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OUR CREATIVE ABILITY IN THE LAW OF RECIPROCITY

“Make the Almighty himself your treasure, sound wisdom your wealth, then the Almighty shall be a joy to you, whatever you plan shall prosper and you shall live in the sunshine.”

Those who acquaint themselves with the Almighty can specify with authority, knowing that they are exercising powers bestowed on them for that purpose.

Whether we are conscious of it or not, faith through knowing and fear through ignorance are the two components of the mind responsible for the things that are at this moment making or breaking us.

Lack of this knowledge and the unconscious use of our Creative Power are the two factors responsible for the failure and unhappiness and the cause of much ill-health.

“Ask whatever ye will—believing—and it shall be done unto you,” is not merely a formula nor a platitude but the promise of a life more abundant here and now.

In the turmoil of daily life it is difficult for many to become conscious thinkers yet without conscious thinking successful results cannot be obtained. If you are caught up in the stream of unconscious reaction in fear and anxiety you are led away from the Truth of your Being.

Through the practical application of our creative ability the Law is discovered that can be applied at will and it will be found to be mathematically correct and therefore can always be relied upon.

Intelligent asking through knowing and intelligent receiving through understanding are the first steps to be taken in using our creative ability.

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We should employ ourselves with the understanding that what we do affects not only ourselves but others, the proof of this is revealed in modern science which is the reward we have for our intelligent use of our creative ability.

All the laws of Nature, mental, spiritual and physical, will serve us in exact proportion that we understand and observe them. If we hate we will be hated, if we love we will be loved. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you is not a mere command but the Law of Reciprocity.

The heedless and ignorant use of the activities of the Mind will deprive us of things that could be ours for the asking, knowing how to receive.

Most people do not realize the importance of habitually using this creative ability in accordance with the Law of Life. When the prophet said, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, he did not mean that we must apply this law ourselves, but meant that the Law of Reciprocity was the one that would extract an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, meaning definitely that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. As one soweth so shall one reap, what we sow we reap.

When you find yourselves in a difficult position the condition overwhelms you, and your mind under pressure of circumstances fails to solve the seemingly unsolvable. Experience has definitely proved that this can be the turning point, the beginning of a successful life when you employ your creative ability with understanding.

Nature forces us into a corner where we are forced to use her laws with intelligent understanding. We must realize that the Universe is proved to be a substance exact in nature to that which makes up ourselves, therefore the Creator and the created are one, where no separation is possible except the illusion that creeps into man's mind when in ignorance of this truth, or when he fails to recognise this truth through force of circumstance often of his own making.

The fact is that we can dominate circumstances instead of being a victim of them by co-operating intelligently with the Creative Power which is always aiming for our betterment. No

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matter what condition we find ourselves in, our betterment is Nature's sole scheme on our behalf. If we would remember this we could accomplish things consciously which would otherwise never be attained.

Fear that paralyses our thought would vanish and in its place we would have confidence in an all-creative Power in which we move and have our being.

We would make ourselves independent of other people's efforts on our behalf, for dependence on others has often brought about our greatest failures. If we can only realize that we can create in others the desire to serve, our needs would be fulfilled. But first we must serve others so that the Law of Reciprocity will work.

The Law of Reciprocity is creative for we see what we ask we receive provided we ask aright. "Whatever I see the Father do I do likewise." When we think deeply what this means we are no longer waiting for others to act for us but become Creative, co-operating with the all-Creative Power in all.

To reach our goal the mind must not be dominated by example, instance, pattern, warrant or authority or anything that may have happened previously, nor limited by existing facts, but must transcend this level and enter into the realms where others fear to tread.

To be consciously creative is the ability all must seek. Nowhere can we find this more clearly portrayed as in the words of the Master who shows us that we are automatically endowed with unlimited resources, when we understand the true meaning of ask and you will receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.

The Laws of asking, believing and receiving manifest themselves in our internal and external world alike according to our intelligent use of them. But we cannot use the Law unless we apply it. Some think that by looking into the sky they will find gold. Our conscious creative ability must be used and in accordance with its use so shall it produce hundredfold. Many ears of corn grow out of one ear of corn, but that one ear of corn must first be sown.

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The true sower is one who reveals his oneness with God, his faith in God increases. There is no difference between the law that operates on the ear of corn and the law that opens in man's mind, there is but one Creative Law existing in the Universe but man has failed to see it yet.

A well-ordered society can only rise out of individuals who understand, thereby producing well-ordered individuals. A well-ordered individual is one who intelligently directs his thoughts and efforts in accordance with these Laws.

With no knowledge of these Laws individuals unconsciously allow themselves to be destroyed. The Creative Power in man is led into the misuse of the Creative Law. Civilization in the past flourished from small beginnings but later became smothered by the things they created, eventually becoming controlled by leaders with little knowledge of Creative Law. So the blind led the blind and they all fell into the ditch.

Today reason and knowledge is gradually finding its way into the masses and if man's mind is focussed on the Creator and less on the created, man will free himself. At present man is dominated by circumstances instead of controlling them. Man today enslaves himself by allowing effects to determine his state of mind and thus he is controlled by the effects of his own cause.

Man will continue to be controlled until he becomes conscious of his creative ability. He will free himself from himself when he feels the great thrill of self-confidence that logically rises from his realization of his relationship to the Creator of all things.

This is truly freedom and you cannot be useful to yourself and to the world until this great freedom is obtained.

The only possible way to possess this freedom is through your realization of your eternal existence in the Eternal. This is much more than a belief. It is more than an attitude of mind. It is more than faith. It is a deep, deep feeling of oneness, all-inclusiveness.

The complete enactment must be the giving up of the separate self with all its prejudices. Possessiveness for the separate self is in no way like Him who made us in His own image and likeness.

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Do not think that by giving up the little things in Life that you have succeeded. Little things do not matter. A small knoll will blot out a great range of mountains but to see the great Vision we must go beyond the knoll and when we have seen the Vision we have forgotten the knoll that hid it. So with us all.

All night the sky sparkles with the stars but when the sun rises they give way, and go into the background. So with us all, we must give way to the Ruler of all things. It does not mean throwing away your individuality that you can become like Him. We can only become like Him when we see everything in Life as He sees it.

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O Mighty One, Creator of all things, I have found that the king of sin is ignorance.

We have enthroned ignorance, the king of illusion, the root of the tree of ill-health and unhappiness and soul blindness.

I was about to weep in despair when I heard Thy Voice calling, "Be not afraid for I am with thee always. My Light will be thine aid. Be happy and serve Me and I will serve thee a hundredfold."

O Mighty One, I thank Thee in my soul in Silence, now knowing we are one.

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Romans 1: 20,* “God Himself has made it plain, for ever since the world was created, His invisible nature His everlasting power and Divine Being have been quite perceptible in what He has made.”

This is plain to the man of sense and the man of intelligence that the invisible nature of God is revealed in the visible. This was made plain when the Master said, “When you have seen me you have seen the Father,” for without the invisible the visible could not be. Thus is the Law further revealed that the Creative Principle is inherent in us and when we realize it, only then does the magnitude and greatness of the Creative Power dawn upon us.

But to protect ourselves from ourselves the Law of Reciprocity was given by the Master in plain words. In Mark 4: 22, 24, 26-27,* “There is nothing hidden except to be disclosed, nothing concealed except to be revealed. . . . The measure you deal out to others will be dealt out to yourselves and you will receive extra. . . . It is with the realm of God as when a man has sown seed on earth he sleeps at night and rises by day and the seed sprouts and shoots up—he knows not how.”

The entire visible world in which we live is proof of the invisible Creative Principle manifesting Itself. There is only one Creative Principle in operation and it is our ability to co-operate with this Creative Principle which is operating in ourselves, that makes us real creators.

Our past successes or failures are the experiences we have in the use of our Creative ability and the way in which we use it.

* Moffatt Translation

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Everything in Life is brought about by the conscious or unconscious operation upon this Creative Principle. That you find yourselves here at this very moment has worked out in certain ways unknown, just as the growth of the corn reveals itself while man sleeps so is our environment our desires fulfilled.

When you have fully realized this fact you will see that it is both a privilege and a necessity for you to employ the method and technique designed by the Creative Principle and explained by Jesus himself.

Man has entered into new fields of art and science and has established a technique which he continues to improve, thus revealing the unfolding of that which is waiting for mankind to use. If he will use it wisely it will be to him a pleasure. Yet he can use it unwisely and cause much sorrow and conflict.

As in the realm of art and science so in the realm of thought. Man can learn the technique of how to direct his Creative ability and through experience he is able to enjoy life instead of becoming the victim of haphazard conditions and events. Thus we learn how to apply our Creative ability through experience.

As you begin to grow in your experience you will naturally come up against difficulties which must be solved by yourselves. Think of the rock that remains unmoved although the waves of the ocean dash around it. Think of the tree that is deeply rooted and withstands the wind and storm, standing firm, giving shelter to many birds. That is what you have to be.

The only authority you recognize, the only command you allow must be that of the Creative Principle (The Presence) which nothing in the world can shake. In this way you gradually develop your ability to create which increases and gives you joy.

“The Presence” is the only authority that you can recognise, not the authority of another, nor the spiritual label of another, for you must only recognize that which is of the invisible nature within, urging you on to greater and greater heights.

There must be Divine discontentment that will lead you to greater experiences and you must go through your own experiences, and that is why mere innocence is not Spiritual.

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It is the person that knows both sorrow and happiness that can become a truly Spiritual person, because he is all the time seeking, all the time asking, all the time creating.

In order to be of service to others you must have a soul prepared for temptation, a soul prepared to withstand the storms that burst around you, prepared for any eventuality, this is strength and breadth of character which alone is Spiritual.

People who are childishly innocent tend to be petty and narrow and jealous, and it is against such trivial things that you must fight. These do not tend to give great and true experiences.

A child has had no experience, it does not know what it is to suffer in the turmoil of a world rocked in laughter, sorrow and tears. A child prattles and uses pretty words. You must be the person who has passed through the fires of experience. Out of these you must build.

Your experiences are the rivers you must sail to the vast ocean where you lose yourself and become the ocean. Yet you must be able to navigate that ocean with your accumulation of experiences behind you. You will open your sails and let the breath of God direct you, "Not my will, Father, but Thine."

When you have acquired the Eternal Truth you will be able to give it to others. The person that has it not, and who yet is trying to convince others is the hypocrite. But the person who has it, in however small degree, will speak with certainty, with experience, with authority.

In this state your mind is ready for creative ideas, it has already united itself to things seen and unseen. It is like the soil that Jesus speaks of (Mark 4) as the "people who listen to the word and take in, bearing fruit at the rate of thirty, sixty and a hundredfold." "Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good." This causes us to direct the Creative energy into positive constructive channels, thereby producing that "which is acceptable to Him" and that "which is acceptable to Him" must of necessity be most acceptable to us.

All the visible forms we are aware of were first invisible forms created in the mind, and carried forward by the Creative

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energy revealing the Creative Principle in action, and as the Creative Principle manifests in both invisible and visible we can, with a little study, find the method to consciously use the law operating in both these realms for the fulfilment of our greatest desires.

The use of our Creative ability has been only yet dimly understood. The greatest possibilities more wonderful than man has yet dared to imagine are still to be enjoyed through the conscious use of our Creative ability with the understanding of the Law of Reciprocity. This is our experience. “Even greater things than these shall ye do”

In Corinthians we read, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers for there is no power but of God.”

With knowledge and understanding the Apostle Paul made this statement, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God.” Philippians 2: 5-6 (KJV).

This wisdom unites the individual consciousness with the Universal Consciousness and makes us conscious creators “according to your faith (through understanding) so shall it be unto you.”

Intelligent asking and intelligent believing unite the individual and the Universal, thereby creating “whatever ye will.” The seed is planted in the Universal and grows apace, watered with the power of faith through knowing. As all is mind both visible and invisible, the visible made by the manifestation of the invisible, therefore whatever “ye ask” must have its beginnings in the realm of the Creative Principle invisible before it becomes effects in the visible.

Here are some of the Master’s words, “Ask whatever ye will, believing and according to your faith it shall be done unto you.” “All things are possible to him that believeth.” “If you ask anything in my name I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” “If ye **abide in me** and **my word bide in you** ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.” “Ye have not, because ye ask not.” Here we see clearly the meaning of his words which are all the time directing us to the use of our Creative

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ability, but also cautioning us in its use because of the Law of Reciprocity, yet without action we can have no experience.

Now this truth I am giving you is an abstract reality and not a concrete thing that can be seen through the senses. Although the Creator and the created are “One” the created has no power of itself. Only the Creator has power of Itself and the realization of this should give you intense personal joy and devotion and the desire to create, not only within yourself but to create around you. In this way the “Presence” will fill your temple of Its own accord and you must make your house His Temple.

He will continue to unfold Himself in you, and day by day there will be greater vistas more clearly defined. You will develop the capacity to fill yourself with His genius, with His strength, with His nobility, with His forgiveness, with His all-inclusiveness. Then you will reflect His Divine originality for in Him alone is the source of originality, the source of Creation, the source of beauty, all your attempts to be original, beautiful, creative, are of little avail if you have not the understanding, the capacity to touch the Source of things. Herein lies the secret of our Creative ability and only through experience can it be made perfect.

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O Divine One, while I sleep Thou hast increased my store a hundredfold. When I awoke Thou wert a joy unto me, for when I think Thou dost think with me, when I will Thou dost will with me.

O Great Provider, Thou art myself yet without Thee I am nothing, without Thee I can do nothing, therefore guide me forever, O Beloved.

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Your wealth lies in the Creative Power within and not in the things created. This is the secret of your power in a world torn with strife and confusion.

In the understanding of this great Truth and the acting on this Truth is the beginning and ending of all things. For the Creative Principle is the embodiment of all laws of Creation with a knowing how, therefore ask and ye shall receive is the natural outcome of the Creative Principle in operation. For it cannot be otherwise as we will see as we proceed with this lesson.

The main theme of this lesson is to be doers of the Word and not listeners only.

When we begin to look into the activity that takes place in the event of our acting on the Word we note that there is that eternal link we have with the Creative Principle which Jesus called the Father. Then comes the Son—the Christ—who is conscious of the Father and also conscious of the thing asked for.

Although the two are one, one is active while the other is passive until the asking causes the action to take place. Then the greater of the two becomes the actor in every case. This is the Will of God in action to fulfil your every desire.

What I also mean to do in this lesson is to show you that the most important thing is not to place any limitation on the Will of the Father. But if you do not understand the perfect Law of Liberty you will fail to see that every experience is in accordance with the Will of the Father leading to the successful fulfilment.

You should therefore look upon events as the Father revealing His Wisdom step by step according to His Will and not according to your will, for He works in mysterious ways to fulfil your asking. Therefore you must not come to any conclusion nor

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pin your faith upon the action of any other individual or situation but have complete dependence upon the Father Himself for He alone does the work.

To ask and believe in the name of Christ is to immediately bring into play the Creative Principle in translating into form the things asked for. Therefore the thing asked for should cease to be the paramount longing in the human heart but to know “That” which produces all things. “Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name, ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be full.” It is not the things asked for that gives joy but the knowing of the Father, Who when ye ask aright it shall be done unto you. It is your ignorance of this great Truth that deprives you of the privileges bestowed upon you by a loving Creator.

Nearly everyone is restricted by their limited understanding arising from their reaction to environment and conditions in Life, most of us are trying to run our own lives with the result that we fail miserably. We feel that we are crippled, most people are like an engine with only one cylinder firing instead of six.

Remember the saying of the Master, “I of mine own self can do nothing, it is the Father who ever remaineth within me doeth the work.” Also in Proverbs 16* we read, “A man may think what he will say but at that moment the word comes from the Eternal.” “Trust your affairs to the Eternal and your plans will prosper.” “A man thinks out his plans but the Eternal controls his course.” “Better get wisdom than gold, better choose knowledge than silver.”

Thus it is necessary to get wisdom so that you can ask aright. You will then discover from your results that it is not merely listening but really acting on the word that counts, and your experiences derived from your practice will increase your wisdom and understanding.

Thinking along these lines will prove that your thinking is God’s word manifesting through you and everything that takes place is the unfoldment of the Creative Power in accordance with your desire. But your desires can only be truly fulfilled when this truth is established in you, not haphazardly but with Divine

* Proverbs 16: 1,3,9,16 (Moffatt Translation)

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understanding. Then let your thinking (Creative ability) be towards a definite purpose.

The entire material world, including man, is the manifestation of the Creative Principle becoming the things It makes. Therefore it follows that what we think and feel we create. If this was known generally man would not be controlled by circumstances and events, but would be at the helm of his own ship guiding it into port, laden with “all the good things that God has promised to those who love Him.”

By means of our thoughts and feelings we are united with the Creative Principle for the formation of our thoughts into the concrete. Therefore nothing is more important to us than considered thinking. In this way we will dissolve all that we do not want. We will banish fear and doubt and bring our Creative Ability into line with the Divine as a practical means of consciously producing whatever we truly desire.

The Father is the Source of our Creative Power, but He cannot be more to us than we know of Him in our lives. This must not be a sanctimonious attitude of mind or a mind that is caught up in ethics, nor in virtues or their opposites. It must be a truly dynamic understanding of the Reality of His Nature. By doing so the power of our thought will produce that which we will delight in.

The purpose of these lectures is to present to you the methods which have proved successful in my many years of experience in helping others to solve their own problems. There is a saying that you can lead a horse to the water but you cannot make him drink. It is the same with you, I can lead you to the Truth, but the Truth you must drink yourselves. I cannot make you drink it, that is your affair not mine.

I have tried to make the simple Truth clear to you, of “asking and believing” knowing that the Father does the work, and produces for us what we think. At first it may seem difficult to comprehend. But when we employ the method successfully of asking and believing, knowing that the Father doeth the work, we will realize that all Creation is working towards the fulfilment of our desires. “Therefore be ye doers of the Word.”

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If you examine your mind you will see if you are creating the things you desire or creating the things you do not desire, remember that your individual experience is the Will of God. To know that we can think with God and will with God is the Sceptre of Power.

To rebel against conditions is but to increase their power over you. Scan your mental field and see how many thoughts are influenced by your existing conditions. You will see whether your mind is 50%, 75% or 100% negative. The remedy is within yourselves.

If you love the created more than the Creator then no matter what you possess your mind will be negative. But if you love the Creator more than the created, no matter what conditions you are in, your positive attitude will soon lift you out of these depressing circumstances into the sunlight.

To enter into the Kingdom there must be no narrow conformity. It is the sense of unity that matters most, then you can give without holding back. You cannot be happy until you make others happy.

You must be falling in love all the time with everything that lives, everything that moves or does not move, for everything dwells in the Kingdom, and Love is the power behind all Creation. Once you have realized this you will realize it again and again, once you have tasted this, you will never be satisfied with the transient things, for you will know that which is eternal and ever-present, and is Creator of all.

You must learn to live, not to conform. If you look into your lives you will see there is a constant struggle to conform to this and that. All your efforts are merely to adjust your ideas, your feelings, your actions mostly to the dictates of another.

Your efforts and struggles do not lead you to understanding, but make you critical, insincere and hypocritical to yourselves. You do not know what you really think, what you really feel.

Most of you are seeking security with the result that your mind is in opposition to itself, and opposites are born of illusion and one is easily caught up in the illusion of the opposites.

Then there is the search for Spiritual security and your progress is measured by the acquisition of virtues, thus virtue becomes a vice.

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There are those who are spiritual and those who are not spiritual. You have division high and low, all this leads only to conflict, so the basis of your thinking is imitation. Where there is consciousness of distinction there can be no realization of that which is the living Reality and is the only Creative Power.

You create your own barriers which prevent you from creating in the present and prevents you from living in the present. You need not flight these self-created barriers, but become aware of their falseness, then you will see how your mind has been suffocated all these years, therefore incapable of true understanding.

The simple Truth can only come through the ecstasy of Love, and when you have found It there is no doubt, no more loneliness no more darkness. There will be attainment through enlightenment because you are the embodiment of all that you seek.

The wheel of birth and death has ceased to be in your Eternal Home, for you and the Creator are One.

“Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me. It is the Father who ever remaineth within me is performing His Own deeds.”

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O Divine Father, Thou art forever behind my desire, Thy presence behind my thoughts.

Thou hast rent the veil that separates us and now I can speak to Thee and Thou dost speak to me.

Thou hast taught me to be confident in Thy Presence and I have lost my fears and found Thy all-conquering Power of Wisdom.

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In my last lecture I made the significant statement that the subjective self was and must be the Universal Self because God is Infinite in nature, and being Infinite there can be no other Creative Power but His. The great importance of this does not dawn upon us all at once, it gradually unfolds as we become more “aware.”

**Perhaps it didn't dawn upon you the completeness and the importance of that statement, that the subjective self is the Universal Self because God is Infinite in nature. When we realise this we will see later on tonight why this subjective self gives us what we think and desire. It gives us without reproach whatever we desire. “Whatsoever ye ask—so shall be given unto you.” But this also applies not only to the good things but the things that are less good. According to the attitude of mind and what kind of mind we have so we will find that the subjective self will express that outwardly again.*

A pig can live in a pig-sty but it doesn't know that it is living in a pig-sty, because it is habitual for a pig to live in a pig-sty, and many people's minds are just the same. They are not aware that their minds are like pig-sty's, not until such time as they begin to analyze their thoughts and feelings and then they find that their minds are pig-sty's. Unless you become aware then of your own thoughts—the things that are real and the things that are not real, you will never be able to get from the subjective self or the Father the things that you truly desire.

The mind of man has been divided into various compartments. We have the conscious, subconscious, superconscious, soul, Spirit, etc., etc. If we are not careful we get lost in terms and separation.

* See page 172

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The greatest of all mental scientists of all times considered the mind of man as a reflector of the Mind of God and through this realization all things were possible,—“I and the Father are one,”—and what I want to do in this lecture is to correlate our present-day findings with the Truth of the prophets and to show that they knew much more than we do with our modern jingo.

The mind of man has been divided into so many compartments. Each part has been given a certain look-over and this is said to be certain things which applies to mankind. We know all these things but unless we are able to see the Whole we will never be able to live in the Whole. When you divide yourselves into many particular compartments you are creating separation. If you can consider these words, “I and the Father are One,” not from the viewpoint of a platitude or a saying, but to deeply understand them, then your mind will change. The orbit of the mind will change, there will be a distinctive mental attitude towards life that will give you the things that you really desire. It is said, “that no one knoweth the many things that the Father has in store for those who love Him.”

But this knowledge will be of no value to us unless there is inspiration from within, revealing the great power of the Truth that is so fervently sought by all, so much so that you would give all you have to possess It. It is here for you as the free gift of God for you to accept now and act upon it, and this is Creative Genius. *Our Creative Genius is the capability and our ability to act in accordance with this Divine Mind. To become aware not outside the mind but inside that Mind, and that Mind inside us then our thoughts are arranged along those lines. You see then, that this is our Creative Genius.* That it is as simple as this is hard to realize; but the fact that it is so is yet only recognized by a few. And it is this same Truth and the only Truth and this is what you are seeking. Most people fail to see this, so they run after some new truth, some new idea. They are perpetually concerned about what is Truth, what is God. They can only know this when they come out of their mental fog, a prison of their own making.

Clear thinking is Pure Thinking. Reaction is not thinking. Reaction to things external to oneself is conforming; reacting to

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conditions, creating beliefs, thoughts in the negative, fear, emotions, threats, enslavement. Creative ability—Creative Genius is when Pure Thinking begins. Pure Thinking can only begin when you begin to realize this truth—that the Universal Self is the subjective self in you and that there is no separation. That this subjective self in you is Real in nature and is Universal in Nature, and has been given all Power in heaven and on earth. It is the Power that Jesus speaks about and the Power that gave him the wonderful expression of thought and genius. These words are really the words of a genius. When I repeat some of them this evening, you will see truly the most wonderful expression of eternity.

In modern phraseology we have the conscious and subconscious, objective and subjective, inner and outer. These terms mean the same things. It is said that what we think is accepted by the subconscious, subjective or inner mind, which reflects out again what we think. This is perfectly true and the point I want to draw your attention to is that this being so there can be no separation between the inner and the outer and the subjective and the objective.

Now the “subjective,” (which I will call it in future because of my mention of it in this way in my last lecture and revealing it to be the Universal Self), this Intelligence, having control of the body through the nervous system, out-pictures what we think and feel. Thoughts then become active in our body through a chemical change in the tissue structure, not only do they affect us personally but other people and circumstances. This has been proved over and over again through experiment and some people have had the good fortune to discern it for themselves.

The majority of people who have something wrong with them are in a state of consternation until such time as they become aware of what their trouble is. From my experience, I have found for many people suffering from very minute troubles, small indeed, like a pink pimple on the face. They are afraid that it may be cancer and the whole of their mind is in a turmoil. Why they even sweat, they go to bed and they cannot sleep. They walk the floor. Next day they rush in and say, “Doctor, what is this? What is this?”

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Immediately I tell them what it is and it has no malignancy about it whatsoever, and I ensure them the truth of what I say, then their mind becomes easeful. Here then is a state of conflict, a mental state brought about by a belief, a supposition, superstition, ignorance. When we realize this truth, that the individual becomes aware of himself as a reality and as all substance under the control of the subjective mind, his thinking will be on a plane accordingly, therefore he will bring about that which he desires.

*In nearly every case of any physical ailment there is also the mental counterpart to it. Very often that mental counterpart is 90 percent while the physical is only 10 percent. There is very often mental agitation and that is a big (part) of the whole of the troubles. The pain and everything passes away, which shows you definitely and completely, that here we have again a mind that is unstable, that is not aware of its own Reality. The mind of man can be the reflection of the Mind of God, and this is what Jesus knew, what the prophets knew and that is what you should know. That your mind can **be** and **is** the reflector of the Mind of God.*

In many cases when people come to me with their mind in this deranged state. I become calm and peaceful in myself. I don't believe in these things. I know how difficult it is for the mind to be subdued, and very often I do not speak a single word but in my deep thoughts I say, "Father, you do not suffer from this, neither can your child," and without a single word being said a change takes place in the mental attitude of that individual. How then have I touched the string that is deep in the soul of that individual? I have touched them because I have touched the Truth—the Living Truth—that the mind of man can be the reflector of the Mind of God.

"Mind" is a comprehensive term and is very misleading when we want to know the real truth. In one way we speak of the Mind of God in which everything must exist and nothing can exist apart from It because there is nothing else but the Mind of God. Therefore the mind of man must exist in the Mind of God for it cannot exist apart from the Mind of God.

That is true reasoning and when we begin to reason these things, we begin to reason these other things that are of no value

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to us—away. The mind becomes more stable, the consciousness becomes aware. The Mind of God is always, there is nothing else but the Mind of God—that is a Truth. All exists in Him and nothing can exist apart from Him. How often have I told you that. I wonder if you believe it? I wonder if you really know that it is true? I often wonder myself if you do believe it is true because you act in absolute distinct opposite.

We also have the term “mind” to represent a substance that is pliable and is acted upon by thought. This substance called “mind” is also matter, the same substance is lowered in degree of vibration. This substance has no power of its own. It is a substance in which our thoughts manifest and form accordingly.

So we see, that unless we understand what we are talking about, our terms will lead us entirely astray. But I’m going to give you a firm foothold so that you can in future obey that Divine Mind, so that your mind becomes a reflector of It. There is One Mind in the Whole Universe—The Mind of God. No one can deny that. “I am the only One, there are none other besides me. Out of Me and by Me and through Me everything has been created, and everything must remain in Me and I must remain in everything”—that is the Creator.

This substance then in which God creates everything is His own Mind or we will call His own Body. It is a pliable substance but it’s invisible to the physical eye. It is known to science as electronic in nature. A substance that is pliable and fills boundless space and there is nowhere where it is not. You cannot place a pin-point anywhere except place it in this substance and this substance must penetrate everything. There is nothing in existence except this substance that penetrates it and supports it. Science says, “that this electronic substance fills boundless space and there is no outside it—everything must exist in it and of it.”

In this substance then, there is something that takes place, a conscious, a consciousness, something that is creative in that substance which creates form and immediately these electrons form different groups of atoms. These atoms form groups of cells, and these cells form groups of organs, and these organs form groups of

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individuals and other things. This form takes place in the Mind of God of that mental substance, and it is this Creative Power that is behind it all and that it is the Consciousness or the awareness that you have and I have, "I am alive and Living."

My thought is the product of my own consciousness, and according to the state of my consciousness so will my thought be. Then what is your state of consciousness? Ask yourself, "What is your state of consciousness?" Is it above the petty rubbish that exists in amongst you from time to time or are you steeped in it? Is your mind but a pig-sty or is it something that is glorious? Is your consciousness aware of the Truth? Do you reflect the Truth? Ask yourselves that question and you will find out how true it is.

The origin of all things underlying thought is Consciousness. A consciousness that knows all and knows how. A Consciousness that has Intelligence as an inseparable partner and the activity to produce, that which becomes form. We are told by science that matter separate from energy does not exist, this energy is none other than Intelligence in action, and Intelligence is the active principle of Consciousness, "knowing."

"Knowing" then is the power behind everything and the state of consciousness depends upon your own knowing—an awareness of "I and the Father are One." That the subjective self can be none other than the Universal Self, and whatever you ask so it will produce for you.

It is therefore true what the prophet said, that God becomes the things He makes, and it is this unity that all the prophets realized and stated throughout their writings and sayings.

Do we see it in our modern jingo, of course we don't. We see separation and the ramblings of immature minds. Intellectualism run mad.

It was the teaching of the Master and also has been found by others to be true, that it is **not** affirmation nor by violent mental effort which carries us along to our desired goal, but rather a state of consciousness determined by our awareness of the Truth of the "Father who ever remaineth within doeth the work."

Yes, its quite true, many of you with a mind filled with rubbish, with an attitude of mind that does not give you the things you

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truly desire. Which cannot give those things. Yet we try to affirm these things and deny other things, and often by violent mental effort you try to produce these things. How can it when your mental attitude is so stupid. It is not by affirmation nor by violent mental effort nor by denials but by a state of consciousness. And that state of consciousness is always there. "The Father who ever remaineth within me does the work."

I have often thought to myself when people have said, "How is it you work from morning till night? How do you lecture these lectures yet you go on day after day and you seem younger by year and stronger by day?" Well, the whole truth lies in this thing. "It is the Father who doeth the work." I don't worry about your troubles. Don't you think I am worrying about your troubles. I know perfectly well how illusive they are and how they are stuck in to your mind. I know all about it. But I know this, that God does not suffer from them and I'm satisfied when I know this Truth, that He does not suffer from them and is not affected by them.

Thought then is the product of the Consciousness and the state of consciousness determines the quality of our thinking. *Therefore you will soon find out whether a person has a state of consciousness worth culturing or copying or one that is useless by the things that they say and what they are speaking. If their minds are like a pig-sty then you will know perfectly well that the state of consciousness they have is similar and that state of consciousness cannot bring them the things that they truly desire. Therefore, it is for you—not for me to examine your own mind because you could do it better. You will see for yourselves what state of consciousness you have by the quality of your own thinking, and that determines your life here as well as it after you have left here.* Thought then is our Spiritual energy carried into operation and is given form through growth by the Creative Power Itself being Universal in Nature—Intelligence in action.

When we plant a seed in the ground the Universal Intelligence becomes active to reproduce its kind. The seed we plant in the ground and the seed of thought we sow in our mind are affected in a similar manner to produce their kind.

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If we are unaware of the Truth of our Being, thoughts of fear and uncertainty spring up, they become the weeds that choke the growth of what we truly desire. Remember that thoughts are seeds in the state of mind become active through the Creative Principle, “The Father who doeth the work.” All is mind, and thought is mind in action. This is our Creative Genius.

Is there any other Creative Genius? I can't see it and neither can anyone else, and the truth of this set us free. So we will soon see then what weeds we have that we ourselves have created to prevent the growth of the things we truly desire. It is only by seeing these things ourselves that we can eliminate them. But I say it again, a pig lives in a pig-sty, he does not know he lives in a pig-sty, it is habitual for him to do so. It is habitual for you to live in a mind like a pig-sty then you will have to learn how to recognize it and once you recognize it you will soon get out of it. But not until you do your own discerning can you ever get out of it. You will still live in it, wallow in it and you will still be the same as you were when you began it. I tell you this, God has everything for you but you yourselves have to co-operate with Him so that He can give you these things that you truly desire.

A state of consciousness is that what determines the quality of your thoughts and nothing else. Therefore affirmations are useless. Violent mental effort are very often contradictory. It's like we have planets revolving around the sun. What would happen if two of those planets came close to one another and collided with one another—there would be some smash-up would there not? I tell you that is taking place in your mind all the time.

With your attitude of mind you create such 'comets' that are floating around in your mind. Then you create a violent affirmation in the opposite direction to counter-act it. Then you wonder why there is an explosion in yourselves. Listen to me, a state of consciousness determines the quality of your thought and that state of consciousness means awareness of your own being. Awareness of the Presence and nothing else.

If we would gain true freedom we must see the Christ in operation which is the Wisdom of God in man and no one can

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take this Wisdom away from us for we have inherited it, being born in His likeness, because God is Infinite in nature. Only the weeds of ignorance will hide it for a while. But the inevitable must happen, the whole mental orbit of man will change. *Must change.* Thus the whole composition of the mind will change, all will recognize the fact that it is impossible to change the Universal Law of Life, not even through prayer through denials or affirmations.

It means then, a recognition, a state of consciousness where we co-operate with the Divine Mind. "For it is the Father within who doeth the work."

We can never analyze our Cosmic Consciousness, we can only live in Its completeness, Its wholeness, in Its indivisibility, "I and the Father are one," you can never gain a workable understanding of "the Father" if we live in parts, for Life has no parts, there is only "One." You may spend the rest of your Life in studying the parts of your mental make-up, yet this will never lead you to the way of how to make intelligent use of the "Whole," and our business of "living" is to understand the intelligent expression of the Whole.

If then you understand this truth that you are myself and I am yourself. That I am in you and you are in me and what you do, you do to yourself. What you say, you say about yourself. What you take, you take from yourself. What you give, you give to yourself.

Let me tell you this, that the Storehouse of God is waiting to empty Itself out into those who recognize this Truth.

The very words you say denies your conscious awareness of this Truth. Why? The very words you speak denies the Consciousness that should be yours because you speak in separation. You speak about other people as if they are different to yourselves. Someone away from you. The fact is this, that you have no conscious awareness of your oneness with God and you listen to me thinking that this listening to me will give you what you need. This will not give you what you need, you must do it yourselves and you must recognize this Truth. Become consciously aware of it and your awareness will give you that mental attitude—and that power which is Creative Genius. That Creative Genius cannot come in any other way except through Wholeness and complete understanding.

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In John 17: verse 1 to 8 (Moffatt's translation) we read, "So Jesus spoke; then lifting his eyes to heaven, he said: "Father, now the time has come; glorify thy Son that thy Son may glorify thee, since thou hast granted him power over all flesh to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given to him. (And this is life eternal, that they know thee, the only real God, and him whom thou hast sent, even Jesus Christ.) I have glorified thee on earth by accomplishing the work thou gavest me to do; now, Father, glorify me in thy presence with the glory which I enjoyed in thy presence before the world began. I have made thy Name known to the men whom thou hast given to me from the world (thine they were, and thou gavest them to me), and they have held to thy word. They know now that whatever thou hast given me comes from thee, for I have given them the words thou gavest me, and they have received them; they are now sure that I came from thee, and they believe that thou didst send me."

Is it not the same with every person who becomes the Christ? The Christ is born in every child that lives. This Christ is the Wisdom of God in you and me—this is the Creative Genius.

These are the words of a great genius. By his deep understanding of the Wholeness of things He recognized that Eternity was ever-present.

"Glorify me in thy Presence with the glory which I enjoyed in Thy Presence before the world began." What am I? I can see the clearness of His state. I can see clearly that it applies to me and to you. "Our Father who art in Heaven." "Our Father," he said, "who art in Heaven, hallow be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

We are shown that to serve is to receive, and if we are to become the channels of giving from that inexhaustible supply we must not be clogged by superstition by egoism or separation.

The egoist is the one, I think, who mostly clogs the machinery. "I did this and I did that." Self-praise has no honour. Those who recognize that, "the Father doeth the work," are above this egoism recognize that there is something greater. That puny little 'I.' I know of some teachers in schools that are continually talking

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about themselves. “I did this and I did that.” They do not even know the Truth nor the first part of the Truth—that the ‘I’ must be submerged in the Whole that the Father must do the work. They have become liars and hypocrites. The sooner we realize that the better therefore you who will go out into the world one day—you will be free from that. You will neither be a hypocrite nor a liar but you will understand the Truth of your own being. That state of consciousness—which will be the quality of your thinking and your thoughts, not a mind that is a pig-sty.

It is the same with our bodies, if the eliminating processes are clogged we get sick, we must not clog the out-going process. There must be freedom of incoming and outgoing. Then the supply grows into a mighty flow through Divine ideas. Service is the keynote and we should realize this wonderful Truth so that we become channels through which the Father does the work. This is **Creative Genius**.

When we have lost ourselves—then the Father does the work.

The Infinite Intelligence moves silently into action and dissolves away every error. When we seek Him before anything else we will then know ourselves to be the starting point of every thought, and by knowing this we will bring into being our own inheritance of health, harmony and abundance.

Let me see then, I will speak to you on this matter once more. When you seek Him before anything else we will then know our self to be the starting point of every thought. Can you realize what that means, and by knowing this, we will bring into being our own inheritance of health, harmony and abundance.

First of all we must see the things that are useless, that are **not** lasting. We must give up our limitations, our weaknesses, our self-pity, our jealousies, our enslavement. It means that we no longer believe in them now and the whole orbit of *our* thought changes. We become aware of our Divine Nature—our real nature, our inherited Creative Genius.

The most wonderful thing that ever happened to an individual is to become aware of his own thinking, her own thinking, to discern their thoughts.

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One thing I must point out to you is, we must not struggle with any thought or try to ban same thoughts from your mind. That is worse than useless. What is necessary for you to do is to discern the thought, to look at it and see it for what it is, then it will be dissolved away before the brilliance of your own consciousness, awareness of your own Divine Nature. These thoughts will become just as a flock of birds that wing across the dim lit sky. You see them pass leaving no trace. Your consciousness is still aware, is not affected by them, you neither struggle with them nor give them any board but know them for what they are. The error will pass away from your mind and you will be free. But as long as you struggle and try to banish these thoughts that enter into your mind you can never be free. Freedom does not come that way—controlling your thoughts is contraction. Discerning your thoughts is dissolving them, having an understanding of your own consciousness, the awareness, the beginning and end of all things.

The beginning and end of all things.

We are ourselves the only obstruction to the reaping of the mighty riches of the Kingdom in which we dwell. God's Wisdom is projected through the visible form and this Wisdom manifests through us as we begin to recognize It,—by seeing the true nature of things and not according to mortal misconceptions and interpretations.

You interpret things by your mortal sense as something that is separate and distinct. It is the abstract that is Real. The concrete has no reality but the majority of the people believe that the concrete is the real thing and that the abstract is of no value. But I tell you, all concrete things must arise out of the abstract and remain in the abstract, and the abstract is the only power in that concrete thing. When the concrete thing dissolves away it dissolves into the abstract, and the abstract always remains, the concrete dissolves away.

We are told that we are made in His image and likeness, that through our desires He will make Himself known. In order to understand our true relationship we must see that it is the same mode of action that takes place. We are therefore similar to Him

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who made us, and we can only accomplish by Him, for He alone possesses the Power to create, to accomplish all things that we ask, provided we never forget our true relationship to Him. “I am in the Father and the Father is in me and me in you.”

I am listening to a Master who says to me, “I hope that you all take this lesson to heart.” I say, I hope so too.

Christianity as taught to the masses is an imposture of the teachings of the man whom they profess to follow. But those who have studied his teachings deeply have gained such wonderful knowledge which has given them this intense personal joy and devotion to create not only within themselves but everywhere about them that true happiness obtained from their doing His word.

How true it is. The Christianity we know today must die before the teachings of Christ can truly be understood. Christianity today is based upon separation. For many we have even 250 different denominations in Christianity, all fighting, squabbling with one another. Yes, they would cut each others throats if they got the chance but the law prevents it.

It is a most extraordinary thing, to teach or profess to teach the teachings of Jesus. “To love Thy God with all thy soul, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength and to love thy neighbour like thyself.” The main thought this evening, is the poor devils don’t see the truth so they can not tell you. They let the blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

You can be one thing or the other, you can be a creative genius or a destroyer, or an ordinary weed in the middle of the stream that is buffeted about from side to side, but when you realize that you are the main current of Life the main force of Life because you live in Him and He lives in you then such understanding gives you inspiration to create, you no longer become just followers but helpers. *Creators.*

It gives you a sense of joy in helping others to see the things that do not matter and are of no value, and revealing the things that are of value are eternal. *What then do you want? Things that are of value or of no value?* Then instead of being a giant of ignorance you become Creative Genius.

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There are lot of giants of ignorance about. You see them all round the place. They are politically aware, we see plenty of them. In the business world we see plenty of them too, but there is no real Creative Genius.

When you have drunk at the Source you long to bring everyone to It. When you have basked in the Eternal Presence you will know that all have the same privileges if they could only realize it, *to bask in the Presence.*

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O All-Pervading Genius, Thy inspiration has removed the cloud from my mind and heart.

My mind is made clear with the breeze of Thy Intelligence, and my soul is purified with Thy wholeness.

Now I behold Thee alone, and in my wakeful state Thou art my Teacher, my Guide, my Friend, my Creative Genius.

Oh! May such joy be mine forever and ever.

* The *italic* commentary is taken from the original 'wire' sound recording of the Johannesburg lecture given in the Auditorium at Escom House by Murdo MacDonald-Bayne on the Thursday night of 3rd November 1949. It is to be noted that no recording exists of the Pretoria Lecture.

**THE CREATOR HAS ORDAINED THAT
HE WILL MAKE HIMSELF KNOWN TO US
THROUGH OUR FAITH**

Everyone is born with that unquenchable thirst for achievement because the Infinite is continually working in and through us. Every second, consciously or unconsciously, some desire must be fulfilled.

Thus we are endowed with the ability to recognise and realize our unity with the Infinite Creator, therefore whatever we ask, knowing that we have received we shall receive. This is the Law of Creation.

This is God's free gift to man which some call "Faith." "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." We must learn to use this gift wisely so that we can intelligently co-operate with the predetermined scheme of things.

When we understand this truth we shall always place our dependence on the power to create and not on the things created. If we violate this rule we find ourselves in difficulties. Those truths are more to you than riches, they are the foundation of your permanent happiness, good health and abundance.

The fault with most people is that they do not consider the real meaning and purpose of prayer which is another name for "desire" in the true sense of the word, this being God's scheme to work through us individually in His work of Creation. Therefore to obtain satisfactory results we must employ the instrument of God's free gift to us which we call "Faith."

The unseen must be made visible and the only way that this can be done is through the Faith which is the evidence of things not seen. I am not stating something new, or some new invention. I am restating what the prophets taught. This knowledge has been

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submerged in idolatry and superstition and therefore has become in most part obliterated. But when you lift this knowledge to its true place in your lives you will prove for yourselves that it is greater than all riches, for it alone can bring happiness and riches together to form the nucleus of an enchanted life.

In the lives of most, experience has been bought very dearly because they have not used this scientific knowledge in their lives, mostly because those who were responsible for their well-being were ignorant of it themselves

I will put it this way to you, the Faith that I am speaking to you about is that which can bring the abstract (the unseen) into the concrete (the seen) so that it can be made usable in your earthly life.

The Substance is always there to be worked upon, and it is the “Father who does the work.” The main thing for you to understand is that whatever you ask it will be done unto you. But this asking must be done aright otherwise the Substance—the Intelligence—that is become form is invalid.

Job said, “What I feared came upon me,” this is the same Law put into reverse. Therefore pure thinking is thinking with understanding. Thinking, whether it is done with fear or with faith, amounts to the same thing.

If I can make this plain to you then I have given you something that is greater than riches. For he that hath not this knowledge, that which he hath shall be taken away from him. But he that hath, more shall be given unto him. Surely this is now plain to you all.

The mind that is sure in this knowledge is first of all active in the asking then becomes passive so that the work can be done, this is the link you have with the Eternal.

The asking must be accompanied with the dominant attitude of mind which refuses to give up, refuses to worry, refuses to fear, while seeing the Creative Principle acting freely, exercising its own wisdom in the manifestation of things asked for. Then the things asked for become the evidence of that which will be produced.

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The world is full of successes and failures, this only goes to prove what I say, that the same Law is operating in us consciously or unconsciously, according to what we ask we shall receive. The majority of people believe the worst, they feel that they have already received the worst, while those who have success have no real success for they do not know the Law with which it came about.

There are few in the world who have real insight to this great fundamental Law of Life. The fear of the parents is often responsible for the failure of their offspring. So-called successful parents are often responsible for the complete failure of their offspring.

In some cases I have seen the children of ministers of religion making miserable failures in life, yet I have seen the offspring of atheists make a success in life. Even an atheist who looks past creeds and dogmas into a Universe unknown has a better chance of giving a lead to his offspring. But those who have a true understanding of the fundamental Laws of Life will give a foundation to their offspring, that will lead them through logic to the better use of the Law, so that by acting on the word, their lives may be an example to others and a blessing to themselves.

Because of the varying degrees of understanding there must be varying degrees of "Faith." So there must be varying degrees of success and failure. The great danger lies in the fact that most people will habitually limit their use of the Law in terms of past experience, thus depriving themselves of many things that could be theirs.

According to your past experience you calculate upon the possibility or impossibility to accomplish. Jesus says, "All is possible to him that believeth," therefore you must look beyond your experiences into the perfect Law of Liberty, knowing that whatever you ask it shall be done unto you.

On the other hand if your past experiences have been successful and this success deprives you of the conscious use of "Faith" then you are on shifting sand. For the only successful person is the one who sees beyond experiences into that sure and

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stable state where “the Father doeth the work,” and naturally you will think more constructively and create with understanding.

Thus you depend upon the greater wisdom and not upon past experiences good, bad or indifferent. “If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally and with grace, and it shall be given him. But let him ask with faith, not doubting for he who doubts is like the waves of the sea driven by the winds and tossed.” James 1: 5-6 (Eastern text).

The highest state of consciousness is that which recognises the need for wisdom and knowledge, for this leads to a happier and more successful life. And in some of the greatest achievements where past experience would have invalidated our action, yet the conscious use of this perfect Law of Liberty, the free gift of God to man, has made all possible.

In these great achievements this “Faith” has been consciously employed as a result of the actual knowledge of the value of the “faith that is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.” In Hebrew, Chapter 11: verse 1 (Eastern text) the translation is as follows, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for just as it was the substance of things which have come to pass and it is the evidence of things not seen,” and in verse 3 it says, “For it is through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God so that the things which are seen came to be from those which are not seen.”

Here we see then that this same Faith is with God and must necessarily be inherent in man. Could there be anything plainer than this, to reveal the perfect Law of Liberty that is ours through the Word that was with God, and that same Word is in man, made flesh.

This Faith through which God will make Himself known to us has revealed the invisible nature of the Universe which scientists have been probing for years. The use of atomic energy for instance is one of the most foremost of all achievements and is still in its infancy. Even electricity which we use in our everyday life is yet to fill a greater place in the life of mankind and although we do not know what it is nor have we ever seen it, yet we make use of it.

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By switching on the switch we use that “Faith” when we desire a light, yet we do not know how the manifestation takes place. If you will consider this you will see that we must use that self-same “Faith,” consciously or unconsciously, when we “ask” so that it shall be done unto us.

It is a wise man or woman who seeks ways and means to increase their knowledge of this necessary “Faith.” “Believe” is the simple word the Master used to express what was in his mind. To “believe” then is to rely on God and to maintain confidence and trust in His hidden operation on our behalf.

The majority of desires appear under a pressure of lack on one hand, and on the other hand there is a more or less feeling of hope for their fulfilment. If you will look into your mind you will see that these images exist side by side. Why do they exist? They exist because you have not the understanding of the Law of Creation.

You must have faith in “Faith,” the Principle which God uses in the Creation of worlds and as we are made in His image and likeness we must also inherit His qualities and mode of action, then it is the right use that is required not mere superstition which makes up most minds.

I said in my last lecture, when we plant a seed in the ground the Universal Intelligence becomes active to reproduce its kind, the seeds we plant in the ground and the seeds of thought we sow in mind are affected in a similar manner.

I cannot say too much on this subject because the more I reveal the Truth of our Creative “Faith” the more you will understand and use it for your own benefit and for the benefit of others, and this is the foundation of your happiness and mine.

Whatever this Creative Principle may be called “It,” “Creator,” “God” or any name you like, It never fails to bring from the unseen to the seen in exact correspondence to your state of consciousness. If you are conscious of yourself being one with the Creator then you cannot fail. But again there are varying degrees of this consciousness and this determines your “awareness.”

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“Awareness” that you are living in the Kingdom, one can see by your words, by the way you talk, by the way you think, whether you are living in that Kingdom or not. By your attitude of mind towards others you will know best how far you are from that abode of Reality.

If you live in that Kingdom you conquer with ease your special troubles, you forget your burdens, your peculiarities, when you live in that Kingdom you translate that Kingdom into your daily actions.

To live there in rare moments only or when in meditation is not even a fleeting glimpse of that Kingdom where true Faith dwells. Yes, and a word will betray the whole of your mind, the whole of your outlook; you must transform all from the centre outwards, “as I am so shall ye be also.” “Riches and honour are with me, yea, durable riches and righteousness, my fruit is better than gold and my revenue better than choice silver.”

Proverbs 8: 18.19.

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O “Faith”, may I behold Thee above, below and around me. Wherever I turn my gaze I see what “Faith” hath done.

Train my senses not to wander into the wilderness of doubt and fear.

Turn my eye within, there to gaze upon Thee, enthroned upon the ever-changing beauty of Thy invisible Nature.

Let my ears listen to Thy unseen Voice that creates out of the void.

Oh! That I may catch the breath of Thy magnitude, “Thy faith hath made thee whole.”

Keep alight forever that Flame that never wavers and never dies, O Blessed “Faith.”

PROVE YOUR FAITH BY YOUR WORKS

This subject of Faith is of great importance to us all, therefore I am dealing with it from every aspect so that by getting a clear understanding we will be able to use it, thereby proving our faith by our works.

Now to understand faith, yet not prove it by our works, it dies in us, so to sustain our faith we must use it. First of all we must know what faith is, and when we have acquired this wisdom we must practise our faith. In this way the Creator works wonders through us for we are His instruments for this purpose.

In our last lesson we saw clearly that real faith is gained when we realize our oneness with the Creator, that “The Father and I are one” is not merely a platitude but an actual reality and because of this we become aware that the Father does the work. Yet our action and co-operation is needed to produce and this must be done with confidence having no fear as to the result.

Therefore action is needed on the part of the individual who has acquired “Faith.” We read in James 2: 14, “What does it profit my brethren though a man says he hath faith and have not works?” . . . “ Even so faith if hath not works is dead being alone . . .” (This means that to have faith only and not use it, it dies in us. It is the use of faith that keeps it alive.) “Yea a man may say thou hast faith, and I have works. Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works. . . . But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead. . . . Ye see then how that by works a man is justified and not by faith only. . . . for the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.”

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This is the all-important point in our lesson tonight, action is needed to prove our faith. We do not have to solve Life we must experience Life and the only way we can do this is through action.

You have to train your mind to refuse to accept suggestions from without that are contrary to the power of the Spirit that is Life and action. Without action you could not be present now. God formed you and He is ever active in you now, and now is Eternity.

This is the Cosmic Wisdom and Power resident within your own consciousness and will back your every action without limitation of any kind, if you will but know this to be true. The prophet says, "He who cometh to God must believe that He is," and the Master shows us that God is within us, waiting to come into action on our behalf, and there can be no mental distance for this is the false philosophy which separates man from that which is his by birthright."

"Son, whatsoever I have is also thine."

Move into action knowing that God is now active in your affairs. Yet you must be ever watchful lest your mind is caught up in the manifestation, to lose the realization of the Living Presence that is manifesting.

We are allowed to ask whatever we will and are given the assurance that it will be granted, provided we play our part in the receiving. You must arrive at a definite and permanent conclusion by your reasoning that God is present within you now, before you can act intelligently.

If you start out with certainty and then fail to continue in that certainty because the thing has not come about as you planned, then you do not yet understand that the Presence is active in your affairs. The mind must be trained not to turn away but to know that the one Supreme Infinite Intelligence is ever active. The Intelligence that is greater than "I" is acting for your benefit.

We must learn to expect the unexpected and we find that it is the unexpected that generally happens, but also we will find that it is the result of our actions, coupled with the wisdom of the Supreme Creator on our behalf.

The state of consciousness keeps the mind open so that the Creator can work in us to bring about the fulfilment of our hearts

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desire. Keep your consciousness open to the “greater than I” that is ever-present. Just wherever you are, there He is, if you can be conscious of this always then you will prove your faith by your works.

In my work, I work in faith so that God works with me. We are never apart, we work together. He shows me what to do and when I do this He works in me for He then does the work. It is a grand story, the greatest story ever told.

So open your mind to His Mind then you have contact with your greatest Friend that knows “how” and will bring things about in the perfect way. The evidence of this lies in the mental attitude you have about your problem. If you are at peace about it then the work will continue. But if you think that the Infinite Intelligence has not heard you or has not given you what you want then this attitude of mind deters the manifestation, whether it be a desire for health, happiness or abundance.

“Acknowledge Him in all thy **ways**” (actions) is the secret of greatness, for He alone is great and He shall make thee also great. How sure these words are when you understand the truth of your Being. Thus your works will prove your faith and by your works you are justified.

“The mind of man has not yet dreamed of all the good things the Father has prepared for those that love Him.” To Love God is to Love your neighbour. If this Love is not present in you then how can you expect good things? “As much as you do unto one of these so you do unto Me.”

You must constantly be aware of the indwelling Presence of God in all forms, this will give you the power to create without limitation, because you will constantly live in the Kingdom.

In 1 John 5:14-15* we read, “Now the confidence we have in Him is this, that He listens to us whenever we ask anything in accordance with His Will, and if we know that He listens to whatever we ask we know that we obtain the requests we have made to Him.”

And in verse 20* we read, “We know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know Him as the Real God and we are in Him who is real even in His Son Jesus Christ, this is the Real God, this is Life Eternal.”

* Moffatt Translation

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The Bible reveals Jesus as the means to reveal God to man by his works, his parables and his miracles, using them as a means of opening the door of the Kingdom of Power and instructing us to use the laws and methods he used so that by doing so we shall do even greater things. By his works he proved his faith. By our works we shall also prove our faith.

There is nothing to compare with the satisfaction obtained through the realization of our relation with the Infinite and Eternal Existence, when you grasp this then you will see that you are in Eternity now, and being there, all that is Eternal is ever-present in us now.

We are immortal now at this very moment and there is never a cessation of activity in the Absolute, always forward and upward, and we are moving in Him who made us like Him with power to become active in co-operation with His Will.

Spirit is the Substance of the Absolute embodied in all Creation. This is the reality in us all, there Love dwells. This is the one Supreme Infinite Power and occupies every atom of matter, every part in space and every instant of time which is the eternal Now.

Since the Universe is governed by Love, therefore Love being the perfect Law you are now in your right place. This Love acts on your behalf and opens the prison doors to set you free. You do not know how it is done but it takes place by the operation of the Cosmic Presence which is "greater than I."

The realization of the Indwelling Power greater than the individual "I" becomes of great importance to us all, it carries us on the stormy seas into the quiet water and beside the green pastures. It soothes the doubting heart, it sustains our faith that produces deeds. We say with all humility, "In Thee, O Father of Love, I dwell."

All great achievements are gained through action. If you wish weakly for success, health or happiness you will wish in vain. If you wish to accomplish you must be up and doing. No matter what obstacles beset your path nothing can defeat you when you realize the indwelling Presence of Omnipotence.

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The unknown must be faced with confidence. There is always a way. Sail on, on the uncharted seas, make the Infinite Intelligence your guide and you will arrive at your destination with glory. Scarred with experience you will rejoice in your achievements, knowing that the Father works for you, when you work with Him Who knoweth all things.

The human consciousness is hypnotised with fear. The end of the trail is saturated with frustration and the mind of man has become soft and mushy, mentally and spiritually dominated with tradition and conformity.

Jesus and the prophets call to us now to free the Spirit of adventure that is latent and inert within us and through our action we will be about our Father's business and prove our faith by our works.

We should forget as far as possible our little selves and feel that we are all One. I must be part of you and you must be part of me, this is the only way to live, lose ourselves in others yet retain our own vision.

It makes no difference now what you are or where you are, you will have found the one thing in which you can live forever and then only will you make others feel and live happily. This is the key to your own eternal bliss, thus you will prove your faith by your works.

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O Divine Mother, I was a babe in swaddling clothes unable to crawl or talk.

I bleated in ignorance of Thy Divine Nature but as I grew up I found myself.

In the realization of my birth Thou didst open my eyes to the glory of Thy Presence.

The Voice of Thy Wisdom was heard deep in my soul and there in the crystal pool of peace Thou didst show me my face to be like Thine.

Now I know I am Cosmic in nature and will no longer fear the world of shadows for I vibrate with the power of the Almighty.

I roam now in the world of experience and will seize these creations of vexing perplexities and timid fears and devour them in the fire of omnipotence.

O Divine Mother, Thy all conquering wisdom is mine, for Thou hast shown me that which is Thine is mine, Blessed Mother of Life.

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AND YOUR FAITH THAT IS SUSTAINED BY
YOUR WORKS**

In my last lecture I showed that faith without work is dead and also that the only way we can prove our faith is by our works. In this lecture I want to show how faith produces works and how faith is sustained, so that our works shall prove our faith.

By the growth of your understanding of the action of your thought so is the power of your faith increased in proportion. When you become aware of the action of your thought, you will know the result before you begin. This is proved by the Master's statement, "Believe you have received and you will have."

**He was aware of the action of his thought, aware of the power of his thought, knowing clearly that the Father and he were one. Knowing that, he knew that the same Creative Power in any way whatsoever to create whatever you choose. Your consciousness is the fundamental principle. Now this Consciousness is in God and it is not in anything else. It is in God. (If I) say the word 'God,' now you have an assumption of what this God is and many of you will have an idea that this God is somewhere outside yourselves, but it is not true.*

God is Infinite in nature and therefore everything must be within Him and there can be no outside of Him. And His Consciousness can be the only Consciousness ruling in the whole Universe. It is the Creative Power of God—it is the creative power in man. That is why man is said to be, the image and likeness of the Creator. If you will remember this, then you will know clearly and distinctly, the action of your thought, and if you understand it you can say what the Master said, "Believe you have received and you shall have."

* See page 199

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Now, when you are ignorant of this law of mind in action you place little value on your thoughts, yet you are affected by the effects created, and naturally rebel against them or are pleased on the other hand, but this ignorant reaction is of no value to you, because you do not understand how your faith produces works.

By rebelling against effects you only increase their intensity, on the other hand if you are just ignorantly pleased with the results you will soon lose what you have gained because you are unaware of how these things have come about. "He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him." This is the vicious circle of ignorance in which the great majority of people are in.

The majority of people today are rebelling against the effects. They fight these effects, therefore giving them a power. They have no power of their own but they give them a power which they do not possess. Therefore, when you fight anything, any condition that is relative to yourself, you are giving that relative thing a power it does not possess because it has no real power of its own except the power you give it. It is necessary to understand this, because if you do not, you will never understand faith. "He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him." That is, he that hath not faith, understanding, even that which he has will be taken away from him.

There is but one mode of action used in Creation, whether it be a creation in man's mind, or a creation of a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind. The mode of action is the same because man's mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind.

But I want you to please remember this tremendous fact because it is most important to you when you want to realise faith. The faith I am talking about, is not the faith where you have the opposite—doubt. The faith I am talking about is a faith through understanding. If you will remember what I said about the consciousness, your consciousness, being the creative faculty in your own mind, whatever the consciousness is aware of, so it is unto you. Whether the consciousness is aware of something in fear or whether it is aware of something in faith, it means the same thing. These two

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we could reproduce equally, one the thing you fear and the other the thing you have faith in. But I want to see which image in your mind is the strongest. You will see that there is the image you fear rather than the image you have faith in. Therefore, you will see that the image that you fear is very often produced because the consciousness is more aware of it.

Now it is necessary through Divine reasoning to understand where your consciousness is, so that you know that the creative power in man is the same Creative Power that God uses because He has made man in his own image and likeness. The creation in man's mind, the mode of action, that takes place in this creation, is the same as the mode of action that takes place in the Creative Mind whether it be a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind.

It is because you have not the realisation of the completeness of this consciousness that these things do not manifest at once. But time will come, when you pray, knowing what you are doing while you pray that your prayers will be answered instantaneously. It is some considerable time before your prayers sometimes come into operation. For instance, what is a prayer? A prayer is opening yourself to that inflow of that Life Principle which in itself has no conditions attached to It whatsoever. It is free and natural.

Now, I see this clearly and distinctly. I see how the Infinite has created the body, the mind of the individual, the brain, the nervous system, all the organs of the body for Its own self-expression. It is the Life that is expressing itself and God is Life. Now Life created then the body, the brain and the nervous system as a perfect machine, how it could act and think in this plane of manifestation, and also create. Therefore, through your emotions you create what we call, what I would say clearly and distinctly, an emotional habit pattern which you create through your nervous system, through this particular portion of the brain that Life created for the purpose of the ordinary running of the organisms as a smooth machine. But by your emotional states you create this pattern that is established then in this, what we call, the cerebellum. This portion then sets*

* See diagram page 200

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up this mischievous reaction in your body which you feel the sensation of and immediately then you bestow your attention upon that thing you increase its intensity. But you see, it was by your own emotional reactions to condition, things, people, whatever the case may be, that brought about this change in the brain.

How are you then to get this back to normality? That is a point. If you have a habit, an emotional habit pattern created in yourselves, and that is being externalised in your body because your body is the sounding board of your mind, your thoughts, your images, your emotions. How are you then to overcome this thing?

Well there is, thanks to the Almighty, because He created you in the image of Himself which must be Perfect in Him. This machine He created Perfect also to run the organism as a perfect smooth working machine where all the organs work together in perfect harmony.

But when you have these emotional breakdowns, what happens? You have civil war taking place in your own organism because of this habit pattern you have created in your own cerebellum. The only way that you can get rid of it is through Divine reasoning, that I am showing you, and proper relaxation so that you get the relaxation, that tension off your muscles of the nerves. These inhibiting processes that strangle and paralyse your nerve centres and your organs, close the muscles around your large blood vessels causing the heart to beat faster so that it forces the blood into your brain, and therefore you have high blood pressure. A stroke perhaps. All these things are brought about because of the stupid reactions you have to things external to yourself because you do not know the action of your thought, your emotions. You are not aware of them, you do not discern what you are doing, consequently you are unconsciously creating this habit pattern which is out pictured in your body, and because you fear it, you stimulate it, and what happens? Your vicious circle is then set in motion and you find there is no way of getting out. But there is a way and I'm showing you that way.

In developing our faith that produces works we must, in the first place, recognise this Unity which is a Cosmic fact, "The Father and I are one." In this realization the power of thought

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becomes active in the individual thinker and to this Unity we must ascribe all power and glory, and acknowledge It as the Source of all that we accomplish.

Even when Jesus went to raise Lazarus from the dead, his words were these, "Father Thou hast already heard me." Knowing that he never did anything on his own. Never! And the true disciple never does anything on his own.

In this also can there only be effective concentration of the idea to be developed. For if you are double-minded you see good and evil and these two battle for supremacy in your mind. So you fight the one that you do not want with the result that you give it a power it does not possess.

The Master saw that there was nothing to fight when he said, "Resist not evil but overcome evil with good," this was showing that evil did not really exist except in man's own mind.

When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect "One" so does all evil disappear. But if good and evil exist in your mind you have a double mind where there is also faith and doubt side by side.

For instance, if your mind has the image of disease and health or success and failure these two images will destroy your creative power and also your faith. *Now I am showing you this because I want you to see the meaning of the Master's words. If you have two ideas in your mind, if you have the idea of health in your mind and you then continue to suggest health to yourself, what happens while you are doing so? You're creating the very opposite to health! You are creating the idea of ill health because these two always exist side by side. You never have health by itself, you always have health and ill health, these are the two images. Success and failure these are the images in your mind that are continually fighting one another. Who created them? You! You are the creator. If you are the creator of both and you do not know that you are the creator of both these images and you allow them to fight each other, in your mind, then your creative power is destroyed. I am going to show you why this takes place.* But if you bring the Truth into the mind disease and failure disappear.

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Neither do you have to concentrate on health for Truth does not know health or disease. If you bring up the image of health you also call up the opposite—disease. You have perhaps never been taught this before but I am telling you this is the Master's teachings. The True teachings of the Master is not psychology or suggestion which the majority of people teach you or affirmations.

Do you know that a strong affirmation very often brings the very opposite about? A violent affirmation often brings the very opposite to what you want. The more you try to get well—the sicker you get!

Well, the whole a story is quite simple. The dominant idea in the mind. What are you praying for? Why do you make it a violent suggestion for? To overcome a violent other idea that is in your mind, that's why you do that.

But these two patterns are existing side by side. And what happens to you? Then, you have a civil war going in your mind and your body. You are not what we call, "let thy eye be single,"

*Remember, that the great power of truth is, "I and the Father are one." There can be no other truth but that. No other truth! Any other truth is a fallacy. And under those circumstances whatever you say and do, so it is manifested because of the truth, that, **The Father and you are one.** Therefore you are free. No longer have you to fight something that has no power of its own, but you will understand clearly and distinctly, that the Creative Power inherent in the Father has been granted to the Son. The Life in the Father is the Life in the Son. "As the Father has Life in Himself so has the Son been granted life unto himself." That same Life, it enters all things, all Creative Power. Peace and understanding comes as a natural secret to the understanding of the Truth, "I and the Father are one."*

This Truth cannot be divided or destroyed, it is only in the mind of man that ignorance of this fact exists, and we find many in high places who are unaware of this all-important Truth.

We must recognise the mind as a single and simple unit and that is just what it is. If we allow our mind to wander off to the idea of a part of the unit here and a part of it there we pass

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into the relative which is the cause of our loss of faith and true direction of our thought. We immediately begin to react to the relative which is limitation and thereby limit our faith and the “work” is not produced.

Your faith is not obtained by your stupid reaction to things or forms but by an understanding of the Intelligence behind all things and forms, and the operation of that Intelligence. Neither is your faith obtained through the idea of a time and space factor but through the knowledge that Spirit is one whole with no division in time or space.

The great difficulty is that we have divided the mind into many different parts. We have taken these parts as separate parts of the mind when there is only one mind; one action, one mode of action, one life, one expression. There are different functions naturally but these functions are under the control of the one existing Life.

Spirit is omnipresent in Its entirety. Therefore at any moment of time all Spirit is concentrated at any point in space that we choose to fix our attention upon.

So it is clear: “I and the Father are one.”

There can be no time or space in Infinity. Time and space exist in man’s mind, it’s a relative thing and not a Reality. It is a relative thing, and (when) we deal with relative things, we are lost in the relative. Even some of your greatest men have talked about that there is time and space. But we know who understand the greater science of Life and understand the Creative Principle behind all things. We see then, that this Creative Principle being the Infinite Mind in which there can be no time or space, being Eternal and Ever-present.

When you measure a distance between one object and another you see between me and you that is relative space. But don’t you see clearly and distinctly? You do not understand that you are not outside at all but you are within One Mind. You are in the Infinite, you are living and moving in ether a substance that is nine million times denser than matter.

You are all breathing the same air, the same oxygen. You are living in this magnetic substance in which you draw your life from

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and all the time you say there is space and distance. Yes, because you do not know and understand that there is this Substance which is more Real. You see that the abstract is the Real. The concrete is not the real thing, the concrete is but the expression of the abstract and the concrete exists in the abstract, and not out of it. The concrete is an expression in the abstract and of the abstract but it does not exist outside of it. If you could understand this you will know that your consciousness is active in this Substance which responds according to your consciousness. According to what your consciousness is aware of, so shall it be unto you. What is your consciousness aware of then, that is the question? Have you then examined these images, ideas? Have you discerned them to know which of them is the most powerful? When you know the truth you will see that the image you fear will melt away because there is nothing to fear.

Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space but is the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon. If this is not understood then our attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and our “work” is not produced.

This paragraph is quite a difficult one for you and I have written it in this way so that you can study it and make it your own

Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space. Think of it. Is your attention subject to time or space? No, but if the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon, whatever the attention is fixed upon there is formation because there is your thought in concentrated form, directed by the consciousness itself. If this not understood then your attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and what breaks up your attention? Doubt and fear, not understanding the truth.

The fact is that we all exist in the Absolute and from the Absolute all phenomena flows, whether in the mental or physical plane. The knowledge of this is the basis upon which we develop our faith to produce “works.”

What I want you to do is to discern your own mind in which much conflict exists. As to its function, some say that man has two minds, one is conscious and one is subconscious, but in

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reality there is but one mind. We will agree that there is an inner and outer function, but to say that they are separate and distinct is a fallacy. Faith to produce works can only be developed by a true understanding of the relation of each function.

Both these functions are united by the consciousness which is the creative faculty. If the consciousness is caught up in the relative, the outer, it reacts to conditions and personal environment which is very much limited. *Is your consciousness then caught up in that limited state in the things external to the self? Is your consciousness buffeted here and buffeted there and struck down and become weakened through your fear of these things external to yourselves? If your consciousness becomes aware of fear, then in this this limitation, don't you see, that your creative power and faith is completely destroyed.* It takes into cognition time, space and events etc., and is influenced by them and reasons from this limited basis.

Therefore, you reason from the limited basis of the external or relative world. If you do that then you are lost in the relative world and your faith is destroyed. It is only through Divine reason, what I am showing clearly and distinctly, that the consciousness of man is but the Consciousness of God. The Consciousness of God is the Creative Faculty that creates all things in heaven and on earth. "All Power is given unto me in heaven and on earth," because of the fact that Truth, this Truth, is within oneself.

In this way the consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which are seen on the surface, the real or cause being hidden or, when only a part is seen while the whole is not recognised, thus your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experience which prevents true understanding of the power of faith.

If then your consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which you see on the surface. The real cause of these effects you do not perceive, they are hidden from you. But to a great extent they are your own creations because of your own emotional habit patterns which you have created in yourselves.

Your attitude of mind towards other people, your stupid reactions, they are none other than a pattern. This pattern is being

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expressed, and you do not know that you have created this pattern yourself. If your consciousness is limited by this pattern you have created through your emotional reaction, then your faith is destroyed. You have no faith at all. You may say you have faith but you have none. Because, why? Doubt will destroy that faith, fear will destroy that faith, because you are not aware.

So we see, that your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experiences which prevent true understanding of the power of faith.

In this way fear, doubt, apprehension is caused by assuming the facts seen on the surface to be true, not knowing how they came about.

Now that the consciousness has accepted these facts a mental process is immediately set up to act upon these deductions and suggestions however false they may be, and works out every suggestion in the minutest detail. So we see clearly what Job meant when he said, "What I feared came upon me."

Then, I say fear is an emotion of great strength.

You create then your emotional habit-patterns through your emotional fears, anxieties, so forth. I think it is true that there is a mental process immediately set up and acts upon these deductions. Never mind how false they may be, they are worked out in every detail through your cerebellum, and this is where the mischief is created, through your emotional habit-patterns. Therefore, you see what Job said is a truth, "What I feared came upon me."

Now we see that the inner as well as the outer is entirely under the control of the consciousness and works out to its final conclusion what the consciousness is aware of. Whatever the consciousness is aware of, whatever the consciousness impresses on the mind the mind produces faithfully and logically with all the details accurately produced, whether these facts are true or not. Again the Master's words come before me, "When ye pray believe ye have received and ye shall have."

Whatever the consciousness is aware of so it will be logically and faithfully be produced in all details. Accurately produced whether the facts are true or not. Therefore, you see, if I am conscious of

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the fact that I have received I shall have it. But what makes me conscious of the fact I have received when the thing is not evident? The call comes to our aid here—if it is faith it is the evidence of things not seen.

Now, what is this faith that is the evidence of things not seen? My consciousness. I have created that by my own consciousness. The thought is the seed I have planted in that Universal Mind and according to the seed I plant so it will be faithfully produced. According to the seed I place in the ground so shall the Intelligence faithfully reproduce that seed. Here is a corn; I may have 10, 20, 30, a 100 ears of corn, but it will faithfully reproduce that seed. My consciousness is the creator of the seed I plant in that mind—Universal Mind. I already received it. I have planted it. I know then the Intelligence will reproduce that seed accordingly, logically, faithfully, according to its kind. Whatever the consciousness is aware of so shall it be unto you. Whensoever you pray believe you have received and you shall have.

Some important observations I have made have sustained my faith in what the prophets have said. One of these is that the body can be directed to complete restoration without any material aid, when the consciousness is aware of the Truth. This proves to me that the mind which supports the body is entirely impersonal. It can become the builder of the body as well as its destroyer according to what the consciousness is aware of. Again the Master's words come before me, "Let your eye be single."

Being impersonal in nature the eye must be single. That is what the Master meant. You and I have been endowed by the Creative Power to do with it whatever we choose, and we find that through our stupid reactions we gain experience. This Law of Cause and Effect that exists in the relative world surely directs us to that which is Real because we come up against many things. These experiences are not our stumbling blocks—but our stepping stones.

The mind immediately proceeds to out-picture what the consciousness is aware of whether it is health or ill-health, whether it is one of misery or joy, success or failure. "Thus what a man thinketh in his heart so is he." In Deuteronomy I have read these

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words given by Moses to his followers, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore choose Life that thou mayest live.”

If Moses said that, then Jesus said greater things, “He who believeth in Him who sent me has already Eternal Life, he has crossed from death to Life.” Now! “He who believes in me, in Him who sent me, has Eternal Life.”

Moses called upon his followers, and that was a strong word; “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee Life and death, the Blessing and the curse. Therefore choose Life that you may live.” I can see how it was at this time when the tribes were going through the desert. Many were sick, many were dying of their sickness. Moses was concerned about the state of affairs because these people were looking upon death. They were looking upon death and not upon Life. All that was in their mind was; “Will I be sick? Will I die?” Moses called them together, and I can picture him in his tremendous force and understanding, he said, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore, choose Life that thou mayest live.” But Jesus comes and says, “Pick up thy bed and walk. Rise!”

This passage describes the work that what a man has to do is to choose that which he will have. The Master clearly makes the great statement of the truth for our benefit, “The Father and I are one.” *If the Father and I are one, then there is Eternal Life because the Infinite is Eternal. There is more in this than meets the eye. You have read it a thousand times. One facet of it will appear before you, another one will appear before you, and on and on unto eternity. “I and the Father are one,” becomes the greatest and most powerful affirmation of Truth that there is. This is the Truth that will set you free when the consciousness realizes It.*

“I and the Father are one.” What a Truth!

The habit which most of you have established is to allow the consciousness to be influenced by that which appears on the

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outer with the result that all your ideas are reduced to the effects of past experiences, not knowing that “all is possible to him that believeth.”

If then, that you are influenced and that your ideas are reduced to the effect of past experiences whether they be success or failures, I tell you, whether they be success or failures it makes no difference. If you attach your faith, if you attach your ideas to that which has been in the past, or which you think will come in the future, you are living in an illusion of the mind because that is an illusion of the mind.

What is the Creative Principle? Whatever the consciousness is aware of so shall it be unto you. Whatever you believe. I will utter the Master's words, “He that believeth, all is possible to him that believeth.” I put it in these other words; “whatever your consciousness is aware of so shall that be unto you.” Whether it is sickness, ill-health, failure or doubt, or anything whatever the case may be. Therefore, if you allow your emotions to drive you into that habit pattern of expressing your stupid reactions, then I say more fool you. But if you take my advice and you look upon this truth from a point of the Creative Power that is established in you through the inheritance of that Divine gift, “made in His image and likeness.”

When the Truth is established in the consciousness through understanding and logical reasoning there is concentration upon the Eternal Life that is ever renewing and rejuvenating the mind and body, the mind will act upon this with complete independence of any influence of any sort except what your consciousness imposes upon it. Paul tells us in other words to renew the mind day by day by the power of the Spirit.

This is the way that your faith will produce for you so your faith will be justified by your works and when you fully grasp this Truth it will be easy to externalise healthy conditions in the body and circumstances. It will be just as easy to have Life as death. It is for you to choose which you will have.

That which is of the highest importance to you all is that you discern your thoughts and where they are moving. Habit is strong and it will take you some time before you can dissolve

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your old habitual way of thinking and living. This is up to you, I cannot do it for you, I can only point the way that you should go.

I cannot do that for you. I wish I could sometimes, but what use would it be to you if I did? It would not be yours! It could never be yours. Therefore, you have to grasp this Tree of Life. This is your salvation. It is a spring of living water rising up to Eternal Life.

You will see that what I have been trying to impress upon you is of vital importance, that you realize your oneness with the ever-present Intelligent Spirit that prevails throughout the whole Universe. “Choose wisdom rather than fine gold and knowledge than rare silver.”

Realize the Cosmic Wholeness as yourself, this is the Light that will dispel the darkness, the Truth that will dispel evil, the one exists as a Reality now, the other does not exist except in your own consciousness when ignorant of the Truth.

“In this Life is the Light of man, amid the darkness the Light shone but the darkness did not master it.” (*John 1: 4-5*)*

This is how your faith produces works and how your faith is sustained by your works and your works will prove your faith.

“In this Life is the Light of man and in the darkness the Light shone, the darkness did not master it.” The Light is the light of your own consciousness. The Light of Truth which your consciousness is aware of. I am the creator of my own thoughts.

If I react to things external to myself in ignorance of this Truth, I am caught up in the emotion of that reaction. I have lost myself in the emotions that create those habit patterns that express themselves in my own body and circumstances.

What has happened now? I have placed my own life in a cage. In a prison; in which I have created the walls, the doors and bars. How do I break them down? I break them down through the realisation that they do not exist except in my own mind through my own creation. They have no power except the power I give them. Then as the peace comes into the mind, so the brain and nervous system harmonises, and my whole organism then works as one unit just as it was created to do, by the Intelligence that created it and the Intelligence that is manifesting through it.

* Moffatt translation

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I have come to this conclusion clearly and distinctly, that if you and I will completely understand that saying which the Master said so often, and realised in himself the great importance of it; "I and the Father are one," this will free us from all doubt and fear and stupid reactions.

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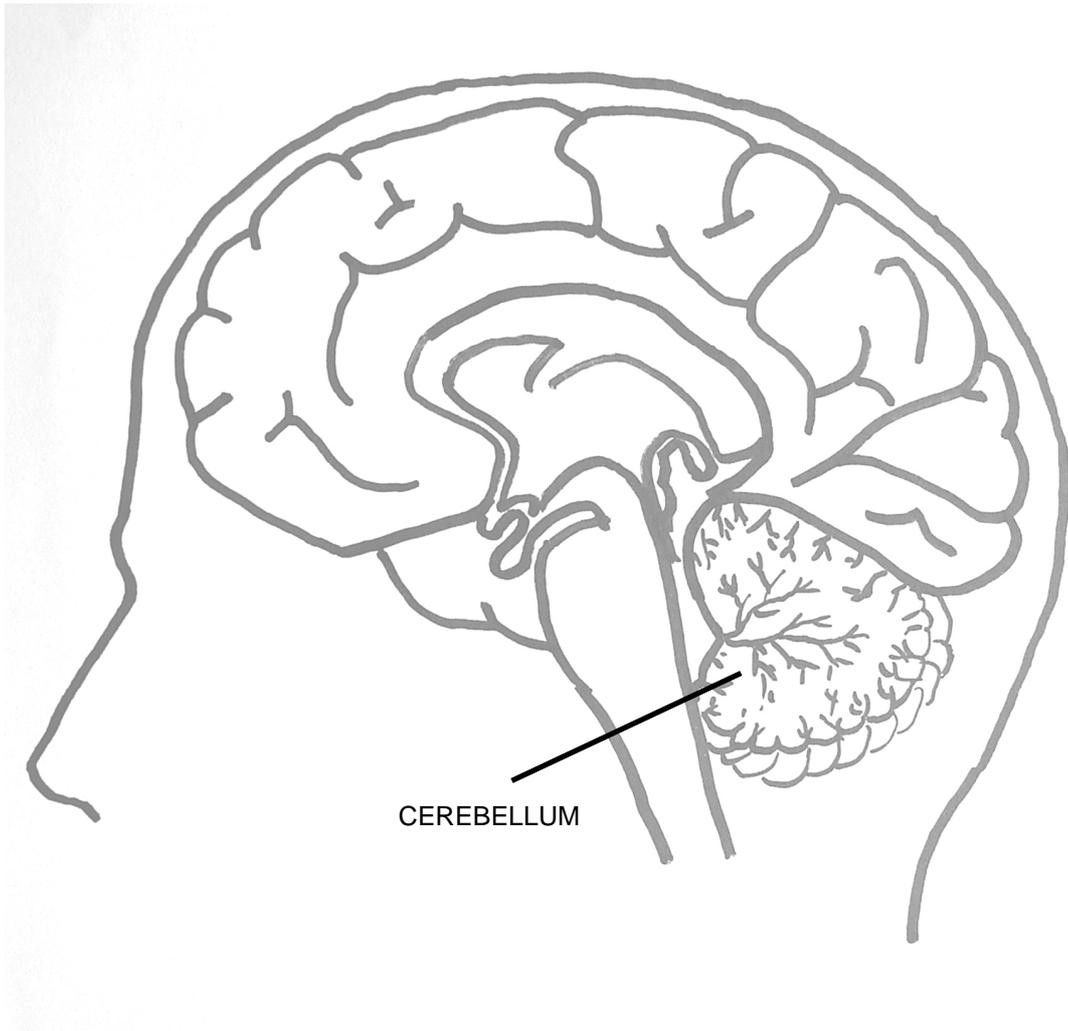
O Blessed Creator of Heaven and Earth, that Thy consciousness may be revealed to me as mine, open my inner eye that I may behold Thee behind the myriads of atoms coming into form.

Burst open my consciousness that I may see behind the illusions of Time and Space, that in Thee I dwell and that I realize that Thou hast made me in Thy likeness.

Clear my consciousness of the illusion of fear and doubt that my eye may be single.

Let the waves of Thy mighty Creative Power and Faith dance upon the Ocean of my dream, that I may become like Thee, to justify my faith by my works. For it is Thee alone who worketh in me, O Beloved friend and Protector.

* The *italic* commentary is from the actual recording of the Pretoria lecture given in the Pretoria Women's Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on the Tuesday night of 24th November 1949.



CEREBELLUM

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You will now have become aware of the truth that the Universal Self is the supporter of the Individual Self *and this being so both are united in the manifestation of anything the individual asks—creates by thinking. If the thinking on the part of the individual is lame then the production must be the same, for in Reality we are what we think.

¹So we have seen already, clearly, that the Universal Self and the individual self are one. There can be no separation between them, and being so, both are united in the manifestation of anything the individual asks. The Father does the work.

If the thinking part of the individual is lame, then the production must be the same—for we are what we think. The wonderful truth is this, that the individual is the means through which the Infinite expresses Himself. Being so, the individual becomes active, first, then the Universal becomes active while the individual becomes passive and the Father does the work.

If you can realize what I am telling you. You will see the tremendous power that exists when you understand this. That in the first place, all is passive and quiet. The individual asks that the individual becomes active, while the Universal is passive, then immediately the individual asks or plants his seed, then the Universal becomes active on that seed and reproduces its kind. Then the individual must become passive as the means of expression for the Infinite to express Himself through the individual. When you understand that, then you will know what faith means.

The main factor is to discern what we are really thinking. Superficial thinking and discerning is of little value because the deeper strata is often the main source of our thought.

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For instance you may think yourself superior to others, so much so it becomes a vice and not a virtue. The expression of the Self is often made to cover up a deep feeling of inferiority in the Self, with the result that the outer expression is but a form of compensation to the self to enable a balance to be made in the outer. Yet it is the inner feeling that is really manifesting and this is easily discerned to those who understand. That is why deep discernment is so necessary otherwise you may be deluding yourselves.

So, discerning your own thinking is not a superficial thing whereby you have to eliminate most of the things that always are preventing or frustrating the expression of the Infinite in man. When you are frustrated, it is by yourself and by no one else and it is often done through this emotional conflict that is created in the mind through reaction to things external to oneself.

This reaction is not pure thought at all but it is very often the very opposite of pure thought—you are reacting to conditions and things. Let me tell you clearly then and so that you will see in your own mind, that it is necessary for you to discern your thinking. To be aware of your emotions and the motives behind them, so that you can eliminate them, then pure thinking comes as the mind is cleared of these things that hinders it.

On the other hand one may feel a sense of inferiority and begins to express it by receding away from life. This is often caused by a false idea about the self, a casual remark by another about a certain peculiarity that makes you feel different to others, yet all this can be corrected by proper discernment and understanding of the self and the source of the self.

Now you can see plainly that to attain power you must think in the Absolute and not in the relative, for the relative is conditioned. *If you then feel that you are inferior or superior to others, you are thinking in the relative. You are reacting to things external to yourselves and you are caught up in these things, consequently you're not free. But to think in the Absolute means that you are free from the relative which is outside of the effects. When you understand this, the greatest power of all comes to you because you see that the relative is effect while behind the relative is the*

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real, is the Absolute. Everything has its beginning in the Absolute. Everything has its roots in the Absolute. There is nothing comes into existence except it has its roots in the Absolute and it has its beginnings in the Absolute. It is perfect in the Absolute, always perfect, because that is a perfect Substance and a perfect Intelligence manifested. It is only when it becomes relative, in the nature of mankind, when man sees things with two aspects—good and evil. But it says in the Bible, clearly and distinctly, when God made the heavens and the earth—He saw that everything was good. The Divine eye could see no evil but human mind sees both therefore is caught up in that double-mind, the double-minded creature that cannot get anything from the Lord. So you see clearly and distinctly how everything has its roots in the Absolute. The great thing in developing your faith is to take the idea out of the relative, where it is restricted, and transfer it to the Absolute where it is not thus limited and this includes everything belonging to the personal as well.

Marvellous truth this is! It sometimes takes a little time for the individual to grasp it. But if you realize that your own roots are in the Absolute and this comes as a realization that you have to make yourselves, and as you make this realization then you will see that there is neither time nor space, birth or death—these are things that exist only in the mind of man, but in God there is none—there is external existence now—no division, no time, no space.

The right understanding of our mental world will enable us to do this by a clearly defined method.

In the first place, we must eliminate the idea of time and space from our actual self-existence. There is time and space in the relative but not in the Absolute.

So therefore, unless you can eliminate time and space out of your own self-existence—self-existence mind you, then you are caught up in the relative which is time and space.

You measure by relative things. You measure the time by the earth's revolution round the sun because the earth revolves on its own axis at a thousand miles an hour and the earth is 24 hours in circumference, therefore it revolves one complete axis in 24 hours.

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You divide that into night and day because one half of the earth is moving while the sun is shining upon it and the other half of the earth is moving when the sun is shining on the other half so therefore you have darkness on one half, light on the other and you call that night and the other day.

So as the earth revolves round the sun in 365 days and a few minutes, to be correct. Therefore it makes one complete circuit round the sun in 365 days and you say that is one year, and because the sun is 93 million miles away from the earth it moves in its own axis controlled by the sun. Wonderful truth, then you say this is one year then you begin the next year. Then you have your seasons and you say; this is summer, this is autumn, this is winter, this is spring. Why do you have autumn, winter and spring, and summer? Because of the fact that the earth is moving round the sun in that direction and while it is that way then you have summer in one part of the hemisphere and it is still moving in that direction, all the time moving that way round the sun, then when it's this way it is on the other half of the hemisphere therefore you will have the summer in one and the winter on the other, and you have on this side spring and autumn, and you say you measure time, that goes on incessantly. That is relative.

But what is the cause of these things? That which is Absolute and has no time nor space. In me—is that which has no time and space—that is my self-existence. It is yours, but you must realize it yourselves, to make it your own. Then you wonder how in the relative world you have all the mixture of the various things that come into your life.

Yes, we see there are planets existing in this Universe of ours. We can name them. We can name the Sun, the controlling factor; the Moon, then you have Mercury, have Venus, you have the Earth which is the one we are living on, then we have Mars, then we have Jupiter, then we have Saturn, then we have Uranus, then we have Neptune, and then we have Pluto. Little is known of Pluto.

But you see all these planets represent certain vibrations of life, of activity. The Sun gives you spiritual understanding and growth because itself is the centre of the Universe—it gives

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you the spiritual. The Moon gives the material. Mercury gives you the intellectual. Venus gives you the happiness both the pleasures of the physical and of the higher pleasures too. Mars gives you the accidents, the fires and tribulations, and so forth that come into your life. Jupiter the great benefice obliterates most of those things when you come under her wing. Saturn is the priest, there you have the experiences, it takes from you yet you will know that taking from you is growth. Uranus gives you the higher forms of influence of your humanity which is egging you on through the evolution of the species of mankind. Then comes Neptune as the hidden forces, those hidden things that are kept from the eye, that only the inner eye can see. And here you have all these things in your lives, the mixture of them, and you are standing in the middle of them. Any of these things can control you and direct you. Any of those things can influence your mind and your body.

But when you know that these are but influences here for the purpose of the growth of mankind.

But I have reached that stage when you see that the Christ has power over all things in heaven and on earth. Therefore the Spirit of God is manifesting as the Christ on earth. In that Spirit there is neither time nor space—that is my self-existence. Therefore I am not subject unto anything except unto Him who created me. Therefore I am at peace with myself and at peace with my environment. This, not only does it apply to you on this plane but it applies to all who have gone before you. Take heart to this lesson then you will begin to understand.

The right understanding of our mental world will enable us to do this with defined method. So it is in the first place we must eliminate the idea of time and space from our actual self-existence. There is time and space in the relative—but not in the Absolute.

General Smuts² says that the time and space factor does exist. Yes, it exists in the relative world but not in the real world of things, and as long as people will live in the relative they can never hope to solve their problems by pure directed thought, for they will always be thinking in terms of the relative and not in

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terms of the Reality, and this is why our politicians and statesmen fail at every turn. They fail to take the invisible factor into consideration with the result that the blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

Therefore they are reacting to the relative. So, don't you see, that it is the ignorant leading the ignorant. One day that will pass and Truth will prevail.

We must establish the habit of realizing that there is a Spiritual invisible world in which everything has its roots, and this invisible world gives to us just what we think. Everything grows into outward expression, into material expression, being merely the expression of that inward Creative Power which is invested in us because of the eternal unity of the Universal Self in the individual self and the individual self in the Universal Self.

Therefore it cannot be otherwise. Both are linked together eternally and there can be no separation under any circumstances whatsoever.

This Spiritual prototype being Spiritual can only be formed by the power of thought. Sir James Jeans³ says that "the whole Universe is a mental phenomenon," and all expression in it must be of the same nature.

The Universal Law is to produce that which is as perfect as can be done, in spite of man's ignorance of this fact, and every detail has to be worked out to give expression to this Law. Therefore the Law of Growth has to be taken into consideration and we cannot force this otherwise we will undo our own work.

Your success in your growth of faith lies in using this Universal Law of Growth and not opposing it. The Bible says, "He that believeth will not make haste." *When I plant a seed in the ground, I know that it will take the season to reproduce the seed. The intelligence works upon the seed and I understand the Law of Growth that that seed will grow. I expect to see it as the end of the spring comes. It is the same with this great Spiritual Understanding. I place the seed in that Absolute, therefore, so does the growth, that same Intelligence work upon it and bring it forth into operation. I become the active partner first, while He who knows All Things becomes passive. But*

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after I have become active—then I become passive, and then He who knows All Things becomes active and reproduces. Therefore the Father does the work. Things that are seen are not made out of visible things but out of the invisible.

We can read of the prophets David, Daniel and Jesus where true faith formed kingdoms, shut the mouths of lions and raised people from the dead. These deeds by faith have now become mere legends of religious superstition and not actual facts. They are poured forth as epitaphs without any genuine knowledge of the power of the faith that produced these things.

We relegate these things to the past. 2000 and more years ago. It has now become superstition. Religious superstition.

I tell you that same faith, that same power, is now with you and me.

But one time I fought with myself. I dwelt with myself to find this secret behind all things. As I read these things that took place in the Bible, as a young fellow, I was desirous to know that this was true or not true. This led me to the Himalayas. There to be taught that they were true. To find that that same power existed now, today as it did 2000, 3000, 4000 years ago and that power in man is becoming greater because he is becoming more evolved in his nature. The Spiritual nature of man is becoming more and more evident every day.

Look thousands of years back and you will see mankind in his infancy. Science will take you back and show you how this particular portion of the brain, the forward portion of the brain, has grown in these thousands of years. As this portion of the brain grows and it becomes more powerful, so does it dominate this particular portion of the brain which is animal in nature—automatic. As the Spiritual becomes greater in mankind so that he will have power over all things in heaven and on earth. If man really realized it now that power is with him. He agitates and brings cells into operation in his brain that have never been yet operated upon. There are cells in your brains now that have not yet started to move but are waiting for that power to enter them to become active.

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The instrument created by God was a perfect instrument for His manifestation. Life created the body, the nervous system, the brain with which you could think and act.

My consciousness is not in brain or body. My consciousness is in Life. My consciousness is in God. God's Consciousness is in me. We are eternally linked together, never to come apart but to grow into Eternity, gain Knowledge and Wisdom of all things in heaven and on earth.

The Infinite is the basis of the finite or, in other words if you like, the Universal is the basis of the individual. The Father and the Son are one, not separate. The fact is that the omnipresence of the omnipotent Omniscience must be at any given point in time or space in which the individual thinks, when this is realized the mighty power of faith becomes a Reality. "Fear not for the Almighty is in the midst of thee."

The Father and the Son are one—not separate.

The fact that the omnipresence, that is, the All-Presence everywhere of the omnipotent Omniscience of that powerful Wisdom and Understanding must be at any given point in time or space in which the individual thinks. No matter where you be, whether you be here or Timbuktu⁴, whether you be here or the other end of the earth or Universe, that same omnipresence of the omnipotent Omniscience is there—and in it you think—you act. Therefore, "Fear not, for the Almighty is in the midst of thee."

This subject of the development of faith is of the greatest importance and that is why I am making this series one to be remembered.

We have seen people struggling through life, up one minute down the next. We have seen others accumulate wealth and lose their health in getting it. We seek health and spend all their wealth to find it. Some waddle through life with no purpose, while others practice asceticism and they think by doing so they can gain the power called faith.

Most of you have qualities that if exercised would be of great benefit to humanity but if these are only wrapped up in dreams what good does it do. Only a full active life achieving the highest

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that is within you can you say you have done anything. This is the way to develop your faith and in no other way can it be done.

It is the active, the activity of the individual, and without experience, without action, then your works are dead. Without faith work is dead and works without faith have no Life. It is the Active Principle in man. This power behind the soul that is working continuously to express Itself giving forth Its Love, Wisdom and Power—radiating this tremendous force everywhere—then you become the vehicle of the central point through which it flows.

The one who can develop true faith can rule the world. This was the power of the Master and the Master's power is still in the world, and this power can be used by all who will develop their "faith."

You must become the Master and not the slave to the influences of every emotion and thought that enters the mind. It does not require any training to see an object or a form but it does require both understanding and discernment to develop the faith that moves mountains.

It requires no effort to look at an object but it requires both understanding and discernment to develop that faith. Understanding first of all. Discernment is most necessary, because unless you can understand your own emotions, your thoughts and discern them then you will have hindrances to the expression of the true faith. "Thy faith has made thee whole." What a saying! But how few recognize that truth. How few understand it.

Was it not so that I told you the other night, that in the mind of the woman everything else was oblivious. There was only one powerful thought in her mind and that was; "if I could only touch his garment, I will be made whole." And while hundreds surrounded him, pushing the Master here and there, touching his garment and so forth, but he felt nothing. But when this woman touched his garment, he felt a force leave him and he turned round and he said, "Who touched me?" But this woman had touched him in a certain way. That way was the avenue through which the power would flow into this person, rising up within herself, changing every atom of her body and it became whole.

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If you then, in you own mind, can blot out everything except one thought; "I and the Father are One" it becomes the most powerful affirmation you can ever make. But if it is surrounded by doubt and hindrances of your own emotional habit-patterns created in your own brain. Then I say, you have to persevere to discern these things and understand them so that you can eliminate them. In that thought you become completely isolated in its way, isolated with no influence upon it whatsoever. Standing straight and clear, "I and the Father are One," then all is possible unto you. Your faith then is that Faith that moves mountains.

But do not be like the woman when she read about faith that moves mountains, and as she had a house near the sea, and there was a knoll that prevented her from seeing the blue sea. She went out this night and she said, "You shall be buried in the sea by tomorrow morning." Then she went to bed and when she got up she found that the knoll was still there, and she said, "I knew it would be there all the time." She never expected it to be moved into the sea because it seemed so impossible and that is with the majority of people today. They think that these things are impossible, and because you think they are impossible they must be impossible to you because whatever the consciousness is aware of so it is unto you. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

There is an eternal unity between the Cosmic and the individual who thinks. When you have powerfully affirmed this unity with effective concentration, the consciousness awakens to its Reality. Then you do not fight anything that seems to oppose you for your Cosmic conception gives you mastery.

Nothing opposes you. The things that oppose you are from your own creation.

Many think but never act. You must both think and act with precision. For there is a law that few comprehend, that is that we are continually attracting to ourselves forces and conditions most akin to our thought. This law is continually operating whether we are conscious of it or not. Hate attracts hate, love attracts love. If you discern what you are thinking then you can dissolve that which destroys you, and you can hold that which builds.

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We live in a mental substance in which there are all kinds of thought-waves continuously operating. Thoughts of the Angelic world surround us as well as thoughts of the misguided and ignorant. We tune in to these according to the attitude of mind we hold towards others and conditions.

Let us take a look at the ordinary mind and the atmosphere that surrounds it, a mind that is filled with anxiety, fear, greed, envy, hate, jealousy, selfishness. How easy it is for such a person to succumb to these influences if the mind is that way inclined. How can faith be developed in such a mind? How can the Master Power be developed when these conditions exist?

Don't you see that these are the hindrances to your faith? It is discerning these things that is most important. To know them for what they are.

When you react to things external to yourselves you have this emotional reaction. These emotional reactions cause what we call a 'habit-pattern' to be created in your brain. The mind first sees these things, then is transferred to the brain, and the feeling you have is formed in the cerebellum and interferes with the smooth running of your organism.

As I told you the other night, this occupational anxiety is one of the most deadly things we have got to deal with because it causes more trouble than anything else. If we can grasp this truth we will begin to understand that there is a peace that comes into you through Divine Reasoning, and these other things will pass away. Because it is natural for the Infinite or Universal Life to give expression to Itself having no conditions. Nothing is imposed upon It. We alone put it in a cage. We impose conditions upon it but we will see that we ourselves are those who condition life.

But if I say, "I and the Father are One," it gives me freedom. It gives me peace. I recognize that under no circumstances can He be conditioned. He must be free.

I have said to you before that you cannot be a loving person if you love one and hate another, nor can you say you are a kind person if you are kind to one and unkind to another. True faith is developed only in the mind that is cleansed of these opposites.

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Let the mind that was in Jesus Christ be in you. We are told, that this would give us power over all things in heaven and on earth.

This is not very difficult to do when we begin to discern what we are thinking, saying and doing. Can you look into your mind and say that your mind is like that of Jesus? Yet it can be like his for he said in other words, we could repeat his performance if we would understand him.

What I want to show you in this lesson is that there is much more than just believing, the mind must be cleansed of the rubbish that hinders the development of your true faith, and if you can see what hinders this development you are well on the way to mastery.

So it's not believing. A belief is nothing because a belief is nothing more than an idea in your mind, and that ideas opposed by other forces, other ideas, which counteract it and very often obliterate it. Your beliefs are always changing. They are never stable because one idea overcomes another.

But Truth never changes.

When we cleanse the mind of all the things that hinders the true expression of that which always Is, waiting patiently to give expression to Itself. When we begin to discern that which hinders that expression—we dissolve it away.

We know that there is electricity. No one has ever seen it. No one knows what it is. But if that light does not function, there is something hindering the electricity. Therefore we set about discerning the cause. Why it is not functioning? Why the life is not flowing? When we discern the cause we remove it and the electricity begins to flow once more. It is the same with you, it is the same with everyone. But the first thing you have to do is discern that which hinders it, not an ordinary belief.

Some say that they want a more practical demonstration of this fact, others may say that it is pure imagination, but the fact that the law remains adamant, that “as ye sow so shall ye reap” will furnish the answer to both.

The Law of the Cosmic is that as you give to the Cosmic so will the Cosmic give to you. The more you recognise the Cosmic the more the Cosmic will recognize you. “O, Israel, the

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Lord thy God is one Lord. Love Him with all thy mind with all thy heart with all thy strength and love thy neighbour as thyself.”

If you can do that then the Cosmic will give you everything because that is the Cosmic Law.

The Cosmic is built on Love, Beauty, Strength, Generosity, Clemency, Forbearance, Loftiness, Unselfishness, Simplicity, Forgiveness and all that is noble in mankind.

How true it is that to sow an act reaps a habit, to sow a habit reaps a character, to sow a character reaps a destiny. This is the procedure that enables us to lay the foundation upon which we can develop our faith.

All must learn to act in love no matter what conditions exist around you, for habit is a powerful influence and most of you know this. How difficult it is for the one who loves scandal not to listen to it. How difficult it is for one who smokes excessively to put it aside. How difficult it is for the one who creates a habit to drop that habit.

Habit is a powerful influence in your life.

That is why your emotional habit patterns become expressed upon your body in the form of various things; such as duodenal ulcers, such as nerve pains, pains in the stomach, heartbeat, headaches. With all sorts of these things we can out-picture the cause of your emotional habit patterns. But these can be easily broken up by discerning the cause and by Divine Reasoning, relaxing yourselves and tuning in to the great Almighty that is in the midst of thee. Therefore all things turn to good, to experiences you profit by. Therefore do not grumble about the past experiences and think you have been hard dealt by.

If you can discern the cause of your trouble and eliminate it you are greater than you have ever been before.

Wonderful truth is this! That these things are your stepping stones and not your stumbling blocks when you discern them. But unless you discern them they become your stumbling blocks and continue to be stumbling blocks. But when they are discerned and understood then they become stepping stones for greater progress.

It is when the act is repeated that the habit is formed. If we know of the qualities that are lacking and feel that they are

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impossible to attain then our belief is our hindrance. But, on the other hand, our realization of oneness gives us the strength of the Cosmic to charge us with that which is Cosmic in nature and thus develop our faith.

The faith that makes you whole—the faith that moves mountains.

Proper understanding and acting with perseverance and earnestness will surely give you the most desirable characteristics. Repeat the process of habit in the true direction and as sure as the sun rises in the morning you will have these characteristics.

What is this habit then you must follow? Relax yourself quietly and peacefully, take all stress and strain away from mind and body. Then through Divine Reasoning you acquire an understanding and as you begin to discern the things that have hindered your progress, they begin to break up, dissolve away because you can see they are of your own creation.

Like the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil exists in man's mind only, has its growth there, has its roots there. But the Tree of Life has its roots in God—it is Eternal in nature. Take hold of this Tree and let it be the Spring of Living Water rising up to Eternal Life.

To develop true “Faith” we must feel the true meaning of Faith and not only think it, we must see and feel the action of “Faith.” The greatest help to this development is “equality.” Position, wealth, creeds or dogmas must not blind you or mar the view. To see that there can be no separation in the Life in one and in another gives you confidence in yourself.

All this division in society is a hindrance to the growth of your faith. All this division in your particular forms; cliques, clubs, races, is a hindrance to your development of faith. No one can have true faith unless they can see the Life and understand that the Life behind All is the same Life in themselves. Therefore, you get behind All things, behind the relative, into the Creative Principle—there is your faith.

But if you are hindered by ideas of society, of groups, cliques, races and people, differences in this and differences in that, then

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you have no true faith. You cannot have it because that faith must be registered in that Eternal quality of the equality of that Eternal Principle of Life existing in every living soul.

That is the true Life! The true Understanding! The greatness and strength and power in all humanity. That is the Power that will lead men in the future into the great truth of the Oneness of All Life, where peace and plenty, the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and then the greatness of that Life will manifest Itself.

True manifestation of the Christ in each and every one shall become evident and the permanent expression in a human soul.

If there is a tendency towards retreat, strengthen your foundation by your understanding that you are Cosmic in nature. The Cosmic Forces are with you always, as long as you believe in God alone, and in yourself being one with Him.

Then you shall be free. "I and the Father are one."

Let the faith of the Master be in you, then his Life, his Love, his Power, his Wholeness, his Beauty and Abundance will shine forth in you. "I have glorified Thy name on earth." In other words I have shown what Thou art to all men for we are "One," for the Father who has Life in Himself has granted the Son to have Life in himself.

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O Glorious One, teach me to gather the nectar from the flowers that bloom in the Garden of human souls so that I may produce the honey of Thy delight.

I shall store Thy Love and forgiveness in my heart so that the fragrance of Thy Beauty shall shine from me.

And when Winter comes with its cold blasts I shall be covered with Thy blanket of Peace and Love, even though earthly separation dance around me.

May my feet follow in the footprints of Thy Beloved One who trod the earth before me so that I may also say “Father, I have shown what Thou art to all men” and hear Thy voice say deep in my soul, “Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast proved My faith in thee.”

* Sound recording of lecture starts here.

1 The *italic* verbatim text is from the actual sound recording of the Pretoria Lecture given in the Pretoria Women’s Club, 4th floor of the Sanlam Building on Tuesday night of 21st March 1950.

2 Smuts, Jan Christian (1870-1950). South African general, philosopher, and statesman; prime minister of the Union of South Africa 1918-24, 1939-48.

3 Jeans, Sir James Hopwood (1877-1946). British mathematician, physicist, and astronomer.

4 Timbuktu. (aka *Timbuctoo*) Town in Central Mali near the Niger river; very remote place.

YOUR FAITH IS WEAKENED BY STRUGGLING WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Your faith is your practising of the “Presence.” You cannot practise the “Presence” and struggle with the outside world at the same time. This you will see is the double-mind that can get nothing from the Lord.

The cause of our struggle in the world is wrong teaching. Struggling always reveals a belief in separation from the whole, a belief that God is separate from ourselves.

Have you ever thought what place God occupies in your life and schemes? Have you ever visualized the Power of God? You have read of it in the man Jesus but you have never connected yourself with him in this way. Yet only by doing so can you realize your own faith and creative ability.

When you apply this to your own life your affairs your body your circumstances you will bring into operation that self-same faith that was his. This makes all things possible and God becomes a Reality in your own experiences.

When we dwell upon the faith that was in the Master and attribute these to ourselves, the Law being that thoughts are things, we make his faith a reality in ourselves. When we dwell upon the unlimited nature of God, His inexhaustible resources, His Eternal Nature, we also make these our own. Whatever the consciousness is “aware” of, so is it established in our lives.

You habitually weave into your minds the impressions and ideas that come from the outside world through struggling with it. If you would cease this by understanding that these are but effects and not causes and weave into your minds what you know to be true of God, making His Presence a conscious reality in yourselves, you will find that your actual experiences would coincide with your “awareness” of His Presence.

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Thought being the creative action of your consciousness, what you then create in the inner must necessarily be produced in the outer. This means that the Presence is being translated into your daily activities. It is the natural sequence of the Law that what you are truly aware of, so it is to you.

You will soon realize that by practice of these instructions that the faith of the Master becomes yours. And in this lesson we will see how to practise more effectively.

Let us look into the minds of those who are all the time struggling against sin, how miserable they become and they want everyone else to become like them. The cure for this is given by the Master himself, to take hold of the Tree of Life and cease eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, the Relative. The Tree of Life is the "Presence" the Eternal Existence that is behind all Creation, while the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is what man thinks, in his ignorance of the Eternal Existence in himself, and what he believes so it is unto him.

Immediately the "Presence" is realized, Faith, Love and Wisdom is established. If you are struggling to find something in the darkness the struggle ceases when you bring a light into the darkness. So it is with you, the Presence is the Light of Man. "I am the Light of the World and he that believeth in Me will not remain in darkness."

You will see that this is not merely a platitude, but a direction to mankind to free himself from struggle.

Our Creative Power depends upon the power of the Presence established in our consciousness and Faith is the instrument of creation. Creation is called into existence by concentrated Faith. Then Creation operates of its own free will, being the Intelligence operating in response to Faith.

Just as electricity will flow into the globe to create light, so does the Creative Intelligence flow into the ideas you hold steadfast in the consciousness. No one knows what the Creative Intelligence is, just as no one knows what electricity is.

We must clearly understand what is our relation to God, the Creator of All in Heaven and on earth. "I and the Father are One."

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“I am in the Father and the Father is in me.” This understanding unites us all as one in the Father of All. “All things were made by Him and without Him not anything was made.”

This proves to us that matter is mind materialized, the invisible becomes visible.

Now let us take a look at those who are struggling with disease. One end is health and the other is ill-health and a struggle is made to bridge the gap. So health is like tomorrow it never comes. It is just where the mind of the person places it—at a distance. So the struggle goes on indefinitely.

The Presence is present now, and when the Presence is thus realized there is no gap to bridge.

When one realizes the Presence, the idea of health and ill-health disappear. If you have two ideas in the mind at the same time, the one that is strongest will always manifest. The one that is strongest is the one that you fear, but both are but ideas in the mind and are not realities.

When we take into consideration matter we say it is solid but this is but an illusion of the mind. Science tells us that matter is porous made up of atoms, which in themselves are but vortexes of energy and exist in a fluidic state. The same atoms become invisible when acted upon by an internal force and become so-called solid in a similar manner. This mind substance is transformable by the power of thought, so all is mind, no matter whether it is visible or invisible.

God is all, and the Master perceived this fundamental Truth and used it. When this is also perceived by you it is established in your consciousness as a fundamental fact and begins to reproduce its effects on the outer, because the outer is but a reflection of the inner.

You will readily see that wholeness is the secret of all perfect action. The Master made the statement, “Wilt thou be made whole.” The Infinite Mind cannot hold anything but wholeness and this is the natural state of all mankind. When you realize that you are but the reflection of the Infinite there is no need to struggle to create wholeness. It just is, and that is all there is to it.

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Now, may I bring your attention to the fact that many people hold images of others contrary to what they would like themselves to be, but your neighbour is yourself so and in the light of this truth you can see what you are doing to yourselves. Remember whatever you hold in your mind, whether it is about yourself or another, it will surely out-picture in your mind and body. This is why the Master said, "Condemn not lest ye be condemned."

To repeat my words will not give you freedom from your own mental action and it is not what I say or what another says will free you either. It is what you arrive at through your own understanding of that which is a hindrance to your true faith through understanding. Neither can you set one idea against the other or choose according to your own prejudices for this only blinds you, by your own opinions, and this is not freedom. There must be complete and fearless honesty in your discernment of that which is a hindrance to the power of your faith, which must be free from all prejudice and preconceived ideas of right and wrong. You must arrive at that which is unconditioned and free, and you cannot make it conform to your ideas of right or wrong, you will see you are not expressing the Presence but your ideas and opinions of the Presence.

If you listen to what I have to say with a background of ideas built up from Christianity, or any other religions which are in themselves but contradictions, you will see that this background impedes your true discernment, and you are no longer able to think clearly because of your limited beliefs.

You must not accept what I say but examine what I say impersonally without bias, then you will discover for yourselves the immanent worth of faith. You cannot examine, criticize or question anything intelligently if you are attached to any ideas or beliefs or if you are biased, or have prejudices. You will observe that this is not understanding nor thinking, you can only realize true "faith" when there is no division, no distinction, no attachment, no bias, no prejudice. You have only to look into a mind in which these exist to see how rigid it is, and this is truly ignorance.

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To approach or try to understand faith through division is futile. Even the idea of tolerance is but an intellectual invention which covers up the conflict arriving out of false division. Where there is real understanding of Love and Faith there is no need for tolerance.

You do not need to organise to understand Faith, you do not need to belong to any sect or denomination, or church to understand Faith. Faith is greater than all theories or ideas. It is Itself the “Presence” and the Presence is “Faith.”

There can be no duality in your conclusions, there can be no distinctions in the result. Figures mean the same thing in all languages, so it is with faith.

In the beginning you may not find it easy to understand the mighty power of “Faith”—the Creative Power in man. But after due consideration you will begin to see clearly how to put Faith into operation, and it is only by the understanding of the Law of Faith that this can be done and not in any other way.

Therefore acquaint yourselves with the Creator of all things, then you will understand the Law of Creation through Faith.

“I have come that they might have Life and that they might have it more abundantly.” Again, I say, “It is not I that doeth the work but the Father who ever remaineth in me He doeth the work.”

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Loving Father, Bless me that I may behold Thy wisdom so that my faith be strong.

May it remain with me in the light and shade of my earthly life, I was long blinded by the appearance of the outside world and failed to see Thy Presence within.

I looked at the flowers and the trees yet I did not see Thy hidden Spirit. Even in myself I failed to recognise Thee.

But now my inner realization has been opened. Keep it open always so that Thy Presence may never again be dimmed by the appearance of things.

Let me behold Thee forever though the veils of matter may hide Thy Presence.

Bless me with the power of the Christ that was mine from the beginning so that I may behold Thee everywhere.

My faith is now eternally in Thee, **O Mighty “One” my struggle is over. Amen.**

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I have been asked by many students to give the Easter story and this lesson is by special request.

The beautiful story of Easter is not realized as symbolic of mankind in showing the great truth of the Eternal Life.

The fact that we cannot think of anything that does not exist or anything that cannot be accomplished is an inherent law of the Consciousness of God in man, and when we see this cannot be otherwise we see the grand story of Easter as a guide to all mankind.

I want to tell this story in my own way as if I was present on that first day of the week.

Early in the morning while the darkness of the night was fast fading into the dawn of the morning Mary of Magdala came to the tomb where Jesus was laid and when she saw the stone was removed she ran to find Simon Peter and John, two beloved disciples of the Master whom he loved much, and exclaimed with breathless anxiety, "They have taken our Lord out of the tomb and I do not know where they have laid him."

This was as much as Peter and John could bear after the ordeal they went through during the past week so they ran to the tomb. John outdistanced Peter, being the younger. John looked into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there but he did not enter in. Then Peter came and entered into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. The burial napkin, which was bound around his head, was not with the linen cloths but was wrapped up and put in a place by itself. This significant fact is not recognized or understood by those who are not acquainted with materialization and dematerialization.

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After some time the other disciples came and entered into the tomb and saw for themselves, yet they did not understand it fully until later when the Master appeared to them by means of materialization.

The great significance of this act was to show that Life was interrupted by the event called death.

So the disciples, after seeing the empty tomb, went away again to their lodgings in complete wonderment at this mystifying event that took place, the meaning of his words dawned dimly upon their minds, they were beginning to see the meaning of, "A little while and you will not see me and again a little while you will see me." "You will be sad but your sadness will be changed into gladness."

Mary of Magdala did not leave the tomb but remained, weeping bitterly and with tear-stained eyes she looked into the tomb and there she saw two angels in white sitting one at the head and the other at the foot where the body of Jesus had lain.

They said to her, "Woman, why do you weep?" And she answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid him." They said, "Weep not for he liveth." She did not realize what had happened. And as she turned round she saw someone standing there. For the moment she did not recognize him, she never expected to see Jesus. Then Jesus said to her, "Why do you weep and whom do you want?" With eyes dimmed with the tears streaming down her cheeks, she thought it was the gardener that spoke. So she said, "If you are the one who took my master away, tell me where you have laid him and I will go and take him away."

Then her deep sorrow was turned to joy for Jesus spoke to her and said, "Mary," and she turned round and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbuli, Rabbuli" which means, "My master, my master." Her cup was overflowing with happiness and she stepped forward to take hold of the Master, but Jesus stopped her by saying, "Do not touch me now for I have not yet ascended, but go to my brethren and tell them and say to them I am ascending to my Father your Father, my God and your God."

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It is well-known that those who have passed from the flesh-body often appear to their loved ones. I have had many experiences of this when people have passed.

This brings to my mind a lady whose son was killed in action in the last war. It was in the early hours of the morning, he came to her about 5 o'clock on the 13th of October. Two days later the family received a wire and was keeping it back from the mother when she said, "I know it is about Rusty," as she called him, "he was killed in October on the morning of the 13th." They all looked aghast at her, she was quite calm and told them what happened on the morning of the 13th when Rusty came to her and stood at the foot of her bed. There are many other instances I could relate even more accurate than that which proves beyond doubt the truth of the survival of the soul after bodily death.

But let us get on with the story of the "first day of the week."

Mary Magdala in all her excitement and joy, and what a wonderful privilege to be the first Jesus had spoken to, and she to be the first to speak to him after his rising, with this in her heart she ran as fast as she could to tell the disciples that she had seen Jesus and what he had told her.

It was evening time of the first day of the week, in the dim light the disciples had closed the doors of the house they were staying in for fear of those who were antagonistic to the Master and his disciples. Then Jesus came and stood amongst them and said to them, "Peace be with you, it is I be not afraid." It was after he said this he showed them his hands and his side, they could hardly believe their eyes but when they saw it was truly the Master they rejoiced, their sadness had disappeared, as the Master told them before his crucifixion.

Then Jesus again said to them, "Peace be with you just as my Father has sent me so I send you." He gave them courage. He said to them, "Now receive the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth and Eternal Life." They were amazed at the immediate transformation that took place from within themselves for it was as if a great Light shone from within.

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So Jesus again instructed his disciples, “If you forgive a man his transgressions they shall be forgiven to him.” Love and forgiveness was the key to all power and glory. “Whatever you ask in my name henceforth so shall it be done unto you. My Spirit is your Spirit, my God your God, my Life is your Life, follow in my footsteps for they are the true print of my Father in heaven and your Father also.”

Now Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to his disciples in the house. When the disciples said to Thomas, “We have seen our Master, Jesus,” he did not believe them and said, “Unless I see in his hands the places of the nails and put my finger in them and put my hand into his side **I will not** believe.”

How many people are like Thomas, how difficult it is for them to understand, they only believe what they see through the senses and what they see is but the effects of that which is unseen. What faith they have is built upon the shifting sands of doubt.

Eight days later the disciples were gathered again in the same house. This time Thomas was with them. While the doors were locked and windows barred Jesus came again into their midst and said again, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Bring your finger here and put it into the wounds in my hands and bring your hand and put it into my side and do not be an unbeliever but a believer.” And Thomas answered and said to Jesus, “O my Lord and my God.”

Jesus then spoke to his disciples and especially to Thomas, “Now you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not yet seen and have believed.”

Jesus continued to do many wonderful things in the presence of his disciples and he does these now for you and me, if you just ask him.

The Christ is the Son of God, the Word that was in the beginning the Word that is made flesh and dwells with us here and now.

A few weeks later Jesus showed himself to his disciples by the sea of Tiberias. His disciples were fishing, Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, and four others were in a boat, all night fishing but

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caught nothing. When morning came Jesus stood at the sea-side but his disciples did not recognise him. So Jesus said to them, "Boys, have you got anything to eat?" And they said, "No." So he said, "Throw your net on the right side of the ship and you will find." So they threw it and were not able to draw the net in because of the many fishes which the net had caught.

This lesson we can take to ourselves, we can also have our nets full if we cast on the right side of the ship.

Then John said to Peter, "There is our Lord." Impetuous Peter jumped into the sea and came to him but the others came by boat.

When they landed Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have caught and break your fast." And Jesus drew near to them and broke bread and fish and gave it to them." This was the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples. In that short space of time so much had taken place it would fill a whole book.

The disciples were first afraid, when they saw Jesus they trembled. It is the same with most of us when we see a loved one who has passed we tremble. My experiences in this direction have been perhaps more than most, for far away beyond the Himalayas I have seen the Master face to face, many of you have seen him also face to face here in this room, because he has spoken to you.

Then Jesus took his disciples out as far as Bethany and spoke to them saying, "Go into the world and tell the glorious truth that as I live so shall all live and with this truth in the name of the Christ of God you will lay your hands upon the sick and they will be healed, disease and pestilence shall not come nigh you for I am with you always even unto the end of the world." With these words Jesus disappeared from his disciples. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Their eyes were opened and the Truth of Eternal Life was revealed to them.

The greatest part of this great play on the stage of humanity was that which happened on the first day of the week.

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O Good Shepherd, there is but one flock for all live in Him Who is all in all.

Thou were sent to shepherd the wandering souls who are bleating for the one fold.

We hear thy loving call in the atmosphere of Infinite Kindness, although we may be on the outer side of the fold feeding on strange pastures yet all are attracted to thee for thou standest in the centre radiating thy magnet of Love and Peace, dissolving all that which prevents the gathering of all souls into the one fold.

I hear your words calling, "Love all who love you and love all who love you not."

This is the first Day of the week, the everlasting day in which the sun never sets again but spreads into the Eternal Christ-oneness.

We rejoiced in your coming, were sorrowful and fearful in our belief that you had left us.

But now our joy is everlasting in the understanding that thou livest forever with us, O Good Shepherd.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
(Johannesburg Series)

Lecture 10 (6th October 1949)
(Johannesburg)*

THE VOICE

On sitting down to write this lecture I opened the Bible at Proverbs, Chapter 8, and this caught my eye, “Is it not Wisdom calling Knowledge raising her voice? On the high ground by the roadside, in the streets she takes her stand, by the gateways opening to the city, at the entries, she is crying out: ‘O men, I am calling to you, my appeal is to all men!’ ” (v. 1-4 Moffatt translation)

What we all need is an intelligent conception of our being. To live we must create, there is no alternative for this is the Law of Nature and we must encourage the Voice of the Spirit which forces upon us the full recognition of Itself. If we fail to do this we are forced into conditions and circumstances until we do give this full recognition.

The noblest guide is the Voice of the Spirit, “Intuition,” and it is by cultivating and perfecting this that we arrive at our goal, and when we arrive we find that we are the embodiment of Spirit Itself. Then all the little struggles the little turmoil’s and disturbances do not affect us, although they have their value they do not close out the Voice of the Spirit.

The way to cultivate the Voice is to be intensely interested in Life and in all the things around us. Imitation has nothing to do with it, we must be alive. So each one of us has to be an artist who creates for himself or herself, because we have been thrilled with the glimpse of the Vision of Reality.

You will find that all great men and women are in themselves great teachers, they have lost that sense of exclusiveness but have gained that sense of all-inclusiveness, that makes up all Life. They embody all things and are part of all things.

It is not that you should make yourselves fit into any mould, not of your own making, nor should you allow yourselves to become

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stereotyped following the one path, one must see all paths otherwise you become limited conforming to a pattern. This is fatal to the development of perfect intuition, yet we must never forget that we shall all meet in the Kingdom of Heaven for this is our home.

The great hindrance to the true Voice of Intuition is that we think ourselves different from other people, we treat the world outside as something apart from ourselves. So we become exclusive, thus we destroy with this limitation instead of creating through Intuition.

Intuition cannot err, it is when you follow and try to copy ideas of others that you go wrong.

I can advise you of the principle involved but to have intuition you must obey the Voice yourselves, you must develop your own intuition.

Most people are hiding behind the veil that hides the Truth. They have beliefs which they cannot respond to wholeheartedly. This is being aimlessly swept along the path of another. In this way you will never find new avenues of experience for yourself for it is you yourself who must listen to the "Voice."

Intuition is the whisper of the Spirit, therefore to hear this Voice there must be harmony of the emotions and the mind, only under these conditions can the true Self express Itself.

We must have strong feelings of Love and Kindness, a person with no feelings is useless. It is the person who is hard, indifferent that cannot create or construct. There is no true creative ability when one is limited and bound in their own ignorance.

A great lover is never a small person, there is something wonderful in the expression of Love and Kindness. The more feelings you have the better. The idea that we should have no feelings or emotions is absurd and unspiritual.

The more you are bubbling over with feeling the better, but do not wear it on your sleeve. We must direct the energy of our emotions into constructive channels. Otherwise you wander away on the bypaths instead of on the main highway.

You must go out and be adventurous, but in that adventurous spirit you must know where you are going, not wandering aimlessly along in the wake of another.

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To be alive you must have your mind and emotions alive all day long, active not dormant. The Spirit is creative, It is action Itself. This interest comes to those who are truly civilized.

A savage is entering the first stage of Life, to him everything is new and he learns to create and by creating he evolves, by doing so he stores up experience and knowledge and Life is thereby a new adventure.

To us it must be even more so. Even if we have been mellowed by experience and suffering through years of wrong application of our Creative Power, this should not now deter us but make us more eager, more interested, for the only way we can follow the Voice is through enthusiasm for the Whole of Life.

If you have this enthusiasm you will find that this Voice of the Spirit that is “restless” in you for experience, will become your guide and friend and the only authority in your lives. Then you will find yourself one with all things and as you obey the Spirit so you will find that all Nature will obey you, she is virtually at your command. But first of all you must have the capacity to lose the sense of the separate self, for in separation there is limitation, conflict and sorrow.

The nearer you are to this Truth the nearer you are to the Creator of all things. It is the separate self—this division which the self creates that stands in the way.

To hear the Voice you must be on the alert, even if you have to grope at first, until your interest and enthusiasm is awakened, then your vision will be clear and strong and the flame of genius burns within you.

A genius is one who sees his goal and whose enthusiasm is ever alive. The only struggle is to keep the vision undimmed by the petty things of Life, by family and worldly troubles. The ordinary person is smothered by the world and cannot see the way or hear the Voice. He succumbs to his environment and loses the power to create with Nature the beauty and harmony of Life.

As we read on in Proverbs it says, “O heedless souls, learn insight, O foolish folk, learn sense! Listen, for I have a weighty message, my lips open with right words, I utter what is true, false

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lips I loathe, all I say is honest, with nothing in it false or wrong; 'tis all plain to a man of sense, and true for those who are intelligent. Choose instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than rare gold; for wisdom is better than rubies, no treasure is equal to her." (v. 5-11 Moffatt translation)

In reading the verse in Proverbs the prophet understood the true meaning of the Spirit, Life, which in Itself is everything, so the foolish separate and destroy while the wise unite with Reality to create.

Be a world lover, then you are for everyone, only in this way can the beautiful in others be awakened. The more we have lit the light of genius in ourselves the more shall we be able to understand and serve. Service and love are the pillars we must have to make our structure secure.

When we understand the great Master and live in his world, we also give to the world that eternal beauty that is seen from the mountain top of realization. Yet we must live in the valleys as well because we can only be great when we can become as humble as the babe, for there is the Life in its purity. In this way we find true culture.

You can only hear that Voice clearly when you have this culture, this interest, this enthusiasm. Pay attention to all things physical, mental and Spiritual; our physical well-being is the reflection of our Spiritual Being, to take an interest in your body is as much Spiritual as to take an interest in your soul, for one clothes the other, this all tends to our true culture.

We must get that perfect refinement and sense of culture, Spiritual, mental and physical, for one is the reflection of the other. It is the attitude that you create through understanding that counts, not what class you are in or what religion you belong to or what type you belong to. These are but distinctions and divisions and are only temporary things in a passing world.

You have now passed beyond the stage where you need the authority of another human or to conform to any pattern. Life expresses itself in the garden in many flowers of different varieties. So does Life express Itself in humanity. Be yourself by listening

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to the Voice and not to any guide or authority outside yourself. Hear the Voice that is Universal and which is expressing Itself individually, then be individual yet Universal, this is the key to genius.

When you have found this in yourself then you can go out and tear the veil from the eyes of another. It is of little use giving petty satisfactions, little thoughts and little doctrines; each one of you has to become such a messenger, such an example.

Beware of the pitfall of virtues and their opposites, either is of little value to one who is struggling. Hell and the Devil are as barren as the wilderness to a struggling soul. Remember yourself when you were struggling, what was it that helped you most? Proof of the existence of the Presence in yourself. Then give it to others in similar circumstances. Lose yourselves in others and yet retain your own vision, the Voice of Intuition.

To end this lesson I will read to you the remainder of the 8th Chapter of Proverbs. I would like to make my own comments on it. In this lecture it is impossible but in a future lecture I will delight myself and I hope you also in this inspiration:

“I Wisdom have intelligence in hand, knowledge and insight I command.

“To reverence the Eternal is to hate evil; pride, arrogance, an evil life, and lying lips—I hate them,

“Counsel and skill are mind, I possess mind and might. It is by me that monarchs reign, and rulers deal out justice, by me that great men govern, and magnates rule the earth. Those who love me, I love them; those who seek me find me. I hold wealth and honour, position and good fortune; what I yield is better than the best of gold, what I bring in is better than rare silver.

“I deal right fairly, justly do I act, enriching those who love me, and filling their stores full.

“The Eternal formed me first of his creation, first of all his works in days of old; I was fashioned in the earliest ages, from the very first, when earth began; I was born when there were no abysses, when there were no fountains

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full of water; ere he sunk the bases of the mountains, ere the hills existed, I was born, when earth and fields were not created, nor the very first clods of the world.

“When he set the heavens up, I was there, when he drew the Vault o’er the abyss, when he made the clouds firm overhead, when he fixed the fountains of the deep, when he set the boundaries of the sea, when he laid foundations for the earth; I was with him then, his foster-child, I was his delight day after day, playing in his presence constantly, playing here and there over his world, finding my delight in humankind.

“Now listen to me, children, listen to instruction and get wisdom, do not refuse my counsel. For happy are they who hold to me, happy the man who listens to me, daily at my gate on the watch, waiting at my doorway. He who finds me finds life, and he wins favour from the Eternal; he who ignores me is injuring himself, for all who hate me are in love with death.” (v.12-36 Moffatt translation)

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I hear Thy Voice calling me to come out of my dream of separation and weakness.

I hear Thee beckon me to grow and spread my wings of Eternal Power in Thee. I hear Thee calling me to realize that all is Thine and to know that all is also mine.

Thou hast entertained me in everything everywhere, and as I serve Thee Thou hast promised to serve me.

Thy Voice is the delight of my heart, O Infinite One.

* In the *Pretoria Series* this lecture was replaced by Murdo’s 1949 Christmas message “*The Star of Bethlehem.*”

Lecture 7 (24/11/1949)
(Johannesburg: 2nd recorded version of lecture)

**YOUR FAITH THAT PRODUCES WORKS
AND YOUR FAITH THAT IS SUSTAINED BY
YOUR WORKS**

In my last lecture I showed that faith without works is dead and also that the only way we can prove our faith is by our works. In this lecture I want to show how faith produces works and how faith is sustained, so that our works shall prove our faith.

By the growth of your understanding of the action of your thought so is the power of your faith increased in proportion. When you become aware of the action of your thought, you will know the result before you begin. This is proved in the Master's statement, "Believe you have received and you will have."

Now, when you are ignorant of this law of mind in action you place little value on your thought, yet you are affected by the effects created, and naturally rebel against them or are pleased on the other hand, but this ignorant reaction is of no value to you, because you do not understand how your faith produces works.

By rebelling against effects you only increase their intensity, on the other hand if you are just ignorantly pleased with the result you will soon lose what you have gained because you are unaware of how these things have come about. "He that hath not even that which he hath will be taken away from him." This is the vicious circle of ignorance in which the great majority of people are in.

There is but one mode of action used in Creation, whether it be a creation in man's mind, or a creation of a rock, a tree, an animal or a human being in the Infinite Mind. *The mode of action is the same because man's mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind.

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This cannot be otherwise for the simple reason that man cannot exist outside the Infinite Mind.

In developing our faith that produces works we must, in the first place, recognise this Unity which is a Cosmic fact, "The Father and I are one." In this realization the power of thought becomes active in the individual thinker and to this Unity we must ascribe all power and glory, and acknowledge It as the Source of all that we accomplish.

If we do not do that you will see that you then acknowledge something much less. Examine yourself to see what you think about yourself and when you look into your own mind you will see how small and how little you think of yourself, then you are limited by that attitude of mind you hold about yourself.

If you ascribe all glory, all power, all achievement to that which is Real in Itself and is the Power of the Universe that is manifesting Itself through you, then there is an attitude of mind that takes you forward continuously and there rests your faith.

In this also can there only be effective concentration of the idea to be developed. For if you are double-minded you see good and evil and those two battle for supremacy in your mind. So you fight the one that you do not want with the result that you give it a power it does not possess.

You fight failure to gain success. You fight disease to gain health.

But the most astounding story that is run through the whole of this wonderful teaching is that the truth neither knows success; failure, sees health or disease, good or evil. Much to your surprise, perhaps, that is an absolute Truth. There is no relativeness at all in the Truth. In Itself it is complete and perfectly Whole and is expressing Itself. Neither does it live in space or time.

When you come into consideration of time and space then you come into limitation. I will try and develop this as I go along tonight to show you clearly and distinctly. We created the constant illusion of the mind. We measure time because the earth revolves on its own axis once every 24 hours, we measure that in a day and a night. The earth revolves around the sun in 365 days, and we measure

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that as one year and we come to the end of a year and the beginning of another. We come to the end of a day and the beginning of another. But we will see continuously that this is going on and on continuously and there is no time or space. There is a continued movement always onward and upward which is in itself is perfection of the Whole.

Unfolding that which in itself is first in itself. "In the beginning was the Word and that Word was with God, and that very Word was God, and that Word was made flesh." This Word now is being unfolded so that you can understand that which was in the beginning. Having no beginning, having no ending, mind you. "I am the beginning and the end." Therefore there is no beginning, no ending of Life. You cannot say that the Infinite had a beginning because if you said that the Infinite had a beginning you would have to say another Infinite began that Infinite. So you go back and back as infinity until you reach the conclusion that you would have to admit the fact that there must have been something that always existed. Therefore how then can you measure time and space.

This baffles the mind that it not trained to think properly, but you students are trained to think properly and it is this thinking that enables you to grasp the significance of the truth that gives you the power of the Christ or the power of the Master.

The Master saw that there was nothing to fight when he said, "Resist not evil but overcome evil with good," this was showing that evil did not really exist except in man's own mind.

When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect "One" so does all evil disappear. *When you recognise complete unity, all separation disappears, because separation does not exist as an actuality, its only an idea in your mind. The truth you have is but an idea in your mind and if you look at it you will see what you are doing, you are creating an idea of the truth. But I don't want you to create an idea of the truth, because when you create an idea of the truth you make the truth relative, It becomes an idea that you created in your mind. Truth itself is not relative but creates its very existence in you. "I am the Truth," the Master said. So am I! I am the Truth!*

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When you bring a light into the darkness the darkness disappears, when your consciousness realizes its unity with the Perfect “One” so evil disappears. But if good and evil exist in your mind you have a double mind where there is also faith and doubt side by side.

For instance, if your mind has the image of disease and health or success and failure these two images will destroy your creative power and also your faith.

These two images will create or destroy your creative power. The mental attitude you have always if only you are only using a portion of your consciousness, a portion of your mind. All the time the other portion is busy trying to fight, hold back that which you do not want.

Therefore there is a continual conflict and turmoil going on in the mind. How then can you think that you can create under those circumstances? Look into your own mind and there discern for yourselves what you are doing. You will see that you are doing exactly what I am saying. But if you then begin to know what you are doing, and you will see the fallacy of it you will cease to do it.

So you see, you destroy your creative power and alter your faith. When you bring the Truth into mind it sees and failure disappears. Neither did you have to concentrate on health, success or faith. Truth does not know health or disease. If you bring up the image of one such as these, health, you always bring up the image of disease. If you bring up the image of success you bring up the image of failure. You cannot get rid of the negative by trying to transpose onto the positive, the negative is always there because you are living in the relative world, not in truth. If you can see what I am driving at. You will see immediately yet you will know these two monsters for what they are. Therefore you will discern them and you will understand that they are relative, therefore you will not fight one or desire the other. But when you know the Truth and this is it; “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these will be added unto you.” Seek ye the Kingdom of God that is within you and the right use of that Kingdom and everything shall be added unto you. Therefore why fight the positive and the negative? Why allow this

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battle to go on in your mind continuously between disease and health, faith and doubt, and also success and failure? These things are relative. The Truth, the Self is the actual completeness of things living now, expressing Itself in it's wholeness and wherever you are there you will find the Spirit of God there too.

You are never apart. Truth and you are never apart and can never be apart. Therefore you will discern then that in your own mind is the illusion of separation.

This Truth cannot be divided or destroyed, it is only in the mind of man that ignorance of this fact exists, and we find many in high places who are unaware of this all-important Truth.

We must recognise the mind as a single and simple unit and that is just what it is. If we allow our mind to wander off to the idea of a part of the unit here and a part there we pass into the relative which is the cause of our loss of faith and the true direction of our thought. We immediately begin to react to the relative which is limitation and thereby limit our faith and the "works" is not produced.

Your faith is not obtained by your stupid reaction to things or forms but by an understanding of the Intelligence behind all things and forms, and the operation of that Intelligence. Neither is your faith obtained through the idea of a time or space but through knowledge that Spirit is one whole with no division in time or space.

Spirit is omnipresent in Its entirety. Therefore at any moment of time all Spirit is concentrated at any point in space that we choose to fix our attention upon.

Therefore time and space dissolve into nothingness.

When you recognise this and you will realize the "I" as the centre of yourself and that surrounding that "I" everything moves. Then you dissolve that "I" again into the wholeness of things and you will see that the "I" itself is not a separate entity but an expression of that one Whole. I myself becomes the Self in everyone and everywhere. Therefore if then that is so which it must be—it is God who lives. Therefore in my attitude of mind its the Father that doeth the work.

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Attention is a form of concentrated thought that is not subject to time or space but is the process of forming what the attention is fixed upon. If this is not understood then our attention is directed to that which breaks it up, and our “work” is not produced.

When your attention is directed to that which breaks it up, your attention is no longer attention.

The practice of attention is one of the finest things you can accomplish. It is easy for you to attend to something that you like. Some job that you like to do. You can bestow your attention upon it, a hobby for instance reading a novel or a book, where you can be engrossed completely and you are living the very life of the author. Do you think that you could apply that attention to something you do not like, something that you feel distasteful to do? If you can do that then you have accomplished what I am trying to tell you. The Power of attention to create. So that attention becomes immersed in wholeness. Time and space dissolves into nothingness in that there is creation in the wholeness. Only in the Infinite Mind is there true creation.

The fact is that we all exist in the Absolute and from the Absolute all phenomena flow, whether in the mental or physical plane. The knowledge of this is the basis upon which we develop our faith to produce “works.”

That we can not produce anything out of the intellect in Absolute because there is no outside.

No matter whether we live in a physical body or whether we live out of the physical body—you are you. Therefore you are no different whether you are in the body or out of the body, you are still you. When you recognize this you will see that you are creating in Infinite Mind. But when you are in the physical body and you see things external to yourselves, you create what we call out of relative things. Things that are relative to you when you look upon them instead of yourself and you make God just the same. You make your God the relative God that is outside yourself.

Think of it now. What use is a relative God an idea of the God in your mind. An idea, a thought of God. What use is an idea of God, I would like to know? Just ask yourselves that question

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and see how far you are from realizing the truth of your oneness with the wholeness.

What I want you to do is to discern your own mind in which much conflict exists. As to its function, some say that man has two minds, one is conscious and one is subconscious, but in reality there is but one mind. We will agree that there is an inner and outer function, but to say that they are separate and distinct is a fallacy. Faith to produce works can only be developed by a true understanding of the relation of each function.

There are different flowers in the garden and there are different colours in the flowers, but they still grow out of the same ground. The same intelligence is working through them all. You can have a turnip growing beside a poppy or you can have an onion growing beside a pansy. They are totally different. Their function is different. But they exist in the same land. They exist in the one, the same intelligence is manifesting through them. There is no difference in the expression, except their function is different.

Please note the same applies to your mind.

There is what you call the habit activity where you create habit. You do a thing often enough and you find that by doing it often enough it becomes a habit and you repeat it without any conscious effort whatever.

You also have an instinctive principle which is working through you, which keeps your body in repair running continuously, that is an intelligence and it is also in the same mind

You have also eyes to see and a sense to hear, and you are living in the outside world by hearing sounds and seeing vibrations of light.

You are living in the outside world. But who is living in the outside world, I would like to know?

Your eyes and your ears are means to which you are reacting to certain things. Then you create images in your mind in regards to these things. Who is creating the image, I would like to know, of these things that you grasp through your mind, through your senses? You of course! You are doing it! No one else—you! And you are the conscious entity! You are the conscious being! You are the conscious being that is living in the outside! Living in the inside!

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Living everywhere! You are the conscious being that is living in God and you are the conscious being that is living outside in this relative world that you believe to be separate from God. Therefore you live in separation one moment and you live in unity another moment.

If you do not, see then, things as they really are we are lost in these particular functions. When you delve into the subconscious and you begin to ramble round and you say this and that. I have them come to me so often, people who have been to the various psychiatrists and they have delved in their minds, brought up every thought that they thought was something. What happens? What result did they get? Just the same old routine, therein the same way. They give them shock treatment. Then they have another shock treatment and so forth and they go on doing the same thing.

Now, what use is all this?

But when they come and I show them the function of their minds. These functions which are totally separate and distinct. But they themselves are the only individual who is reacting to those things, and I point out the Truth about things. Then the mind, the consciousness becomes aware of its own stupidity.

The habit of course is a habit of thinking. Habit is also a vicious cycle. But you must break that vicious cycle. You have got to break it out, so that the individual can begin to think clearly and not be caught up in the whirl of his own images or in the relative world which he fears. He tries to recede from, and tries to run away from. Consequently he is total fear. His fear of everything is established, certainly he is free to move anywhere. A small fear is one thing but to develop a fear for everything, you don't know the Truth. Therefore, get rid of these fears through understanding the Truth.

Both these functions are united by the consciousness which is the creative faculty. *Now listen carefully what I am going to tell you.* If the consciousness is caught up in the relative, the outer, it reacts to conditions and personal environment which is very much limited. It takes into cognition time, space and events etc., and is influenced by them and reasons from this limited basis.

That is, the sum total of we will say, 99 and three-quarter percent of minds in existence today.

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In this way the consciousness draws conclusions from supposed facts or effects which are seen on the surface, the real or cause being hidden or, when only a part is seen while the whole is not recognised, thus your consciousness is limited, circumscribed by your opinions or personal experiences which prevents true understanding of the power of faith.

You base your faith upon your experiences, your opinions. You base your faith upon events. You base your faith upon what you have accomplished in the past, whether it may be success or failure.

Therefore you see that you are basing all this upon an illusion because it is relative in nature. Good God, Almighty, when I think of it, how stupid it is. Here is the Consciousness that in Itself is complete, is the revelation of the reflection of the Infinite Consciousness expressing Itself, the same faith that God created the world, so man creates for himself.

In this way fear, doubt, apprehension is caused by assuming the facts seen on the surface to be true, not knowing how they came about.

Now that the consciousness has accepted these facts a mental process is immediately set up to act upon these deductions and suggestions however false they may be, and works out every suggestion in the minutest detail. So we see clearly what Job meant when he said, "What I feared came upon me."

Well if that is not plain enough, I don't know what is.

The mind acts upon any suggestion and if you accept that suggestion, the mind then begins to build up according to that suggestion in the minutest detail and begins to express it. Therefore I say, why should you suggest to anybody or anyone, that this would befall them or that would befall them. That they would be bewitched by this or bewitched by that. Don't you see how stupid and ignorant these people are, and yet in some of them good students too, that should know better, that talk such rot. That I say, is this, is that every time they open their mouth they put their foot in to it.

If you can realize this truth that I am telling you now, you will see clearly and distinctly what I mean. Your consciousness is

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the ruling factor whether it exists in the outer or the inner. If it exists in Reality then it will express itself according to Reality. If it exists in the relative and is living in the relative it will produce that which is in the relative and nothing more. The sooner you learn that the better!

To get you to realize these things is most important. Most important that you begin to really grasp this Truth.

Now we see that the inner as well as the outer is entirely under the control of the consciousness and works out to its final conclusion what the consciousness is aware of. Whatever the consciousness is aware of, whatever the consciousness impresses on the mind the mind produces faithfully and logically with all the details accurately produced, whether the facts are true or not. Again the Master's words come before me, "When you pray believe ye have received and ye shall have."

Why, the Master's words are as clear as crystal. It is one (in which) every sentence he has expressed is a benediction.

Some important observations I have made have sustained my faith in what the prophets have said. One of these is that the body can be directed to complete restoration without any material aid, when the consciousness is aware of the Truth. This proves to me that the mind which supports the body is entirely impersonal. It can become the builder of the body as well as its destroyer according to what the consciousness is aware of. Again the Master's words come before me, "Let your eye be single."

That is to say no double thinking. Where is your mind? What is your life? Most of you, your minds are a battleground, a battlefield, where these images are battling for supremacy.

The first thing you have got to do is to discern what you are doing, what your mind is doing, what its performing. If you discern then that your mind is a battleground for these opposing forces, you will know then that you do not know the Truth.

Where there is battle going on like this, there is darkness. When you bring the Truth into darkness—the Light into darkness, the darkness disappears. None of these images exist at all when the truth is there. Darkness is there for these two images; good

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and evil, success and failure, doubt and faith. These are always battling for one and another, that is the darkness. These two images then battle continuously, yes in the majority of minds, 99 and three-quarter percent.

If you discern then what is happening in your mind. You will note dark. Bring the Truth into it and it becomes Light and all this darkness disappears and you are free. Freedom of the Truth, the Truth that sets you free.

The mind immediately proceeds to out-picture what the consciousness is aware of whether it is health or ill-health, whether it is one of misery or joy, success or failure. “Thus what a man thinketh in his heart so is he.” In Deuteronomy I have read these words given by Moses to his followers, “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee Life and death, the blessing and the curse, therefore choose Life that thou mayest live.”

Moses said that to his followers, as a matter of fact, and the same thing applies to you, now. The same, exactly the same. If Moses said it to the Israelites, the tribes of Israel, therefore I say the same thing to you; I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before thee Life and death, the Blessing and the curse. Therefore choose Life that you may live.”

This passage describes the work that what a man has to do is to choose that which he will have. The Master clearly makes the great statement of truth for our benefit, “The Father and I are one.” Now, can you see any fight going on in that mind? When he said, “Resist not evil, there is nothing to fight. I and the Father are one.” Can you then understand, in your own mind, when you say those words? Do you realize what the Master meant when he said them? Can you realize his complete understanding of them, when he says them? I can. I can see that there is nothing but God; “I and the Father are one; the Father does the work.” There is no failure, there is no success. There is no health, there is no ill-health. There is just Truth and that is Christ. This becomes the greatest and most powerful affirmation of Truth that there is. This is the Truth that will set you free when the consciousness realizes It.

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The habit which most of you have established is to allow the consciousness to be influenced by that which appears on the outer with the result that all your ideas are reduced to the effects of past experiences, not knowing that “all is possible to him that believeth.”

I know how difficult it is to get out of this habit of talking stupid nonsense. I know how difficult it is for the consciousness itself which is in man be in the relative and has got the habit of always acting on the relative and from the relative. How difficult it is to expect it. It can only be done by discerning what you are doing. It can not be discerned by means of psychology or any mythology or any other ‘olgy.’ It can only be done by discerning what you are doing and nothing else.

When the Truth is established in the consciousness through understanding and logical reasoning there is concentration upon the Eternal Life that is ever renewing and rejuvenating the mind and body, the mind will act upon this with complete independence of any influence of any sort except what your consciousness imposes upon it. Paul tells us in other words to renew the mind day by day by the power of the Spirit.

When the consciousness becomes aware of itself. I cannot tell you what awareness is, you have got to find it out for yourself. I know to me what awareness means, I become aware, I become alive and living. I become aware that I am. Not by myself alone but ‘I am’ everything. My thought moves out from me. I create, I look and with the power of the look, it is not a force that has it, because I am aware!

It is this that I want you to realize. It isn't an idea of awareness or an idea of God, an idea of the Truth, an image of the Truth because if you think it is that—you haven't got it.

“I am the Life, I am the Truth, I am the Life.” When the Master said these words I know what he meant. It is just that which you have to grasp also and make it your own.

This is the way that your faith will produce for you so your faith will be justified by your work and when you fully grasp this Truth it will be easy to externalise healthy conditions in the body and circumstances. It will be just as easy to have Life as death. It is for you to choose which you will have.

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That which is of the highest importance to you all is that you discern your thoughts and where they are moving. Habit is strong and it will take you some time before you can dissolve your old habitual way of thinking and living. This is up to you, I cannot do it for you, I can only point the way that you should go.

If I could do it for you it would have no value to you because you would not have it.

You would be like the boy who went to school and all the time he had his sums written down and he had the answers underneath. Hidden underneath it, pull the book out, and he wrote down the answer to every question. Of course the master then announced, "Clever boy, clever boy." But did the boy know anything; about how, about the laws, the fundamentals of arithmetic? Could he do the sum? No, he could not.

If I could do this for you to give you the answer, your awareness would be like that boy, exactly. But when you gain it for yourselves, it is your own! Your truth is your truth! Not mine, its yours!

But in it there is completeness—Life.

You will see that what I have been trying to impress upon you is of vital importance, that you realize your oneness with the ever-present Intelligent Spirit that prevails throughout the whole Universe. "Choose wisdom rather than fine gold and knowledge than rare silver."

Realize the Cosmic Wholeness as yourself, this is the Light that will dispel the darkness, the Truth that will dispel evil, the one exists as a Reality now, the other does not exist except in your own consciousness when ignorant of the Truth.

"In this Life is the Light of man, amid the darkness the Light shone but the darkness did not master it." (*John 1: 4-5*) (*Moffatt*)

This is how your faith produces works and how your faith is sustained by your works and your works will prove your faith.

BENEDICTION

O Blessed Creator of Heaven and Earth, that Thy consciousness may be revealed to me as mine, open my inner eye that I may behold Thee behind the myriads of atoms coming into form.

Burst open my consciousness that I may see behind the illusions of Time and Space, that in Thee I dwell and that I realize Thou hast made me in Thy likeness.

Clear my consciousness of the illusion of fear and doubt that my eye (*may*) be single.

Let the waves of Thy mighty Creative Power and Faith dance upon the Ocean of my dream, that I may become like Thee, to justify my faith by my works. For it is Thee alone who worketh in me, O Beloved friend and Protector.

* The Johannesburg recording starts abruptly here. The recording was made in the Auditorium at Escom House on Thursday night 24th November 1949.