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In this Lecture I could not do better than give some idea of the general scope of the Master's teachings showing the force which pertains to them.

Now it must be remembered that Jesus was teaching a definite system, not a creed nor a ritual nor a code of speculative ethics, but a definite system of spiritual inspiration, logical reasoning, and experience in the mode of action in which the Universal Principles find expression through the human mind. His system therefore combines the science of Truth with inspirational philosophy.

The great point that he taught was the absolute liberty of the individual. The first fact is that the perfect liberty of the individual must be in accordance with the will of the Creator and the second fact is that this freedom is obtained simply as a result of coming TO KNOW THE TRUTH and to know that this liberty in Truth exists at this moment and what keeps us from enjoying it, is simply our ignorance of this fact, and this means that the ever-present Law in each individual is absolute liberty, and it is only our belief to the contrary that keeps us in bondage to all sorts of limitations.

In our experiences of the past we fear the present and the future and if we cling to the narrowing influences of our experiences we will remain ignorant of any other possibilities and it is the feeling of being tied to these experiences that we want to get loose from and the Master came to tell us that when we realized what he taught **we would find that we were not tied up at all.**

Now the great Truth that we must see and realize not as a mental concept but as a living reality is **that the Divine Mind makes things by Itself becoming them, then it follows that "It"**

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must become the individual and it cannot be any other than Its own natural expression in the individual and through the individual the Divine is pressing forward into fuller and fuller expression of Itself and therefore becomes fuller and fuller in the Life of the individual that realizes It. And anything that limits the expression of the Divine Nature in the individual must be also a retarding progress to the individual and this can only come from the individual who is ignorant of this “truth that sets you free.”

The question that rises in the mind of many is: how can this be acquired? The way is so simple that it baffles most and that way is, that we have only to realize it. Now some will exclaim that this is beyond their comprehension and if they did comprehend it, it was far beyond the quality of faith that they have. Yet after all it is through this understanding that our faith grows and when you begin to think you will see that it is the only way that you have ever accomplished anything.

We take all the operations of the Life Principle working through our physical organism for granted, and what is wanted is a similar confidence in the working of our Divine faculties. We trust the functions of our body because we assume this to be the working of the natural law and when we begin to learn the truth as the Master taught it we will use our inherent powers by assuming them to be as natural as any other.

Jesus taught in parables because it was impossible to unveil the truth to the masses but he taught his disciples the inner workings of the Law, yet he also told them that the real significance of what he taught them would be revealed by the Spirit of Truth in themselves, and the time would come when the inner meaning of his words would dawn upon them and so it is with us. When the great meaning dawns upon us we see that his proverbs tell us plainly of the Father, and our only wonder is that we did not discern His true meaning long ago.

He revealed to us the great truth of the Universal principles being reproduced everywhere and especially in ourselves. He revealed the Law that was inherent in ourselves. He did not lay down rules and regulations, although he could if he wanted to,

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but there was something greater and more magnificent which he knew and therefore wanted all humanity to share in this magnificent truth that he himself knew so well.

The golden thread upon which the Master's pearls are strung is that perfect liberty is the natural result of knowing the Truth of your own being and when the Truth is found you will see that you are perfectly free irrespective of conditions and circumstances which you may experience. But the trouble with most people is that they cling to this experience and disregard the truth of their being. This final discovery cannot be made for us we must find it ourselves. Therefore "he that hath ears to hear let him hear."

This is nowhere brought to our minds more clearly than in the parable of the prodigal son. The fact of sonship had never altered for either of the two brothers, but in different ways they each missed the true position as sons. The one limited himself by separating off a particular share of the Father's goods for himself, and because he accepted his portion as a limited share instead of the whole, his share was speedily exhausted leaving him in misery and want.

The other brother equally limited himself by supposing that he had no power to draw upon his father's stores but must in some way wait until some specific occasion arose so that he may ask permission to do so, not realizing that it was his inherent right to partake of all that he needed, and it was the Father's privilege to give. "All that is mine is thine."

The younger son took up a false idea of independence thinking that he could do well on his own. While the other although staying in the Father's house believed himself to have no independence at all. The younger son finds that his dependence on his own resources fails him miserably, so he returns to find that he still has a position of honour and is capable of receiving all in the Father's house.

The elder son is rebuked by the simple words—why wait for me to give you what is yours already "All that is mine is thine."

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You will see that it is impossible to make a more clear statement of the relation between the Universal and the individual mind, both are so interlocked together and are impossible of separation. The individual acting on the Universal can draw whatever the individual requires. But before this can be done this relationship must be realized and this is the Law that Jesus taught. So we see in this parable of the Prodigal Son the two errors which prevent us from understanding and utilizing this relationship.

The younger son is one who not realizing his own spiritual nature lives in the resources of his own intellect which leads him astray as we saw in our last lecture in the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. He was not aware of the source of his being as the Tree of Life, so we see the same story in every parable the Master spoke. It was only when this son failed to meet his needs that he was driven to find something that could not be exhausted and eventually he comes to the recognition of his own spiritual being. This was the birthright given to him by his father. Therefore he could take more than he could ever use from the inexhaustible supply in the Father's house. He was the son made in His Father's image and likeness with dominion over all things and could not have been created otherwise. The Son was the direct expression of the Father, this unerring Universal Mind, and the only way the Father could express himself is through the son's awareness of the Father united in himself, and that whatever the son asked the Father would produce. But this Law of recognition has to be applied before the process could take place. "What man is there of you whom if his son asks bread will give him a serpent? If ye then being ignorant, know how to give good things unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him."

Gradually as we become more and more aware consciously of our inseparableness from the Father, He advances to meet us as he did to the younger son and at last we find we are folded in the Father's arms. Then we realize the full import of the Master's

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words as he clasped his son to his bosom and kissed him, meaning in other words "I and the Father are one." Then we learn that perfect liberty is in union and not in separation. Thus identifying ourselves with the Infinite we find that all that is God's is ours. This attitude when not only adopted but understood gives us this "Truth that sets us free" as the Master stated.

Now we can see clearly the simple fact that the only possible action of the Universal Mind or Life Principle must be to always press upon us a fuller and fuller expression of Itself in strict accordance with the conditions which each individual provides for Its manifestation. When we grasp thoroughly the principle of the Universal Mind undisturbed in Its differentiation, expressing Itself through the form prepared for that purpose and when that special form is ourselves created with the means for that expression then the more we realize it the greater will that expression be.

When we realize that the foundation of this expression rests in a harmonious state of mind we can easily grasp the condition we have to sustain so that this great power may manifest in and through us. The emotions of fear, anger, jealousy, possessiveness, anxiety, all these and more must be rooted out of our minds through getting nearer and nearer to that which is harmony Itself.

Therefore as we begin to discern these conditions within ourselves we do not struggle with them, but quietly see that they can have no part in the scheme of things. As we get some insight into the boundless possibility which must result from this, we will realize before all things the necessity of seeking to reproduce in the individuality that harmonious order which is the foundation of the Universal system.

When we begin to express from moment to moment through our doing we are uniting with that power which is expressing itself through us moment by moment as much as we are capable of receiving. Also when we realize that the Source from whence we draw is impersonal in nature we can use it for any purpose for our immediate needs. But we can only do this by abiding in

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“the Father’s” house and by conforming to the rule of the House which is the Law of Love. Jesus made this plain in his parable of the Prodigal Son. There could not be any envy or jealousy in the Father’s house and in that house all were merry and all feasted at the Father’s table, loving one another.

This is the only restriction (if it can be called a restriction) to prevent us from injuring ourselves. When we consider that Love is the very thing that puts us in possession of this limitless power of drawing from the Infinite Source which is Love itself—“Ye have heard that it hath been said ‘Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemies’, but I say unto you Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good unto them which despitefully use you and persecute you that you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.”

The binding power of Universal Love is seen to be inherent in the very nature of the liberty of Life which we attain by the knowledge of the truth, but except this there is no other restriction. Why? Because we are employing the Spirit which is “First Cause,” and our Creative Power and thought is the individual action of the same Spirit which is Universal in action and is both Cause and “Being” of every mode of manifestation and the great fact that distinguishes First Cause from Secondary Causation is Its entire independence of all conditions because It is not the outcome of conditions but Itself creates them. It produces its own conditions step by step. Therefore if the Law of Love be taken as the foundation, any line of action can be worked out successfully and profitably. So as our understanding grows so will the Law of Love grow in exact correspondence for in this companionship with the Father we get back to the source of our own Spiritual nature. So we find ourselves in possession of boundless possibilities without any fear of misusing them because we do not seek to be possessors of the Divine Power without being possessors of Divine Love and Wisdom also.

As we are all children of the same family we only recognise the one Father-Mother. We are no longer limited by creeds orthodoxies and all sorts of conditions we impose upon ourselves,

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when we are met with these words “Son, thou art **ever** with me and all that I have is thine.”

And as soon as we become sufficiently enlightened as the elder brother was that there is no restriction except the Law of Love, we also enter the House now no longer a servant but as a son and we join in the festival of everlasting joy. This is the teaching of the great Teacher of Teachers who left us a legacy impossible to estimate, its value as we realize it becomes greater and greater and never dies.

“Now listen to me children, listen to instruction and get wisdom. Do not refuse my council for happy are they who hold to me. Happy the man who listens to me daily at my gate on the watch waiting at my doorway. He who finds me finds Life.”

Prov. 8: 32-35. (Moffatt)

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I doubt if there is a person in the world today who would not like to have the power and practical application of the Creative Principle that the Master had, yet this is possible if we will put into operation the teachings of the Master, for he himself said, in other words, he who will practice what I teach will do greater things.

Now the only use anything can be to anyone is to be able to use it. Theorizing gets us nowhere it is the practical application that counts. It is all very well for one to have theoretical knowledge but this can only be a basis for practice and if you will look into your own minds you will see that the only thing of real value in your life was when you did something well.

The secret behind all growth is to do things well and the greatest results we can hope to have is, when we can use the Creative Power in a practical way, or may I put it another way—we have to make ourselves better channels for the fuller and fuller expression of the Creative Power which is working through us.

It is not important how much intellectual knowledge we have, if we do not understand the laws of the Creative Power, we will not accomplish very much that is of real value to our fellows. I have known many who although they have university degrees are miserable failures. I have also known many without much education make a success of their lives. Yet I have known those who have had wisdom and understanding make a more brilliant success of their lives. Success is not measured in terms of what we can acquire for ourselves, but in how much we can do for others, and this leads us to the practical application of the Creative Power.

If you have any theories and you cannot put them into practice it is better to leave them alone for you are wasting valuable time.

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By using the power and opportunities you have now it will naturally open up avenues for still further opportunities, and the higher development of your powers becomes possible. As the higher development of your powers increases so will the way be opened up for further advancement and expansion. When you begin to experience this practical application you will realize that there is no limit to your progress other than denying or doubting the principle of growth in yourselves.

In my last lecture I showed you the parable of the prodigal son. The younger son thought that he could depend upon himself so he left the Father's house, but he found that he could not exist on his own resources so he returned to the Father's house where there was an inexhaustible supply. The other son we saw felt that he had no independence of his own and it was on special occasions only when he sought to draw upon the Father's stores. He was also shown that he was also a son having the right to draw at all times from the Father's inexhaustible supply, "thou art ever with me and all that is mine is thine."

When the Master spoke, he spoke from the Spirit, the Father within, that is why his words contain so much power and action, and we are compelled to take notice. In John 15 we read in verse 4, "Remain in me as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself without remaining on the vine neither can you unless you remain in me."

By the employment of your faculties and opportunities as far as you can realize them and by the same law by abiding in the Father is certain to produce its own reward. "By becoming faithful over a few things you shall become ruler of many things." So as each day comes so shall you enter into a fuller and fuller expression of the Creative Power that is within you. And by virtue of your perfect liberty so do you have access to all the resources of the Universal Mind whether it be within you or around you.

Our faculties are represented as talents by the Master when he spoke the parable in Matt. 25. This parable is a long one but when we see its meaning it is clear to us that we must use our

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gifts of the Creative Principle so that by doing so we shall multiply what has been given to us. The parable is very plain in its detail. When the three servants were handed, one twelve hundred pounds, another five hundred pounds, and the other two hundred and fifty pounds, **each according to his capacity**, the first and second servants went and traded with what was handed to them and made as much again, but the third went away and dug a hole and put the money into it. When the master came back the servant with the twelve hundred said, “You handed me twelve hundred, sir, I have gained another twelve hundred.” The Master said, “Capital, you excellent and trusty servant, you have been trusty in charge of a small sum I will put you in charge of a large sum. Come and share your master’s feast”. The same happened with the second servant. But the servant who was afraid of his master and placed his in the ground and only handed back what the Master gave him, and was rebuked by the words “You idle servant” and the two hundred and fifty pounds was taken from him and handed to the servant who had twelve hundred. “For to everyone who has shall more be given and richly given.”

Here is the Master showing that unless we use this great Creative Power handed to us by our Father we shall be like the servant who put the master’s money in a hole in the ground. What good would it do us to leave this Creative Power untouched? We would be like the good for nothing servant who was thrown into the darkness outside where men wail and gnash their teeth. This is meant where those who fail to make use of their faculties are on the outside bemoaning the fact that others have plenty while they have nothing. So grand and comprehensive are these parables that they could be applied to so many things in life.

I have already in the last lecture pointed out that the only way in which this power can be used safely and profitably, is through the recognition of its Source which makes it in all ways subservient to the Law of Love.

“The Divine Marriage” is attained by the individual who recognises the union between the individual consciousness and the Universal Consciousness or Spirit which is the Creative Power

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in man and the recognition that the Law of Power is one with the Law of Love.

There are many who have made their way in this world without the Law of Love. This type although cultivated in their powers are minus the Robe of Love and this again is shown in the parable of the feast in Matt. 22: 1-14, where it tells that the Realm of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage banquet in honour of his "Son" and when the King sends out his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast all prepared for them they paid no attention. So the King sent his servants into the byways to invite anyone they met to come to the marriage feast. So the feast was supplied with guests. When the King came in, to view the guests he saw a man not dressed in a wedded robe so the King said to him, "My man, how do you get in here without a wedded robe?" and the man was speechless. Then said the King to his servants, "Take him out and throw him into the darkness, there men wail and gnash their teeth." This is the one who may succeed yet not in the wedded Robe of Love is seen by the King. He is not allowed to enjoy that which he has grabbed for himself. Is this not true to Life? So without the Law of Love we shall not enjoy the riches held in store for us in the Father's House.

In this way we see how the practical application of the Creative Principle can be used to our advantage, thereby fulfilling all our own spiritual and material needs. The Divine Power can never be separated from Divine Love with impunity and we learn this often through bitter experience.

So we see on the one hand the idle steward who never made any use of his talents and the other who developed his talents divorced from the Law of Love. Therefore the practical application of our faculties and opportunities is to use our faculties not only for ourselves but so that all shall share in the benefit of our actions.

Again we see the great truth that although we may have plenty of material goods we may never enjoy them because it is only in "Love" that we can enjoy anything worthwhile for Love is

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Harmony and Harmony is happiness, because it is in accordance with the Law of the Universe, and one has only to turn from inharmony to Harmony to express the true nature within, for we are told that “nothing will be remembered against us.” Neither can it be for where love reigns only harmony can exist. Thus the Prodigal Son returned and nothing is remembered of his past, for in Life there is only the present, the past and the future are but dreams. If we hold on to the past with fear for the future we will never know the glorious moment now, for moment to moment is Eternity.

The supreme mastery in the individual “Being” is that when the individual obeys nature, nature will obey that individual who realizes it. And this is but the ordinary rule of Science and common sense. The Universal Principle can never act contrary to Itself whether on the Spiritual or material plane. So we can never make use of these principles on any level unless we are prepared to study this law of obedience. But immediately we begin to obey so does the Law become our humble servant, obeying us in every particular, on this condition, **that we obey it first**. The Life Principle is not separate from ourselves but is the supporter of our individuality, therefore the more we understand the general Laws underlying it so will we be able to put into operation the practical application of the Creative Principle which is inherent in all by virtue of our likeness to our Creator, as stated in Genesis “that we are made in His image and likeness.”

When religion and Science are prepared to go hand in hand, the one guiding the other we will arrive at an inspired philosophy that will lead all mankind into the practical application of the Divine principle which alone can give mankind what he is seeking and only by its translation into our daily living will we have that liberty that is ours now, by partaking of it.

What we really are in essence is a concentration of the “One” Universal Life Spirit into conscious individuality, and if we live in this recognition of the truth as our starting point it gives us freedom and the use of the Creative Power. But we cannot do this if we think that we have one centre and the Infinite another.

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We can only be free by recognizing that the Infinite who is all there is and is the only living Being is and must be capable of centralization in Itself and this centre is you and me.

You must think of those truths until you see that it is impossible to be otherwise then step forward with that confidence that is born of a faith through understanding that the Universal Creative Principle must necessarily act with the same mathematical precision in yourselves as It does in the attraction of atoms of matter or in the vibration of ether, in creating worlds and planets and all that exists thereon.

When we come to know the teaching of Moses and the teaching of Jesus we will see that they are identical, that there is only “One” Being anywhere and everywhere. And the various degrees of Its manifested consciousness can only be measured by the recognition of the meaning of the words “I am the Life.” This was the true and accurate understanding of the Master, which placed him in the forefront of clear thinkers of all time, and all clear thinkers today acknowledge this fact.

What we have been shown is that the working laws inherent in human nature follow an intelligent sequence of cause and effect and only this higher specialized knowledge can help the human race, and it is impossible to lay too much stress upon it.

Thus we see that the differing creeds, dogmas, beliefs are stumbling blocks on the path of human progress because of the antagonisms caused through them.

We see many like the elder brother who will not go into the Father’s house while his brother who is not of the same belief is in there making merry at the feast. Those who enter have no belief, they just enter into their inheritance, they have already tasted what separation means and have learned now how to love all their brothers and sisters. For only those who can love their neighbours as themselves can wear the Robe of Love that entitles them to partake of the marriage feast—the union of the individual with the Universal, which can only become a reality through the Law of the Universal in the individual being expressed through the individual. We discern clearly now that

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the Law of Love is not only a principle of ethics but the means of our self-preservation.

Thus we see the Son of God and the Son of Man united in “one” as we saw the Christ manifest through Jesus. This practical application can be ours too by practising the teachings of the Masters.

For unless we understand and practice the fundamentals that underlie our future progress, mankind will still be led by the blind that lead the blind and we all fall in the ditch. Freedom lies in understanding, and understanding will strengthen our faith that moves mountains, and this will bring forth that which is in the unseen to the seen. That which is, already is now, and will be made manifest.

“I am the Alpha and Omega the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

“I have told you all this while I am still with you, but the helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name will teach you everything and reveal to you everything I have said.”

Christ the Spirit of Truth in you will reveal everything I have said to you for he alone who rests in the Father’s bosom knows the Truth. For that which is to be, is already ordained and must come to pass.

“He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap Life everlasting.” Gal. 6: 8. (KJV)

“Those who love me I love them. Those who seek me find me. I hold wealth and honour. What I yield is better than the best of gold. What I bring in is better than rare silver. I deal fairly, justly do I act, enriching those who love me and filling their stores full.” Prov. 8: 17-21. (Moffatt)

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Lecture 3 (27th April 1948)

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In this lecture I want to gather together some of the vital points given in the previous lectures in this series. It is very important that you get a clear understanding of the fundamental principles revealed in these lectures.

Perhaps this is one of the finest series we have had, each series being a little more advanced than the one before it, that is why no student should miss any of these lectures if at all possible for they contain so much that you require in your application of the Creative Power in your daily living.

You will notice that there is nothing speculative. All bears towards the practical application of the Creative Power which we saw in our last lecture which Jesus manifested and there is nothing more fundamentally true than this fact that if we do not translate this power into action in our own lives we have not put into practice what was revealed to us and it remains imperative for us to do so and use this tremendous force for the benefit of ourselves and others.

The first fact we have to consider is that all there Is, is Infinite. This means that there is nothing outside the Infinite, therefore all must be in It and of It, that there is no other substance, Life, Consciousness, or power, but that which is Infinite. Therefore all substance is Infinite and is therefore indestructible. Not one particle of substance of matter as we know it to be, can be destroyed. It may change its form and in that change nothing is lost. We have called the change in form "decay" and decay to the mortal sense is a form of death, but when we examine this further we can see that there can be no death anywhere as generally thought. It is because we do not discern or understand the law of change or transition that we assume a thing to be dead, and this is but a lack of understanding. There cannot be one particle of

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Infinite substance dead. Modern science has proved this to us through the atomic formation which underlies all structures, whether they be of mineral, vegetable or animal tissue which is visible to the human eye. Science has gone further to show that all solids, fluids and vapours are but a modification of the ether of space which fills all space and still supports all these forms, that this substance has a basis of intelligence and acts according to definite laws which are stable and eternal, showing that there is an Infinite Intelligence underlying everything. This Intelligence in creating form produces energy, and in the transformation there is nothing lost. From the principle of energy all energy comes forth and is again absorbed into the Principle, showing the indestructibility of all matter or energy which is cognized by our senses.

It has also been proved that Consciousness is Cause behind all creation whether in the Creation of a Universe by the Supreme Being or the Consciousness in ourselves used to create by our thought that which outpictures itself in form, condition and circumstances.

We are also told that consciousness exists in all Creation whether it be in the mineral, vegetable, or animal, human or Angelic, and that this Consciousness cannot be other than the Consciousness of the Infinite for there can be no Consciousness apart from Him so all must be of the one Consciousness. And as this Consciousness unfolds or evolves it controls all that is less conscious than Itself. Thus we have dominion over all things upon the earth and as we unfold into higher expression of this same consciousness so will we have dominion over the domain in which we function. That is why Jesus said "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth." The fact that he could function in both realms, shows that he was aware of this truth. This truth is that which he spoke of when he said, "But anyone who drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst anymore, the water that I shall give him will turn into a spring of water welling up to Eternal Life." John 4: 14. (Moffatt)

The fact that drinking is symbolical of taking into oneself, so this truth when we realize it becomes part of ourselves. We

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must drink it and it is the drinking of this water that counts not just the intellectual knowing of it. But when it becomes a reality to us it is ours and we never thirst anymore. “If you knew what is **the free gift of God** and who is asking you for a drink you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you ‘living’ water.” John 4: 10.

Now this living water is that free gift of God to all who will drink it—the true understanding that dissolves all doubt and fear from the Consciousness.

As the Infinite must be all there is there can be no other creation but His therefore He becomes what He creates. This is the meaning of the words “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God and this same Word was made flesh. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made. In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of man and the Light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not.” “And this same Word was made flesh.” The darkness is the Intellect of man as explained in my lecture on the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

In the light of man there must be included the fundamental principles inherent in that which was in the beginning.

These principles I have shown you were the principles of Love and Wisdom being the pillars of the Temple and this Temple is the Temple of the Living God.

Ancient Free Masonry was aware of these truths and the two pillars at the entrance to the Temple were represented by secret words which were only passed on by word of mouth. If the candidate did not know these words he could not be admitted. Unfortunately Free Masonry today has lost the truth and has become more and more of a social club than an order of Truth and I doubt if it will ever regain its place in the world as such. I have given many lectures to Free Masons on this vital thing but it does not sink in very far for the simple reason that the Truth as it was known to the ancients is entirely lost to the present form of Free Masonry, I am sorry to say.

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I told you also in one of my lectures in this series that the principles of Love and Wisdom were combined with “Will,” will being the expression of the Truth itself as well as the power behind and in the manifestation.

When one is consciously aware of this truth the “Will” reaches out far beyond the limits of the brain and influences people and things causing them to be inclined towards the desire of that will. This power has been quoted as a mental power that acts upon others even at a distance, and this power works as surely as the sun’s rays affect plants and flowers. For it is this will, creative in nature that is behind all life’s manifestation in all the kingdoms on earth and in the heavens. Herein lies the secret of power in man. Man must first learn the Laws of Life and by understanding them, then he can do greater things as stated by the Master himself, because of our more advanced knowledge of the structure of the forms we are aware of, and of the advancement in science revealing truths that were only visionary to past generations. Although the Masters knew the structure of matter our physicists and scientists did not.

The majority of people in the world are ignorant of true facts with the result that they create in their minds a mental concept of what they see, feel and hear. But when we examine these concepts we find that there is no evidence to substantiate what they believe to be true. They live in a world of illusion and this is the cause of their feeble and inefficient and ineffectual expressions. If they do succeed it is merely by a hit and miss arrangement, and not by understanding. When true understanding comes there is no uncertainty but the direct expression of the Law operating accurately through cause and effect.

We have already seen that solids change into fluids and fluids into vapours and vapours into a higher form of the same substance that underlies them all. They ascend one degree higher up the scale of vibration until they mingle with that substance that manifests throughout all space and there is nowhere where this substance does not exist.

We learn that Life Consciousness is the ruling factor in this substance and that this substance responds and form takes

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place. Thus again reminding us that the Infinite becomes what He makes. Therefore mankind must be included in this, for it cannot be otherwise. And as our consciousness becomes aware of this so do we create according to the Divine Law inherent within us. Thus are we the means through which the Infinite is bringing forth His creation “now”, and now is always eternity. That is why I have always told you that the past and the future are but dreams in the mind that is not aware of this truth. If we are prone to dwell upon our past experiences with fear for the future we can never be pure channels for the Creative Power that is eternally active now.

The chaotic state of man’s mind today is the result of his fears. And fear is the basis of all his other negative emotions that appear to produce the vicious circle in which man lives. It was the purpose of the teaching of the Master to direct man away from this state into one of perfect liberty which he has now if he will only realize it.

The Christ of God is the light of man and this light was in the Master who revealed Its individualization in himself and that this same power was individualized in each one of us, and it was this we had to realize. Do not mistake me when I say that the same individualization of this great power still exists, of this truth I know, It is Spirit’s eternal manifestation of Itself. But we cannot understand this Truth unless we understand that we are not born of flesh and blood but of the Spirit and in this realization we can be with him who revealed the Truth by his practical application of the Creative Power. He himself said, “Where I am, so shall ye be also.” The Christ is not a separate entity but the Father expressing Himself. “Know ye not that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. It is the Father Who ever remained in me is performing His own deeds.” Thus there is the ever-present Eternal, birthless and deathless, which is impossible of decay and when we identify ourselves with this, our true selves, we will no longer be impotent in a world in chaos but a tower of strength to all who need us and that need is very much in evidence at the present time.

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Some are afraid to speak of this blessed thing—their fear is their downfall. As soon as you become aware of this truth you will rise above doubt, fear and apprehension, **as the mind is renewed day by day.**

Fear and faith are but the opposite ends of the yardstick which we measure with our minds. When fear is uppermost faith is down so we are continually turning the yardstick up and down with the result that we do not get very far. But when understanding comes this state disappears when there is the realization that there is but one Creative Power, so we create knowing that whatever our thoughts are they are sure to manifest. Consciousness is Cause.

This was and is the state of the Master, always subject to the will of the Creator with whom we identify ourselves. So whatever task is before us we perform through the will of God. Thus we become channels for a fuller and fuller expression of the Creative Power. Is this not what you are seeking? As we complete the task well so will we be moved up. “Trusty servant you have been trusty over a small sum I will put you in charge of a large sum.”

We see that the Divine Marriage is the recognition of the union of the individual with the Universal. When this takes place we sit at the Father’s table and partake of the bounties thereon, and there is no limit to the supply as was shown to the elder brother who stood at the door and that door is always open, and the gift is free, as the Master said to the woman at the well. “If you knew what is the free gift of God and who is asking you for a drink you would have asked him instead, and he would have given you ‘Living Water’.” Jesus was speaking from the Christ Principle, the Son that knew the Father, the Word that was with God, the Word that was God, the Word that was made flesh. This is the gift of the Creative Power inherited by us, that can mould all things, and as the Creative Power cannot act antagonistic to Itself in any plane of manifestation we learn that the Law of Love is the essential thing in this plane as well as in the higher. To work in opposition to another’s welfare is to

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work against oneself. Therefore Love is the fulfilment of the Law, and is the shield for our self-preservation.

“Listen, my children, to a father’s instruction, attend and learn intelligence; I give you good counsel, turn not from my teaching. Keep in mind what I say, do what I bid you, and you shall live, swerve not from my orders. Get sense, get knowledge, at any cost get knowledge—never leave her, and she will guard you, love her and she will take care of you, prize her, and she will promote you, and bring you to honour, if you will embrace her, she will adorn you with charm and crown you with glory. Listen, my son, take to heart what I say, and the years of your life shall be many; I am giving you wise directions and leading you aright; when you walk, you will never be hindered, when you run, you will not slip. Hold fast to my instructions, never let them go, keep them—they are life to you.”

Prov. 4: 1-2, 4-13. (Moffatt)

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The greatest and most desired thing by every living soul is the method required to use the self in such a way as to express the creative power that is inherent in all. The cause of most failures in this all-important thing is that most people only recognise a creative power that is outside themselves and they look to this power to do the work for them not realizing that the same creative power is within themselves and that they can use it with effect and accuracy in any direction they wish provided they know the laws upon which it works.

Ancient wisdom was and is today the most advanced interpretation of this truth and this is definitely shown to us through the teachings of those who understood the fundamental principles underlying God, man and the Universe.

There existed in Persia before and after the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago a great school under the direction of the “wise men of the East” otherwise known as the Magi. At the same time there was also a school in Egypt under the direction of the “great therapeuti of ancient Egypt.” These schools were not only schools for the study of the great subject pertaining to God, man and the Universe, but the practical application of the Creative Power was developed by those who were admitted and legends tell us of these wonder-workers.

Ancient literature which I was privileged to see when I was in Tibet showed me that the knowledge of the Masters today is the same knowledge known to the ancients. This knowledge was previously kept secret from the masses and only those who had the utmost desire for Truth were allowed access to these wonderful truths. For example a young man came to Geshi Rimpoche, one of the Tibetan Masters asking to become one of his students or chelas. Geshi Rimpoche took him down to the river, asked him

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to kneel with his face touching the water, then the Master held his face under the water until the young man struggled for his breath. When the Master let him up he asked him, “What he desired most when his face was under the water” and the young man said “My breath.” “Well,” said the Master, “when you desire the truth as much as you desired your breath come back to me.”

To know that this Truth is the greatest treasure in the world you would think that everyone would desire it ardently. But the parable told by the Master about the feast and the invited guests, when the King sent his servants out to tell the invited guests to come to the feast they paid no attention, is significant of the same attitude today.

In these ancient records there are statements of fact, stating that Jesus sojourned at these schools of the wise men of the East and learned of this wisdom and lore and also to Egypt to the great therapeuti where he was also a student, as well as being a member of the Essenes in his own land and with his own inner vision He became the greatest master of all time.

The reason why people today are ignorant of this knowledge and wisdom is because of the stupid and puerile version of the truth depicted in Sunday School books etc. God is represented as a bald headed old man with a long white beard clad in flowing robes to hide his body, and many other stupid versions which should have long ago been relegated to the waste paper basket. Is it any wonder that sceptics, infidels and scoffers of spiritual truths have arisen in great numbers when they are asked to accept such rubbish or be damned to a place called Hell. I showed you in my last lecture that hell could only be an “imaginary place where God was not present,” but as you know that God is Infinite, eternal and present everywhere, if there is a hell God must be there also.

Heaven is a state of consciousness acquired through the realization of the oneness, the union of the individual with the Universal, the Universal gives rise to the individual and the individual gives expression to the Universal. Hell is a state of consciousness where this realization does not exist—a state of separation.

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It is not the purpose of this lecture that I go into the history and work of the Magi of Persia or the great therapeuti of ancient Egypt, what we intend doing is to express in modern language these great truths which are the pearls beyond price which those ancients knew, understood and practised. This same knowledge and understanding was expressed by Jesus himself, in his great work of healing and teaching.

This knowledge can also be yours and there is not anything that can compare with it. It is more precious than fine gold and there is no value like unto it, the prophets have told us.

What is wrong with most people is that they are ruled by what has been told them, they have not thought things out for themselves. They have not used their divine gift of reason, their brains are all memory, and are wrapped up in ignorant concepts. They may say “We have always believed in God” but they don’t know where He is. They look into the sky and say He is up there somewhere. What good is that? Fortunately the present generation is not taking to what their parents believed, they want to think things out for themselves, so they will become their own salvation as well as the salvation of the future generations.

Most people are slaves to tradition in thought and religion with the result that the world is still perpetuating its own ignorance. Most people at the age of fifty and over get set in their ideas. It is only those, although up in years, but young in mind that wish to know more and more about the reality of things. A lot of our older people will say “But I have had a bit of experience,” but the trouble is they cannot keep their eyes off it, so they turn around and walk back through life instead of going forward.

This world is suffering from chills and fevers, panics and booms, something is wrong with the temperature, it is up and down like the waves of the sea. Can this be cured? That is the question. I am sure it can! But we must go to the mountain top and view things from above and see what is going wrong. By our Divine reason and insight and with understanding of the teaching of the master, the wise men and the prophets, we will see

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our own mistakes, we will view things from a different viewpoint. We will see that we ourselves are the cause of our chills and fevers, our panics and booms, our wars and our conferences that end in naught.

What we must do is to stop groaning about the miserable details of our lives, and look with the eyes of truth into a world that could be a paradise for all when the laws of Life are understood and operated upon by all individually as well as collectively. Whenever we knowingly operate upon these laws troubles and worries are changed into opportunities, courage and understanding. Although the road ahead seems covered with mist, this should not daunt the one who knows that the Creative Power in God is the same in man, and its practical application is the same.

We must look the way we intend to go, one cannot go east by always facing west. We will go the way we face.

The human race as a whole is moving up. As to whether any individual moves up that depends upon him. Nature is always waiting to give a hand if you will but trust her. There is no promised land for those who can see nothing but a wilderness.

“Lead kindly light amidst the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on. I do not want to see, each step enough for me, lead Thou me on.” This shows that the consciousness of the Universal Mind is one with the individual mind now and when we realize it we know that this is the light amidst the encroaching gloom, that light that leads us on, we do not want to see, each step is enough. Herein lies the spirit of power—the creative power in man, the source of will, imagination and thought.

We have already seen that there cannot be any other Self but the Infinite Self. There cannot be any other mind but the Infinite Mind and therefore there cannot be any other substance, force or intelligence but the Infinite. We can only use Infinite Substance, mind or energy for there is none other, whether we know it or not. But when the Divine Marriage takes place that is when the individual merges with the Universal, knowing and understanding that they are one and the same, all is possible to those who realize it.

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When the Universal gives expression to the individual and the individual gives expression to the Universal then the unlimited resources of the Infinite Mind is available to those who will partake of it.

This is the feast we explained in the parable of the Prodigal Son. We have only to recognise and realize this and this state begins to grow as the consciousness becomes more aware of itself as the individualization of the Infinite or Universal Consciousness. With this state there is neither fear nor doubt but an awareness that rebukes all doubt and fears that get in the way.

Consciousness is the Creative Principle in the Universal as well as the Individual Mind. It sets in motion the process of Creative growth which becomes automatic and manifests in form, the idea the consciousness holds. Therefore the law of the Universe is identical with the Law in man, the only difference being in the degree and this degree of awareness expands as the conscious unity between God, man and the Universe grows in the individual.

This Universal Mind is all there is and there is no outside it—all is mind and matter is mind materialized. The Bible is throughout dealing with those three factors: God, man and the Universe, and explains the Law of Evolution by which God passes into more and more perfect forms of self-expression culminating in the perfect man-woman, and however deep the mysteries all may encounter there is nothing unnatural anywhere—all is natural and everything has its place in due order in the great whole. If we have a mistaken conception of this order, this may lead us to invert or reverse it, and by so doing provide those negative conditions which we so often rebel against. But this inverted action is perfectly natural for it is all according to the law and how we operate upon it.

These laws of the Universe while within or around us are always the same. The only question is whether through our ignorance we shall use them in that reverse sense which reveals them in the law of death, misery or unhappiness or whether we use them in that true and harmonious order which reveals them in the Law of Life.

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The wise men and masters and the prophets reveal to us in various ways for our intelligent enquiry to penetrate the various veils which hide them from the eyes of those who will not take the trouble to investigate for themselves.

It is this grand order of the Universe that is symbolized by Solomon's temple. It is seen clearly that Moses was the medium through which the Infinite showed himself as the Universal as the people of the "I am" as detailed in the narrative of the burning bush.

The promised land is the realizing of that land which flows with milk and honey which is symbolical of spiritual food which means plenty in the place of the individual, when the individual enters the promised land. When the enemies are extirpated from the promised land this condition would be forthcoming to all who realize it. The enemies are these inverted concepts which the ignorant conceived without due regard to the Natural Law. Thus Moses lifted the serpent up in the wilderness so that all could gaze upon it and be healed, the serpent is symbolical of the Life Principle in man and when this is lifted up to its proper place it is seen from a completely new view to that which man had fallen through his ignorance.

Yet Moses knew that there was a far grander end in view and looking down the long vista of the ages he saw not Solomon but "a greater than Solomon is here." "Oh, wouldst thou raise up a prophet like unto me." This was the fuller and fuller expression of the Infinite Life revealed through Jesus called the Christ. This was the Christ of God who revealed Himself as the Spirit of Truth that would reveal unto all men the presence of the Almighty. So the people of the "I am," "I am the Life" are concealed among all nations and must be brought forth by the prophet who would follow up the work of Moses further, as the Universal expressed in the individual.

Those three—Moses, Solomon and Jesus—are the builders of the Temple. Firstly Moses erected the tabernacle, the portable temple, that which accompanied the Israelites on their journeys. Solomon reproduced it in an edifice of wood and stone fixed

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firmly upon its rock foundation. Jesus then came and said, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days." He spoke of the temple of the body, the temple of the Living God and within this temple God dwells, and moves into a fuller and fuller expression of Himself in the individuals that realize it.

This is the secret of the great Magi, the wise men of the East, the secret of the great therapeuti of ancient Egypt and is the secret now revealed to you. "He who has ears to hear let him hear."

"Is not Wisdom calling, Knowledge raising her voice? On the high ground by the roadside, in the streets she takes her stand, by the gateways opening to the city, at the entries, she is crying out: 'O men, I am calling to you, my appeal is to all men! O heedless souls, learn insight, O foolish folk, learn sense! Listen, for I have a weighty message, my lips open with right words, I utter what is true, false lips I loathe, all I say is honest, with nothing in it false or wrong; 'tis all plain to a man of sense, and true for those who are intelligent'. Choose instruction rather than silver and knowledge rather than rare gold; for wisdom is better than rubies, no treasure is equal to her."

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Wisdom is calling and knowledge is raising her voice. The wise men and the prophets tell us that it is plain to the man of sense and true to those who are intelligent. We are told that it is better to choose instruction rather than rare silver and knowledge than rare gold and that wisdom is better than rubies, as no treasure is equal to her.

The one who finds the unity of the Whole expressed in him or herself has obtained “the key to knowledge” and it is now in their power to enter intelligently upon the study of their own being and the use of that being in ways that will bring satisfactory results. By doing so they become helpers of others to advance into the greater light. This is the one who is able to become a “builder”.

The builder becomes the balanced person who is guided by wisdom and knowledge and is not affected by what is seen in the outer but has the true interpretation of Reality and therefore understands that all is possible with this wisdom and knowledge, and to those who put this wisdom and knowledge into action.

There is nowhere a more fascinating story than that written about the leading characters in the Scriptures and Paul gave us the key to their interpretation when he stated that the leading characters also represent great Universal Principles and as we progress further in these lectures we will reveal some astounding facts that will revolutionize our thinking.

God which we name the Universal Spirit can only be described as Love and Wisdom. Whenever the individual discovers the relation between the Universal and the individual there is a “feeling” that cannot be described. To describe what is primarily “feeling” is to attempt the impossible but the essence of this feeling consists in the recognition of a reciprocity of such a nature

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that each supplies what the other wants and neither is complete without the other.

When this recognition by the individual of his or her own nature and of the relation to the Universal takes place the individual is reborn, as the Master said, "This time born of the Spirit," for then you are no longer the self you were before but your self becomes the reproduction of the Universal Self, which is conscious of that self. Then you become more and more the expression of that Universal Self as you grow into a fuller understanding of the Law by which the greater Self develops within you.

You learn that this greater self within the self is the true builder because It is the individualization of the Infinite Creative Power of the Universe. You will realize now that the working of this power must always be a continual building up through you of greater things as you recognise it more and more. Therefore the Infinite Creative Principle can have no other action than a continual expansion of Itself whether in the colossal scale of a Solar System or through mankind, this self-same self-inherent activity is the same in both which is for ever building up.

If we keep this in mind it becomes clear to the enlightened individual that the individuality is the manifestation of the Universal Principle and at this stage the individual who identifies himself with the Spiritual Force becomes the developing factor for it is seen that whatever takes place in the Universal must of necessity take place in the individual for the two are inseparable they are one and the same.

Now this truth is a paradox to those who have not yet understood the symbol of the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Tree of Life as we are told was Universal Life Consciousness which had individualized Itself in man and this was the only Reality, but if this Individual Consciousness did not realize this fact it would eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This was man's intellect, wandering in the barren wilderness, what he speculated about things not knowing what they were. So as he experienced through his

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reaction he called that which was unpleasant evil and that which was pleasant he called good. But you will see that both are relative to himself and both are equally created by himself, just as fear and faith are his own creation, faith being of a very inconsistent nature according to our understanding. But when we become aware that the Creative Power in ourselves is the only power there is we realize that what we think so do our thoughts manifest. So if we think evil we reap in the effects what we sow in thoughts and this was the paradox of the inner and the outer, the personal and the impersonal, a carnal and a Divine. But in Reality there is only one Mind, one life or Spirit behind all creation. The carnal is the reflection of the individual, distorted by the individual who thinks himself separate. So there is apparently two selves, a higher and a lower. The lower self is an illusion of the self for there is in Reality only one self that is the Spirit as I have already shown and as this truth becomes more and more known so will the self become brighter and brighter as we unfold into it. As Jesus said, the inner becomes the outer and the outer the inner.

The Real Self is the embodiment of the truth and the so-called Lower Self is this truth reversed by one who is ignorant of the oneness of the Infinite, as I explained to you in my last lecture.

We are told that there is the Devil—now when we begin to understand that the Infinite is Infinite in nature, that is, that He is all there is, and there is no other power but His and He is omnipresent, that is there is no part of Infinity where He is not, then how could the Devil exist in the Infinite which is Love and Wisdom and perfection. If the Devil does exist then the Devil is God Himself.

One very pious person said to me the other day, “But don’t you believe in Satan?” I said, “No,” and I asked her where was Satan and she said Satan was the Angel which fell from heaven, so I asked where heaven was, and she said she did not know. “Now,” I said, “the Master gave you the key to that when He said the Kingdom of Heaven is within you.” Then she realized the Truth when I said, “You are your own Satan, you are the Angel who fell from heaven.”

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Yes, of course, this is the Truth. The Angel self which is the only self is Justice, Mercy, Love, Wisdom, Understanding. Satan only exists when the Spiritual attributes are not operating and this is what is known as the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the intellect of man who is unaware of his own reality. So this Devil has no ears to hear, no eyes to see, no heart to know and no power except the power we give of ourselves. This Satan is a myth clothed in the shadow of a mental image and the only devil from which we must be redeemed is self. If man would look within he will find his name is “self,” and if man would find his Saviour he must also look within and there the Saviour waits knocking at the door of the heart. He is the warrior who will dethrone the demon self.

Reality is not the product of our thoughts. Reality is neither an Idea nor an image—Reality is the self that is Real and expresses Reality, Life, Love, Wisdom. Then the so called lower self disappears because it is not reality and disappears into nothingness where it belongs and the sooner we discern this devil the sooner will he disappear.

Enthusiasm is a force that can overcome all things but enthusiasm must be balanced by understanding. Unless we are able to reason from the source of all things we develop an unbalanced enthusiasm which leads to disaster and the reason why, when living in the materialistic sense people are seldom able to see beyond secondary causes, is that we get things through certain visible channels and we mistake these for the source. You will say the things you got you worked for, you bought with money. Of course you did, God does not put banknotes into your cash box by a conjuring trick, God makes things “generically” whether it be iron or brains, we have to use them. But iron or the brains or whatever else it may be ultimately proceeds from the all-Creative Spirit and the more clear we see this the easier it will be to go direct to the Spirit, for Spirit creates things by becoming these things, and God has bestowed upon us gifts, His gifts which are our abilities and these operate different ways in each one.

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Be happy in your doing and conditions will be created without undue strain which leads to the Spirit's own true expression in the individual. It is the one Spirit that is functioning through all, yet this one Spirit functions in a variety of ways. Thus your enthusiasm is tempered with understanding, and without this, enthusiasm may become insanity, sheer madness, without reason. **Yet in its highest levels it becomes the most beneficent force in this world.**

Beware of fanatical enthusiasm, when one becomes seized with a craze to do this or that without due regard to wisdom and understanding. Take military enthusiasm for instance, for centuries every possible trick, falsehood and device has been used to create enthusiasm for war—so man kills his brother whom he has never seen and is given medals for slaughter.

In religious enthusiasm we see in this, the terrible horrifying spectacle of the Spanish Inquisition, burning at the stake of thousands by religious fanatics, and recently the slaughter of Hindus by Mohammedans and vice versa, the hatred in some of our Christian sects for others who are supposed to worship the same God.

In political enthusiasm we see at every election every possible device is used to create enthusiasm, the wildest promises are made without the slightest intention of carrying them out.

In enthusiasm for justice we see here that our Courts which are supposed to be Courts of Justice become the arena for a battle of wits between the prosecuting and defending Counsels. The witnesses are subjected to a gruelling test beyond their mental capacity and are forced into saying things that they had no intention of saying and so the judge or magistrate accepts this evidence and decides upon it, with the result that the innocent are punished and lawbreakers are set free.

Then we have cultural enthusiasm. Those who are supposed to possess it form themselves into a caste, they do not concern themselves with the progress of humanity as a whole. If we look back through the ages we see Greece had a culture built on slavery. It is quite possible for a nation to possess a unique art and literature, and yet have the mass of its people living in servitude and squalor.

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The majority of cultures concerned itself with what is obsolete, glorifies the past, despises the present, dislikes science and efficiency. Our literary and spiritual people are for some strange reason reactionaries, they cherish the obsession that knowledge like wine must be old and cobwebbed. They cherish childish writings of centuries ago which have no meaning or truth revealed by science and modern thinking.

Then we have the humanitarian enthusiasm—this is created by pity but there is no real love for the unfortunate fellow, no knowledge or understanding of how things could be righted as a whole, so the world is rotting into a form of communism that will not only bring disaster but misery as well—there is no love in communism of our present day—and is doomed to failure and if it does survive it will bring humanity tottering to the level of the animal. Love alone and not force can save mankind.

And lastly, we have scientific enthusiasm. This passion for truth and discovery possessed by scientists of all branches including the science of mind and life has set us free from superstition and ignorance, broken down national boundaries and marks great advancement for the future. There is nothing to be said against it except that it has added terribly to the horrors and destruction by war and this caused by the desire of nations to acquire a means to conquer by force instead of by understanding, wisdom and Love.

Our religious leaders, men of letters, are still wallowing in superstition instead of teaching the truth of the oneness of Life, the Tree of Life, the salvation of the Race. Fools and blind they were called by the great teacher two thousand years ago yet slowly they are learning to be wise and see the truth that the human spirit is a deathless entity and is the very fibre of the Universal Life. This Spirit of man is an eternal pilgrimage, eternal in time and Infinite in space. The spirit in man is the seat of all inspiration and glorious achievement and expresses its genius in the glorious manifestation we see in the physical world. These things are the result of the indwelling energies of the Spirit expressing Itself through the individual faculties in you and me and others, who learn to be wise.

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When the self is united with the Universal Self in conscious awareness, through this shall all the glory and inspiration for the great achievement be obtained.

Wisdom is the breath of the Power of God in all ages entering into wise souls making them sons and daughters of God and friends of the prophets.

The Master said “Call no man your father upon earth for one is your Father which is in heaven.” Mighty men are they who walk and talk with God.

“Listen to council and take advice that you may manage your life wisely. Man thinks out many a plan but ’tis the Eternal’s plan that prevails.” Prov. 19: 20-21. (Moffatt)

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In this lecture we will show that the majority of people in this world are lost in the effects which are seen on the surface, and this divorces them from the power that is theirs through understanding the hidden cause. When the causes of the effects are understood a new world opens before us.

Nine out of every ten people you meet will tell you that what they see is all they know about things but you who are advancing along the lines of Reality know that such objects are but appearances, phenomena produced by the invisible life within them which is their reality and cause of that which is seen in the manifested effects.

This is not only so with regard to living forms but also with regard to all inorganic matter. All are constituted of the one Life in different degrees or states of “becoming” and all are ever changing in their state in accordance with the invisible action exerted upon them from within by the Supreme Intelligence. Consequently the real is the invisible cause within the external appearance constituting our environment and that Reality is the one Infinite Life, the omnipotent omniscient and omnipresent “One” whose will, acting through the intelligence underlying all, determines the forms in which it manifests Itself. This is one of the most important facts for us to remember when considering what we see external to ourselves.

Without the consciousness in us there would be no external world for us, and without life there is no consciousness so it is Life that is the ultimate Reality both within us and in the objects external to us.

We are told that man is made in the image and likeness of God. This is the truth that enables us to progress with the Law of Growth and there can be no ending to this growth in us. But

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when man makes an image of God in his own mind he finds that he must discard one God after another as he grows beyond the images he holds of his God.

I have repeatedly told you that it is impossible to perceive the whole truth but you grow into the truth by becoming the truth knowing that man is made in the image and likeness of God. The truth that most people perceive is only in their imagination. It is only an idea in their minds, but Truth is none of these things. But when we realize that we are the “truth” even if our minds cannot comprehend it we know that it is the Infinite Life which manifests Itself through us. At the same time we discern the action of this Life, quietly understanding that it is Life alone that is living and expressing Itself. The individual becomes aware that the Infinite Consciousness and the individual consciousness are not separate but are one in the expression of that Consciousness.

Therefore it is impossible to try and comprehend this truth through a background of ideas caught up from the various religions with their changing interpretation for when one theory is worn out a new one is created, and so on from one theory to another. The mind becomes confused with the many ideas and this causes conflict by trying to conform to these ideas. You will see that these are only beliefs, ideas and will remain so. But truth is none of these. It is beyond ideas and images. It is behind all creation yet we are one with It.

So many people pattern their lives after what they have heard or read and these are so many patterns all wrapped up in theories and none is the truth. This is the illusion that blinds them to the “truth” of the one Living God that is expressing Himself in everything we see around us.

The Truth that I am revealing to you can be demonstrated in your lives. I am not saying that everyone is capable of demonstrating this truth immediately upon hearing it. But as you unfold into this truth so will the truth express Itself through you. When your mind accepts this scientific reasoning, without effort the Truth will manifest Itself as you begin to realize it more and more. A Master does not flatter himself that he can accomplish what

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another person cannot do for he knows that all are capable of giving expression to this power as one grows in realization.

If you use your mind along the lines indicated in these lectures you will find that there will be a continuous growth for you and the time will come as the great Master said, "All will be possible unto you." A very large promise, you may say, but nevertheless true, "The things ye see me do greater things will ye do."

After the Master taught the multitude in parables His disciples asked him, "Why speakest thou to them in parables?" Jesus answered, "Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given," and afterwards he unfolded to his disciples the esoteric side of his teachings.

There have always been the esoteric and exoteric religions and sciences and there will be for some time to come, the outer form and ritual for the masses and the inner truths for students.

Modern physicists are now studying the ether, the invisible electrical particles that make up matter. This is leading them into the secrets known to the Masters centuries ago and we know as students of the greater Science of Life that there cannot be any manifestation outside the Infinite, whether we look at a blade of grass or a drop of water or upon a great city filled with the motley crowds or look upon our earth with its teeming myriads of humans and animals or look away into space, system after system of worlds, all is the Infinite in various states of manifestation. Everything in the Universe is an unfoldment of the Infinite Life and the Law teaches us that this unfoldment takes place upon the subjective plane before it appears on the objective. This law applies to everything including ourselves and it is this Law that we have to consider as the Law of Growth in us.

This great knowledge is gained in two ways by a knowledge of its principles from teachers who are schooled as Masters and by personal experience. But even when knowledge has been gained through Masters it does not put an end to experimentation and experience "for after the pupil has been taught the real knowledge comes through action and experience."

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The question is often asked, "Who are the teachers?" I will try to answer this in as few words as possible. I have in my lessons of the Cosmic explained that all humans are born Angels clothed in human form and as Cosmic evolution takes place we pass upwards through the interior realms and become as we really are Divine in nature, otherwise Angelic.

When a new Cosmic Day commences and new planets are formed, in these Angelic forms exist the evolutionary power inherent in these new planets. Moses and Jesus were the direct representation of these forces while others are designated to link up with unfolding Spirits born into the earth. For every human soul has its parents in the sun world and are never separated from the Infinite Life which is forever mediated to them.

There are some who, chosen to become students of the Masters, at the same time become teachers on earth. Students who devote themselves to the Science of Life hold the same relation to the adepts as the adepts hold to the Masters.

There are Intelligences in the Universe far superior to man, yet as man unfolds through the Cosmic so do we all unite with the others in this great scheme of the Cosmic Creation.

There are Great Angelic Operators fulfilling the Infinite Scheme and through these Angelic forms flows the Life Current or Consciousness of the Infinite formulating the Creative System and from these Angelic beings flows the Life Current to the earth, to their offspring living in embodiment on earth and as this conscious Life is developed in the human soul so is the thought inherent in the Life Current clothed in language so that others can understand and by the process of this communication so do you have these advanced teachings.

Some will doubt or even refuse to accept the statement that thought currents can be transmitted from the Angelic Spheres in the Sun to earth. Yet they accept the fact that light and heat rays are being permanently transmitted. Heat and light are the objective aspects of the same Life rays which are invisible in the form of thought waves.

There is a permanent transmission going on from the sun to the earth similar to wireless which is transmitted through space.

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When we tune in to the wavelength we get the voice or if it is Morse code we pick up the dot-dash and transform it into words similar to those who are in contact with the forces of the Angelic world.

It is evident that the great Angelic Operators in question must possess and control greater knowledge than man can imagine, and as man can transmit vibration through space it is quite conceivable that the Angelic Forces should be able to use their conscious Life Ray for a similar purpose. Mental telepathy has been proved between humans, yet some people will doubt that telepathy can be accomplished with even greater effect between Angel and man.

The idea concerning God changes as man develops, so he creates an idea of God according to his unfoldment. While it is true that God created man in His own image and likeness yet undeveloped man is forever returning the compliment by creating a God in man's image.

Man, living in the illusion of the effects of what he himself creates, reacts not knowing that he alone is the creator. So he is continually fighting an evil which he thinks is a power against God—so he elects himself the warrior going out to fight God's battle against evil while all the time it is man himself who creates the evil, and this is man's ignorance of his true nature.

We are passing into the transition stage of man's conception of Deity broadening from the anthropomorphic to a real Universal God without modification or limitation. The anthropomorphic idea means God made in the image of man, with human weaknesses and limitations, with attributes ascribed to man's God which we would not ascribe to the most backward savage.

Progressive thinking born of science has long ago refuted this libel on the Infinite Creative Power and the further man unfolds so does he realize that this Infinite Omnipotent Omniscience is Love and Wisdom, so we call this Infinite "Divine Consciousness." This Consciousness being Universal necessarily manifests everywhere. In all kingdoms this consciousness manifests. In the mineral Kingdom we see this consciousness as the cohesive force in the form of minerals, what we call chemical affinity.

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A drop of water is formed by two gases, two parts of Hydrogen and one part of Oxygen known as H₂O. Why should these particular atoms form this concentration rather than any other, and the amount of power required to separate these atoms is tremendous. This is the will in action, the cohesive will holding two particles together so that all fluids can be formed. When these atoms are separated they are brought into new conditions which show that there is still a conscious action in the finer, and forms a combination with even greater force.

In the Vegetable Kingdom we see the selection of particles of minerals, the absorbing of gases from the air and the vital rays of the sun which go to make up the different types of plants and vegetables. Here we see Consciousness in a higher degree.

In the Animal Kingdom the Consciousness becomes so individualized as to distinguish a higher form of consciousness in the human as its master and the lower in the vegetable. In mankind we see this Consciousness so developed that he can realize his oneness with the Infinite, a consciousness that is capable of recognizing itself as the direct expression of the One and only Consciousness or Universal Consciousness. In this is the Law of Growth in the individual. This was the great secret of the adept, to behold what the consciousness is aware of has in itself the power to manifest that awareness.

From man's point of view the manifested part of the Universal Consciousness consists of two forms, visible and invisible. Cause and effect. But as I told you before, cause and effect are one and are inseparable and this is part of the Law we have to study. Each of these, cause and effect, invisible and visible, is but a part of the complete unity of the Universal Consciousness upon the visible plane of manifestation, Divine Consciousness expressing Itself. Man has called this matter, yet matter separate from energy does not exist, energy separated from Intelligence or Consciousness cannot exist so we see clearly that what we see on the objective plane is but the result of the conscious manifestation of the Infinite therefore every particle we see or feel is Infinite.

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Again I must remind you that consciousness is cause. What you are conscious of so must it manifest, this is the Universal Law inherent in the Universal Consciousness individualized in man carrying the same Law into operation. This tremendous fact puts you in control of all, as you are told in the Scriptures “Man is made in the image and likeness of God with dominion over all things.”

The more this is realized the greater is your awareness of it, and awareness means manifestation.

Think, firstly, are you aware of your consciousness, that consciousness being none other than the Infinite Consciousness individualized in you, and the centre from which all thought and action must flow?

Think, secondly, are you aware of your thoughts? And are you just reacting to things as they come to you? If the latter exists you are controlled by your environment but if the former exists then you can control your environment. You are the active positive centre around which everything must move. It is your duty to become that positive centre, not only to yourself but to God. The Scriptures say “Thou shalt eat of the labour of thy hands, happy shalt thou be and it shall be well with thee.” Ps. 128: 2.

Ether is the unparticled sea of Divine Mind and flows according to the impetus given to it both by God and by man. It moves in the direction in which it is sent. Ether is the medium in which all things are created and through which all things are connected. It does not impair or retard the force you send into it, and it brings back to you precisely what you sent forth. It transmits all mental currents from one to another from Angels to men and from men to Angels. No wave or thought vibration can ever be impaired. Through ether I can contact anyone or heal or help those who ask. If you think of me I will get your call and will reply, help will come immediately. I can contact Spiritual Forces in the fraction of a second and ask their aid and immediately it is given. Jesus said, “I have only to ask and legions will come to mine aid.” Now try and realize what I have given you tonight. It is better than rare silver and the rarest of gold, for no treasure is like unto it.

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In Proverbs 15: 33 and Proverbs 16: 1-3. (Moffatt)

“Reverence for the Eternal trains men to be wise, and to be humble is the way to honour.”

“A man may think what he will say, but at the moment the word comes to him from the Eternal. A man’s ways seem all right to himself, but the Eternal has the verdict on his life. Trust your affairs to the Eternal and your plans will prosper.” As Isaiah says, “It is the Eternal speaking.”

“As the Father hath loved me so have I loved you, continue ye in my love.” “A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” John 15: 9 and 13: 34. (KJV)

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The only power we have lies in the subjective self. This self is the Real Self, the outer is but a manifestation of it. Although both are one the “inner and the outer,” the inner is the receiver and the giver. What we believe we manifest. The Bible is always telling us to look to the Eternal, the Infinite, and to establish this in ourselves. It shows how these prophets understood the Law of Being when we begin to understand it ourselves.

When we look through the objective self we find that we are subject to all kinds of limitations and these become suggestions which are accepted and naturally become subjective and are reflected outwardly again. If all our experiences are derived from this source you can see how easy it is for one to become completely negative, and carry this to the final issue. We realize that the Creative Power of our thought is the root from which all our experiences, whether subjective or objective, arise. We therefore become aware that everything depends upon the nature of the suggestions that give colour to our thought.

Whatever we are conscious of predetermines the predominating tone of our thought. By this very law we shall externalise what we fear. If on the other hand we grasp the great truth of the fundamental law of our being, as I have so often repeated to you, made in the image and likeness of God, then our thought shall be in accordance with the attitude we hold towards Life. But this must not be just an intellectual acceptance of the Truth. We must feel it deeply.

It is feeling that is the motive power behind all manifestation. As I have already mentioned, to carry this to its final issue, we carry these suggestions with us through the gates of death which is nothing more than moving from the objective sense to the subjective sense. And as this inner life is purely subjective we will find ourselves still frustrated by our beliefs, and we will continue

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to be frustrated until we have paid “the ultimate farthing”—that is to cast off all these suggestions of impotence accepted in our ignorance.

Immediately we accept the grand Truth of our Being, our sins are forgiven and we are free. We see here that this not only applies to our inner life, but to our outer life in the body as well, and it was this that the greatest mental scientist of all time saw when he said, “Thy sins are forgiven thee, arise and walk.”

Man is God materialized! This is a tremendous statement, but when we analyse it to the ultimate we see that it is true. Then the feeling of this great truth rushes through us and fills us with an energy filled with this truth.

Man is an invisible entity, what we see of him in and through the body is merely the manifestation of the inner man. Mankind is the expression of the Infinite Spiritual energy—a conscious spiritual intellectual etheric materialised energy individualised in all planes, thus giving to man-woman individuality and personality. It is through this realization the locked up faculties and powers existing in every human being will manifest. The involved God-powers now existing in man will spring forth, for in the heart of every living being lies a god—the Cosmic Spirit individualized. All evolution is merely bringing forth that which lies hidden within.

The Universe is our home and we grow in it. “The seed of Abraham” is the Divine Spirit and its growth depends on our realization of it.

The esoteric meaning of “Abraham” “Isaac” and “Jacob” is as follows:—

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

“Isaac” —the soul, the manifestation of the breath—
“Isaac.” “Is” means breath and is sounded as if drawing in breath, “aac” is sounded as the breath flows out and means action. Life in action.

“Jacob” —means the body.

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So we have Spirit, soul and body—the trinity—the three in one. Yet Jesus goes further and shows the greater truth that sets us free—“I am before Abraham.” He identifies himself with the Infinite “I and the Father are one.” This was the conscious state of the man of Galilee, and into which all must grow.

It takes many years for the awareness of the consciousness to awaken in some people. To many the conception of the abstract (which is the only Reality) remains impossible, they cannot rise above the concrete, with the result that they continually react to the concrete and their subjective self can only give to them what they are aware of. Many others have never attempted to analyse their own thinking process to its source, yet by doing so they would be able to identify their self-consciousness with the Universal Consciousness (the Infinite). This alone determines the state of one’s evolution, and evolution means the releasing of our Spiritual energies from within.

Our consciousness of self is due to the presence of the inmost Principle, the Infinite Knower. For the fact remains that we cannot have any faculty unless that faculty was predetermined by the Infinite Knower.

The history of the prophets and seers of all time reveal a magic that was awe-inspiring to the masses, yet this so-called magic was but the releasing of this tremendous invisible energy through the consciousness. But before this could be done there had to be a conscious awareness of it, and the feeling of this awareness was the secret of its manifestation.

The ancient Magi used their powers in the direction of healing the sick. People were brought to the temples to be healed and after the customary incantation designed to affect the imagination of the primitive people, they were found to be benefited and many actually healed. Behind the veil of the ceremonies the Magi released the Spiritual energies and those who were open or in the suggestive mood were healed.

This stream of conscious energy is positive to both ether and matter and a negative condition both in mind and body will yield to this positive force when properly and intelligently applied.

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This force builds up the body from a single cell and is inherent in every particle of the body. Every cell and combination of cells is supplied with this energy or force. The body is mind materialized and every cell is the result of mind in action. We can now see that the mental state of an individual must be reflected upon the body. Therefore mind over matter is not just a saying to us who know, it is a living law in operation. Fortunately for many, Nature is kind and she always tends to balance us through spiritual aids which we are totally unaware of.

I have no theory in regard to healing. I know from study, experiment and investigation and through the assistance of the masters both visible and invisible, that the releasing of spiritual energies in the individual results in a healing whether it may be immediate or delayed, and when intelligently applied apparently miraculous results are obtained, the finality is “awareness.”

The subject of healing has been elaborately treated by many writers and many have derived benefit from these writings. In some cases these writers base their work upon the fact that all healing is the result of a change in belief. This is indeed a great truth when we realize that the subjective self is the creative faculty within us and reflects whatever the objective impresses upon it.

Now the objective self is the intellect and what it sees it reflects in thought, this thought then is reflected as a belief, and this is then reproduced externally. But as we see that intellect is a very inaccurate thing, we have to go deeper to find the cause.

So many people will not let go of their beliefs although they are entirely false, so they have first of all to be convinced of the falsity of their beliefs and given reason for the new ones. It is only when they are shown the true Law of Causation that they get startled out of their lethargic dream.

Now the only conception you can have of “yourself” in the “Infinite” or “unconditioned” is a purely living **Spirit** not hampered by any condition of any sort, therefore not subject to secondary cause or condition which is the cause of most illness.

Secondary cause is the individual who is not aware of his true state and who reacts to conditions or circumstances which

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he perceives within himself or external to himself, with the result that he externalizes his beliefs.

Now when we take the teachings of the Master or those of the prophets they direct us to the first cause which is God and as God cannot be conditioned in any way, and if we identify ourselves with First Cause we know that what we are aware of, so shall it manifest. I have repeatedly told you “awareness is manifestation.” The key to your happiness lies in your subjective self being impressed with this truth and not with the beliefs resulting from “secondary cause,” that is when you are unaware of the truth and allow your subjective self to be impressed by the suggestion from the objective self, buried in ignorance.

In many cases where first attempts in healing are not successful, it is because all your lives you have been holding on to false beliefs in sickness and other limitations as a substantiality in themselves. This is the primary cause of your condition and this has been ingrained in you since childhood and can hardly be eradicated at a moment's notice. Not only this but this belief is inherited from your parents who have inherited from their parents and so on since the “fall of man.” But as I have said the Bible is a book which shows man the way to freedom and salvation, and when read with understanding will lead to freedom and happiness instead of being made the means of subjecting mankind to a system of slavery and fear through religious dogma.

In ourselves is the “seed of Abraham” the Divine Spirit in man and when we begin to realize It more and more so will we perpetuate this seed which becomes the salvation of the race. We shall no longer bring into this world souls born in ignorance. We shall no longer inherit from our parents the mind of a tramp in a world of plenty, but will come with realization of the truth in our very bones.

In further reference to healing we often find that in many cases there is an improvement in the patient's health, yet after a time the old symptoms return.

This is because the truth of his own creative faculty has not penetrated down into the innermost depths of his subjective mind,

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only partially entered it. But as each succeeding treatment strengthens the subjective of the Real state of Being a permanent cure is effected. This is the self treatment that one should give oneself—the knowledge of the Law of Being. As this knowledge is not in everyone, the world is suffering from its own false beliefs, that is why we should consider ourselves extremely fortunate in gaining this wisdom that comes from the higher realms of Being by telepathic communication for our benefit.

A true healer is one who has acquired the knowledge of how to control the less conscious modes of spirit by the more self-conscious mode, and by his conscious awareness influences the consciousness of the patient and in many cases entering into the subconscious realm and establishing there, by concentrated thought, a power that begins to work, at the same time the patient's mind is subjected to suggestion of perfect health

Now the question may arise how does the healer substitute his own consciousness for that of the patient. This is a most enlightening point to consider. Our ordinary conception of ourselves is that we are separate individuals, that the two personalities are entirely separate, this is the great error. There is no such thing as separation or boundaries between one and another. The fact is that this so-called separation can be temporary or completely removed so that the two individuals become one.

Now the action that takes place between the healer and the patient is according to the awareness of the healer and the receptiveness of the patient who uses his or her will also to remove the self-imposed barrier in the mind, which does not exist in reality. So the patient allows the spiritual energies to flow in and the healer allows them to flow out. The Law of the Universe is such as to allow this flow from the plenteous to the vacuum. This was the secret of the Master, the secret of the Magi and the secret of the ancient therapeuti of ancient Egypt, these secrets can become yours. More will be said on this subject later on. "He who has ears to hear let him hear."

"The message of the Eternal, Listen to this you who are old, hear this all you inhabitants of the land. Has the like of it

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ever been heard in your day, or in the days of your fathers? Tell it to your children and your children to their children and their children to the coming generations. Thus shall it be that I pour out my Spirit on all. Sons and daughters shall be inspired.”

Joel. 1:1-3 and 2: 28 (KJV)

“He who reverences the Eternal has strong ground for confidence His very children win security.”

“Reverence for the Eternal is a Font of Life, it shows how to evade the nets of death.”

“Cease not, my son, to listen to instruction and never turn away from a wise teacher.”

Prov. 14: 26-27 and 19: 27 (Moffatt)

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THE MEANING OF TERMS

A student who has been reading a number of books on Truth, Mind, Life, etc. has become confused with the terms which the writers use and I can see that this can happen to any of you, so I want to speak to you about the meaning of these terms tonight.

In most of the books that I scan I have noted that the writers are not fully versed in the meaning of the words that they use and no wonder that anyone might become confused with the terms used. I myself seldom read any books now for the simple reason that few have a deep enough meaning of the truth and are often inaccurate and misleading.

The main terms used are Mind, Life, Consciousness, Thought, Intelligence, Ether, Matter, Form, Subjective and Objective Mind, Substance, Infinite, Spirit, etc. All I can do in this lecture is to briefly explain the meaning of those terms.

We will take the terms most used to begin with. The term “mind” is often confusing, for this word is used in so many ways, “mind your mind” was a saying used for some time by Americans as a slogan to advertise a mental course. “Mind” is generally used in a broad sense to explain thought and other activities of the mind. But to take it in its true sense the word “Divine Mind” is meant to convey to the reader the idea of the Mind of God which must include everything that is perfect. Many try to interpret the Divine Mind by the action of their own minds, and the knowledge most people have of it is very limited, so it does not convey very much to the reader.

Now “Divine Mind” is a term used to convey the meaning of the complete action of the “Divine” or “God” which must include consciousness, intelligence, wisdom, love, power, etc.

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The term “consciousness” is the most important term used. The individual mind is the exact replica of the “Universal” or “Divine Mind” so we find in ourselves that consciousness is of greatest importance. For if we were not conscious we would not know anything nor could we become conscious of anything external, far less being able to think. Consciousness is that quality of mind that enables us to become aware of anything, also enables us to think, reason and decide. Consciousness is the centre from which all force, intelligence must flow, whether it is from God or man.

Our consciousness in the material plane is very limited and is but a fraction of the totality of our consciousness. For this same consciousness that is aware here is also aware in the inner realms of activity. Nothing exists except by the fact that it existed before it became manifest—visible. So consciousness is the main-spring of the mind.

Many say that “thought” is a product of mind in the broad sense, we will grant that is so. But to be more accurate “thought” is the product of the consciousness. “Thought” is the power that goes forth carrying with it the necessary intelligence to establish the thought in the concrete or visible. But as we know that the visible could not exist except by the existence of the invisible, we can see that thought invisible becomes visible by the law inherent in itself. One can say that Divine thought is Divine Mind in action, that is the Consciousness, Intelligence, Wisdom, Love, Power of God manifesting.

The term “Intelligence” conveys to us a predetermined knowing, a knowing beyond the individual or human or angelic. The human mind cannot conceive fully the great meaning of this term. But when we see this Universe and all that is in it moving ever onwards and upwards by means of this Intelligence, it conveys a far greater meaning than what is usually applied to the term. Now Intelligence is not what we call intellect, Intelligence is an all-knowing while the intellect is speculative. So the term “Intelligence” is the knowing how to bring things about and must be inherent in the thought, otherwise the thought could never

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manifest. For when we think a thought we do not know how it will come into operation. We know that there is a law that operates beyond our personal intellect, for intellect wonders how it is done. Yet Intelligence does it.

The word “wisdom” is often used to convey the meaning of a wise person. But in this science, wisdom is an understanding, different to Intelligence in this respect that wisdom is more personal, it can become a product of the individual, while Intelligence is that all-predetermined knowing in all things. Wisdom is the expression of God in man, a guidance that comes from God when the individual recognizes “God” as the Reality within. Or in other words, when the human recognizes the “Divine” as the source of his own “being,” the Wisdom of God is in all things, so while man thinks it should be otherwise the Divine has the prerogative.

“Love” is the most magic word ever used to convey the meaning of the Divine Nature, and we cannot understand this term fully until we ourselves have had some experience with Love. The Love of the Divine is a love that is poured out to all irrespective of rank, wealth, position, good or bad. This love is seen as an ever-flowing Font of Affection. We see It in many ways in human life. The most beautiful is the love of a mother for her baby. We see it also as an affection for a friend. Also when people love each other there is an active response, a reciprocity that is automatic and spontaneous. You do not have to think why you love, you just love. Yet this love can become possessive in the personal sense and we must guard against this becoming an obsession. Those are just shades of the true love which we have not yet experienced. I think that the mother is the one who has come as near as humanly possible to that true Love.

Jesus who manifested the Christ demonstrated this Love, and at times we can feel the warmth of this Christ Love in ourselves, and this Love is enriched by giving. There is a little book written on love and the name of it is “The Greatest Thing In the World” by Sir Henry Drummond.* It is well worth reading.

* See page 223.

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Love is the great attractive power of God ever drawing us nearer to Himself. The more we express Love the more we express our Divine Nature and as we express this Love so do we become an attractive power for others.

Love reveals the magic of magnetism, therefore Love is an emotion of great power, and that power is attraction. We see this in every existing thing in the Universe from the minute cell of protoplasm to the completed form, whether it be an animal, human or angel and this power flows out and attracts to itself what it gives.

The term “Power” is seen as the effect of Law. There is no power except by Law and Law is the Intelligence in action. “Love, Wisdom and Power” are terms used when expressing the Deity. These are inherent in the Intelligence, that predetermined knowing of the Infinite. Thought has power—Law in action. According to the Consciousness being aware of Itself (Consciousness) so will the power of the thought be.

The term “Life” in the broad sense means God. God is Life, Life is God. When we begin to observe the fact that we are alive even mildly speaking, we begin to recognise the meaning of Life. Life is the only thing that lives and we can get a greater abundance of it by recognising It. Jesus said in other words that he came that we should have a more abundant Life by realizing what he taught.

Now, very few people take the trouble to analyze the terms used and accept them in the broad sense, yet unless we get down to their finer meaning we shall never be able to understand the great significance they have for us individually.

“Life” must include all the attributes of the Creator, that is Consciousness, Intelligence, Love, Wisdom, Power, Individuality, etc., and the mechanism necessary to function in the form in which Life is expressing Itself. We see Life is ever renewing Itself, ever unfolding Itself, ever-present, no matter in what state, from the smallest to the greatest. The Master said, “I am the Life.” He recognised that He was Life and this we must do also before we can gain the significance of the term “Life.”

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The term “Ether” known as the ether of space is Universal. No one has ever seen ether, no one has ever felt it or tasted it. Science has postulated ether to account for the presence of matter. We are told that it is the basis of all matter. That matter is “ether” modified, become visible. Yet in its natural state it is the medium through which we are all connected by thoughts of love or hate etc. It conveys your love equally as it conveys your hate. If you love a friend that love will reach him or her as if you were clasped in each other’s arms.

Ether carries all vibration, for modern science has proved that at the same place and at the same time there may be an infinite variety of different vibrations or etheric waves of different lengths without any of them interfering with each other. Not only does this ether convey such vibration created by us, but from the planets and stars vibrations are flowing to us continually. You can go out at night and absorb the vibration of the moon by night. (Some of you be careful that it is not full moon.) Or you can go out and absorb the vibration from the sun by day. This is a subject of great interest which I will deal with later on.

Ether, as I said before to you in a previous lecture, is the unparticled sea of Divine Mind in which we all live, angels, men and women, we all exist in this sea of Divine Mind. In it we become particled and formed both invisible and visible, from the invisible to the visible. As Paul says “things seen are not made out of things already made but out of the unseen.” We are all linked together and can commune with each other through the ether. All we have to do is to understand the *modus operandi*.

The term “matter” is a very confusing one because we see it, feel it, taste it, but even then we do not know what it is. The term “matter” conveys to our mind what we see and feel with our physical senses. Yet Science has proved to us that matter separate from energy does not exist, and the only meaning we can come to is that matter is the result of an intelligent energy producing vibrations of such a nature as to be distinguished by the senses.

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I am only sorry that time is not available to go into further details and findings of science in regard to this subject. But there is plenty of data available in the libraries and is well worth the time spent in studying the subject.

The term “form” applies to what we see created in matter. Yet there are forms invisible to our senses existing in the invisible or etheric spiritual state.

What we see in the concrete exists in the invisible and is the basis of that which is recognised in the concrete. Every element that makes up our bodies is held in solution in the atmosphere invisible.

“Form” is the combination of the forces of Nature brought into the concrete. There is no original form existing which is not a manifestation of God or Spirit.

“Objective” and “subjective.” These terms are often substituted for conscious and subconscious. What is meant here is that what we are conscious of through our senses is the objective, and the subjective is the receptive apparatus which receives these impressions. Some call this “memory” others the “unconscious” and others “subconscious” or “subjective.” Nevertheless the fact remains we have a mechanism that recognises and then receives the impressions, good, bad or indifferent. These remain with us according to the intensity of our awareness of them. This is a subject for a whole lecture but as the lecture is merely to explain the meaning of the terms we will make this suffice for the present.

The term “Infinite” is stupendous and as I have already explained this in previous lectures you will have to refer to them for the explanation.

The term “Spirit” is synonymous with “Life” “God.” When we say “Spirit” we do not mean “a spirit” but Spirit. As Jesus said to the woman at the well “God is Spirit and you must worship Him in Spirit and Reality,” meaning that God is Life and you must worship Him as real, not as an image but as a living Reality.

I hope now that I have cleared away some of the misconceptions you have had with reference to terms. Perhaps you

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will read books with many similar terms and you will quickly note if the writers know the inner meaning of the words by what the writer says about them.

In Proverbs 17: 23 we read, “Even a fool may pass for wise if he says nothing. With closed lips he may be counted sensible.

(12: 15-16) A fool is sure that his own way is right. Sensible men will listen to advice. A fool shows instantly that he is angry. A prudent man ignores an insult.

(12: 18-19) A reckless tongue wounds like a sword, but there is healing in thoughtful words. Truth told endures forever.”

“Fraud is the aim of the evil-minded but those who plan the good of others prosper.” Proverbs 12: 20. (Moffatt)

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* Henry Drummond (1851-1897) Scottish evangelical theologian and biologist.

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In our last lecture we dealt with a few of the terms used in our study of the Truth or Life. We have by no means exhausted these terms used in this vast and comprehensive subject of Reality and as I feel you have been helped greatly by the explanation given we will deal with more of these terms later on, the unfamiliar terms used in this lecture we will explain briefly as we proceed.

In this lecture I want to dwell upon some of the important aspects in relation to our activities in acquiring a greater understanding of the truth as it affects ourselves personally.

First of all we have to recognise that what we see with our eyes must be and is but the expression of an idea that existed in the mind, either in the mind of God or in the mind of man. In other words that which we see with the eye in the objective world is but the effect of the cause that existed in the invisible. For nothing can become objectified except it first existed in the invisible or subjective. This truth must be grasped otherwise you will not gain the true understanding that is necessary for us to use the powers that are at our disposal now.

Visualization is an activity of the mind of the individual. It is a form of picturization and is upheld by the law of the creative power within us. Visualization is an action in the mind where an idea becomes the central pivot around which our visualization moves until we see the completed form in the mind. This completed form now exists in the invisible, and if we are faithful to our ideal our visualization will appear in the objective. This is a law that is immutably fixed in ourselves by virtue of the creative power inherent in our consciousness.

Visualization, further defined, is when the consciousness is concentrated on a particular idea, we call this a form of concentrated imagination by which we form or impress on the mind,

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and if we will take time to think we will see what we are doing is that we are creating in the inner world, the invisible, the realm of cause, that which will be externalized in the realm of effects in the form we visualize.

We are a combination of spiritual and physical or mental and material or inner and outer, all terms that mean the same thing of which the two different manifestations are but one and cannot be separated. Successful results are obtained when we understand this, so that we know what we are doing. Then as spiritual and material are but two aspects of the same thing, the latter must be the expression of the former. When we understand this law is in operation we set about to create the conditions we desire. The Creator and the created are one. Matter is Spirit made manifest or in other words mind materialized.

Feeling is a sense that can only be explained by the experience of it in one's self. It is difficult to define, yet it is the motive power behind the thought or idea, and visualization helps to bring the power of feeling into operation. It creates the conscious energy behind the idea.

Thought and feeling is the invisible combination. The more the thought is defined and the feeling intense the more perfect and rapid is the manifestation. You will now see that the form or manifestation is but a result of thought and feeling, and according to the accuracy of the thought or the intensity of the feeling behind it so will it be impelled into the outer exactly as it is held in the inner. This law is infallible and the more we begin to realize it the sooner will we make better use of our creative faculties.

The imagination should not be allowed to run riot, it must be trained so as to make it a good instrument. It is a good servant but a bad master, we can let it run into avenues which will reverse what we actually want; avenues of fear, doubt, envy, Jealousy, hate, etc.

To guard against mental chaos every idea should be subjected to a searching analysis based upon a true understanding that every idea is a blueprint of what is seen on the external, then

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everything we do will be crowned with success because we shall know what we are doing from the beginning.

You cannot base your knowledge upon your external impressions alone, nor can you base your lives upon the experience of others, for this is the cause of most errors in one's life. The Christ in you is the Father manifesting in all His glory, this is the "Son that rests upon the Father's breast." This is the wisdom that is able to see the error and dissolve it knowing that it has no power of its own, as ignorance alone is the creator. Ignorance is but the absence of understanding just as darkness is the absence of light. The fact still remains true that the darkness disappears when light appears so does ignorance disappear when wisdom appears. The secret of our success in all undertakings is the insight into the law inherent in our own being, this alone gives us the torch to light the way.

The knowledge of this law of the higher forces makes all the futile efforts we see in our midst fade into insignificance. The mental strata of the majority of the people in the world is clearly seen by the confusion of thought that exists in practically every field of endeavour. In worship, we worship a god of Love in theory but in practice make graven images of wealth, power, custom, convention and fashion. We fall down before them and worship them. In the intellectual field we will not let go of that which we have proved to be useless, we go on trying to excuse ourselves for our stupidity by becoming more "intellectual," while the very thing that would release us from our self-imposed bondage is to investigate the Law of Being, but this is never considered, because it is not according to the orthodox practice. All that orthodoxy has done for us is to perpetuate our ignorance from one generation to another. The germ that gave rise to the Christian religion has been submerged in sanctimonious formalities and is no longer visible as a guide to humanity as intended by the man who taught it, and so the world is still worshipping something that it does not know.

We are accustomed to look upon the world through our physical senses and from these experiences conceptions are

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created. But true conceptions are secured only by spiritual insight, the understanding of the law, operating within ourselves and to obtain this understanding the consciousness must be directed to the kingdom of heaven within. There we will find we are made in the image and likeness of God, realising that His attributes are also ours, it only remains for us to use them.

In concentrating upon an ideal we have to make it so clear that the mental action becomes a form of “contention” that is an automatic action that takes place in the inner or subjective or otherwise known as the subconscious.

The Universal Mind is always pressing forward through the individual and in fact we can only think in the Universal not out of it, as we appear to do or think we do. We find that we have in our minds a mechanism that tends to work upon any subject or object we give attention to. It seems to attract all the material around the central point or idea concentrated upon, and works along in perfect sequence, bringing facts together that are allied and dissecting other information for further attention. So accurate is this mechanism that it can work out a problem in a fraction of the time that we spend upon it consciously. All we have to do is to consciously give it attention in all its phases and let the “inner man” do the rest.

The inner or subjective is the universal wherein is that predetermined knowing how to bring things about. As I told you in my last lecture “The Intelligence” in action is that predetermined knowing that is behind the manifestation of all thought or ideas held in the consciousness, what the consciousness is aware of the Intelligence “the knowing how” brings it about. That is why we should lose sight of the personal self when steeped in the idea. The personal self is always a hindrance to the expression of the Universal Self. When the personal self is too much aware of itself either in the form of egoism or fear, both are equally frustrating. A musician, actor or orator, to be great, must be lost in his art, so as to be linked up with the Universal from whence all genius comes, drawing from it insight and knowledge and feeling, impossible of attainment in any other way.

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We draw from the Universal Intelligence that “knowing how” insight and knowledge necessary for the expression of the idea that we hold in our minds, all ideas that are so held by “contention” attract the substance to manifest in the physical expression.

Therefore by this rule you can wrest the secrets from heaven and earth, for knowledge is essentially drawn to the mind that is trained in this way. As we translate into character and circumstance the ideas held in the mind that knows no opposition we thus grow out of our limited state into that glorious expression of that which we are in Reality, “one with the cause of all things.”

When we realize great thoughts we shall experience the feeling that corresponds with great thoughts. We will then appreciate the value of Divine thinking when we see the Intelligence in action in out-picturing our thoughts in form in exact correspondence to that which we create within.

The fact that we can think and meditate upon the great Intelligence is proof that the Intelligence is expressing Itself through us and the more we realize and recognise this Intelligence the more it will manifest in and through us and our affairs. It is this great predetermined all-knowing that makes us aware of Itself, because nothing can exist to us except by the fact that we become aware of It.

When our consciousness can be centred upon or identified with the object of its attention it absorbs the object of its attention as the body absorbs food. Thus we become “aware” and as we understand that the physical is but the expression of the spiritual we become ‘aware’ of the omnipotence of thought, and by this means are we able to harness all natural resources.

We shall see through our own experiences, that concentration leads to “contention” and contention leads into intuition bringing the Universal into the individual conscious realm here and now.

Intuition often solves problems that are beyond the grasp of the individual reasoning. Conclusions are arrived at without the aid of experience or memory. The problem is worked out in

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the Universal or subjective which reveals the answer we are looking for. This intuition can be cultivated or developed by confidence and patient practice. When it comes give it a royal welcome and it will come again and again, but if ignored or neglected it will make its visits few and far apart.

Intuition is best developed by the convincing proof that all is Infinite and there can be nothing else, and as we identify ourselves logically and faithfully with the source, we develop a “silence” that is continually active. I cannot put it in better words and if you can catch the meaning you will soon experience this silence that is ever active, ever aware of Itself. It is so vast that the human mind cannot comprehend it fully, but it can merge with it.

A mind that is not capable of entering into this Silence is one that is full of movements antagonistic to Itself, for that which is antagonistic in oneself must be reversing the process of the Divine nature in oneself. This weakness shows itself in lack of self-control when the mind is primarily engulfed in fears, hatreds, envies, jealousies, and antagonisms of all kinds. There is the type of person that is antagonistic to everything. The idea as it were—“No matter what government, I am against the government.” If you find that you cannot be alone with yourself there is a deep-rooted error that must be rooted out.

If you have phobias, fears, envies, jealousies, hatreds which are antagonistic to your Divine Nature you can never enter into this silence. You will always be seeking some outside attraction and they become the net in which you are caught up, and in this way you are trying to escape from your confusion. But if you become aware that you are trying to escape and why you are doing so and discern your thoughts and emotions, you will dissolve them and thus be free from their entanglements. The truth will then establish Itself in the mind that is free from conflict and confusion. There is no other way of explaining this, It may seem deep to you at first but as you begin to see clearly you will find the means and the method to suit yourself and thus free yourself from your self-imposed prison which you have created.

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You will find that every obstacle conquered, every victory gained gives you more faith, more power, greater ability, and your success will be determined by your mental attitude.

It is easy for the mind that is freed by the “Truth,” to seek the silence in union with the Divine for Truth dissolves the error.

It is good to remember this—that a definite purpose sets in motion the invisible world to find the materials to serve that purpose.

Aim to give service instead of seeking reward or position. Premature success cannot be maintained unless it is earned. We get only what we give. The law of compensation eventually brings about an exact equilibrium to those who try to get without giving. We must find the true source of power which is the source of our own Being, not the symbols of power such as wealth, position, etc. When the true source is known we are no longer interested in shams and pretensions. Seek ye first the kingdom “the kingdom within,” and all other things shall be added unto you.

On the outside rages the clash of arms and the din of social problems, the world of effects mainly from man’s ignorance, we do not close our eyes to these, but see them in their true light for they also can only be changed from within and not from without. With this understanding we can commune with our higher self, the God of Power, the God of Love, the God of Wisdom. This is the practical application of the Adept and the way to freedom, individually and collectively.

“Bend your ears, listen to wise words. Study to understand their charm. Ever keep them in mind all ready on your lips. I am still teaching you my truths that you may rely on the Eternal. But have I not written them for you already, instruction about knowledge that you might understand them for yourself and answer all enquiries.” Proverbs 22: 17-22. (Moffatt)

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The great difficulty with most people in this world is that they have not got a true understanding of things as they really are. They live in the illusion that matter and mind are two separate things, consequently they are forever trying to solve their difficulties through the physical while not recognizing the fact that mind and matter or the spiritual and physical are ingredients of one single system.

This is a great truth that we have proved in these lectures and when we have fully realized it we will recognize at once that this truth is not the product of our imagination but a living reality. Not only have we proved this through our studies in these classes but also it has been proved already along well-known-scientific lines.

There is no longer any room for the dualism that has haunted philosophy throughout the centuries.

It was Jesus who saw this truth so clearly and he demonstrated it. Although philosophers have been philosophising for centuries on the teaching of the Master few have really grasped the great significance of the materializing power of the thought-power Jesus used. It is only through the understanding acquired through these teachings that we can grasp fully the magnificent realization that dawns upon us with such force that we are almost spellbound when we fully recognize what it means to ourselves here and now.

The mistaken dualism of mind and matter has confused so many mental scientists and truth students including Christian Scientists when they try to prove that matter does not exist.

Healing can never be truly accomplished by denying matter or conditions that may exist. We must see that the condition which

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may cause us mental anxiety is created by a belief, otherwise by thoughts that become active in the inner realms as the result of our belief, or that which we react to in the external, thus supporting the phenomena or condition which we believe to be true.

It is not the denial of matter or the denying of a condition that heals; this is just blind ignorance which may or may not give us temporary relief. It is through the understanding of the fundamental truth that we can consciously act upon matter and change or dissolve or create a condition that gives us power over matter or any condition that may exist. In the Bible it tells us that we have been given dominion over all things, and although this has been little understood, it still remains a fundamental truth that can be proved by anyone who applies the law.

When you see that an error exists in any calculation you do not accept that error, you know there is an error and you set about correcting it, yet the extraordinary thing is that we accept an error that exists in the human mind, body or circumstances to be a reality. You are the perfect expression of the Law of God as the correct sum is the expression of the Law of Mathematics. I want you to see this clearly so that you will be no longer confused in your mind in regard to the phenomena you see before you.

When you understand the law of life as you understand the law of electricity or mathematics you can practice a system that enables you to control matter through the natural law of the consciousness that exists in everyone. Everything is the result of this natural law whether you create a condition that is foreign to your true nature or whether you allow the natural law of God to operate for your benefit by recognizing this Law to be in yourself. That is, what you are conscious of tends to manifest whether you fear it or whether you have faith in it. But if you are caught up in your fears or caught up in your faith you still are not free. Freedom only comes when the true state is realized. This is the scientific basis upon which we can truly free ourselves from all conditions that hamper us. No matter how much you like to philosophize or try other means you will fail if you are unaware of this law.

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The reason why most people cannot understand, is because they think that matter is fundamental and the effects which they see expressed are permanent. There is nothing permanent in matter, all is in a continual flux or change, and change is the only thing that seems permanent, and this change originated in the inner world of our thought action.

There is no use in denying the effects we see, we must find the cause behind the effect. You cannot change an effect by ignorantly denying it, you must discern it and know it. Then and then only can you correct the error that is externalized in the effect by correcting it in your thought world or consciousness.

An idea in the mind of God has the predetermined knowing, (the Intelligence) behind it. This predetermined knowing knows the end because the end is in the beginning. But with man he seldom realizes that this same law exists in himself. Although he is unaware of the ways and means of this predetermined knowing, yet it exists as the Universal Law of Life. Whatever the consciousness is aware of the Intelligence will fulfil. While God's ideas are perfect, man's ideas are more often imperfect. Yet this should not alarm us, for only through experience can we learn to operate this Law of Life, as we operate the Law of Electricity or the Law of Mathematics.

These discoveries are only natural and inevitable to those who understand the significance of the facts which the Master Jesus revealed to the world in his teachings, through his parables and works. Even those with medium intellect can comprehend his teachings when freed from dogma and fear. And as we become more acquainted with his great scientific mind so will we realize that he is still the world's greatest leader in modern thought. Modern science and modern thinking today reveal this truth all too plainly to the consternation of those who still stick to the antiquated and erroneous fiction of the unscientific in the belief of a Devil and a Hell as depicted in Dante's *Inferno*.*

We play a part in the great scheme of evolution according to the nature and intention of the Infinite Creative Principle, through the instrument of mind in action—Divine thought operating

* See page 239

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through man as a means of bringing about the direct expression of the Infinite. As there can be no other mind but His and no power but His and no direction but His we are assured that the ultimate result must be perfection.

Man may for a time please himself but in the end he can only please God. Thus he finds through action and experience, for the Law relentlessly brings upon him “what he sows so does he reap” and ultimately there is no other way but to please God, and we find the way through the Man of Galilee. For the Infinite did express Himself through one so that all could follow in his footsteps and this way is the way for all. For Jesus was an international figure, it is only ignorant man that has made sectional denominations out of his teachings by making claims that have no basis of truth in them.

The various beliefs create only confusion and separation and are therefore entirely false. The statement that the Kingdom of Heaven is within us, is proof that only within can we find this “pearl of great price” and not through any outside organisation or system.

So we learn by experience as we play our part consciously or unconsciously producing health or sickness, success or failure, according to the nature of our ideas. In fact ideas are the impelling force behind our conduct. They cause us to act in accordance with the idea that dominates the mind. Thus we out-picture our ideas in Life.

When we get lost in our ideal we express ourselves through our ideal and we become our ideal. Therefore it is necessary to discern our ideal, and the motive behind our ideal, then we are not caught up in the net of our ideal, but are free to watch our ideal take shape according to the Law of which we have become aware—“whatever the consciousness is aware of the Intelligence, the predetermined knowing, existing in the Universal Mind will bring it about.”

God Himself while differentiated still remains undifferentiated. Although God becomes the things He makes He still remains the Creator eternal and ever-present. To claim all that

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the Creator has in store for us we must practice what Jesus said in similar words to these, we must love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our strength, and we must love our neighbour as ourselves. For surely our neighbour is ourselves in the light of the truth that God alone lives and there is only "One." The Infinite to be Infinite there must be the only "One" and all must be the Infinite. Therefore we prove to ourselves the simple law of "Love your neighbour" is the true expression of God in us. No matter in what capacity we are engaged, this great law gives us the perfect Life because it is in accordance with the Divine expression, the only Reality.

In our experience we find that when ideas are created through ignorantly reacting to outside destructive conditions they tend to out-picture themselves in us. If our reaction is hate, we create this in ourselves. If our reaction is anger, so we create this in ourselves. If our reaction is jealousy, we create this in ourselves. Our freedom again lies in what Jesus says "Love your enemies, return good for evil. Bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them who spitefully use you and persecute you that you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." What clearer statement can you have of the Law than this. This is not a code of ethics but the law of Life Itself.

In this we see what is meant. "Instead of being moulded to this world, have your mind renewed and so transformed in nature, able to make out what the will of God is, what is good and acceptable to Him and perfect." The belief in "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is as out of date as the belief that the earth is flat. We see then how important it is for us to watch carefully and discern what are our thoughts and reactions. Are they moulded to the outside world or are they moulded to that which is true?

When we realize that the inner self is identified with the great Infinite Self which is behind all creation and see this externalized in ourselves we recognise an unlimited inexhaustible power guided by Love and Wisdom and as we dwell upon this

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instead of the outer we are able to change the outer in accordance with what is true. Thus we gain for ourselves health, success and happiness, as a natural sequence. "For no eyes have yet seen or ears heard of all the good things that God has prepared for those who Love Him."

As our thought world changes so must all outward conditions change accordingly. Let us see clearly that the external world is an exact replica of the inside world, and there is no power on earth that can alter this law. It is the Supreme Law that exists throughout the whole Universe from the highest to the lowest.

Our subjective self is the Universal Self, the only difference being in degree. They differ only as a drop of water differs from the ocean. When the drop is in the ocean it is the ocean, they are the same in kind and quality. While the Universal Self produces the individual self in the natural form out of the Universal Substance, so does the individual self produce his or her own condition and circumstances out of the same substance.

Perhaps you have not yet realized the full significance of this Law. Yet day by day you practice and experience this law. Only when the great revealing power of this law becomes a reality to us do we wake out of our dream state, and truly live. It is the recognition of this tremendous fact that places us in touch with the omnipotent and omniscient qualities of the Universal Self in ourselves. With this understanding we can create ideas in the "mind" in which no limit can be placed upon its activities.

When we understand prayer in the true sense we will see that the results are the exact operation of the law, and that there is nothing religious or mysterious about it.

True prayer is the creating of an idea in the inner world with the understanding that it will be produced in the outer. But before your prayer is answered the method must be known and understood. We must close our mind to the outer so that nothing from the outside can interfere with the creation of the idea, as we hold our relationship to the creative principle. Jesus said in other words, go into your closet and close the door to the senses that react to the outside world.

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When we deliberately begin to realize and recognise the tremendous power we have within ourselves, we will know that we are “made in the image and likeness of God.”

The Spirit or real power is the power of manifestation, for God is Spirit and has bestowed upon us all His attributes so that we might have an abundance of health, happiness, wisdom and love. And all things that we ask we shall receive provided we do not ask amiss.

“Now we have received the Spirit—not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that comes from God, that we may understand what God bestows upon us.” 1 Cor. 2: 12. (Moffatt)

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* Danté Alighieri (1265-1321). Italian poet. Author of “*Vita Nuova*” and “*The Divine Comedy*,” a philosophical poem comprising the ‘Inferno’, ‘Purgatory’, and ‘Paradise’.

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The great significant fact I wish to bring to your notice is that whatever we identify ourselves with determines what we shall be, in other words perhaps more familiar to you “whatsoever a man thinketh in his heart so is he.” This is the answer I gave to a question put to me the other day by a student and patient. His rapid recovery from a so-called incurable trouble baffled him.

Now there is no such thing as an incurable trouble, this is just a state of mind and if we examine this closely we will see how true it is. There is no such thing as a miracle. To the masses and the untutored yes, there are miracles, but a miracle only exists to the mind that does not know. To the master there is no miracle, it is the application of a natural law. For nothing can happen except through law.

To identify ourselves completely with the source of our being has always been the secret power of those who have been acclaimed by the multitude as miracle workers. Yet these so-called miracles have been the result of the operation of a definite law that is infallible when properly used.

The difficulty lies in the fact that few have sufficient confidence in the Creative Power within themselves to apply the Law accurately enough.

To acquire this state we must enter into the discipline necessary to think logically and correctly, eliminating from the mind all that is false. Although it is evident that wrong thinking has brought about much ill health, failures and unhappiness, most people will not take time to know this great truth and therefore continue to create for themselves the very things they do not want, they will not see that “conscious thought” and often unconscious thought is the only cause behind all outer manifestation.

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When we look around, seeing intelligent people misusing this power almost every minute of their lives, is it any wonder that the whole world is suffering? Some say that the world is suffering from the pangs of rebirth. But if this rebirth is going to be founded upon the ignorance of this dominant law we will be having continual rebirth until the Law is understood.

In schools, the child's mind is filled with so much rubbish, the child is forced to accept things that have no foundation of truth, in fact they are fundamentally untrue. A child generally can think before he goes to school, but after a time at school he has lost the art of thinking. How many questions has your child asked you that you could not answer, or would not answer?

The science of living is the greatest science on earth, yet few intelligent people take a deep enough interest in it. They prefer to let things drift along not realizing that they themselves are caught up in the net of their ignorance and suffer with the masses. None can escape because there is no separation anywhere.

People must be trained to think for themselves and this is the only way to freedom for all.

Are we not continually fed on propaganda, cramped by orthodoxy and tradition? Life is one rush and tear to accomplish what? So mankind suffers spiritually, mentally and physically.

Our thoughts must be clear-cut, built up from scientific understanding and not hearsay and make-belief. Surely we have sufficient sense to realize that we cannot continue to build upon a false foundation, neither can we see melt away with twenty minutes right thinking, that which has been built up through centuries of wrong thinking. But we can begin now to build up harmonious conditions in our lives by the mental attitude we hold, freed from all ignorance and superstition and hearsay.

The true facts that have been scientifically demonstrated are that the Universal Mind is an electronic substance that fills all space and this substance is the basis of all form. Our thought originates in the consciousness within, and is externalized in form. Our original form is created by the Infinite, His Consciousness existing in that form as the only Reality, and this becomes our only

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Reality. When this is realized we know that we also create with the same consciousness, and also act upon this same electronic substance to express what we think.

The general mental attitude is fear, anxiety, ill-health, limitation. If we will let go of this mental attitude and identify ourselves with our Divine Nature we will see that we also can operate upon the Law. “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all things will be added unto you.” I hope that this is no longer a platitude but a living truth that we can realize now.

In my last lecture, I showed you that to deny a condition does not help very much, but to understand it would help, and better still, to understand yourself would free you from all conditions. “Trust your affairs to the Eternal and your plans will prosper.” Prov. 16: 3. (Moffatt)

The prophets understood the Law and this same law exists now. We must look beyond our intellect to a Higher Intelligence with this understanding, that this Intelligence will act for us, protect us from suggestions of fear, worry, apprehension.

The fact that we must play our part consciously in cooperation with this Intelligence necessitates the understanding of the Law, if we are to be successful in operating upon the law. We must know that the Universal Mind will fulfil our ideas, and go forward with this understanding.

Science has pushed forward into the unknown realms and reveals that the material and spiritual are one. Where the borderline is, they cannot say. But I am urged to say that there is no borderline at all. Clear sight has revealed truths unknown to man, and now science is beginning to prove these truths. What is beyond physics is not unreal, even if it is not yet fully grasped. Centuries ago it was thought impossible for us to speak across the oceans and continents through the air. In time to come we will be able to speak as easily with those who live in the world we call “Etherea”, the invisible, as we are able to speak through the ether to those thousands of miles distant.

With a vision within us of the potentialities of our new knowledge we are able to move forward into a new world proving

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that we are really the sons and daughters of God, possessing the attributes of our Father-Mother-God “Know that ye have the thing even before ye ask.”

To acquire the power to operate the law we must refuse to identify ourselves with family, tradition, state or church. “For one is your Father who is in heaven.”

Those who have been caught up in the net of race thought, nationalism, creeds, politics, diseases, ignorance and death have permitted belief to rule them. They have consequently become impotent, they have lost their Divine Powers over the things of this world.

The great mass struggle that we see going on everywhere is the result of the inner struggle of the individuals. In the midst of amazing scientific achievements we find ourselves in a world torn by craving for the things of this world, a world sick and disabled and depressed. Anyone can see the ravaging effects are world-wide revealing a deep underlying error in our whole civilization. Yet we know that this will eat itself out in the end.

True statesmanship requires clear thinking from cause to effect, this cannot be done by politicians who make vain attempts to solve problems without understanding the fundamental laws governing human life. Unaware of the power of properly directed thought, while holding on to old fixed mental habits, the masses become the victims of their own ignorance.

Our habits of thought must be studied, understood and corrected. Not until our thoughts become truly intelligent can we have results that will satisfy the human heart.

We are still unconsciously and ignorantly pinning our faith to the power of things seen, the power in things already created, while we remain blind to the fact that these things are but the effect of thoughts and ideas in the mind of man.

These things are not the source from which we should draw to live, to think, to reason, being effects and not causes, they have no power except the power we give them.

On account of our lack of understanding of First Cause we find ourselves in a chaotic condition, we have become victims

“WHATSOEVER A MAN THINKETH IN HIS HEART SO IS HE”

of our own creation. Yet through this state of things we will be led through discernment into the true law of Life which is the only foundation for the assurance of health, happiness and prosperity, and a continued civilized civilization. You cannot say that we are truly civilized in the face of what is happening in the world today.

We must refuse to become a slave to any party, group, nation, society, family or anything external to ourselves. We must be about our “Father’s business”, with our vision transferred to the Higher Intelligence and hold it there long enough to affect the minds of others. We will then be true instruments in the hands of an Intelligence that is all-intelligent, and He makes His wishes known to us through our understanding that we are made in His image and likeness. Where “two or three are gathered together” and consciously transcend the mortal sense, they can bring about things beyond the understanding of the mortal sense.

Today as always we are moving, living and having our being in this Higher Intelligence—God, whose scheme of creation is being expressed through our consciousness in order to reproduce it in the material world. If we will co-operate with this Intelligence we can bring about conditions in our world that we hope to have.

If we follow a system that makes us fear, our inspiration to work begins to wither and die. But when we know that there is something that is beyond our imagination—A Reality—that knows all things and is prepared to act with us for the purpose of expressing that which is in heaven or that which is in the Higher Consciousness, then our inspiration to work is forever renewed by the fact that His will **will** be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

We cannot succeed if we leave the Higher Intelligence out of our activities. If our civilization with its railroads, steamships, airships, great cities and modern inventions is to evade the fate of ancient Rome and Greece and other bygone civilizations we must at once recognise the importance of the Spiritual as the source of material things, and that correct thinking in accordance with the

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Higher Intelligence will bring fruitful results. “For he maketh the sun to rise on the evil and on the good and sendeth the rain to the just and the unjust.” “If you only love those who love you what credit is that to you.”

These are the words of the Master himself whose ideas were the essence of logic. He showed the meaning and purpose of man’s inner struggle as the way leading him to the source of all Life in order that he might consciously co-operate with this all-originating Life-Intelligence in creating for himself **that which was his own.**

“Son thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.”
Luke 15: 31.

We must help our leaders with all the power we possess to carry our civilization on to a more magnificent proof of the eternal creative power of God revealed in us. This Power was revealed to us by the Master who discovered the power within himself and who gave us a method to direct and control the forces manifesting in all nature. By drawing upon the power, we as individuals, can draw upon the unlimited resources of the Universe to build and maintain a greater civilization.

Immediately a body of individuals become imbued with the Creative Power in action, there is nothing that can stop them. For we know that the source of all power lies within ourselves and that there is no separation. We can influence the mental state permeating the individual mind to bring about the desired result.

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven . . . and there was given him dominion and glory and a Kingdom . . . which shall not be destroyed.” Let your inner ear listen to these words.

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