your own responsibility. Conformity to any pattern means limitation and limitation means frustration and frustration leads to unhappiness.

The greatest gift I can give you is to train you to think for yourselves, not to do your thinking for you, for within yourselves alone lies your freedom. When you understand this you will no longer be deceived by those who are narrow and constricted in their outlook, or others without the capacity of true understanding and others lacking sincerity.

The world today is fed on propaganda, the multitude is deceived and repeat the rote with the result that the things they believe in they reproduce. Thus man is caught up in the whirlpool of his own making. He fights like a wild beast for his existence while he allows others to do his thinking for him, spiritually and materially. He gives up his own authority and loses his individuality in a mass of confused thinking.

The objective self is always attaching itself to what it can see on the external and tries to build to the pattern it sees in the objective, not realizing that that which it sees is but the effect of causes unseen. This is not the true source from which we should build as long as we discern this fact we can free ourselves from it.

Now let me explain to you the most important fact that will lead you out of this confusion into the true Light which the prophets of old revealed and in modern language I will put it this way to you.

Our subjective self—that self that is “**creator**,” judge and executioner is none other than the Universal Self that is behind all Creation. There is only “One” and there cannot be another, and that “One” must be in the many and the many must be in that “One,” the only difference being in the degree of expression of that “One” the difference being as a drop of water differs from the ocean. When the drop is in the ocean it is the ocean, they are of the same kind and quality.

The Universal Self must produce the Individual Self in the Universal Self, because It cannot produce anything outside Itself, for It fills all space with Its own substance. Therefore the Individual Self must function in the same substance for there can be no other, and by the same mode of action, for we are made in His image and likeness with dominion over all things. Yet this truth is of no value to you unless you become aware of it through action and experience.

The only power there is is the subjective “I” and this is your starting point. Everything must originate from this starting point, and this starting point is within each one. Yet there is no separation anywhere because there is but “One” Spirit and One Spirit Substance.

You will remember in our last Course it was revealed that “I am” is the name of God which Moses was shown in the phenomenon of the burning bush and when Jesus says “‘I am’ the Life,” “the Father and I are one.”

Therefore “I am” is the starting point, the creative factor in everyone. When this is understood you will not readily accept what anyone tells you, for whatever you believe so it is unto you. How many people have suffered in health alone from this we will never be able to know, but it must run into hundreds of millions. Under these circumstances the revealing of the real Truth should be the paramount thing in your lives.

Modern science reveals that the knowledge of the prophets is in exact accordance with modern experience. The wisdom of these great teachers is not fully realized yet. The teaching of Jesus has revealed the apex of human existence and his message was also that of the “I am.” “I do nothing of my own accord but as my Father has shown me so I speak just like Him.”

Jesus continued the same work the prophets carried through the ages to further expand the Truth as man evolves. While Moses established a people founded upon the recognition of the unity and oneness of God, Jesus showed in natural sequence the foundation of a people founded upon the unity of man as the expression of the “Oneness” and Unity of God. This is the nucleus of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Moses no doubt had this conception in his mind otherwise he would not have spoken of the prophet like unto himself that would come after him, and it is definitely seen in the Scriptures that Moses was a Spiritual guide to Jesus for he came with Elijah to speak with Jesus on Mount Sinai.

So the prophet that was to come after Moses had lead humanity further along the path towards its great goal of unity. As Moses looked down the ages he foresaw the necessity for another prophet like unto himself to carry the work forward through another cycle, and Jesus recognized clearly that he was the prophet of whom Moses spoke.

While Moses elaborated the Universality of God, Jesus elaborated the Universality of God as individualised in man, and unless man could see this he could not be free. This was the Truth that would set him free. Moses showed the “I am” in Its Universal state, Jesus showed the same “I am” in Its individual state,—the impersonal became the personal. This is the Truth that all must see so that all may become free and unlimited by thinking truly for themselves.

Thus the Creative Power of God is established in the individual when the individual realizes this fact. I am sure that you have not yet fully realized this truth. But when the seed is sown, it will grow in the consciousness and blossom forth as the Law of Life.

You practice and experience this Law day by day often not knowing what you are doing. Only when the great revealing power of the Law becomes a reality do you wake out of your, dream state and truly live. When this tremendous power is revealed you find the omnipotent and

omniscient qualities of the Universal Self within yourselves, and the mind that is filled with this Truth can have no limits placed upon its activities.

Prayer is the exact operation of this law and there is nothing religious or mysterious about it. True prayer is creating in the inner world that which you want to see produced in the outer. But before your prayer can be fully answered you must understand the operation of the Law, and it is this great Law I am endeavouring to show to you.

To Jesus prayer was expressing God through communion and he knew the method. He advised us to go into our closet and close the door for only in the inner realms does the Father dwell and only there do we find our true relationship with Him, Who is Creator of all things. "And whatsoever you ask in my name so shall it be done unto you." "I am the Life he that believeth in me shall never see death."

The work of the prophets is by no means finished, not until the full realization of the great international nationality sweeps the world shall all separation disappear with Christ manifesting in every soul, for this is the culmination of human existence.

"Unless you are born again, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven," born of the Spirit realizing the fact that you are now Spirit and no power external to the self has any say in the matter. The imbecility of excommunication is as stupid as trying to separate the ocean from itself. If it was not for the belief in the power of sin bigoted religious creeds which breed separation and fear would have been dead long ago. They thrive on the belief in the power of sin.

Sin exists in the mind of man not in the mind of God. Then let all enter into the Kingdom of Heaven where there is no belief in the power of darkness. For when there is Light the darkness disappears. Where there is wisdom ignorance disappears. Sin and ignorance only exist because of the absence of love and wisdom, the Light of the World. "I am the Light of the World, and he that believeth in me shall never know darkness."

When the word of the "I am" is known all things are possible to those who use it aright. This is the meaning of the saying "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things shall be added unto you."

The power of this Truth is not gained in one day, It grows through experience and repetition, and “by dwelling upon the Lord” for we are “made in His image and likeness.”

Thought is the Lord’s one mode of action, all things are the result of thought, unless you know the Lord you shall never know the power of Him Who dwells within. Dwell in the deeper meaning of this so that you will express “that which is good and acceptable to Him.” And what is good and acceptable to Him you will find the same is to you.

The great Truth is that everything exists now, all is complete. We partake of this completeness day by day. But some can only partake of a crumb at a time. If we could only realize the completeness in which we live and move and have our being, our consciousness would become so expansive we would raise the atomic rate of our minds and bodies and be present with the Lord in reality now. It is only our limited state of consciousness that prevents this **Now**.

Consciousness reaches out far beyond the limits of the brain to influence people and things causing them to be inclined towards the desire of that consciousness.

This has been thought to be a mental power that acts even at a distance. This power acts as surely as the sun’s rays affect plants and flowers. It is the consciousness of the Creator behind all life’s manifestation in all kingdoms in Heaven and on earth. Herein lies the secret power of the “I am.”

First learn the Law of Life by understanding it, then you will do greater things as stated by the Master himself. But if you live in a world of limitation then this is not for you. If you truly desire freedom then this you can have by thinking for yourselves to **make this Truth your own**.

BENEDICTION

Blessed are those who share Thy gifts which Thou hast given.

Some are wailing by the wayside for a crumb, and die in the poverty of an unenlightened soul.

Yet those who think more of Thy gifts than Thee separate themselves from Thee.

O Blessed One, I have offered Thy great gift that Thou hast given to me and have found myself in all.

I love to be guided by Thee for now I know that Thou art my greatest Well-Wisher.

Lecture 2 (18th October 1949)

“THE TRUTH SHALL SET FREE”

Jesus showed what was Universal in God was individual in man and as soon as we realize this the veil is lifted and the power shines from his instructions.

His words, “But anyone who drinks the water I shall give him will never thirst anymore, the water I shall give him will turn into a spring of living water welling up to Eternal Life.”

Yet he did not separate himself from mankind but came to reveal man as the expression of the Father and to show himself as the great example reaching the full individual expression.

You can never know Truth through an idea of Truth for Truth is not an idea. An idea of Truth is but a standardization of thought which is limitation and prevents the unfolding of the Self in Truth.

You must not try to imagine what Truth is. If you say it is one flame in many lamps and so forth these are but words and you are no nearer the Truth.

You cannot imagine the inconceivable, so you must free your mind from the ideas of what Truth is, for this only binds you, limits you, crippling your thought and wasting your energy.

If you try to mould your life to an idea, a belief, this is not Truth, it is but a dead thing and all your achievement turns to ashes.

If your whole structure of thought is based upon an idea of what truth is you are only imitating and your imitation is emptiness but few see the misery of it.

It is only when you are conscious of your own bondages will you become aware of Truth. But then do not try to find out **what** It is only know **that** It is, this will lead to freedom and the realization of the ecstasy of Life.

In this way you will become a supreme individual losing all sense of the particular. Then you are like the wind that moves no one knoweth where it cometh or where it goeth. You are like the water that fits into every jar, you are free to fit any situation. But if your mind is burdened with the past or the future you will only find stagnation and frustration.

The “I am” must lose itself in the Whole, then the “I am” becomes the most powerful affirmation.

“The Word was in the beginning and that very Word was with God and God was that Word. Everything came to be by His hand and without Him not even one thing came to be of what was created. The Life was in Him and the Life is the Light of Man, and the same Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. He was the true Light which lighteth every man who came into the world. He was in the world and the world was under his hand, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own and his own did not receive him. But those who received him to them he gave power to become sons of God, especially those who believed in His name. Those who are not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man but born of God.”

“No one has ever seen God but the first-born of God who is in the bosom of his Father he has declared Him.”

When we consider this we enter into the realm of fact in knowing that all there is is Infinite. Therefore all must be of the Infinite and in the Infinite, there is no other Substance, Life, Consciousness or Power but that which is Infinite. Therefore all is Infinite and therefore indestructible.

Not one particle of substance we know of can be destroyed. It may change its form yet nothing is lost. Some call this change in form, decay or death, but when we examine this further we see that there can be no death anywhere, it is but an idea in the mind of man.

These ideas then bind you and help to create sorrow and limitation by your belief in loss so you become afraid.

When the Law of Change is not understood you create ideas which you think are true. Don't you see how you become limited and fearful, thus you no longer can be free, but have conditioned yourselves in your beliefs.

Modern Science has proved to us that there is only one substance underlying all formation whether it be mineral, vegetable, animal or man. Science has also gone on to show that all solids, fluids and vapours are but a modification of this one Substance which is invisible and of which Science says no one knows what it is, yet the fact that we can investigate it proves that it is relative.

All is acting according to definite laws which are stable and eternal, showing that there is an Infinite Intelligence underlying everything and we only know that it is not what it is.

Therefore you cannot say that Truth is this or that, yet we can become aware of It through discerning the relative.

“And the Word was with God and the Word was God and the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.” This Word is “I am” but if it remains only “I am” we are lost in separation. Therefore the prophet says, “I am that I am,” this is the Eternal secret, that has been heralded through the ages and only those who can realize the fullness of Life in the present can translate it into daily living.

This is the awareness of Being having no limitation expanding into Infinity.

“But anyone who drinks of the water I have given him will never thirst anymore.” The fact that drinking is symbolical of taking into oneself that it must flood our whole being, conveying that there is neither a beginning nor an ending in that which is ever renewing, which is ever pliable, **this is Life Itself.**

I am not trying to describe the indescribable and you would never understand even if you tried to copy it.

There is no end, so if you try to achieve an end and hold it, then you can never free yourself.

I have already stated to you if you talk of that which is within you make it relative and if you try to imagine what it is you are lost in your own imagination, for that which you thought was within becomes an image of your own making, something apart from yourselves which is worthless.

If you examine your minds you will see now that all you had of the Truth was but an image, the whole thing is very simple yet it is extremely

difficult for those who still cling to the image or idea they think is truth.

But if you can discern all the images and ideas you hold, then you will see that they are only ideas, your own, or others whom you imitate, then you will free yourselves from them and truth will begin to express Itself without effort, for Life Itself is free and unconditioned. You will become aware of yourself as Life, free from all ideas of what It is, or beliefs in which you have wrapped it up, thereby stifling it. You will realize that you are not separate from Life. Jesus performed all his miracles by this “awareness.” “I and the Father are one.”

“Living water” which the Master spoke of was the free gift of God to all who would drink it, the water that fills all jars. This is the true understanding that dissolves all doubt and fear from the consciousness.

We can further debate the matter relatively by understanding that the Infinite being all there is, there can be no other but His Creation. Therefore He must become what He creates as He cannot create anything outside Himself, so there is the meaning of the “Word.” “The Word was in was in the beginning and that very Word was with God and God was that Word and this same Word was made flesh. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made.”

“This Word was the Light, that Light that shineth in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. This Light is the freedom of Life to all who can comprehend it. Therefore if we discern the darkness, that which hinders the Light, we shall free the Light that is in us, we will then know that we **are** the Light—which the darkness cannot overcome.

This Light therefore must be realized as the fundamental Principle inherent in All. The Light lies patiently waiting recognition, but this recognition is not possible if we wrap it up in ideas, images and beliefs.

The world is ignorant of true facts so the mind of man is filled with mental concepts of what he sees or hears but when we examine these concepts we find that there is no evidence to substantiate the truth of them. Therefore the majority of people live in a world of illusion which is the cause of their feeble inefficient and ineffectual existence.

When true understanding comes there is no uncertainty, but direct expression of Reality Itself freed from all illusion and limitation. But if you

do not know the difference between the real and the relative you are lost in your own error.

We are connected to the world without by our objective consciousness, the brain is the organ of the objective world, our senses are acted upon by vibrations of light, sound, taste, smell, hearing and feeling. If we are lost in the outer world we fear, the consequences are of our own making.

But if we are aware of the Truth our nervous system conveys constructive impulses which react upon our body and circumstances creating harmony instead of chaos, with the result that we build health and establish harmony in our surroundings which brings happiness through the expression of the Light that overcometh all things.

The Infinite has given us free will to choose, the choice is left with us to choose freedom or limitation.

BENEDICTION

O Eternal One, Thou hast blest me with Thy light that I may put to flight the gathering gloom of ages, matured in the dark corner of the human mind.

Through the grace of Thy light and wisdom I will dispel the accumulated error of a million years.

The vision of Thy Creation floats in my dream, and I awake to find that I and Thee are "One," O Omnipotent One.

Lecture 3 (25th October 1949)

THE GREAT DISCOVERY

Most people become complicated in their superficial beliefs, beliefs in this and that, beliefs in dogma, belief in systems. All these are superficial and lead only to chaos.

Before one can grasp what I am speaking to you about you must unburden your minds of all these things, there is no other way. To make the great discovery, you must do this yourselves, I cannot do it for you although I may show you the way.

You must not twist what I say to you to suit your beliefs, your fears, your creeds. You cannot distort the Truth to suit your own ends. Truth is so immense It cannot be abased.

The Truth is the Self that is in all other selves, and on It all things depend, and from which all transformation arises.

That Self is in everyone and you must look to that Self and put everything else aside, then you will find the core of all things.

If that Self is perverted, fearful, burdened, anxious, all your creations will bear the stamp of your fears. The care and realization of this Self is more important than anything else, because the Self creates everything else.

It creates either beauty or ugliness. It creates either sorrow or everlasting happiness. It is also the creator of illusions thereby creating pain, suffering or rejoicing. If the Self is without true understanding then there is self-expression without meaning.

If you are concerned only with things which are but the expression of the Self, if your happiness is dependent upon things, you are bound to have sorrow and conflict. Then you are lost in chaos.

To lead you into a better understanding of the Self I will repeat to you this saying of the Master, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord.

You must love the Lord thy God with your whole heart with your whole soul, with your whole mind and with your whole strength. The second one is, you must love your neighbour as yourself. There are no other commandments greater than these.”

Here he tells us how to translate the Truth into our daily living. He also shows that the Truth is above Law because It is the seed of everything and from it all transformation arises.

The fulfilling of this commandment brings about perfect poise of the “Self” which is true creation, and that you must care for that “Self” that abides in everyone. This is the great individuality of the “Universal Self.” The same is individualized in you and me. This is the realm which is limitless, boundless. There is no one path, no one guide for It Itself is all guides and all paths.

You can only approach It when your eyes are not blinded by tradition, by law, by convention, imposed by society, by religion or by fear.

The Universal is impersonal in nature, all abides in the Universal and the Universal abides in all and by this power we all think, “as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.” It is the vehicle for expression as well as the cause of expression. The Universal is behind every created thing, every movement seen and unseen, above and below.

The most unsuspected happens because man does not realize that the Universal will create for the individual just as he thinks. It will create a negative condition as well as a positive. Our attitude then must be one of understanding, not fear nor limitation.

The next point I want to make clear to you is that the Universal is harmony and when this is really seen by the individual all fear dissolves away. The individual no longer struggles to create harmony when this is understood.

It will be seen that our various mental states, emotions and fears have their effect upon our mind and body and circumstances producing their own peculiar kind of trouble. We are connected through the Self with every other self and the only way to obtain true harmony is to obey the commandment of the Master, “To love God and love your neighbour.”

Everyone knows how hate, anger, and jealousy cause inharmonious changes in the body through chemicalization, and everyone knows that harmony of thought and mind excites the healthy flow of all the secretions in the body and opens the channels so that the Life Force surges through the organism to replenish and renew the whole body.

When the recognition of the true meaning of “Life” is in the mind, the body responds because the body is also mental substance that responds to vibrations.

Your thoughts are in the inner world and the effects are in the outer. The reason for this is that the physical organism is the mechanism especially adapted for the transmission of the inner or mental action into modes of external activity.

Whatever activity is created within so it must come to the outer, this is a truth that all have experienced, but few have sense enough to discern it.

With further reference to the body which many are so much concerned with, we see that it is traversed by a network of nerves that serve as channels of communication between the Indwelling “Self” and the functions of the external organism. This is the temple of the Living God that is built without hands. When we care for the “Self” which is in all, through understanding, harmony is established.

Thought is the one mode of action throughout the Universe. All forms are the result of thought. We must realize day by day that we live, move and have our being in Him the “Universal Self” Who created us in His own image and likeness.

We must know that we create by thought from a Source that is unlimited and that only we ourselves create the limitation. The great Self in us all is constantly seeking to make Itself perfect in us and thereby eternal and free.

But if you are ignorantly concerned with the outer then you will never understand the Self. If you are constantly taken up with the shadows cast by the Self you will never realize what creates the shadows for this alone can transform all shadows.

Once you discern that the shadows are of your own making you will begin to realize that which can retransform them. You will see that this is the only thing that matters. You must seek the heart of all things, then you

will not burden yourselves with the effects. It is this that everyone of you must concern yourselves with.

The creator is the thinker, the thought is the invisible nature of the form that manifests.

These three are one, therefore all transformation lies in the understanding of the Self. Jesus gave us the key when he said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you," Heaven was the state of harmony, the innermost Spiritual, and the outer world will appear as the inner when we realize the source of our thinking. His words again, "The inner shall become the outer and the outer shall become the inner," showing that both eternally subsist in the one in perfect unity.

In the language of symbolism the circle represents the whole. A line drawn across the circle divides the circle into two, active and passive, as above so below. The perpendicular line divides the circle into four, this is individual creation, showing that God is acting through the individual, the individual also having the same active and passive, as above so below showing, that there is no separation between God and man.*

We also see this same analogy in the nervous system with the interaction of the cerebro-spinal nervous system, the consciousness, and the sympathetic nervous system, the subconscious; the consciousness expressing itself through the medium created for that purpose.

The nervous system out-pictures our thoughts. We produce in the body the exact replica of the dominating thought we hold.

Therefore we see that the "Self" alone gives power to any idea in the mind that may arise in reaction to the external. The "Self" alone has the power to transform all things.

The outer "self" is but the reflection of the inner "self," just as the inner "self" is the reflection of the "Universal Self."

If this understanding is lacking, the vicious circle is set in motion and we live in secondary causes not understanding their origin.

The practice of suggestion proves that we produce exactly what we believe. If we suggest weakness to ourselves we will reproduce it and vice versa. When we deeply discern that the cause of our condition is within

ourselves, and the dissolving action is also within ourselves we are no longer affected by suggestion one way or another.

We shall free ourselves by “the Truth” that we are made in His image and likeness that all power has been given unto us in Heaven and on earth.

“Whatsoever you believe ye have received ye shall have.” These words are plain enough yet most people do not realize the truth behind them. They are fooled by their own ignorance.

Cause and effect are united and this cannot be altered to suit man. We must discern the cause of the effect, and become aware of the “Self.” This is not a form of negativeness of the mind but an awareness of our thought-action. Mental analysis is death, awareness is Life, mental analysis deals with the past and the future, awareness deals with the present always. This is the **great discovery**, the Truth that sets you free.

BENEDICTION

O Eternal and only “One,” I was lost in the wilderness of wrong beliefs and could not find my home in Thee.

I always kept the door of my Soul open expecting Thee to come from some external world.

At last I have found Thee arising out of the darkness of my soul to become the Star of my groping mind, calling me to recognise my home in Thee and there I found that we are one, O adorable and perfect “Love.”



THE WHOLE

[*](#) See diagram page 94

Lecture 4 (1st November 1949)

“I HAVE SEEN A VISION OF THY GLORY”

The fog must be cleared from the mind before the clear vision can be seen.

If you seek the psychic alone you get lost in phenomena and images. If you live in your mind alone you become intellectual and clear vision is impossible.

Intellectuals are mostly steeped in idolatry, they can never get away from their own ideas and beliefs.

You must recognise the difference between head-learning and soul-wisdom and the difference between what the eye sees and the heart knows.

What most people believe to be true is often entirely false, this is the cause of much conflict and complex minds. Few can discern the false from the Truth for the simple reason that the intellect can never give you the knowing of the Spirit.

To change your belief from one belief to another does not free you, but makes you still a prisoner in your illusion.

From one illusion you are enticed into another illusion. It is the spider's web again. But when you discern the illusion you free yourself of it.

If I say to you that God is Love, God is healing, God is Life, you readily accept this, yet if your mind is clogged with beliefs you will never understand the wholeness of Life, the completeness of Life and the true meaning of what I say is lost.

You will see now what I am trying to show you. If you accept God is Love, God is healing etc. those are but half truths, because you make this a belief only in your mind and that is not truth. It may be “a truth” but it is not “the Truth” that sets you free. When you become aware of the Self the mind

may be under your control, but even this control is contraction and not expansion. To be aware of the self is but a half truth.

If you no longer limit the “I am” to the narrow boundaries of conditions in which you are involved you will begin to realize Truth. This will lead you to the true nature of the Self unfettered and free. This must not be an idea of freedom but a knowing of freedom, realizing the wholeness of Life, the “One” in which all have the liberty of Life.

This transgression of which Jesus speaks, is the transgression of the “I am” in ourselves; not recognizing the fact that the “I am” is the image and likeness of God.

The old original sin of “Eve”—the soul, is the belief in evil as having a substantial originating power and the soul believes that it is under the control of this “evil,” having its climax in death. This was the climax which Jesus spoke of as dying in your sin, so the soul craves for immortality but all this craving only leads the soul into bondage.

Only with understanding does this craving cease, then there is a knowing of immortality. For to live proves the “Presence,” God’s presence, the only Life there is and which is eternal.

No destruction of Life can come from the Fountain of Life, therefore death does not exist in Life but in man’s mind. Thus fear of death has been played upon to man’s detriment throughout the centuries, and because of man’s belief in death many are led to believe that they can buy their passport into eternal Life, and the more they can pay the better it will be for them.

Darkness is but the absence of Light. The Truth is the Light that lighteth everyone who comes into the world.

Ignorance is the absence of wisdom, thus most people mistake the law of transition for death, so you see death is a belief created in the mind and becomes the illusion, a prison of your own making.

God is “One” the only “one Life,” indivisible in nature, therefore not one part of Life can be destroyed, in fact not one particle of substance can be destroyed it only changes its form through the law of transition.

Life, “the Presence” is never in opposition to Itself in any human being, therefore we must recognise the Self in all other selves. If we fail to do this,

we lose ourselves in separation which also becomes a prison of our own making. When we feel in any way separate from others we live in the illusion of death and this means sorrow and conflict.

I must lead you through discernment of the false so that the Truth will rise in you. Another person's truth is not your truth. Truth rises in you, because It is there awaiting recognition. Therefore the "I am" is the foundation of Eternal Life and liberty.

Our transgression is the illusion that there can be any living originating power outside the "I am." When we see that this is impossible we realize that evil and death have no power over us. Therefore we cease to react to it, hence we are free from it.

As long as we limit the "I am" to the narrow boundaries of the relative and conditioned, we do not realize that, personified in ourselves, It must by Its very nature still be unfettered and free as acting with the "One" Creator of the Universe. Beware lest you make Him relative and lose the Reality of your own Being.

As long as we limit the "I am" we shall never get out of the fear of death which we impose upon ourselves, and this fear of death makes all our ailments gigantic in proportion to what they really are.

The Omnipresence of the Omniscient Omnipotence is a truth that cannot be denied otherwise there could be no Infinite or Absolute. When this is understood all tension falls away from the mind of the individual who realizes it.

Another Truth which must be understood is that the omnipotent Omnipresence organises our tissue structure from Its own substance, some call it mind, in which we live and move and have our being. The omnipotent Omnipresence created us for Its own self-expression, and when we realize this cannot be otherwise, we acquire a faith that moves mountains, for we realize what is back of our creativeness.

Our Creative Power must be God's Creative Power because there can be no other, the only difference is in the degree of recognition of this Power.

The world is praying to a God outside. It asks but receives not because it asks amiss. God is Spirit and we must worship Him in Spirit and Reality

and this Reality is within us not apart from us. Our living proves the “Presence.”

To get best results all tension must be taken off the mind. Before we can transform our condition all tension must be taken off mind and body and this can only be done when we truly realize what Jesus meant when he said, “I and the Father are one.” “It is the Father who ever remains within me He doeth the work.”

When all strain is taken away nature begins to do her own work expressing Her own perfection. One should not become anxious about one’s condition, nor try too hard to get well. Remember, “As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.” For it is not what you want you get but what you think deeply, then realize that Divine Life fills you.

The soul is the inner vehicle of the deathless immortal creative Spirit, this is your immortality. It neither knows death nor sickness. With this realization you go from glory to glory in an eternal progression.

Every atom in your body has come from its own solution in boundless space and will return to that solution because it is part of it, not one atom can be destroyed.

Science has proved that which we term “matter” but know very little about, is composed of atoms, and atoms are composed of electrically charged particles which derive their existence from the nucleus of the atom, and science now says that this nucleus has a nucleus within itself, pointing to the fact that all must rise from that sea of intelligent energy that fills boundless space, the Absolute expressing Himself in Himself and by Himself. Thus we are made in His image and likeness.

I know that it is difficult for some to discern impersonally their own thoughts, but this must be done before harmony can be established and the “I am” must be freed from the illusion of limitation and fear.

You should under no circumstances try to banish a thought from your mind nor fear it, but quietly discern it carefully. Do not disturb your thinking but become aware of your thoughts, by practice you will be able to dissolve any idea or thought, and above all you will know what you are thinking about.

Your beliefs you will see are but an external creation of your own, or what you have conformed to through the belief of another who is also in prison. You will know that they are not “Truth,” you will readily see that the mind is steeped in illusion. You will become aware of the hindrances by confronting them, by discerning them, by penetrating them, and with your pure thinking you will free yourself from them, and by doing so you will realize that harmony, that poise, that understanding of the Indescribable.

That which you can discern that which you can describe is not the Indescribable Truth.

One thing is sure, you will cease to have divisions. No longer will you have differing creeds and cults. You will no longer think in accordance with a belief that separates you from others. You will see these falsehoods for what they are, for the Presence cannot be divided against Itself.

I have realized this immortality. I have realized this one great mighty Omnipresence. This realization you must make for yourselves.

I am not speaking in terms of ideas and images, relative as these words may be. If so I would be leading you into another trap out of the one you were already in, and you would think it was freedom. But this so-called freedom would soon become just another illusion, another prison.

What you must do is to discern these hindrances, but do not fight them, nor pacifically endure them but become conscious of their falseness.

You can become free only by examining them with your mind utterly free from all attachment, free from prejudice, free from beliefs.

There can be no comparisons because you cannot compare the Truth with the relative, for this is just further delusion.

If your mind is suffocated with demands for conformity you will be incapable of true understanding.

The Presence requires no effort neither has It to discipline Itself into action. It Itself is pure action. In this then is freedom for the individual who realizes it. **“I have seen a vision of Thy glory.”**

BENEDICTION

Divine Presence, Thou art the Fragrance that streams from our hearts
ennobling our souls.

The stream of Thy Love Fragrance washes away all separation which
has been the cause of our sorrow and conflict.

Divine Love, fill our consciousness with Thy presence so that our hearts
will beat with Thine, to rest in Thy omnipresence forever and forever.

Lecture 5 (8th November 1949)

THE DEVIL

It is impossible to read the Bible and ignore the part assigned to the Devil.

Most people are afraid of the Devil, this some unknown one that is always trying to do them harm. This Devil is depicted to exist in hell, a place having no locality, but very vivid in the imagination, waiting to pitchfork you into red flames belching forth from Hell known as the bottomless pit.

What we are going to do in this lecture is not to imagine the Devil but deal with him by pure reason.

There was once a little lad well advanced for his age. He was forced by his parents to go to Sunday School which he detested. He had already told his parents many times that he did not believe one word that the minister said, that he just made it up from his imagination. So one Sunday the minister was depicting that where the Devil lived was a bottomless pit, and this bottomless pit was filled with brimstone and fire. After the address was over the minister asked if anyone wanted to ask a question. So the little lad put up his hand, the minister, quite elated that at least one question would be asked, said, "Well, my little man, what is your question?" and the little lad replied, "Will you tell us how a bottomless pit can be filled with anything?"

This floored the minister and afterwards this "little man" was not welcome at the Sunday School much to his delight.

The question in your minds now is, "What is meant by the 'Devil'?" and I will begin with what is self-evident, that God and the Devil must be the exact opposite to each other; whatever God is, the Devil is not.

Now since God alone “is” then the Devil “is not.” Since God is “Being” the Devil is “not being.” So we are met with the paradox that, though the Bible says so much about the Devil, the Devil does not exist, and it is precisely this fact of non-existence that makes up the Devil.

It is that power which in appearance is, and in reality is not, in a word it is the power of the “non-existent.”

All our growth towards perfect humanity must be the recognition of that which exists and not that which is non-existent. But because man’s thought conceives the non-existent and gives it a substantive power of its own, this becomes a real power to the person that believes in it.

This is the same old serpent that beguiled Eve in the Garden of Eden, the individual Life, ignorant of its true nature, “the serpent not raised up,” “the son of man not raised up.”

So we see that the Devil is all a product of the mind that is ignorant of the “all-existing Life” that underlies all and is ever expressing Itself through form. It is the individual Life in form, not seeing this is the cause of all confusion.

There is only one power, even that which organises the atoms into form, and that which maintains them in form in the distinct organism which seems separate, must be the mode of action of the same power. The building-up power and the disintegrating power and the holding-together power are all of the same origin, as well as the consciousness in man, which is man’s own creative faculty.

The question is often asked, why need the individual die? Those who believe in the blind forces of Nature say that this is the Law of Nature, those who believe in Divine Wisdom say that it is the appointment of God. But strange as it seems both answers are wrong.

That death is the will of God is emphatically denied in the Bible, in Hebrews we are told that the Devil is the Father of death. Death is the opposite of Life, therefore does not exist. It is the individual, ignorant of the principle of Life, that believes in death, so this is the non-existent that exists in the mind.

The disintegrating power at work in the form is the evolving process, the direction of the Infinite Cosmic Creation whereby all particles revert

back to their own solution to be further evolved in ever-progressing forms. This is the eternal Law of Progression of the never-ceasing and perpetually expanding individual Life.

Both the Bible and our pure reason tells us that there can only be “One” Power in the Universe which must be the building-up and this work is ceaselessly in action, therefore when the mind is not aware of the Truth of the only “One” it assumes the transition of that form to be death, “That which is not,” and this is the “Devil.” So the Devil is the cause of fear and death.

In all Nature we see positive and negative in action but these two are of the same source, this is the cause of all manifestation and disintegration, both forces are at work directed by the “One Intelligence.” The individual, not realizing this fact, affirms the non-existing to be true and for this reason the Scriptures calls it the Father of lies.

The word “Devil” means “false accuser” or “false affirmer.” When the Creative Principle individualized is unaware of wholeness and affirms the non-existent, we see how this can become an impersonal power in the mind of man, still at the same time having no real existence. This is the denial of the Spirit, the Reality, but few see the misery of it. This is the ignorant inverted thought of the “Spirit” that denies its Lord.

This is the exact opposite to the Son of God in whom all things are “yes and amen,” that is the Spirit of the affirmative and therefore the Spirit of Life. This is he who would destroy the power of death “the Devil” and deliver all who, through fear of death, were all their lifetime subject to bondage. In Hebrews 2: 14.15. we read thus:

(14) “For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he also himself likewise partook of the same and by his death he has destroyed him that hath the power of death, that is the Devil.

(15) “And has released them who through fear of death all their lives were subject to slavery (bondage).”

Satan, otherwise the Devil, is the name given to the old Serpent that deceived Eve. This is the wrong belief and it is this that also sets in motion secondary causes which appear as conditions. When this is seen in the true light we realize the cause is ourselves.

We readily see that there can be no Universal Devil in the same sense as there is a Universal God, therefore there can be no individual devils, only ignorant “Spirits,” for we are all of the same Spirit and no harm can come nigh to one who realizes this Truth.

There are many more aspects, of which I can speak to you, on the subject but I want to bring home to you the importance of the removal of this limitation which is self-imposed.

This must be done and can only be done by the removal of the barriers imposed upon the Self by the self. There must be a constant breaking down of all limitation made by the Devil and death till the Self arrives at the point where there are no more barriers between it and the Eternal, the “Self” made immortal, deathless, imperishable, everlasting, indestructible and all-abiding through understanding. The self is perfected because of its immortality.

Wherever there is limitation, ignorance of this Truth, there is sorrow and man is always seeking a “way,” this only leads to struggle and exploitation. It is only when you recognize your struggle you will recognize your exploiters.

You are seeking that freedom of that “existence” that cannot be touched by the non-existent, this can only be done when you recognize the “non-existent” for what it is, the Satan that blinds you to that which is real and eternal, this is the immortality of the individual.

It is the “I”-ness in the Self which causes all these barriers which separate, which create false realities. This “I” must be made immortal, imperishable, made pure through “Wholeness.”

Now this is not brought about by abandoning your fellows, nor is it obtained by applying oneself to a work which you think will lead your soul to a place of security. This process of achieving is only creating further barriers by eagerness, by struggle, through fear and other innumerable complications.

You must remove these barriers between the self and the Eternal in which we are all united and which is immortal and indestructible for that which is Eternal must be perfection. Yet you cannot imagine that perfection

for it is beyond your imagination, yet it IS Perfection Itself—Infinitude in finitude and finitude in Infinitude.

It is not “imagination” that is required but constant watchfulness lest limitation enters into the Self to hide the Eternal. This can only be done by yourself and not by another. But if you discipline yourself consciously or unconsciously, not knowing where you are going then discipline only becomes another barrier.

You have to discern for yourself, by thought by reason by intuition by constant awareness, that fearless freedom which is the fulfilment of Life.

Life fulfils Itself in freedom which is eternity. This is the ocean into which all must enter knowing that the true beginning of the Self-discipline is understanding.

True discipline is much more intense than this for it cuts into the very roots of the “I” myself which creates the barriers and this discipline by understanding must be born from the Love of that which is Eternal

Then you will know the difference between that which does exist and that which does not exist.

The Devil is dethroned never again to rise up in your mind to confuse you. “Get thee behind me Satan.” The head of the “serpent” the deceiving element is forever crushed never to rise up again.

For if the Devil was a reality man could not destroy him, nor could he say “Get thee behind me, Satan.”

BENEDICTION

O Mother of All Creation, All that I know is Thine.

My innermost thoughts are known to Thee because we are “One.”

All the barriers between us have vanished for Thou alone dost exist and ever will.

Thou art the Christ, the Buddha,¹ the Krishna,² born in the flesh visible and invisible, personal and impersonal.

Thy Cosmic Infinitude appears in Cosmic finitude. So do Thou appear visible and living, eternal and free, O Blessed One.

O Thou Ocean of Life, Thou hast absorbed the ripples I created in my ignorance and now I know. I am in Thee and Thou art in Me.

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1. Siddhartha Gautama (c.560-c.480 B.C.), Buddha ('Enlightened one'), also known as *Sakyamuni* ('Sage of the Sakyas'). The son of the rajah of the Sakya tribe, as a young man he left home in Nepal and renounced the world. Practised an extreme form of asceticism and became the founder of one of the great Asian religions.
 2. Krishna. (Hindu Mythology). Great deity or deified hero, worshipped as incarnation of Vishnu.

Lecture 6 (15th November 1949)

YOUR PERSONAL EFFORT MUST BE FREE FROM STRUGGLE

Struggle always results from reaction to conditions, unfulfilled desires and circumstances that surround the individual who feels the burden. The individual who is aware of lack, bound by ill health, full of fears, is always struggling against the relative world and this is the cause of frustration because this struggle is filled with negativeness.

This is the error in the mind that is always reproducing itself. But when Truth is established the error disappears. When the mind is filled with negativeness greater burdens are created.

Personal effort must first be experienced until one sees the uselessness of struggle, then the personal effort becomes free from struggle, this is action which does not result from reaction to the relative but from creative thought through understanding. It is action from within oneself.

Man has split the atom, measured the distance between the planets, can travel faster than sound and has more wonderful achievements to his credit, but yet the greatest knowledge has not yet been tapped, how to overcome his own inverted self-created conditions.

Everything that is seen or felt is mind materialized. The question is how is mind materialized? And the answer is, by the power of thought. But again where does thought originate? Thought originates in the consciousness. What the consciousness is aware of is automatically materialized.

The next question is the most important one. Where does man's consciousness or creative power originate? It originates in Divine Mind. It is the moving factor in Divine Mind and must be the moving factor in human mind, the two being interlocked in the manifestation, for it cannot be otherwise when Divine Mind fills all space and is all power there is, all Knowledge there is.

These are profound and important statements and are the foundation of all original thinking. But thinking alone is not sufficient there must be feeling, for this is the motive power behind thought.

For instance you may reason intellectually and come to the conclusion in a cold matter of fact way, yet all great people are people who have a great depth of feeling.

Therefore those statements require deep contemplation before the great import of their meaning takes root in your mind and as this becomes more clear in your mind your adverse conditions will begin to disappear, because the Truth is being established and error is being eliminated and dissolved. The self is beginning to realize itself not in a separate way but as the integral interlocked—the Divine and the human.

When the great fundamental Truth is grasped the consciousness—our Spiritual creative power attracts conditions which correspond to its own recognition of itself, and its recognition of itself must always be the exact reflection of its own dominant thought and feeling.

We can see clearly here why Jesus announced forgiveness of sin as the accompaniment of physical healing.

By sin, in the sense we have now seen, death and all lesser evils enter into the world, and our belief in this sin, is the cause, and all sickness and death is the effect.

It follows that if the cause is removed so will the effect cease. The root of the tree of the belief in the non-existent is cut away so the fruit must wither. This is the simple working of cause and effect.

Therefore the belief in evil, the Devil and death have their destruction in the realization of Life. For sickness and death of the body result from the imperfect realization of Life by the soul and its non-realisation of its eternal unity with its Divine Source.

So the logical conclusion we must come to is that the removal of lack, ill health, fear and death is the removal of separation. Thus it will be seen that the ignorance of our eternal unity is our greatest sin.

“Thy sin is forgiven thee, arise and walk.” This I hope will convey to your mind the difference between reaction and pure action. Thus we cast off

the burden which separation brings upon us, and we find freedom in our eternal unity.

This was revealed to me not very long ago. A man came to see me, he was crippled and could only get along with crutches. I looked at him and said, "It is not blood pressure that gave you this trouble, for I can read your mind, and the atmosphere that surrounds you."

So I told him the story of the Prodigal Son, how he was afraid at first to return to the Father, but in the end he was forced to do so.

On his return he did not expect forgiveness but that he could be at least a servant in his Father's house, and was willing to take what the Father would offer him.

But the Father saw him a long way off and came to meet him, put his arm around him and kissed him, and not one word of condemnation was uttered. He became the son that was lost and now found, the son that was dead and now alive again, the son of God born of the Spirit and not subject unto flesh and blood.

I said, "You are likewise, the Father holds nothing against you, your sins are forgiven, arise and walk. You are born of the Spirit and not of the will of the flesh or of man." That man stood up and walked out, carrying his crutches with him.

The limbs that were incapable of movement began to strengthen and as if a miracle came to pass again, the fullness of Life surged through his soul and body. But this was no miracle, it was the Divine expression of the realization of Life free from all conditions.

The greatest antidote to any negation in your mind and body is to become aware of the Divine Presence always, so that not even for a moment can you at any time hate instead of love, or cease to look upon everything with the eye of the all-embracing Truth.

Love and pure reason are never in opposition to each other, the result is wisdom or pure action always going out from itself never relying on or reacting to the external.

To arrive at that perfect balanced and poised Love, without fear or reaction or struggle, you must go through the attachment of Love before

you can understand Love and through your experience your growth is attained.

To say that you “love” and have never experienced the surge of this blessed thing, love to you is but an illusion. For if you do not know what individual love is and recognize its limitation you will never know even a fraction of what the Love of God is.

When this Love is then turned towards the Eternal then there is the beginning of freedom and the gate to happiness is opened.

The most practical person in the world is the one who has found true values, that person is poised ready for action without struggle.

If you live in your own separate centre you will sooner or later find that the struggle is too great and you then try to find a way of escape. Only by true discernment of the cause of your struggle will your struggle cease. Then you will begin to realize the presence of wholeness, the Eternal.

I have told you before that you cannot make an image of the Eternal for the Eternal is Infinite in nature. But this Eternal can be realized for It Itself is Love, Wisdom and Healing.

I have repeatedly told you that mental theories are of no fundamental importance. You only accept these because you want to support your beliefs, and I am not dealing in beliefs or theories but in the practical and actual working of the Presence of the Omnipotent Omnipresence.

By applying yourselves in this way you will find that there is a Supreme Existence which is not a mere theory. Neither is it a static or a featureless Absolute but a dynamic complete and all-embracing Presence that is ever expressing Itself, and will do so in you when you remove the barriers that hinder Its true expression.

This must be realized as now existing and not at some future time or beyond. The acceptance of this Divine Presence is the foundation of your great work in the world today, for is it not you who have been called to do this work?

Your development is taking place here and now. I know that some of you are struggling with your burdens but through your experience you will find that freedom, for you will discern why you are struggling.

If you look into your minds you will see that you have filled it with the “non-existence” instead of the “Existence,” with the result that you are creating more of the non-existing and less of the true “Existence,” thereby creating greater burdens.

The source of our being is the Eternal and as we become to know our Father in Heaven we become aware of the great inner Light for there is no darkness when the inner Light begins to shine. The Christ Consciousness becomes the outer as well as the inner, knowing that in this, all power and dominion is given. All that is dark disappears because it has no power of its own.

By making an image of the Divine you create separation. It is not **what** It is, but **that** It is.

By putting the Divine outside yourself you will be always looking for the Divine in the distance, Reality is here and now. In this realization your work will never cease but will expand to a more radiant form of beauty of the Eternal which becomes your personal effort in pure action.

This glorious Truth is not speculative or imaginary It is actually and eternally true. “Try me,” says the Eternal, “and I will open the door of heaven and pour upon you all good things.” “For all that I have is thine.”

Jesus says, “Cast the net on the right side of the ship and ye shall find.” St. John 21: 6.

Then cast your net on the right side and you shall also find.

BENEDICTION

O Divine “One,” I lost everything while I was roaming in the darkness.

At last I saw a glimmer of the Light that lights the world and darkness began to fade away.

O Mother of Love, Thou didst stir in my heart my remembrance of Thee and as I saw in myself Thy likeness I was freed from all my illusions.

O Eternal One, when I gave up my life I found Thee and no longer buried in separation and death, but in Thy perfect eternal bliss.

I craved for all things but found that I loved Thee more, now I shall abide with Thee always for Thou art “all there is.”

Lecture 7 (22nd November 1949)

QUALITY

You all know about creative thought power and many talk about thoughts of Love and Healing that can be sent out to those in sorrow and sickness. These thoughts have helped and even healed, yet in some cases the upliftment does not last long and the sickness appears again. This causes many to doubt the power of thought and healing.

The weakness lies in both the recipient and the healer not thoroughly understanding the fundamentals upon which the healing works.

It is not a question of sending thoughts to someone who is suffering or not suffering. It is a question of thought itself. Can anyone help another if they themselves are uncertain of their own achievements?

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. In this lies your strength and in nothing else.

If this realization is missing then what does your thought amount to? Your thought must be charged with the essence of the Presence from within.

Bees go to the flowers but their objective is pure honey, and this is the finished product. So it must be with you. If you are all the time concerned only with those whom you are going to help, and not concerned with the finished product, then you do not have the finished product.

Spontaneous action is always beautiful but if it is not sustained with the real quality of the Presence, the aid is not complete, and you can feel this to be so.

Time and space for the one who is truly living does not exist, neither is there any fear of death or sickness for the one who is aware of Eternity in the present. If you are all the time living in hope and fear and not in

concentration in the Present which is Eternal then your thought is weakened by your attitude towards sickness, fear and death.

Now the quality of thought you require must be effortless. If you are concerned, worried and entangled in the idea of whether you are helping or not helping you are caught up in the mental struggle, which is not filled with the Presence.

The Presence is healing and this Presence is in everyone, and it is the Presence that you must realize in the individual and not only the projection of thought to the individual. You will readily see that if you just send thoughts of Love, Health and Strength you are only producing half results.

Jesus was aware of the Presence at all times in every person. His words, "Your sins are forgiven arise and walk" proved this truth. This was the effortless projection of the Healing Forces charged with the Presence which contained the cure for all conditions. Then what is necessary to know is that the Presence is present and this in itself fulfils the Law of thought projection.

I cannot do better than relate some of the work done by the Master to emphasise the importance of what I say.

Jesus travelled up and down the country healing and teaching, and news of his wonderful healing power 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 12 years, who had been taken seriously ill and had been given up by the physician as incurable.

What I am going to say to you will reveal the secret of the meaning of the Presence.

Now Jesus was healing at the time when Jairus approached him and because of the father's grief Jesus paused in his teaching and turned towards the house where the little girl lay. One could imagine the throng of people that followed him to see this, another miracle. So everyone was jostling each other and pressing hard around the Master.

His mind was made up, he was sure, purposeful, the realization of the Presence was at its height. His whole being was charged with the Presence to be released at any moment.

When he felt someone touch his garment in search of healing he immediately perceived what had happened, for he felt the stream of living force flow from him, and he knew that someone had received it. For he immediately turned round and said, “Power has been drawn from me, who touched my garment?”

Now it was obvious that many had touched his garment but only one had claimed that power of healing. So his garment was touched in a certain way and the power flowed from him towards the one who 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,” for he knew her mental attitude towards him.

It is this Presence that you must realize and feel within, so that at any moment those who are eagerly seeking it can have it, then their faith will make them whole, this faith is their capacity to receive.

Many are content with their little gods, with their little lives, with their little ceremonies, with their methods and authorities. They are afraid to step out of the beaten path and seek. They are steeped in their illusions claiming these to be knowledge. It is because they do not know the Real, the Presence, that these illusions are realities to them.

But let me complete the story about the healing of the little girl. As Jesus came near the house 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.”

Here was the instruction from the Master of Masters (believe with all your heart in the presence of God.)

Then Jesus called on three of his disciples, Peter, James and John and went inside the house, His first act was to send all the weeping family and wailing neighbours outside for they were of little help, for they believed in death.

He then touched the child's cold hand with his own. Then a strange happening began, the little chest began to swell with Life's breath, the child's cheeks began to flush with life's bloom and she opened her eyes and with a wondering look she gazed into the eyes of Jesus, the Presence had met the Presence.

His disciples were also amazed as well as the throng that followed him and his words to his disciples were, "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, the Father will give you."

His name was "the Presence," the same Life in the Father was being expressed in the Son. This is the Presence that is ever-present everywhere, not only in the visible but in the invisible, and those who have passed from the body are still present with us, for the Presence does not die nor fade away.

Your own lives have automatically changed since you have taken these instructions. The assurance of the mighty power and the understanding with all your heart that this Presence is everywhere is the proof of healing. Healing then becomes the dissolving of the illusion but how few can see this, they cling to the recognition of the trouble and think that they are doing the healing, this is separation. In Reality there is nothing to heal, for Reality is perfect.

I hope you are beginning to know the true meaning of what I say to you. Words are quite inadequate to describe the Indescribable. It is only when you realize and feel the Presence can It work through you to do the things the Master said It would.

When the mind can grasp this glory that is indefinable, this grandeur that words cannot express, this Love that remains when all other things have passed away, where reaction has faded into oblivion, then the quality I want you to have will be yours.

Wherever you are and whomsoever you meet you will automatically help. For the Presence is always active in those who have the quality and through them the Presence does Its work. "It is the Father who ever remains within me is performing His own deeds."

It is not a one-sided affair, both must be receivers, the healer and the patient, for the Presence only gives, and is eternally giving.

This is the completeness of man's understanding of himself, to become aware of the unity of God in man, also to become aware of our relation to things and people, to discern deeply our thought action, whether it is concerned with that which is relative or that which is Eternal.

This is the question I want you to ask yourselves so that you can discern where your thoughts are moving, are they moving in the direction of the illusion or are they moving in the direction of Reality. We are free when we know what the illusion is, that it is false having no power of its own except your belief in it. If you are caught up in the net of the relative then the quality of your thought is impaired.

True spirituality is to be all-inclusive without any distinctions, you cannot be caught up in the net of beliefs or in the tinselled garment or belief in the exclusiveness of any particular person. If this is so then you have not realized the Presence everywhere.

When you begin to understand, the distinction between the material and the Spiritual disappears, and you no longer think yourself as a superior person because you think you know more or feel you are more Spiritual. You will see that this is not the quality required to express the Presence for this is but separation, the great illusion.

There are so many subtle forms of illusion that you have to be always on the watch lest you be caught up in them, lest you become a hindrance to the Divine Nature of the Presence that automatically helps everyone, good, bad or indifferent, the Presence is no respecter of persons.

Then just "BE." "**TO BE**" is to be real. Understanding and Love are the biggest achievements, the world is ourselves and the world changes with a change in us.

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. To be aware of the Presence is the essential thing and not caught up in the result of your action.

Let your personal Love become more impersonal for this will make it stronger not weaker. Weakness comes when the individual Love is

questioned, then the quality of Love is not there.

If you love many you are often considered not to be a Spiritual person, but you cannot be a loving person if you love one and hate another, nor can you be a kind person if you are kind to one and unkind to another.

The cause of cruelty, pain, sorrow and conflict is separation. In this separation there is exploitation. To bring a change about, you must see what part you have played in these contributing causes. But if you are caught up in the net of separation you will never discern your own motives, and the true quality becomes impossible.

Do not struggle or battle with ethics, virtue and their opposites. If you battle against error longing for virtue you are caught up in both. What you are seeking is quality through understanding and this cannot be attained through the illusion of virtue.

The wise know how to lay the emphasis on the essential, the Presence is the only essential, It itself is "Quality."

BENEDICTION

O Divine Presence, Who ever remains behind invisible space and expressing Thyself in visible form, every day I gaze at Thee, Thy Presence, to grasp infinity. I see only "One" Who became many yet remained "One."

It is Thy Presence alone that will loosen the entanglements of my self-woven net of illusion.

Thy Presence is spread over the earth in the flower of humanity. May each one awaken to Thy Presence, and Thy Love will lead them to Thee, our eternal Home is Thine, O Beloved.

Lecture 8 (29th November 1949)

FAITH

Faith is an awareness of the Presence, this faith is not the faith that is generally understood by the majority of people. It is not a faith in some outside God or faith in any individual or in any external agency, nor anything relative to the self, but awareness by the self of the indwelling Creative Being, not as a separate Being but united as one Being.

Now this faith is not acquired in a day nor is the full realization obtained all at once. It is a gradual growth of the awareness of the Presence by the individual through the understanding of that which hinders the manifestation of the Presence.

The great power of faith is in the realization of the Presence as the real Self and the only Self. Lack of faith is when the Self is affected by fear and doubt not knowing that there is only one Substance, one Mind, one Consciousness operating, therefore faith and doubt always oppose each other in the mind that is not aware.

As you become more aware of the one Mind behind all Creation expressing Itself through the individual so is the power of faith increased in the individual. This is the faith that I want you to understand, any other faith has the opponent doubt, where both faith and doubt are in a continual battle for supremacy.

There are two facts that deserve your special attention. The first is, that the perfect liberty of the individual must be in accordance with the Will of the Creator who is manifesting Himself in the individual, and any religious system that advocates blind submission to adverse circumstances as submission to the Will of God has failed utterly to understand the teaching of the Master who revealed our Divine authority over all things; and the second fact of great importance is, that it is our ingrained belief to the contrary that keeps us tied, in bondage to all sorts of limitation.

Now the Master shows us that when we know the Truth we shall find that we were not tied up at all, we are utterly free. It is our ignorance of our Divine Nature that causes all our limitation and bondage.

In Genesis we are told, in other words, that the Divine Principle makes things by Itself becoming them and this includes the individual. Therefore It cannot have any other than Its own natural movement in the individual, pushing forward into fuller and fuller expression of Itself, which therefore becomes the fuller and fuller life in the individual, and that which tends to limit the full expression of the individual life must be an abomination to the Universal Mind expressing Itself in that individual.

I could not do better than relate the incident when Peter saw the Master walking upon the water on the Sea of Galilee. It was near Bethsaida, seven miles from Capernaum, where the Master restored the little girl to life of which I spoke to you in the last lecture.

It was on the side leading down to the lake that Jesus fed the multitude of five thousand from the few loaves and fishes which were at hand. After all had been served the scraps and fragments gathered up filled many wicker baskets and were again distributed to the poor people of Capernaum for the morrow's meal.

Naturally enthusiasm amongst the people was at its height for they were proclaiming him Messiah, the King of the Jews, Provider of the people, Ruler of Israel. The crowd was swept with intense excitement.

Jesus recognising the peril to his mission ordered his 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 Divine Meditation.

The people of course looked upon Jesus as the one to sweep the Roman civil authorities out of the country and he saw clearly the danger to his mission.

Early in the morning he saw a storm rising over the lake and he knew the fear that would take hold of his disciples in their tiny craft, for a storm on the Sea of Galilee was no mere picnic, and he wished to assure his disciples that all was well. So he stepped upon the water towards the direction in which he knew the small boat would be.

With his complete awareness of the Presence he did not have to use occult power necessary for levitation in accomplishing such a feat. Knowing this, he walked upon the water and it was to him as solid as the floor beneath your feet.

It was in the early morning dusk when he came upon his disciples. When they saw a figure swiftly moving on the waves towards them they were greatly afraid, when they heard a voice calling to them out of the dimness, "It is I, be not afraid." You can imagine what was in their minds after the miracle of the feeding of the multitude, the healing of the little girl and now to see the Master walking upon the water was just as much as they could take.

Then Peter in all his excitement and in the depths of his own thought, free from all limitation, as the Master had taught them, cried out, "Master, master, direct me to walk to thee on the waves."

The Master, understanding the feelings of his disciple, directed him to walk towards him. Now Peter's great inner forces were aroused by his faith in the Master, and he sprang over the side of the boat and began to walk towards the Master. But when Peter saw himself on the water he lost faith in himself, he could hardly believe that such a thing was possible. So the power left him, the Presence was no longer established in his consciousness so he began to sink beneath the waves.

The Master, realising what had happened to his disciple, stepped forward quickly and caught him by the hand and ordered him to walk saying, "The water is solid beneath your feet." And Peter found it to be so and they both entered the boat together and proceeded to the shore near Capernaum.

It is this lesson about Peter that I want you to see and you will take more from it than hundreds of books or lectures you may ever get on faith.

When Peter saw Jesus walking on the water his whole self was alive with faith in the Master for he had told them so often that what he could do they also could do if they properly understood what he was showing them. So without hesitation Peter walked on the waves. But when he saw himself doing something that was unfamiliar to his belief, he allowed limitation to enter into his consciousness. He lost his awareness, the spell was broken by his own accustomed beliefs. His mortal consciousness succumbed to its

habitual belief in limitation. This is what you are all doing but you do not discern it, that is the tragedy of it all.

Now you can see what I mean by “faith” not the common faith that has as its partner the “fool” called **doubt**. But if you do not recognise this limitation you will never be able to deal with it properly. Unless you see that this “fool” does not really exist except in your own mind then you will never understand the “faith” of the Master.

When you succumb to the belief of the mortal senses you fail to realize the Presence of the Presence.

This faith I am speaking of is slow in growth, but like the mustard seed, no matter how small, it will grow into the greatest of bushes for all the birds to rest upon.

It is by the awareness of the Presence that the so-called miracles are performed. The individual must know that it is the Presence that is doing it. “The Father who ever remains in me is performing His own deeds.” I hope that this will be clear to your mind. The individual is the means through which it is done.

As long as Peter was aware he controlled the Law of Gravity but, when he doubted, that control automatically disappeared, for it is a truth that the son of man is above law. The Father being above and below the water is able to make the water solid if the son wants to walk upon it, but the son must become aware of this otherwise he is lost in his limitation, yet when he discerns that his limitation is but his own inverted belief, he is free.

What I have told you now is a pearl of great price and will give you more understanding than if you had volumes of instruction in the occult sciences to accomplish the miraculous feats that occult students perform after years of practice.

The world is benefited by your awareness of the Truth and those whom you come in contact with are automatically uplifted like Peter, but they also will fail if they put faith in an outside agent. That true faith the Master speaks of is that the Kingdom is within us and, unless we realize it, we submit to the mortal senses which judge from the outside.

Pure action is necessary, that is that you must act from within and not react from without. Some people try to justify their reaction under a feeling

of emotion of fear, anger, jealousy, failing to note that the law of cause and effect does not justify any action, it only produces the effect of the cause. So they seek to console themselves with excuses. But if you would understand the law you must be more impersonal towards the external and transient, and more personal towards the Eternal. If you can do this you have entered into the power of the Universal Mind.

We must express Life fully and freely without fear or limitation, then all is ours by natural sequence, success, honour, love, friendship, health, happiness.

To those who understand, possessions are only a veneer in the sense of this power, they are because of the law of attraction set in motion by the individual who operates the law.

With the majority of you, when you concentrate upon the particular object of your desire, the fear of not obtaining the object of your desire reverses the law of cause and effect with the result that the desire is frustrated, and seldom matures. Many Truth students try to demonstrate things, with the result being negative the sense of confidence begins to wane and a sense of fear takes its place. The first is often called faith and now, what is the latter called?

When the Presence is realized our thought is the connecting link between the Universal and the individual. The thought of an individual who realizes the Presence takes root in the Universal Mind and comes to fruition through the Law of Growth. And we see clearly, that in the Creative Principle the Law of Growth is operating continually. I would refer you to the first Chapter of James, read this carefully in the light of what I have told you and you will understand "Faith."

BENEDICTION

O Beloved, Thou art my Father-Mother-Friend. I will realize Thy Presence more and more.

I will "reason," I will "will" and my action will be Thine.

Then who can deny Thee, only myself. Thou art the Captain of my ship, Thy trade-winds will bring my actions to the shore of fulfilment.

Thou art the magnet pole of my thoughts, guide them to Eternal Bliss.

Thou art the joy I seek, the lasting joy of my soul fulfilled.

Thy Presence is my faith and my limitation has vanished because I found it was not in Thee, O Beloved Friend.

Lecture 9 (6th December 1949)

TRUTH

No one can hate the Reality in man for God comes to us in the likeness of man, we are taught to see and love God in man. What we hate is something that surrounds and hides the real man.

What is behind the true nature of man we always love. This is the reason why we love those who have passed on with a love that holds in itself forgiveness. For we know in ourselves that we also need this forgiveness, not only forgiveness but forgetfulness of all that was unworthy of our true nature.

We find that Love is more unselfish when it embraces those who are risen. The disciples loved the Master more when he had risen than they did while he was with them in the flesh.

While he was present in the flesh Peter denied him, but when he returned to the Father Peter would die for him.

This is all so true, but one must first go through the experience to understand it. When the realization comes that death has no power over the one that is risen there is a feeling that is blessed with the Love of God. This can only be understood when one has come to the realization that everyone must pass the same way.

The great "Truth" changes the nature of our feelings towards others, but this "Truth" is here now, and when we begin to realize it we find that our feeling towards others changes here and now. This means our own freedom from the results of our own actions towards others.

Wisdom and Love are our only true guides and when we realize this truth we see that there is no room in our lives for that which hinders our true expression. For when we discern that which hinders our true expression

“we are washed by the word” which is spoken of in Ephesians 5: 26, this means the Spirit.

The Divine Spirit Itself does the cleansing. Thus we receive our daily washing as we put away from us that sense of separation from the Divine. For it is only by the retention of this separation does guilt remain in the heart.

This is why Jesus bathed the feet of his disciples. You will remember the story when Peter refused to allow the Master to bathe his feet saying that he was unworthy of such an act, that the Master should lower himself to bathe his disciple’s feet, but Jesus made it plain that later they would understand the true meaning.

A wonderful light is thrown on this dramatic incident of the Master in Luke 12: 35-37; “Keep your loins girt and your lamps lit, and be like men who are expecting their lord and master on his return from a marriage-banquet, so as to open the door for him at once, when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the lord and master finds awake when he Comes! I tell you truly, he will gird himself, make them recline at table, and come forward to wait on them.” (Moffatt)

When we are found prepared the Lord will gird himself and serve us. This means that God grants our requests immediately we realize our relationship to Him. In other words, that Nature obeys us in proportion that we first realize Her and obey Her so shall She give to us all Her goods and serve us completely.

The Lord becomes our humble Servant immediately we obey Him. This can be clearly seen in all walks of Life, because the Life Principle is not something separate from ourselves but is the supporter of our individuality. The more we understand and obey the fundamental law of “Love thy neighbour as thyself,” the more fully shall we be able to make specific application upon it.

“If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me.” These were the words of the Master. He spoke as the conscious mouthpiece of the Divine Spirit Itself and when seen in this light the meaning becomes clear. We are cleansed by the Spirit as we find ourselves one with the “One” in all.

Energy and matter are inseparable just as man and God are inseparable. When the most advanced Science becomes the starting point for our religious philosophy the world will come to understand that Spirit is the one and ultimate Substance underlying all things.

Truth is the search for First Cause and when we find Truth we find the Cause behind all things, thus we will have dominion over all things.

Our consciousness is the out-picturing of the Divine Consciousness. By this consciousness we think, but the majority are not aware of it and often man is unaware of the fact that he is thinking.

The asylums are full of people who have failed to discern their own thinking and have allowed their thoughts to control them.

We can dissolve all conditions in our minds and bodies by the power of the Spirit. Through Divine chemicalization all adverse conditions are dissolved away. This is the Truth that sets us free.

Truth casts out fear and all that is contrary to our true nature. If we will take time to discern our fears we will see that it is this self-created force generated by our ignorance that paralyzes our nerves, reduces the circulation of the Life's blood, affecting the entire mind and body.

In our search for Truth we find the key to the elimination of our troubles.

Ignorance in man is his ignorance of the Truth. When Truth is realized people act naturally, this shows that ignorance has no principle in itself therefore we learn that it has no power of its own, only Truth has power.

In Proverbs 24: 3-5, 13-14: "What builds a house is skill, it is erected by intelligence; and knowledge furnishes the rooms with all that is rare and pleasant. Wise men are better than warriors, brain is better than brawn;..... My son, eat honey—it is good, and honeycombs are sweet: so wisdom tastes." (Moffatt)

Truth must not only be established in the mind, but a knowing in the heart must be established so that it becomes habitual in your everyday life.

Evil is thought to be a very real thing but when we know the Truth we find that evil has no principle of its own. The Church is struggling with evil giving it a power it does not possess, with the result the world is in fear of

it. The Master said, “Resist not evil,” showing that it had no power of its own.

Evil cannot exist in the Divine for there is no outside; so where does it exist? The only conclusion we can come to is that it exists only in man’s mind. But when examined in the light of Truth it disappears so we must worship Truth if we would attain a consciousness of our Divine Nature.

Idols and images are but concepts in the mind, but Truth is not a concept. Moses tells us that we must not carve any idols in the shape of anything in heaven above or on the earth below or in the sea, “Ye shall not bow down to them or worship them.”

Exodus 20: verse 1, states, “God spoke these words ‘I am the Eternal your God. You shall have no Gods but me.’ ” Moses knew that there was the only “One” which was the Creator of all and that any other God was a false God created in the mind of ignorant man. And any image or idol was a forgery.

Truth is all-inclusive. If there is not an all-inclusiveness then there is no Truth. When you find out that anything less is unintelligent, thoughtless and stupid you will realize for yourself the Truth.

It is for you to discern that your beliefs have been based upon illusion. This is not so easy for the one who is influenced by beliefs based upon separation. But it is essentially simple for the one who has put aside ideas of attachment to any belief. In this way only can you come to the core of the Truth of that which is immortal in yourself and others.

I am not attacking any form of religion for the one who knows the freedom of Truth realizes that organised religion is entirely false because it is not all-inclusive.

You must first become a human being recognising the all-inclusiveness of all human beings, knowing that Truth is not divided in humanity but is expressing Itself as a whole in humanity and is never in opposition to Itself. Unless you realize this you will never be able to give to the world the best that is in you.

In one of my recent lectures I spoke to you on thought, the strength of your thought lies in the realization of the “Presence” Truth. If you think in

separation, your thought is weakened by your attitude of mind. In the all-inclusiveness of the Presence lies the power of your thought.

To repeat my words will not give you the realization of Truth. Truth is your own affair not mine. You must come to It by your own realization.

It is not what I say or what any other person says. You must arrive at the Truth through your own discernment of what is utterly false. Neither can you compare what I have said with that which someone else has said or what you think you know, nor must you accept what I say because it coincides with your beliefs. If you do this you are not thinking intelligently. It is the core of Truth you must find and this can only be done by yourself through your own discernment and realization so that you may become “aware.”

You must have no prejudices for this blinds you and leads you away from Truth. Opinions are of no value either, for you will note that this is not truth. Truth is “knowing,” awareness, freedom.

If you are afraid to discard what you believed to be true in the past, then you stand in your own light. This is one of the obvious hindrances to Truth. Fear often takes hold of the devotee with the result that he or she falls back into their old limited beliefs for safety. This safety is but an illusion born of weakness.

Truth means the actual realization of the Presence, “The Truth” an “awareness,” that comes through discerning that which is not “Truth” and which is a hindrance to the expression of the Truth in the individual.

You must be sure that you are not deluding yourselves, for it is not merely skimming the surface that leads you to your final conclusion which is “awareness.”

If you listen to me with a background of what you have accepted without deep discernment of its true value, that background may be one of theosophy, Christianity, Judaism or any other belief, you will be stuffed with these ideas which in themselves are but contradictions. You can readily see that if you are stuffed with these contradictions the conflict in your mind will impede your realization of Truth.

The challenge must be bold and impartial, free from any conformity. Some of you will think that this is a drastic step but this is the only step and

the final step in your realization of the Truth.

A belief is not the Presence, a belief is but an idea in your mind and the Truth is not an idea nor an image, Truth is Life, Reality, is complete in Itself. It does not need an idea for Its expression. It Itself is true expression.

The Truth is already established and every human being can be helped through It. Therefore the more you clarify your own minds the more the Truth can make Itself known through you.

It is only when your mind is utterly free from division, distinction and attachment can there be true understanding. Then the core of Truth can be reached. But this must not be a relative Truth otherwise you are lost again. Truth is not something outside yourself, there is no outside “yourself.” When you realize this and become aware of it, then the all-inclusiveness of the Truth will be yours, Love, Wisdom and Power will express Itself and you can say, “All power has been given unto me in heaven and on earth.”

BENEDICTION

O Everlasting Truth, bless me that I may behold Thy wholeness. May the Morning Star of Thy glory appear before me so that my eyes are opened to Thy abiding Presence in All.

At first I saw not the Spirit within their bosom, but as I discerned the falseness of my beliefs the veil fell from my eyes. I became aware of Thy Infinite Presence everywhere and I met Thee face to face, for Thou art the Everlasting Truth.

Lecture 10 (13th December 1949)

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM¹

All over the world at this time, millions of people are preparing to meet and rejoice. There is a feeling of goodwill, a desire to give, a desire to make others happy. There is a fever of delight, inspiration and goodwill welling up on the approach of Christmas.

Absent friends are being remembered, antagonism and embitterment is being dissolved away. How could it be otherwise when at this time everyone is captivated by the beautiful story of the first Christmas nearly 2,000 years ago, when the world was presented with the key to Love, Faith and Hope.

The shepherds heard the heavenly host sing, "Glory to God in high Heaven and on earth peace and goodwill to all men." These shepherds were men of deep understanding and had practised all their lives communion with the Spiritual realms, for their calling had developed gifts that are latent in most people.

This phenomena is not unfamiliar to us for we have also heard heavenly hosts sing here in our midst. Therefore we know that the same applies to our present time, as applied in ancient times. The trouble is that most people put these things into the past or the future with the result that they never experience them in the present which is the only time. "The Presence" is always present and is the same "Presence" two thousand years ago and today.

The shepherds, on their knees, with their flocks peacefully grazing around them, the wise men with their gifts stand before Mary with her child in her arms. Motherhood is lifted to the highest pinnacle of human thought. The Christ is born through woman and the great truth is revealed through woman, that in every child born there the Christ dwells.

This is the highest form of human thought and enables all to reach their godhead, through the power of Love, Faith and Hope, the greatest of these being Love. Paul says in 1. Cor. 13: 13-14, "Faith and hope and Love last on, these three, but the greatest of all is Love. Make Love your aim and then set your heart on Spiritual gifts" (Moffatt translation). Yet the highest form of human thought is gained through Love.

Those who believe and those who do not believe agree on one thing that on this Christmas night long ago in Bethlehem the vision of goodwill towards all men shone out over the world.

Although the world is far from the perfect vision of a world ruled by "Love" where man loves God with all his heart and his neighbour as himself, yet this everflowing Fount of Living Water is offered to mankind as a free gift leading to Eternal Life and liberty now, just as it was on that Christmas night in Bethlehem.

This babe, destined to become the leader of all men, entered into a world torn with strife, separation, greed and dishonesty and although man has not thrown off these self-imposed shackles that bind him, he can still raise his eyes to see the Star of Bethlehem still shining as gloriously as it did on that first Christmas night. Not only is it still here but is brought nearer to us by the Love and Faith of the Man of Galilee who showed the way. His faith was his realization of his oneness with the Father of Love, and as the Father always did the work, that work was always done in a way that would benefit the individual most.

This knowing of the Master proved that his faith was not put upon any individual agency but entirely in the Father who resided within him, not as something apart from him or relative to him, but that the very nature of God was in himself, so that whatever he asked believing that he would receive, so he should have. And the same message he gives to us, when we also believe as he did, "Whatever ye ask, believing ye have received so shall ye have."

Lack of understanding is the cause of our lack of Love and Faith. When we love we are on the crest of the wave that carries us on to fame and fortune. Faith is absent where there is fear of not having, this sense of not having is the seed of doubt and fear. But when we know that it is our

thought that reproduces itself we see how necessary it is to follow in the Master's footsteps.

In the Life of Jesus this truth was lived out completely. He showed in terms of simple beauty that all may follow, so that all may reach the pinnacle of perfection that he reached. Yet today we look over a world that is suffering from the scars of war and strife and still the world is quarrelling over the way it should live.

It is evident that the world has failed to understand and practise the teaching of the Master. Instead of realizing the oneness of all Life, so simply expressed in the Master's own words, "I and the Father are one," those who follow him have set up an image of Jesus as a form of worship instead of applying his teachings in their lives. By doing so they have put Jesus and all he stood for far away, quite beyond their reach.

Mankind must clear away the fog of this illusion before he can claim his true birthright, shown again in the Master's words, "Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in heaven." In the light of this truth the miracles of two thousand years ago are possible today.

We must all realize that great truth the Master gave in simple language for all to understand, that this Truth would set us free. Through ignorance and craving man has turned away from that ever-flowing Font of Living Water offered to him as a wonderful free gift from God leading us to eternal bliss.

Have we not all the world over erroneously exercised our Divine Gift of free will by disregarding the gift of Eternal Life and Love, and we are now nearing the point where we touch the darkest depths of our own self-created misery. But this is the point where we perceive a gleam of light as we raise our eyes and see the Star of Bethlehem still shining as gloriously as it ever did. That Vision of Perfection is still with us and becomes nearer to us and clearer to us as the effect of our own folly is discerned with understanding.

This Divine Wisdom is always with us if we will but use It, "For in Him we move and have our being." Made in His image and likeness we have also been given His free will to choose. Thus we learn through experience, and as long as we do not allow experience to deprive us of our true birthright we will know the meaning of his words, "All is possible to him

that believeth,” for the Divine Creative Power is inherent in us all, “What you gaze upon you bring forth.”

The Divine Light shineth in the darkness and the darkness can not overcome it. This Divine Light of Love and Faith does not leave man alone but surrounds him even in his darkest hour. It was this that Jesus showed us so clearly in his last moments on the Cross, “O Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.”

The world has reached the stage in mental and scientific development where Spiritual understanding must serve the greater purpose, so that mankind will go from glory to glory. Failing this, mankind could destroy itself on earth through separation and ill-will. Yet by unity and goodwill, as demonstrated by the Master, mankind can reach a pinnacle unheard of in the ages past.

We have reached the stage also where we become our own evolution and it is up to us all in the world to reach out to the Star of Bethlehem and make it a reality in our lives by translating the Christ that is born in us into our everyday life here and now.

Here are some of the Master’s words that I have selected for our enlightenment. “Let not your hearts be disquieted, you believe, believe in God and also in me.” “If you knew me, you would know my Father too. You know Him now and you have seen Him.” “These words I speak to you all I do not speak of my own accord it is the Father who remains in me who is performing His own deeds.” “Believe me I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” “Truly, truly I tell you he who believes in me will do the very deeds I do and still greater deeds than these.”

The effects we suffer from today are but the causes of yesterday and no matter how we treat these effects, it will not cure our troubles. Nor can we separate ourselves or close our eyes to the conflict that is going on in and around us, for we are ourselves the cause. What the individual is so is the world. The trouble of the world will pass when the individual ceases to add to it.

The light of the world is essentially individual in character because the individual must see the light before it can be established in the world, for the individual is the world. Therefore we must live by example and not by preaching.

Take the world today, divided into two armed camps, both are seeking advantage, antagonism is at its height, any moment a spark could set alight the powder magazine. We cannot have that lasting peace by threats of atomic bombs nor can we obtain it by looking down the barrel of a gun or at the point of a bayonet. Only by the free systematic unselfish co-operative tackling of the causes of war, strife and misery can these be eradicated.

It is only when we can love each other and have faith in each other instead of hating and fearing one another can we hope to banish our self-created misery.

Our needs are dual in nature, individual and collective. We must tackle our own problems in the light of Truth. We must also develop a spirit of comradeship and love for our fellows before we can hope to have that peace and quiet of heart we individually desire, before we can have a lasting peace and security from conflict, sorrow and limitation, individually and collectively.

I think it was St. Cyprian² who said these words, “He who seeks to save his soul alone may find the path, but will not reach the goal, but he who loves may wonder far yet God will bring him where the blessed are.”

Let us then not waste time trying to patch up our old mistakes in thought and action but see the Light that shines in the darkness and which the darkness cannot overcome. Then nothing will stand in our way. True happiness only comes when this is found in ourselves, and the only instrument we can use in the process is true Love and Faith.

Action is needed, nothing can be done by just thinking about it. We must each be fired with that Divine dynamic purpose devoting our energies to constructive work, individually and collectively, to make our brotherhood complete. We must first begin with ourselves in our immediate surroundings, our homes, our associates, our business and in our everyday life. Above all let us be practical about it and not merely theoretical or visionary.

Now is the time, there can never be a tomorrow for tomorrow never comes. Now is the time for constructive work to be done in the individual and the nation. Only Love for our neighbour and Faith in God and ourselves can bring that peace and happiness that all are seeking.

We must train ourselves Spiritually, mentally and physically in the Science of Living, so that each one can make a real contribution to the establishment of this lasting peace and happiness, individually and collectively.

We must first of all serve others and not enslave them, that love for others more than for ourselves shall dominate our action. **For Love is that strong vigorous manly expression of the Christ Character.**

Time does not change man, willpower does not change man, only the Christ Character can do that. "If you love only those who love you what credit is that to you."

Jesus lived to make men free, then let us follow the star of Bethlehem, that Light that shines in the darkness and in our hearts we will utter these words of the immortal poet Robert Burns:³

"It's coming yet for a' that
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be for a' that."

Yes! **LOVE is** the greatest thing in the world and the **Star of Bethlehem still points the way.**

BENEDICTION

O Thou rarest of Flowers, that grow in the Garden of Humanity, thy freshness and thy aroma spreads all over the earth.

Prejudiced minds would slander thee, yet thou didst shed thy Love upon them and thy forgiveness helped them to be purified by remorse.

Thou art the Lover of all who have strayed from the fold, for didst thou not say "Leave the ninety-nine and go and find the one that is lost," so that the fold may be complete.

Thou hast healed the deep wound of hatred by saying, "Love thine enemies," for they are our brothers who are sick through ignorance.

Yet thy sweetest words of all are those when thou suffered most, "O Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

O help me to be like thee, O rarest of all Flowers.

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1. This Christmas lecture was delivered both in Pretoria and Johannesburg (15th December 1949).
 2. Saint Cyprian (Thascius Caecilius Cyprianus). He was born sometime at the beginning of the 3rd century in North Africa. Died a martyr in Carthage Sept. 258. He came from a wealthy and distinguished pagan background. After converting to Christianity, he became bishop of Carthage (249) and was an important early Christian writer.
 3. Robert Burns (1759-96). Scottish poet. He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland. Also known as *Robbie Burns*, or simply as *The Bard*. 'Burns Night,' the evening of 25th January (his birthday), celebrated by many Scots with feasting and drinking.

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Lecture 1 (31st January 1950)

OUR CREATIVE ABILITY IN THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

“Make the Almighty himself your treasure, sound wisdom your wealth, then the Almighty shall be a joy to you, whatever you plan shall prosper and you shall live in the sunshine.”

Those who acquaint themselves with the Almighty can specify with authority, knowing that they are exercising powers bestowed on them for that purpose.

Whether we are conscious of it or not, faith through knowing and fear through ignorance are the two components of the mind responsible for the things that are at this moment making or breaking us.

Lack of this knowledge and the unconscious use of our Creative Power are the two factors responsible for the failure and unhappiness and the cause of much ill-health.

“Ask whatever ye will—believing—and it shall be done unto you,” is not merely a formula nor a platitude but the promise of a life more abundant here and now.

In the turmoil of daily life it is difficult for many to become conscious thinkers yet without conscious thinking successful results cannot be obtained. If you are caught up in the stream of unconscious reaction in fear and anxiety you are led away from the Truth of your Being.

Through the practical application of our creative ability the Law is discovered that can be applied at will and it will be found to be mathematically correct and therefore can always be relied upon.

Intelligent asking through knowing and intelligent receiving through understanding are the first steps to be taken in using our creative ability.

We should employ ourselves with the understanding that what we do affects not only ourselves but others, the proof of this is revealed in modern

science which is the reward we have for our intelligent use of our creative ability.

All the laws of Nature, mental, spiritual and physical, will serve us in exact proportion that we understand and observe them. If we hate we will be hated, if we love we will be loved. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is not a mere command but the Law of Reciprocity.

The heedless and ignorant use of the activities of the Mind will deprive us of things that could be ours for the asking, knowing how to receive.

Most people do not realize the importance of habitually using this creative ability in accordance with the Law of Life. When the prophet said, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, he did not mean that we must apply this law ourselves, but meant that the Law of Reciprocity was the one that would extract an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, meaning definitely that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. As one soweth so shall one reap, what we sow we reap.

When you find yourselves in a difficult position the condition overwhelms you, and your mind under pressure of circumstances fails to solve the seemingly unsolvable. Experience has definitely proved that this can be the turning point, the beginning of a successful life when you employ your creative ability with understanding.

Nature forces us into a corner where we are forced to use her laws with intelligent understanding. We must realize that the Universe is proved to be a substance exact in nature to that which makes up ourselves, therefore the Creator and the created are one, where no separation is possible except the illusion that creeps into man's mind when in ignorance of this truth, or when he fails to recognise this truth through force of circumstance often of his own making.

The fact is that we can dominate circumstances instead of being a victim of them by co-operating intelligently with the Creative Power which is always aiming for our betterment. No matter what condition we find ourselves in, our betterment is Nature's sole scheme on our behalf. If we would remember this we could accomplish things consciously which would otherwise never be attained.

Fear that paralyses our thought would vanish and in its place we would have confidence in an all-creative Power in which we move and have our being.

We would make ourselves independent of other people's efforts on our behalf, for dependence on others has often brought about our greatest failures. If we can only realize that we can create in others the desire to serve, our needs would be fulfilled. But first we must serve others so that the Law of Reciprocity will work.

The Law of Reciprocity is creative for we see what we ask we receive provided we ask aright. "Whatever I see the Father do I do likewise." When we think deeply what this means we are no longer waiting for others to act for us but become Creative, co-operating with the all-Creative Power in all.

To reach our goal the mind must not be dominated by example, instance, pattern, warrant or authority or anything that may have happened previously, nor limited by existing facts, but must transcend this level and enter into the realms where others fear to tread.

To be consciously creative is the ability all must seek. Nowhere can we find this more clearly portrayed as in the words of the Master who shows us that we are automatically endowed with unlimited resources, when we understand the true meaning of ask and you will receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

The Laws of asking, believing and receiving manifest themselves in our internal and external world alike according to our intelligent use of them. But we cannot use the Law unless we apply it. Some think that by looking into the sky they will find gold. Our conscious creative ability must be used and in accordance with its use so shall it produce hundredfold. Many ears of corn grow out of one ear of corn, but that one ear of corn must first be sown.

The true sower is one who reveals his oneness with God, his faith in God increases. There is no difference between the law that operates on the ear of corn and the law that opens in man's mind, there is but one Creative Law existing in the Universe but man has failed to see it yet.

A well-ordered society can only rise out of individuals who understand, thereby producing well-ordered individuals. A well-ordered individual is

one who intelligently directs his thoughts and efforts in accordance with these Laws.

With no knowledge of these Laws individuals unconsciously allow themselves to be destroyed. The Creative Power in man is led into the misuse of the Creative Law. Civilization in the past flourished from small beginnings but later became smothered by the things they created, eventually becoming controlled by leaders with little knowledge of Creative Law. So the blind led the blind and they all fell into the ditch.

Today reason and knowledge is gradually finding its way into the masses and if man's mind is focussed on the Creator and less on the created, man will free himself. At present man is dominated by circumstances instead of controlling them. Man today enslaves himself by allowing effects to determine his state of mind and thus he is controlled by the effects of his own cause.

Man will continue to be controlled until he becomes conscious of his creative ability. He will free himself from himself when he feels the great thrill of self-confidence that logically rises from his realization of his relationship to the Creator of all things.

This is truly freedom and you cannot be useful to yourself and to the world until this great freedom is obtained.

The only possible way to possess this freedom is through your realization of your eternal existence in the Eternal. This is much more than a belief. It is more than an attitude of mind. It is more than faith. It is a deep, deep feeling of oneness, all-inclusiveness.

The complete enactment must be the giving up of the separate self with all its prejudices. Possessiveness for the separate self is in no way like Him who made us in His own image and likeness.

Do not think that by giving up the little things in Life that you have succeeded. Little things do not matter. A small knoll will blot out a great range of mountains but to see the great Vision we must go beyond the knoll and when we have seen the Vision we have forgotten the knoll that hid it. So with us all.

All night the sky sparkles with the stars but when the sun rises they give way, and go into the background. So with us all, we must give way to the

Ruler of all things. It does not mean throwing away your individuality that you can become like Him. We can only become like Him when we see everything in Life as He sees it.

BENEDICTION

O Mighty One, Creator of all things, I have found that the king of sin is ignorance.

We have enthroned ignorance, the king of illusion, the root of the tree of ill-health and unhappiness and soul blindness.

I was about to weep in despair when I heard Thy Voice calling, “Be not afraid for I am with thee always. My Light will be thine aid. Be happy and serve Me and I will serve thee a hundredfold.”

O Mighty One, I thank Thee in my soul in Silence, now knowing we are one.

Lecture 2 (7th February 1950)

OUR CREATIVE ABILITY IS INCREASED THROUGH EXPERIENCE

Romans 1: 20,* “God Himself has made it plain, for ever since the world was created, His invisible nature His everlasting power and Divine Being have been quite perceptible in what He has made.”

This is plain to the man of sense and the man of intelligence that the invisible nature of God is revealed in the visible. This was made plain when the Master said, “When you have seen me you have seen the Father,” for without the invisible the visible could not be. Thus is the Law further revealed that the Creative Principle is inherent in us and when we realize it, only then does the magnitude and greatness of the Creative Power dawn upon us.

But to protect ourselves from ourselves the Law of Reciprocity was given by the Master in plain words. In Mark 4: 22, 24, 26-27,* “There is nothing hidden except to be disclosed, nothing concealed except to be revealed.... The measure you deal out to others will be dealt out to yourselves and you will receive extra.... It is with the realm of God as when a man has sown seed on earth he sleeps at night and rises by day and the seed sprouts and shoots up—he knows not how.”

The entire visible world in which we live is proof of the invisible Creative Principle manifesting Itself. There is only one Creative Principle in operation and it is our ability to co-operate with this Creative Principle which is operating in ourselves, that makes us real creators.

Our past successes or failures are the experiences we have in the use of our Creative ability and the way in which we use it. Everything in Life is brought about by the conscious or unconscious operation upon this Creative Principle. That you find yourselves here at this very moment has worked out in certain ways unknown, just as the growth of the corn reveals itself while man sleeps so is our environment our desires fulfilled.

When you have fully realized this fact you will see that it is both a privilege and a necessity for you to employ the method and technique designed by the Creative Principle and explained by Jesus himself.

Man has entered into new fields of art and science and has established a technique which he continues to improve, thus revealing the unfolding of that which is waiting for mankind to use. If he will use it wisely it will be to him a pleasure. Yet he can use it unwisely and cause much sorrow and conflict.

As in the realm of art and science so in the realm of thought. Man can learn the technique of how to direct his Creative ability and through experience he is able to enjoy life instead of becoming the victim of haphazard conditions and events. Thus we learn how to apply our Creative ability through experience.

As you begin to grow in your experience you will naturally come up against difficulties which must be solved by yourselves. Think of the rock that remains unmoved although the waves of the ocean dash around it. Think of the tree that is deeply rooted and withstands the wind and storm, standing firm, giving shelter to many birds. That is what you have to be.

The only authority you recognize, the only command you allow must be that of the Creative Principle (The Presence) which nothing in the world can shake. In this way you gradually develop your ability to create which increases and gives you joy.

“The Presence” is the only authority that you can recognise, not the authority of another, nor the spiritual label of another, for you must only recognize that which is of the invisible nature within, urging you on to greater and greater heights.

There must be Divine discontentment that will lead you to greater experiences and you must go through your own experiences, and that is why mere innocence is not Spiritual.

It is the person that knows both sorrow and happiness that can become a truly Spiritual person, because he is all the time seeking, all the time asking, all the time creating.

In order to be of service to others you must have a soul prepared for temptation, a soul prepared to withstand the storms that burst around you,

prepared for any eventuality, this is strength and breadth of character which alone is Spiritual.

People who are childishly innocent tend to be petty and narrow and jealous, and it is against such trivial things that you must fight. These do not tend to give great and true experiences.

A child has had no experience, it does not know what it is to suffer in the turmoil of a world rocked in laughter, sorrow and tears. A child prattles and uses pretty words. You must be the person who has passed through the fires of experience. Out of these you must build.

Your experiences are the rivers you must sail to the vast ocean where you lose yourself and become the ocean. Yet you must be able to navigate that ocean with your accumulation of experiences behind you. You will open your sails and let the breath of God direct you, "Not my will, Father, but Thine."

When you have acquired the Eternal Truth you will be able to give it to others. The person that has it not, and who yet is trying to convince others is the hypocrite. But the person who has it, in however small degree, will speak with certainty, with experience, with authority.

In this state your mind is ready for creative ideas, it has already united itself to things seen and unseen. It is like the soil that Jesus speaks of (Mark 4) as the "people who listen to the word and take in, bearing fruit at the rate of thirty, sixty and a hundredfold." "Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good." This causes us to direct the Creative energy into positive constructive channels, thereby producing that "which is acceptable to Him" and that "which is acceptable to Him" must of necessity be most acceptable to us.

All the visible forms we are aware of were first invisible forms created in the mind, and carried forward by the Creative energy revealing the Creative Principle in action, and as the Creative Principle manifests in both invisible and visible we can, with a little study, find the method to consciously use the law operating in both these realms for the fulfilment of our greatest desires.

The use of our Creative ability has been only yet dimly understood. The greatest possibilities more wonderful than man has yet dared to imagine are

still to be enjoyed through the conscious use of our Creative ability with the understanding of the Law of Reciprocity. This is our experience. “Even greater things than these shall ye do”

In Corinthians we read, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers for there is no power but of God.”

With knowledge and understanding the Apostle Paul made this statement, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” Philippians 2: 5-6 (KJV).

This wisdom unites the individual consciousness with the Universal Consciousness and makes us conscious creators “according to your faith (through understanding) so shall it be unto you.”

Intelligent asking and intelligent believing unite the individual and the Universal, thereby creating “whatever ye will.” The seed is planted in the Universal and grows apace, watered with the power of faith through knowing. As all is mind both visible and invisible, the visible made by the manifestation of the invisible, therefore whatever “ye ask” must have its beginnings in the realm of the Creative Principle invisible before it becomes effects in the visible.

Here are some of the Master’s words, “Ask whatever ye will, believing and according to your faith it shall be done unto you.” “All things are possible to him that believeth.” “If you ask anything in my name I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” “If ye **abide in me** and **my word bide in you** ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.” “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” Here we see clearly the meaning of his words which are all the time directing us to the use of our Creative ability, but also cautioning us in its use because of the Law of Reciprocity, yet without action we can have no experience.

Now this truth I am giving you is an abstract reality and not a concrete thing that can be seen through the senses. Although the Creator and the created are “One” the created has no power of itself. Only the Creator has power of Itself and the realization of this should give you intense personal joy and devotion and the desire to create, not only within yourself but to create around you. In this way the “Presence” will fill your temple of Its own accord and you must make your house His Temple.

He will continue to unfold Himself in you, and day by day there will be greater vistas more clearly defined. You will develop the capacity to fill yourself with His genius, with His strength, with His nobility, with His forgiveness, with His all-inclusiveness. Then you will reflect His Divine originality for in Him alone is the source of originality, the source of Creation, the source of beauty, all your attempts to be original, beautiful, creative, are of little avail if you have not the understanding, the capacity to touch the Source of things. Herein lies the secret of our Creative ability and only through experience can it be made perfect.

BENEDICTION

O Divine One, while I sleep Thou hast increased my store a hundredfold. When I awoke Thou were a joy unto me, for when I think Thou dost think with me, when I will Thou dost will with me.

O Great Provider, Thou art myself yet without Thee I am nothing, without Thee I can do nothing, therefore guide me forever, O Beloved.

* [Moffatt Translation](#)

Lecture 3 (14th February 1950)

“BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD”

Your wealth lies in the Creative Power within and not in the things created. This is the secret of your power in a world torn with strife and confusion.

In the understanding of this great Truth and the acting on this Truth is the beginning and ending of all things. For the Creative Principle is the embodiment of all laws of Creation with a knowing how, therefore ask and ye shall receive is the natural outcome of the Creative Principle in operation. For it cannot be otherwise as we will see as we proceed with this lesson.

The main theme of this lesson is to be doers of the Word and not listeners only.

When we begin to look into the activity that takes place in the event of our acting on the Word we note that there is that eternal link we have with the Creative Principle which Jesus called the Father. Then comes the Son—the Christ—who is conscious of the Father and also conscious of the thing asked for.

Although the two are one, one is active while the other is passive until the asking causes the action to take place. Then the greater of the two becomes the actor in every case. This is the Will of God in action to fulfil your every desire.

What I also mean to do in this lesson is to show you that the most important thing is not to place any limitation on the Will of the Father. But if you do not understand the perfect Law of Liberty you will fail to see that every experience is in accordance with the Will of the Father leading to the successful fulfilment.

You should therefore look upon events as the Father revealing His Wisdom step by step according to His Will and not according to your will, for He works in mysterious ways to fulfil your asking. Therefore you must not come to any conclusion nor pin your faith upon the action of any other individual or situation but have complete dependence upon the Father Himself for He alone does the work.

To ask and believe in the name of Christ is to immediately bring into play the Creative Principle in translating into form the things asked for. Therefore the thing asked for should cease to be the paramount longing in the human heart but to know "That" which produces all things. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name, ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full." It is not the things asked for that gives joy but the knowing of the Father, Who when ye ask aright it shall be done unto you. It is your ignorance of this great Truth that deprives you of the privileges bestowed upon you by a loving Creator.

Nearly everyone is restricted by their limited understanding arising from their reaction to environment and conditions in Life, most of us are trying to run our own lives with the result that we fail miserably. We feel that we are crippled, most people are like an engine with only one cylinder firing instead of six.

Remember the saying of the Master, "I of mine own self can do nothing, it is the Father who ever remaineth within me doeth the work." Also in Proverbs 16* we read, "A man may think what he will say but at that moment the word comes from the Eternal." "Trust your affairs to the Eternal and your plans will prosper." "A man thinks out his plans but the Eternal controls his course." "Better get wisdom than gold, better choose knowledge than silver."

Thus it is necessary to get wisdom so that you can ask aright. You will then discover from your results that it is not merely listening but really acting on the word that counts, and your experiences derived from your practice will increase your wisdom and understanding.

Thinking along these lines will prove that your thinking is God's word manifesting through you and everything that takes place is the unfoldment of the Creative Power in accordance with your desire. But your desires can only be truly fulfilled when this truth is established in you, not haphazardly

but with Divine understanding. Then let your thinking (Creative ability) be towards a definite purpose.

The entire material world, including man, is the manifestation of the Creative Principle becoming the things It makes. Therefore it follows that what we think and feel we create. If this was known generally man would not be controlled by circumstances and events, but would be at the helm of his own ship guiding it into port, laden with “all the good things that God has promised to those who love Him.”

By means of our thoughts and feelings we are united with the Creative Principle for the formation of our thoughts into the concrete. Therefore nothing is more important to us than considered thinking. In this way we will dissolve all that we do not want. We will banish fear and doubt and bring our Creative Ability into line with the Divine as a practical means of consciously producing whatever we truly desire.

The Father is the Source of our Creative Power, but He cannot be more to us than we know of Him in our lives. This must not be a sanctimonious attitude of mind or a mind that is caught up in ethics, nor in virtues or their opposites. It must be a truly dynamic understanding of the Reality of His Nature. By doing so the power of our thought will produce that which we will delight in.

The purpose of these lectures is to present to you the methods which have proved successful in my many years of experience in helping others to solve their own problems. There is a saying that you can lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink. It is the same with you, I can lead you to the Truth, but the Truth you must drink yourselves. I cannot make you drink it, that is your affair not mine.

I have tried to make the simple Truth clear to you, of “asking and believing” knowing that the Father does the work, and produces for us what we think. At first it may seem difficult to comprehend. But when we employ the method successfully of asking and believing, knowing that the Father doeth the work, we will realize that all Creation is working towards the fulfilment of our desires. “Therefore be ye doers of the Word.”

If you examine your mind you will see if you are creating the things you desire or creating the things you do not desire, remember that your

individual experience is the Will of God. To know that we can think with God and will with God is the Sceptre of Power.

To rebel against conditions is but to increase their power over you. Scan your mental field and see how many thoughts are influenced by your existing conditions. You will see whether your mind is 50%, 75% or 100% negative. The remedy is within yourselves.

If you love the created more than the Creator then no matter what you possess your mind will be negative. But if you love the Creator more than the created, no matter what conditions you are in, your positive attitude will soon lift you out of these depressing circumstances into the sunlight.

To enter into the Kingdom there must be no narrow conformity. It is the sense of unity that matters most, then you can give without holding back. You cannot be happy until you make others happy.

You must be falling in love all the time with everything that lives, everything that moves or does not move, for everything dwells in the Kingdom, and Love is the power behind all Creation. Once you have realized this you will realize it again and again, once you have tasted this, you will never be satisfied with the transient things, for you will know that which is eternal and ever-present, and is Creator of all.

You must learn to live, not to conform. If you look into your lives you will see there is a constant struggle to conform to this and that. All your efforts are merely to adjust your ideas, your feelings, your actions mostly to the dictates of another.

Your efforts and struggles do not lead you to understanding, but make you critical, insincere and hypocritical to yourselves. You do not know what you really think, what you really feel.

Most of you are seeking security with the result that your mind is in opposition to itself, and opposites are born of illusion and one is easily caught up in the illusion of the opposites.

Then there is the search for Spiritual security and your progress is measured by the acquisition of virtues, thus virtue becomes a vice.

There are those who are spiritual and those who are not spiritual. You have division high and low, all this leads only to conflict, so the basis of your thinking is imitation. Where there is consciousness of distinction there

can be no realization of that which is the living Reality and is the only Creative Power.

You create your own barriers which prevent you from creating in the present and prevents you from living in the present. You need not flight these self-created barriers, but become aware of their falseness, then you will see how your mind has been suffocated all these years, therefore incapable of true understanding.

The simple Truth can only come through the ecstasy of Love, and when you have found It there is no doubt, no more loneliness no more darkness. There will be attainment through enlightenment because you are the embodiment of all that you seek.

The wheel of birth and death has ceased to be in your Eternal Home, for you and the Creator are One.

“Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me. It is the Father who ever remaineth within me is performing His Own deeds.”

BENEDICTION

O Divine Father, Thou art forever behind my desire, Thy presence behind my thoughts.

Thou hast rent the veil that separates us and now I can speak to Thee and Thou dost speak to me.

Thou hast taught me to be confident in Thy Presence and I have lost my fears and found Thy all-conquering Power of Wisdom.

* [Proverbs 16: 1,3,9,16](#) (Moffatt Translation)

Lecture 4 (21st February 1950)

OUR CREATIVE GENIUS

In my last lecture I made the significant statement that the subjective self was and must be the Universal Self because God is Infinite in nature, and being Infinite there can be no other Creative Power but His. The great importance of this does not dawn upon us all at once, it gradually unfolds as we become more “aware.”

**Perhaps it didn't dawn upon you the completeness and the importance of that statement, that the subjective self is the Universal Self because God is Infinite in nature. When we realise this we will see later on tonight why this subjective self gives us what we think and desire. It gives us without reproach whatever we desire. “Whatsoever ye ask—so shall be given unto you.” But this also applies not only to the good things but the things that are less good. According to the attitude of mind and what kind of mind we have so we will find that the subjective self will express that outwardly again.*

A pig can live in a pig-sty but it doesn't know that it is living in a pig-sty, because it is habitual for a pig to live in a pig-sty, and many people's minds are just the same. They are not aware that their minds are like pig-sty's, not until such time as they begin to analyze their thoughts and feelings and then they find that their minds are pig-sty's. Unless you become aware then of your own thoughts—the things that are real and the things that are not real, you will never be able to get from the subjective self or the Father the things that you truly desire.

The mind of man has been divided into various compartments. We have the conscious, subconscious, superconscious, soul, Spirit, etc., etc. If we are not careful we get lost in terms and separation.

The greatest of all mental scientists of all times considered the mind of man as a reflector of the Mind of God and through this realization all things

were possible,—“I and the Father are one,”—and what I want to do in this lecture is to correlate our present-day findings with the Truth of the prophets and to show that they knew much more than we do with our modern jingo.

The mind of man has been divided into so many compartments. Each part has been given a certain look-over and this is said to be certain things which applies to mankind. We know all these things but unless we are able to see the Whole we will never be able to live in the Whole. When you divide yourselves into many particular compartments you are creating separation. If you can consider these words, “I and the Father are One,” not from the viewpoint of a platitude or a saying, but to deeply understand them, then your mind will change. The orbit of the mind will change, there will be a distinctive mental attitude towards life that will give you the things that you really desire. It is said, “that no one knoweth the many things that the Father has in store for those who love Him.”

But this knowledge will be of no value to us unless there is inspiration from within, revealing the great power of the Truth that is so fervently sought by all, so much so that you would give all you have to possess It. It is here for you as the free gift of God for you to accept now and act upon it, and this is Creative Genius. *Our Creative Genius is the capability and our ability to act in accordance with this Divine Mind. To become aware not outside the mind but inside that Mind, and that Mind inside us then our thoughts are arranged along those lines. You see then, that this is our Creative Genius.* That it is as simple as this is hard to realize; but the fact that it is so is yet only recognized by a few. And it is this same Truth and the only Truth and this is what you are seeking. Most people fail to see this, so they run after some new truth, some new idea. They are perpetually concerned about what is Truth, what is God. They can only know this when they come out of their mental fog, a prison of their own making.

Clear thinking is Pure Thinking. Reaction is not thinking. Reaction to things external to oneself is conforming; reacting to conditions, creating beliefs, thoughts in the negative, fear, emotions, threats, enslavement. Creative ability—Creative Genius is when Pure Thinking begins. Pure Thinking can only begin when you begin to realize this truth—that the Universal Self is the subjective self in you and that there is no separation.

That this subjective self in you is Real in nature and is Universal in Nature, and has been given all Power in heaven and on earth. It is the Power that Jesus speaks about and the Power that gave him the wonderful expression of thought and genius. These words are really the words of a genius. When I repeat some of them this evening, you will see truly the most wonderful expression of eternity.

In modern phraseology we have the conscious and subconscious, objective and subjective, inner and outer. These terms mean the same things. It is said that what we think is accepted by the subconscious, subjective or inner mind, which reflects out again what we think. This is perfectly true and the point I want to draw your attention to is that this being so there can be no separation between the inner and the outer and the subjective and the objective.

Now the “subjective,” (which I will call it in future because of my mention of it in this way in my last lecture and revealing it to be the Universal Self), this Intelligence, having control of the body through the nervous system, out-pictures what we think and feel. Thoughts then become active in our body through a chemical change in the tissue structure, not only do they affect us personally but other people and circumstances. This has been proved over and over again through experiment and some people have had the good fortune to discern it for themselves.

The majority of people who have something wrong with them are in a state of consternation until such time as they become aware of what their trouble is. From my experience, I have found for many people suffering from very minute troubles, small indeed, like a pink pimple on the face. They are afraid that it may be cancer and the whole of their mind is in a turmoil. Why they even sweat, they go to bed and they cannot sleep. They walk the floor. Next day they rush in and say, “Doctor, what is this? What is this?”

Immediately I tell them what it is and it has no malignancy about it whatsoever, and I ensure them the truth of what I say, then their mind becomes easeful. Here then is a state of conflict, a mental state brought about by a belief, a supposition, superstition, ignorance. When we realize this truth, that the individual becomes aware of himself as a reality and as

all substance under the control of the subjective mind, his thinking will be on a plane accordingly, therefore he will bring about that which he desires.

*In nearly every case of any physical ailment there is also the mental counterpart to it. Very often that mental counterpart is 90 percent while the physical is only 10 percent. There is very often mental agitation and that is a big (part) of the whole of the troubles. The pain and everything passes away, which shows you definitely and completely, that here we have again a mind that is unstable, that is not aware of its own Reality. The mind of man can be the reflection of the Mind of God, and this is what Jesus knew, what the prophets knew and that is what you should know. That your mind can **be** and **is** the reflector of the Mind of God.*

In many cases when people come to me with their mind in this deranged state. I become calm and peaceful in myself. I don't believe in these things. I know how difficult it is for the mind to be subdued, and very often I do not speak a single word but in my deep thoughts I say, "Father, you do not suffer from this, neither can your child," and without a single word being said a change takes place in the mental attitude of that individual. How then have I touched the string that is deep in the soul of that individual? I have touched them because I have touched the Truth—the Living Truth—that the mind of man can be the reflector of the Mind of God.

“Mind” is a comprehensive term and is very misleading when we want to know the real truth. In one way we speak of the Mind of God in which everything must exist and nothing can exist apart from It because there is nothing else but the Mind of God. Therefore the mind of man must exist in the Mind of God for it cannot exist apart from the Mind of God.

That is true reasoning and when we begin to reason these things, we begin to reason these other things that are of no value to us—away. The mind becomes more stable, the consciousness becomes aware. The Mind of God is always, there is nothing else but the Mind of God—that is a Truth. All exists in Him and nothing can exist apart from Him. How often have I told you that. I wonder if you believe it? I wonder if you really know that it is true? I often wonder myself if you do believe it is true because you act in absolute distinct opposite.

We also have the term “mind” to represent a substance that is pliable and is acted upon by thought. This substance called “mind” is also matter,

the same substance is lowered in degree of vibration. This substance has no power of its own. It is a substance in which our thoughts manifest and form accordingly.

So we see, that unless we understand what we are talking about, our terms will lead us entirely astray. But I'm going to give you a firm foothold so that you can in future obey that Divine Mind, so that your mind becomes a reflector of It. There is One Mind in the Whole Universe—The Mind of God. No one can deny that. "I am the only One, there are none other besides me. Out of Me and by Me and through Me everything has been created, and everything must remain in Me and I must remain in everything"—that is the Creator.

This substance then in which God creates everything is His own Mind or we will call His own Body. It is a pliable substance but it's invisible to the physical eye. It is known to science as electronic in nature. A substance that is pliable and fills boundless space and there is nowhere where it is not. You cannot place a pin-point anywhere except place it in this substance and this substance must penetrate everything. There is nothing in existence except this substance that penetrates it and supports it. Science says, "that this electronic substance fills boundless space and there is no outside it—everything must exist in it and of it."

In this substance then, there is something that takes place, a conscious, a consciousness, something that is creative in that substance which creates form and immediately these electrons form different groups of atoms. These atoms form groups of cells, and these cells form groups of organs, and these organs form groups of individuals and other things. This form takes place in the Mind of God of that mental substance, and it is this Creative Power that is behind it all and that it is the Consciousness or the awareness that you have and I have, "I am alive and Living."

My thought is the product of my own consciousness, and according to the state of my consciousness so will my thought be. Then what is your state of consciousness? Ask yourself, "What is your state of consciousness?" Is it above the petty rubbish that exists in amongst you from time to time or are you steeped in it? Is your mind but a pig-sty or is it something that is glorious? Is your consciousness aware of the Truth? Do you reflect the Truth? Ask yourselves that question and you will find out how true it is.

The origin of all things underlying thought is Consciousness. A consciousness that knows all and knows how. A Consciousness that has Intelligence as an inseparable partner and the activity to produce, that which becomes form. We are told by science that matter separate from energy does not exist, this energy is none other than Intelligence in action, and Intelligence is the active principle of Consciousness, “knowing.”

“Knowing” then is the power behind everything and the state of consciousness depends upon your own knowing—an awareness of “I and the Father are One.” That the subjective self can be none other than the Universal Self, and whatever you ask so it will produce for you.

It is therefore true what the prophet said, that God becomes the things He makes, and it is this unity that all the prophets realized and stated throughout their writings and sayings.

Do we see it in our modern jingo, of course we don't. We see separation and the ramblings of immature minds. Intellectualism run mad.

It was the teaching of the Master and also has been found by others to be true, that it is **not** affirmation nor by violent mental effort which carries us along to our desired goal, but rather a state of consciousness determined by our awareness of the Truth of the “Father who ever remaineth within doeth the work.”

Yes, its quite true, many of you with a mind filled with rubbish, with an attitude of mind that does not give you the things you truly desire. Which cannot give those things. Yet we try to affirm these things and deny other things, and often by violent mental effort you try to produce these things. How can it when your mental attitude is so stupid. It is not by affirmation nor by violent mental effort nor by denials but by a state of consciousness. And that state of consciousness is always there. “The Father who ever remaineth within me does the work.”

I have often thought to myself when people have said, “How is it you work from morning till night? How do you lecture these lectures yet you go on day after day and you seem younger by year and stronger by day?” Well, the whole truth lies in this thing. “It is the Father who doeth the work.” I don't worry about your troubles. Don't you think I am worrying about your troubles. I know perfectly well how illusive they are and how they are stuck in to your mind. I know all about it. But I know this, that God does not

suffer from them and I'm satisfied when I know this Truth, that He does not suffer from them and is not affected by them.

Thought then is the product of the Consciousness and the state of consciousness determines the quality of our thinking. *Therefore you will soon find out whether a person has a state of consciousness worth culturing or copying or one that is useless by the things that they say and what they are speaking. If their minds are like a pig-sty then you will know perfectly well that the state of consciousness they have is similar and that state of consciousness cannot bring them the things that they truly desire. Therefore, it is for you—not for me to examine your own mind because you could do it better. You will see for yourselves what state of consciousness you have by the quality of your own thinking, and that determines your life here as well as it after you have left here.* Thought then is our Spiritual energy carried into operation and is given form through growth by the Creative Power Itself being Universal in Nature— Intelligence in action.

When we plant a seed in the ground the Universal Intelligence becomes active to reproduce its kind. The seed we plant in the ground and the seed of thought we sow in our mind are affected in a similar manner to produce their kind.

If we are unaware of the Truth of our Being, thoughts of fear and uncertainty spring up, they become the weeds that choke the growth of what we truly desire. Remember that thoughts are seeds in the state of mind become active through the Creative Principle, “The Father who doeth the work.” All is mind, and thought is mind in action. This is our Creative Genius.

Is there any other Creative Genius? I can't see it and neither can anyone else, and the truth of this set us free. So we will soon see then what weeds we have that we ourselves have created to prevent the growth of the things we truly desire. It is only by seeing these things ourselves that we can eliminate them. But I say it again, a pig lives in a pig-sty, he does not know he lives in a pig-sty, it is habitual for him to do so. It is habitual for you to live in a mind like a pig-sty then you will have to learn how to recognize it and once you recognize it you will soon get out of it. But not until you do your own discerning can you ever get out of it. You will still live in it, wallow in it and you will still be the same as you were when you began it. I

tell you this, God has everything for you but you yourselves have to cooperate with Him so that He can give you these things that you truly desire.

A state of consciousness is that what determines the quality of your thoughts and nothing else. Therefore affirmations are useless. Violent mental effort are very often contradictory. It's like we have planets revolving around the sun. What would happen if two of those planets came close to one another and collided with one another— there would be some smash-up would there not? I tell you that is taking place in your mind all the time.

With your attitude of mind you create such 'comets' that are floating around in your mind. Then you create a violent affirmation in the opposite direction to counter-act it. Then you wonder why there is an explosion in yourselves. Listen to me, a state of consciousness determines the quality of your thought and that state of consciousness means awareness of your own being. Awareness of the Presence and nothing else.

If we would gain true freedom we must see the Christ in operation which is the Wisdom of God in man and no one can take this Wisdom away from us for we have inherited it, being born in His likeness, because God is Infinite in nature. Only the weeds of ignorance will hide it for a while. But the inevitable must happen, the whole mental orbit of man will change. *Must change.* Thus the whole composition of the mind will change, all will recognize the fact that it is impossible to change the Universal Law of Life, not even through prayer through denials or affirmations.

It means then, a recognition, a state of consciousness where we cooperate with the Divine Mind. "For it is the Father within who doeth the work."

We can never analyze our Cosmic Consciousness, we can only live in Its completeness, Its wholeness, in Its indivisibility, "I and the Father are one," you can never gain a workable understanding of "the Father" if we live in parts, for Life has no parts, there is only "One." You may spend the rest of your Life in studying the parts of your mental make-up, yet this will never lead you to the way of how to make intelligent use of the "Whole," and our business of "living" is to understand the intelligent expression of the Whole.

If then you understand this truth that you are myself and I am yourself. That I am in you and you are in me and what you do, you do to yourself. What you say, you say about yourself. What you take, you take from yourself. What you give, you give to yourself.

Let me tell you this, that the Storehouse of God is waiting to empty Itself out into those who recognize this Truth.

The very words you say denies your conscious awareness of this Truth. Why? The very words you speak denies the Consciousness that should be yours because you speak in separation. You speak about other people as if they are different to yourselves. Someone away from you. The fact is this, that you have no conscious awareness of your oneness with God and you listen to me thinking that this listening to me will give you what you need. This will not give you what you need, you must do it yourselves and you must recognize this Truth. Become consciously aware of it and your awareness will give you that mental attitude—and that power which is Creative Genius. That Creative Genius cannot come in any other way except through Wholeness and complete understanding.

In John 17: verse 1 to 8 (Moffatt's translation) we read, "So Jesus spoke; then lifting his eyes to heaven, he said: "Father, now the time has come; glorify thy Son that thy Son may glorify thee, since thou hast granted him power over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given to him. (And this is life eternal, that they know thee, the only real God, and him whom thou hast sent, even Jesus Christ.) I have glorified thee on earth by accomplishing the work thou gavest me to do; now, Father, glorify me in thy presence with the glory which I enjoyed in thy presence before the world began. I have made thy Name known to the men whom thou hast given to me from the world (thine they were, and thou gavest them to me), and they have held to thy word. They know now that whatever thou hast given me comes from thee, for I have given them the words thou gavest me, and they have received them; they are now sure that I came from thee, and they believe that thou didst send me."

Is it not the same with every person who becomes the Christ? The Christ is born in every child that lives. This Christ is the Wisdom of God in you and me—this is the Creative Genius.

These are the words of a great genius. By his deep understanding of the Wholeness of things He recognized that Eternity was ever-present.

“Glorify me in thy Presence with the glory which I enjoyed in Thy Presence before the world began.” What am I? I can see the clearness of His state. I can see clearly that it applies to me and to you. “Our Father who art in Heaven.” “Our Father,” he said, “who art in Heaven, hallow be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”

We are shown that to serve is to receive, and if we are to become the channels of giving from that inexhaustible supply we must not be clogged by superstition by egoism or separation.

The egoist is the one, I think, who mostly clogs the machinery. “I did this and I did that.” Self-praise has no honour. Those who recognize that, “the Father doeth the work,” are above this egoism recognize that there is something greater. That puny little ‘I.’ I know of some teachers in schools that are continually talking about themselves. “I did this and I did that.” They do not even know the Truth nor the first part of the Truth—that the ‘I’ must be submerged in the Whole that the Father must do the work. They have become liars and hypocrites. The sooner we realize that the better therefore you who will go out into the world one day—you will be free from that. You will neither be a hypocrite nor a liar but you will understand the Truth of your own being. That state of consciousness—which will be the quality of your thinking and your thoughts, not a mind that is a pig-sty.

It is the same with our bodies, if the eliminating processes are clogged we get sick, we must not clog the out-going process. There must be freedom of incoming and outgoing. Then the supply grows into a mighty flow through Divine ideas. Service is the keynote and we should realize this wonderful Truth so that we become channels through which the Father does the work. This is **Creative Genius**.

When we have lost ourselves—then the Father does the work.

The Infinite Intelligence moves silently into action and dissolves away every error. When we seek Him before anything else we will then know ourselves to be the starting point of every thought, and by knowing this we will bring into being our own inheritance of health, harmony and abundance.

Let me see then, I will speak to you on this matter once more. When you seek Him before anything else we will then know our self to be the starting point of every thought. Can you realize what that means, and by knowing this, we will bring into being our own inheritance of health, harmony and abundance.

First of all we must see the things that are useless, that are **not** lasting. We must give up our limitations, our weaknesses, our self-pity, our jealousies, our enslavement. It means that we no longer believe in them now and the whole orbit of *our* thought changes. We become aware of our Divine Nature—our real nature, our inherited Creative Genius.

The most wonderful thing that ever happened to an individual is to become aware of his own thinking, her own thinking, to discern their thoughts.

One thing I must point out to you is, we must not struggle with any thought or try to ban same thoughts from your mind. That is worse than useless. What is necessary for you to do is to discern the thought, to look at it and see it for what it is, then it will be dissolved away before the brilliance of your own consciousness, awareness of your own Divine Nature. These thoughts will become just as a flock of birds that wing across the dim lit sky. You see them pass leaving no trace. Your consciousness is still aware, is not affected by them, you neither struggle with them nor give them any board but know them for what they are. The error will pass away from your mind and you will be free. But as long as you struggle and try to banish these thoughts that enter into your mind you can never be free. Freedom does not come that way—controlling your thoughts is contraction. Discerning your thoughts is dissolving them, having an understanding of your own consciousness, the awareness, the beginning and end of all things.

The beginning and end of all things.

We are ourselves the only obstruction to the reaping of the mighty riches of the Kingdom in which we dwell. God's Wisdom is projected through the visible form and this Wisdom manifests through us as we begin to recognize It,—by seeing the true nature of things and not according to mortal misconceptions and interpretations.

You interpret things by your mortal sense as something that is separate and distinct. It is the abstract that is Real. The concrete has no reality but

the majority of the people believe that the concrete is the real thing and that the abstract is of no value. But I tell you, all concrete things must arise out of the abstract and remain in the abstract, and the abstract is the only power in that concrete thing. When the concrete thing dissolves away it dissolves into the abstract, and the abstract always remains, the concrete dissolves away.

We are told that we are made in His image and likeness, that through our desires He will make Himself known. In order to understand our true relationship we must see that it is the same mode of action that takes place. We are therefore similar to Him who made us, and we can only accomplish by Him, for He alone possesses the Power to create, to accomplish all things that we ask, provided we never forget our true relationship to Him. "I am in the Father and the Father is in me and me in you."

I am listening to a Master who says to me, "I hope that you all take this lesson to heart." I say, I hope so too.

Christianity as taught to the masses is an imposture of the teachings of the man whom they profess to follow. But those who have studied his teachings deeply have gained such wonderful knowledge which has given them this intense personal joy and devotion to create not only within themselves but everywhere about them that true happiness obtained from their doing His word.

How true it is. The Christianity we know today must die before the teachings of Christ can truly be understood. Christianity today is based upon separation. For many we have even 250 different denominations in Christianity, all fighting, squabbling with one another. Yes, they would cut each others throats if they got the chance but the law prevents it.

It is a most extraordinary thing, to teach or profess to teach the teachings of Jesus. "To love Thy God with all thy soul, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength and to love thy neighbour like thyself." The main thought this evening, is the poor devils don't see the truth so they can not tell you. They let the blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

You can be one thing or the other, you can be a creative genius or a destroyer, or an ordinary weed in the middle of the stream that is buffeted about from side to side, but when you realize that you are the main current

of Life the main force of Life because you live in Him and He lives in you then such understanding gives you inspiration to create, you no longer become just followers but helpers. *Creators*.

It gives you a sense of joy in helping others to see the things that do not matter and are of no value, and revealing the things that are of value are eternal. *What then do you want? Things that are of value or of no value?* Then instead of being a giant of ignorance you become Creative Genius.

There are lot of giants of ignorance about. You see them all round the place. They are politically aware, we see plenty of them. In the business world we see plenty of them too, but there is no real Creative Genius.

When you have drunk at the Source you long to bring everyone to It. When you have basked in the Eternal Presence you will know that all have the same privileges if they could only realize it, *to bask in the Presence*.

BENEDICTION

O All-Pervading Genius, Thy inspiration has removed the cloud from my mind and heart.

My mind is made clear with the breeze of Thy Intelligence, and my soul is purified with Thy wholeness.

Now I behold Thee alone, and in my wakeful state Thou art my Teacher, my Guide, my Friend, my Creative Genius.

Oh! May such joy be mine forever and ever.

* The *italic* commentary is taken from the original 'wire' sound recording of the Johannesburg lecture given in the Auditorium at Escom House by Murdo MacDonald-Bayne on the Thursday night of 3rd November 1949. It is to be noted that no recording exists of the Pretoria Lecture.

Lecture 5 (28th February 1950)

THE CREATOR HAS ORDAINED THAT HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN TO US THROUGH OUR FAITH

Everyone is born with that unquenchable thirst for achievement because the Infinite is continually working in and through us. Every second, consciously or unconsciously, some desire must be fulfilled.

Thus we are endowed with the ability to recognise and realize our unity with the Infinite Creator, therefore whatever we ask, knowing that we have received we shall receive. This is the Law of Creation.

This is God's free gift to man which some call "Faith." "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." We must learn to use this gift wisely so that we can intelligently co-operate with the predetermined scheme of things.

When we understand this truth we shall always place our dependence on the power to create and not on the things created. If we violate this rule we find ourselves in difficulties. Those truths are more to you than riches, they are the foundation of your permanent happiness, good health and abundance.

The fault with most people is that they do not consider the real meaning and purpose of prayer which is another name for "desire" in the true sense of the word, this being God's scheme to work through us individually in His work of Creation. Therefore to obtain satisfactory results we must employ the instrument of God's free gift to us which we call "Faith."

The unseen must be made visible and the only way that this can be done is through the Faith which is the evidence of things not seen. I am not stating something new, or some new invention. I am restating what the prophets taught. This knowledge has been submerged in idolatry and superstition and therefore has become in most part obliterated. But when you lift this knowledge to its true place in your lives you will prove for

yourselves that it is greater than all riches, for it alone can bring happiness and riches together to form the nucleus of an enchanted life.

In the lives of most, experience has been bought very dearly because they have not used this scientific knowledge in their lives, mostly because those who were responsible for their well-being were ignorant of it themselves

I will put it this way to you, the Faith that I am speaking to you about is that which can bring the abstract (the unseen) into the concrete (the seen) so that it can be made usable in your earthly life.

The Substance is always there to be worked upon, and it is the “Father who does the work.” The main thing for you to understand is that whatever you ask it will be done unto you. But this asking must be done aright otherwise the Substance—the Intelligence—that is become form is invalid.

Job said, “What I feared came upon me,” this is the same Law put into reverse. Therefore pure thinking is thinking with understanding. Thinking, whether it is done with fear or with faith, amounts to the same thing.

If I can make this plain to you then I have given you something that is greater than riches. For he that hath not this knowledge, that which he hath shall be taken away from him. But he that hath, more shall be given unto him. Surely this is now plain to you all.

The mind that is sure in this knowledge is first of all active in the asking then becomes passive so that the work can be done, this is the link you have with the Eternal.

The asking must be accompanied with the dominant attitude of mind which refuses to give up, refuses to worry, refuses to fear, while seeing the Creative Principle acting freely, exercising its own wisdom in the manifestation of things asked for. Then the things asked for become the evidence of that which will be produced.

The world is full of successes and failures, this only goes to prove what I say, that the same Law is operating in us consciously or unconsciously, according to what we ask we shall receive. The majority of people believe the worst, they feel that they have already received the worst, while those who have success have no real success for they do not know the Law with which it came about.

There are few in the world who have real insight to this great fundamental Law of Life. The fear of the parents is often responsible for the failure of their offspring. So-called successful parents are often responsible for the complete failure of their offspring.

In some cases I have seen the children of ministers of religion making miserable failures in life, yet I have seen the offspring of atheists make a success in life. Even an atheist who looks past creeds and dogmas into a Universe unknown has a better chance of giving a lead to his offspring. But those who have a true understanding of the fundamental Laws of Life will give a foundation to their offspring, that will lead them through logic to the better use of the Law, so that by acting on the word, their lives may be an example to others and a blessing to themselves.

Because of the varying degrees of understanding there must be varying degrees of "Faith." So there must be varying degrees of success and failure. The great danger lies in the fact that most people will habitually limit their use of the Law in terms of past experience, thus depriving themselves of many things that could be theirs.

According to your past experience you calculate upon the possibility or impossibility to accomplish. Jesus says, "All is possible to him that believeth," therefore you must look beyond your experiences into the perfect Law of Liberty, knowing that whatever you ask it shall be done unto you.

On the other hand if your past experiences have been successful and this success deprives you of the conscious use of "Faith" then you are on shifting sand. For the only successful person is the one who sees beyond experiences into that sure and stable state where "the Father doeth the work," and naturally you will think more constructively and create with understanding.

Thus you depend upon the greater wisdom and not upon past experiences good, bad or indifferent. "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally and with grace, and it shall be given him. But let him ask with faith, not doubting for he who doubts is like the waves of the sea driven by the winds and tossed." James 1: 5-6 (Eastern text).

The highest state of consciousness is that which recognises the need for wisdom and knowledge, for this leads to a happier and more successful life. And in some of the greatest achievements where past experience would have invalidated our action, yet the conscious use of this perfect Law of Liberty, the free gift of God to man, has made all possible.

In these great achievements this “Faith” has been consciously employed as a result of the actual knowledge of the value of the “faith that is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.” In Hebrew, Chapter 11: verse 1 (Eastern text) the translation is as follows, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for just as it was the substance of things which have come to pass and it is the evidence of things not seen,” and in verse 3 it says, “For it is through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God so that the things which are seen came to be from those which are not seen.”

Here we see then that this same Faith is with God and must necessarily be inherent in man. Could there be anything plainer than this, to reveal the perfect Law of Liberty that is ours through the Word that was with God, and that same Word is in man, made flesh.

This Faith through which God will make Himself known to us has revealed the invisible nature of the Universe which scientists have been probing for years. The use of atomic energy for instance is one of the most foremost of all achievements and is still in its infancy. Even electricity which we use in our everyday life is yet to fill a greater place in the life of mankind and although we do not know what it is nor have we ever seen it, yet we make use of it.

By switching on the switch we use that “Faith” when we desire a light, yet we do not know how the manifestation takes place. If you will consider this you will see that we must use that self-same “Faith,” consciously or unconsciously, when we “ask” so that it shall be done unto us.

It is a wise man or woman who seeks ways and means to increase their knowledge of this necessary “Faith.” “Believe” is the simple word the Master used to express what was in his mind. To “believe” then is to rely on God and to maintain confidence and trust in His hidden operation on our behalf.

The majority of desires appear under a pressure of lack on one hand, and on the other hand there is a more or less feeling of hope for their fulfilment. If you will look into your mind you will see that these images exist side by side. Why do they exist? They exist because you have not the understanding of the Law of Creation.

You must have faith in “Faith,” the Principle which God uses in the Creation of worlds and as we are made in His image and likeness we must also inherit His qualities and mode of action, then it is the right use that is required not mere superstition which makes up most minds.

I said in my last lecture, when we plant a seed in the ground the Universal Intelligence becomes active to reproduce its kind, the seeds we plant in the ground and the seeds of thought we sow in mind are affected in a similar manner.

I cannot say too much on this subject because the more I reveal the Truth of our Creative “Faith” the more you will understand and use it for your own benefit and for the benefit of others, and this is the foundation of your happiness and mine.

Whatever this Creative Principle may be called “It,” “Creator,” “God” or any name you like, It never fails to bring from the unseen to the seen in exact correspondence to your state of consciousness. If you are conscious of yourself being one with the Creator then you cannot fail. But again there are varying degrees of this consciousness and this determines your “awareness.”

“Awareness” that you are living in the Kingdom, one can see by your words, by the way you talk, by the way you think, whether you are living in that Kingdom or not. By your attitude of mind towards others you will know best how far you are from that abode of Reality.

If you live in that Kingdom you conquer with ease your special troubles, you forget your burdens, your peculiarities, when you live in that Kingdom you translate that Kingdom into your daily actions.

To live there in rare moments only or when in meditation is not even a fleeting glimpse of that Kingdom where true Faith dwells. Yes, and a word will betray the whole of your mind, the whole of your outlook; you must transform all from the centre outwards, “as I am so shall ye be also.”

“Riches and honour are with me, yea, durable riches and righteousness, my fruit is better than gold and my revenue better than choice silver.”

Proverbs 8: 18.19.

BENEDICTION

O “Faith”, may I behold Thee above, below and around me. Wherever I turn my gaze I see what “Faith” hath done.

Train my senses not to wander into the wilderness of doubt and fear.

Turn my eye within, there to gaze upon Thee, enthroned upon the ever-changing beauty of Thy invisible Nature.

Let my ears listen to Thy unseen Voice that creates out of the void.

Oh! That I may catch the breath of Thy magnitude, “Thy faith hath made thee whole.”

Keep alight forever that Flame that never wavers and never dies, O Blessed “Faith.”

Lecture 6 (7th March 1950)

PROVE YOUR FAITH BY YOUR WORKS

This subject of Faith is of great importance to us all, therefore I am dealing with it from every aspect so that by getting a clear understanding we will be able to use it, thereby proving our faith by our works.

Now to understand faith, yet not prove it by our works, it dies in us, so to sustain our faith we must use it. First of all we must know what faith is, and when we have acquired this wisdom we must practise our faith. In this way the Creator works wonders through us for we are His instruments for this purpose.

In our last lesson we saw clearly that real faith is gained when we realize our oneness with the Creator, that “The Father and I are one” is not merely a platitude but an actual reality and because of this we become aware that the Father does the work. Yet our action and co-operation is needed to produce and this must be done with confidence having no fear as to the result.

Therefore action is needed on the part of the individual who has acquired “Faith.” We read in James 2: 14, “What does it profit my brethren though a man says he hath faith and have not works?” ... “ Even so faith if hath not works is dead being alone ...” (This means that to have faith only and not use it, it dies in us. It is the use of faith that keeps it alive.) “Yea a man may say thou hast faith, and I have works. Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works.... But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead.... Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only.... for the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.”

This is the all-important point in our lesson tonight, action is needed to prove our faith. We do not have to solve Life we must experience Life and the only way we can do this is through action.

You have to train your mind to refuse to accept suggestions from without that are contrary to the power of the Spirit that is Life and action. Without action you could not be present now. God formed you and He is ever active in you now, and now is Eternity.

This is the Cosmic Wisdom and Power resident within your own consciousness and will back your every action without limitation of any kind, if you will but know this to be true. The prophet says, "He who cometh to God must believe that He is," and the Master shows us that God is within us, waiting to come into action on our behalf, and there can be no mental distance for this is the false philosophy which separates man from that which is his by birthright."

"Son, whatsoever I have is also thine."

Move into action knowing that God is now active in your affairs. Yet you must be ever watchful lest your mind is caught up in the manifestation, to lose the realization of the Living Presence that is manifesting.

We are allowed to ask whatever we will and are given the assurance that it will be granted, provided we play our part in the receiving. You must arrive at a definite and permanent conclusion by your reasoning that God is present within you now, before you can act intelligently.

If you start out with certainty and then fail to continue in that certainty because the thing has not come about as you planned, then you do not yet understand that the Presence is active in your affairs. The mind must be trained not to turn away but to know that the one Supreme Infinite Intelligence is ever active. The Intelligence that is greater than "I" is acting for your benefit.

We must learn to expect the unexpected and we find that it is the unexpected that generally happens, but also we will find that it is the result of our actions, coupled with the wisdom of the Supreme Creator on our behalf.

The state of consciousness keeps the mind open so that the Creator can work in us to bring about the fulfilment of our hearts desire. Keep your consciousness open to the "greater than I" that is ever-present. Just wherever you are, there He is, if you can be conscious of this always then you will prove your faith by your works.

In my work, I work in faith so that God works with me. We are never apart, we work together. He shows me what to do and when I do this He works in me for He then does the work. It is a grand story, the greatest story ever told.

So open your mind to His Mind then you have contact with your greatest Friend that knows “how” and will bring things about in the perfect way. The evidence of this lies in the mental attitude you have about your problem. If you are at peace about it then the work will continue. But if you think that the Infinite Intelligence has not heard you or has not given you what you want then this attitude of mind deters the manifestation, whether it be a desire for health, happiness or abundance.

“Acknowledge Him in all thy **ways**” (actions) is the secret of greatness, for He alone is great and He shall make thee also great. How sure these words are when you understand the truth of your Being. Thus your works will prove your faith and by your works you are justified.

“The mind of man has not yet dreamed of all the good things the Father has prepared for those that love Him.” To Love God is to Love your neighbour. If this Love is not present in you then how can you expect good things? “As much as you do unto one of these so you do unto Me.”

You must constantly be aware of the indwelling Presence of God in all forms, this will give you the power to create without limitation, because you will constantly live in the Kingdom.

In 1 John 5:14-15* we read, “Now the confidence we have in Him is this, that He listens to us whenever we ask anything in accordance with His Will, and if we know that He listens to whatever we ask we know that we obtain the requests we have made to Him.”

And in verse 20* we read, “We know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know Him as the Real God and we are in Him who is real even in His Son Jesus Christ, this is the Real God, this is Life Eternal.”

The Bible reveals Jesus as the means to reveal God to man by his works, his parables and his miracles, using them as a means of opening the door of the Kingdom of Power and instructing us to use the laws and

methods he used so that by doing so we shall do even greater things. By his works he proved his faith. By our works we shall also prove our faith.

There is nothing to compare with the satisfaction obtained through the realization of our relation with the Infinite and Eternal Existence, when you grasp this then you will see that you are in Eternity now, and being there, all that is Eternal is ever-present in us now.

We are immortal now at this very moment and there is never a cessation of activity in the Absolute, always forward and upward, and we are moving in Him who made us like Him with power to become active in co-operation with His Will.

Spirit is the Substance of the Absolute embodied in all Creation. This is the reality in us all, there Love dwells. This is the one Supreme Infinite Power and occupies every atom of matter, every part in space and every instant of time which is the eternal Now.

Since the Universe is governed by Love, therefore Love being the perfect Law you are now in your right place. This Love acts on your behalf and opens the prison doors to set you free. You do not know how it is done but it takes place by the operation of the Cosmic Presence which is “greater than I.”

The realization of the Indwelling Power greater than the individual “I” becomes of great importance to us all, it carries us on the stormy seas into the quiet water and beside the green pastures. It soothes the doubting heart, it sustains our faith that produces deeds. We say with all humility, “In Thee, O Father of Love, I dwell.”

All great achievements are gained through action. If you wish weakly for success, health or happiness you will wish in vain. If you wish to accomplish you must be up and doing. No matter what obstacles beset your path nothing can defeat you when you realize the indwelling Presence of Omnipotence.

The unknown must be faced with confidence. There is always a way. Sail on, on the uncharted seas, make the Infinite Intelligence your guide and you will arrive at your destination with glory. Scarred with experience you will rejoice in your achievements, knowing that the Father works for you, when you work with Him Who knoweth all things.

The human consciousness is hypnotised with fear. The end of the trail is saturated with frustration and the mind of man has become soft and mushy, mentally and spiritually dominated with tradition and conformity.

Jesus and the prophets call to us now to free the Spirit of adventure that is latent and inert within us and through our action we will be about our Father's business and prove our faith by our works.

We should forget as far as possible our little selves and feel that we are all One. I must be part of you and you must be part of me, this is the only way to live, lose ourselves in others yet retain our own vision.

It makes no difference now what you are or where you are, you will have found the one thing in which you can live forever and then only will you make others feel and live happily. This is the key to your own eternal bliss, thus you will prove your faith by your works.

BENEDICTION

O Divine Mother, I was a babe in swaddling clothes unable to crawl or talk.

I bleated in ignorance of Thy Divine Nature but as I grew up I found myself.

In the realization of my birth Thou didst open my eyes to the glory of Thy Presence.

The Voice of Thy Wisdom was heard deep in my soul and there in the crystal pool of peace Thou didst show me my face to be like Thine.

Now I know I am Cosmic in nature and will no longer fear the world of shadows for I vibrate with the power of the Almighty.

I roam now in the world of experience and will seize these creations of vexing perplexities and timid fears and devour them in the fire of omnipotence.

O Divine Mother, Thy all conquering wisdom is mine, for Thou hast shown me that which is Thine is mine, Blessed Mother of Life.

* Moffatt Translation

Lecture 7 (14th March 1950)

YOUR FAITH THAT PRODUCES WORKS AND YOUR FAITH THAT IS SUSTAINED BY YOUR WORKS

In my last lecture I showed that faith without work is dead and also that the only way we can prove our faith is by our works. In this lecture I want to show how faith produces works and how faith is sustained, so that our works shall prove our faith.

By the growth of your understanding of the action of your thought so is the power of your faith increased in proportion. When you become aware of the action of your thought, you will know the result before you begin. This is proved by the Master's statement, "Believe you have received and you will have."

**He was aware of the action of his thought, aware of the power of his thought, knowing clearly that the Father and he were one. Knowing that, he knew that the same Creative Power in any way whatsoever to create whatever you choose. Your consciousness is the fundamental principle. Now this Consciousness is in God and it is not in anything else. It is in God. (If I) say the word 'God,' now you have an assumption of what this God is and many of you will have an idea that this God is somewhere outside yourselves, but it is not true.*

God is Infinite in nature and therefore everything must be within Him and there can be no outside of Him. And His Consciousness can be the only Consciousness ruling in the whole Universe. It is the Creative Power of God—it is the creative power in man. That is why man is said to be, the image and likeness of the Creator. If you will remember this, then you will know clearly and distinctly, the action of your thought, and if you understand it you can say what the Master said, "Believe you have received and you shall have."

Now, when you are ignorant of this law of mind in action you place little value on your thoughts, yet you are affected by the effects created, and naturally rebel against them or are pleased on the other hand, but this ignorant reaction is of no value to you, because you do not understand how your faith produces works.

By rebelling against effects you only increase their intensity, on the other hand if you are just ignorantly pleased with the results you will soon lose what you have gained because you are unaware of how these things have come about. “He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him.” This is the vicious circle of ignorance in which the great majority of people are in.

The majority of people today are rebelling against the effects. They fight these effects, therefore giving them a power. They have no power of their own but they give them a power which they do not possess. Therefore, when you fight anything, any condition that is relative to yourself, you are giving that relative thing a power it does not possess because it has no real power of its own except the power you give it. It is necessary to understand this, because if you do not, you will never understand faith. “He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him.” That is, he that hath not faith, understanding, even that which he has will be taken away from him.

There is but one mode of action used in Creation, whether it be a creation in man’s mind, or a creation of a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind. The mode of action is the same because man’s mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind.

But I want you to please remember this tremendous fact because it is most important to you when you want to realise faith. The faith I am talking about, is not the faith where you have the opposite— doubt. The faith I am talking about is a faith through understanding. If you will remember what I said about the consciousness, your consciousness, being the creative faculty in your own mind, whatever the consciousness is aware of, so it is unto you. Whether the consciousness is aware of something in fear or whether it is aware of something in faith, it means the same thing. These two we could reproduce equally, one the thing you fear and the other the thing you have faith in. But I want to see which image in your mind is the strongest. You

will see that there is the image you fear rather than the image you have faith in. Therefore, you will see that the image that you fear is very often produced because the consciousness is more aware of it.

Now it is necessary through Divine reasoning to understand where your consciousness is, so that you know that the creative power in man is the same Creative Power that God uses because He has made man in his own image and likeness. The creation in man's mind, the mode of action, that takes place in this creation, is the same as the mode of action that takes place in the Creative Mind whether it be a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind.

It is because you have not the realisation of the completeness of this consciousness that these things do not manifest at once. But time will come, when you pray, knowing what you are doing while you pray that your prayers will be answered instantaneously. It is some considerable time before your prayers sometimes come into operation. For instance, what is a prayer? A prayer is opening yourself to that inflow of that Life Principle which in itself has no conditions attached to It whatsoever. It is free and natural.

Now, I see this clearly and distinctly. I see how the Infinite has created the body, the mind of the individual, the brain, the nervous system, all the organs of the body for Its own self-expression. It is the Life that is expressing itself and God is Life. Now Life created then the body, the brain and the nervous system as a perfect machine, how it could act and think in this plane of manifestation, and also create. Therefore, through your emotions you create what we call, what I would say clearly and distinctly, an emotional habit pattern which you create through your nervous system, through this particular portion of the brain that Life created for the purpose of the ordinary running of the organisms as a smooth machine. But by your emotional states you create this pattern that is established then in this, what we call, the cerebellum. This portion then sets up this mischievous reaction in your body which you feel the sensation of and immediately then you bestow your attention upon that thing you increase its intensity. But you see, it was by your own emotional reactions to condition, things, people, whatever the case may be, that brought about this change in the brain.*

How are you then to get this back to normality? That is a point. If you have a habit, an emotional habit pattern created in yourselves, and that is being externalised in your body because your body is the sounding board of your mind, your thoughts, your images, your emotions. How are you then to overcome this thing?

Well there is, thanks to the Almighty, because He created you in the image of Himself which must be Perfect in Him. This machine He created Perfect also to run the organism as a perfect smooth working machine where all the organs work together in perfect harmony.

But when you have these emotional breakdowns, what happens? You have civil war taking place in your own organism because of this habit pattern you have created in your own cerebellum. The only way that you can get rid of it is through Divine reasoning, that I am showing you, and proper relaxation so that you get the relaxation, that tension off your muscles of the nerves. These inhibiting processes that strangle and paralyse your nerve centres and your organs, close the muscles around your large blood vessels causing the heart to beat faster so that it forces the blood into your brain, and therefore you have high blood pressure. A stroke perhaps. All these things are brought about because of the stupid reactions you have to things external to yourself because you do not know the action of your thought, your emotions. You are not aware of them, you do not discern what you are doing, consequently you are unconsciously creating this habit pattern which is out pictured in your body, and because you fear it, you stimulate it, and what happens? Your vicious circle is then set in motion and you find there is no way of getting out. But there is a way and I'm showing you that way.

In developing our faith that produces works we must, in the first place, recognise this Unity which is a Cosmic fact, "The Father and I are one." In this realization the power of thought becomes active in the individual thinker and to this Unity we must ascribe all power and glory, and acknowledge It as the Source of all that we accomplish.

Even when Jesus went to raise Lazarus from the dead, his words were these, "Father Thou hast already heard me." Knowing that he never did anything on his own. Never! And the true disciple never does anything on his own.

In this also can there only be effective concentration of the idea to be developed. For if you are double-minded you see good and evil and these two battle for supremacy in your mind. So you fight the one that you do not want with the result that you give it a power it does not possess.

The Master saw that there was nothing to fight when he said, “Resist not evil but overcome evil with good,” this was showing that evil did not really exist except in man’s own mind.

When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect “One” so does all evil disappear. But if good and evil exist in your mind you have a double mind where there is also faith and doubt side by side.

For instance, if your mind has the image of disease and health or success and failure these two images will destroy your creative power and also your faith. *Now I am showing you this because I want you to see the meaning of the Master’s words. If you have two ideas in your mind, if you have the idea of health in your mind and you then continue to suggest health to yourself, what happens while you are doing so? You’re creating the very opposite to health! You are creating the idea of ill health because these two always exist side by side. You never have health by itself, you always have health and ill health, these are the two images. Success and failure these are the images in your mind that are continually fighting one another. Who created them? You! You are the creator. If you are the creator of both and you do not know that you are the creator of both these images and you allow them to fight each other, in your mind, then your creative power is destroyed. I am going to show you why this takes place. But if you bring the Truth into the mind disease and failure disappear.*

Neither do you have to concentrate on health for Truth does not know health or disease. If you bring up the image of health you also call up the opposite—disease. You have perhaps never been taught this before but I am telling you this is the Master’s teachings. The True teachings of the Master is not psychology or suggestion which the majority of people teach you or affirmations.

Do you know that a strong affirmation very often brings the very opposite about? A violent affirmation often brings the very opposite to what you want. The more you try to get well—the sicker you get!

Well, the whole a story is quite simple. The dominant idea in the mind. What are you praying for? Why do you make it a violent suggestion for? To overcome a violent other idea that is in your mind, that's why you do that.

But these two patterns are existing side by side. And what happens to you? Then, you have a civil war going in your mind and your body. You are not what we call, "let thy eye be single,"

*Remember, that the great power of truth is, "I and the Father are one." There can be no other truth but that. No other truth! Any other truth is a fallacy. And under those circumstances whatever you say and do, so it is manifested because of the truth, that, **The Father and you are one.** Therefore you are free. No longer have you to fight something that has no power of its own, but you will understand clearly and distinctly, that the Creative Power inherent in the Father has been granted to the Son. The Life in the Father is the Life in the Son. "As the Father has Life in Himself so has the Son been granted life unto himself." That same Life, it enters all things, all Creative Power. Peace and understanding comes as a natural secret to the understanding of the Truth, "I and the Father are one."*

This Truth cannot be divided or destroyed, it is only in the mind of man that ignorance of this fact exists, and we find many in high places who are unaware of this all-important Truth.

We must recognise the mind as a single and simple unit and that is just what it is. If we allow our mind to wander off to the idea of a part of the unit here and a part of it there we pass into the relative which is the cause of our loss of faith and true direction of our thought. We immediately begin to react to the relative which is limitation and thereby limit our faith and the "work" is not produced.

Your faith is not obtained by your stupid reaction to things or forms but by an understanding of the Intelligence behind all things and forms, and the operation of that Intelligence. Neither is your faith obtained through the idea of a time and space factor but through the knowledge that Spirit is one whole with no division in time or space.

The great difficulty is that we have divided the mind into many different parts. We have taken these parts as separate parts of the mind when there is only one mind; one action, one mode of action, one life, one expression.

There are different functions naturally but these functions are under the control of the one existing Life.

Spirit is omnipresent in Its entirety. Therefore at any moment of time all Spirit is concentrated at any point in space that we choose to fix our attention upon.

So it is clear: "I and the Father are one."

There can be no time or space in Infinity. Time and space exist in man's mind, it's a relative thing and not a Reality. It is a relative thing, and (when) we deal with relative things, we are lost in the relative. Even some of your greatest men have talked about that there is time and space. But we know who understand the greater science of Life and understand the Creative Principle behind all things. We see then, that this Creative Principle being the Infinite Mind in which there can be no time or space, being Eternal and Ever-present.

When you measure a distance between one object and another you see between me and you that is relative space. But don't you see clearly and distinctly? You do not understand that you are not outside at all but you are within One Mind. You are in the Infinite, you are living and moving in ether a substance that is nine million times denser than matter.

You are all breathing the same air, the same oxygen. You are living in this magnetic substance in which you draw your life from and all the time you say there is space and distance. Yes, because you do not know and understand that there is this Substance which is more Real. You see that the abstract is the Real. The concrete is not the real thing, the concrete is but the expression of the abstract and the concrete exists in the abstract, and not out of it. The concrete is an expression in the abstract and of the abstract but it does not exist outside of it. If you could understand this you will know that your consciousness is active in this Substance which responds according to your consciousness. According to what your consciousness is aware of, so shall it be unto you. What is your consciousness aware of then, that is the question? Have you then examined these images, ideas? Have you discerned them to know which of them is the most powerful? When you know the truth you will see that the image you fear will melt away because there is nothing to fear.

Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space but is the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon. If this is not understood then our attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and our “work” is not produced.

This paragraph is quite a difficult one for you and I have written it in this way so that you can study it and make it your own

Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space. Think of it. Is your attention subject to time or space? No, but if the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon, whatever the attention is fixed upon there is formation because there is your thought in concentrated form, directed by the consciousness itself. If this not understood then your attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and what breaks up your attention? Doubt and fear, not understanding the truth.

The fact is that we all exist in the Absolute and from the Absolute all phenomena flows, whether in the mental or physical plane. The knowledge of this is the basis upon which we develop our faith to produce “works.”

What I want you to do is to discern your own mind in which much conflict exists. As to its function, some say that man has two minds, one is conscious and one is subconscious, but in reality there is but one mind. We will agree that there is an inner and outer function, but to say that they are separate and distinct is a fallacy. Faith to produce works can only be developed by a true understanding of the relation of each function.

Both these functions are united by the consciousness which is the creative faculty. If the consciousness is caught up in the relative, the outer, it reacts to conditions and personal environment which is very much limited. *Is your consciousness then caught up in that limited state in the things external to the self? Is your consciousness buffeted here and buffeted there and struck down and become weakened through your fear of these things external to yourselves? If your consciousness becomes aware of fear, then in this this limitation, don't you see, that your creative power and faith is completely destroyed.* It takes into cognition time, space and events etc., and is influenced by them and reasons from this limited basis.

Therefore, you reason from the limited basis of the external or relative world. If you do that then you are lost in the relative world and your faith is destroyed. It is only through Divine reason, what I am showing clearly and

distinctly, that the consciousness of man is but the Consciousness of God. The Consciousness of God is the Creative Faculty that creates all things in heaven and on earth. "All Power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," because of the fact that Truth, this Truth, is within oneself.

In this way the consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which are seen on the surface, the real or cause being hidden or, when only a part is seen while the whole is not recognised, thus your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experience which prevents true understanding of the power of faith.

If then your consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which you see on the surface. The real cause of these effects you do not perceive, they are hidden from you. But to a great extent they are your own creations because of your own emotional habit patterns which you have created in yourselves.

Your attitude of mind towards other people, your stupid reactions, they are none other than a pattern. This pattern is being expressed, and you do not know that you have created this pattern yourself. If your consciousness is limited by this pattern you have created through your emotional reaction, then your faith is destroyed. You have no faith at all. You may say you have faith but you have none. Because, why? Doubt will destroy that faith, fear will destroy that faith, because you are not aware.

So we see, that your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experiences which prevent true understanding of the power of faith.

In this way fear, doubt, apprehension is caused by assuming the facts seen on the surface to be true, not knowing how they came about.

Now that the consciousness has accepted these facts a mental process is immediately set up to act upon these deductions and suggestions however false they may be, and works out every suggestion in the minutest detail. So we see clearly what Job meant when he said, "What I feared came upon me."

Then, I say fear is an emotion of great strength.

You create then your emotional habit-patterns through your emotional fears, anxieties, so forth. I think it is true that there is a mental process

immediately set up and acts upon these deductions. Never mind how false they may be, they are worked out in every detail through your cerebellum, and this is where the mischief is created, through your emotional habit-patterns. Therefore, you see what Job said is a truth, "What I feared came upon me."

Now we see that the inner as well as the outer is entirely under the control of the consciousness and works out to its final conclusion what the consciousness is aware of. Whatever the consciousness is aware of, whatever the consciousness impresses on the mind the mind produces faithfully and logically with all the details accurately produced, whether these facts are true or not. Again the Master's words come before me, "When ye pray believe ye have received and ye shall have."

Whatever the consciousness is aware of so it will be logically and faithfully be produced in all details. Accurately produced whether the facts are true or not. Therefore, you see, if I am conscious of the fact that I have received I shall have it. But what makes me conscious of the fact I have received when the thing is not evident? The call comes to our aid here—if it is faith it is the evidence of things not seen.

Now, what is this faith that is the evidence of things not seen? My consciousness. I have created that by my own consciousness. The thought is the seed I have planted in that Universal Mind and according to the seed I plant so it will be faithfully produced. According to the seed I place in the ground so shall the Intelligence faithfully reproduce that seed. Here is a corn; I may have 10, 20, 30, a 100 ears of corn, but it will faithfully reproduce that seed. My consciousness is the creator of the seed I plant in that mind—Universal Mind. I already received it. I have planted it. I know then the Intelligence will reproduce that seed accordingly, logically, faithfully, according to its kind. Whatever the consciousness is aware of so shall it be unto you. Whensoever you pray believe you have received and you shall have.

Some important observations I have made have sustained my faith in what the prophets have said. One of these is that the body can be directed to complete restoration without any material aid, when the consciousness is aware of the Truth. This proves to me that the mind which supports the body is entirely impersonal. It can become the builder of the body as well as

its destroyer according to what the consciousness is aware of. Again the Master's words come before me, "Let your eye be single."

Being impersonal in nature the eye must be single. That is what the Master meant. You and I have been endowed by the Creative Power to do with it whatever we choose, and we find that through our stupid reactions we gain experience. This Law of Cause and Effect that exists in the relative world surely directs us to that which is Real because we come up against many things. These experiences are not our stumbling blocks—but our stepping stones.

The mind immediately proceeds to out-picture what the consciousness is aware of whether it is health or ill-health, whether it is one of misery or joy, success or failure. "Thus what a man thinketh in his heart so is he." In Deuteronomy I have read these words given by Moses to his followers, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore choose Life that thou mayest live."

If Moses said that, then Jesus said greater things, "He who believeth in Him who sent me has already Eternal Life, he has crossed from death to Life." Now! "He who believes in me, in Him who sent me, has Eternal Life."

Moses called upon his followers, and that was a strong word; "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee Life and death, the Blessing and the curse. Therefore choose Life that you may live." I can see how it was at this time when the tribes were going through the desert. Many were sick, many were dying of their sickness. Moses was concerned about the state of affairs because these people were looking upon death. They were looking upon death and not upon Life. All that was in their mind was; "Will I be sick? Will I die?" Moses called them together, and I can picture him in his tremendous force and understanding, he said, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore, choose Life that thou mayest live." But Jesus comes and says, "Pick up thy bed and walk. Rise!"

This passage describes the work that what a man has to do is to choose that which he will have. The Master clearly makes the great statement of

the truth for our benefit, “The Father and I are one.” *If the Father and I are one, then there is Eternal Life because the Infinite is Eternal. There is more in this than meets the eye. You have read it a thousand times. One facet of it will appear before you, another one will appear before you, and on and on unto eternity. “I and the Father are one,”* becomes the greatest and most powerful affirmation of Truth that there is. This is the Truth that will set you free when the consciousness realizes It.

“I and the Father are one.” What a Truth!

The habit which most of you have established is to allow the consciousness to be influenced by that which appears on the outer with the result that all your ideas are reduced to the effects of past experiences, not knowing that “all is possible to him that believeth.”

If then, that you are influenced and that your ideas are reduced to the effect of past experiences whether they be success or failures, I tell you, whether they be success or failures it makes no difference. If you attach your faith, if you attach your ideas to that which has been in the past, or which you think will come in the future, you are living in an illusion of the mind because that is an illusion of the mind.

What is the Creative Principle? Whatever the consciousness is aware of so shall it be unto you. Whatever you believe. I will utter the Master’s words, “He that believeth, all is possible to him that believeth.” I put it in these other words; “whatever your consciousness is aware of so shall that be unto you.” Whether it is sickness, ill-health, failure or doubt, or anything whatever the case may be. Therefore, if you allow your emotions to drive you into that habit pattern of expressing your stupid reactions, then I say more fool you. But if you take my advice and you look upon this truth from a point of the Creative Power that is established in you through the inheritance of that Divine gift, “made in His image and likeness.”

When the Truth is established in the consciousness through understanding and logical reasoning there is concentration upon the Eternal Life that is ever renewing and rejuvenating the mind and body, the mind will act upon this with complete independence of any influence of any sort except what your consciousness imposes upon it. Paul tells us in other words to renew the mind day by day by the power of the Spirit.

This is the way that your faith will produce for you so your faith will be justified by your works and when you fully grasp this Truth it will be easy to externalise healthy conditions in the body and circumstances. It will be just as easy to have Life as death. It is for you to choose which you will have.

That which is of the highest importance to you all is that you discern your thoughts and where they are moving. Habit is strong and it will take you some time before you can dissolve your old habitual way of thinking and living. This is up to you, I cannot do it for you, I can only point the way that you should go.

I cannot do that for you. I wish I could sometimes, but what use would it be to you if I did? It would not be yours! It could never be yours. Therefore, you have to grasp this Tree of Life. This is your salvation. It is a spring of living water rising up to Eternal Life.

You will see that what I have been trying to impress upon you is of vital importance, that you realize your oneness with the ever-present Intelligent Spirit that prevails throughout the whole Universe. “Choose wisdom rather than fine gold and knowledge than rare silver.”

Realize the Cosmic Wholeness as yourself, this is the Light that will dispel the darkness, the Truth that will dispel evil, the one exists as a Reality now, the other does not exist except in your own consciousness when ignorant of the Truth.

“In this Life is the Light of man, amid the darkness the Light shone but the darkness did not master it.” (*John 1: 4-5*)*

This is how your faith produces works and how your faith is sustained by your works and your works will prove your faith.

“In this Life is the Light of man and in the darkness the Light shone, the darkness did not master it.” The Light is the light of your own consciousness. The Light of Truth which your consciousness is aware of. I am the creator of my own thoughts.

If I react to things external to myself in ignorance of this Truth, I am caught up in the emotion of that reaction. I have lost myself in the emotions that create those habit patterns that express themselves in my own body and circumstances.

What has happened now? I have placed my own life in a cage. In a prison; in which I have created the walls, the doors and bars. How do I break them down? I break them down through the realisation that they do not exist except in my own mind through my own creation. They have no power except the power I give them. Then as the peace comes into the mind, so the brain and nervous system harmonises, and my whole organism then works as one unit just as it was created to do, by the Intelligence that created it and the Intelligence that is manifesting through it.

I have come to this conclusion clearly and distinctly, that if you and I will completely understand that saying which the Master said so often, and realised in himself the great importance of it; "I and the Father are one," this will free us from all doubt and fear and stupid reactions.

BENEDICTION

O Blessed Creator of Heaven and Earth, that Thy consciousness may be revealed to me as mine, open my inner eye that I may behold Thee behind the myriads of atoms coming into form.

Burst open my consciousness that I may see behind the illusions of Time and Space, that in Thee I dwell and that I realize that Thou hast made me in Thy likeness.

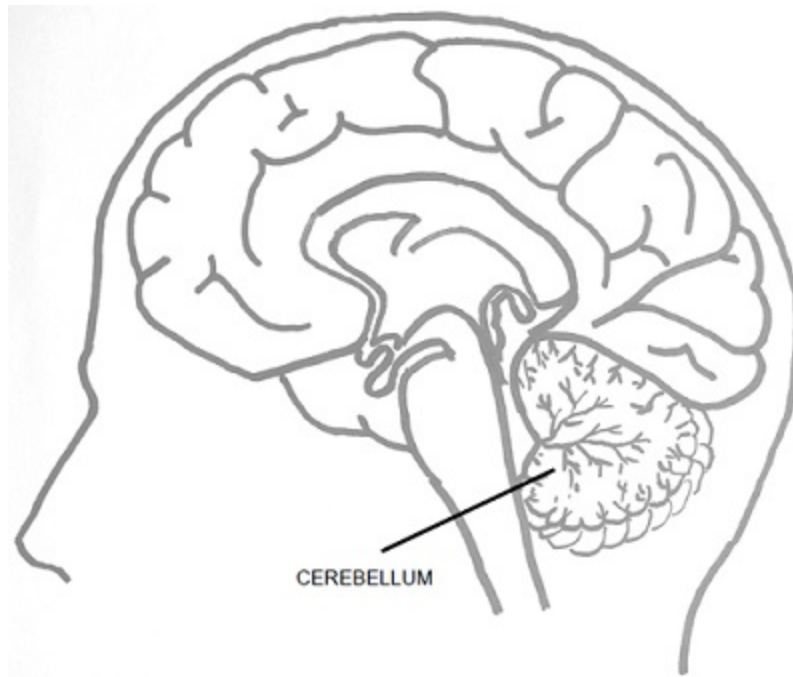
Clear my consciousness of the illusion of fear and doubt that my eye may be single.

Let the waves of Thy mighty Creative Power and Faith dance upon the Ocean of my dream, that I may become like Thee, to justify my faith by my works. For it is Thee alone who worketh in me, O Beloved friend and Protector.

* See page 199

* Moffatt translation

* The *italic* commentary is from the actual recording of the Pretoria lecture given in the Pretoria Women's Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on the Tuesday night of 24th November 1949.



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Lecture 8 (21st March 1950)

DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH

You will now have become aware of the truth that the Universal Self is the supporter of the Individual Self* and this being so both are united in the manifestation of anything the individual asks—creates by thinking. If the thinking on the part of the individual is lame then the production must be the same, for in Reality we are what we think.

¹So we have seen already, clearly, that the Universal Self and the individual self are one. There can be no separation between them, and being so, both are united in the manifestation of anything the individual asks. The Father does the work.

If the thinking part of the individual is lame, then the production must be the same—for we are what we think. The wonderful truth is this, that the individual is the means through which the Infinite expresses Himself. Being so, the individual becomes active, first, then the Universal becomes active while the individual becomes passive and the Father does the work.

If you can realize what I am telling you. You will see the tremendous power that exists when you understand this. That in the first place, all is passive and quiet. The individual asks that the individual becomes active, while the Universal is passive, then immediately the individual asks or plants his seed, then the Universal becomes active on that seed and reproduces its kind. Then the individual must become passive as the means of expression for the Infinite to express Himself through the individual. When you understand that, then you will know what faith means.

The main factor is to discern what we are really thinking. Superficial thinking and discerning is of little value because the deeper strata is often the main source of our thought.

For instance you may think yourself superior to others, so much so it becomes a vice and not a virtue. The expression of the Self is often made to cover up a deep feeling of inferiority in the Self, with the result that the outer expression is but a form of compensation to the self to enable a balance to be made in the outer. Yet it is the inner feeling that is really manifesting and this is easily discerned to those who understand. That is why deep discernment is so necessary otherwise you may be deluding yourselves.

So, discerning your own thinking is not a superficial thing whereby you have to eliminate most of the things that always are preventing or frustrating the expression of the Infinite in man. When you are frustrated, it is by yourself and by no one else and it is often done through this emotional conflict that is created in the mind through reaction to things external to oneself.

This reaction is not pure thought at all but it is very often the very opposite of pure thought—you are reacting to conditions and things. Let me tell you clearly then and so that you will see in your own mind, that it is necessary for you to discern your thinking. To be aware of your emotions and the motives behind them, so that you can eliminate them, then pure thinking comes as the mind is cleared of these things that hinders it.

On the other hand one may feel a sense of inferiority and begins to express it by receding away from life. This is often caused by a false idea about the self, a casual remark by another about a certain peculiarity that makes you feel different to others, yet all this can be corrected by proper discernment and understanding of the self and the source of the self.

Now you can see plainly that to attain power you must think in the Absolute and not in the relative, for the relative is conditioned. *If you then feel that you are inferior or superior to others, you are thinking in the relative. You are reacting to things external to yourselves and you are caught up in these things, consequently you're not free. But to think in the Absolute means that you are free from the relative which is outside of the effects. When you understand this, the greatest power of all comes to you because you see that the relative is effect while behind the relative is the real, is the Absolute. Everything has its beginning in the Absolute. Everything has its roots in the Absolute. There is nothing comes into*

existence except it has its roots in the Absolute and it has its beginnings in the Absolute. It is perfect in the Absolute, always perfect, because that is a perfect Substance and a perfect Intelligence manifested. It is only when it becomes relative, in the nature of mankind, when man sees things with two aspects—good and evil. But it says in the Bible, clearly and distinctly, when God made the heavens and the earth—He saw that everything was good. The Divine eye could see no evil but human mind sees both therefore is caught up in that double-mind, the double-minded creature that cannot get anything from the Lord. So you see clearly and distinctly how everything has its roots in the Absolute. The great thing in developing your faith is to take the idea out of the relative, where it is restricted, and transfer it to the Absolute where it is not thus limited and this includes everything belonging to the personal as well.

Marvellous truth this is! It sometimes takes a little time for the individual to grasp it. But if you realize that your own roots are in the Absolute and this comes as a realization that you have to make yourselves, and as you make this realization then you will see that there is neither time nor space, birth or death—these are things that exist only in the mind of man, but in God there is none—there is external existence now—no division, no time, no space.

The right understanding of our mental world will enable us to do this by a clearly defined method.

In the first place, we must eliminate the idea of time and space from our actual self-existence. There is time and space in the relative but not in the Absolute.

So therefore, unless you can eliminate time and space out of your own self-existence—self-existence mind you, then you are caught up in the relative which is time and space.

You measure by relative things. You measure the time by the earth's revolution round the sun because the earth revolves on its own axis at a thousand miles an hour and the earth is 24 hours in circumference, therefore it revolves one complete axis in 24 hours. You divide that into night and day because one half of the earth is moving while the sun is shining upon it and the other half of the earth is moving when the sun is

shining on the other half so therefore you have darkness on one half, light on the other and you call that night and the other day.

So as the earth revolves round the sun in 365 days and a few minutes, to be correct. Therefore it makes one complete circuit round the sun in 365 days and you say that is one year, and because the sun is 93 million miles away from the earth it moves in its own axis controlled by the sun. Wonderful truth, then you say this is one year then you begin the next year. Then you have your seasons and you say; this is summer, this is autumn, this is winter, this is spring. Why do you have autumn, winter and spring, and summer? Because of the fact that the earth is moving round the sun in that direction and while it is that way then you have summer in one part of the hemisphere and it is still moving in that direction, all the time moving that way round the sun, then when it's this way it is on the other half of the hemisphere therefore you will have the summer in one and the winter on the other, and you have on this side spring and autumn, and you say you measure time, that goes on incessantly. That is relative.

But what is the cause of these things? That which is Absolute and has no time nor space. In me—is that which has no time and space—that is my self-existence. It is yours, but you must realize it yourselves, to make it your own. Then you wonder how in the relative world you have all the mixture of the various things that come into your life.

Yes, we see there are planets existing in this Universe of ours. We can name them. We can name the Sun, the controlling factor; the Moon, then you have Mercury, have Venus, you have the Earth which is the one we are living on, then we have Mars, then we have Jupiter, then we have Saturn, then we have Uranus, then we have Neptune, and then we have Pluto. Little is known of Pluto.

But you see all these planets represent certain vibrations of life, of activity. The Sun gives you spiritual understanding and growth because itself is the centre of the Universe—it gives you the spiritual. The Moon gives the material. Mercury gives you the intellectual. Venus gives you the happiness both the pleasures of the physical and of the higher pleasures too. Mars gives you the accidents, the fires and tribulations, and so forth that come into your life. Jupiter the great benefice obliterates most of those things when you come under her wing. Saturn is the priest, there you have

the experiences, it takes from you yet you will know that taking from you is growth. Uranus gives you the higher forms of influence of your humanity which is egging you on through the evolution of the species of mankind. Then comes Neptune as the hidden forces, those hidden things that are kept from the eye, that only the inner eye can see. And here you have all these things in your lives, the mixture of them, and you are standing in the middle of them. Any of these things can control you and direct you. Any of those things can influence your mind and your body.

But when you know that these are but influences here for the purpose of the growth of mankind.

But I have reached that stage when you see that the Christ has power over all things in heaven and on earth. Therefore the Spirit of God is manifesting as the Christ on earth. In that Spirit there is neither time nor space—that is my self-existence. Therefore I am not subject unto anything except unto Him who created me. Therefore I am at peace with myself and at peace with my environment. This, not only does it apply to you on this plane but it applies to all who have gone before you. Take heart to this lesson then you will begin to understand.

The right understanding of our mental world will enable us to do this with defined method. So it is in the first place we must eliminate the idea of time and space from our actual self-existence. There is time and space in the relative—but not in the Absolute.

General Smuts² says that the time and space factor does exist. Yes, it exists in the relative world but not in the real world of things, and as long as people will live in the relative they can never hope to solve their problems by pure directed thought, for they will always be thinking in terms of the relative and not in terms of the Reality, and this is why our politicians and statesmen fail at every turn. They fail to take the invisible factor into consideration with the result that the blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

Therefore they are reacting to the relative. So, don't you see, that it is the ignorant leading the ignorant. One day that will pass and Truth will prevail.

We must establish the habit of realizing that there is a Spiritual invisible world in which everything has its roots, and this invisible world gives to us just what we think. Everything grows into outward expression, into material expression, being merely the expression of that inward Creative Power which is invested in us because of the eternal unity of the Universal Self in the individual self and the individual self in the Universal Self.

Therefore it cannot be otherwise. Both are linked together eternally and there can be no separation under any circumstances whatsoever.

This Spiritual prototype being Spiritual can only be formed by the power of thought. Sir James Jeans³ says that “the whole Universe is a mental phenomenon,” and all expression in it must be of the same nature.

The Universal Law is to produce that which is as perfect as can be done, in spite of man’s ignorance of this fact, and every detail has to be worked out to give expression to this Law. Therefore the Law of Growth has to be taken into consideration and we cannot force this otherwise we will undo our own work.

Your success in your growth of faith lies in using this Universal Law of Growth and not opposing it. The Bible says, “He that believeth will not make haste.” *When I plant a seed in the ground, I know that it will take the season to reproduce the seed. The intelligence works upon the seed and I understand the Law of Growth that that seed will grow. I expect to see it as the end of the spring comes. It is the same with this great Spiritual Understanding. I place the seed in that Absolute, therefore, so does the growth, that same Intelligence work upon it and bring it forth into operation. I become the active partner first, while He who knows All Things becomes passive. But after I have become active—then I become passive, and then He who knows All Things becomes active and reproduces. Therefore the Father does the work.* Things that are seen are not made out of visible things but out of the invisible.

We can read of the prophets David, Daniel and Jesus where true faith formed kingdoms, shut the mouths of lions and raised people from the dead. These deeds by faith have now become mere legends of religious superstition and not actual facts. They are poured forth as epitaphs without any genuine knowledge of the power of the faith that produced these things.

We relegate these things to the past. 2000 and more years ago. It has now become superstition. Religious superstition.

I tell you that same faith, that same power, is now with you and me.

But one time I fought with myself. I dwelt with myself to find this secret behind all things. As I read these things that took place in the Bible, as a young fellow, I was desirous to know that this was true or not true. This led me to the Himalayas. There to be taught that they were true. To find that that same power existed now, today as it did 2000, 3000, 4000 years ago and that power in man is becoming greater because he is becoming more evolved in his nature. The Spiritual nature of man is becoming more and more evident every day.

Look thousands of years back and you will see mankind in his infancy. Science will take you back and show you how this particular portion of the brain, the forward portion of the brain, has grown in these thousands of years. As this portion of the brain grows and it becomes more powerful, so does it dominate this particular portion of the brain which is animal in nature—automatic. As the Spiritual becomes greater in mankind so that he will have power over all things in heaven and on earth. If man really realized it now that power is with him. He agitates and brings cells into operation in his brain that have never been yet operated upon. There are cells in your brains now that have not yet started to move but are waiting for that power to enter them to become active.

The instrument created by God was a perfect instrument for His manifestation. Life created the body, the nervous system, the brain with which you could think and act.

My consciousness is not in brain or body. My consciousness is in Life. My consciousness is in God. God's Consciousness is in me. We are eternally linked together, never to come apart but to grow into Eternity, gain Knowledge and Wisdom of all things in heaven and on earth.

The Infinite is the basis of the finite or, in other words if you like, the Universal is the basis of the individual. The Father and the Son are one, not separate. The fact is that the omnipresence of the omnipotent Omniscience must be at any given point in time or space in which the individual thinks, when this is realized the mighty power of faith becomes a Reality. "Fear not for the Almighty is in the midst of thee."

The Father and the Son are one—not separate.

The fact that the omnipresence, that is, the All-Presence everywhere of the omnipotent Omniscience of that powerful Wisdom and Understanding must be at any given point in time or space in which the individual thinks. No matter where you be, whether you be here or Timbuktu⁴, whether you be here or the other end of the earth or Universe, that same omnipresence of the omnipotent Omniscience is there—and in it you think—you act. Therefore, “Fear not, for the Almighty is in the midst of thee.”

This subject of the development of faith is of the greatest importance and that is why I am making this series one to be remembered.

We have seen people struggling through life, up one minute down the next. We have seen others accumulate wealth and lose their health in getting it. We seek health and spend all their wealth to find it. Some waddle through life with no purpose, while others practice asceticism and they think by doing so they can gain the power called faith.

Most of you have qualities that if exercised would be of great benefit to humanity but if these are only wrapped up in dreams what good does it do. Only a full active life achieving the highest that is within you can you say you have done anything. This is the way to develop your faith and in no other way can it be done.

It is the active, the activity of the individual, and without experience, without action, then your works are dead. Without faith work is dead and works without faith have no Life. It is the Active Principle in man. This power behind the soul that is working continuously to express Itself giving forth Its Love, Wisdom and Power—radiating this tremendous force everywhere—then you become the vehicle of the central point through which it flows.

The one who can develop true faith can rule the world. This was the power of the Master and the Master’s power is still in the world, and this power can be used by all who will develop their “faith.”

You must become the Master and not the slave to the influences of every emotion and thought that enters the mind. It does not require any training to see an object or a form but it does require both understanding and discernment to develop the faith that moves mountains.

It requires no effort to look at an object but it requires both understanding and discernment to develop that faith. Understanding first of all. Discernment is most necessary, because unless you can understand your own emotions, your thoughts and discern them then you will have hindrances to the expression of the true faith. "Thy faith has made thee whole." What a saying! But how few recognize that truth. How few understand it.

Was it not so that I told you the other night, that in the mind of the woman everything else was oblivious. There was only one powerful thought in her mind and that was; "if I could only touch his garment, I will be made whole." And while hundreds surrounded him, pushing the Master here and there, touching his garment and so forth, but he felt nothing. But when this woman touched his garment, he felt a force leave him and he turned round and he said, "Who touched me?" But this woman had touched him in a certain way. That way was the avenue through which the power would flow into this person, rising up within herself, changing every atom of her body and it became whole.

If you then, in you own mind, can blot out everything except one thought; "I and the Father are One" it becomes the most powerful affirmation you can ever make. But if it is surrounded by doubt and hindrances of your own emotional habit-patterns created in your own brain. Then I say, you have to persevere to discern these things and understand them so that you can eliminate them. In that thought you become completely isolated in its way, isolated with no influence upon it whatsoever. Standing straight and clear, "I and the Father are One," then all is possible unto you. Your faith then is that Faith that moves mountains.

But do not be like the woman when she read about faith that moves mountains, and as she had a house near the sea, and there was a knoll that prevented her from seeing the blue sea. She went out this night and she said, "You shall be buried in the sea by tomorrow morning." Then she went to bed and when she got up she found that the knoll was still there, and she said, "I knew it would be there all the time." She never expected it to be moved into the sea because it seemed so impossible and that is with the majority of people today. They think that these things are impossible, and because you think they are impossible they must be impossible to you

because whatever the consciousness is aware of so it is unto you. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

There is an eternal unity between the Cosmic and the individual who thinks. When you have powerfully affirmed this unity with effective concentration, the consciousness awakens to its Reality. Then you do not fight anything that seems to oppose you for your Cosmic conception gives you mastery.

Nothing opposes you. The things that oppose you are from your own creation.

Many think but never act. You must both think and act with precision. For there is a law that few comprehend, that is that we are continually attracting to ourselves forces and conditions most akin to our thought. This law is continually operating whether we are conscious of it or not. Hate attracts hate, love attracts love. If you discern what you are thinking then you can dissolve that which destroys you, and you can hold that which builds.

We live in a mental substance in which there are all kinds of thought-waves continuously operating. Thoughts of the Angelic world surround us as well as thoughts of the misguided and ignorant. We tune in to these according to the attitude of mind we hold towards others and conditions.

Let us take a look at the ordinary mind and the atmosphere that surrounds it, a mind that is filled with anxiety, fear, greed, envy, hate, jealousy, selfishness. How easy it is for such a person to succumb to these influences if the mind is that way inclined. How can faith be developed in such a mind? How can the Master Power be developed when these conditions exist?

Don't you see that these are the hindrances to your faith? It is discerning these things that is most important. To know them for what they are.

When you react to things external to yourselves you have this emotional reaction. These emotional reactions cause what we call a 'habit-pattern' to be created in your brain. The mind first sees these things, then is transferred to the brain, and the feeling you have is formed in the cerebellum and interferes with the smooth running of your organism.

As I told you the other night, this occupational anxiety is one of the most deadly things we have got to deal with because it causes more trouble than anything else. If we can grasp this truth we will begin to understand that there is a peace that comes into you through Divine Reasoning, and these other things will pass away. Because it is natural for the Infinite or Universal Life to give expression to Itself having no conditions. Nothing is imposed upon It. We alone put it in a cage. We impose conditions upon it but we will see that we ourselves are those who condition life.

But if I say, "I and the Father are One," it gives me freedom. It gives me peace. I recognize that under no circumstances can He be conditioned. He must be free.

I have said to you before that you cannot be a loving person if you love one and hate another, nor can you say you are a kind person if you are kind to one and unkind to another. True faith is developed only in the mind that is cleansed of these opposites. Let the mind that was in Jesus Christ be in you. We are told, that this would give us power over all things in heaven and on earth.

This is not very difficult to do when we begin to discern what we are thinking, saying and doing. Can you look into your mind and say that your mind is like that of Jesus? Yet it can be like his for he said in other words, we could repeat his performance if we would understand him.

What I want to show you in this lesson is that there is much more than just believing, the mind must be cleansed of the rubbish that hinders the development of your true faith, and if you can see what hinders this development you are well on the way to mastery.

So it's not believing. A belief is nothing because a belief is nothing more than an idea in your mind, and that ideas opposed by other forces, other ideas, which counteract it and very often obliterate it. Your beliefs are always changing. They are never stable because one idea overcomes another.

But Truth never changes.

When we cleanse the mind of all the things that hinders the true expression of that which always Is, waiting patiently to give expression to

Itself. When we begin to discern that which hinders that expression—we dissolve it away.

We know that there is electricity. No one has ever seen it. No one knows what it is. But if that light does not function, there is something hindering the electricity. Therefore we set about discerning the cause. Why it is not functioning? Why the life is not flowing? When we discern the cause we remove it and the electricity begins to flow once more. It is the same with you, it is the same with everyone. But the first thing you have to do is discern that which hinders it, not an ordinary belief.

Some say that they want a more practical demonstration of this fact, others may say that it is pure imagination, but the fact that the law remains adamant, that “as ye sow so shall ye reap” will furnish the answer to both.

The Law of the Cosmic is that as you give to the Cosmic so will the Cosmic give to you. The more you recognise the Cosmic the more the Cosmic will recognize you. “O, Israel, the Lord thy God is one Lord. Love Him with all thy mind with all thy heart with all thy strength and love thy neighbour as thyself.”

If you can do that then the Cosmic will give you everything because that is the Cosmic Law.

The Cosmic is built on Love, Beauty, Strength, Generosity, Clemency, Forbearance, Loftiness, Unselfishness, Simplicity, Forgiveness and all that is noble in mankind.

How true it is that to sow an act reaps a habit, to sow a habit reaps a character, to sow a character reaps a destiny. This is the procedure that enables us to lay the foundation upon which we can develop our faith.

All must learn to act in love no matter what conditions exist around you, for habit is a powerful influence and most of you know this. How difficult it is for the one who loves scandal not to listen to it. How difficult it is for one who smokes excessively to put it aside. How difficult it is for the one who creates a habit to drop that habit.

Habit is a powerful influence in your life.

That is why your emotional habit patterns become expressed upon your body in the form of various things; such as duodenal ulcers, such as nerve pains, pains in the stomach, heartbeat, headaches. With all sorts of these

things we can out-picture the cause of your emotional habit patterns. But these can be easily broken up by discerning the cause and by Divine Reasoning, relaxing yourselves and tuning in to the great Almighty that is in the midst of thee. Therefore all things turn to good, to experiences you profit by. Therefore do not grumble about the past experiences and think you have been hard dealt by.

If you can discern the cause of your trouble and eliminate it you are greater than you have ever been before.

Wonderful truth is this! That these things are your stepping stones and not your stumbling blocks when you discern them. But unless you discern them they become your stumbling blocks and continue to be stumbling blocks. But when they are discerned and understood then they become stepping stones for greater progress.

It is when the act is repeated that the habit is formed. If we know of the qualities that are lacking and feel that they are impossible to attain then our belief is our hindrance. But, on the other hand, our realization of oneness gives us the strength of the Cosmic to charge us with that which is Cosmic in nature and thus develop our faith.

The faith that makes you whole—the faith that moves mountains.

Proper understanding and acting with perseverance and earnestness will surely give you the most desirable characteristics. Repeat the process of habit in the true direction and as sure as the sun rises in the morning you will have these characteristics.

What is this habit then you must follow? Relax yourself quietly and peacefully, take all stress and strain away from mind and body. Then through Divine Reasoning you acquire an understanding and as you begin to discern the things that have hindered your progress, they begin to break up, dissolve away because you can see they are of your own creation.

Like the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil exists in man's mind only, has its growth there, has its roots there. But the Tree of Life has its roots in God—it is Eternal in nature. Take hold of this Tree and let it be the Spring of Living Water rising up to Eternal Life.

To develop true "Faith" we must feel the true meaning of Faith and not only think it, we must see and feel the action of "Faith." The greatest help

to this development is “equality.” Position, wealth, creeds or dogmas must not blind you or mar the view. To see that there can be no separation in the Life in one and in another gives you confidence in yourself.

All this division in society is a hindrance to the growth of your faith. All this division in your particular forms; cliques, clubs, races, is a hindrance to your development of faith. No one can have true faith unless they can see the Life and understand that the Life behind All is the same Life in themselves. Therefore, you get behind All things, behind the relative, into the Creative Principle—there is your faith.

But if you are hindered by ideas of society, of groups, cliques, races and people, differences in this and differences in that, then you have no true faith. You cannot have it because that faith must be registered in that Eternal quality of the equality of that Eternal Principle of Life existing in every living soul.

That is the true Life! The true Understanding! The greatness and strength and power in all humanity. That is the Power that will lead men in the future into the great truth of the Oneness of All Life, where peace and plenty, the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and then the greatness of that Life will manifest Itself.

True manifestation of the Christ in each and every one shall become evident and the permanent expression in a human soul.

If there is a tendency towards retreat, strengthen your foundation by your understanding that you are Cosmic in nature. The Cosmic Forces are with you always, as long as you believe in God alone, and in yourself being one with Him.

Then you shall be free. “I and the Father are one.”

Let the faith of the Master be in you, then his Life, his Love, his Power, his Wholeness, his Beauty and Abundance will shine forth in you. “I have glorified Thy name on earth.” In other words I have shown what Thou art to all men for we are “One,” for the Father who has Life in Himself has granted the Son to have Life in himself.

BENEDICTION

O Glorious One, teach me to gather the nectar from the flowers that bloom in the Garden of human souls so that I may produce the honey of Thy delight.

I shall store Thy Love and forgiveness in my heart so that the fragrance of Thy Beauty shall shine from me.

And when Winter comes with its cold blasts I shall be covered with Thy blanket of Peace and Love, even though earthly separation dance around me.

May my feet follow in the footprints of Thy Beloved One who trod the earth before me so that I may also say “Father, I have shown what Thou art to all men” and hear Thy voice say deep in my soul, “Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast proved My faith in thee.”

* Sound recording of lecture starts here.

[1](#) The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 21st March 1950.

[2](#) Smuts, Jan Christian (1870-1950). South African general, philosopher, and statesman; prime minister of the Union of South Africa 1918-24, 1939-48.

[3](#) Jeans, Sir James Hopwood (1877-1946). British mathematician, physicist, and astronomer.

[4](#) Timbuktu. (aka *Timbuctoo*) Town in Central Mali near the Niger river; very remote place.

Lecture 9 (28th March 1950)

YOUR FAITH IS WEAKENED BY STRUGGLING WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Your faith is your practising of the “Presence.” You cannot practise the “Presence” and struggle with the outside world at the same time. This you will see is the double-mind that can get nothing from the Lord.

The cause of our struggle in the world is wrong teaching. Struggling always reveals a belief in separation from the whole, a belief that God is separate from ourselves.

Have you ever thought what place God occupies in your life and schemes? Have you ever visualized the Power of God? You have read of it in the man Jesus but you have never connected yourself with him in this way. Yet only by doing so can you realize your own faith and creative ability.

When you apply this to your own life your affairs your body your circumstances you will bring into operation that self-same faith that was his. This makes all things possible and God becomes a Reality in your own experiences.

When we dwell upon the faith that was in the Master and attribute these to ourselves, the Law being that thoughts are things, we make his faith a reality in ourselves. When we dwell upon the unlimited nature of God, His inexhaustible resources, His Eternal Nature, we also make these our own. Whatever the consciousness is “aware” of, so is it established in our lives.

You habitually weave into your minds the impressions and ideas that come from the outside world through struggling with it. If you would cease this by understanding that these are but effects and not causes and weave into your minds what you know to be true of God, making His Presence a conscious reality in yourselves, you will find that your actual experiences would coincide with your “awareness” of His Presence.

Thought being the creative action of your consciousness, what you then create in the inner must necessarily be produced in the outer. This means that the Presence is being translated into your daily activities. It is the natural sequence of the Law that what you are truly aware of, so it is to you.

You will soon realize that by practice of these instructions that the faith of the Master becomes yours. And in this lesson we will see how to practise more effectively.

Let us look into the minds of those who are all the time struggling against sin, how miserable they become and they want everyone else to become like them. The cure for this is given by the Master himself, to take hold of the Tree of Life and cease eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the Relative. The Tree of Life is the "Presence" the Eternal Existence that is behind all Creation, while the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is what man thinks, in his ignorance of the Eternal Existence in himself, and what he believes so it is unto him.

Immediately the "Presence" is realized, Faith, Love and Wisdom is established. If you are struggling to find something in the darkness the struggle ceases when you bring a light into the darkness. So it is with you, the Presence is the Light of Man. "I am the Light of the World and he that believeth in Me will not remain in darkness."

You will see that this is not merely a platitude, but a direction to mankind to free himself from struggle.

Our Creative Power depends upon the power of the Presence established in our consciousness and Faith is the instrument of creation. Creation is called into existence by concentrated Faith. Then Creation operates of its own free will, being the Intelligence operating in response to Faith.

Just as electricity will flow into the globe to create light, so does the Creative Intelligence flow into the ideas you hold steadfast in the consciousness. No one knows what the Creative Intelligence is, just as no one knows what electricity is.

We must clearly understand what is our relation to God, the Creator of All in Heaven and on earth. "I and the Father are One." "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." This understanding unites us all as one in the

Father of All. “All things were made by Him and without Him not anything was made.”

This proves to us that matter is mind materialized, the invisible becomes visible.

Now let us take a look at those who are struggling with disease. One end is health and the other is ill-health and a struggle is made to bridge the gap. So health is like tomorrow it never comes. It is just where the mind of the person places it—at a distance. So the struggle goes on indefinitely.

The Presence is present now, and when the Presence is thus realized there is no gap to bridge.

When one realizes the Presence, the idea of health and ill-health disappear. If you have two ideas in the mind at the same time, the one that is strongest will always manifest. The one that is strongest is the one that you fear, but both are but ideas in the mind and are not realities.

When we take into consideration matter we say it is solid but this is but an illusion of the mind. Science tells us that matter is porous made up of atoms, which in themselves are but vortexes of energy and exist in a fluidic state. The same atoms become invisible when acted upon by an internal force and become so-called solid in a similar manner. This mind substance is transformable by the power of thought, so all is mind, no matter whether it is visible or invisible.

God is all, and the Master perceived this fundamental Truth and used it. When this is also perceived by you it is established in your consciousness as a fundamental fact and begins to reproduce its effects on the outer, because the outer is but a reflection of the inner.

You will readily see that wholeness is the secret of all perfect action. The Master made the statement, “Wilt thou be made whole.” The Infinite Mind cannot hold anything but wholeness and this is the natural state of all mankind. When you realize that you are but the reflection of the Infinite there is no need to struggle to create wholeness. It just is, and that is all there is to it.

Now, may I bring your attention to the fact that many people hold images of others contrary to what they would like themselves to be, but your neighbour is yourself so and in the light of this truth you can see what

you are doing to yourselves. Remember whatever you hold in your mind, whether it is about yourself or another, it will surely out-picture in your mind and body. This is why the Master said, "Condemn not lest ye be condemned."

To repeat my words will not give you freedom from your own mental action and it is not what I say or what another says will free you either. It is what you arrive at through your own understanding of that which is a hindrance to your true faith through understanding. Neither can you set one idea against the other or choose according to your own prejudices for this only blinds you, by your own opinions, and this is not freedom. There must be complete and fearless honesty in your discernment of that which is a hindrance to the power of your faith, which must be free from all prejudice and preconceived ideas of right and wrong. You must arrive at that which is unconditioned and free, and you cannot make it conform to your ideas of right or wrong, you will see you are not expressing the Presence but your ideas and opinions of the Presence.

If you listen to what I have to say with a background of ideas built up from Christianity, or any other religions which are in themselves but contradictions, you will see that this background impedes your true discernment, and you are no longer able to think clearly because of your limited beliefs.

You must not accept what I say but examine what I say impersonally without bias, then you will discover for yourselves the immanent worth of faith. You cannot examine, criticize or question anything intelligently if you are attached to any ideas or beliefs or if you are biased, or have prejudices. You will observe that this is not understanding nor thinking, you can only realize true "faith" when there is no division, no distinction, no attachment, no bias, no prejudice. You have only to look into a mind in which these exist to see how rigid it is, and this is truly ignorance.

To approach or try to understand faith through division is futile. Even the idea of tolerance is but an intellectual invention which covers up the conflict arriving out of false division. Where there is real understanding of Love and Faith there is no need for tolerance.

You do not need to organise to understand Faith, you do not need to belong to any sect or denomination, or church to understand Faith. Faith is

greater than all theories or ideas. It is Itself the “Presence” and the Presence is “Faith.”

There can be no duality in your conclusions, there can be no distinctions in the result. Figures mean the same thing in all languages, so it is with faith.

In the beginning you may not find it easy to understand the mighty power of “Faith”—the Creative Power in man. But after due consideration you will begin to see clearly how to put Faith into operation, and it is only by the understanding of the Law of Faith that this can be done and not in any other way.

Therefore acquaint yourselves with the Creator of all things, then you will understand the Law of Creation through Faith.

“I have come that they might have Life and that they might have it more abundantly.” Again, I say, “It is not I that doeth the work but the Father who ever remaineth in me He doeth the work.”

BENEDICTION

Loving Father, Bless me that I may behold Thy wisdom so that my faith be strong.

May it remain with me in the light and shade of my earthly life, I was long blinded by the appearance of the outside world and failed to see Thy Presence within.

I looked at the flowers and the trees yet I did not see Thy hidden Spirit. Even in myself I failed to recognise Thee.

But now my inner realization has been opened. Keep it open always so that Thy Presence may never again be dimmed by the appearance of things.

Let me behold Thee forever though the veils of matter may hide Thy Presence.

Bless me with the power of the Christ that was mine from the beginning so that I may behold Thee everywhere.

My faith is now eternally in Thee, **O Mighty “One” my struggle is over. Amen.**

Lecture 10 (4th April 1950)

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

I have been asked by many students to give the Easter story and this lesson is by special request.

The beautiful story of Easter is not realized as symbolic of mankind in showing the great truth of the Eternal Life.

The fact that we cannot think of anything that does not exist or anything that cannot be accomplished is an inherent law of the Consciousness of God in man, and when we see this cannot be otherwise we see the grand story of Easter as a guide to all mankind.

I want to tell this story in my own way as if I was present on that first day of the week.

Early in the morning while the darkness of the night was fast fading into the dawn of the morning Mary of Magdala came to the tomb where Jesus was laid and when she saw the stone was removed she ran to find Simon Peter and John, two beloved disciples of the Master whom he loved much, and exclaimed with breathless anxiety, "They have taken our Lord out of the tomb and I do not know where they have laid him."

This was as much as Peter and John could bear after the ordeal they went through during the past week so they ran to the tomb. John outdistanced Peter, being the younger. John looked into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there but he did not enter in. Then Peter came and entered into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The burial napkin, which was bound around his head, was not with the linen cloths but was wrapped up and put in a place by itself. This significant fact is not recognized or understood by those who are not acquainted with materialization and dematerialization.

After some time the other disciples came and entered into the tomb and saw for themselves, yet they did not understand it fully until later when the Master appeared to them by means of materialization.

The great significance of this act was to show that Life was interrupted by the event called death.

So the disciples, after seeing the empty tomb, went away again to their lodgings in complete wonderment at this mystifying event that took place, the meaning of his words dawned dimly upon their minds, they were beginning to see the meaning of, "A little while and you will not see me and again a little while you will see me." "You will be sad but your sadness will be changed into gladness."

Mary of Magdala did not leave the tomb but remained, weeping bitterly and with tear-stained eyes she looked into the tomb and there she saw two angels in white sitting one at the head and the other at the foot where the body of Jesus had lain.

They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?" And she answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him." They said, "Weep not for he liveth." She did not realize what had happened. And as she turned round she saw someone standing there. For the moment she did not recognize him, she never expected to see Jesus. Then Jesus said to her, "Why do you weep and whom do you want?" With eyes dimmed with the tears streaming down her cheeks, she thought it was the gardener that spoke. So she said, "If you are the one who took my master away, tell me where you have laid him and I will go and take him away."

Then her deep sorrow was turned to joy for Jesus spoke to her and said, "Mary," and she turned round and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbuli, Rabbuli" which means, "My master, my master." Her cup was overflowing with happiness and she stepped forward to take hold of the Master, but Jesus stopped her by saying, "Do not touch me now for I have not yet ascended, but go to my brethren and tell them and say to them I am ascending to my Father your Father, my God and your God."

It is well-known that those who have passed from the flesh-body often appear to their loved ones. I have had many experiences of this when people have passed.

This brings to my mind a lady whose son was killed in action in the last war. It was in the early hours of the morning, he came to her about 5 o'clock on the 13th of October. Two days later the family received a wire and was keeping it back from the mother when she said, "I know it is about Rusty," as she called him, "he was killed in October on the morning of the 13th." They all looked aghast at her, she was quite calm and told them what happened on the morning of the 13th when Rusty came to her and stood at the foot of her bed. There are many other instances I could relate even more accurate than that which proves beyond doubt the truth of the survival of the soul after bodily death.

But let us get on with the story of the "first day of the week."

Mary Magdala in all her excitement and joy, and what a wonderful privilege to be the first Jesus had spoken to, and she to be the first to speak to him after his rising, with this in her heart she ran as fast as she could to tell the disciples that she had seen Jesus and what he had told her.

It was evening time of the first day of the week, in the dim light the disciples had closed the doors of the house they were staying in for fear of those who were antagonistic to the Master and his disciples. Then Jesus came and stood amongst them and said to them, "Peace be with you, it is I be not afraid." It was after he said this he showed them his hands and his side, they could hardly believe their eyes but when they saw it was truly the Master they rejoiced, their sadness had disappeared, as the Master told them before his crucifixion.

Then Jesus again said to them, "Peace be with you just as my Father has sent me so I send you." He gave them courage. He said to them, "Now receive the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Eternal Life." They were amazed at the immediate transformation that took place from within themselves for it was as if a great Light shone from within.

So Jesus again instructed his disciples, "If you forgive a man his transgressions they shall be forgiven to him." Love and forgiveness was the key to all power and glory. "Whatever you ask in my name henceforth so shall it be done unto you. My Spirit is your Spirit, my God your God, my Life is your Life, follow in my footsteps for they are the true print of my Father in heaven and your Father also."

Now Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to his disciples in the house. When the disciples said to Thomas, “We have seen our Master, Jesus,” he did not believe them and said, “Unless I see in his hands the places of the nails and put my finger in them and put my hand into his side **I will not** believe.”

How many people are like Thomas, how difficult it is for them to understand, they only believe what they see through the senses and what they see is but the effects of that which is unseen. What faith they have is built upon the shifting sands of doubt.

Eight days later the disciples were gathered again in the same house. This time Thomas was with them. While the doors were locked and windows barred Jesus came again into their midst and said again, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Bring your finger here and put it into the wounds in my hands and bring your hand and put it into my side and do not be an unbeliever but a believer.” And Thomas answered and said to Jesus, “O my Lord and my God.”

Jesus then spoke to his disciples and especially to Thomas, “Now you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not yet seen and have believed.”

Jesus continued to do many wonderful things in the presence of his disciples and he does these now for you and me, if you just ask him.

The Christ is the Son of God, the Word that was in the beginning the Word that is made flesh and dwells with us here and now.

A few weeks later Jesus showed himself to his disciples by the sea of Tiberias. His disciples were fishing, Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, and four others were in a boat, all night fishing but caught nothing. When morning came Jesus stood at the sea-side but his disciples did not recognise him. So Jesus said to them, “Boys, have you got anything to eat?” And they said, “No.” So he said, “Throw your net on the right side of the ship and you will find.” So they threw it and were not able to draw the net in because of the many fishes which the net had caught.

This lesson we can take to ourselves, we can also have our nets full if we cast on the right side of the ship.

Then John said to Peter, "There is our Lord." Impetuous Peter jumped into the sea and came to him but the others came by boat.

When they landed Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have caught and break your fast." And Jesus drew near to them and broke bread and fish and gave it to them." This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples. In that short space of time so much had taken place it would fill a whole book.

The disciples were first afraid, when they saw Jesus they trembled. It is the same with most of us when we see a loved one who has passed we tremble. My experiences in this direction have been perhaps more than most, for far away beyond the Himalayas I have seen the Master face to face, many of you have seen him also face to face here in this room, because he has spoken to you.

Then Jesus took his disciples out as far as Bethany and spoke to them saying, "Go into the world and tell the glorious truth that as I live so shall all live and with this truth in the name of the Christ of God you will lay your hands upon the sick and they will be healed, disease and pestilence shall not come nigh you for I am with you always even unto the end of the world." With these words Jesus disappeared from his disciples. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Their eyes were opened and the Truth of Eternal Life was revealed to them.

The greatest part of this great play on the stage of humanity was that which happened on the first day of the week.

BENEDICTION

O Good Shepherd, there is but one flock for all live in Him Who is all in all.

Thou were sent to shepherd the wandering souls who are bleating for the one fold.

We hear thy loving call in the atmosphere of Infinite Kindness, although we may be on the outer side of the fold feeding on strange pastures yet all are attracted to thee for thou standest in the centre radiating thy magnet of

Love and Peace, dissolving all that which prevents the gathering of all souls into the one fold.

I hear your words calling, “Love all who love you and love all who love you not.”

This is the first Day of the week, the everlasting day in which the sun never sets again but spreads into the Eternal Christ-oneness.

We rejoiced in your coming, were sorrowful and fearful in our belief that you had left us.

But now our joy is everlasting in the understanding that thou livest forever with us, O Good Shepherd.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
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Lecture 10 (6th October 1949)
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THE VOICE

On sitting down to write this lecture I opened the Bible at Proverbs, Chapter 8, and this caught my eye, “Is it not Wisdom calling Knowledge raising her voice? On the high ground by the roadside, in the streets she takes her stand, by the gateways opening to the city, at the entries, she is crying out: ‘O men, I am calling to you, my appeal is to all men!’ ” (v. 1-4 Moffatt translation)

What we all need is an intelligent conception of our being. To live we must create, there is no alternative for this is the Law of Nature and we must encourage the Voice of the Spirit which forces upon us the full recognition of Itself. If we fail to do this we are forced into conditions and circumstances until we do give this full recognition.

The noblest guide is the Voice of the Spirit, “Intuition,” and it is by cultivating and perfecting this that we arrive at our goal, and when we arrive we find that we are the embodiment of Spirit Itself. Then all the little struggles the little turmoil’s and disturbances do not affect us, although they have their value they do not close out the Voice of the Spirit.

The way to cultivate the Voice is to be intensely interested in Life and in all the things around us. Imitation has nothing to do with it, we must be alive. So each one of us has to be an artist who creates for himself or herself, because we have been thrilled with the glimpse of the Vision of Reality.

You will find that all great men and women are in themselves great teachers, they have lost that sense of exclusiveness but have gained that sense of all-inclusiveness, that makes up all Life. They embody all things and are part of all things.

It is not that you should make yourselves fit into any mould, not of your own making, nor should you allow yourselves to become stereotyped following the one path, one must see all paths otherwise you become limited conforming to a pattern. This is fatal to the development of perfect intuition, yet we must never forget that we shall all meet in the Kingdom of Heaven for this is our home.

The great hindrance to the true Voice of Intuition is that we think ourselves different from other people, we treat the world outside as something apart from ourselves. So we become exclusive, thus we destroy with this limitation instead of creating through Intuition.

Intuition cannot err, it is when you follow and try to copy ideas of others that you go wrong.

I can advise you of the principle involved but to have intuition you must obey the Voice yourselves, you must develop your own intuition.

Most people are hiding behind the veil that hides the Truth. They have beliefs which they cannot respond to wholeheartedly. This is being aimlessly swept along the path of another. In this way you will never find new avenues of experience for yourself for it is you yourself who must listen to the "Voice."

Intuition is the whisper of the Spirit, therefore to hear this Voice there must be harmony of the emotions and the mind, only under these conditions can the true Self express Itself.

We must have strong feelings of Love and Kindness, a person with no feelings is useless. It is the person who is hard, indifferent that cannot create or construct. There is no true creative ability when one is limited and bound in their own ignorance.

A great lover is never a small person, there is something wonderful in the expression of Love and Kindness. The more feelings you have the better. The idea that we should have no feelings or emotions is absurd and unspiritual.

The more you are bubbling over with feeling the better, but do not wear it on your sleeve. We must direct the energy of our emotions into constructive channels. Otherwise you wander away on the bypaths instead of on the main highway.

You must go out and be adventurous, but in that adventurous spirit you must know where you are going, not wandering aimlessly along in the wake of another.

To be alive you must have your mind and emotions alive all day long, active not dormant. The Spirit is creative, It is action Itself. This interest comes to those who are truly civilized.

A savage is entering the first stage of Life, to him everything is new and he learns to create and by creating he evolves, by doing so he stores up experience and knowledge and Life is thereby a new adventure.

To us it must be even more so. Even if we have been mellowed by experience and suffering through years of wrong application of our Creative Power, this should not now deter us but make us more eager, more interested, for the only way we can follow the Voice is through enthusiasm for the Whole of Life.

If you have this enthusiasm you will find that this Voice of the Spirit that is “restless” in you for experience, will become your guide and friend and the only authority in your lives. Then you will find yourself one with all things and as you obey the Spirit so you will find that all Nature will obey you, she is virtually at your command. But first of all you must have the capacity to lose the sense of the separate self, for in separation there is limitation, conflict and sorrow.

The nearer you are to this Truth the nearer you are to the Creator of all things. It is the separate self—this division which the self creates that stands in the way.

To hear the Voice you must be on the alert, even if you have to grope at first, until your interest and enthusiasm is awakened, then your vision will be clear and strong and the flame of genius burns within you.

A genius is one who sees his goal and whose enthusiasm is ever alive. The only struggle is to keep the vision undimmed by the petty things of Life, by family and worldly troubles. The ordinary person is smothered by the world and cannot see the way or hear the Voice. He succumbs to his environment and loses the power to create with Nature the beauty and harmony of Life.

As we read on in Proverbs it says, “O heedless souls, learn insight, O foolish folk, learn sense! Listen, for I have a weighty message, my lips open with right words, I utter what is true, false lips I loathe, all I say is honest, with nothing in it false or wrong; ‘tis all plain to a man of sense, and true for those who are intelligent. Choose instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than rare gold; for wisdom is better than rubies, no treasure is equal to her.” (v. 5-11 Moffatt translation)

In reading the verse in Proverbs the prophet understood the true meaning of the Spirit, Life, which in Itself is everything, so the foolish separate and destroy while the wise unite with Reality to create.

Be a world lover, then you are for everyone, only in this way can the beautiful in others be awakened. The more we have lit the light of genius in ourselves the more shall we be able to understand and serve. Service and love are the pillars we must have to make our structure secure.

When we understand the great Master and live in his world, we also give to the world that eternal beauty that is seen from the mountain top of realization. Yet we must live in the valleys as well because we can only be great when we can become as humble as the babe, for there is the Life in its purity. In this way we find true culture.

You can only hear that Voice clearly when you have this culture, this interest, this enthusiasm. Pay attention to all things physical, mental and Spiritual; our physical well-being is the reflection of our Spiritual Being, to take an interest in your body is as much Spiritual as to take an interest in your soul, for one clothes the other, this all tends to our true culture.

We must get that perfect refinement and sense of culture, Spiritual, mental and physical, for one is the reflection of the other. It is the attitude that you create through understanding that counts, not what class you are in or what religion you belong to or what type you belong to. These are but distinctions and divisions and are only temporary things in a passing world.

You have now passed beyond the stage where you need the authority of another human or to conform to any pattern. Life expresses itself in the garden in many flowers of different varieties. So does Life express Itself in humanity. Be yourself by listening to the Voice and not to any guide or authority outside yourself. Hear the Voice that is Universal and which is

expressing Itself individually, then be individual yet Universal, this is the key to genius.

When you have found this in yourself then you can go out and tear the veil from the eyes of another. It is of little use giving petty satisfactions, little thoughts and little doctrines; each one of you has to become such a messenger, such an example.

Beware of the pitfall of virtues and their opposites, either is of little value to one who is struggling. Hell and the Devil are as barren as the wilderness to a struggling soul. Remember yourself when you were struggling, what was it that helped you most? Proof of the existence of the Presence in yourself. Then give it to others in similar circumstances. Lose yourselves in others and yet retain your own vision, the Voice of Intuition.

To end this lesson I will read to you the remainder of the 8th Chapter of Proverbs. I would like to make my own comments on it. In this lecture it is impossible but in a future lecture I will delight myself and I hope you also in this inspiration:

“I Wisdom have intelligence in hand, knowledge and insight I command.

“To reverence the Eternal is to hate evil; pride, arrogance, an evil life, and lying lips—I hate them,

“Counsel and skill are mind, I possess mind and might. It is by me that monarchs reign, and rulers deal out justice, by me that great men govern, and magnates rule the earth. Those who love me, I love them; those who seek me find me. I hold wealth and honour, position and good fortune; what I yield is better than the best of gold, what I bring in is better than rare silver.

“I deal right fairly, justly do I act, enriching those who love me, and filling their stores full.

“The Eternal formed me first of his creation, first of all his works in days of old; I was fashioned in the earliest ages, from the very first, when earth began; I was born when there were no abysses, when there were no fountains full of water; ere he sunk the bases of the mountains, ere the hills existed, I was born, when earth and fields were not created, nor the very first clods of the world.

“When he set the heavens up, I was there, when he drew the Vault o’er the abyss, when he made the clouds firm overhead, when he fixed the fountains of the deep, when he set the boundaries of the sea, when he laid foundations for the earth; I was with him then, his foster-child, I was his delight day after day, playing in his presence constantly, playing here and there over his world, finding my delight in humankind.

“Now listen to me, children, listen to instruction and get wisdom, do not refuse my counsel. For happy are they who hold to me, happy the man who listens to me, daily at my gate on the watch, waiting at my doorway. He who finds me finds life, and he wins favour from the Eternal; he who ignores me is injuring himself, for all who hate me are in love with death.” (v.12-36 Moffatt translation)

BENEDICTION

I hear Thy Voice calling me to come out of my dream of separation and weakness.

I hear Thee beckon me to grow and spread my wings of Eternal Power in Thee. I hear Thee calling me to realize that all is Thine and to know that all is also mine.

Thou hast entertained me in everything everywhere, and as I serve Thee Thou hast promised to serve me.

Thy Voice is the delight of my heart, O Infinite One.

* In the *Pretoria Series* this lecture was replaced by Murdo’s 1949 Christmas message “*The Star of Bethlehem.*”

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**YOUR FAITH THAT PRODUCES WORKS AND YOUR FAITH THAT IS SUSTAINED
BY YOUR WORKS**

In my last lecture I showed that faith without works is dead and also that the only way we can prove our faith is by our works. In this lecture I want to show how faith produces works and how faith is sustained, so that our works shall prove our faith.

By the growth of your understanding of the action of your thought so is the power of your faith increased in proportion. When you become aware of the action of your thought, you will know the result before you begin. This is proved in the Master's statement, "Believe you have received and you will have."

Now, when you are ignorant of this law of mind in action you place little value on your thought, yet you are affected by the effects created, and naturally rebel against them or are pleased on the other hand, but this ignorant reaction is of no value to you, because you do not understand how your faith produces works.

By rebelling against effects you only increase their intensity, on the other hand if you are just ignorantly pleased with the result you will soon lose what you have gained because you are unaware of how these things have come about. "He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him." This is the vicious circle of ignorance in which the great majority of people are in.

There is but one mode of action used in Creation, whether it be a creation in man's mind, or a creation of a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind. *The mode of action is the same because man's mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind.

This cannot be otherwise for the simple reason that man cannot exist outside the Infinite Mind.

In developing our faith that produces works we must, in the first place, recognise this Unity which is a Cosmic fact, "The Father and I are one." In this realization the power of thought becomes active in the individual thinker and to this Unity we must ascribe all power and glory, and acknowledge It as the Source of all that we accomplish.

If we do not do that you will see that you then acknowledge something much less. Examine yourself to see what you think about yourself and when you look into your own mind you will see how small and how little you think of yourself, then you are limited by that attitude of mind you hold about yourself.

If you ascribe all glory, all power, all achievement to that which is Real in Itself and is the Power of the Universe that is manifesting Itself through you, then there is an attitude of mind that takes you forward continuously and there rests your faith.

In this also can there only be effective concentration of the idea to be developed. For if you are double-minded you see good and evil and those two battle for supremacy in your mind. So you fight the one that you do not want with the result that you give it a power it does not possess.

You fight failure to gain success. You fight disease to gain health.

But the most astounding story that is run through the whole of this wonderful teaching is that the truth neither knows success; failure, sees health or disease, good or evil. Much to your surprise, perhaps, that is an absolute Truth. There is no relativity at all in the Truth. In Itself it is complete and perfectly Whole and is expressing Itself. Neither does it live in space or time.

When you come into consideration of time and space then you come into limitation. I will try and develop this as I go along tonight to show you clearly and distinctly. We created the constant illusion of the mind. We measure time because the earth revolves on its own axis once every 24 hours, we measure that in a day and a night. The earth revolves around the sun in 365 days, and we measure that as one year and we come to the end of a year and the beginning of another. We come to the end of a day and the

beginning of another. But we will see continuously that this is going on and on continuously and there is no time or space. There is a continued movement always onward and upward which is in itself is perfection of the Whole.

Unfolding that which in itself is first in itself. "In the beginning was the Word and that Word was with God, and that very Word was God, and that Word was made flesh." This Word now is being unfolded so that you can understand that which was in the beginning. Having no beginning, having no ending, mind you. "I am the beginning and the end." Therefore there is no beginning, no ending of Life. You cannot say that the Infinite had a beginning because if you said that the Infinite had a beginning you would have to say another Infinite began that Infinite. So you go back and back as infinity until you reach the conclusion that you would have to admit the fact that there must have been something that always existed. Therefore how then can you measure time and space.

This baffles the mind that it not trained to think properly, but you students are trained to think properly and it is this thinking that enables you to grasp the significance of the truth that gives you the power of the Christ or the power of the Master.

The Master saw that there was nothing to fight when he said, "Resist not evil but overcome evil with good," this was showing that evil did not really exist except in man's own mind.

When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect "One" so does all evil disappear. *When you recognise complete unity, all separation disappears, because separation does not exist as an actuality, its only an idea in your mind. The truth you have is but an idea in your mind and if you look at it you will see what you are doing, you are creating an idea of the truth. But I don't want you to create an idea of the truth, because when you create an idea of the truth you make the truth relative, It becomes an idea that you created in your mind. Truth itself is not relative but creates its very existence in you. "I am the Truth," the Master said. So am I! I am the Truth!*

When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect "One" so evil

disappears. But if good and evil exist in your mind you have a double mind where there is also faith and doubt side by side.

For instance, if your mind has the image of disease and health or success and failure these two images will destroy your creative power and also your faith.

These two images will create or destroy your creative power. The mental attitude you have always if only you are only using a portion of your consciousness, a portion of your mind. All the time the other portion is busy trying to fight, hold back that which you do not want.

Therefore there is a continual conflict and turmoil going on in the mind. How then can you think that you can create under those circumstances? Look into your own mind and there discern for yourselves what you are doing. You will see that you are doing exactly what I am saying. But if you then begin to know what you are doing, and you will see the fallacy of it you will cease to do it.

So you see, you destroy your creative power and alter your faith. When you bring the Truth into mind it sees and failure disappears. Neither did you have to concentrate on health, success or faith. Truth does not know health or disease. If you bring up the image of one such as these, health, you always bring up the image of disease. If you bring up the image of success you bring up the image of failure. You cannot get rid of the negative by trying to transpose onto the positive, the negative is always there because you are living in the relative world, not in truth. If you can see what I am driving at. You will see immediately yet you will know these two monsters for what they are. Therefore you will discern them and you will understand that they are relative, therefore you will not fight one or desire the other. But when you know the Truth and this is it; "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these will be added unto you." Seek ye the Kingdom of God that is within you and the right use of that Kingdom and everything shall be added unto you. Therefore why fight the positive and the negative? Why allow this battle to go on in your mind continuously between disease and health, faith and doubt, and also success and failure? These things are relative. The Truth, the Self is the actual completeness of things living now, expressing Itself in it's wholeness and wherever you are there you will find the Spirit of God there too.

You are never apart. Truth and you are never apart and can never be apart. Therefore you will discern then that in your own mind is the illusion of separation.

This Truth cannot be divided or destroyed, it is only in the mind of man that ignorance of this fact exists, and we find many in high places who are unaware of this all-important Truth.

We must recognise the mind as a single and simple unit and that is just what it is. If we allow our mind to wander off to the idea of a part of the unit here and a part there we pass into the relative which is the cause of our loss of faith and the true direction of our thought. We immediately begin to react to the relative which is limitation and thereby limit our faith and the “works” is not produced.

Your faith is not obtained by your stupid reaction to things or forms but by an understanding of the Intelligence behind all things and forms, and the operation of that Intelligence. Neither is your faith obtained through the idea of a time or space but through knowledge that Spirit is one whole with no division in time or space.

Spirit is omnipresent in Its entirety. Therefore at any moment of time all Spirit is concentrated at any point in space that we choose to fix our attention upon.

Therefore time and space dissolve into nothingness.

When you recognise this and you will realize the “I” as the centre of yourself and that surrounding that “I” everything moves. Then you dissolve that “I” again into the wholeness of things and you will see that the “I” itself is not a separate entity but an expression of that one Whole. I myself becomes the Self in everyone and everywhere. Therefore if then that is so which it must be—it is God who lives. Therefore in my attitude of mind its the Father that doeth the work.

Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space but is the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon. If this is not understood then our attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and our “work” is not produced.

When your attention is directed to that which breaks it up, your attention is no longer attention.

The practice of attention is one of the finest things you can accomplish. It is easy for you to attend to something that you like. Some job that you like to do. You can bestow your attention upon it, a hobby for instance reading a novel or a book, where you can be engrossed completely and you are living the very life of the author. Do you think that you could apply that attention to something you do not like, something that you feel distasteful to do? If you can do that then you have accomplished what I am trying to tell you. The Power of attention to create. So that attention becomes immersed in wholeness. Time and space dissolves into nothingness in that there is creation in the wholeness. Only in the Infinite Mind is there true creation.

The fact is that we all exist in the Absolute and from the Absolute all phenomena flow, whether in the mental or physical plane. The knowledge of this is the basis upon which we develop our faith to produce “works.”

That we can not produce anything out of the intellect in Absolute because there is no outside.

No matter whether we live in a physical body or whether we live out of the physical body—you are you. Therefore you are no different whether you are in the body or out of the body, you are still you. When you recognize this you will see that you are creating in Infinite Mind. But when you are in the physical body and you see things external to yourselves, you create what we call out of relative things. Things that are relative to you when you look upon them instead of yourself and you make God just the same. You make your God the relative God that is outside yourself.

Think of it now. What use is a relative God an idea of the God in your mind. An idea, a thought of God. What use is an idea of God, I would like to know? Just ask yourselves that question and see how far you are from realizing the truth of your oneness with the wholeness.

What I want you to do is to discern your own mind in which much conflict exists. As to its function, some say that man has two minds, one is conscious and one is subconscious, but in reality there is but one mind. We will agree that there is an inner and outer function, but to say that they are separate and distinct is a fallacy. Faith to produce works can only be developed by a true understanding of the relation of each function.

There are different flowers in the garden and there are different colours in the flowers, but they still grow out of the same ground. The same

intelligence is working through them all. You can have a turnip growing beside a poppy or you can have an onion growing beside a pansy. They are totally different. Their function is different. But they exist in the same land. They exist in the one, the same intelligence is manifesting through them. There is no difference in the expression, except their function is different.

Please note the same applies to your mind.

There is what you call the habit activity where you create habit. You do a thing often enough and you find that by doing it often enough it becomes a habit and you repeat it without any conscious effort whatever.

You also have an instinctive principle which is working through you, which keeps your body in repair running continuously, that is an intelligence and it is also in the same mind

You have also eyes to see and a sense to hear, and you are living in the outside world by hearing sounds and seeing vibrations of light.

You are living in the outside world. But who is living in the outside world, I would like to know?

Your eyes and your ears are means to which you are reacting to certain things. Then you create images in your mind in regards to these things. Who is creating the image, I would like to know, of these things that you grasp through your mind, through your senses? You of course! You are doing it! No one else—you! And you are the conscious entity! You are the conscious being! You are the conscious being that is living in the outside! Living in the inside! Living everywhere! You are the conscious being that is living in God and you are the conscious being that is living outside in this relative world that you believe to be separate from God. Therefore you live in separation one moment and you live in unity another moment.

If you do not, see then, things as they really are we are lost in these particular functions. When you delve into the subconscious and you begin to ramble round and you say this and that. I have them come to me so often, people who have been to the various psychiatrists and they have delved in their minds, brought up every thought that they thought was something. What happens? What result did they get? Just the same old routine, therein the same way. They give them shock treatment. Then they have another shock treatment and so forth and they go on doing the same thing.

Now, what use is all this?

But when they come and I show them the function of their minds. These functions which are totally separate and distinct. But they themselves are the only individual who is reacting to those things, and I point out the Truth about things. Then the mind, the consciousness becomes aware of its own stupidity.

The habit of course is a habit of thinking. Habit is also a vicious cycle. But you must break that vicious cycle. You have got to break it out, so that the individual can begin to think clearly and not be caught up in the whirl of his own images or in the relative world which he fears. He tries to recede from, and tries to run away from. Consequently he is total fear. His fear of everything is established, certainly he is free to move anywhere. A small fear is one thing but to develop a fear for everything, you don't know the Truth. Therefore, get rid of these fears through understanding the Truth.

Both these functions are united by the consciousness which is the creative faculty. *Now listen carefully what I am going to tell you.* If the consciousness is caught up in the relative, the outer, it reacts to conditions and personal environment which is very much limited. It takes into cognition time, space and events etc., and is influenced by them and reasons from this limited basis.

That is, the sum total of we will say, 99 and three-quarter percent of minds in existence today.

In this way the consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which are seen on the surface, the real or cause being hidden or, when only a part is seen while the whole is not recognised, thus your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experiences which prevents true understanding of the power of faith.

You base your faith upon your experiences, your opinions. You base your faith upon events. You base your faith upon what you have accomplished in the past, whether it may be success or failure.

Therefore you see that you are basing all this upon an illusion because it is relative in nature. Good God, Almighty, when I think of it, how stupid it is. Here is the Consciousness that in Itself is complete, is the revelation of

the reflection of the Infinite Consciousness expressing Itself, the same faith that God created the world, so man creates for himself.

In this way fear, doubt, apprehension is caused by assuming the facts seen on the surface to be true, not knowing how they came about.

Now that the consciousness has accepted these facts a mental process is immediately set up to act upon these deductions and suggestions however false they may be, and works out every suggestion in the minutest detail. So we see clearly what Job meant when he said, “What I feared came upon me.”

Well if that is not plain enough, I don't know what is.

The mind acts upon any suggestion and if you accept that suggestion, the mind then begins to build up according to that suggestion in the minutest detail and begins to express it. Therefore I say, why should you suggest to anybody or anyone, that this would befall them or that would befall them. That they would be bewitched by this or bewitched by that. Don't you see how stupid and ignorant these people are, and yet in some of them good students too, that should know better, that talk such rot. That I say, is this, is that every time they open their mouth they put their foot in to it.

If you can realize this truth that I am telling you now, you will see clearly and distinctly what I mean. Your consciousness is the ruling factor whether it exists in the outer or the inner. If it exists in Reality then it will express itself according to Reality. If it exists in the relative and is living in the relative it will produce that which is in the relative and nothing more. The sooner you learn that the better!

To get you to realize these things is most important. Most important that you begin to really grasp this Truth.

Now we see that the inner as well as the outer is entirely under the control of the consciousness and works out to its final conclusion what the consciousness is aware of. Whatever the consciousness is aware of, whatever the consciousness impresses on the mind the mind produces faithfully and logically with all the details accurately produced, whether the facts are true or not. Again the Master's words come before me, “When you pray believe ye have received and ye shall have.”

Why, the Master's words are as clear as crystal. It is one (in which) every sentence he has expressed is a benediction.

Some important observations I have made have sustained my faith in what the prophets have said. One of these is that the body can be directed to complete restoration without any material aid, when the consciousness is aware of the Truth. This proves to me that the mind which supports the body is entirely impersonal. It can become the builder of the body as well as its destroyer according to what the consciousness is aware of. Again the Master's words come before me, "Let your eye be single."

That is to say no double thinking. Where is your mind? What is your life? Most of you, your minds are a battleground, a battlefield, where these images are battling for supremacy.

The first thing you have got to do is to discern what you are doing, what your mind is doing, what its performing. If you discern then that your mind is a battleground for these opposing forces, you will know then that you do not know the Truth.

Where there is battle going on like this, there is darkness. When you bring the Truth into darkness—the Light into darkness, the darkness disappears. None of these images exist at all when the truth is there. Darkness is there for these two images; good and evil, success and failure, doubt and faith. These are always battling for one and another, that is the darkness. These two images then battle continuously, yes in the majority of minds, 99 and three-quarter percent.

If you discern then what is happening in your mind. You will note dark. Bring the Truth into it and it becomes Light and all this darkness disappears and you are free. Freedom of the Truth, the Truth that sets you free.

The mind immediately proceeds to out-picture what the consciousness is aware of whether it is health or ill-health, whether it is one of misery or joy, success or failure. "Thus what a man thinketh in his heart so is he." In Deuteronomy I have read these words given by Moses to his followers, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore choose Life that thou mayest live."

Moses said that to his followers, as a matter of fact, and the same thing applies to you, now. The same, exactly the same. If Moses said it to the Israelites, the tribes of Israel, therefore I say the same thing to you; I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee Life and death, the Blessing and the curse. Therefore choose Life that you may live.”

This passage describes the work that what a man has to do is to choose that which he will have. The Master clearly makes the great statement of truth for our benefit, “The Father and I are one.” Now, *can you see any fight going on in that mind? When he said, “Resist not evil, there is nothing to fight. I and the Father are one.” Can you then understand, in your own mind, when you say those words? Do you realize what the Master meant when he said them? Can you realize his complete understanding of them, when he says them? I can. I can see that there is nothing but God; “I and the Father are one; the Father does the work.” There is no failure, there is no success. There is no health, there is no ill-health. There is just Truth and that is Christ.* This becomes the greatest and most powerful affirmation of Truth that there is. This is the Truth that will set you free when the consciousness realizes It.

The habit which most of you have established is to allow the consciousness to be influenced by that which appears on the outer with the result that all your ideas are reduced to the effects of past experiences, not knowing that “all is possible to him that believeth.”

I know how difficult it is to get out of this habit of talking stupid nonsense. I know how difficult it is for the consciousness itself which is in man be in the relative and has got the habit of always acting on the relative and from the relative. How difficult it is to expect it. It can only be done by discerning what you are doing. It can not be discerned by means of psychology or any mythology or any other ‘olgy.’ It can only be done by discerning what you are doing and nothing else.

When the Truth is established in the consciousness through understanding and logical reasoning there is concentration upon the Eternal Life that is ever renewing and rejuvenating the mind and body, the mind will act upon this with complete independence of any influence of any sort

except what your consciousness imposes upon it. Paul tells us in other words to renew the mind day by day by the power of the Spirit.

When the consciousness becomes aware of itself. I cannot tell you what awareness is, you have got to find it out for yourself. I know to me what awareness means, I become aware, I become alive and living. I become aware that I am. Not by myself alone but 'I am' everything. My thought moves out from me. I create, I look and with the power of the look, it is not a force that has it, because I am aware!

It is this that I want you to realize. It isn't an idea of awareness or an idea of God, an idea of the Truth, an image of the Truth because if you think it is that—you haven't got it.

"I am the Life, I am the Truth, I am the Life." When the Master said these words I know what he meant. It is just that which you have to grasp also and make it your own.

This is the way that your faith will produce for you so your faith will be justified by your work and when you fully grasp this Truth it will be easy to externalise healthy conditions in the body and circumstances. It will be just as easy to have Life as death. It is for you to choose which you will have.

That which is of the highest importance to you all is that you discern your thoughts and where they are moving. Habit is strong and it will take you some time before you can dissolve your old habitual way of thinking and living. This is up to you, I cannot do it for you, I can only point the way that you should go.

If I could do it for you it would have no value to you because you would not have it.

You would be like the boy who went to school and all the time he had his sums written down and he had the answers underneath. Hidden underneath it, pull the book out, and he wrote down the answer to every question. Of course the master then announced, "Clever boy, clever boy." But did the boy know anything; about how, about the laws, the fundamentals of arithmetic? Could he do the sum? No, he could not.

If I could do this for you to give you the answer, your awareness would be like that boy, exactly. But when you gain it for yourselves, it is your own! Your truth is your truth! Not mine, its yours!

But in it there is completeness—Life.

You will see that what I have been trying to impress upon you is of vital importance, that you realize your oneness with the ever-present Intelligent Spirit that prevails throughout the whole Universe. “Choose wisdom rather than fine gold and knowledge than rare silver.”

Realize the Cosmic Wholeness as yourself, this is the Light that will dispel the darkness, the Truth that will dispel evil, the one exists as a Reality now, the other does not exist except in your own consciousness when ignorant of the Truth.

“In this Life is the Light of man, amid the darkness the Light shone but the darkness did not master it.” (*John 1: 4-5*) (*Moffatt*)

This is how your faith produces works and how your faith is sustained by your works and your works will prove your faith.

BENEDICTION

O Blessed Creator of Heaven and Earth, that Thy consciousness may be revealed to me as mine, open my inner eye that I may behold Thee behind the myriads of atoms coming into form.

Burst open my consciousness that I may see behind the illusions of Time and Space, that in Thee I dwell and that I realize Thou hast made me in Thy likeness.

Clear my consciousness of the illusion of fear and doubt that my eye (*may*) be single.

Let the waves of Thy mighty Creative Power and Faith dance upon the Ocean of my dream, that I may become like Thee, to justify my faith by my works. For it is Thee alone who worketh in me, O Beloved friend and Protector.

* The Johannesburg recording starts abruptly here. The recording was made in the Auditorium at Escom House on Thursday night 24th November 1949.

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