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## PREFACE

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The book is not intended to be a literary display of words, but a fearless, outspoken exposition of the Truth, as given to me from a High Spiritual Source, so that all who read it may awaken to the wonderful hidden treasure—that Pearl of great price.

THE AUTHOR

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## FOREWORD BY AUTHOR

He who lives in Truth is not afraid to proclaim the Truth. He is strong, he is full of optimism. He looks for the bright side in all things. In the darkest corners he makes the sun shine. He walks through life with a smile. He sings the song of joy. His faith is in the Absolute who lives in and through him. He carries a message of hope and courage and loves all life. He gives help where and when it is needed. He helps others to help themselves. He is free from fear and worry, always forgiving, always tolerant. He is devoid of hate, envy and malice. He radiates love to all the world and minds his own business and expects others to do the same. He goes joyfully through life, things that drive others to despair and misery leave him in a calm undisturbed state of mind. His peace comes from within. He is like the ocean which receives all streams and rivers yet the ocean's mighty calm is unmoved. Those who contact him feel his presence and receive encouragement.

He attracts love and friends; not that he desires them, because he does not depend on people and things, but these things come to him as his right. He acknowledges the Law and the Law responds. He is at home with all classes of people, the rich and the poor are all alike to him. He does not favour one more than the other; he is not interested in what they have. All are equally at home with him. He is welcome in all homes, and children cling to his hands and coat.

He loves life and life responds. Sinner and saint are the same to him, he sees the good in the sinner and does not look for a weakness in the saint. He knows that he himself is not without sin and so he never casts the stone. The outcast recognises him as a brother. The woman who has



passed through the furnace of life trusts him. He gives of his love and wisdom and points the way to happiness.

He heals the heart and relieves the troubled mind. God never holds His love from His most disobedient child, neither does He hold that love of God from his brother or sister. He neither pities nor condemns because he knows all are conquerors if they will to conquer. He finds joy in his work; he never hurries nor can he be rushed. He knows that time does not control him: he is attuned to the eternal.

He has absolute faith in the absolute power of which he has become aware. He knows he is one with all life, and behind him is the power of the universe. He believes in the all good. Divine justice is his key to all situations. He is simple, loving and kind. He recognises that to attain wisdom one must be humble and when wisdom is mastered one must be humbler still. He is the future's promise of a better world to come.

You can join in this promise too, open yourself, do not resist; receive the true blessing of wisdom and understanding, through your love and service to others. Then you will become as He who knows.

## PART 1

### THE REVELATION OF TRUTH— (There is only one Truth).

“The Truth is Eternal, Birthless and Deathless, forever the same,” but the teaching of the Truth is always changing to finer and higher expressions as man unfolds. There is a lot of knowledge in the Bible that is hidden from the many; esoteric knowledge, that which came through the great Prophets and was revealed to the inner circle of disciples. As the race unfolds, so does the Truth unfold to the Race through the individual.

Moses and Jesus are the two great Prophets in the Bible. The others are not so outstanding, though they are all part of the great family of Prophets existing for the race. The Truth is hidden in their words and past explanations, and even now is understood only by those who can receive the Truth, for the Truth reveals more and more of itself. It is a continuous unfoldment, continually revealing greater and greater splendours of Truth. The more Truth unfolds in us, the more Truth is revealed to us.

When we feel ourselves one with the Eternal Truth, when we become aware of it, the mind becomes steady and unwavering. This state of consciousness is the awareness of our “Being.”

Truth must become subjective as well as objective before it means anything to us. There is a subjective activity set up when the Truth is revealed to the consciousness and when consciousness becomes aware of itself.

Spiritual understanding is clear and distinct on all planes of consciousness and does not go contrary to reason, but goes beyond our

reason, because Truth is beyond mind. Mind accepts the Truth when unfolded; mind expresses the Truth when it knows the Truth.

It confirms itself within yourself and you know it is true, but mind cannot comprehend it fully because Truth is beyond it. People must know the simple truth of “Being,” the one foundation of all and for all, for this is the salvation of the race.

People must be taught Divine reasoning, for this fortifies the faith. The mind is steadily unfolding throughout the race.

The mind is capable of understanding and discerning its own processes of thought-action and the centre from which it moves. Not only must consciousness become aware of itself but also must it become aware of its thought-action otherwise it is caught up in the net of things external to itself and is lost in them.

What is accepted by faith can also be explained by Science and Reason, Truth is beyond reason and science. Yet the Truth is simple. When the simple mind grasps the Truth it becomes great; when the great mind grasps the Truth it becomes greater. The Truth of my living is proof that God lives in me, is my very life. This is the Truth and “I am the Truth.”

The trouble is that people are all the time dealing with “images,” looking for the Truth from some outside source, creating further illusions.

When Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus said to him, “Philip, have I been with you all this time, and yet you do not understand me? He who has seen me has seen the Father. What do you mean by saying, ‘Let us see the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak to you all I do not speak of my own accord; it is the Father who remains ever in me, who is performing His own deeds.”

On another occasion He said: “What is it you have come out to see, a man?”—something outside themselves to believe in.

Jesus gave his Disciples to understand by saying in other words: It is better that I leave you. I will send you a guide who will be with you for all time: *the Comforter* even the Spirit of Truth. Unless I go you rely on Me as a power external to yourselves and it is better that I leave you. He

always placed the Father first and it was this also that He wanted His Disciples to do.

The Disciple does not become greater than the Master, but the Disciple when he is perfected can become as the Master.

Moses was the Teacher who revealed the Spirit in its universal state. He said: "Lord, wilt Thou reveal us a Prophet like unto me?" and this Prophet was Jesus who came and showed the individualisation of the Absolute Spirit in man. "I have not come to destroy the Law of the Prophets but to fulfil the Law." Moses came to show the Father. Jesus revealed the Father in the Son. While the Sonship degree exists, the Fatherhood degree exists also in the Son: "The Father and I are one."

The Father will be revealed, will manifest fully, in the Son when the Son fully realises his oneness with the Father. "Realise and recognise your oneness with me and as ye know me, as I am shall ye be."

The Father being Divine Love, the dominant factor in our lives is this Divine Love, love which overcomes and transcends all things. Perfect expression is always assured when love rules our Life and mind free from possessiveness. The rule is "Love thy neighbour as thyself," for this gives perfect freedom.

## THE SCIENCE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is a Book showing man the way of deliverance from sorrow, sickness, poverty, ignorance, uncertainty and limitation and finally from death itself.

You may call this a tall order, as the saying goes, nevertheless it is true. It contains the secret of this perfect liberty and the way it can be attained. Only those with an understanding of Life itself are able to understand the Bible completely. Others say it cannot possibly mean what it says, and attach limited meanings to suit themselves, and thus arise dogmas and creeds—the blind leading the blind.

Jesus says in St. John 8: 12: "I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will never walk in darkness. He will enjoy the Light of Life." And John 5: 24-26, "Truly I tell you, he who listens to My Word, and believes Him Who sent Me, has Eternal Life; he has already passed from

death across to Life. For as the Father hath Life in Himself, so too, He has granted the Son to have Life in Himself.” These words are very significant and very true.

Who is the Son?

What is Life?

You are that Life, coming from its own source—God. There is only one Life, “God,” and the fact that “I am,” “You are,” alive is proof that God lives in us, the one life individualised in each one. “I am inexhaustible spirit.”

Moses and Jesus, the two great Prophets in the Bible, deal directly with the Infinite Life, “God in Man.”

Job says, 22: 25-27, “Make the Almighty. Himself your Treasure, and the Almighty shall be a joy to you; when you pray He will answer you; whatever you plan shall prosper.”

Read Job and in it you will find a greater knowledge of the activity of man’s mind than in any other book. You will see man’s mind in the wilderness of images and ideas, in the depths of despair. Then you will see man’s reflecting reality, with Faith through awareness of God in man himself, as the moving power in human existence.

James gives us a clear understanding of Faith. He shows perfectly clearly that God is no respecter of persons. Man himself receives from God everything he needs by following the infallible law. James says, “Greet it as pure 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. Whoever of you is defective in wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men without question or reproach, and the gift will be his. 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; that man need not imagine he will get anything from the Lord, double-minded creature that he is, wavering at every turn.”

Never turn when you meet provocation or difficulty. Make endurance a finished product, and faith accomplishes the so-called impossible because you fulfil this definite law of Faith, which is the law of your own being. We shall clearly see this as we proceed.

In the Master's Course\* I direct you to it, through the Awareness. Be aware of your own Divinity. You are made in the image and likeness of God from the spiritual point of view. The same life-consciousness, having individualised itself in man, is the one creative power, thus we are like unto God, having power to create through the same Creative power.

Life gathers together the elements and forms a body, for its own self-expression.

Life is not limited by body or mind but is completely free when realised. The point at which God expresses Himself through man, is the point through which man can express the Infinite, but this must be realised before it is possible. This is the law of our being.

You have liberty of life when you are single-minded; that is, *aware* of your own Divinity: aware of your thought-action, free from the net of desire, craving, envy, greed, etc.

What we intend to do is to read the Bible, realising that Jesus and these other prophets meant what they said. The common idea is that it is impossible for these things to be true, and therefore people seek some other meaning for the words.

Now the Bible is a book of inspiration and instruction. The instruction itself is of little value; it is the using of it that brings results. Jesus says: "All depends on keeping My sayings" in other words, accepting the information and acting on it. We are told that wonderful results are attained by the use of this special knowledge. The Bible, therefore, appeals to our reason and we can speak of this as "The Science of the Bible," for the Bible is eminently scientific. Its science is not primarily physical but spiritual and mental. The Bible states clearly that Man is Spirit, Soul and Body, combined in one single unity, a three-fold aspect of the Trinity and it details the interaction in this Trinity. It shows the creative power inherent in man's own thoughts as the Creative Power in Divine Thought. It also shows that, through ignorance of these truths, we misuse our Creative Power, and so produce the evils we deplore. Yet, to protect man himself from himself, these truths are veiled and only revealed to one as he grows in spiritual knowledge.

The plain fact that the average person is unable to comprehend the enormous powerful truth in the plain-spoken word is proof that man must

come to the fountain before he can drink.

All the Disciples and Prophets from the very beginning say that awareness of our own Divinity is the way of man's deliverance and salvation. It is putting instructions into action that gives results.

The Bible can give us a complete understanding of ourselves, but how little of it is understood! We are the sons and daughters of God, God in manifestation, God expressing himself through man. Man when co-operating with God produces the good. Man expressing himself through selfishness reaps disaster. Love is the secret. "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

Your Creative Power is the consciousness of God in you, and through this the Infinite manifests itself in and through you.

By using this consciousness you produce in the outer structure conditions, by the inherent power of your own consciousness. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." What is deepest within you is made manifest.

Immediately you become aware of your true nature "Divinity" you gaze upon it and bring it forth into your present-day existence. You can use this Divine Creative power so that all may benefit. "The least you do unto one of these so ye do unto Me."

You create according to your own thought and expression. The Master said, "I do the will of my Father, the Father's will is done in Me." This is the perfect way and has no reaction.

Good cannot be seen through evil eyes, for evil is then in the mind. Most people, by searching for evil in others, are producing it in themselves. The Master said "Resist not evil"— "Do good unto those that injure you." Concentrate on the good. Do not condemn lest we be condemned by our own thought; we are condemned because of our own creative power. We out-picture in ourselves what we think and feel.

Few people understand the power of the spoken word. Think well of the power behind the spoken word before you speak. Keep the mind clear and clean. Know who and what you are, not mind, or body, but spirit!— Infinite creative power individualised.

"And My word shall not return unto Me void, but shall accomplish that which it is sent forth to do."



In this is the completeness of man's understanding of himself—to become aware of the unity of God in man—"The Lord Thy God in the midst of thee is Mighty;" also to become aware of our relation to things and people, and discern deeply our thought-action, how and where it is moving. We are then able to free it from limitation. When thought is caught up in greed, envy, craving, imitation, belief in creeds, and when we are dependent on things and people, we are limited and bound. This brings fear, sorrow, conflict. Our freedom comes through self-reliance obtained through our awareness of our reality, our oneness with God the Father of Love, and our discerning that which is not real in this world of illusion and shadows.

In our relationship with people and things, we gain experience and begin to know ourselves if we can discern deeply our thought-action and free it from greed, envy, craving, dependence on people and things. If we do not become aware of our thought-action and reaction, we are bound, and freedom is impossible. Then we find only sorrow and fear and conflict because we are caught up in our desires and cravings. Envy, jealousy and emotions rule our thoughts—we are no longer free.

The greatest seeking in the world today is for immortality. When you know *you are immortal*, this seeking and searching ceases. Some religious organisations claim that through them alone can immortality be obtained. This is the greatest fraud ever perpetrated upon the race. Ignorance dies hard even in those who suffer this bondage. It is a matter of the blind leading the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

## THE CREATION

The Eternal speaks—

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the World? Answer me if thou hast wisdom."

"I was with Thee when Thou laid the foundation of the World."

"Well hast thou answered. I am the Eternal One, Birthless and Deathless, and thou art one with Me."

Dwell on this until you become aware of the mighty meaning of it.

In modern language from the Master's Course, "God is the one Consciousness permeating the whole of humanity. Your consciousness goes beyond all creation into the realm of Truth."

Become aware of yourself in the Divine state and you see beyond this world and behind its effects.

## THE STORY OF CREATION

"This is the story of how the universe was formed.

When God began to form the universe, the world was void and vacant, darkness lay over the abyss; but the of spirit of God was hovering over the waters, God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness; God called the light Day and the darkness he called Night. Evening came and morning came, making one day.

Then God said, 'Let there be a Vault between the waters, to divide them'; so God made the Vault, dividing the waters under the Vault from the waters above the Vault, and God called the Vault heaven. Evening came and morning came, making the second day. Then God said, 'Let the waters below the heaven be gathered into one place, to let dry land appear.' And so it was. God called the dry land Earth, and the gathered waters he called Sea. God saw that it was good. And God said, 'Let the earth put out verdure, plants that bear seed and trees yielding fruit of every kind, fruit with seed in it.' And so it was; the earth brought forth verdure, plants bearing seed of every kind and trees yielding fruit of every kind, fruit with seed in it. God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came, making the third day. Then God said, 'Let there be lights in the Vault of heaven to separate day from night, to mark out the sacred seasons, the days and the years; let them shine in the Vault of heaven, to shed light on the earth'; and so it was. For God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, the lesser light together with the stars to rule the night; God sent them in the Vault of heaven to shed light upon earth, to rule the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. Evening came and morning came, making the fourth day.

Then God said, ‘Let the waters teem with shoals of living creatures, and let birds fly over the earth under the open Vault of heaven.’ So God formed the great sea-monsters and every kind of living creature that moves, with which the waters teem, and also every kind of winged bird. God saw that it was good, and God blessed them; ‘be fruitful,’ he said, ‘multiply and fill the waters of the sea; let the birds multiply on earth.’ Evening came and morning came; making the fifth day.

Then God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature, animals, reptiles, and wild beasts.’ And so it was, God made every kind of wild beast, every kind of animal, and every kind of reptile; and God saw that it was good. Then said God, ‘Let us make man in our own likeness, to resemble us, with mastery over the fish in the sea, 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, in the likeness of God he formed him, male and female he formed both. And God blessed them; God said to them, ‘Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and subdue it, mastering the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every living creature that crawls on earth.’ God also said, ‘See, I give you every plant that bears seed all over the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; be that your food. To every wild beast on earth, to every bird of the air, and to every living creature that crawls on earth, I give all the green growth for food.’ And so it was. God saw all that he had made, and very good it was. Evening came and morning came, making the sixth day.

Thus was the universe and its array all finished.”

In the beginning there was only God—“I am the only One”—“I am the Lord thy God and there is none other beside Me.”

I am the One.

I am the only One.

Me, out of Me, the only One, all things have been created. This is the first fundamental law to take into consideration when reading the Bible.

God said, “Let us make Man in our own likeness, to resemble us, with mastery over the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, the animals, every wild beast of the earth and every reptile that crawls on the earth.”

So God formed man in His own likeness, in the likeness of God He formed *him*, male and female.

What has puzzled a great many people is this, when God said: “Let *us* do this.”

“Us” means the Father-Mother-God. The child could not come to fruition except through the Father-Mother-God.

In reading of the Creation of Man, further on, it says: Adam was asleep; God took from him a rib and made a mate, and called the mate “Woman.”

The significance of this is the similarity with the Infinite who creates within Himself a spouse, through which the manifestation of His creation could take place.

The Spouse is the Intelligence and Substance through which all forms are created, which was created out of the Infinite, for there is no other possible source whence it could come. Therefore, He calls Himself, “Us.” So God formed man in His own image and likeness; in the likeness of God, He formed him, male and female.

Therefore, we are all male and female.

The whole story of the Bible reveals that the earth and every thing in it was created first, ready, complete, so that man, when he came, could take control and run the world according to God’s law. But man has absolutely disobeyed God’s law. Read Isaiah, Chapter 1: 2-6.

“‘Hear, O Heavens, and listen, O Earth’—it is the Eternal speaking—‘I have reared, have brought up sons, and they have rebelled against me; a bullock knows its owner, and an ass its master’s manger, but Israel does not care, my people never heeds me.’ Ah sinful nation, folk whose guilt is heavy, ah race of wrong-doers, sons degenerate—they have abandoned the Eternal, and spurned the Majesty of Israel! Why will you earn fresh strokes, for holding on in your revolt? Your whole head is sick, your whole heart is diseased; from the sole of the foot to the head, no part is sound.”

The same is today.

Jesus says: “If you would not heed the Prophets, neither would you heed One though He came from Heaven.”

Because man has disobeyed the Law of God, he will suffer until he lives according to the Law that God created for man's perfect deliverance and expression on earth. God created all, and put man on the earth to subdue everything, and live abundantly and freely—otherwise He would not have made him in His own image and likeness.

Man is then Master when he is aware of his true Spiritual Birthright.

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 shows how the spirit is involved. This Involution precedes Evolution, and this is never lost sight of—the perpetual urge onward 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. This is the fundamental truth, that whatever the variety of form, the spirit is only *One*.

Involution precedes Evolution, they are one and the same thing, but one is positive, the other negative. Where cause ends, effect begins. God has involved Himself through all creations, including man. The beginning is not separate from the end. Cause is in operation in effect. Effect is the result of Cause.

There is only one Spirit, God, always passing into manifestation in varieties of form.

Nothing is made except God has made it, out of one substance. There is no other substance. Man alone creates distortion by his wrong thinking and acting.

God created Heaven and Earth. This is also symbolical. "Heaven" is the higher state of consciousness. "Earth" is the lower state of consciousness, Water is the psychic substance where Cause ends and Effect begins.

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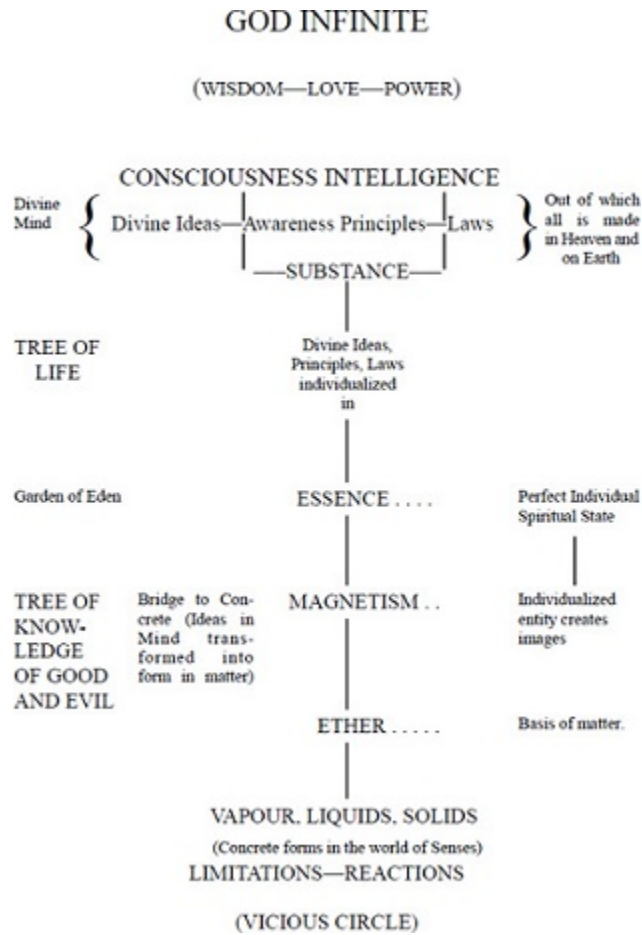
**(1) SPIRIT.**

God Infinite

Consciousness—Intelligence—Substance

Wisdom—Love—Power

(Love unites Wisdom and Power in perfect action) One in all, and all in one, out of which all is created.



*God Infinite*— the Eternal One, timeless, limitless, ageless spaceless, the first Cause,—One, remember, has individualised itself and created forms for its own self-expression, diversified forms, the one expressing itself in the many.

There is the inbreathing, when there is only awareness of the Divine in essence, quiescent and non-manifest, and the out-breathing, when there is awareness with Divine meditation and manifestation. The awareness then becomes conscious of movement within itself, the manifestation of the Divine meditation or thought.

This state lasts for aeons of “time” until the mental phenomenon of the manifested universe is again with-drawn into the Primordial Essence of the One: One in the beginning, and one in the end. Here, the Divine Atom receives its omnipotent impulse to go forth into Infinite

Omnipresent substance, to be involved, and to evolve; to go forth and return to the bosom of the Father-Mother-God the centrifugal and centripetal seen as the Divine Law in all Creation including man.

The law is: “When energy is encased in its smallest space, it is then at its greatest intensity.”

The Divine Atom has within itself the Universal omnipotence and omniscience, and is capable of moving in space in its own boundless omnipresent substance. Then think how the power of God is locked up in your Divine self, awaiting your awareness of it.

“When energy is encased in its smallest space it is then at its greatest intensity.” This is the formula I have created to explain the point.

Matter, in its ponderous state, is easy to dissolve into its elements. It is when the atom is reached that great force is encountered. It requires millions of units of energy to split the atom, that is, to separate the electrons from the proton, but what happens is that the proton regroups itself again with other electrons from within itself, and this requires a greater amount of energy to bombard it. This goes on *ad infinitum* recurring in smaller groups until point is reached; and when point is reached, there is no energy external to point, greater than that behind point. The greatest potential is concentrated at point. The Father-Mother-God is the Cause of all manifestation and cannot be separated. This is the Divine Law of Action. Having all power within itself, there is no power separate from it. It is the all concentrated at point, and point is everywhere, yet no one can tell where it is or point it out. *Yet it is*. Man’s consciousness is the point where the Infinite consciousness is individualised. The riddle is solved at point. The greatest in the smallest and the smallest in the greatest

Let me further explain the meaning of point: suppose we have a large block of steel—at any point where pressure is used to move that block of steel, all the potential force or weight of that steel is concentrated at point. Apply this to universal law and we will see clearly what is meant by “point invisible.”

The ancient sign of the Cross represents the Symbol of Father, Mother, Child. The perpendicular line is the Father, the horizontal the



Mother, and where they meet is the Child, the product of the Father-Mother, the manifestation at point.

There is no such thing as a straight line, a line endless ends where it begins making a circle. No one can tell the point where the circle begins or ends. The Cross is the most ancient, the greatest and the most simple of all symbols. It contains the Secret of Creative Manifestation.

**(2) MIND:**

*Ideas—Principles—Laws.*

When the Infinite expresses a Law, it is first, motion in mind, “The Divine Idea,” then a Principle of Law, and the “Law” becomes the expression of that idea or principle.

**(3) MATTER: (Including, magnetism)**

*Essences, Ethers, Vapours, Fluids, Solids.*

There is only one basic substance out of which all things are made.

The transmission of energy creates everything in the Universe.

Matter, viewed separately from energy, is nothing at all.

When attacked by energy itself, it resolves into a substance of a higher vibration.

Energy manifests first in the etheric, then in the aerified form, then in fluids, then in solids. Essences or magnetism— known as the psychic substance, water—is the medium through which mind or cause ends, and matter or effect begins—the medium of exchange from one to the other. Essences enable the Ideas, Principles, and Laws of God, to become manifest, as we see them in matter.

Essences are quiescent in nature and respond to the Divine will.

When the Divine Consciousness holds an “Idea” the Intelligence completes it in detail and it becomes manifest through the Essence in the invisible form as well as the visible. The outer is but the expression of the inner. The same law is inherent in our own being. Thus man is as he thinks he is, because the same Law has individualised itself in man.

The starified orbs come into existence through the essences of all Planets and solar systems which are born out of the First Cause, and live in it. All movement is relative to First Cause and must remain so.

The only Truth is “God Infinite.” All is relative to Him. He remains the cause without a cause. He is the Causeless, the Nameless one. Out of the essence comes the etherialised substance from which solar systems are formed. It is God’s own Creative Substance in which He creates the Perfect Expression and which remains perfect.

“Laws” are the most descended modification of Divine Intelligence. “Essences” are the most ascended modification of matter; one coming down, the other rising, and here cause ends and effect begins. Any malformations in the forms are dissolved away on the external side of the Essence. It is the purifying substance in which no imperfection can exist.

The Law of Involution and Evolution is the individualisation and expression of Infinite consciousness and intelligence in its own substance out of which all is created. The ideas, principles and laws expressed in the essence are slowed down in motion in the substance of the material Universe, moving at its slowest vibration in “solids.”

Ether atoms have the higher motion and are the basis of matter. Solids are just as much spirit—substance—as ethers, except ether is in a higher vibration and solids in a lower vibration. Solids—substance as we know it—is but ether modified which has been acted upon by the laws operating for the slowing down of ether, vapour and fluid into solids. The Invisible becomes visible in all the planes of manifestation.

We see Infinite Life expressing itself, not separate but one, individualising itself, by itself and through itself. Only the essence remains after the expression of the manifestation is complete. Form itself having no power of its own dissolves into nothingness, leaving only experience.

God formed man in His own image and likeness.

In this passage of Genesis it is not the form or body that is spoken of but the spirit, the Creative Power, the Creative First Cause that is behind all Creation; the Creator of all stars, suns, planets and animated Life and form in all planes, from the Highest Spiritual to the outer or the material universe.

The Creation of all forms, and the whole world’s conscious relations, is the result of the spirit’s one mode of action;—and that is thought. I have in the past explained the process of the Spirit itself, being (1) The

Creator, (2) Creative thought or thinking, (3) The Thought or Thinking manifest in form. The thinker creates a cause, and the cause must have an effect. For the purpose of the specific creation of Heaven and Earth, God has acted upon Himself. Thus God said it was good. Therefore the Divine manifestation is perfect. Man must see it that way and make it a reality in his own existence.

In your own particular body is the same magnetic substance where causes move into effect on the physical structure. The atoms in ether are effects not causes. These atoms are the basis of form, from which all forms are made. The Cause acts upon them and effects are seen. There are invisible effects as well as visible.

The essence is quiescent in nature and enable causes to be transferred to effects.

Man is the Individualisation of the Father-Mother-God.

The Bible shows us this law through all its pages, that the Oneness of the Divine Spirit, and the Creative Power behind man's thought is one and the same. The Bible reveals that "*God is One*" and man is made in the image and likeness of God. These statements are the foundation of the Bible and all other statements flow logically from them. These statements of fact are the foundation of our being, and the strongest proof we have on which to base our present life and our future expectation.

From the Master's Instruction to the Woman of Samaria (St. John 4.) we know that God means Spirit, not "a" spirit, as stated in the Authorised Version, thus limiting the Divine Being with the limitation of the Individuality. "Spirit" means all spirit in the Universe. Therefore, from out of God comes all causation; thus, the beginning is not a time-factor but a cause-factor, because God always was, had no beginning but is the beginning of everything.

In the Authorised Version this "a"—in "God is a Spirit" has been inserted by theologians, possibly with the idea of enabling them to carry on their dogmas and creeds, or perhaps the Truth had not yet dawned upon them.

Jesus tells where they are wrong. He says, "God is Spirit and his worshippers must worship him in Spirit and in Reality"— "for these are the worshippers the Father desires."

How can you worship Him in Spirit? He is your very Being! He is your very Foundation! He is your very Life! Your prayer is a continuous prayer of thanksgiving in joyful living with the Divine Love always expressing itself through you to all.

Now we come to the statement that God created Heaven and Earth. These words express the idea of things in their beginning, and as the Bible is an esoteric Book it uses the words as symbols; otherwise, the Bible would have to explain Mind and Matter, and all the many manifold aspects of the same thing, and the Bible would then be twenty volumes instead of one. The beginning of everything is God, and from Him comes all creation. The beginning is not a time-factor but a cause-factor. God always was. He has no beginning and no ending. Thought is the Spirit's one mode of action. All forms are the result of thought. Let your imagination be clear and clean; let it be complete. Dwell in the deeper meaning of this, so that which you create shall be of a constructive nature and complete from the beginning.

Know that you are the thinker. You think and create by thought. Let thought be as perfect as possible so that it will be manifest accordingly; your own Divine Power is the light behind the picture in your mind. "Be ye perfect, as your Father in Heaven is perfect." The only power thought has is the power you give it, for it is your own creation. When we rest in the Eternal He shall reveal His glory in and through us.

1. The Creator—The Thinker.
2. Thought—Cause.
3. Form or manifestation—Effect.

These three are one—One—changing from Cause to Effect. Heaven means the higher spiritual state of man's consciousness, and Earth means the lower state of the same consciousness. Jesus gave us the key to this when He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

In other words, Heaven is the Kingdom of the Innermost or Spiritual; and Earth must be the outer—the symbol of the Outer or opposite—the material, eternally subsisting in the one, in perfect unity.

Man's emanations are floating from him continuously into a celestial world in space as "solid" even more "solid" than the plane we are in now. Science says that "Etheric substance is nine million times denser than matter, and it is from ether that matter has come, and this is the basis of matter." The etheric body you will use is now in the making within you. You make your own Spiritual Home here, if you only knew it Selfishness is ugliness. Love is beauty—the Infinite Law of Perfection.

The power of God or Spirit preceded the stupendous work of Creation. What is meant by the Creation of Heaven and Earth is the operation of the eternally-subsisting One upon Itself which produces the dual expression as energy and substance, or intelligence in action, expressing form.

This does not mean separation.

Life, to manifest itself, has to involve itself; to express itself with an expression of itself.

This necessitates an intelligent form of energy—self-created energy—arising from the one source.

Life alone lives; and this is an all-important Truth, for the conception of ourselves as being separate from the Divine Life is the root of all our troubles. In the Master's Course I have explained the Trinity as Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance.

We must be careful not to make the mistake of thinking substance is the same as form. The form is in the substance, and substance is in the form, but the substance in itself is formless, for we are told that the earth was without form.

This is important, as it is just here that a prevalent source of error in metaphysical studies creeps in. We see forms which are as masses, and we assume these to be devoid of life, as organised in form; therefore we deny the inherency of life in ultimate substance itself. The primordial state of substance with which the opening verse of the Bible is concerned is something far removed from any conception we can have of matter, as formed into electrons and atoms. This is the first stage of involution, and the presence of material atoms is a stage that is by no means the earliest process of Evolution.

We are next told that the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water. This indicates the psychic mode of the Universal substance. Call it Cosmic Soul Essence.

It is not the Universal primordial essence, but Universal to a particular world-system under formation, not yet differentiated into any individual form. We may call it the soul of the Universe, as distinguished from Divine Spirit, the Creator behind all manifestation.

It is the Universal Psychic Medium, the nucleus of form to become consolidated on the plane of the concrete and material that obeys the movements of Divine thought. This is the realm of potential forms, and is the connecting link between Spirit and Matter; it is the realm in which the cosmos and man are united, and the point where the individualisation of Spirit or individual life begins. This cosmic element is called water. It is the distributive medium in which life becomes individualised, producing different forms and relations in the outer or visible plane.

Life organises our tissue structure from the elements around us.

Life created a body for its own self-expression. We are given creative power like unto God, when we realise our Divine self expressing Divine thought-power.

Life alone lives, thus our living proves our Oneness with God.

When we see ourselves separate, we pray to a particular God—outside ourselves. Jesus says, “God is spirit; worship Him in spirit and reality,” and again He says, “I and the Father are One.” “He who has seen Me has seen the Father.” “It is the Spirit within you that doeth the work.” “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you.”

*“The Earth was without form and void.”*

In this state, Cause operated before it became Effect. So it is in everything pertaining to man’s mind and body.

The Thinker sets in motion the power of his own thought.

Every form can ultimately be dissolved into atoms and electrons. Thus form disappears into the “psychic substance” and vice versa, into visible form in the physical world. One must be careful not to confuse the psychic substance “water” with primordial substance.

The mind of God is the perfect substance. In it is life Consciousness and Intelligence—out of this must all things be created. It acts on its own

self, and creates the psychic substance for the outer manifestation in form.

The soul-essence is that particular universal psychic medium through which forms take inception in obedience to Divine thought.

It is where Cause merges into Effect. Cosmic consciousness organises suns and planets, and is beyond material comprehension. “The Essence” in itself is complete with all the essentials for the creation of form.

Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance as one, moves in itself and becomes Cosmic Star Essence, out of which all Universes are formed and must exist before any physical conditions can come into existence at all.

When you know the Truth, you know that the beginning and end are one. We must fulfil the Divine Law inherent in God and man before we shall be free. The Truth sets us free. Man knows himself as one with the Great Self; to him all shadows in both astral and physical planes no longer exist; he transcends all illusion.

The Bible gives understanding and knowledge of the way.

Spirit cannot be separated from itself, but it individualises itself in its own substance.

Man is not a bit of spirit, but is one with the totality of all spirit; when he becomes completely aware of this, transformation takes place.

“If you know Me, you will know My Father, but if you do not know My Father, you do not know Me, because you do not understand My words.” Within yourselves is the knowledge of the Universe, and all things in it. Know that it is, and let it come forth. I am pointing the way in which Truth in you can be revealed to you so that when you can accept, realise and recognise it, it becomes the light of mankind.

Your teacher is within you.

He reveals himself whenever you open yourselves to his inspired knowledge. These instructions are leading you to the greatest power you have: the Christ-Power.

The Master when instructing Nicodemus pointed out that the New Birth results from the interaction of spirit and water, especially emphasising the fact that the flesh had no share in the operation. The



flesh, the outer, had no significance of itself. The Master stressed the weakness of the flesh, the nothingness of it, and the essentialness of water.

John 3; Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I tell you, no one can see God’s Realm unless he is born from above.”

Nicodemus said to Him: “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter his mother’s womb again and be born?” Jesus replied, “Truly, truly, I tell you, unless one is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter God’s realm. What is born of the flesh is flesh. What is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Do not wonder at My telling you, you must all be born from above. The wind blows where it will; you can hear its sound, but you never know where it has come from or where it goes; it is the same with everyone who is born of the spirit.”

Our awareness of our oneness with life in its Essence enables us to bring the Divine inner to the outer. The outer has no power of its own.

The action of spirit upon water is the action of an active principle upon a passive principle. Thus the material worked upon assumed a form which it did not possess before. Therefore, it is obvious that any act of creative power must take place in a more interior level than that of the form to be created. Whether in the New or Old Testament, the Creative Action always takes place between spirit and water. Whether it is the creation of a new world or a new man, we must always go back to the First Cause operating. Therefore Man is one with the Father and he becomes one with the Father when he knows the truth of his being.

Inherent life has the real and only power. Consciousness directs, Intelligence fulfils this direction in the substance, and form comes forth.

The next statement is: God said, “Let there be Light: and there was Light.” Now we know that light and heat are modes of action, but the statement that the sun was not created until the fourth day guards us against assuming that this light which was created on the second day was visible to the physical eye. Rather it is that all-pervading inner light, which becomes visible only when the inner vision begins to develop; it is that psychic condition of the universal substance, in which the auras of the potentials of all forms may be discovered, and where the spirit consciously or unconsciously determines the form of those things which

are to be. This inner light represents “the sun that does not shine by day, nor the moon by night, but the light that always shines, and this was the Light of Man.”

“I AM the light of the world.”

The all-prevailing inner light becomes visible when man’s inner vision develops. The initial light having thus been produced, the introduction of the firmament on the Second day indicates the separation of the spiritual principles of the different members of the world system from one another; and the Third day sees the emanation of the earth from the water, or the production of the corporeal system of nature,—the commencement of the process of evolution.

Up to this point the action has been entirely upon the inner plane of water—the “Psychic,” that is to say, a process of involution. Therefore, it was impossible for the heavenly bodies to begin giving physical light until the Fourth day, for until then no physical sun or planets could have existed.

Our physical earth was the out-picturing of the inner Realm or Cause.

The commencement of the process of evolution is where Cause ends, and Effects begin. Work done in the interior planes, produced result in the physical plane. The Second day—The Inner world in Essences. The Sixth day—the outward manifestation of that inner took place.

A simple unity differentiates into Principles.

Heaven—Earth.

Spirit—Water.

Forms are created in psychic substance before they become visible. Mineral, vegetable and instinctive principles exist in mind, before they become manifest.

These principles operate through their distinctive kingdoms. Effects we see are but the result of invisible causes.

With the Fourth day, the physical universe is differentiated into shape and on the Fifth day the terrestrial waters began to take their share in the evolutionary process of spontaneously producing fish and fowl, and here I make note that the Bible has forestalled modern science in the

discovery that birds are more closely anatomically related to fishes than to land animals.

The “terrestrial” earth (using “terrestrial” to distinguish it from the symbolic earth) already on the Third day impregnated with the vegetable principle takes up the evolutionary work of the Sixth day, producing all those other animals which had not already originated in the waters, and thus the preparation of the world for the abode of man is complete.

Earth atoms have the slowest motion. Fluid, water, is the viaduct for the transmission of the slowing motion of every force in the Universe.

Solids and liquids have the same atoms which may be increased in speed until this force is raised to the source whence it came. Life cannot be greater than its source; but it can be at one with its source.

“I and the Father are One.” “The Father is greater than I.” The Father supports you, and everything in the Universe.

“Rest in the Lord.” The realisation of this makes you a new Being. The same spirit within us is the same behind all form in the Universe. See yourself in the Divine state and everything moving before you and you will see beyond this world; an inner realm will open up to you. The Master said, “I am not of this world.” He knew of a greater world, a Spiritual state, that the gross mind of man had not yet comprehended.

It would be difficult to give a more concise statement of Evolution than the Bible gives us.

Originating spirit subsists at first as a simple unity; then it differentiates itself into the active and passive principles spoken of as Heaven and Earth, or Spirit and Water. From these proceed Light, and the separation into their respective spheres of the spiritual principles of the different planets, each carrying with it the potential of the self-producing power. Then we pass into the realm of realisation, and the work that has been done in the interior planes is now reproduced in this physical manifestation, thus making a further unfoldment.

Finally, according to such phrases as “Let the waters bring forth,” the land and water of our globe are distinctly stated to be the source from which all vegetable and animal forms have been evolved. The creation is described as the self transforming action of the one unanalysable spirit,

passing by successive transitions, into all the varieties of manifestation that fill the universe.

In God the one subsisting Being, all these things take place, for they cannot be outside Him.

Here we notice a point that has puzzled those not acquainted with the principles on which the Bible is written. Regarding the expression “The evening and morning were the First, Second ... day”—why, it is asked, does the day begin with evening?

In the New Version of the Bible it says that “Evening came and the morning came, making one day ... Evening came and morning came making the second day ...” and so on. Various attempts have been made to explain this, according to the reckoning time of the Jews; but as soon as we see what the Bible’s statement of Creation is, the reason is clear.

The second verse of the Bible tells us that the starting point was darkness; and the coming forth of “light” out of “darkness” cannot be stated in any other order than the dawning of morning from night. Creation starts from darkness.

Dawn of the morning comes after night. It is the creating of something out of the void, which, at the present moment, had no form.

It is the dawning of the spirit into its own manifestation, out of non-manifestation, and this happens at each stage of the evolutionary process. Night becomes Day.

This has taken millions of years. A night and a day, means ages of time, each successive stage being a long period. Also, there is nothing said of the remainder of each day, “the morning”—revealing the grand truth that when once a Divine Day opens it never descends, into shades of night again.

In the Infinite there is no time. It is always morning, always Light. Darkness disappears when Light enters. “This is the Light of Man.” It can never be extinguished. It is the expression of Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power that creates the perfect state in man. When mankind realises this the whole world will change.

This perfect state can never cease, for it is our foundation, our salvation. Thus man makes it a Reality in his own life here on earth and then he will be in Heaven because Heaven is a state of Consciousness.

Hell is also a state of Consciousness where man is reacting to his own negative creation.

The source of our Being is God, and once we become *aware* we know who our Father is, and become aware of the great Inner Light, for there is no Darkness in the Divine Light that shineth in man. Man lighteth his own consciousness by the awareness of his God-consciousness or Christ-consciousness.

The man himself can for a time, by his own thought, create his own prison walls. According to his own concepts, so is he limited. Even the greatest concept is limitation. It is not *what* it is, but *that it is*. Most people make an image of the Christ and put Him so far away that they can never reach Him.

The spiritual sun is always climbing higher and higher but never passes the zenith or commences to decline.

This is the wondrous glorious truth that, when once God begins to work, that work never ceases, but will go on expanding into more and more radiant forms of beauty, because it is the expression of the Infinite, which is in itself Love, Wisdom and Power, Eternal, spaceless, deathless and birthless.

These days of Creation are still in their prime, and the germs of the New Heaven and the New Earth, the Bible promises, are already maturing in the heavens and earth, that are now only waiting—as St. Paul says—for the manifestation of the Sons of God to follow up the principle of Evolution to still further expansion into the Glory that shall be revealed. Man's true spiritual evolution commences when he realises the Truth of his own being, first in the Individual, then in the Race.

Man is no exception to the Law of Evolution, for he is included in the great whole. First, we are told of the Creation in the realm of the invisible and psychic, that is to say, the process of involution; and afterwards, we are told of the Creation on the plane of the concrete and material. This is the process of evolution.

Since involution is the cause of evolution, evolution is the effect; Cause and Effect are one, as I have already stated, Cause—invisible, Effect—visible. The Bible observes this order both in the account of the Creation of the world, and that of man.

The new Heaven and the new Earth will reveal itself, and the old will pass away as the Individual realises his true spiritual state.

Then the physical disappears and the spiritual will be revealed.

As man becomes aware of his own divinity, he, from that point, becomes his own evolution; the only evolution of man is the expression from within by the Creative Power which, in the first place, created man and remains in its creation.

Creation, on the plane of the concrete or material, is the effect of the invisible cause in the psychic material.

Man's physical body, we are told, is formed from the earth, being a combination of the same material elements as all other concrete forms.

Thus, man has a physical body serving as a starting point, for the further advance which has now to be made on the plane of the mind and spirit.

The principle of evolution is never departed from, but its further action now includes the intelligent co-operation of the evolving individuality itself, as a necessary factor in the work.

The man Adam, is the earth man—the body. Flesh has no power. It does not limit the spiritual man, except when man believeth he is, but flesh, and this is but an illusion.

If the whole world could comprehend this truth, the whole world would be made new.

It will come—but man, by disobeying the law of his own Being, is the Creator of all the suffering throughout his own world. He is caught up in the effects and now lives in and reacts to a world of illusion created by himself.

The development of the animal man is the spontaneous operation of nature; but the development of the mental and spiritual man, can result only from his own recognition of the law of the self-expression of spirit, as operating in himself.

It is therefore, for the setting forth of man's power to use this law that the Bible was written: and accordingly the great fact on which it seeks to rivet our attention is in its first utterance regarding man that he is made in the image and likeness of God.

A very little reflection will show us that this likeness cannot be the outward form, for the Universal Spirit, in which all things subsist, cannot be limited in shape. It is the principle permeating all things, as this Innermost Life and Substance and vivifying energy; and of it the Bible tells us that in the beginning there was nothing else; in the beginning there was God. What a Truth, when realised! Now, the one and only conception we can have of this Universal Life Principle is that of Creative Power, producing infinitely varied expressions of itself, by itself, through thought-expression. Man must develop intelligent co-operation with the Creative Power within himself.

Evolution is in the hands of man himself; and man alone can move this great evolutionary force and become as the Father knows him—His own son—the Son of God. “I shall know, as I am known.”

The Master’s parable about the Prodigal Son shows the son’s indulgence; his repentance and his regaining of himself—his true spiritual state. He spends his inheritance, suffers trials and tribulation; he comes back. He says to himself: “The servants are all clothed and have plenty of food; I will go to my father—at least I can be a servant.”

Immediately he turned, the father knew and went to meet him, and put his arms round his neck and kissed him, and clothed him with the best robes, gathered together his friends, and killed the fatted calf and had a feast, showing that the Father’s divine love endureth forever, and holdeth nothing against even the greatest sinner when he returneth to the Father.

The Master described the other brother who, thinking himself to be in the fold, was envious of his brother coming back into the household. He heard music and rejoicing and, because his brother had returned, he was annoyed, and would not go in. He remonstrated with his father and complained that *he* could not get even a kid to make merry with his friends—and the Father said: “Why son, all that is mine, is thine.” Here is the completeness, we must know that all that is God’s is ours. These are the Master’s words, and show definitely the extraordinary and wonderful love and compassion of the Father. We have a Father so wonderfully perfect, who gives to all without reproach.



The happiest person is he who knows that he can always be the Prodigal Son, because the Father never turns away anyone who approaches him in humbleness and simplicity. Intellectual pride is death. “Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.”

There is more virtue in the Prodigal Son than in one whose heart is so filled with religion and idolatry, where there is no room for love, and whose mind is so filled with images, that there is no room for Truth.

The Bible is written to help man to see the great law that he is made in the image and likeness of God.

This is the first statement and from that statement all other things follow naturally and in sequence.

Moses revealed the truth in the burning bush.

Then Jesus said, “I have not come to destroy the law but to fulfil the law”—and to show man his own Divinity.

“Why stone Me when I say I am the Son of God?” “Do not your scriptures say that ye are the sons of God?”

The Universal Spirit cannot be limited by form. It vivifies in all things “I and the Father are One.” This is the Truth that sets us free when it is completely recognised.

“I am the life”—unfettered and undifferentiated, one with the whole!

“I am not separated from the whole but an expression of it.”

Life alone has consciousness. I prove God, by proving myself.

Consciousness and Intelligence is the active power. Consciousness directs; Intelligence fulfils the direction, and form appears in the Substance. This mode of thought and expression of the Infinite must be the same to the individual, and is particularly a subconscious activity when we understand the action of thought.

The likeness, therefore, between God and man is the likeness of creative Power, for this creative Power has reproduced itself in the individual man, and, as we go through the Bible, it reflects on this one fundamental fact.

The Master says: “I and the Father are One.” “The Father’s will is done in Me.” “I do the will of the Father.”

He showed by living example the Infinite Law fulfilled in man.

All men must fulfil that law.

The creative power is inherent in man's consciousness, whereby he creates thought—Cause invisible, the Effect becomes visible.

We need much instruction on the nature of our own, as yet unrecognised, amazing possibilities; and the Bible was written to give us this teaching. The whole world needs these instructions, but only the few can receive them. When the Master told the Scribes and Pharisees the Law of God and Man and how they should act accordingly, they immediately proclaimed Him against the Law. The same conditions exist even now among the orthodox.

If Christ came, this very moment, He could not reveal Himself, because the world would imprison, stone and crucify Him again. Those who understand my words are the leaven, who will *see* their duty and their work of Service in this world is for the Race. For man can redeem himself only through the Christ within himself. It is not reading or listening to the Word, but the acting out of the Word.

A little consideration of the evolutionary process will show us that, since there is no other source from which it can proceed, the Individual Life Consciousness, which is the essential entity that we call man, can be no other than a concentration of the Universal Life Consciousness, into Individual Consciousness. Man's mind is therefore a miniature reproduction of the Divine Mind; just as "Fire" has the same igneous quality, whether large or small, so is it in Divine Mind, as in man's mind. So it is on this fact that the Bible would fix our attention from the first to the last, knowing that if the interior realm of causation be maintained in a harmonious order the external realm of effects is certain to exhibit corresponding health, happiness and beauty.

According to the internal expression within yourself, so shall the external be. Man then puts his trust in God and co-operates with God in His perfect expression, for the Divine design is always within.

It is so plain, but how few understand it!

Further, the human mind being the exact image and likeness of the Divine Mind, then its creative power must be equally unlimited. Its mode is different, being directed to the individual, but its quality is the same, and this becomes evident if we reflect that it is not possible to set any

limit to thought or consciousness. We cannot limit thought or consciousness. Only by creating conceptions of oneself can the Individual self limit himself.

You are one with Universal Consciousness when, by using the instrument of Faith, you realise no limitations. The only possible limitation is such as is set by the limited concepts of the individual who thinks. And it is here that the difficulty comes in. Our thoughts must necessarily be limited by our conceptions or awareness. We cannot think of something that we cannot conceive; and, therefore, the more limited our conception, the more limited our thought; and its creation will accordingly be limited in a corresponding degree.

It is for this reason that the ultimate purpose of all true instruction is to lead us into that Divine Light where we shall see things beyond the range of any past experiences,—things that have not entered into the heart of man to conceive—revelings of the Divine Spirit, opening to us untold worlds of splendour, delight, and unending achievement.

But in our early stages of development, when we are still surrounded by the mists of ignorance, this correspondence between the range of thought created and the range of our conceptions bring about the catastrophe of the “Fall” which will be studied in our next chapter.

See beyond the range of your experience, in this way there is a wonderful revealing. We must know ourselves one with Infinite Life, quietly allow the Divine Love, Wisdom and Power to permeate our being.

Read James again on Faith.

“Greet it as pure 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.”

If you can grasp this great lesson on Faith, it is the starting point through which all shall be revealed as you unfold into the oneness of life and love, making love the dominant factor in your daily life. Read Paul’s Epistle to 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 (Moffat’s translation)—which proves through Divine reasoning that the perfect expression of God through us is obtained through making love the dominant factor in our lives.

Thus we become aware of our oneness with God and also discern our thought-action, where and how it is moving. Thus we separate the real from the shadow. We do not have to overcome but to transcend and free our thoughts from limitation and illusion, and in the very centre of our being we find wholeness, completeness. This is the freedom of Truth.

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\* [“The Higher Power You Can Use”](#).

*Note: I have purposely repeated phrases so as to explain certain points more fully. The mind unfolds and grasps more easily by repetition.*

## PART 2

### THE FALL OF MAN

#### The Principle in which Man is Incarnated.

Man was created by God.

The first—was God alone. This is the first and only cause. Out of Him and by Him all things are created—there can be no other source.

All was created by the Infinite; and the Infinite saw that it was good. The Bible reveals that the Earth, and everything in it was created first—ready—complete—so that man, when he came, could take control and run the world according to God’s law.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our own image and likeness, to resemble us, with mastery over everything.”

Why “Us” when God is only One? Because the Infinite is Father-Mother-God, out of which all is created.

The Father is the Consciousness—the will which directs. The Mother is the Intelligence—automatic in nature, and brings forms forth. The Substance is the womb or vehicle in which the Consciousness and Intelligence forms its own creation. This Substance is also called mind. In the record of the Creation of Man—in Genesis it says: “Adam was asleep. God took from him a rib, and made a mate, and called the mate ‘Woman’.” The significance of this is the similarity with the Infinite, who creates within Himself, a spouse, through which the manifestation of His creation would take place.

The Spouse is the Intelligence and Substance, through which all forms are created, which was created out of the Infinite by the Infinite, for there is no other possible source from which it could come. Therefore, He calls Himself “Us.”

The dual aspect of mankind, is the same as the dual aspect of the Infinite.

Man, in his spiritual state, is both male and female. The Father-Mother-God created you in His likeness, having power to create by means of the same Creative Power.

Most people have missed the great point of the Christ power within. This power brings forth everything you need—health, happiness and excellence in life.

What is it that man has to do? Master himself in every way! The principles in which he is incarnated are the principles that the Infinite created in the Spiritual Realms.

“And God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”

Therefore the physical is good; yet man sees evil, and thus creates it for himself. Man is incarnated with power over the internal as well as the external. “All power is given unto me, in Heaven and on Earth.”

You come from the one spiritual source; therefore, you are like unto God, the fundamental principles being the same. The physical is but the vehicle through which you must *master* all external things on earth, through your awareness of your Divine inheritance.

“When man is in the Garden of Eden” means when he recognises and realises his true spiritual self—made in the image and likeness of God. But, we are told, man has been expelled from the Garden of Eden. So the great questions are:—

How did man fall from his true Spiritual state?

And has he the power to rise again?

#### THE KEY TO MAN'S POWER OF SELF-EVOLUTION

The Creative Power that gives rise to thoughts is unlimited in itself, but the thought is limited by the conception which it is sent forth to embody.

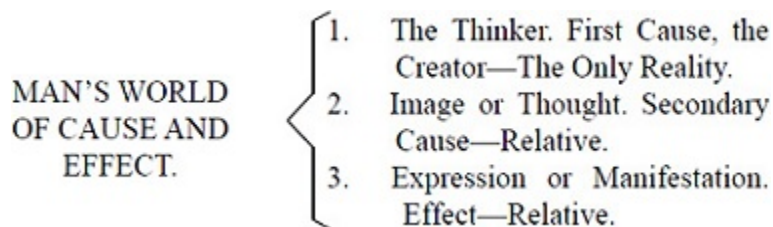
One cannot conceive the whole truth in a conception. Truth is not a conception; we do not conceive the Truth in our minds. We know the Truth *is; not what it is*. The mind is the vehicle through which Truth reveals itself to man.

Truth is the Infinite Himself—the mighty Power— everywhere; the Creator of all things; all things created by God were good. No matter how great a conception is, it is limited; because mind cannot comprehend all Truth. But you cannot limit Truth, for Truth is beyond mind. The mind which dwells upon the wider conception based upon an enlarged perception of the Truth, will produce corresponding results. This is self-evident. Yet man can enter into his highest riches through the realisation his oneness with Truth. If the student will fix this very simple idea in his mind, he will find the key to the whole mystery of man’s power of self-evolution. With this key, we can unlock the mysteries of the Bible.

When you get beyond ideas, you realise that you are creating images and concepts yourself. But do not try to find yourself in images or ideas. If you do, you will find out that it is you who are creating the “idea of truth” in your own mind, and this is but a conception of truth. We do not create Truth through a conception. Truth is beyond mind. Truth is not an idea or an image. *Truth is.*

The human brain cannot comprehend all Truth.

You must know that you *are* the truth, the expression of the Infinite with all its attributes.



You live in your mind; you live in secondary causes; you are never out of them, because you never realise that you are “The Thinker.”

“The Thinker” comes first.

The Infinite says to you clearly: “You shall not have an image before me. I am no image—I am.” Know your real self to be I AM.

The mystery 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.



That the story of the Garden of Eden is an allegory is clearly shown by the nature of the two trees that grew in the centre of the garden.—The Tree of Life, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This allegory has been repeated in many ages and many lands—for instance, the Romance of a Rose, the Garden of the Hesperides. The meaning of all these stories is the same.

The garden is the “Garden of the Soul,” and the “Tree of Life” is that Innermost Perception of Spirit, of which Jesus said that it would be a well of water springing up to Everlasting Life to all who realise it. “If you listen to my words and believe, you have already passed from death across to life.” It is the garden which is elsewhere called the “Garden of the Lord.”

It is the garden in which man’s soul functions, works, acts, creates. The plants which man must tend and cultivate are thoughts and ideas of life.

In the garden, the main tree is the Tree of Life, and the other is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. These Trees are represented as being in the centre of the Garden. They must be the central point, for from this point all other ideas must flow outwards, taking their life and colour from them.

Human life is an action that takes place in three worlds; spiritual, intellectual, physical. So, when reading the Bible, we should know about which world we are reading.

The spiritual is the supreme, and is absolutely perfect.

In the first chapter of Genesis, we read that God saw that His work was good. The Divine eye could find no flaw anywhere, and we should note carefully, that this absolutely perfect creation includes man.

But as soon as we descend to the intellectual world, which is the world of man’s conception of things, it is quite different.

Man’s misconceptions result from the fact that he does not realise the true spiritual nature of things, resulting in the misdirection of his creative power of thought, which produces corresponding results and misinformed ideas of reality.

Man misdirects the power of thought. Man sees that there is something else besides all that is good. His intellectual nature, not being

complete in itself, sees “evil” as a power in the world, opposing good. The intellect is a necessary adjunct to mankind, but when he treats it as the infallible thing, then he creates errors, and by so doing out-pictures these errors in his mind, body and circumstances. It is always the deepest thought that manifests. You do not get what you want, but what you think deeply. Thus man’s conceptions bring forth his own misconceptions, because of the law inherent in his being.

Man was created in the image and likeness of God in the spiritual state with the same creative power to create. The Intelligence was perfect and would bring forth perfection because in his consciousness he realises all perfection as did the first Creative Cause. So we read there are two trees in the Garden of Eden— one is the Tree of Life, the other the Tree of Good and Evil.

God told man that he must not partake of the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil for by doing so he would die in his sin—die in his ignorance. This Tree was of the Intellect, when man saw evil as well as good, and by doing so the Intellect dwelt upon evil and naturally man lived then in the illusion of the evil. Because man continued to live in this illusion, God put him out of the Garden of Eden, for he was no longer spiritual or perfect in his thought; he saw the evil and was blind to his own true state. By the law of God and man, he shut himself off from the true state of his being. He covered himself, as did Eve, with clothes, and they hid themselves. Thus they no longer saw that what God created was good, and so developed the evil in man’s mind,—evil thoughts of God’s creation, including himself. Man could no longer remain in the Garden of Eden—his spiritual state—so he divorced himself from the perfect, through the law of his own being, and he created the evil which he saw. Thus he lived in a world of illusion that he himself had created and was blind to the Truth of the All-Good. He is told that the only way to salvation is again to take hold of the Tree of Life, that he would then remove evil from his Consciousness and thus free himself from his circumstances and again become the Son of God, as he is now, as he always was, but in his ignorance was unaware of the fact.

Stick to first principles. Do not get mixed up in images and ideas— even high ideals, like reincarnation belong to the past and are relative.

You must take hold of the Tree of Life. This alone will be your salvation. It is a direct order to man. As long as man mixes up the Tree of Life with the Tree of Good and Evil so will he live in the world of illusion, sorrow, and conflict. It is man's ideas and images that cause separation and misery to himself and to the world in which he lives.

You must become one-pointed with regard to the Tree of Life which is man's perfect state. Then, and then only, can be shed this self-created illusion. "I and the Father are One." "I do the Will of the Father, the Father's Will is done in me." Believe you *are* life. What one believes, so it is unto him—he that believes in his heart—because his own creative power is one with the one creative power in the universe and by this he thinks: and what he thinks, so it is unto him. Good and evil are relative terms, and the fruit is the growth or manifestation of these, so man eats of the effects and has lost himself in illusion. We are bound up in the effects of our own causes. Freedom comes when we discern the causes in ourselves and remove them; then that which really is, is love and understanding. This is the Freedom of Truth.

Man's consciousness is not the result of some evolutionary process, nor is it the reaction to external things. It is the essential awareness of Life itself.

Man is essentially spiritual, and was so before he became physical; he is now spiritual, for that is his *Eternal Reality*, and as he really is in nature.

Man's spiritual evolution or unfoldment begins when he realises his awareness as being one with the Infinite Awareness. This must come through the Individual first, before it becomes Universal. Then, naturally, the change will take place in the whole Race.

The New Heaven and the New Earth will come into being, for the very germ, the seed, is here now at this moment, forcing its way through the darkness of the human mentality. It only wants man to bring this into operation, for his is the greatest power the Infinite has on earth, and he alone is the one who can do it.

The way to complete emancipation is the recognition of the one good, and the acting of that good, because, in fact, mankind alone is the instrument through which the Infinite is operating. When we realise the

perfect spiritual state, it will manifest, for it will come forth of its own free will. This is the Law of our living, and the Law of Life, *that what we know to be true, becomes true.*

“According to your faith, so shall it be unto you.” These words are well known, but few understand the depth and power behind the spoken word. These words, when understood properly, will lead you into the mighty truth, and when you accept it fully in your life, the perfection of the innermost essence will be proclaimed in the external.

It can only be when you realise your own creative power—“made in the image and likeness of God.” Free yourself by the recognition of this Truth.

Raise your hand and take hold of this—the Tree of Life— and so gain your Divine Birthright.

Life alone lives—we are life—“I am the Life.”

The Beginning and End are One.

Is there anything strange or peculiar about these words? They mean exactly what they say.

The Master said: “I am the Life. The Father and I are One.” And He proved definitely that He was the Life.

He brought to mankind the greatest message in all the world— that of man’s Divinity and Eternal Existence in the all-good.

Man has to accept this to make it a reality in his own life, and within mankind himself, is the proof of this.

So we see Moses and Jesus are the two great Prophets.

The one spoke of the other, for Moses said, “O would that the Lord raise up a Prophet like unto me.”

And Jesus said in effect: I am the Prophet of whom Moses spoke. “I have not come to destroy the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, but to fulfil the Law.” “If they would not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither would they be persuaded, though one rises from the dead.”

Moses and Jesus came to complete the great scheme of the evolution of mankind. Man must actually raise himself up through the Christ within. “As Moses raised the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

These words were spoken by the Master, showing the individualisation of Universal Spirit—or God—in man.

Man is warned that death will be the result of eating the fruit of the Tree of Good and Evil, but the warning is disregarded by Eve. She shares the forbidden fruit with Adam, and both are expelled from the Garden.

Now, if Eden is the Garden of the Soul, it is clear that Adam and Eve are not separate personages, but the two principles of the human individuality which are so clearly united, as to be represented by a wedded pair.

What are these Principles?

Paul, in 1 Timothy, 2: 13, says, “Adam was not deceived it was Eve who was deceived.” After some time, Adam was expelled from the Garden for partaking of the fruit.

Now, here is where we find the Key. Adam and Eve are the two principles, one of which is capable of being deceived, and *is* deceived, and falls in consequence. The other is incapable of being deceived, yet is involved in the fall of the former.

God made man, in the first place spiritually—male and female—in His own image and likeness. This is spiritual man.

The story goes: “God moulded man from the dust of the ground.” Man then takes on the physical garb, which was given “Life,” as represented in the story, by God breathing into this corporeal form—“the breath of life”—proving that the earth-man—the body—has no existence outside the life that is in it.

Here we see Adam as the symbol of the material substance. Eve is called the Mother of Life, and here we see the Soul-principle, in which life creates and reproduces. So we see clearly what is meant. It is the Soul and Body.

Eve represents the psychic, and Adam represents the material or physical. The soul is deceived, and the body falls with it.

Since the soul is the builder of the body, the deception which causes wrong thinking, on the part of the intellectual man, reproduces itself in the physical imperfections, and in adverse extreme circumstances.

The soul is the only one capable of being deceived, but the body, not being capable, falls with it.

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

Job said: “What I feared has come upon me.”

The intellect, then, was the element that created images and believed them true; and what was true to the soul was out-pictured on the body. Thus, by the power of his own creative being, man fell!

The story proves that the intellect is wrong because it believes in evil. It is the intellectual man, and not the spiritual man, who has caused all our troubles. We can see plainly, how a group of intellectual people without spiritual understanding, use their power to create destruction and misery. What is war about but money, trade and intellectual greed? Things! Things!

Man, using his intellect for his own selfish ends, has created an atmosphere in this world today resulting in ill-health and misery, mentally and physically. Yet man's salvation is at hand.

A few strong individuals who do not know the truth, control large commercial organisations, monopolising oil, rubber, iron and the commodities of life, and prevent their proper distribution to mankind. These groups then have to keep an army to fight for them and a government to carry out their orders, a religion and all the other accessories, to preach and pray for them, so man is completely submerged by all forms of propaganda including even that of religion.

This is the intellect of man. The spiritual ranting you hear is but a smoke-screen. The Church has failed utterly. It has aided and abetted the evils of our political, social and economical systems instead of exposing them.

The intellectual nonsense bred through ignorance will still keep man in the same state, until such time as he realises and recognises his true state. The “New Order” we hear so much about is becoming as much lip-service as the teachings of Christ.

If the true teachings of Christ were adhered to, there would be no need for a new order.

The true teachings of Christ can save the world. He came for that purpose. But man crucified Him. If He came this way again today and revealed Himself, man would again denounce him and reject him and despise him. Yet only by living His teachings can man free himself.

The serpent is claimed to be the cause of the fall of Eve. Now the serpent is the symbol of the life-principle in its external manifestation. The Yogi symbolises the serpent as the Kundalini—meaning the “coiled-up”—the life in the body; not the originating life-principle, but the outcome of that life-principle.

Now it is often represented in its negative form as the deceiving element. This means man’s intellectual nature, caused by the union of the two aspects of the same thing.

Now, when we realise the fact that it comes from God, and is the completion of the Divine work—by outward manifestation—in this sense, it becomes the serpent that Moses lifted up in the Wilderness.

The Master said: “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

The Yogi says it is necessary to raise up in the body, the Kundalini or serpent, the life-principle, to the top of the head, thereby making it entirely spiritual under the control of the will of the *I am*.

The Kundalini—or life-energy—is represented as “coiled-up” at the base of the spine, in spiritually unenlightened man, the small canal which runs up the spine and through which this energy can rise being closed at the lower end. But, in spiritually enlightened man, this canal is opened up, and as the life-energy is raised through the seven centres (symbolised by the Yogi, as lotuses), layer upon layer of the mind opens up, until the life principle in the body is raised to the top of the head, the thousand-petalled lotus, which opens to the rays of the Infinite Intelligence.

The Master’s Course shows the various centres in your body. The most important is situated in the dome of the head, the next in the forehead, the next in the back of the head, and so on, down the spine. They must be carefully developed in rotation, commencing at the bottom and working upwards. The seven centres connect with the seven bodies in which the Life is incarnated. As the Life force is raised the Conscious Entity becomes aware in the different planes of Consciousness.

To raise the Life Principle into the spiritual state, where a man’s spiritual understanding enables him to control everything beneath him, a man must first *master himself* through love and understanding. Then he becomes aware of his spiritual state while living in the physical.

But without the recognition of this life-principle as the ultimate mode of Divine Spirit (which is—*all that is*), it becomes the deadly reptile, not lifted up, but crawling upon its belly on the ground.

It is the ignorant conception of spiritual realities.

Ignorant of the Divine Law of Creation, we do not look beyond secondary causes, and, because of our creative power, we create thoughts that are ever externalising conditions— representation of our conceptions. So we become more and more involved in the network of conditions from which we find no escape; and, because we are ignorant of the true law of primary causation, we never suspect this real fact, that the originating power of all this inharmony is—ourselves!

This is the great deception: we believe the serpent, the conception of life, which sees nothing beyond secondary causation; consequently, we accept the “knowledge of evil” as being necessary with “the knowledge of good.” So, we eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is this dual aspect of knowledge that is deadly.

Knowledge—of itself—is good; but thinking that “evil” should be studied as knowledge is deadly to the soul, because of the law of Creative Thought.

The more we dwell on evil, the more evil is produced—and this means death.

The more we dwell on the conditions we ourselves create, the more powerful they appear to us, and naturally affect us accordingly.

The great mistake man makes, is his own conception of evil giving it equal authority to good, with God as some balancing point between them both. Anyone can see that this is the stupid intellect at work, but, as the intellect is very much limited in man, he is unable to grasp the whole truth. Man’s intellect, today, is but the out-picturing of error in thought, caused by a vicious form of propaganda. Man must emulate the Divine then he brings forth his true nature. Those who do not know their true nature say unkind things about others. This is natural from their point of view, because they are aware of evil in themselves, and they are quite happy and contented if they can make others seem as evil as themselves.

But this is entirely a conflict in the mind—a sense of inferiority, through lack of understanding. There is a feeling of internal poverty



which must be covered up, and thus we clog ourselves with things, position, society, only to get further into the vicious circle.

Harmony in oneself is always expressing and attracting harmony; thus, we have health and happiness.

But, when we do not know this truth, we set in operation forces which cause us untold misery—mentally and physically.

The Master showed how to heal perfectly.

His words were—“Thy sins are forgiven thee. Go, and sin no more.” Meaning, “The cause has been eliminated—do not create any more causes.”

But medical science today—treating only Effects, and paying virtually no attention to Causes—is only intensifying the suffering of humanity, instead of eliminating it. We must eliminate the causes, for if we live in the world of secondary causes, trying to eliminate the effects of these causes, it means death to both soul and body. We add to the effects by the power of our own Creative Thought through the recognition of a negative condition; though having no power of its own, we give it power by our own creative faculty; and these effects gather like a snowball, which, as it is rolled, gathers more and more, until eventually it becomes so great that we cannot move it. But this knowledge of thought-action is not reached in the earlier stages of the race or the individual. Yet only by the discerning of our thought-processes are we freed from this condition.

The growth of the external life of humanity is gained by the realisation of the truth, and in speaking of this growth the personal external existence must be distinguished from our simultaneous existence, on the supreme plane of spirit. This personal existence commences with the expulsion from Eden, and the conflict with a world of sorrows and difficulties; and this expulsion results from the soul accepting evil as a subject of knowledge.

Genesis 3: 22. “Then said God the Eternal, ‘Man has become like one of us, he knows good and evil; he might reach his hand now to the Tree of Life, also, and, by eating of it, live forever.’”

So God Eternal expelled him from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

Man in his evolution must have something through which he can evolve. So, certain conditions were created for this purpose by the Great Intelligence. These conditions apparently oppose man in his evolution, but without them he could not evolve, just as an aeroplane cannot rise except the atmosphere oppose it. The aeroplane needs to find its distance before it can reach its distance. As the atmosphere opposes it, it rises up and is carried to its distance.

Would you say the atmosphere was evil to enable the aeroplane to reach its distance? This opposition, when seen in its true state, is by no means an opposition, but is the only means by which the act could possibly be accomplished.

All principles were created first, and out of these principles evolved the necessary conditions for man's evolution. Then they are not evil, but good. But man does not know that; therefore, he gives power to the opposing force which is but the complement of the first, and thereby gives power to evil as well as to good.

Opposition enables you to evolve. Every negative condition should be made the starting point of a positive action in your own life.

Starting from the Beginning, we know there is but One, who is God; there is none other beside Him.

There is no other being, no other force. There is One Being, and this Being is your Being.

You cannot call the Infinite "good" in the sense that there is evil, for the Infinite knoweth no evil. Good and evil are really relative terms. Good and evil cannot exist as opposing each other. One is, and the other is not.

There is no such thing as a negative power in the sense of power which is not the one *all-originating power*. There is no power *opposing* all-originating power.

Negative power we are aware of does not oppose this all-originating power, but is a complement of it, just as the North Pole and the South Pole each is a magnet, opposing each other to create attraction.

The one force that creates them both is electricity. It is the same in the atom, the electron is but the product of the proton.

Similarly with us. What is Life but electricity in a higher form?

All energy is *some* mode of manifestation of the *One*, and it is always making something, though in doing so it may unmake something else.

What we know as negative forces is the operation of Cosmical Law of Transition from one form to another. Nature is always working, making and undoing, to make something else. Simile:

Spring—Blossom appears.

Summer—Blossom disappears, fruit appears.

Autumn—Fruit is gathered—leaves change colour.

Winter—Leaves disappear—rest.

This is the Cycle always repeating itself. Life is the Eternal action within.

The negative condition is but the Universal Transition from one form to another. As man does not comprehend the Law of Transition, he thinks it evil, and by his own inherent power he brings evil into operation relatively to himself because he does not know the Truth.

Above this Law of Transition there is the higher law, and the Bible's one object is to lead us through to this realisation, by the law of Individual Selection. This does not do away with the Law of Transition, for without transition there could be no evolution, and the glory of Eternal Life is in continuous evolution or unfoldment. But this realisation lifts the individual law of conscious life to the impersonal Cosmic Law, which more perfectly builds up the individuality. This is the living law of liberty which makes us more and more our true selves. That is why the Bible insists on the mathematical statement that God is One, and in fact makes it the basis of all it has to say from the beginning to the end of the Book.

God is also Life Expression in reality. All we know of an invisible power is the effects it produces. The same applies to Divine Spirit.

It is "that which *is*," and not "that which *is not*."

In John 3: 12, Jesus, teaching Nicodemus, says: "If you do not believe when I speak to you of things of the earth, how will you believe if I speak to you about things in Heaven?"

When asked, "Which is the greatest of the commandments?" Jesus said: "The first is, 'O Israel, the Lord thy God is One Lord, and you must

love the Lord thy God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind,'—and the second, is, 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' There are no other commandments greater than these." "I did not come to destroy the Law of Moses and the Prophets, but to fulfil the Law."

Fulfil these commandments and all other things follow naturally. The first statement proves the oneness of the Spirit in man. The second tells us to recognise it in our brothers.

Simplicity is the Essence of Perfection. Make this dominant in your mind. It is the greatest truth outside Truth itself. The simpler we are, the more perfect we are.

The complicated existence lived today by most people is a tragedy.

The Ancient Symbol of (i) represents "one in all," and out of this one-in-all, all is made.

Make any figure you like, and it is but a combination of the line and circle. Now, the deception into which Eve falls is mathematically represented by saying that God is Zero, and thus attributing to evil the same self-existence as to good.

There is no such thing as *absolute evil*. What we recognise as "evil" is the one good power working as a disintegrating force, because we have not yet learned to direct it in such a way as to perform the function of transition to higher degrees of life, without any disintegration of our individuality, either in person or circumstances. Even in our bodies we mistake the healing forces in the processes of elimination as evil and thereby permanently suffer through our ignorance.

It is this disintegrating action that makes the one power appear evil, relatively to ourselves; and, as long as we conceive ourselves thus related to it, it does look as though it were Zero—balancing in itself the two opposing forces of life-death, good-evil, health-sickness, and it is in this sense that God is said to know both.

Disintegration is but the breaking-down to build more and more perfect aspects of the same thing.

Spiritual, mental and physical are one. One is the complement of the other; but, when taken separately, we see evil, which is an illusion—an error in thought which reproduces itself.

Consequently, we fall into the deadly error which has already caused the “Fall of Man.” But when we see them as one as the Infinite sees them—“very good”—then we will find, in the end, that it *is so*.

That End is *now*, as the Beginning is in the now—one with the Infinite. We have to reach forth and take hold of the Tree of Life. But we, as Spirit individualised, could not evolve without the knowledge of the Law of Causation.

In the world of form and phenomena, where the Spirit of God is being individualised in man, the Law is that we find ourselves through his Law of Causation. We eventually find that we ourselves are the Cause of all effects we produce. Hence, this Law is necessary. Do not be unhappy or miserable under any circumstances in life! God is perfect love, and never turns anyone away nor holds anything against His most disobedient child. Then you must forgive others—you cannot expect to be forgiven unless you forgive. Open your soul and your innermost thoughts to Him completely; then only the good shall remain. Open yourself to your real self, the Christ within. There is no need to hide from yourself; free yourselves, not by introspection but by discerning your thought-action—most people do not realise how they think or what their thoughts are.

When the soul is filled with Divine Light, there is no room for darkness. The wand of love can always reach the darkest corner of the soul and illumine the whole Being.

When you are in love with love, it flows through you continuously; and this is the Divine state of love.

The Bible tells the whole story of humanity; and, when one knows oneself, one knows humanity. We are all like unto one another.

Now, the action of our thoughts is always creative, and the mere fact of regarding evil as an affirmative force in itself, makes it so—relatively to ourselves. Therefore, no sooner do we fear evil than we begin to create the evil we fear.

To extinguish evil, we must learn not to fear it, and that means to cease recognising it as having any power of its own. And so, our salvation comes from realising that, in truth, there is nothing but good.

Evil is but an idea in man's mind. Life is all good, and is the only power. The only thing that prevents man from using this great power is his own limited conception of himself.

Truth is nothing but good! This enables man to rise. He stretches forth his hand, and takes hold of the Tree of Life. He then lives in the Eternal and the Eternal lives in him, bringing forth Beauty, Wisdom and Happiness. If the Infinite saw it was good, who could say it was evil? Evil is the negation man brings forth himself—in himself and by himself.

Our severe difficulties in life make us cry out loud for relief from our self-created hell; and we will not cry in vain. Spiritual forces will descend on man and lead him out of his desperate position. Then man will realise that within himself is the cause and the cure.

St. John 5: 26. The Master said, "For as the Father has life in Himself, so too He has granted the Son to have Life in himself." The Master made it plain beyond doubt that the Life in the Father (God) was the same in the son (man).

This is the "Tree of Life" that, when taken hold of, will be as Everlasting Life.

Man will learn from experience that evil has proceeded from his own inverted conceptions, and is not founded upon truth, but the opposite.

If it were possible for man to attain the knowledge that would enable him to live forever before gaining this experience the result would be an immortality of misery; and therefore, the Law of Nature renders it impossible for man to reach the knowledge which would place immortality within his grasp, until he has gained that deep insight into the true workings of Causation, which is necessary to make Eternal Life the scene of Perfection.

For this reason, man is being expelled from Eden, lest he should eat of the Tree of Life before he has learned his lessons in the World of Illusion; and it is to wipe away this illusion and so that he shall see his true spiritual state, that the Bible was written.

How could you, under any circumstances, remain perfect unless you know the Law of Causation?

Your difficulties are stepping-stones—not stumbling-blocks.

This involution and evolution of man has been going on for millions of years, but to you, in your subjective state, it is but a moment, for there is no “time” in “Eternity.”

The Master said, “Now is the time.”

Now the serpent represents the principle of error, which results in Death, and can never be reconciled with Divine Spirit—which is Truth and Life. Therefore, the pronouncement upon the serpent is a curse—that is, a sentence of destruction and the Bible goes on to show how this sentence of destruction is ultimately worked out.

The penalty of Adam, or the corporeal body, is that if having to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, that is, by toilsome labour, which would not be necessary if the true Law of Creative Power behind thought was understood. Note that man was made like unto God; but Adam was from the dust of the ground.

This is the difference between the Spiritual and Corporeal, yet it is the same substance, except in degree.

There is but one substance. The only difference is degree of substance. For instance physical atoms, when visited by a certain quantity of force, raise their speed and become liquid substance. The same atoms visited by a greater quantity of force become aeroform substance.

The same atoms, still increased in speed, change to etheric substance. So you see, the one substance forms everything, the only difference being in the speed of its atomic rate. This is pure science, but few take it into cognisance when dealing with matter—as we see it.

So, man in himself, is to God according to the degree that he realises the truth of his real being.

The woman passes under the same painful physiological law, and, at the same time, final deliverance and restoration from the fall is promised, through her instrumentality. Her seed shall crush the serpent’s head that it shall utterly destroy the false principle that the serpent represents.

Since the “Woman” is the soul of the Individual-Consciousness or mind, her progeny must be thoughts and ideas. New ideas are not brought forth easily. They are the result of painful experience and of long mental labour; and thus, physiological analogy in the Text illustrates the Birth of

New Ideas into the world. And as the evolution of the soul proceeds toward higher and higher intelligence, There is a corresponding increase in the lifeward tendency of its ideas.

There is thus enmity between “the seed” of the “woman,” or the enlightened conception of the principles of life, and the seed of the serpent or the opposite, the unenlightened conception.

During the progress of the struggle, the serpent must bruise the heel of the Divine seed; that is to say, must retard the progress of Truth on the earth. But Truth must conquer at last, and crush the serpent’s head forever, so that it shall never rise up again.

The seed of the woman, the fruit of the spiritually enlightened mind, which must at last achieve the final victory, is that supreme ideal, which is the recognition of man’s Divine Sonship. It is the realisation of the fact that he is, indeed, the image and likeness of God.

This is the Truth, the knowledge, that would set us free; and each one who attains this knowledge, realises that he is at once the *son of man* and the *son of God*.

There is but One—that is—God, Spirit. “There is none other beside Me.”

There is nothing, inside or out, except the Infinite.

The Infinite is Omnipresence—all that is present everywhere at any time.

Then how can there be anything else? The Infinite cannot have a Beginning. The conclusion you come to is—“It must always have been; it always was.” Otherwise you have to give priority to something else, and this, you will note, goes on and on, one priority preceding another *ad infinitum*. Hence, the Infinite must be complete, with all authority. Therefore, there is no authority outside Himself.

In Him and by Him all things began, and there is nothing outside Him. All things must be sustained by this Infinite Power, because there is no other.

It is all good, beyond our conception of “good” as a relative term; therefore, there can be no evil. How could the Son of man remove defects if they were created by the Infinite? Therefore, the Infinite is one, and man must be one with Him. This is conclusive, and the final statement



regarding man. Those who believe in the flesh are already dead. Let the dead bury the dead. “But he who believeth in Me, hath already passed from death across to Life.”

“I am the Life, the Father and I are One.”

Masters are only fulfilling the Divine Law given to man by God. Therefore, they become God-men; and, the more they realise the law of their own being, the more they manifest this miraculous power.

The significance of the Lord’s Prayer is often overlooked.

“Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven.”

How many repeat this, parrot fashion; yet how few at present understand its meaning.

Heaven is a state of harmony, peace and plenty, love and wisdom.

The natural man is the God-man. He is simple in his ways, kind in his manners, always eager to do good for others.

The simple truth is the perfect truth. You do not have to wear sackcloth and ashes; you do not have to pray this way or that way, or go to a particular place to do it. This prayer fulfils your every need:—

*“Loving Father, this is Thy Holy Temple, Thy perfect dwelling place from which radiates Thy Love, Wisdom and Power to all Thy children. I am filled with Thy mighty Healing Power, Thy inspired Wisdom, and Divine Love, and I am glorified in Thee. My eyes and ears are open, whereby I see and hear, and my mind receives Thy Eternal Truths, for Thou hast proclaimed me Thy Perfect Instrument for Thy Great and Glorious work, that Thy will, which is done in Heaven, shall also be done on Earth.”*

Thus, the story of the fall contains also the statement of the principle of rising again. It is the History of the Human race, because it is first the history of the Individual Soul.

The opening chapter of Genesis is the epitome of all that the Bible afterwards unfolds in detail, and may be summed up as follows:—

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 at first ignorant of this Truth, and this ignorance is his fall. By his own creative power he creates those self imposed conditions from 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—his oneness with Life; and this understanding, in his rising again, enables him, as he is instructed to do, to overcome and *master* all things.

In the first place, he has been given this authority. He must become the conqueror, as he always was the conqueror (except when through his own erroneous conception of himself he failed to realise the fact.)

Thus, through the expansion of this “awareness” in Himself, he brings to its full expression that life that is in him, in all the glories of the Heavenly Jerusalem.

#### SUMMARY OF THE 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; recognises 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 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 enlightened man raised to  
spiritual understanding—entirely under the  
control of the will of the “I AM.”

The Seed of the  
Woman Seed of  
the Serpent

The Birth of New Ideas into the World.  
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

Realisation and recognition of his true Spiritual  
state—his Divine Sonship.

THE END  
(which is one with  
the beginning)

ONE LIFE.

## PART 3

### THE MISSION OF MOSES THE PROPHET

The teaching of the Bible begins with two important facts about man. I again draw attention to these facts because of their great importance in the unfolding of the Truth; it is only by the understanding of Truth that we can enter into the greatness of what *we are*.

The facts are:

1. That man is 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.
2. Because man is ignorant of this Truth, he brings upon himself all sorts of trouble and limitation.

The Bible leads us step by step out of this ignorance, and into this knowledge also, step by step. This gradual unfoldment is a process of growth, first in the individual, then in the race; and this growth is founded upon the law inherent in man himself, which always acts uniformly, making no exception in favour of anyone. It does this positively as well as negatively. As a man soweth so does he reap.

In James 1: 5-8, we read:

“Whoever of you is defective in wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all men without question or reproach, and the gift will be his. 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; that man need not imagine he will get anything from the Lord, double-minded creature that he is, wavering at every turn.”

Now our ignorance of any law will not exempt us from its operation, no matter whether we ignorantly obey the law or ignorantly disobey it.

The law of our being acts just as positively as it does negatively, according to man's thinking and acting; so that, in man's own creation, he reaps what he sows. This law does not take into consideration what kind of individual is acting upon it; it does not make any exception, whether a person be a saint or a sinner—these are but illusions in the world of shadows. The law brings about just what the man himself creates; so there is no difference in this respect, whether he be a saint or a sinner, a Jew or a Gentile, or a King or a Tramp.

God gives, because the man asks, and knows the law how to receive. When one knows this law, one proceeds along the path, humble, yet positive; kindly, yet just and true to oneself. "To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

The plain meaning is, be true to yourself and you will be true to others. The law is the law, and it does not alter to suit the cravings of any individual. The law is immovable, unchangeable. You become the law when you know the law and work with the law.

The Trinity of the Law of God is revealed throughout creation.

In the first place the Mighty Intelligence which created the Universe reveals the inherent, immovable, unchangeable aspect of the Law which cannot be affected in any way either by angel or man.

The second aspect of the Law is revealed that this Intelligence, which created the Universe and all that is in it, will respond to man's own creative thought in creating for him, in his own world of action, good or evil, according to what he creates, "As a man sows so shall he reap."

The Third aspect of the Law is through grace whereby a man realises his true Sonship and becomes one with Infinite Life and responds to the first Law of Being. All he has been creating is wiped away and he stands as he was, born in the image and likeness of God.

What the great spiritual leaders of the race always worked for, was to impart the understanding of the law to the people. This work not only applied to Moses and all the other prophets, but also it continues today,

and is still in its infancy. Generation after generation the law is still further revealed as the progress of humanity rolls on.

The method of training was such in the first place as 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 relations of things. Such explanation of the truth would be worse than useless. Hence came the whole system of the Mosaic Law. There are also many today, unable to comprehend the Truth; the great mass of humanity is still ignorant of the law.

The revealing of the Truth to mankind is still in its infancy, for few understand this inherent mighty law within mankind. During the last few generations there has been a partial clearing of the mental strata of the mind, but it has become fogged again by war and destruction. Still, even this will cause man to evolve, because he will crave for something to lead him out of the conditions into which he has drifted, through his misunderstanding of the Divine Law; for man brings about his own Hell. There will always be someone ready to answer the cry when it goes up. God has not forgotten humanity; in fact humanity is His own Life and substance.

Those who let others do their thinking for them violate the Law of their own being. Many of the leaders, including those of the Church, are devoid of the Truth, for their hearts are so full of creed, dogma and ceremony that there is no room for love and understanding; and their minds are so full of images, idolatry and concepts that there is no room for wisdom and truth.

Moses came as the early forerunner to bring into operation the foundation of the People of God. From the desert he gathered together tribes, all the people that he could rely upon as a foundation, to carry the truth down through the ages, so that it would never, in any circumstances, be lost. These tribes which had existed in the desert for many, many years, were known as the "shepherd people." They had the power of the Infinite Intelligence within them. They were remnants of the last great period on this earth, and had come down from the Ancients, still retaining some of the Ancient Wisdom that classed them as the People of God.

The shepherd people had the understanding of the Spirit in its relation to man, and had direct contact with the great mighty Intelligence which revealed through them the Truth of humanity. In Egypt they built the great Pyramid which stands today as one of the most astounding feats in human history. They built the mighty Pyramid to scale with exact measurements showing what man would have to pass through during the next 5,000 years from that time. The structure of the Pyramid represents a mathematically exact interpretation of humanity's history up to the present time.

The shepherd people built it, using mighty spiritual power, and left the data of humanity for all time. Scientists have vainly tried to conjure up some idea of how the pyramid was built; and even today they have no knowledge of how the shepherd people obtained their great wisdom, or performed this great feat. The Egyptians did not like this secret power which the shepherd people possessed; but in fact could not withstand it. After completing their task, they disappeared into the desert once more.

The shepherd people knew the Prophets and the Prophets knew the shepherd people; in fact they were one and the same.

King David belonged to the shepherd people. He was the shepherd King, and Jesus the direct descendant of King David.

So these were the people from whom Moses drew, for the sacred task of carrying the truth of humanity through the ages. Moses had to begin this great task, and Jesus came to fulfil it and to complete it.

We read in Exodus that Moses says: "O, my brethren, shall the Lord raise up a Prophet like unto me?" And when Jesus came, He said: "I have not come to destroy the law but to fulfil the law." He was referring to the Mosaic Law, the Law of the Prophets.

In Mark 12: 28-31, when asked which was the chief of all the commandments, Jesus said: "The chief one is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, with your whole mind, and with your whole strength." The second is this: "You must love your neighbour as yourself." "There is none other commandment greater than these."

The Master's knowledge of the truth was so great that He went to the very heart of it, removing all outside adulterations, and revealed the

simple law of life. Fulfil this law of love and all others are fulfilled with it.

What an extraordinarily clear mental attitude towards life— stepping it down to the simplest term of one thing,—*Love*— because it fills men and women with a desire to do everything possible for their brothers' happiness, thus obtaining it for themselves.

So the Lord is one Lord. This is the all-pervading truth throughout the whole Bible. Therefore, the Divine Unity is the foundation on which everything else rests. So there can be nothing else but Spirit. It is because we cannot see the law clearly, that we see evil—and thus, seeing evil, is the cause of evil—not only in ourselves but also that which becomes externalised by the law inherent in our being.

Whatever name we give the First Cause, 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. The ultimate conclusion we must come to is the recognition of the Unity of God. The great truth on which the Mission of Moses was founded was the *oneness* of everything.

The oneness of life is revealed everywhere in the Bible. “I am the Father of all.” The Eternal speaks to His children— “My children.” The Master says: “My flock.”

When the Jews took up stones to stone the Master, he asked: “What good deed do you stone me for?” The ignorant Jews replied: “We stone you because you call yourself the Son of God,” and Jesus replied: “Does it not say in your scriptures that ye are the Sons of God?” “I and the Father are One” reveals the clearness of His understanding. He was revealing the great mighty truth of the individualised Infinite Spirit in man. But if the Scribes and Pharisees had accepted the truth of the Christ, then they could not hold the people in bondage. If the real freedom of the Christ were given to man, bondage would be no longer possible. Even today man is not free because he does not know the Truth. He is still kept in the dark regarding his true state. The blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

The Master's Course clearly states how man himself produces conditions of evil. The consciousness of man directs, and the Intelligence



out-pictures in movable, pliable substance, responding to the direction of the Son of God. When man is *aware* of this fact, he consciously acts upon this substance for his own good, and for the good of his fellow-men; but when he is ignorant of this law, he creates discord, both within and outside himself. One can readily see when this truth is thoroughly understood; no negative or vacillating thought is then allowed to remain in the mind. Therefore, man then uses the instrument of Faith and Awareness of his own Divinity and proves himself to be the Son of God.

Man is the microcosm—the manifestation of the Infinite Macrocosm. The child, when he grows up, becomes the father of the man. The son of man, when he is raised up, becomes the Son of God. “As Moses raised up the serpent in the wilderness, so much the Son of man be raised up.”

There is only one self-existent, self-transforming power in which everything, no matter what mode of manifestation, is its own creation, because there is no other source from which it could come. Therefore, the ultimate conclusion must be the recognition of the Unity of God—as *One Being*—not separate Beings.

To reveal this great truth of the “One in all” was the mission of Moses. “I am the Lord thy God—I am the God of your forefathers.”

The mission of Moses starts with the phenomenon of the Burning Bush.

Exodus 3: “The angel of the Eternal appeared to him in a flame of fire rising out of a 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’.”

The Bush represents the form which the fire or life, permeates, the form through which the life is expressing itself; and from within the Bush, God speaks. The Bush represents the man; the fire, the Life-Intelligence in action; the Consciousness, the Voice, “*I am*” speaking. But note what is said: “I am the God of your Father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob,”—showing the One Lord in all; for the esoteric meaning of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is as follows:—

Abraham—The Spirit in manifestation—known as the “Father.”

Isaac—the Soul—manifestation of the breath. “Is” means “breath.”

“Life in Action.”

Jacob—the Body.

The names given to the ancient Prophets are symbolic and reveal the hidden Truth,—the Trinity in man, Spirit, Soul and Body—the Three in One. Yet note that Jesus said: “*I am before Abraham.*”

So we see, the Bush represents the man, the fire, the Life-Intelligence in action, and the Voice the “I am”—the central spiritual power in God and in man. Note the significance of the “Spoken Word.” It stands out above all other things. It was also this that Moses had to see clearly. The sacred power of the spoken word has been hidden from the masses. Even Moses did not reveal it to his people, though he used it himself. And here we see the sacred word of God as the “I am,” and also see it as the source of the spoken word.

The “I am” says “I am,” and it alone can say “*I am.*” Therefore, “I am that I am.” God says to Moses: “‘I am’ shall be My name for all time.”

In every cell of the body, life exists. Electricity and Life are synonymous terms—one is the source of the other. Electricity cannot exist lest life exists prior to it. This life does not consume the body—as the fire does not consume the Bush—though it permeates it.

This brings us to a clear understanding of the power of man over all forces—when he knows that he is *Life itself*, unfettered and free.

“Life” cannot be injured by anything external to itself; and, tell me, what *is* external to life that is greater than Life?

Many of you no doubt have heard of men walking through fire without being burnt. What the subjective mind receives and holds fixed without doubt is reflected outwardly. This is an immutable law.

In India and Tibet, I have seen the Oracles (in a state of self-hypnosis) perform feats which puzzle the ordinary man, feats such as twisting white hot metal by the bare hands, and the bending and twisting of steel that cannot in the ordinary way be bent even the slightest fraction by the strongest human hands. The subjective activity in the individual expresses itself externally. This is proved, scientifically, by trance and

hypnosis; but when you are *consciously aware* of this law of the subjective self, and become aware of its action, you can virtually do anything, according to your conception of what you *can* do.

It is a simple law, inherent in your being, and, when thoroughly understood, there is no need to apply it by trance or hypnosis—you just become aware!

The conditions that you believe are existent in yourself are given power to manifest in your mind and body, because you believe them to be true; but the only power they have, is the power you give them, and this produces either positive or negative conditions according to the image you hold. But Life is; it does not have to be created, it is the Source of all Things as well as the Power behind our thinking.

The subjective self often has power over the objective self because the subjective self is the first to be affected substantially. When this law is not understood, you are a slave to your subjective mind. But when understood you are a master of yourself and fulfil the law of your being, as given in Chapter 1 of Genesis. Then said God, “Let us make man in our own likeness to resemble us, with mastery over everything.” “So God formed man in His own image and likeness. In the likeness of God He formed him.”

With power to create by the same means, thus we are like unto God having dominion over all things.

Jesus said: “All power has been given unto Me in Heaven and on Earth.”

Moses got instructions to go to the Children of Israel. God said unto Moses: “I am that I am, and thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel: ‘I am’ hath sent me unto you.” “You must 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 is the announcement of being in the Absolute, in that first originating plane of pure spirit, where the material does not yet exist, and therefore there cannot be any extension in space, and consequently no sequence in time—showing that the only possible mode of being is the “consciousness of self-existence”—“Awareness”—without limitation of

either time or space: the realisation of the Universal Here, and the everlasting Now: the concentration of the “All” into point and the expansion of “point” into all. There is but one Being, and that is God Eternal.

This is the announcement of Being in the Absolute—pure Spirit—“I am.”

“I am”—the Cause behind all things.

“I am”—everywhere. There is nowhere where I am not.

“I am”—not limited, undifferentiated or differentiated.

“I am”—The Perfect Freedom of Life.

This is the foundation of our own spiritual being, as well as that of our physical existence.

It was this that Jesus saw so clearly and expounded so simply in the statement—“I and the Father are One.” you can limit yourself by your own conception of yourself, but you cannot limit consciousness, mind or thought. They are beyond limitation— free, unfettered, and do not exist in space or time. Thought is the product of consciousness and mind, and mind is the vehicle of expression. Yet consciousness is supreme.

“Awareness” is the best available word we have to explain: “unconsciousness.” Consciousness must become aware of itself. We then become aware of the “all,” concentrated into “point” in ourselves, and the “point” developing into “all.” “All” has no boundary and Point is everywhere. The “point” begins to expand into the “all” when we become aware of the “all.”

“Point” is concentrated into Individuality. Individuality then expands into the “all.” Similarly, man’s consciousness becomes the Consciousness of God to the individual. There is One Lord, and the Lord, then is, within you. This is the great secret hidden in the allegory of the Bible.

But although this was a new announcement to the Hebrew people, it was not new to Moses; for in Acts 7. We are told that Moses was educated in the culture of the Egyptians; he was a strong man in speech and action. He must therefore have been initiated into the deeper secrets of the deepest mysteries. It is said that Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; therefore he must have been familiar, in his early life, with the words “I am that I am.” We know that Moses was

brought up as the son of Pharaoh's daughter, and the secret instruction had been confined to those who had been initiated into the great mysteries of Osiris, so, if Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, he must have been initiated into the great mysteries of Osiris.

In whatever way we may interpret the story of Moses meeting with the Divine at the Burning Bush, one thing is plain; it indicates the point in his career when it became known to him that the only way of liberation for mankind was through the recognition of the Oneness of all—the One Being in all—and all Beings are the One, and one only. So we are brought back to the statement of our being the image and likeness of God.

This truth is carried down through the ages, and though buried and covered with dogmas and creeds it still cannot be lost or completely hidden, and will rise again to its proper place in the lives of the people, to lead them into the perfect liberty of life. The time is coming when it will be absolutely plain. It will not be long before people all over the world are crying aloud for this great Truth; and it will then be again heralded as it was in the deliverance of the Israelites out of Egypt. So it will be the same power that will deliver the people of God out of their self-imposed misery and slavery.

At the moment, people are not ready for this great Truth. They would still cast it aside with those who tried to reveal it. It is only through great suffering and sorrow that they turn their faces to the Almighty for His aid.

There are many teachings in this world, but they are all inferior to the teachings of Moses and Jesus, which is the final, the one and only Truth.

Your Creative Process of Thought is the same with that of the Infinite, who created man in the spiritual state; and He now holds him, just as He created him—in His own image and likeness. This recognition must come from the individual to make it a reality in his own life.

From "Point"—all begins, and extends outwards. Therefore, it must also be the same in the individual. That Point through which the Infinite expresses the Individual is the point through which the Individual expresses the Infinite. This then becomes the property of the race, but it

must necessarily begin with the individual. Just as the leaven in the bread is expressed through the whole bread, so it is with the Individual and the Race.

In the days of ancient Egypt the people had to be educated up to this great Truth, and they have not advanced very far in this education yet. Moses' eyes were open to see these truths as the Power to expand throughout humanity and liberate the world. He realised that his mission was to set men free by educating them gradually to the true knowledge of the Divine Name, so that they might gain a true understanding of the Law of their own Being.

Moses saw, in the understanding of this truth, the liberating of humanity from all limitation, misery, disease and want. Also, Moses foresaw, through the ignorance of the people of this time, the possibility of the complete destruction of civilisation, and the loss of the great Truth. It was to prevent this that he conceived and inaugurated the great scheme known as the Mosaic Law.

The Master, Jesus, came to fulfil and complete the work that Moses began. The one showed God as the Universal Spirit, and the other showed this Universal Spirit individualised in humanity. Moses and Jesus are, therefore, linked together as the two great Prophets who came to show man the way to his own freedom and salvation. The emancipation of the race can be attained only by the understanding and application of the Law of Being of the Individual. When this can be developed in the Race, mankind will then free itself from its own self-imposed misery and illusion.

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 supreme initiation of all the highest mysteries culminated. It could not be otherwise; for it was the only ultimate conclusion to which generations of clear-headed thinking people could come. But these were sages, philosophers, men of wisdom and knowledge; and this final conclusion was beyond the masses. Then came creeds and dogmas, which added further confusion to the ignorant masses. Dogmas and creeds were used, in the first place, to hold man in subjection, but this was an entire misunderstanding of the law. The idea

of controlling the individual by some creed or dogma is one of the most hideous and perverted actions of the Ecclesiastics; so we see the blind leading the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

The same is happening today; in fact they are very much in the ditch, now, buried in the ditch; and it will take some little time to dig them out!

People are liable to clutter their minds with unessentials including spiritual phenomena. They become so engrossed in phenomena, in astral shadows, that they seek nothing else. This though an aid in the first place, becomes a hindrance, if one becomes attached to it. It is necessary to hold yourself completely separate and unfettered from phenomena—otherwise the truth gets dimmer and dimmer, I think I have seen all the phenomena this world can produce; in India, in America, and in Tibet, in the hidden retreats in the far away Himalayas.

It is good if it gives you an understanding, but the deeper you become engrossed in it, the more liable you are to get enmeshed and overpowered by it, and to lose yourself. Therefore it is necessary to isolate yourself from it, and see it for what it is—just phenomena. Phenomena may be true and it may not be true, according to your interpretation of it.

But there is something greater beyond.

The truth of your own being is much greater; and it is more profitable for you to realise it than to delve in phenomena.

The Master knew about the Spiritual Realms, and all that takes place in those Realms; but His great Truth was that of His Oneness with the Father, the revealing of the Divine Spirit in man.

The truth is lost in a mist of meaningless words that confuse even the learned in our midst. The learned confuse themselves and others by the spinning of words.

Today it is only the sages and deep thinkers of a high standard, who can pierce the veil into these great truths. Yet truth is simplicity and only the unfolded mind can grasp it, while the learned are mystified, in a maze of conceptions.

We find, in the lower orders of priests throughout the world today, very little knowledge of the inner mysteries, but immense knowledge of ritual and formula which they practice continually without having any

idea of what they are about; so they go on mystifying the people and confusing themselves.

The truth is so palpably clear to anyone who enquires deeply enough. It is that deep, deep insight and feeling within man that enables him to seek and find the root of his own being.

Those with deep insight into the Law of Being feel deeply grieved at the great catastrophe facing the human race, worshipping images and idols; they do not know what they are worshipping, thus heading for disaster of the greatest magnitude. Our so-called Christianity has not saved the world from disaster.

We find people of the Christian faith praying to God for the destruction of others of the same faith while the others too, do the same thing. We also see those of different faiths continually warring against each other. What a calamity with leaders who are blind to the truth, leading others who are blind, into destruction!

Jesus said plainly: "You are worshipping something you do not know, but we are worshipping something we do know. God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship Him in Spirit and in Reality."

Hence, throughout the ages, we find an inner religion of the supreme mystery for the initiated few, and an outer religion for the most part idolatrous, for the purpose of creating a religious dogma or creed, thereby holding the people in subjection through religion. So all through the ages (and even in our present day) the people were not left without a religion, but were given a religion which was thought suitable to their gross apprehension of things. This was left in the hands of the lower order of Priests, who themselves were little, if at all, better instructed than the worshippers.

The great mystery of the ancient Egyptian Temple was enthroned in the midst of a magnificent edifice. In the inner veiled sanctuary, behind a great golden curtain, when the other golden curtains were drawn, there was revealed, no great Apollo or God, as you might expect, but a common onion. Why should the most common thing on earth be so enthroned? Tons of them lay in the streets to be sold.

The masses could not perceive the meaning, but he who penetrated the real meaning was initiated into the mysteries of Osiris, and therefore



his lips were sealed.

The veil was lifted. He understood that it represented the all-presence of the *Eternal* living *One Spirit* of worship, to be found not only in the Temples, but in the streets, in the fields, and all places alike. The onion also received the symbol of the outer and inner covering until in the very centre the One is reached. Only one in a hundred thousand penetrated the mystery; and he was immediately admitted into the inner mysteries of Osiris.

To the unenlightened mind, a God, some wonderful statue or a great pearl, would have been more appropriate; so for the masses, a superficial explanation was palmed off; thus, the beginning of creeds and dogmas came into being, and the real meaning became submerged, as it is today in sanctimonious formalities.

Yet this same truth of the Omnipresence of the Eternal Living Spirit, has been passed down through the ages. Therefore, worship God everywhere; in the garden, in the flowers, in the vegetables, in the fields, in your home, in your friends, everywhere,—and in the very centre of our being “We are” Pure Spirit, eternal.

You are humble when you know the truth. It is beyond the understanding of most, but all who desire the impersonal power must become as humble as the impersonal power itself, which expressed itself even through the humblest creation.

“Unless ye become as a little child, ye shall not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The Master felt this humbleness of Spirit. He who is puffed up cannot know God, because he knows only his outside personal self.

Your humbleness is not a negative attitude, but a positive attitude towards life. Thus you become attractive. Birds, animals, people seek you, because that power is seeking itself, finding itself in you. When that deepest thing in you finds itself in something else it flows to it, and seeks to unite with it.

“Blessed are those who feel poor in spirit! The realm of Heaven is theirs.”

This is a true saying, for it is the humble alone who know God. He that vaunteth himself knoweth not the inner realisation of the truth, for

his vanity is proof of his ignorance.

So this is the truth that was given to all those who understood; but it was hidden from the masses. Even the lower order of priests were prevented from knowing this inner mystery in case they might reveal it to the masses. Thus, the masses were kept in subjection and ignorance. Even today theologians are unaware of the real truth.

Our theological colleges are little more than word-spinning factories, and when the priest finishes his training he knows very little more than he did before he entered, except that he has learned a great deal of ritual and formalities.

A few pertinent questions will prove my statement. The answers you will receive will be evasive and vague, and you will very soon find out that he has not yet found the secret. In fact, he will probably tell you that you should not delve into these things; it is not for you to question.

What has man been given reasoning power for? The Master said: “Seek, and ye shall find. Ask and ye shall receive. Knock and it shall be opened unto you.”

But in this case you will seek and you will not find. You will ask and you will not receive. You will knock and it cannot be opened unto you because he does not know the truth himself.

The Truth will eventually be revealed to mankind, and the scales will fall from man’s eyes, and he will see how he has been deceived, generation after generation. The only sin is ignorance of the truth; we perpetuate our ignorance—therefore we are born in sin.

In St John 4: 21-24, Jesus said: “The time is coming when you will be worshipping the Father, neither on this mountain nor at Jerusalem. You are worshipping something you do not know; but we are worshipping what we do know .... But the time is coming, it has come already, when the real worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and in reality; for these are the worshippers that the Father desires. God is Spirit and His worshippers must worship Him in Spirit and in reality.”

When any nation or leaders of the people ridicule the truth of their own being as revealed in the Bible, thereby setting in operation campaigns of hate which only revert upon themselves, creating suffering in both soul and body—then these nations and people shall surely bring

upon themselves catastrophe. If you hate, you bring hate upon yourself. You have a right to defend yourself, but let love dominate your action: by all means avoid hate or revenge.

One must learn to love even one's enemies. If we create error in ourselves, it will externalise itself by the God-given power of our own Being; but it has no power except the power we give it. Therefore, hold fast to that which is good, so that it will manifest in your life.

The Divine Power—the Wisdom and Intelligence of the Infinite—is always flowing through channels prepared by itself. These channels are always a little way ahead of the race, beyond and above the rest, and lead the race to higher states of its own self-evolution. Thus, the race is led along the path. The path may be wide in places but it converges into the narrows, and there we find the depth. The Infinite chooses the channels for His own self-expression, for He is moving forward the whole Race from within man himself. Those who are out in front become as Lights in the path of man. “I am the Light—he that follows Me shall never know darkness.”

“If you follow in My footsteps, you shall never see darkness—I am the Life.”

The People of God will be brought together. Only a small company is necessary to leaven the many. They will be the spearhead of the Infinite Power that will emancipate mankind. “This generation shall not pass away till these things have come to pass,” the Master said, and He meant *this* generation, in which all these things are taking place now. What better work can one do, than assist in this great work? The only real and important work is in revealing the life as one Life in all, as was in the beginning, is now, the same forever.

It is feeling that counts in this work; not so much the Intellect, for “scroll after scroll weigh down our weary shelves. The only point of ignorance is centred in ourselves.”

How many shelves are weighed down by piles of intellectual nonsense? Learn to discern the false, the ever-fleeting from the everlasting. Learn, above all, to separate head-learning from soul-wisdom, the “eye” from the “heart” doctrine. Even ignorance is better than head-learning with no soul-wisdom to guide it.

The doctrine of the “eye” is for the crowd, the doctrine of the “heart” is for the elect.

How many people today read book after book and are not one bit further on? In fact, they are worse off because they have cluttered their minds with so many different ideas that they are completely confused. Do not lose the power of your own thinking. This is the most important thing in life. Why let others do your thinking for you, when thinking for yourself is the greatest asset you have.

Most people are imitators; they cannot think for themselves, they are controlled by the actions and ideas of others. Do your own thinking—herein does your safety lie.

This book, while in the process of teaching you the truth, will help you to think deeply. Every sentence is concentrated Truth matter that requires deep contemplation. The study of the Master’s Course with these lessons will help you to grasp the full import of the Truth.

The negative conditions in your life will disappear immediately you allow the Divine Life to take its place. For negation has no power of its own. Keep the mind in a positive attitude at all times by the awareness of the Law of your Being; so, the Law of Progression will manifest in the self and the Race.

When any nation or individual ridicules all that it has hitherto held sacred, because it has never learned the Eternal Truth itself, and has placed its faith in forms, ceremonies and traditions—then woe to that Nation or Individual, for by the inevitable law of nature, in the plane of the mind, it will bring upon itself catastrophe. It is the immutable Law of Cause and Effect; I have repeatedly told you that this is one law—not two laws; Effect is but the Cause manifesting. So we see, Cause and Effect are one. Cause is “thought-action,” which manifests from the mind into the vehicle of matter and creates the Effect. The beginning and the end are in the beginning. Immediately you remove the Cause, the Effect will disappear; thus we know how to deal with negative objective conditions in our lives. As in the stream which is flowing into the sea, when the source is dried up, only the remaining residue in the channel is left to flow into the sea; so the residue of effect in your being will pass

away after the cause is removed. Since it has no power of its own, it will fade away into nothingness where it belongs.

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 civilisation. What was to be expected from the rest of the world? What was the outlook into the future, with an intellectual development expanding only on the material side, without any knowledge of the Spiritual truths in which was the real Livingness of Life? Nothing, but the ultimate destruction of mankind in deadly strife, increased by the outward polish of materialised intellectual greed and selfishness, which feeds the beast in man.

Are we repeating the same cycle of events of ancient Egypt? As Egypt was decadent then, so is our world today, smitten with its own rottenness. God forbid that we should fall into the complete error of ancient Egypt. We must wake up before it is too late.

Without the truth, civilisation is bound to decay; and it was necessary then, as it is now, to adhere to the truth.

“Woe unto the nation that is left without the Truth.”

By the law of its own inherent being it would destroy itself and pass into oblivion. As in ancient Egypt there was a great intellectual development on the material side, so we see the same today. Polished, materialised, intellectual greed is the canker in our midst, yet how few even stop to think what misery it creates!

They laud it and put it on a pedestal; success today means material gain, but this will lead to its own self-destruction. The false god will be utterly destroyed. To the unenlightened it is the most powerful thing in the world today, yet is the most destructive to the human soul.

One time, the international money-changers sat on the steps of the Temple. Now they sit in massive buildings. A rope with knots was used 2,000 years ago. What do you think should be used now?

We are forced to use a system based on usury, which is directly opposed to the Law of God; a system that has made men slaves to a debt in perpetuity, a burden illegally and falsely imposed upon them, and one of the fundamental causes of war, internal strife and misery.

What is to become of this world, if the real truth should become extinct? But the Infinite has planned otherwise. When man suffers enough from his own waywardness and ignorance— at the end, there is no other way out but to seek the Eternal. Human beings must change to suit the law, because the law does not change to suit human beings. Remember the story of the Prodigal Son.

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, and it is far from being accomplished yet. The only way to accomplish it is to make the supreme mystery of life the starting point of the child's education, instead of it being reserved as the last and final teaching before he dies.

In schools, we clutter and cram the mind of the child with much useless rubbish which he will never use. Children are forced to accept facts having no foundation in Truth, and the child becomes a sponge, an automaton and is no longer able to think except in terms of what it has had forced upon it. Proper culture would teach the truth of being and the culture of the mind. The mind would be trained to think on the plane of higher ideals which would bring wisdom and understanding and put kindness and happiness in their natural place. As polished materialism disappears from the face of the earth, so will the system of education that feeds it, disappear too. Culture is a sure foundation for the life of the people; not a narrow socialised bigoted culture, but an expansive culture that grows to include all nations and all peoples—not confined and limited to any group of people or society. Truth is not found between the covers of any book but in the heart of enlightened man himself.

Truth is freedom, expansion, completeness. Fearless understanding and love will give complete understanding between man and man, nation and nation, people and people. Go—find the truth everywhere, in the garden, the fields. See it in every man's eyes, in every living thing!

I deny you nothing! Neither dogma nor creed do I deny you; but I say, do not flounder in them, nor in philosophies either, for they are but a means to an end, not the end itself.

We must train the people to think and not do their thinking for them. Man must become his own emancipator. He has long enough been

cajoled and deceived by unscrupulous leaders.

Are we not today fed on propaganda? We swallow these mental pills, digest them, become automatons repeating the rote, and bringing destruction upon ourselves by our own inherent power. Man will not think for himself! He allows commerce, trade and intellectual greed to control him, and he becomes irresponsible. On the one hand he gives up his authority, he loses his individuality, he allows others to do his thinking for him spiritually; and on the other hand, he becomes like a wild beast fighting for his welfare and existence.

The “new order” itself is becoming just so much lip-service. As long as the people are held in subjection, that nation will degenerate; but if allowed and helped to think by leaders who understand the truth, that nation will become the nation to lead the whole world to the truth.

They will be the People of God—having no nation—yet a nation unto nations.

As Moses gathered the tribes together in the wilderness, so now, throughout a number of nations, are the People of God Set apart to lead all nations into the Truth.

The Mission to Israel by Moses opened with the declaration of the “I am” as the “*all embracing one*,” and this was the sacred name of God, given to Moses—“I am”—and there can be no other.

The only possible statement of the Divine is that of the present subjective Universal Being “I,” and the ever-present “am.” Then “I am” is the name of God.

So the first commandment is the announcement of the Divine Being as the *Infinite One*.

The Universal <i>I</i>		“I am <i>that</i> I am”
The ever-present <i>Am</i>		

Every time you say “I am” you mention the name of God—and this is the sacred word. Then your name is God but you do not know it!

How many times a day do you say it? How often do you realise its meaning? When one reflects within oneself the only power is the subjective “I,” and this is the starting-point within man; “am” confirms the report, and says, “yes, ‘I am’.”

Repeat the name of God to yourself often enough and you will find this tremendous power becoming a reality. The time will come when you will feel this great reality. It is beyond human description. It is our future growth to all Eternity.

That is why both Moses and Jesus assigned to it its supreme place. Jesus and Moses are the two great figures in the Bible, and their teachings are identical in nature. Moses proclaims the Eternal “I am,” and Jesus proclaims the personal identity of the great “I am,” and each appeals to the other.

Moses says: “O, my brethren shall the Lord raise up a prophet like unto me?” That was, that the prophet that was to come would duplicate Moses. And 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 not come to destroy the law of Moses but to fulfil the Law of the Prophets.” We understand Moses when we understand Jesus. We see the whole scheme operating through the Ancients, the Intelligence choosing its own channels for self-expression.

But to grasp the full meaning we will find the key to their utterances in our own hearts, and on our own lips, in the word “I am”—as I have already stated; and this must go deep within us to the Divine Universal Law of Living, which is written within us and of which Moses and Jesus were the greatest exponents.

The Mission of Moses was to build up a nationality that would be dependent of both time and country, and which should derive its solidarity from its recognition of the principle of the “One.” Its national being must be based upon its expanding realisation of the great central truth, and upon the guarding and developing of that truth; and for this, this nation must be consecrated.

It was in the children of the desert—the children of Israel that Moses found ready to hand the material which he needed— for these ancient wanderers had brought with them a simple belief in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and, although they had been four hundred years in Egypt, this belief had not been completely extinguished. Here, Moses formed the nucleus for his nation, into whose hands this great truth was to be entrusted—the Israelites. And so, he led forth this people on that



great symbolic march through the wilderness. The story is told in Exodus.

Now what is the wilderness symbolically?

It is the symbol of a barren place where no growth could be obtained.

He led them into a land that flowed with milk and honey.

Milk and honey are symbolical of spiritual food—a land filled with the bounties of God. This can only come about by the realisation of the Divine Spirit in man. The people whom he would lead were the people of God; and since God is, “I am,” this was the true name of that nation which was to be built upon the Eternal Truth of the One Life.

Now, the name Israel represents the trinity of mankind in three syllables, and carried a great meaning. The first is “Is”—pronounced as if you were drawing a breath—signifying the life-principle in action, and more particularly the individual life—the Mother.

The recognition of the individualisation of the Life-Principle formed the basis of the Assyrian worship. The syllable “Is,” also rendered as “Ish,” and “Ash,” gave rise to the worship under the plural name “Ashur,” and later formed that of the Egyptian Goddess “Isis.” A detailed record of these ancient religions is held intact in the great Sakya monastery in Tibet.

“Is” represents the feminine spiritual principle manifesting in humanity. Call it “Soul.” The second syllable “Ra” is the name of the Egyptian Sun God, and this represents the physical life, or the life-principle as represented in the body—the material. And the third “El” represents the Universal King. It is “The,” that is, the nameless one which includes in itself both male and female, and gives rise to them. Another use of the word is Al, Ale, or Ala (High) or Allah, which is designated the Supreme Being—pure spirit—as it is now the same as before it had individualised itself in the many.

Man, to attain liberty, must realise his three modes of being—the spiritual, the psychic, and the physical; or as the Bible expresses it, Spirit, Soul and Body.

He must know that these three are in himself and must recognise the source from which they spring. Therefore man is instructed into the

Kingdom of Heaven, which combines a three-fold recognition of himself, and of God, which is accurately represented by the combination of the three syllables “Is-ra-el” and unless these three are joined in one single unity “Israel” the recognition is not complete. It is here where most cults fail.

Many are based on mind alone and are not complete, yet gather many followers, eventually becoming even more dogmatic than some orthodox religions.

“Is” by itself realises only the psychic world, and results in sorcery and mental images.

“Ra,” by itself results in materialism. “El,” by itself corresponds only to some ever-ruling power, not understood by man, and this results in idolatry.

Jesus said to the woman at the well: “You are worshipping something you do not know; we are worshipping what we do know.”

Now this is just what is happening today. Most people are worshipping what they do not know.

“Israel awake! The Lord thy God is One Lord.”

“*Is*” represents the breath—the soul. “God breathed into man the breath of life and man became a living soul.”

“*Ra*” represents the sun—the material body.

“*El*” represents the Infinite Spirit in man.

So Israel represents mankind, and when you know the truth about the spoken word, you know that “I am” is the name of God.

“And the word was with God, and the word was God, and the word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us.”

“I am” is the word. *I* is always the power of the subjective self, when you know the truth about the sacred word, “I am.” Immediately you know this truth it leads you through Eternity. It is your future growth to Infinity.

The history of this people is dignified by a succession of Prophets that no other nation can claim. Yet Moses looked down the centuries, pointing only to one Prophet like unto himself; but we miss these most important parts of the Scripture on which the fuller understanding so

greatly depends. Just as we miss the point when we are told that man is made in the image and likeness of God, so we miss the point when we are told that this other Prophet, Jesus, is a prophet like unto Moses.

Therefore Jesus is the great Prophet sent unto the People of God, who are as leaven to the race or as yeast to the bread. Now we know what yeast does; so must the People of God do to the Race—for this is the purpose of Israel.

I am not going into the details of all the tribes of Israel; would not at the moment suit our purposes.

Although there are many Prophets between Moses and Jesus, Jesus is the only one like unto Moses.

But Jesus says, “Before Abraham, ‘I am’.” Now this is significant in itself. Jesus, then, is the Prophet who will re-establish the people of the “I am,” and these teachings are the forerunner of the great manifestation the Great Prophet himself the manifestation where it is said He will appear in the cloud.

Now there is nothing to prevent this happening, for those who understand the Law of the Heavens are well aware that the earth is but the footstool of the Almighty.

So we see how the whole scheme behind humanity originates in the Divine Intelligence, which chooses its own channels for self-expression.

“I and the Father are One.”

“If you believe me, you shall never see death.”

“I am the Life.”

These words are old, yet they, are ever new. When you know the truth of your own being, there is no going back; there is but a going-on to complete unfoldment, and as Jesus said, “You are the Light of the world.” “A town on top of a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp to put it under a bowl; they put it on a stand; and it shines for all in the house. So your light is to shine before men, that they may see the good you do and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Awareness of the Truth—your Oneness with life—lighteth the light that shineth in your own Temple.

“Then let your light shine before all men.”

## PART 4

### THE MESSAGE OF JESUS

#### Introduction.

Showing the relation of the Mission of Moses to the Message of Jesus.

Now, in turning to the teaching of Jesus, we find that He laid the foundation for the re-establishment of the People of God. His message was that of the “I am.” “Unless ye believe that ‘I am’ ye shall perish in your sins.” St. John 8: 24.

Jesus took up the work where Moses left off, and expanded Moses’ initial conception of a people founded upon the recognition of the unity of God, into its proper outcome of the conception of a people founded upon the recognition of the unity of man— as an expansion of the unity of God. This is the nucleus of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

Moses, no doubt, had this latter conception, otherwise he would not have spoken of the Prophet like unto himself, that should come thereafter.

This Prophet was to duplicate Moses; but more than that, to lead humanity further along the path towards its goal.

Moses foresaw the ages through which the work in its initial stages would mature before it could expand to humanity at large. And, as he looked down the ages, he could see how necessary it was for another Prophet, like unto himself, to carry on the great work which he had begun.

Jesus recognised clearly that He was the Prophet of whom Moses spoke.

We understand Moses when we understand Jesus.

It takes the teachings of both Moses and Jesus to make the complete teaching, for each is the complement of the other, and it is for this reason that Jesus came—“not to destroy the law, but to fulfil the law.” In this way, Jesus proved Himself to be the Prophet of whom Moses had spoken. He made the “I am” the foundation of his teaching. He places before men the same original and ultimate conception of Being, that Moses had done, but with a difference.

Moses elaborated it from the Universal point of view. Jesus elaborated it from the individual point of view and what a great point this is; it is a very strong and important point especially for the individual.

As Moses showed the “I am” in its universal state, so Jesus showed the same in its individual state. The impersonal became the personal.

“I am the Life. He that believeth in Me shall never see death.”

The work of Moses must necessarily precede the work of Jesus, for, if the Universal Mind Consciousness Being is not, in some measure, apprehended first, the individual mind cannot be apprehended as its image and likeness, and it is the awareness of this that is so important to us; it must become our reality, our “awareness.”

Therefore, Moses and Jesus are the two Great Prophets throughout the whole Bible. They stand out alone to give us the real key to our own being.

The task of Moses was to build up a nation, independent of time and country—a nation unto all nations—“Israel.” Therefore one nation was the official custodian of the great secret, to hold and mature it until the time was ripe for the formation of that great International nationality, which is only now beginning to show its first fruits and soon will sweep the whole world. All separateness will disappear; and the Oneness, the foundation of all people, will be made plain. Orthodoxy will die its natural death when the Truth is revealed to each individual.

Now we know the name “Is-ra-el” represents the Trinity in mankind, in three syllables, and carries a great meaning—

Is—soul (the psychic)

Ra—body (the material)

EI—Infinite Spirit.

Spirit, soul, and body—these three are one and not separate. Body is the vehicle of the soul. Soul is the vehicle of the spirit. Spirit is paramount, and gives rise to both of them, combined in a single unity, One—Israel; and this gives the true statement of being.

These are the People of God—born of the Spirit. “Unless ye be born again, ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” This time, born of the spirit, realising and recognising that you are already spiritual, and the flesh has no say in the matter.

Immediately you accept the Truth of Being—one source, and that is the Infinite source, you are born again. There is renewing of the mind and body; our true spiritual state will manifest through the physical when we realise it while in the mortal consciousness.

Moses gazes upon the phenomenon of the Burning Bush, which was not consumed by the fire, and from within, the voice spoke—“I am.”

The Bush represents the form. Fire represents the life in manifestation, and the Voice, “I am”—the Innermost Spirit—Consciousness. “I am” is the Consciousness of God and the same Consciousness in man.

When you repeat “I am,” you repeat the name of God. This name is your own name. “I am” is the great sacred secret word that people have been seeking through the ages. “No one knoweth it—yet it is on everyone's lips.”

Recognise and realise this great truth. It is fresh and new, always in the *now*; because whatever is of the Spirit is always new and fresh, although older than time. “I am before Abraham.”

The whole Bible is symbolical as well as historical.

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob represent the Spirit, Soul, and Body. You never hear of the seed of Isaac and Jacob, but you always hear of the seed of Abraham. Abraham is the spirit in man and represents the Father. Most people pray to something they do not know. They have no realisation of God. God is life, and this life is in you. This life is subjective and is automatic in nature. This subjective intelligence will bring forth what you tell it to. This is the law of your being and has been proved so often by the scientific exploration of the mind as well as by the individual experience.

You must remember that everything you realise external to yourself must become subjective in yourself, and this is done by yourself. It is your subjective self that has power. The objective or personal self has none. I, of Myself, am nothing; it is the Father within me that is doing the work. This subjective self is the Psychic. It is the Breath of Life or God in manifestation. “God breathed into man the breath of Life, and he became a living soul.” The conscious realisation of one’s spiritual state while in the physical brings the spiritual through to the physical. It is uniting the inner with the outer that gives the personality, the wisdom and the power. But the real is the spirit not the flesh, and this must be known otherwise it will lead to chaos. “If ye believe that ‘I am’ ye shall never see death.” The outer becomes the inner and the inner becomes the outer.

#### THE MESSAGE OF JESUS: “I AM THE LIFE.”

Now, going back to the first statement about man in Genesis—“Man is made in the image and likeness of God”—and the name of God is “I am.” It is quite evident what Jesus said. He showed that what was universal in God was Individual in man; and, as soon as we realise this, the veil is lifted, and the power shines from His instructions, which show us that it was no mere figure of speech when He said—“But anyone who drinks the water I shall give him will never thirst any more. The water that I shall give him will turn into a spring of water welling up to life eternal.”

The water that He spoke of was the Truth, the knowledge of man in his true spiritual state—one with the Father. The Master is so plain in everything He says; He does not put Himself forward but shows Himself as the Son of the Father; not separate but the Divine Expression of Eternal Life.

Jesus did not come to proclaim only His own Divinity but to proclaim the Divinity of man. He did not separate Himself from the Race, making Himself the great exception; but came to tell us of our own Divinity, and to show Himself as the great example the “I am,” reaching its full individual expression in man.

Theologians will try to make you believe that Jesus came to proclaim His own Divinity. What good would that do Humanity? He

came to show His own Divinity as one with humanity.

“I am the Son of God; ye are the Sons of God,” Jesus said, “The disciple, when he is perfected, shall be as his Master.” It is the Eternal “I am” reproducing itself in the individuality of man that Jesus proclaimed.

*“I am that I am.”*

In other words, I occupy exactly the place in the creative scheme which I think I occupy; and the thing asked for in its process of creation occupies a corresponding place.

“I am” becomes the most potent type of affirmation.

St. John 1: “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word *was* God. The same was with God in the very beginning. Through Him all existence came into being; no existence came into being apart from Him; in Him life lay, and this life was the light for men; amid the darkness, the light shone, but the darkness did not master it.”

“The real light, which enlightens every man was coming then into the world; He entered the world—the world which existed through Him—yet the world did not recognise Him; He came to what was His own, yet *HIS OWN FOLK did not welcome Him.*”

“On those who have accepted Him, however, He has conferred the right of being children of God; that is, on those who believe in His name, who owe this birth of theirs to God, not to human blood, nor to any impulse of flesh or of man.” (Note the statement: “His own Folk did not welcome him”—humanity.)

“And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.” The Christ, the only Son of God; and when we see the truth of the Christ we know there is but one Christ, that which is in us, our life, our oneness and the oneness of life in all.

“For we have all been receiving grace after grace from His fullness; while the law was given through Moses, grace and reality are ours through Jesus Christ. Nobody has ever seen God, but God has been unfolded by the Divine One, the only Son who lies upon the Father’s breast.” We must also lie on the Father’s breast in the fullness of our life, in living now, the Christ life.



We are all of the same life—all one—and the Mighty Intelligence is expressing itself through us all, but it had to express itself through One in the Absolute, to lead the way—“The Son, who lies upon the Father’s breast.” This is the First;—having complete awareness—knowing the truth from the beginning; the complete and perfect expression of the Intelligence.

“And the word was with God, and the word *was* God, and the word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us.”

This is the word “I am,” “I am that I am,” so the Prophets knew through the ages the eternal secret.

Now will you know surely that the name of God is I am— “I am” has been made flesh. *I am now—I am always*. Now “I shall know as I am known.” Jesus said: “He who is greatest amongst you is the servant of all,” thus revealing the Father as the perfect giver.

Jesus was the greatest of the race, yet He did not vaunt himself and make himself different from other men. “If thou wouldst attain to wisdom thou must be humble and be humbler still when thou hast mastered wisdom.” He, thereby, proved Himself to be the Christ. If He had done otherwise, it would have been impossible for Him to give full expression to His own Divinity.

God—is the Father of all.

Christ—The Individualised Spirit in man.

Jesus—The first complete Expression—the Complete Intelligence expressed through One, as an example for others to follow.

Jesus, in the Sonship degree, speaks with authority from the Fatherhood degree.

Jesus came and proved this great truth, “I and the Father are One.” “I am the Life.”

Jesus did not say He was different from other men. He came to show man’s own divinity. “Unless ye believe that I am;” telling you to realise your own Divinity or you will not find this Eternal Life. *You* must do it. Fulfil the word “I am” with your whole being! Then you will know what is meant by “I am *that* I am.” This is the awareness: having no limitation, expanding into Infinity.

The majority of people talk so glibly about that which is “within”—if you ask them what they mean, they will say “God.” Pursue it a bit further and you will find that this thing they talk about is but an image they have created in their mind about God. They talk about this “thing” which is “within” as if it were something apart from themselves, something separate and distinct. If this is so then this “thing” is worthless, and has no power, no more power than an “image” which has no power of its own. It is but phenomena, relative, and must remain as such. “Thou shalt not have an image before Me.”

Those who are in this stage are almost in the same position as those who know nothing about it. But when you know you are the individualisation of the Infinite Spirit and know this to be yourself and become aware of it, then this awareness is the *awareness* of your awareness, which is the only reality and is the only thing that has awareness, and is the “*awareness*” itself because nothing else has awareness only Infinite Life Consciousness. This is the eternal problem that eludes the Intellectuals, yet it is the wisdom of the Gods. The minds of the majority of people are so clogged with “images” that the awareness is submerged, and the task is to free the awareness from the images that surround it. These images are the prison walls that most people create for themselves, therefore limiting themselves. The only escape is to drop all images; yet few have the capacity and courage to do so, though it must be done before freedom comes.

When we try to free some people from their images, they begin immediately to create more images, so they create an image of themselves as this or that, according to what they have learned or believed! Thus the vicious circle is created and they are forever confused. It is that which creates the image that is real and has awareness and not the image. Images change because of their nature and the point is lost again. It is not by images that the awareness is obtained but through the realisation and recognition of Infinite Life as yourself. Being *aware* is your *awareness*; it is the creative Power behind all things, including your thoughts. When you analyse anything external to yourself or thoughts in your mind, you create images about them, but these things and the images you create are relative to “you” which is Reality. These images

remain in the mind but they do not bind you if you are ready to change them at any time when new knowledge is obtained. But these images have no power of their own, and never will have except the power you give them by believing in them, and they will in time dissolve away to be forgotten. But you who create them remain to create more and more images and can go on analysing and creating throughout eternity. That which analyses cannot analyse itself; it can only realise that *It is*, or recognise *that It is*, not *what It is*—only know it to be the Infinite Creative Power having no limitation; this is the secret of the God-man. Become aware of your awareness. It is not an image of yourself but *the realisation of yourself knowing yourself* to be: this is the only awareness and is the God Consciousness. This awareness is partner with the mighty Intelligence, in fact is never separate from it. Also be aware of this Intelligence as the active partner who knows all things and is infallible and unfathomable; reveals all it knows to the awareness (yourself); and it fulfils the directions of the awareness which is the will; you have the great power of the Universe ready at your call at all times when you are thus aware.

Jesus performed his miracles by this “awareness”—“I and the Father are One.”

No one knows what electricity is, but we know how to use it and this power which we call electricity and which we use so much and sometimes abuse, responds to known laws and follow these laws in operation constructively or destructively, according to the use we make of them. Thus we learn to use the laws for our own benefit; when we switch on the light we expect a light. In fact electricity is but Intelligence in action which is automatic in nature and responds to the law of direction. We need to understand the Laws of Life so that this mighty force, the intelligence which our awareness or Consciousness directs, shall be directed to fulfil the constructive ideas in Life. The Intelligence or the awareness cannot be destroyed or limited, but the mechanism that the Consciousness and Intelligence has created and used for its own expression can be dissolved away, yet the Intelligence with its experience remains intact within itself. We now see that this Intelligence is automatic

and acts according to the direction of the Consciousness—or a better word—“awareness.”

The difference between awareness and faith seems very little, but in fact they are vastly different. Faith is a belief in something, while awareness is a knowing of that thing; one has a negative aspect while the other has not.

When you are fully aware of anything, the Intelligence automatically out-pictures it. Yet the form or the image can be destroyed, but the awareness that created it remains intact, and is the eternal reality which is yourself, your real self, not an image of yourself in your mind, but an awareness! Can you now realise your Awareness? The mind must be still, then you can become aware of your awareness. I could go on till doomsday explaining this. The simplicity of it escapes those who have developed the intellect at the expense of the self. That which is behind creation is the reality; in knowing this lies the power to heal, the power to direct and control. The power of the Universe is behind the awareness. Complete awareness is Divine faith plus the knowing nothing can move this faith.

Care must be taken not to be side-tracked by phenomena, even spiritualistic phenomena which is sometimes doubtful. It is not the final reality. Reality is not bound or limited by images of the human mind, but directs and controls the human mind and brain, and uses it for its own self expression. This self is *you*, your real self when *you* are aware of it. One must not worry about it. That is even worse than creating an image of it. See the “not I” things, as external to yourself and analyse them. Anything that you can analyse is not the self. The self analyses things external to itself; that which analyses is the analyser, not the analysed. One cannot analyse the true self; you can only analyse your reactions and images.

When the Infinite awareness is known as one with the self, external things no longer become part of the self or affect the self.

Conflicts, complexes and images in the mind are powerless in themselves, the only power they have is that which we give them. The real self expresses itself in Love, Wisdom and Power, and has no reaction

but is capable of solving all problems and reactions from an impersonal point of view.

This is the Master—

“I am the Life.”

Jesus, when asked which was the chief of all the commandments replied—“The chief one is ‘Hear O Israel! The Lord thy God is one Lord, and 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.”

When you know the truth of “I am” which is God, then you will know that the great Individuality of the Universal self has individualised itself in you. The simplicity of the “I am” is so enormous, because it is on your lips every moment, yet few can comprehend it, neither is its power revealed till it is understood.

As “I am” is the name of God, and everyone says “I am,” but says the name of God unconsciously, God must be in every one, but few know it; God alone lives, my living is proof that He lives in me. This is a proof of the Divine spirit in man, yet we limit ourselves by our own conceptions of ourselves. The proof that God lives in me, is, that I live, for God alone is Life and is my life too.

To become universal in Spirit, you must become as universal as the expression of the Spirit. You are one with the Angels in Heaven, and with the lowest creature on earth. By uniting these in yourself you do not vaunt yourself or destroy your identity; but you become one with Life itself, in the greatest and smallest of its expression and in all its expression. This is living humbly yet positively always.

The power of God in man does not become a power until it is realised and recognised; then it becomes a power indeed. In the inner realms of your own being you can contact this power, and use it, if you realise and recognise it.

When a person says *I am* in the ordinary way, *in mind*, it is of little value. To comprehend its real meaning you have to *feel* from the very depths of your being. When it is used in this way, it brings into operation the Great Infinite Power. The “I am” is the point through which the

Infinite expresses Himself in man, and it is the point in man through which he expresses the Infinite, but to be a reality, man must realise it fully.

All is concentrated into one point and expresses itself in the individual. When the individual becomes *aware* of that, he begins expansion into the whole. There is only *one life*; but because we are incarnated in the physical body, we do not recognise the power inherent in our being. It is dulled by the material vibrations to which we are reacting, and, until we realise that these material vibrations have no power outside ourselves, we limit this Divine Power by our reactions; but this is but an illusion in our own minds. We fear the images we ourselves create, and thus lose our identity “I am.”

#### THE TRUTH OF BEING AND THE LAW OF CAUSE AND EFFECT

This teaching gives you the freedom of life, and all you have to do is to accept it and apply it. The universal plan brings into operation the Law of Cause and Effect.

We create causes and effects by our own power. The Subjective Entity is the power and alone gives power to any idea that arises in the mind in regard to external things. If these ideas are erroneous, then they out-picture the same erroneous conditions, because the outer self is the reflection of the subjective self; and here the vicious circle begins—people living in secondary causes.

Suggestion has proved that man reproduces exactly what he believes. When he suggests to himself weakness, he finds his subjective self reflects this back to the surface; consequently, he reaps what he sows. When we deeply discern the cause of our chaotic conditions we will find it is our reaction to the external illusions which are caused by ourselves through lack of understanding.

“Whatsoever ye believe ye have received ye shall have.” This quotation is surely old enough but to most people it is just a platitude. They do not *believe* it is true, and this is what fools them—they are fooled through their own disbelief and ignorance.

Man is born into a world of ignorance, perpetuated by the Race. This is why he is born in sin. Immediately he accepts the truth, and becomes the son of God, he is at once freed from all sin through acting like the Son of God. “Thy sins are forgiven thee; go and sin no more.” This requires awareness of action and reaction; of anger, hate, jealousy, greed, vanity and desire. When we become aware of the cause within ourselves, our thought-action changes and we become freed from those things. We are no longer caught in their net; there is an awareness of Reality. There is awareness of completeness when we begin to see that which *is real* and that which is not real; our cravings and desires dissolve away and with them goes conflict, sorrow and limitation.

The Bible starts with One and ends with One, and this is the Truth of Being. “I live because God lives in me.”

Jesus showed that the “I am” is as much the correct statement for man as it is for God—“I am the Life.”

When a person becomes aware of his eternal existence in the Infinite, he knows that the Infinite is the only source of his being. This is the liberty of life; but we build prison-walls around ourselves by our limited conceptions, and no one can break these down but ourselves. Therefore, freedom comes from within, not from without.

Because of the reproduction of the Divine faculty in man, he is bound to externalise in himself and in his circumstances that which he believes to be true. This follows as night follows day—therefore “Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”

These are the instructions the Master gave. To become perfect, it is necessary that you do the will of the Father, and that the will of the Father is done in you. “He who is the servant of all is the greatest among you.” The Father’s will is done in you and no one has power to undo it, for He is the Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent Being. It is not what you can know that counts, but what you can do; it is action that is required—right thought-action actualising externally the Truth through doing.

The only salvation for mankind is to accept this truth of His being. He who drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. The

water that I shall give him will be as a well of water springing up to everlasting life.

Man then takes hold of the Tree of Life, and thus regains his true spiritual state; he becomes God's Son once more and knows his own being. This one truth can be told throughout eternity, and never told the same way twice. The more often it is told the greater it becomes—this is unfoldment.

It is for man's salvation that the Bible was written by the Prophets. No other single book is so full of wisdom. Yet no one reads it as it should be read—as a book of wisdom. People take the Bible to church and after hearing the most diabolical harangue of words that have no meaning, it is put back on the shelf again. No wonder it is left on the shelf! If the beauty of the Bible were revealed every person would read it daily.

#### MAN'S TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW

So, we see how those blind to the great Truth become leaders of the blind, and they all stumble and fall. The self-evident law of creative power in man causes man to fall, because he fails to recognize the truth. "I am the Lord Thy God." "The Lord, Thy God in the midst of thee is Mighty."

The statement in Genesis, "Let us make man in our own image and likeness, with mastery over everything"—means exactly what it says; but most people will say it means something else. Jesus said in effect—"Make this recognition the centre of your life, and you have tapped the source of everlasting life; but refuse to believe it and you will die in your sins."

But, as some narrow-minded ecclesiastics promise you Divine vengeance for daring to question their theological formula, man has been chained by the ignorant theologians who already had chained themselves. The theologians promise you Divine vengeance if you do not adhere to their ritual.

Whence cometh the Divine vengeance? Not from God!

Man brings upon himself his own vengeance by the Divine Law of his own being. As he sows so he reaps.



Jesus chastised the theologians for their ranting rote. He saw how the people were bound by a religion that did not give man liberty of life, but bound him by creeds, dogmas and forms. It is the same today, even if the chains are golden—yes, they may be studded with diamonds and rubies and sparkling with precious jewels, but they bind you just the same.

Truth has a sure foundation while words have none: and this truth is deep in the foundations of our being. It is the failure to realise this truth of being in ourselves—the refusal to believe the “I am,” which must necessarily cause us to perish in our sins.

It is not a theological vengeance, but the immutable law of nature, that Cause and Effect is within ourselves. To live at all, we must primarily live in ourselves; no one can live for us; we can never get away from being the centre of our own world.

There could be no objective in life without a subjective entity to receive the perceptions which the objective faculties convey to it; and since that receiving entity is ourselves, and whatever we believe does, in fact, exist, as far as we are concerned, then, although our beliefs may be erroneous, nevertheless they will exist, just as we believe. We are the creators of our own world with all its wars, strife, disease and misery.

The Law of Cause and Effect cannot be altered to suit mankind. To live in perpetual bliss we must discern our actions and reactions, and the causes and motives in our own thought. Then we will become aware of the Cause and Effect of action. This is not negative self-analysis but awareness of thought-action. Psycho-analysis is death, awareness is life, analysis deals with the past and the future; awareness deals with the present always.

This subjective entity is the builder of the body, and our reaction to things external, becomes our internal action, which out-pictures itself. Therefore we must be ever watchful. As soon as we realise the Truth, that we are the image and likeness of God, we find the same Creative power within ourselves—and this, alone, is the origin of everything. This the Master promises would set us free.

Until we can pierce behind the veil of outward appearances, and see the truth—that we are the reproduction of that Divine Creative Spirit of God Himself—man’s modes of thought are bound to externalise

themselves in his body and circumstances. The Perfect always is! We do not have to produce it. God does that; we mostly prevent it by our negative attitudes in life generally.

The Master's words were: "I do the will of the Father; the Father's will is done in me." This gives man the right to that perfect happiness which is promised to mankind, when he listens to the voice of God; that is the silent voice in man himself, that always guides aright, when he seeks it.

The Hymn "Lead Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on," shows that the inspiration from within is the only guide to our true happiness.

The Bible is a book that essentially guides us along this path, when we can read it. It shows definitely that the "I am" is as much the correct formula for man as for God; but if we do not make this the centre of our belief we perish in our sins. We perish in our ignorance because we do not discern; we imitate in a world of confusion.

The Bible defines "sin" as the "Transgression of the Law," and Jesus warns us that, by transgressing the Law of our being, we shall die. This does not mean complete extinction. It means that man shall fear and experience death because he is unaware of his *Eternal Existence*; and as he believes in death, he will experience the darkness that he himself created. This ignorance is the self-created prison.

It is not the Everlasting damnation of the Western creeds; this has no foundation in truth. One is not toasted in Hell on a toasting-fork. The idea is so palpably ridiculous that even the simplest mind should know that it is untrue; yet, it is expounded by those who are supposed to be the leaders in our intellectual life. Man makes his own Hell here on earth—he will surely reap what he sows. I once heard a priest tell a class of boys of the bottomless pit filled with brimstone and fire. I watched a little fellow twisting all this round in his mind and at last he asked: "Please, sir, how could a bottomless pit be filled with anything?"

Heaven and Hell are states of Consciousness. One is Harmony, and the other is Disharmony.

Jesus said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." The Kingdom of Hell is made by ourselves. When one passes out of the physical, one

enters a spiritual world, and even there truth and error still exist side by side until the Absolute Truth is revealed.

When you leave the physical body, you are just the same five minutes after, as you were before. All that has happened is that you are out of the gross conditions of matter. It is what is in your mind that counts, because one can be just as miserable out of the body as in it unless one knows the Truth.

The fog must be cleared from the mind, so that the clear vision can be seen. It was to those people, in the psychic world, that Jesus went—during the period between His leaving the body on the cross and His resurrection. He taught the souls who had passed out of their bodies, as far back as the Deluge— persons who were still in the dark, owing to their transgressions of the law of their own being.

People who delve in the psychic world alone, get lost in phenomena and images. One who lives in mind alone becomes intellectual. It is an extraordinary thing that many intellectual people, today, are steeped in idolatry. They listen to preachers preaching intellectual nonsense, which blinds them to the truth. There is no truth in intellectual nonsense; one must separate head-learning from soul-wisdom, the eye from the heart doctrine.

This intellectuality has been the fall of man. He believes the images he creates to be true; but they are often entirely false and become conflicts and complexes—images in the mind; but when he knows that the image has no power except the power he gives it, he is free from its effects.

Intellect can never give you the knowing of the spirit, except as you feel it within yourselves. It is the feeling, the knowing;— *that deep knowing*, that awareness, that wholeness, when one no longer cares for *things*; there is a completeness that gives freedom and happiness.

When man becomes aware of his real self, he can control his mind, the psychic world, and the physical, too. But so long as we limit the *I am* within ourselves, to the narrow boundaries of conditions in which we are involved, we shall never know the truth of being. We must know it in its true nature now, as it is unfettered—now and always—as it was in the beginning—the *One* out of which all things have been created.

The transgression of which Jesus speaks is the transgression of the Law of the “I am” in ourselves and the non-recognition of the fact that we are the image and likeness of God.

This is the old original sin of Eve. It is the belief in evil as a substantial self-originating power. We believe ourselves under the control of all sorts of evil, having its climax in Death, and we crave immortality; but when we know we are immortal, this craving ceases and there is peace, love and understanding.

But whence does evil get its power? Not from God—for no destruction of life can come from the Fountain of Life; and as it does not come from God, from where else can it come? God is the *only Being*.

There is but One Being, and this Being is our Being, and is in us. Evil may have a relative existence, but it has no substantial existence of its own. It is but man’s action and reaction in error, through lack of understanding and awareness.

Darkness is but the absence of light. Ignorance is but the absence of Wisdom. Evil is but the absence of Good. We mistake the Law of Transition for evil, not knowing the Law of Change, as explained in the Chapter “The Fall of Man.”

God, the only One, is good, and is the only Power; so evil is a negation, and has no foundation. The Master said: “Resist not evil.”

When we recognise it as a power we give it power—but that is the only power it has; so Eve (the soul) falls, and takes Adam (the body) with her.

I explained in the last chapter, the Teaching in the Bible of “*The One*,” and the statement of the “I am,” as the foundation of Eternal Life and Liberty. So then, the transgression is the supposing that there is, or can be, any living originating power outside the “I am.” When we once see that this is impossible, and, if followed, that evil has no more power over us, we cease to react to it, then we are free from it. We no longer eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. But so long as we limit the “I am” in us to the narrow boundaries of the relative and conditioned, and do not realise that, personified in ourselves, it must by its very nature still be as unfettered as when acting in the first Creator of the Universe—so long as we thus limit the *Being* in ourselves, we shall

never pass beyond the law of Death which we thus impose upon ourselves.

It was this perfect freedom of Eternal Life within man himself that the Master came to show, but the people did not understand. As Moses showed it in the Universal State, Jesus showed it in the Individual State. "I am the life. He that believeth in Me shall never see death."

Moses sees the Universal state of the Great "I am," and Jesus proves the Individual State of the same "I am" in man.

One must be comprehended with the other to see its beauty and completeness. Jesus took up the work where Moses left off. His work was the establishment of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. But does man believe in it or live it today? If he does, it is but lip service, for he does not act it out in life, for he lives in a world of his own creation, continually adding to it through his belief in it, a world of competition, of strife, war and misery, created by his selfishness.

#### EVOLUTIONARY FORCES

The Scriptures are the fulfilment of the Divine Law, for the purpose of leading humanity to the goal of perfection. When the task is a great one dealing with humanity as a whole, the Infinite works through certain channels, both on this earth and in the world above. They are joined together, co-operating in the work of the Spirit. The Divine Intelligence is always expressing itself in leadership—through certain channels that it chooses for the purpose.

So the Infinite came into perfect manifestation and expression through One, retaining its first Spiritual State, knowing the Truth from the beginning, the Infinite leading the way, revealing the Truth of Being. This is the Christ, the Son of God, co-operating with the Perfection of the Father, through thought and action which is seen as Divine Love.

The Christ, in Himself, had all the gifts of the Spirit: the gifts of prophecy, teaching, healing, clairvoyance, clairaudience, mercy and all the other attributes.

The Apostles also had gifts, sometimes one, two or more. They were also exponents of the Christ principles in man. But the fullness of the Christ comes only when man's whole being is transformed through

complete awareness, his oneness with the Father. The Father's will is done in me, I do the Father's will.

It is but few who lead the way, the crowd coming along very much lagging behind, because they are still bound by ignorance and social distinction, creed and dogma, materialism and tradition, incapable of discerning action and reaction, Cause and Effect, living in a world of illusion.

Most people do not know who or what they are, or where they are going; they are like sheep unable to think for themselves; slaves to their instincts and emotions and desires, controlled and cajoled by the ideas and traditions of nations and individuals. They are the mob lacking in individuality. It seems that the only hope for them is through the way of evolution. They are moved by mass psychology; like sheep they are driven to the slaughter, unable to comprehend what it is all about, led by leaders as blind as themselves. This is what is happening to humanity today; there is confusion of thought; few know whether they are going or coming. Few can discern the way. Hence the clanging and banging of war, and the din of social problems that is heard all over the world—and what a noise it is! Yet the acceptance of the Truth would free man from all his self-imposed miseries; by seeing the cause within himself and eliminating it.

Some even say that war is necessary and that Divine Love and Justice is a myth. If the whole of civilisation took this view, civilisation would be extinct in a half-a-century.

When Jesus looked down the ages, He saw what man was creating for himself; He knew what the world would bring upon itself, because man could not discern the Law. The Law does not change for man; man must abide by the Law of Love and Life to have peace and security. Cause and Effect are one; according to the kind of Tree so shall the fruit be.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all else shall be added unto you.”

Man is eventually forced into the Stream of Evolution; he cannot evade it. But man can relieve himself of the turmoil of war and misery if he will only accept the Truth—for Cause and Effect is within himself.

War is the result of our attitude towards our fellow-men; we are always at war—so-called peace-time is but war which culminates in murder and killing. In our daily life we are aggressive, self-seeking, vengeful, competitive and greedy. Intellectually and emotionally we are limited and influenced by the past with all its ignorant traditions. This must produce hatreds, antagonisms; we are not capable of deep discernment because of our attachment to things, creeds, ideas of the past and present. We are no longer capable of proper thought-action. We separate the world into races, nationalities, religions and classes; then we think in terms to suit ourselves.

The Master knew what would happen to humanity (just as the shepherd people knew, in the time of Ancient Egypt) because of the People's wilfulness, notwithstanding that which the other Prophets had said—Prophets such as Isaiah, Daniel and Ezekiel. Jesus was looking down the ages, just as Moses had done. He saw the direction in which humanity was heading, and realised that even the Israelites themselves, who were given the Truth to reverence and sustain, were disregarding it.

So we read in Mark, Chapter 13: "And as He went out of the Temple, one of His disciples said to Him, 'Look, teacher, what a size these stones and buildings are.' Jesus said to him, 'You see these great buildings? Not a stone shall be left on another without being torn down.' And as He sat on the Hill of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James, and John and Andrew asked Him in private, 'Tell us, when is this to happen? What will be the sign for all this to be accomplished?'" So Jesus began, 'Take care that no one misleads you—many will come in my name, saying "I am he" and mislead many. When you hear of wars and rumours of war, do not be alarmed; these have to come, but it is not the end yet. For nation will rise against nation, and realm against realm; there will be earthquakes here and there and famines too. That is but the beginning of the trouble.'

'Brother will betray brother to death, the father will betray his child, children will rise against their parents, and put them to death, and you will be hated by all men on account of My name; but he will be saved, who holds on to the very end.' "

“Had not the Lord cut short those days, not a soul would be saved alive; but He has cut them short for the sake of the elect, whom He has chosen.”

“If anyone tells you at that time, ‘Look, here is the Christ’ or Look, there He is,’ do not believe it, for false Christ’s and false prophets will rise and perform signs and wonders to mislead even the elect, if they can. Now take you care! I am telling you of it all beforehand.”

“But when that misery is past, in those days, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not yield her light; the stars will drop from heaven, and the orbs of the heavens will be shaken. Then shall be seen the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, and He will then despatch his angels and muster the elect from the four winds, from the verge of earth, to the verge of Heaven.”

“Let the fig tree teach you a parable. As soon as its branches turn soft, and put out leaves, you know summer is at hand; so whenever you see this happen, you may be sure that He is at hand, at the very door.”

“I tell you truly, the present generation will not pass away till all this happens. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words never! Now no one knows anything of that day or hour, not even the angels in Heaven; not even the Son, but only the Father.”

The whole of the conditions of humanity, from ages past, is being expressed in this one generation. The Master meant *this* generation; the generation when these things were happening. This generation will not pass till this is fulfilled. In fact, we have seen a great deal of its fulfilment up to now.

The “Karma” dormant in the race for over 2,000 years becomes active now; that section of the race responsible for the death of Christ must seek their redemption through Him now. What would, in the ordinary way, take 500 years to out-picture will be concentrated into the next ten years. Why is this? Because we are entering into a new sphere of activity—a new sphere of action, that brings this planet into a higher rate of evolutionary vibration.

There is the greater Zodiac, the greater cycle through which this universe is moving; we find it takes 2,100 years for this earth to pass through one of the twelve particular signs.



We are flowing into a higher vibration; everything is quickened; that which is determined for two thousand years is brought into action now and completed.

When we look back, we see how short is the period during which all our present wonderful inventions have been made—inventions such as wireless, radio, flying, television, telegraphy, and a host of others. Consider the recent short period of advancement compared with hundreds of years past.

During the next few years, we are bound to see a great advancement in science, some of which will no doubt be turned to the destruction of mankind, rather than to the upliftment of mankind. Here again, the intellect is being used, without the guidance of the Spirit. Everywhere today we see chaos, war, destructions, misery, hate, anger, jealousy, greed. Man is going more and more into a senseless state of stupidity, through his own action and reaction to a world of effects. He is still eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; he will not mend his ways yet.

Even this war is not enough to make him do so; but the time is coming when he will call out for help, and that cry will not be disregarded. As soon as man turns towards the Father he finds him a Loving Father, waiting with outstretched arms. But man must ask in faith with never a doubt. Stretch forth thine hand and take hold of the Tree of Life. This is man's salvation.

Most people are dazed and hypnotised by outside conditions and by their mental reactions in a world of illusions; they limit and confuse themselves. By the inherent power within their being, they create the vicious circle. So man must be raised up out of these conditions by realising his own Divinity and Mastery through Divine understanding and love.

The Master talked to His disciples of those things, for He knew that they would be in the world when these things were happening.

The Holy Spirit is working through disciples throughout the world. These spiritual forces are operating in our midst.

It is not the leading commercial magnates, leading theologians and political junkers that will lead the people but those humble in the Truth

and who can discern the way of Truth.

“Blessed are the Humble for they shall inherit the Earth.”

Man has to forgo all earthly things before he can realise heavenly things. Therefore, how can those bound by the earth and by ritual and form ever be able to lead the people into the Truth of their own Spiritual life?

The Spiritual man is humble, but positive. In fact, he is the most positive being there is. There is no negativeness about him, because he knows the Truth of Being.

To be powerful positively, one must be humble. Work quietly, diligently, knowing in your heart that the spirit of Truth shall speak through you. Try it. Take no heed what you shall say. At that moment it shall be given to you.

When we know the Truth, that we are One with the Father, we can call upon Him for all our aid.

“I have only to ask, and legions will be sent to mine aid.”

Man’s inward poverty makes him look for things external to himself, such as position and social standing, and all the things that the ignorant man cherishes, yet his poverty still remains; so the vicious circle is created and man’s own destruction is inevitable.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all things shall be added unto you.” “The Kingdom of Heaven is within you”—not outside where most people seek.

When one enters into the higher state of Consciousness, one knows more of God and His love, and is therefore more responsible to the Law of Love, thereby becoming a channel for loving service to humanity.

Eventually mankind will crave for the Truth, and there will always be disciples in the world who will reveal the Truth; they are not bound and limited by any Denomination or creed, but are free; the only authority they have is the God within and they reveal His glory so that others may see the Light.

“And then shall He send His Angels, and shall gather together His elect, from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth, to the uttermost part of Heaven.”

Ethereal manifestations will take place which will reveal the Truth to mankind. The hearts and minds of men and women must accept the Christ Spirit; then they will find it within themselves. If they actually see that there is no death—if those whom they knew on earth, and who have passed on—reveal themselves, then they will know within themselves that they have the same inherent power of Eternal Life: thus man will leave earthly things and cling to Heavenly things.

The salvation of man is the truth of his own Being; it is the only saving grace for Humanity. Not until such time as man recognises his own inner life, will he be master of his conditions.

The Principle of Life is the Freedom of Life; therefore it is necessary that we should know our Divine Birthright to be free.

A detailed record of ancient religions is held intact in Tibet; it reveals the Truth right back to antiquity, and shows how it has been held intact, and eventually blossoms forth again. It is like the seed of its kind replanted in the ground that gives forth its fruit.

The Truth of the Brotherhood of Man is just beginning to show forth its tiniest blossom, hardly yet piercing the mind of man. But I say it is still the purpose of the Christ to fulfil this final purpose of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and this purpose will be fulfilled, for that which *is*, *must be*.

The Master is one with the rest of humanity, only He may be compared to the flower in the garden that blooms first. He remains in the garden with His brothers and sisters until they all bloom. “I shall be with you all days even until the end of the world.”

When humanity realises the Truth of its own Being, disregarding creeds and dogmas, and all limited forms of religion, then there will be One Truth, One religion, One People of God, which will lead all nations into the Oneness of all Life.

Jesus said in St. John 10: 16: “I have other sheep which do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, they will listen to My voice, so that it will be *one* flock and *one* shepherd.”

We are coming nearer and nearer to the great Truth that we are Spiritual Beings, and not Physical Beings. The flesh has no say. When

you understand the real Truth of Life itself, you will know that there is no death; that life and love is the perfectness of the Eternal Christ.

Man leaves the physical body and functions in an ethereal body which he already has. Ether is the basis of matter. We find that matter dissolves back into ether; the physical body is the counterpart of the etheric body; the etheric body interpenetrates and supports the physical.

The etheric state is a more spiritual state. We must become *aware*, and realise the great Truth that we are Spiritual Beings now, while in the Physical Plane, knowing who is the conqueror. The Body has no power of its own.

“For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Jesus showed this definitely through the Cross.

There is some confusion about the story of Jesus on the Cross. “Father why hast Thou forsaken me?” It was not a personal thing that happened on the Cross; it was universal.

We read in the New Testament:

“When Jesus saw His Mother and His favourite disciple standing near, He said to His Mother, ‘Woman, there is your son,’ Then He said to the disciple, ‘And there is your Mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her to his home. After that, as Jesus knew that his mission then was finished, he said (to fulfil the scripture): ‘I am thirsty.’ A jug full of vinegar was lying there, so they put a sponge full of vinegar on a spear and held it to his lips. When Jesus took the vinegar He said, ‘It is finished.’” The bitter part of His great mission for Humanity was over, the greater was to come.

Jesus left His Body consciously. Those who have practised Krishna yogi know this to be true; the Krishna yogi can leave his body at will and return at will. He has the power of astral projection, helping (unseen) those who are working for humanity today.

Jesus fulfilled the task he had come to do. It was necessary for him to leave, otherwise the disciples could not realise the completeness of their own Divinity, or believe the reality of the Truth of the resurrection; also the world needed the Truth of Everlasting life to save it. He went so

that the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth itself would come upon the disciples and upon the world.

It was the out-picturing of the Divine Law, for the purpose of leading humanity to the understanding of the Life Eternal. "I am the Life. He that believeth in Me, shall never see death."

When you know the Infinite Love, you will endure to the end,—even the very cross itself. Nothing is too difficult; in fact, there are no difficulties for those who know. These are but stepping stones. The soul must pass through the fire itself, to be able to withstand the fire.

The Master typified the natural Spiritual man. If Jesus had not overcome the world, how could He be able to show others the way, as He did by example? But He overcame all things— even the Cross. He drank the bitterness of life and overcame all, by the glory and power of God, for the fulfilment of the Divine Law for all to see. "Let the mind be in us as was in Jesus Christ." When a seed is planted in the ground it is surrounded by earth and darkness. It has to overcome the conditions of darkness, to reach the light. Unless it were buried in the earth, it could not grow. The conditions which surround and oppose it are its means of growth.

It is the same with your soul; the Dark conditions, and apparent obstacles, are its means of growth.

When you encounter sorrow and difficulties, greet them with pure joy and recognise them as experiences, whereby you may strengthen your soul, that it may grow and rise towards the Light. The deeper the darkness, the more brilliant the light. The deeper your feeling of sorrow, the greater will be your joy. Joy and Love *must* be fulfilled; it is the final enactment. The nearer you rise to the source of your own being, the more do you realise the Infinite Love, and Joy is its very essence.

There is no greater power than the deep feeling of the soul who knows the Truth of his own being, that he is the expression of Infinite Divine Love. That soul will show the way by example, as did the Master.

Yes! and when you overcome all by the power of Infinite Love, then you will understand humanity in all its phases, its joys and sorrows because you have overcome the world through love.

As the flower rises from the seed, so does the resurrection body rise from the physical, leaving behind the husk which it no longer needs.

*“The God who made the world, and all things in it, He, as Lord of Heaven and Earth, does not dwell in shrines that are made by human hands.”*

*Loving Father, I am Thy Holy Temple, Thy perfect dwelling-place, from which radiates Thy Love, Wisdom and Power to all Thy children.*

Most people do not know that the body is the Holy Temple, the Temple of the Living God, of which Jesus said: “I shall build it in three days.” They thought He meant the Temple of Jerusalem; but that was nothing to the Temple of the Living God.

The truth that Jesus revealed is:

#### “THE CHRIST IS RISEN”

Man believed that death was the end for him, but that barrier was created by man himself; the Race had done it.

This was the cloud of ignorance that Jesus broke by returning and showing Himself. He showed that there was no death. Death was man’s ignorance of the Truth of Eternal Life. But ignorance dies hard, and man would not believe it; so Jesus took upon Himself the burden of our greatest sin, “our unbelief.” Some say, “No one has ever come back,” but that is a statement of the ignorant person who does not yet know. The fact of the matter is, people have come and revealed their personal identity. You will know it sooner or later; but if you believe now, you have already passed from death across to life.

The personality mourns death. It is absurd for people not to know the truth about life. For the individual concerned, there is no interruption in the life. Life is continuous. Nothing can injure life; it continues to eternity. Conscious man only passes from one body to another. When the consciousness recedes in sleep the physical mechanism is just vacated for the time being. Although not aware in the physical plane, he is aware in the subjective state. Death means nothing to him who knows. Paul says: “We die nightly.”

Death is the awakening into a higher state of consciousness; with the awareness of life there is no death. It is possible to leave the body

consciously. Some people before passing become aware of the Spiritual side of life; their eyes and ears begin to open to the Spiritual—they become aware of their loved ones who have gone before. They thus leave the earthly house quietly and joyously, and this is as it should be. These faculties should be ours during our whole lifetime, not just when death is about to take place.

I actually know this to be true, for I have passed this way myself.

During the Great War I lay as dead for four days. My experiences alone would fill a book. I saw my own physical body which I had left, yet I had another body. I was conscious of being out of the earthly state and was aware of what was going on in the spiritual world, I was able to function with great rapidity; my thoughts manifested immediately. I saw and spoke to those whom I knew and loved, who had passed many years before. I was free from the earthly body with its wounds and pains; these were forgotten so very quickly in a world of beauty unsurpassed. Yet I am glad I came back with this tremendous knowledge of the Truth of the continuity of life; and there is no time factor—of this I have proof.

I have brought back with me a clear understanding of life—what I was told is out-picturing now in my earthly existence today. Some day I will write all about this experience, together with others that I had with the Masters in the great Himalayas, as these are all links in the chain which led up to the writing of this book.

My experience helped me greatly in my studies with the Masters, when I sojourned to the Tibetan Himalayas; what would have taken some years to accomplish was done in a fraction of the time. I mastered astral projection; that is leaving the physical and moving in the astral at will, thus being able to aid people personally at a distance. Also I mastered pranayama; this is a form of control of nature's energies used in healing. In my wanderings all over the world, in healing and teaching, the number of people healed, mounts up into thousands, and those who have heard the Truth into many, many more. The blind have been made to see, the deaf to hear and the lame made to walk.

I make no personal claim for this mighty work, because of myself I can do nothing. It is by the co-operation of the Divine Power in both the healer and healed that these so-called miracles are performed.

If all could or would listen to the Voice of God within, how great would be the rejoicing. May the day hasten when this Truth shall be taught in every home, so that this forthcoming generation will grow up in it and the world will be freed from all fear and misery; and even death itself shall pass away.

Life becomes pure joy in action when the truth of being is known.

Many people who are on earth now, will never see death; they will never know it—only the sleep of transition. Eventually, everyone on earth will pass that way, consciously, without the painful process we know as death. When the totality of mankind becomes aware of its true nature, it will completely change humanity.

The time will come, when all in the Spiritual, Astral and Physical planes, must awaken to the truth of their being and “Live”—*really Live!* “Even those who are asleep in Christ must awaken!”

God cannot be separated from His creation. In fact, He is the only Reality in It.

*“The One Spirit—even The Christ.”*

Paul makes it plain: “The one Spirit, even the Christ.” And who is the Christ? The Christ is One Christ; one, as God is One. And the Christ expresses Himself in man. The Christ is the perfect expression of Life itself. But the Christ does the will of the Father, and the Father’s will is done through the Christ.

“I do the will of my Father, My Father’s will is done in me.” Therefore, whoever hears my words, hears the voice of the Father, for Jesus said, “When you have seen me you have seen the Father.”

The Intelligence, which expresses itself through all humanity, has perfected the instrument through which it would lead Humanity back to itself. As the Christ is perfect in its expression in One, so is it perfect in its expression in others; but to have that perfect expression, the individual consciousness must see, and believe in, the Law of Being and live it.

Jesus never made himself different from others. Christ is the way, the “awareness”—“the doorway into the Father.” People must realise this, otherwise they will perish in their *sin* (ignorance).

I am the Way, the Truth, I am the Door. No man cometh to the Father, but by me; I am the Door. There is no other way but through Me.



The Christ Life must be lived here on earth— “Love.” The Christ Love and Life is the only way to the Father. It is “the Kingdom of God within you.”

We must all enter through the One Spirit—enter through the Christ, to the Father. We must accept the Christ, as the ideal for all. We must recognise and realise that the Christ is within us. This is the Spring of Living Water of which Jesus spoke.

“Unless ye *believe* ye are the Sons of God, how can ye believe ye *are* the Sons of God?”

Paul says, in Romans 8: 18: “Present suffering, I hold, is a mere nothing compared to the Glory that we are to have revealed. Even the Creation waits with eager longing, for the Sons of God to be revealed. For creation was not rendered futile by its own choice, but by the will of Him who thus made it subject, the hope being that Creation as well as man would one day be freed from its thralldom to decay, and gain the glorious freedom of God’s children.”

To this day, we know, the entire Creation sighs and throbs with pain; and not only so, but even we ourselves, who have the spirit as a foretaste of the future, even we sigh deeply to ourselves, as we wait for the redemption of the body, that means for full Sonship.

Paul was speaking of the perfecting of Creation, by the evolutionary forces; of how everyone craves for complete redemption, and how even the body will accept its full Sonship, we hope, in not many years to come; complete Sonship, no longer any death but transition—consciously, and the full faculties of the body revealed. The Inner and the Outer will be seen, not divided, but as one; the Outer as a means of expression; while the Inner is the expression itself.

As we progress, we will realise and recognise, more and more, our oneness with Absolute Eternal Love—Wisdom Power. The First Cause—Perfect Infinite Life itself.

The Infinite Creative Being, Limitless, Timeless, Birthless and Deathless—the Eternal One has individualised itself, has created diversified forms for its own self-expression.

The body, or form, is but conditioned substance, and has no power of its own. It is the vehicle of expression of this creative life, which enables

man to grow, and rise to the Individualisation of Spirit in Reality.

This material existence gives the individual “awareness”— and this “awareness,” when realised, out-pictures the Christ Consciousness. So know that the Christ-Power permeates the whole body; the flesh has no power. Life creates the form for its own self-expression.

The Christ-Power is all.

If we can become aware of the Christ permeating every cell of our bodies, we no longer worry about conditions in the body—they fall away to nothingness, where they belong.

Some people’s lives are filled with the needs of the body— desires to satisfy with “having” and the fear of not having. But one has only to become “aware,” to realise and recognise one’s true self, and then the Christ in man rises to the surface, and all the cravings and fears disappear. The body is the means by which the Christ rises through overcoming.

Man “overcomes” by “becoming,” and “becomes” by “overcoming.” This is the Christ. It works both ways. We must identify ourselves with the Creative Life, as one and the same, not in form, or image or mind, or body; but One with that Infinite Life—as undifferentiated now, as it was in the Beginning. Thus we transcend all conditions, we are freed and things no longer matter very much, and all the half-truths which the mind battles with, are dissolved.

“BEFORE ABRAHAM—I AM”

*One* always existed.

“He entered the world; the world which existed through Him.” So we see that the Christ is one with the Father.

Jesus said: “Before Abraham—I am.” That is, I existed before Abraham, and his survival after the Cross proved the continuation of the same eternal life “Before Abraham, I am.”

When the sage hears the inner voice—the voice of the Eternal— saying, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the world?” he answers: “I was with thee when thou laid the foundation of the world.” Birth and Death are but episodes in the one Eternal Life.

Again Jesus said, speaking to the Pharisees: “What think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?” They say unto Him: “The son of David.” He saith unto them: “How then doth David in spirit call Him Lord? If David call Him Lord, how is He His son?”— proving again the wonderful truth of life beyond the flesh. The Christ is no one’s son. The Christ is the Son of God.

The Pharisees were thinking of the personal. They did not understand the Impersonal “I am”; but when you understand you also can say: “Before Abraham, I am.” If you raise up the personal self, instead of realising the impersonal, you become an egotist, which leads to illusion. But if you realise and recognise the impersonal life, then you are glorified in the Father and the Father is glorified in you.

The Son of God is One who realises that he is the Son of God, completely, as did Jesus Christ, and He is no myth, as some try to make Him out to be. He is now as He always was, the *Eternal* Christ, the Son of God.

It is the living Christ we must see, not the dead Christ as pictured on the Cross.

And the Prince of Peace came, and they heeded Him not. Although now in their midst, they hear Him not. Man must raise his consciousness, to know the expression of Infinite Life and Love. Life is God, and God is life. All that liveth is God. God-living! I am God-living, you are God-living. God is the only living being, and the fact that I live is proof that I am one with God.

This is tremendous knowledge when understood. Platitudes and ideas are but images in the mind and are of little value. God must be recognised and realised as *our own Being*. We “live and move and have our Being in Him.”

“For God so loved the world—Humanity—that He sent His only begotten Son that they who hearken unto Him will find eternal immortality.”

Love is the fulfilling of the law of Divine Expression. God loves us and, to be complete, we must love God; and to love God we must love Humanity.

Jesus said on the Cross: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Love is that strong, vigorous, manly expression of the Christ character.

Love is greater than Faith, because God is Love and Love is the beginning and the end. Faith is a means to the end, but not the end itself. Love never faileth, love creates happiness, love is life, love is the only real thing in the world. When we dwell in love, we dwell in God. You cannot say “I am the Life” without loving with all your heart and soul; otherwise it is but lip-service. Therefore by love we fulfil the Law of Divine Expression. This is the simple but Mighty Truth. “Loving” is living and “living” is loving.

Paul says (Corinthians 1: 13):

“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 a 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, but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will be superseded.

Thus, “ ‘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.”

Love alone can save the world—there is no other way. Practise it in your daily life; love is the bank that never fails. No matter how large the overdraft, God will write it off.

All those who come unto me I will in no way cast out. How mighty and glorious is the Truth.

The TRUTH shall set you FREE.

“I AM THE LIFE.”

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It is a very great pleasure to be back here in Johannesburg. I recollect my first visit ten years ago—I was then a lone star ranger but nevertheless soon became acquainted. Now I return to receive this hearty welcome from this very finely established and active centre in Johannesburg, and I see before me tonight many familiar faces.

WORLD TOUR

Universal science centres which I have established in many cities all over the world are doing magnificent work. In London, during my last series of lectures, the halls were crowded to capacity, many people being turned away each night. In America and other countries, thousands of people attended the lectures and classes, and I have just come from Australia, where I spoke in the town halls, of each of the big cities of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth. These halls were also crowded to capacity, many people being unable to get seating accommodation. People all over the world are eager to know the truth which can set them free. They are no longer content with half-truths; they want the whole truth.

JOURNEY TO TIBET

My visit to Tibet was perhaps one of the greatest events in my life. Perhaps some of you have heard about the Masters of the Far East. In India there are many mendicants who profess to practise Yoga and various other types of phenomena, but these people must not be mistaken for the real Masters, who never display or advertise themselves but live and work upon such exalted planes and are able to come into contact with the aspiring desires and ideals of the sincere student to whom the Masters

then reveal themselves. Through correct understanding the miracles of 2,000 years ago are possible today, because the same laws which were in operation then are in operation today; the same God that existed then exists now. When Jesus, the Master, said, "Before Abraham, I AM," He showed that the individualisation of the Infinite Spirit in man was existing from eternity to eternity and, by completing His great demonstration, commencing with His experience on the Cross and so-called physical death, He proved the continuation of that same life which existed "Before Abraham, I am;" and this same spirit-life throbs and pulsates in and through all people and is the life within all things and states in the Universe.

In bringing the message of the liberating truth and the wisdom of the Masters to the world, I have combined both the individual and the collective aspect because it is the individual who gives meaning and purpose to all the collective states of human existence.

It is important for the individual to become vitally aware of his place in the scheme of things, that he understands that no lasting improvement in human relationship can result until the individual realises the indivisibility between himself and his fellow-men.

The individual's realisation of the truth gives a firm foundation for his own well-being and progress, and this is the unshakable rock upon which collective progress and well-being can be founded.

My journey over the Himalayas into Tibet was guided and directed in a most wonderful way, but tonight I am not going to dwell too long on that aspect because I wish to deal with how the Master teachings of the inner sanctuaries may be applied to the practical daily states of every man's life. The practical ability to establish personal and collective well-being is, after all, the real reason and purpose behind the whole understanding of Truth and the teachings of these Masters are of very personal value to each individual.

#### VISIT TO A TIBETAN ADEPT

I visited the isolated monastery of Ling Mutang, the abode of Geshe Rimpoche, the great Tibetan adept. A Tibetan adept is one who is Master of the forces of Nature. This monastery lies well behind the great range

of the Himalayan mountains, and no one is allowed to enter without special invitation. I arrived at a hut which provided accommodation for the night, before I crossed the 16,000 ft. pass which separated me from the valley and the monastery of Ling Mutang.

After partaking of supper and dismissing my bearer, I closed the door, and sat down beside the fireside, thinking of the events of the past days, recollecting and recording the highlights.

During my reverie, in the dim glow of the firelight, the figure of a man gradually began to form before me, dressed in the robe of a Tibetan Lama, his features those of a handsome Mongolian. So clear was this vision as to represent the actual presence of the man, whose face was lit up with a smile and whose presence radiated an atmosphere of intense welcome and filled the room with elevated vibrations of joyful peace and thrilling exaltation and then gradually merged into the shadow whence he came, but leaving behind him that wonderful presence which filled the room like a benediction.

On awakening next morning, still deeply aware of the heightened feelings caused by the previous night's experience, I went out to view the dawn.

The sky was blue, not a cloud; the rays of the sun rising from behind the great mountains were broken into such a display of colour as to be almost indescribable; but the scene can be imagined when you view a glorious sunset here in South Africa.

Just imagine the stars shining in brilliant lustre, adding their beauty to this magnificent display of colour, sparkling and mingling with one another while the rays of the rising sun spread like a vast rainbow in all directions reflected from the sun-kissed, ice-clad mountains.

As the veiling mantle of mist rose from the valley, there in the distance, but appearing near, stood the monastery of Ling Mutang.

Some weeks before I set out on my journey, and whilst I was at a place called Kalimpong, a stranger came to see me. He was the Master Geshi Thudru, who came to welcome and direct me.

In greeting he put his hand upon my shoulder, and I felt as if my whole body was charged with a mighty electric current. He said to me,



“You are welcome, my son.” It was a queer sensation to have a stranger telling me the principal facts of my life from boyhood onwards. He said:

*“You have come a long way, impelled not entirely by your own desire, to find the hidden mysteries of life. There is an Intelligence that guides the stars and planets in their course, so accurately that not one of the millions loses its path. The same guiding Intelligence is directing the course of your life.”*

He instructed me to go to the monastery of Ling Mutang. There I would find the great Geshi Rimpoche, who was expecting me, and who was to be my friend, guide and teacher for the present.

As I wandered down the valley I could see this monument of mystery secluded in the mountain side. I stood and looked at it for some time, and wondered how such a massive building could have been built in the rock face of the mountain.

After climbing the steep, rocky steps, I reached the massive doors of the monastery, which were opened to receive me, I was led through many halls until I reached a door, panelled in gold; at the side hung a piece of material threaded with gold beads and ended with a gold tassel. The Lama who was conducting me pulled this, and I could hear a gong clanging faintly inside. The door opened; I entered, and there stood Geshi Rimpoche, this Master of the forces of Nature, the very face that had appeared to me the night before. The meeting had a tremendous effect upon me. I can almost feel the sensation now. He welcomed me with the kindly smile and radiated the wonderful power that I had experienced the previous evening. We talked for a while on things of interest, including the world I had come from. He spoke perfect English and told me that he had travelled in many countries in his younger days, where he had learned and experienced many things, and then he returned to be a teacher of the inner sanctuaries.

He had mastered the art of astral projection and was able to move in different parts of the world, helping people often unknown to them.

Under the guidance and instruction of this great teacher, the first seven weeks of my stay were occupied with concentrated study and

training, and then I was obliged to move into the next phase for further instruction.

#### GESHI RIMPOCHE'S CONCLUSION

Geshi Rimpoche's parting words were in the form of a kindly command. The people of the world have failed to understand and practise the teachings of the Master Christ given so long ago. Instead of realising the oneness of all life as expressed in His words, "I and the Father are One," they have set Jesus up as an image of worship, instead of applying His teaching to their lives, and so they have telescoped Jesus and all He stood for far beyond human reach. Man must clear away this fog of illusion before he can claim his true birthright.

There are two distinct sects of Lamas in Tibet, the red and the yellow. The yellow are strictly mystical, while the red enjoy the practice of ritual, pomp, ceremony and display. Consequently the masters and teachers who have the good of humanity at heart come from the yellow sect.

The word "Lama" means "superior one," and, strictly speaking, means the abbot of the monastery.

A child enters the monastery at about seven years of age, A strict examination is made mentally, physically and any defects will bar his entry. Deep meditation is used to ascertain the child's degree of evolvment and to decide the tutor best suited to advance the student upon the path of life. Progress is made step by step until he is fit to enter into the advanced services of the monastery. Before this takes place he asks permission from the Abbot to do so, and passes through an initiation. His head is shaved and only a tuft of hair left on the top; he presents himself clad in the meanest of garb, that of a beggar before the assembled monks in the Temple Hall, and intimates that he accepts the life of a Lama freely of his own choice. The Abbot then cuts the remaining tuft of hair and he is given a religious name by which henceforth he is known. He takes the seat which is appointed to him and he is taught the departments pertaining to his office. His studies continue. After some years if he desires to penetrate the inner secrets, he is attached to a teacher of the higher order. He must master metaphysics;

and the more important sacred literature. So he advances until he has completed the instruction available in the monastery, when he asks leave to find a master who will take him further along the path of wisdom.

Permission is never withheld for such a worthy desire, and he leaves the monastery with only as much food and raiment as he can carry on his back. To weather the storms in the Himalayas, where there is no hope of shelter, is a test for the stoutest heart, and the facing of these hardships forms part of the trials to prove whether the student is worthy and can apply what he has learnt. On commencing his advanced teaching no time is lost in his instruction, which is to free his mind from all illusion and shadows. It is a strange feeling to look into one's own mind and examine all that is there. The student is directed to analyse all his reactions, and he soon finds that his mind is filled with self-created images which are supplementary to himself, having no power of their own. They are motivated by the power given them by the person.

#### VITAL POINT IN TRAINING

He is shown that human thoughts and reactions are largely due to fear, worry, doubt and ignorance; these must be ascended by concentration on his real spirit self, as entirely separate from his thoughts, feelings or ideas of mind and body. He is shown that these things are not his real self—he sees the falsity of human thinking. This is a vital point in his training. He develops a one-pointedness in regard to life and a power of concentration and directive ability almost completely unknown to the outside world.

He is no longer a slave to his thoughts and the conditions about him. He frees himself and stands at the door which opens into that life which is behind all things, even himself. Yet he knows himself to be *one with it*.

He is directed to control the functions of his body, the beat of his heart, the circulation of his blood; his body becomes a keen instrument and responds to his direction. His mind is alert—there is no confusion in it—and both mind and body are tuned to obey his slightest command. He finds he is able to control his environment and uses the power every person possesses but of which few are aware. He learns to love everything, condemn nothing nor injure any living thing. In short, his

training is the realisation and recognition of his true spirit self, plus the cultivation and control of his mind and his body. He sees in everything the mighty Intelligence that responds to his direction, the same Intelligence which acts within himself he finds identical with that external to himself.

#### THE SCIENCE OF LIFE

Let me paint you a picture. In the scenic grandeur of the majestic Himalayas, with their atmosphere of peace and power, stands the magnificent retreat, and in the subdued light a man appears, his face aglow as if the sun were shining through it, his presence making one think of vast power being held in control. He stands erect and speaks with a vibrant voice; he looks no more than 50 but he has seen more than a century pass; he is Master of the greatest science in the world, the science of life.

Let us contrast this with our western civilisation the clash of arms and social problems, a world racked with fear, insecurity and distrust.

We, of the occidental world, have utterly failed to understand the principles of life and have disregarded the things that matter, while being steeped in the illusions created by our minds. Even now we are endeavouring to remedy the effects *instead of eliminating the causes*. We may well ask ourselves where are we heading? Not until we can embrace the Christ principle of living, scientifically, collectively, individually, will we be able to look upon the face of the Holy Man and say "Brother."

#### LIFE ABUNDANT

And when I say unto you that I have come that you shall have more abundant life, that you shall have more incentive for the divine purpose of self-expression in love, wisdom and power for the benefit of all, I tell you a truth. After my studies and training in Tibet the Master said to me:

*"You shall go now into the world and you shall be our mouthpiece until such time as we can appear ourselves."*

People often say to me: “Why don’t the Masters come out now?” If they did, do you know what would happen? They would say “Stop this” and “Stop that,” and then they would be treated as the Master Christ, with perhaps more modern methods being used. The world does not want the Masters. It seems that the mass must learn through suffering before they seek the freedom of truth, but a few may find that freedom now.

When I was told to go out into the world and be a mouthpiece for Truth, I said: “Why choose me?” and the answer was: “My son, for this were you born.”

### HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS

In the Bible there is a statement in Genesis:

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him.”

The fact is that the same creative spirit that created the Universe and all that is in it becomes individualised in man, by that same creative spirit man thinks and acts. Therefore according to our thoughts so shall it be unto us. Man has free will to choose and he uses the same Divine Power, the same action and the same mode of expression in creating for himself, as the Creator used in creating the Universe. “As you sow so shall ye reap?”

We must realise the mighty truth that the very essence of our being is divine in nature. Man does not change by time nor does he change by will-power. Man changes only because he accepts and lives the Christ life. Unless ye have the mind that was in Christ ye cannot be like Him.

In the Garden of Eden there are two trees; one is the tree of life, the other is the tree of knowledge of good and evil. How simple the whole thing is! The one is the tree of life,— that divine principle in man—and the other is the tree of knowledge—man’s intellect. What he believes to be true may be false—he creates images in his own mind and the law is that what he sees he creates, good for good, detriment for detriment, to exist within the confines of his own life.

We are eating of such fruit today, “Thou shalt not eat of the fruit lest thou die in thy sin.”

And it says: “Man’s salvation is to take hold of the tree of life, and that to him will be a spring of living water leading up to eternal life.”

Man, then sees the perfect divinity within himself; he sees the creative power within him as the Divine Principle, he allows this life-principle to manifest truly and perfectly through him, and he says, “I and the Father are one—the Father’s Will is done in me.” The Christ is our example. Think deeply upon this, let it always be: “What would Christ do in this and that circumstance?”

I am the life, life alone liveth. God is the only life within each being; the fact that we live is proof that God lives in and through us—therefore I am the life.

When Jesus was teaching His disciples, Philip said to Him: “But Master, show us the Father,” and Jesus said: “Philip, have I been talking to you all this time and you know not what I say? When you have seen me you have seen the Father.” Do you understand that God alone lives? Take hold of this tree of life, and let it be a spring of living water leading up to eternal life.

We create images in our minds. We try to make the truth conform to some idea we have in mind, but the truth is neither an image, nor an idea nor a sensation. It is not *what it is*, but *that it is*, an expression of the one life.

“I am the life! When you have seen Me you have seen the Father.” It is the whole truth because it is the one completeness, wholeness. This is the essential thing in our lives. The Master’s teachings give us the secret of our own inheritance, reveal to us the purpose for which we are here, reveal the beauty of truth, the pearl of great price.

Love ye one another. Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you. We must cease to criticise our loved ones. How much love is lost by a sharp tongue, criticising, condemning. With the same energy how much love could be expressed, what cooperation could be fostered, what peace and harmony attained!

If we want to be happy let us make Christ our pattern. “Seek first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added.” With this attitude a happiness so tremendous will rise within our souls as to dissolve all that

cars and jars in life. It will be an ever-new joy expressing itself with every beat of the heart.

Then love ye one another, for love is the core of individual and world reconstruction.

#### THE WORLD TODAY

Today the world is quarrelling over how it shall live, but this is not a new quarrel; it is as old as communal life, for through the centuries history reveals man's age-long struggle for freedom, the right to live. Perhaps it may be that man has caught a vision of enduring freedom that makes the struggle so fierce today. The effects we are witnessing today are but the cause of yesterday, and no matter how we treat these effects it will not cure the troubles in this world of ours. Nor can we separate ourselves from it or close our eyes to this sorrow, conflict and confusion in our midst because we are part of it. In fact, we have been contributing towards it by our selfishness, cravings and desires, all our energy being directed toward things—and what is this conflict about but things? We try to make ourselves secure at the expense of our brother—dog eat dog! The world is spiritually bankrupt. Our internal poverty causes us to crave for things; and when we have them, there is the fear of loss, and so we are involved in conflict and suffering. It is our (the people's) responsibility, whether or not our actions will lead to another war that would make this one look like a Sunday school picnic. Is there a remedy? Yes, there is, and the Masters point the way.

#### THE LIGHT

It is essentially individual in character because the individual must see the light before it can be established in the world, and we can become that light. The sincere student is becoming that light! Let your light shine before all men! We must live by example and not by preaching.

The world is now trying to solve the peace problem by dividing the nations into two armed camps—one is the “have-alls” and the other is the “want-alls.” Really, there is very little difference between them. But the foundation of war is not the foundation of peace—we cannot have lasting peace looking down the barrel of a gun or at the point of a bayonet. It is

only by free, systematic, unselfish, co-operative tackling of the causes of war that the cause of war can be eradicated; it is only when we can love and assist each other, instead of fearing and hating, that we can hope to banish our own self-created misery and suffering.

Only by co-operative tackling of the problems of peace and prosperity in the spirit of fellowship and comradeship, can we hope to have a lasting peace and security, free from conflict, sorrow and limitation.

If the present colossal sacrifice of life is to be justified in the name of democracy, then let us leave no stone unturned in founding a democracy by first making ourselves true democrats. Jesus Christ was the truest of all democrats. The Sermon on the Mount is the only true foundation for the real world democracy, and this true democracy has not yet been tried individually or collectively.

Our needs are dual in nature, individual and collective. Collectively we need a system of trade and finance that will serve the people of the world and not enslave them, that will prevent wars and not promote them. Individually we must cease to exploit our fellow-beings and become more helpful to others and less self-seeking.

We must see that radio, press and travel are utilised to foster good international relations and not cause dissension by hostile propaganda. Personally, let our own tongues cease to criticise others “Take the plank out of our own eye before we can see how to take the splinter out of our brother’s eye” fits the occasion.

## HEALTH

We need a system of health based upon spiritual, mental and natural laws—a system that will spend more time in showing how to live healthy lives and happy lives, not one that spends nearly all its time on the study of disease. It is useless trying to eliminate the effect of disease. We must remove the cause, and this may not be so difficult as most people think, when the laws are properly understood by each and everyone of us. Christ removed the cause, and we must do likewise. He is our example:

*“These things I do, greater things shall ye do if ye will but believe.”*

It is not listening to the word but acting on the word that counts.



## EDUCATION

We need a system of education that is based upon human culture and not upon cramming, a system which will make the coming generation fit the true democracy for which we are striving.

Adult education is most essential, for our minds are full of useless facts and contradictions, so that we are no longer able to think constructively. We could think when we were children—the questions we then asked proved this fact—but we lost the art when we went to school or were told by our parents not to ask such questions, the reason perhaps being our parents did not know the answers! And so our ignorance has been perpetuated.

Today there are few people or few adults who can think properly. We are unable to discern deeply or become aware of the force of our own thinking, and we are therefore caught up in the net of our own cravings, reactions, desires, jealousies, and fears which bring sorrow and conflict, not only to ourselves but to the world, for, in fact, we are the world, *and world reconstruction must begin with ourselves now.*

## RELIGION

We need a religion that is based on love, unity and brotherly feeling, and not on differing creeds, cults, organisations—things that do not matter. The pearl of truth that gave rise to religion has been submerged by sanctimonious formalities, petty jealousies and words that mean nothing.

A Master told me in the Himalayas to be careful not to fall into the error of trying to organise religion. He said: “Reveal the plain truth so that the individual can grasp it and free himself from confusion.” He told me the story of the disciple and the devil when walking together one day happened to see someone picking something up. The devil said to the disciple: “Did you see that person picking that up? It was a bit of the Truth.” “Is that so?” said the disciple, “that’s just too bad for you, devil.” “Oh no,” said the devil, “I’ll just wait until he organises it!”

The majority in this world are vainly seeking immortality, but when we know we are immortal this craving and seeking for immortality ceases, and then there is security, peace, love and understanding. “He

who seeks to save his soul alone, may find the path, but will not reach the goal, but he who loves may wander far, yet God will bring him where the blessed are.”

It is unworthy of any soul to seek privileges for himself because those who do, are not fulfilling the law. Christ fulfilled the law by fulfilling the will of the Father in establishing the well-being of the Father’s children on earth.

#### HUMAN WELFARE

We, you and I, must see to it that persons or groups of persons who have not the welfare of humanity at heart, and do not understand spiritual worth, shall not have any place in the scheme of things, nationally or internationally. We can no longer waste our time in patching up old, worn-out systems, creeds or cults, that have outlived their usefulness, that have failed miserably in the past, nor can we wait for others to show us the way—we must realise that nothing can stand the tide of our united will because God is with us—His plan, His power, His wisdom, His love.

Each one of us must seek immediate action fired by a divine, dynamic, united purpose—each and every one of us must devote our energies to the constructive work of building a new and better world of permanent health, happiness, security and peace for the brotherhood of all mankind, and this begins with ourselves, in our immediate associations, in our homes, in our businesses and in our everyday life.

Now is the time for the reconstruction of the individual and the nation, for only faith, sincerity and love for humanity earn divine protection. Individually we must take every opportunity of training ourselves spiritually, mentally and physically in the science of living, so that each and every one of us can make a real contribution to the establishment of a better order of things. But what contribution have we made towards a better order of things? We must all accept our responsibility as world-citizens and direct our brain-power and efforts towards the emancipation of humanity in the belief that every individual has a right to security and freedom, to enjoy health, knowledge and the riches of culture, that hence-forth the world’s assets shall be harvested for the constructive use and benefit to serve mankind and not for our

enslavement—that love for others more than love for ourselves shall dominate our actions. 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.

The Master said: “If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you?”

Jesus the Christ lived to make man holy—let us live to make man free—let us follow the light of His ideal, for He showed man how to live. He gave to the world a way of life which, if adopted, would lead us into a new world of peace and plenty. His disciples saw the light and followed it. Let us resolve *now* to turn towards it, and in our hearts write those inspired words uttered by that immortal poet, Robert Burns:

“It’s coming yet for a’ that,  
That man to man the world o’er  
Shall brothers be for a’ that.”



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#### *I AM THE LIFE*

"The Truth is Eternal, Birthless and Deathless, forever the same," but the teaching of the Truth is always changing to finer and higher expressions as man unfolds. There is a lot of knowledge in the Bible that is hidden from the many; esoteric knowledge, that which came through the great Prophets and was revealed to the inner circle of disciples.

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