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PUBLISHERS PREFACE

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

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

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

PUBLISHERS NOTES ON
“DEVELOPING YOUR FAITH”

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

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

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

NOTES ON RECORDED LECTURES (4)

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

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Lecture 1 (2nd August 1949)

“HE WILL ENJOY THE LIGHT OF LIFE”

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Master had already found the Light of Life and had followed It and he wanted all to share in his good fortune. He shall never again walk in darkness but “he shall find for himself the Light of Life” (and will enjoy the Light of Life.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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of our Being we are sure of the prophet’s words, they spring into Life in ourselves.

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

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

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

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

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

So he says in these well-selected words, “Whosoever of you is defective in wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all men without question or reproach and the gift will be his.” Ask and

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the gift will be his. God gives to all without **question or reproach**. Can you see the deep meaning in this truth? Think it over well and you will see that the Law fulfils itself because God is with us not apart from us, and it could not be otherwise, if it were so, no fundamental law could ever exist as the establishment of the things seen or unseen.

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

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

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

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

This Life is not limited because it inhabits a body. It is complete and free when realized. The flesh has no say in the matter, the flesh has no power over the Life that created it, and inhabits it for its own expression, and as this Life is God and God is Life, therefore I am the Life, you are the Life. We see that

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consciousness of our understanding is the point through which the Almighty God expresses Himself (being the Servant of all) and is the means through which we can express the Almighty according to our awareness of our consciousness being the way of Life, then so shall this Power be manifested. There can be no other way for the Law fulfil Itsself.

We have the liberty of Life to enjoy the Light of Life by being single-minded, “Let your eye be single,” aware of our thought action free from the net of craving for this only reveals our sense of lack and makes us double-minded.

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

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

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

(Here ends this Lecture)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Bible goes on to relate how God formed everything and the story can be read by anyone, to repeat it all here would be superfluous. The fact remains that God did form in Himself everything and every creature that exists on earth as well as mankind.

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

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

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

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

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

The Bible is a statement of Universal Law of that which is in the realm of the invisible as well as that which is in the

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

The Spirit which is continually passing into manifestation is always the same Spirit, in other words the only "One." Then God makes things by becoming the things He makes, all He made He says is good. If this is so how can man say that God created evil.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Infinite Mind is all there is, in which all is made in Heaven and on earth—the inner and the outer—the one cannot be separated from the other. In this Mind originates the Divine ideas which must include principles and laws to sustain them. This is the Tree of Life which we must hold on to, which will be a Spring of Living Water rising up to Eternal Life. We are in the Garden of Eden when this state of consciousness exists in us, when the soul is aware of this, and this only as the only real.

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

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

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

This is the Divine Law of action, having all power within itself and there can be no separation in the whole of Created

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Life. Therefore I will venture to say that man's consciousness is the point where the Infinite Spirit or conscious Creative Power is individualized. Individualization does not mean separation but an eternal unity with the Whole.

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

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

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

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

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

When we hold an "idea" the Intelligence completes the details and it becomes manifest. This same law we see exists in

* See Diagram on page 23

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the Infinite Mind, thus we are created in His image and likeness. The outer is but the expression of the inner, the same law is inherent in all. Thus man is as he thinks he is, this Law being individualized in man.

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

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

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

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

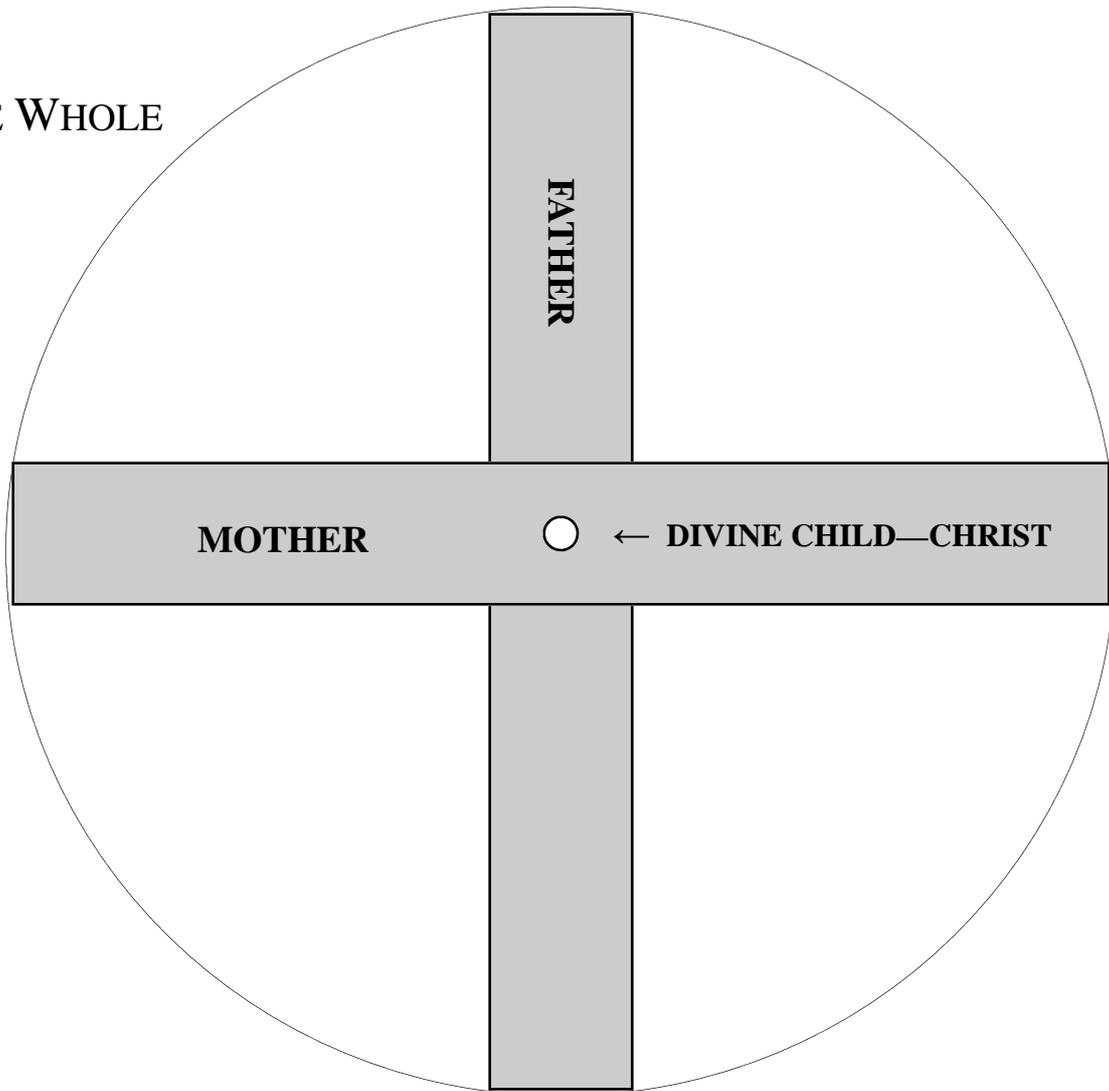
Then the greatest miracle we can ever realize is to know that we, you and I, are the thinkers and in this way we create, that is why the Master said, “Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”

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

BENEDICTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These then are one, but if we do not understand the relationship and its meaning revealed in the Bible we are then under duress. The body (Jacob) persecutes the Soul (Issac), only

* Moffatt translation

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the Spirit (Abraham) has power to overcome all things. The message of the Master also reveals this truth when he says, “Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me, the flesh having no say in the matter.”

Then to be “heirs according to promise” we must be descendants of Abraham. On another point the bible is very plain. It is that they are children of Abraham who are of the faith of Abraham, they are his seed according to the promise that they are living by the same principle which is set forth as forming the ground-work of Abraham’s life, that is “Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”

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

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

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

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

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

With this understanding faith we will skip the vague rantings of the theologians heard on every side. For if we burden ourselves with Law as a starting point for our Creative action, we will bring the whole burden upon ourselves like a ton of bricks, because

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of our fear and misunderstanding of the Law not knowing that Life is above law, "I am the Life."

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

Take no heed of the morrow, the morrow will take care of itself, acting always in the present, making the Presence a Reality and not something relative by making God law and not Life. Life is creative and is above law therefore I am above Law as one with the Father "It is the Father who ever remains in me is performing His own deeds."

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

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

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

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

FAITH IS OUR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE FATHER

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

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

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

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

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

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* Moffatt translation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Thus we see how health, happiness and beauty can be obtained through the recognition of our own Being as the concentration of Universal Being into individuality. My livingness is my personal contact with the Father, and my living also proves that “my Father” is with me always and that it is He who doeth the work.

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

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

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

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

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

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

I can only explain to you from the relative and from the relative we become aware of Reality, when this knowing comes then there are no doubts. This faith is not gained in one day but

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is a continuous movement which becomes greater and greater as we become truly “aware”.

It is for this purpose that the prophet's instructions leads us into that Divine Light which is spoken of in Genesis where God said, “Let there be Light and there was Light,” this was the involution. This Light does not mean the light of the sun or moon. It is the expression of Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power that creates the perfect in man. This Light created in the second day is not visible except through man's translation of this Light into his daily living. Therefore we must not be confused with the light created on the fourth day, as this was the light that gave the physical light of the sun and the moon, and as there was no physical light till the fourth day the Light created in the second day must be that inner Light, that is the Light of the World.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mankind lighteth his own consciousness by the awareness of his Divine consciousness as the only Real. Here he creates pure action. He gets what he wants, because he consciously acts upon the Law and the Law responds. The Law becomes his servant and not his master, only when he reacts to his own negative cognition in ignorance is the Law master and he the slave.

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

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

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

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

First we are told of the Creation in the realm of the invisible, the involving of the Divine Spirit, and afterwards we are told of Creation on the plane of the concrete or material, this can only

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mean the unfolding, the evolving of the Divine Spirit after It has individualized Itself in Its own creation. It is the inner we have to realize so that we can then understand the outer. With this knowledge we acquire the faith that acts upon the Law, this is pure action. We will understand that our thought is subject to Law but the creator of thought is above the Law.

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

Our physical bodies serve as a means for our advancement along the plane of mind and Spirit. The man Adam, the earth man, does not limit the Spiritual man except man believes that he is but flesh and blood. But it is said in the Scriptures, "Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in Heaven." "The flesh has no say in the matter."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“As the Father raises the dead and makes them alive so the son makes anyone alive whom he chooses. He who does not honour the son does not honour the Father who sent him. He who listens to my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal Life.” John 5: 21, 23. 24. (Moffatt)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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We read that the man Adam was created and that Adam was asleep and God took from him a rib and made him a mate and called the mate woman. This indicates that the two are one because out of one the twain is made.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We must get beyond our ideas and concepts for if we try to find ourselves in any idea or concept we will be caught up in our

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idea and this is not Truth. Truth is not an idea, concept or an image, I have so often told you this plain truth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man being the creator in the likeness of God must have the same nature to create. Therefore the nature of the one Tree, the Tree of Life is true and produces Its kind, the nature of the other Tree is the Tree of knowledge of Good and Evil and is **not** true,

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but still it also brings forth its kind to the discomfort of mankind and **this is his ignorance** because he eats of the fruit of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Life Principle in the physical must be raised up into the Spiritual state where man's Spiritual understanding enables him to

* See diagram page 49

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control everything beneath him. This is why the Master said “All power is given to me in heaven and on earth.” But first man must master himself through Love and understanding by taking hold of this Tree of Life and understanding It, while living in the flesh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Now above the Law of Transition there is the Higher Law, and the Bible's one object is to lead us through to this realization of the Law of the "individual" where the individual becomes "aware" to select and create what he wants to manifest in his life with power over all things. This does not do away with the Law of Transition for without it man could not create nor could there be any evolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Truth is that we are the image and likeness of our Creator. For in Him all things began and without Him nothing exists. Therefore there is no authority outside man himself. He is the creation of his own world. He can make it a heaven or a hell. So the final analysis of this all-important subject of the fall of man and his rise again is:-

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

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

SUMMARY OF ALLEGORY

THE BEGINNING	ONE LIFE
The Garden of Eden	The Garden of the Soul or the Mind.
The Plants	Man's thoughts and Ideas of Life.
The Tree of Life	The innermost Perception of Spirit.
The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil	Man's erroneous conception of; recognizes evil as a power opposing good, with God as a balancing point between both.

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

THE END
(which is one with the
beginning)

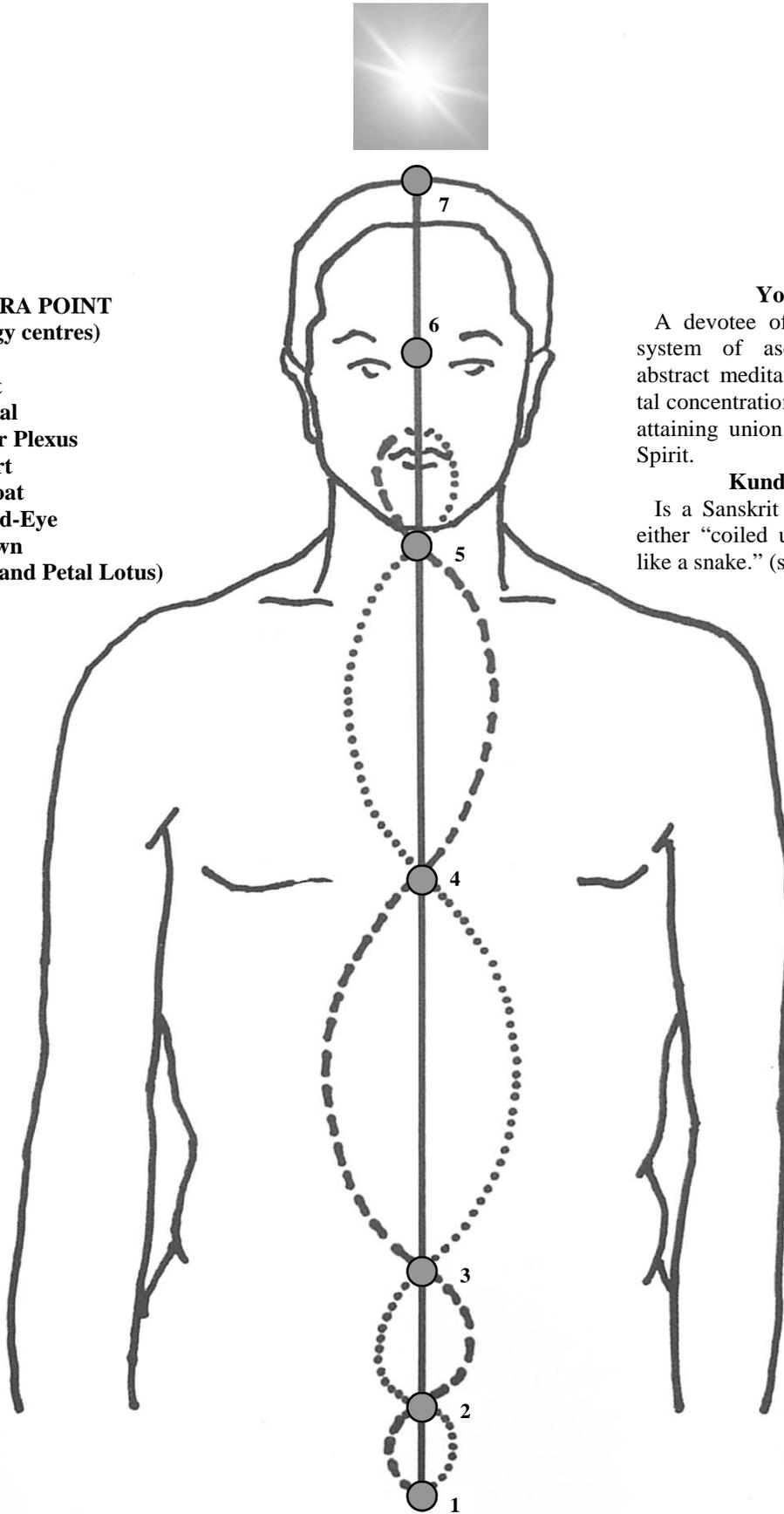
ONE LIFE.

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

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● CHAKRA POINT
(energy centres)

- 1: Root
- 2: Sacral
- 3: Solar Plexus
- 4: Heart
- 5: Throat
- 6: Third-Eye
- 7: Crown
(Thousand Petal Lotus)



Yogi:
A devotee of Yoga. Hindu system of ascetic practice, abstract meditation, and mental concentration as a means of attaining union with Supreme Spirit.

Kundalini:
Is a Sanskrit word meaning either “coiled up” or “coiling like a snake.” (serpent power).

KUNDALINI

Lecture 7 (13th September 1949)

MOSES REVEALS THE UNIVERSAL SPIRIT OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"You shall have no gods but me.

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

* Moffatt translation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The enlightened mind sees that this is impossible and this is verified by the words of the Master himself who says, "He that believeth on me and Him that sent me shall find for himself the Light of Life." Another translation says, "He that believe on me and Him that sent me has already passed across from death to Life."

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

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

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

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

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

These lectures will eventually be published in book form as others have been done. Although extremely popular throughout

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the world with those who have advanced to understand the hidden mystery of Life, yet the time will come when millions will be read instead of thousands.

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

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

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

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

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

1. In the creation of the Universe the Mighty Intelligence, in the process of creation involving Itself in Its creation, firmly establishes Its inherent law which makes it immovable, unchangeable and it cannot be affected in any way by either angel or man;
2. That this Intelligence that created the Universe will respond to man’s creative thought in creating for him in his own world good or bad according to what he thinks. This is man’s Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

* Moffatt translation

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3. The final aspect of the Law is that the Love of God is supreme and when man realizes his true sonship as the prodigal son did and become one with the “One” Infinite Life, all that is not in harmony with his true self is wiped away, and he stands as he is, **free**, made in the image and likeness of God.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The allegory is very plain. The Bush represents the form which the fire or Life permeates, the form through which the Life is expressing Itself, and within the bush God speaks. It is easy to read the meaning. The bush is the man, the fire the Life

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Intelligence in action which produces the form, and the Voice the consciousness within—the “I am” speaking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The rod of Moses represents the physical when seen as the physical, but when seen as the Life it turns into the serpent

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which is represented as the Life in the body, showing again that the body has no existence apart from Life.

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

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

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

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

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

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

So Moses got instructions to go to the children of Israel and to proclaim unto them what God said to him, "I am that I am and this shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, 'I am' hath sent

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me unto you.” Now Jesus says in similar words, “The Father who sent me....”

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

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

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

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

I will detail it more easily for you thus:

“I am” the Cause behind all things.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**HE THAT FOLLOWS ME SHALL NEVER
KNOW DARKNESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Blind argument may give temporary relief but it can never give us true healing. This can only be obtained through the understanding of the fundamental truth that we can consciously

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or unconsciously act upon this substance we call matter, knowing that we have been given dominion over all things. This remains a fundamental truth that can be proved by anyone who applies the Law explained to us by these prophets. The great Truth of our oneness with the Father reveals the Divine Nature of mankind.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Everything is the result of the consciousness acting upon the Law, whether we create a condition that is foreign to our true nature or whether you allow the Law to operate correctly by the realization of the oneness of the individual and the Universal, that the invisible and the visible are “One,” the one is the cause of the other.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lecture 10 (4th October 1949)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This was Egypt when Moses was young. Are we repeating the same cycle of ancient Egypt? Is our world today not smitten

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with its own strife and separation and desire for conquest of the things of the world?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus we gain for ourselves health, success and happiness as a natural sequence. “For no eyes have yet seen or ears have

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heard of all the good things that God has prepared for those who love Him.”

The plastic mind of the young is moulded by what it is taught during the first years. The mind accepts in terms of what is forced upon it, and is no longer able to think for itself, but in accordance with the concepts it has absorbed. Therefore proper culture would teach the truth of Being and the culture of the mind. The mind would be trained to think in higher ideas of wisdom and understanding of Life, which would develop kindness and true values.

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

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

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

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

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

Moses says, “O my brethren, shall the Lord raise up a prophet like unto me.” Here Moses saw the necessity of such a prophet as civilization rolled on. This prophet must be one who would duplicate Moses and take Life a step further in its progress of evolution. When Jesus came, he said, “If they hear not Moses

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and the prophets neither would they be persuaded though one rose from the dead.” “I have come to fulfil the law of the prophets.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus the great march through the wilderness is symbolic as it is told in Exodus. The wilderness is the symbol of a barren

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

Is—ra—el in syllables carries a great meaning. The first “Is” is pronounced as if you were drawing in breath, signifying the Life Principle in action more particularly the individual Life. “Is” forms the basis of worship of the Egyptian Goddess “Isis” “Is” represents the soul. The second is “Ra” and is the name of the Egyptian Sun God and this represents the Life Principle manifesting in the body, and the third, “El,” is that which supports both and represents the Universal Being known as the “Nameless One” which includes both male and female and gives rise to them.

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

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

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

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

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

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