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LIFE IS A SINGLE IDENTITY

Life is a single identity, positive and negative in action. The fusion of these two is the expression in all things including man-woman or woman-man. You cannot say that Life is masculine here and feminine there. Life is a single identity in operation, the operation reveals its nature, yet the nature of the thing contains both aspects of life from the greatest creation down to the smallest. As we divide into parts each part carries with it the positive and negative in a single identity and by splitting up until it reaches the state where there is no more possibility of splitting, merges into a single identity of life in the whole out of which they came revealing a single identity of Life and Substance yet dual in nature.

The process of creation is thought and thought is inherent in Life and is inseparable from Life. Thinking is a process of going out from the self establishing distinctions. It is here where we get lost in creating distinction of good and bad, heat and cold, etc., etc. All the various distinctions are created in our minds and in which we most fervently believe, thus establishing them as real in our own lives. The thinking of the Infinite Life must engender living thoughts or units of thought life thus entailing manifestation. We are therefore living thoughts of the Infinite Eternal Life and the only reality in that thought is the Life which we really are, and from this Life Consciousness we think.

Now you see clearly, don't you, that when you get caught up in your thought action and reaction you smother up the Life which is the thinker and freedom is no longer possible. To know what our thoughts are we must discern them deeply so that the thinker can free himself from all the entanglements we believe to be real. Life cannot be free when we impose upon it what is foreign to its nature; thus we suffer from our own ignorance, which results in craving.

The Masters say that there is the interplanetary current of Life that flows to us in a never-ending stream in and out, being a permanent flux that ever connects the finite consciousness to the Infinite Consciousness, and in which the finite consciousness as it unfolds, flows inwards towards the unlimited, ineffable and eternal, unknowable, omnipotence—the only source of our being. We are therefore moving towards our true spiritual form, becoming that true form eternally held in that Infinite Mind which is the essence of Life itself.

In our Cosmic reasoning we are forced to recognise several things clearly, being an axiom of truth which results in our actual knowing.

In the first place there is the Cosmic Self. Self is a term we hold to define “one” or wholeness. In the second place we recognise the I myself as an expression of that Cosmic Self, and as far as we are concerned we will call this the knower—that which knows. Next comes knowing, what the knower knows is in relation to the knower and next comes the object known.

The presence of the knower or self is the precondition of knowing or experience. Apart from the presence of the knower, no knowing is possible, but equally the presence of objectivity or not-self is a necessary element in knowing.

The Infinite knowing must be in relation to what He creates in His mind, that is become consciously aware of His creation. I have already stated that there is only the Infinite Mind and that is all there is and in that Mind there is only Infinite Consciousness which creates in the mind substance and form comes forth.

Apply this to our finite minds and we will see the same process with the exception that if we are ignorant of our source we create that which is contrary to our true nature, and believing same to be true we live in the illusion we ourselves create. Our true happiness, health and success depend upon our knowing how to create without resistance so that what we truly desire will come forth. This is the law of the Masters who have demonstrated the fact that all is possible when this knowledge is firmly established in the mind.

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The knower in man-woman can never be made into an object of knowledge by him or herself for the knower ever recedes before the regarding mind; it transcends finite knowing, being Infinite knowing. Therefore we are led to conclude that as it is present in every finite self as the basis of our knowing, while it cannot be known to us and even transcends finite cognition, this knowing in man is the Infinite Self-Conscious Life living and cognising through every finite self yet ever transcends them all. It is the immanence of God in man. I explained the word “immanence” as described in Webster’s dictionary in a previous lecture and will again repeat it here also so that you can grasp the true meaning—in this lecture also. Webster’s Dictionary describes “immanence” as: inherent, indwelling, denoting that the Universe does not transcend consciousness but is inherent within it.

This is confirmed by the fact that the Infinite implies omnipresence and omniscience as well as omnipotence. This entails Its presence in all finite knowers as that which knows. Otherwise if its finite unit-selves were dissociated, It would cease to be Infinite.

The finite self may identify himself logically and knowingly with the Infinite Self. The finite self may apprehend this unity, but he cannot comprehend it fully because the Infinite Self while present in the finite self as “that which knows” with the finite self cannot be made into an object of knowledge by the finite self. It even transcends cognition and recedes before introspection. The ‘truth’ that you perceive is only in your imagination, an idea, a sensation, whereas truth is not of these things. It is useless to try to force your mind to comprehend something that is beyond it. “Life is”. It does not have to be. It is, you are it, yet you cannot comprehend it with your mind, only know that “you are it”.

You cannot define reality, there is nothing in or out of mind to compare with it. It is beyond all things seen and heard. Let your self-consciousness be expansive, be aware of it as the whole and then “I myself” loses itself, the “I” no longer arises, then the true Intelligence transforms the nature and a spiritual world is seen before your eyes. The King and His Kingdom become one. Doubt and fear disappear and the nature is transformed without effort,

because you will have freed yourselves from all that hinders that true nature from manifesting. There must be a continued effort to free oneself from limitation and illusion, a constant awareness must be maintained lest limitation enter in.

It was this that the Master meant when he told his disciples to be ever on the watch. The word prayer to him meant that constant knowing of that union with God, and to watch lest any limitation or error entered into the mind to distract or disturb this blessed thing resulting in frustration.

We can see that this was the power the Master used in healing all manner of disease and belief. For he knew that the belief in ignorance held the people in bondage just as it does today except that it may be more refined, but it is the same belief that is the tragedy of it. It is this knowledge and understanding—“the truth that will set you free.”

There is but one Life and one Substance in which Life is made manifest in an infinitude of forms and no line can be drawn that separates one from the other. This Life assumes many modes or degrees of self-determination, and as that Life in differentiation becomes aware of its true source, this becomes a truth, a fact and as this unfoldment proceeds so is the power in direct ratio to that unfoldment or awareness. It is this great point that I want you to recognise. Your only power depends upon the degree of recognition of your oneness with the Infinite Life Consciousness, which is the finite expression “I am.” Therefore the “I am” is as much the name of God as it represents to the individual who recognises it, and this recognition can only be obtained by clearing away that which is not true to the nature of the “I am” within.

The method I have already described to you is to discern deeply your thoughts, actions and reactions and the motives behind them for it is these and only these that hinder the true expression of the Infinite Life within mankind. This is why it has always been stressed by the prophets: “In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths.” (Prov. 3: 6).

If you are religiously inclined and feel that you want confirmation of what I have said, read what Jesus said, and in

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the light of this knowledge you will find how identical are the meaning of his words—clothed often in parables as this was the only way to describe the indescribable.

Jesus never created a religion. He came to free the people from the bondage into which they had fallen through their religion. He knows that to free people this freedom was an individual thing not second-hand or the truth of another. His people had been smothered as we are all today through orthodoxy which hindered true expression of the Life that was immanent then as it is now.

The world is suffering badly today through orthodoxy and we seem to be saddled with it more and more but the chains are being broken one by one and the captives are being led to freedom and one day we will see that one Christ revealed in the hearts of every living soul. For this Christ is not something outside ourselves but the very true expression of God Himself in whom we live and have our being.

Do not think that I am denying you any religion, dogma or creed that is your own personal affair. Nor do I deny you any philosophy or series of exercises or systems as long as you know them for what they are so that you do not flounder in them. Are you seeking health for health's sake? Are you seeking material gain for material gain alone? If you seek any thing for that thing alone it will elude you. When this craving ceases then you will find the pearl of great price, then you will receive fully.

“Riches and honour are with me; yes, durable riches and righteousness.

My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.” (Prov. 8: 18-19)*

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Modern thinkers find it impossible to accept as Supreme Deity the old tribal idea of a personal God endowed with unattractive anthropological attributes who was called Father with no corresponding mother, thus ignoring that such an ideal was necessarily sterile.

The ideal was personified to the level of an idol subject to human frailties and represented as disappointed with his own work and angry with his own offspring. To abandon such an idol is scarcely a loss. But in more recent times this conception has been partially replaced by that of a God of Love, an ideal more in harmony with the modern mind while retaining the conception that God is a personal being external to man, to abandon this idea may bring disappointment to many.

The great omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Supreme Being cannot be comprised within one personal being as that entails restricting limitations. Rather is its life manifested in all the personal forms who possess the human principle as formulated in the modern conception of the immanence of God in man, instead of a great unity being vested with the perfections and many of the imperfections of humanity. The Masters say that all human beings are the offspring and outcome of the Infinite Dual Self who is both Father and Mother and whose life lives through and manifests in and through and by means of all angels, spirits and men and women.

This system comprises angelic beings who might well be termed gods and actually are our Fathers and Mothers, that is men and women who have developed through stages and ages until they have reached degrees of knowledge and power far beyond the imagination of the personal God worshippers and by whom our Spirit entities have been birthed into differentiation as surely as our physical bodies have been birthed into earth

existence by the instrumentality of our earthly parents, such angelic paterna and materna must surely be classed and more directly related to us in a personal sense than ever Jehovah could be.

It is because in the current conception God is conceived to be a personal being external to man that man is supposed to have a separate independent self-existence of his own. But if that were the case where would the operation of the omnipotent, omnipresent omniscience of the Infinite come into play? In what field would the prerogatives involved come into manifestation?

If all finite selves were endowed with an independent existence of their own then the Infinite would thereby become restricted, limited, circumscribed or finite and would cease to be Infinite. Therefore it is only by recognising that God cannot be a personal being external to man but is Infinite, omnipresent and consequently must be immanent in all men and women and in all self-conscious beings. This recognition of the Finite of the immanent Divine Omnipotence enables those who recognise it to acquire the qualities of this Omnipresence which are beyond the imagination of man. These teachings replace the old conception of a personal God by that of the Infinite Self whose life lives through all men, women, Spirits, Angels and still higher Beings.

The Ascended Master continues to say: The great "I AM" is made manifest in the finite forms of Life and while the appearance to the external man or woman is that he or she has a life of their own, the reality is that the Life power is not his own property to dispose of as he conceives and exercise by his own free will. For it is the property and prerogative alone of the one grand Life which manifests itself by its own will and power. All personalities are carrying out under the impression that it is by their own power, the purpose and will of the Infinite Wisdom and Love who has vested them with the appearances and possessions of such power.

When the inner man will be the conscious actor and the human principle emancipated from the domination of the external personality then the acknowledgement will be made with true

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humility, that all are the instruments consciously or unconsciously used by the one grand Life Power and as such that all are doing the part assigned to them in the grand drama of human embodied life. Further, as the action of the angelic degree within the human form asserts its presence and power to such an extent that the consciousness of the personality can be imbued with the knowledge and power of the internal man so the man-woman can realize that the seat of power is occupied by the great Infinite Life Power itself, of which every specific unit of self-conscious Life forms an integral part. This then is the distinction between appearance and the reality.

The Master further commentates: “Our mission is not to pull down or destroy the image which the external personality has set up. But by virtue of your possession of the Life current from the great angelic centre our work is to awaken within the Universal embodied personality the desire for pure Truth as against the appearance of Truth.” When this knowledge becomes the possession of the human race the idols will be removed from their pedestals and the ideals will be replaced by the actual appearance of the Angel and the Angel without will respond to the Angel within the human organism. As the Life quality of the Mighty One is evolved and developed in the inner degree of the embodied Spirit then contention and conflict will cease, for all who experience this awakening will recognise this Truth and know that every human being is the offspring, outbirth and manifestation of the one grand Infinite Life Power. This makes it quite clear that the old idea of a personal God together with the conception of man having an independent self-existence of his own must be abandoned.

It has been concurred in the past that revelation or inspiration was effected by a personal God. But in as much as we now have to recognise that a personal God is an illogical ideal that conception has to be abandoned. I am told in these teachings that inspiration is constituted by thought-transmission, the operators being great Angels. We know that the earth was not created by a personal God but by the Infinite who created the millions of

other suns and planets throughout the limitless Universe of Universes, by means of concentrating the Life permeating space by the associative energies of these great Angels directed by greater Cosmic beings under the direction of the all omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient Life itself. How grand it is to know that we are the eternal expression of the Infinite Life acting out the great Scheme of the Universe. With this knowledge we can go forward with a light heart and a clear mind, knowing that every man and woman is an expression of God.

The Universe we know, vast as it appears to be, forms one of a series and in this series it forms but a small portion of the whole. Yet within the whole and not separate from it. Our sun is a projection of a still more anterior and interior sun which in turn was projected from a sun anterior to it and so on till we reach the grand parental Sun around which each and all universes revolve forming a Universe of Universes. I am told that the great central Sun has millions of suns, thousands of times larger than ours, with their planets which form a part of a still greater system which in turn revolves round a mightier and more central Sun. Our minds whirl with the thoughts of the vastness of it all. In the boundless space what appears to be a vast void is nevertheless pervaded and permeated with Life either in solution or in form. Other Suns have been formed and inhabited by solar Intelligences and by focussing the Life Power on given parts it was externalised and the particles or atoms assumed a more dense form with the result that material earth or physical globes came into existence. The substance we call matter is simply a growing of particles of energy, science calls electrons, in fact the electron is a property of matter. This energy is created by thought or life influx. When we understand that the material of which things are made is thought energy or vibration and it can be moulded into form by the thoughts we think, we are prepared to realize that the world we live in is very real and that what we need is to not deny it, but to understand it, in order to master it and to be masters of bodies and conditions.

Physical Science takes matter back to its origin in a primary substance which is called ether, this ether pervades all space.

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Ether is a name given to that which can neither be seen, felt or tasted or examined scientifically yet the necessity of the case posits its omnipresence. It is said to be frictionless, pulseless, a motionless medium until it is moved by some form of energy which we have come to understand as the power of thought.

When the visible Universe comes into existence it begins with a movement of some sort within the visible ether. Science speaks of whirling particles of energy but whirling particles of energy without direction is out of the question. Therefore this whirling mass of energy prerequisites a form of direction or intelligence. I am told that the *modus operandi* of the concentration of our sun was as follows: The influx of Life power from those mighty intelligences whose home is in the Central Sun of which I spoke was brought to bear and focussed on a given part of that which appears to external sight as unoccupied space. This caused the attraction and cohesion of the living particles that floated and swam in that particular region. The manipulation of certain forces brought to act on this nucleus they gradually became more solid and denser, and the result was the solar orb which was to be the animating life power utilised for producing the planets as yet unborn. The Life power was received from the solar inhabitants of prior suns of which it was the outcome, and these solar beings became the artificers of the planets that were to be called into objective existence. By this you may see that the solar life principle itself is perpetuated by calling into existence a continuity of separate and distinct solar orbs. That solar life principle circulates through all the suns which form the great Universe of which ours is a part. The sustentation and perpetuation of the Beings who inhabit these various central orbs or suns are the same in each and the Life quality of these is enriched and increased by the addition of human beings who have graduated and been embodied in the various planets unborn from themselves.

Our sun receives and gives forth the Life flux by means of which we understand as light and heat, this is but the circuit of Life. Intelligence which circulates from the central orb to the

outermost planet in our system where distance is so vast that to mortal mind it is incomprehensible.

As our scientists use the terms force and energy, supposing that these express the action and power of the sun itself, but these are the means used by beings and intelligences whose power is exerted to produce the action by means of which we ultimate our life thoughts of which light and heat are the expression.

So in like manner the neucloid of the Spirit unit of Life after finding a resting place in the organism of the form of a feminine human being begins to gestate and attract to itself atoms supplied by Mother Earth which it moulds into an organic structural form for its own use even so the neucloid which is our planet's world soul. After being projected by the Solar Life thought was enclosed in a certain position of the great immensity and became responsive by reception of influx containing the Life thoughts and began the operation of gestation and from that point in space began to evolve and develop just as the human spirit entity attracts to itself the living particles of earth even so the gestating germ in the world soul attracted to itself that which may be termed the Spirits of air, water, fire by which it was surrounded in the vast immensity. Then commenced the process of evolution. As the continuous influx of Life thoughts was received by the gestating world Soul (involution) in the world of space or that part in which it was located it evolved and developed into a globe as we know it.

The combination and contact of the Spirits of air, water and fire impregnated with the Life Principle of the world Soul produced in its solidified state, granite from the gases etc., which produced it.

This resulted from the influx of that portion of the solar life to which the skeleton or body part of our organism corresponds. When the conditions had been provided by the mineral kingdom then came the influx containing Life thoughts from another section of Solar beings. That being received by the world Soul projected and ultimated in the first and lowest forms of the vegetable kingdom. Gradually the conditions were established for the insemination

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of higher and more beautiful forms. The process was continuous each new species being an advance upon what had preceded. In the next lecture we will continue definitely showing that at no time did the human life originate from the animal as it is thought by the Darwin theory of evolution. What I am describing to you is what has been given to me by great Spiritual Beings who are acquainted with the modus operandi of the world formation.

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We have learned that our solar system was condensed from the diffuse non-self-Conscious Ethereal Life Substance occupying space by the energies of a host of transcendent but finite operators who are transmitters of the will and Intelligence of the Supreme Being working through them for a specific purpose which must have been completed in detail in the Infinite Consciousness before this stupendous work began.

These operators dwelt in the Spiritual Spheres of a Solar system which was prior to ours in Cosmic order. They were in permanent receipt of currents of Life from their own Source of Being which in turn received this Current of Life from a Solar System prior to that. This required the work of myriads of artificers and ages of duration to accomplish.

It is to be observed that the whole work was the expression of pre-existing Intelligence acting in finite but transcendent selves who themselves were giving expression to the determination of the Infinite Self conveyed to them by the Life Current of the Infinite Self ever being mediated to them.

The action thus generated was brought to bear on the non-Self-Conscious Component of the Infinite Life of the Infinite Self we can call the Infinite Mind Substance. So the action of the Self-Conscious Life upon the non-Self-Conscious Life, both being components of the dual unity of the Infinite Mind, one being passive and the other active, electro-magnetic in Nature, proving that in the non-Self-Conscious Life substance is an active substance within itself and not one particle is a dead particle but is a living substance although not self-conscious yet it is controlled and moulded into form by the Self-Conscious entity which directs the Self-Conscious Life thought within it and it is the degree of self-Conscious Life that reveals the inherent power of the Infinite Life ever present, ever renewing its creations.

We can no longer think of Spirit in terms of form but the Cause of form, the inner reality of our own Life is that Self-Conscious Life that is able to create form. When we understand this we learn to think of God as the Life that is within us yet without the limitation of the individuality. When we deal in personality we discern as a mind apart from another so one can be a person only by being distinct from another, but this is impossible with the Infinite since He is all. So in reality the person is only separate in appearance and not in fact. We now realize that our Solar System was condensed by the Great Artificers of the Supreme from His diffuse and formless Ethereal Life Substance occupying boundless space. Our world has been formed out of the Solar Nebulae by the action of the same operators. The four domains which exist in the earth planet receive their corresponding Life Current from the Solar Angel whose prerogative it is to transmit the will of the Infinite into form; mineral, vegetable, animal and human Life are all expressions of the Infinite Life. These are planes of manifestation under the control of a specific Artificer directed by the Infinite Life Current that sustains and controls them. The Artificer Principle of the mineral world creates and controls all mineral activity; likewise the Artificer Principle through which the vegetable world was created and controlled; following on this the Artificer Principle creating and controlling all animal Life. These were direct and separate activities in the Infinite Mind controlled and directed by separate Solar Angels under the direction of the one Infinite Life Principle which controls and directs them all in their separate functions.

Thus the Substance in its essence was now conditioned through these Artificer Principles preparing the way for the Self-Conscious Life to take up its abode, to grow out of the limitation specially created so that the unlimited Life Principle could unfold its true nature amidst the limitation created for that purpose.

The mineral does not become the vegetable nor does the vegetable become the animal. Neither does the animal become the man. Mankind is a special dispensation as described in the Bible made in the image and likeness of God.

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The story is told in this way: In the beginning there was only God “I am the only One,” “I am the Lord thy God and there is none other beside Me.” “Me, out of Me and in Me the only One all things are created under My will and within My domain.”

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

Before the advent of man upon the earth the Current of Life was transmitted direct by the Solar operators to their field of action in the earth, in the production of the necessary preliminary forms of Life in order to evolve the living forms in which the germs of Finite Selves could incarnate later. But when these forms had been produced and man made his first appearance on the earth in rudimentary forms the Life Current then flowed through him as a supplementary relay to the forms in the Kingdom of Life below his own and thence into matter, and through this media of Self-Conscious Life man has control of all things including matter on earth and as he evolves this Self-Conscious Life controls all activities in the planes he inhabits. As this current is mediated through a chain of finite selves in the intermediate states of being and then to man whence it flows to the forms of Life in the Kingdom of Nature below man and then into matter, it holds all these connected in the fundamental unity of the Infinite Self.

In the Infinite Mind we therefore have the passive and the active, the unconscious Life Substance and the Self-Conscious Life which acts upon it by means of thought through the Life Current, in both cases the interaction of the dual correspondents of the One Infinite Life. In the finite-selves this Current of Life from the Infinite Fount relayed through the Solar Beings produces thoughts.

In the non-Conscious Life in matter it produces living forms. The Substance of the Universe or the invisible matter which we call ether and others call mind is by no means a dead thing. Matter cannot be dissociated from the one Life of which it is the external expression. Atoms possess sufficient Intelligence in them to act in obedience to the Law of Attraction and Repulsion (both polarities being present in the atom) either to coalesce with or to be repelled from each other. This is the evidence or Cause of the Law of Chemical affinity by the action of which law matter becomes objective.

Molecular atoms are divisible by their central atoms constituting their nuclei. Nuclei are individual and cannot be separated from the one Life underlying them no more than finite selves can be separated from the one Infinite Life. Life itself is unchangeable but is made manifest by a continual change in manifestation. Thus all atoms are in a continual state of change and pass by transmutation from one kingdom to the next just as finite selves pass from one state of being to the next in their conscious unfoldment as they recede inwards in their continuous progression.

This points to the fact that the earth is in a continual state of flux, or changing, and as a continuous state of transformation takes place in the finite selves so will the matter in which they exist for a time in their eternal progression ultimately change. As the finite selves evolve so will the unconscious Life Substance evolve with it.

The details I am given are as follows: The Life of the vegetable is developed and sustained by contact with the earth and absorbs into itself the minerals required, the intelligence within the vegetable or plant gathers together the substance it

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requires from the air which is impregnated with all the vitals required for its growth to fruition. When the atom of mineral substance passes into the vegetable it is now more than an atom of matter, it has become a certain Life property by uniting with other atoms in the formation of the vegetable structure.

It is the same in reference to the animal kingdom which absorbs the vegetable, and the human partaking of the animal and the vegetable receives the Life quality of these three kingdoms external to itself into its outer form. Consequently the atoms do not retain their specific characteristic as material atoms. The change from one kingdom to the other is not a mere transfer but is accompanied by a transmutation.

After serving the purpose of embodied man some of these atoms pass off to form another structural organism and being again transmuted, ascend into inner states of being and are there integrated into the outer forms of Spirits dwelling in those states and are again transmuted in a repeated process until they can be made available for the outer form of the Conscious Angel in the Central State of our Solar System.

While the process of condensation has taken place through involution the transmutation into higher forms takes place by unfoldment or evolution. It shows that while the Conscious Life Substance (not Self-Conscious Life) forming the vast oceans of Life in space has been condensed into "matter" (a name man has given to this Substance which we know so little about) by the energies of the Self-Conscious Artificer of the Supreme and this is transformed down from the ethereal states on high to states of density below or into outer states as we know on earth, there is also an accompanying return circuit at work by which the atoms of that Life ascend from below or outer states inwards from state to state, evolving into this condition throughout every step or stage in the process.

Non-Self-Conscious Life Substance always alive and active, as well as the Self-Conscious Life or finite selves, are propelled from the inner to the outer and are subsequently attracted back again to that centre to which they belong. The "becoming" of the

Self-Conscious Self takes place while the non-Self-Conscious Life evolves.

There is thus a perpetual afferent and efferent process of Life flowing from the inmost or central Fount in the Universe to the outer and returning again to the centre as there is in man in whom as a microcosm it is illustrated in a subordinate manner. When we realize the foregoing facts we will have a true working basis upon which to base our thought-action. We will perceive at once that we do not have to deny matter in order to control our bodies and conditions. We need only to recognise its nature being responsive to the intelligence by the power vested in our own consciousness. We do not have to prove God by any demonstration, we have to know ourselves.

God is real. The Universe is Real. Mind is Real. Matter is mind materialized. Forms are thoughts of the Life Current whether they manifest in a Solar Angel or a human being, the process is the same. The non-Self-Conscious Life takes form by means of the Self-Conscious Life that plays upon it by means of thought. We can control our world by virtue of the intelligence that supports it being subject to our conscious realization of our oneness with the Infinite Life Consciousness that is responsible for all creation.

Good and evil are both effects, they are simply the expression of our mind conceptions. When we share the knowledge and wisdom of the Solar Angels who are our parents as greater Angels are theirs and the Infinite then the Father-Mother of us all we shall seek the Silent guidance and inspiration that comes from this great and mighty source of Power and Wisdom and Love. Thus does the Infinite Life as a dual unity unfold Its Consciousness of Itself in all Its finite selves. Consequently the sole reality in all apparent finite selves including you and me remains that of the Infinite Self.

(Here ends this lecture)

COSMIC CREATION

It is so very necessary to thoroughly understand the importance and fundamental facts of Cosmic Creation, otherwise the acquiring of the amazing knowledge to follow may be materially hindered, and it is with this point in view that I am reviewing the main factors so as to establish a firm footing for what is to follow.

While doing this we must become aware of our conscious reality and at the same time discern our actions and reactions. Knowledge is a wonderful thing but it is not enough, we must have wisdom so as to unfold and express ourselves to our fellow-beings according to the Divine Plan in this one Life where there is no separation. For it is this sense of separateness that causes all our misery. And while we are learning of the great events of the Cosmic Creation we will have the wisdom to apply ourselves to the immediate tasks before us in our daily life and thus reveal the Divine Principle which is the foundation of our Being.

I said in my last lecture that the Universe is real. This means that the Universe is entirely Spiritual and Eternal and what seems to be otherwise to mortal sense is but appearances and not fact.

Our Solar System was condensed from the diffuse non-Self-Conscious Ethereal yet substantial Life occupying the boundless space—the eternal Spiritual Mind of the Infinite.

Infinity means all there is without division of any kind. All apparent division or separation is but an appearance and not a fact. We cannot divide that which is indivisible.

This Truth must be grasped firmly otherwise we are liable to think in terms of parts instead of one whole in which creation is taking place.

We saw that the stupendous Cosmic operation of condensation of the non-Self-Conscious Life was performed by the energies of a host of transcendent but finite operators who were delegated by the Supreme to do the work. We were also told that these operators dwelt in the Spiritual spheres of a Solar System prior to ours in Cosmic order. In the Supernal state they occupied they were in permanent receipt of a current of Life from their own Source of being of the Infinite Life. This current was electro-magnetic in constitution and generated a radiant energy in them, enabling them to bring their life force to bear on a certain vast area of the non-Self-Conscious Ethereal Life Substance also electro-magnetic in nature.

The operators focussed their radiated energies on a given centre in space and by this means gradually transformed the vast floating non-Self-Conscious Life substance and in that region of boundless space began to densify this Life Substance causing it to adhere into the production of a nucleus. Magnetic attraction was then brought into action by the operators and this nucleus was thus made to attract units of the surrounding life. This work required the participation of myriads of Artificers and ages of duration to accomplish.

We were also told that the whole work was the expression of pre-existing Intelligence, being transcendent finite selves who themselves were giving expression to the determinations of the Infinite Self conveyed to them by the Life Current of the Infinite Self ever being mediated to them.

The action thus engendered was brought to bear on the non-Self-Conscious component of the Infinite Life of the Infinite Self—so it was the result of the interaction of the Self Conscious Life upon the non-Self-Conscious Life both being components of the dual unity of the Life of the Infinite Self.

It is to be observed that in the Infinite Mind being one Mind and in this one Mind there is the active and passive phases of which one acts upon the other and vice versa, all activity is predestined and forms according to the unalterable and infallible and accurate perfect plan of the Infinite Self Who is omniscient as well as being omnipotent and omnipresent.

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The Infinite acts through His own finite selves in Whom His life is immanent and through whom His Life process ever flows.

The Universe is an ever-expanding Universe in boundless space. Perhaps you cannot grasp the meaning of the term “boundless Space” because we generally determine by our limited conceptions of our condition in sequence of time in this plane of action which is to us limitation, but when we begin to understand that there is no circumference to the Universe and there cannot be, for this would mean limitation, therefore our Universe is one with millions of others, many thousands of times larger, in the one Infinite Mind, and there can be no ending to the expanding Universe in that boundless ocean of Life we call space.

It is also to be observed that the Infinite Self does not act immediately in producing finite manifestations, but mediately, through His own finite selves in whom His Life is immanent and through whom His Life Process ever flows.

These supernal operators originate as all finite selves do in units of the Self-Conscious Life of the Infinite Self. These were propelled into incarnations in the personal state on an earth belonging to a Solar System prior to ours in Cosmic Order where their Self-Consciousness was unfolded and developed. They then ascended through the intermediate stages of being in that system and became integral units in the Solar Self of that system sharing reciprocally in the Consciousness of all other units in that transcendent unity. Subsequently they were called upon to participate in the work of calling a new Solar System, that is ours, into existence as described. This throws light on our future destiny as we also pass through a similar process.

Having traced the origin of these operators let us now return to the operation in forming our Solar System after the production of the nebulae.

A similar process but in more external degree was then brought to bear upon this nebula leading to the production from it of a more densified substance which was again further condensed into matter and concentrated into planets.

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All this was effected by bringing their transmitted electromagnetic energies to bear upon the polarity of the units of non-Self-Conscious Life integrated in the nebula.

Science has postulated the theory of a nebular hypothesis:— that the Solar System was developed from a cloudlike hazy vague indistinct formless clouded turbid nebular of nebulae—mist. How little they understand of the all-pervading Life of the vast boundless space, this non-Self-Conscious Life teeming with Self-Conscious Life, mostly invisible to us.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

ECSTASY IS LIFE

In the last lecture we learnt that matter is produced from non-Self-Conscious Life, densified so as to be made objective to the senses of the human beings who were to follow when the field had been prepared for them. **All this was done, it will be observed, by the power of pre-existing Intelligence instead of intelligence produced by matter as is often supposed to be the case.**

This process was the involution of the non-Self-Conscious Life and the evolution of this non-Self-Conscious Life began when man made his advent upon the earth and thus evolution takes place from within man by the very fact that the Life Current which created the Universe is being ever mediated to man thereby evolving the unlimited out of the limited prepared for that purpose, and while this operation is in progress there is a continuous evolving in the non-Self-Conscious Life involved in the creation of the earth. Thereby the substance in which we live when recognised by the Self-Conscious units of Life inhabiting it will no longer be a solid immovable substance but will become as pliable as it was to the artificers who densified it.

When the earth was prepared for the advent of man the great Solar Angels responsible for the projection of the Infinite Self-Conscious Life projected the current of the Infinite Life into the Soul structure that interpenetrated and supported the earth. This Life is known to us as the Christ, the Son of God.

Thus man was created with all the attributes of that Self-Conscious Life to multiply and subdue as detailed in a previous lecture from the first Chapter of Genesis.

It will be realized from this that this system, the involution or directive ideas in the vehicle of Life, is the pre-condition and cause of evolution.

It will be seen in a later lecture that these great operators are dual beings. Their thoughts are then compressed in a vehicle of Life or are living ideas.

This difference in being explains the thoughts of our personal selves such as we are at present. It is this knowledge that will enable us to free ourselves from the bondage of our ignorance and enable us to act in freedom and in truth for we are potential Solar Angels in the making.

When we take into consideration our petty thoughts and our reactions and discern them properly we will see how petty we have been and this leads us to self-examination to see how we can better ourselves and others in the eternal progress that lies before us. The trouble with us all is that we feel a sense of separation and this frustrates Life.

When we as individuals who know separation conquer this separation then all delusion will cease. In the awakened individual there is a struggle and naturally freedom does not come without a struggle, but in this struggle there is experience that leads to freedom.

The sorrow caused by death is but a belief in separation. We must look at it from the truth of the continuity of Life. Your loneliness is caused because you gave your love to another who is equally aware of separation and when that person dies there must be sorrow, but with the knowledge we have now acquired we will rejoice in this Spiritual progression.

Take love from a viewpoint of separation. It is full of fear. To be free we must love without fear. A drop is in the ocean and an ocean is in the drop but if we take the drop and are not capable of uniting with the ocean it is because we are living in separation. To have love without fear we must go through all the processes of Love. You cannot merely sit still and meditate on the abstract of Love, nor can you attain it by reading books about it or listening to lectures on its virtues.

If you love a person it will lead to immense struggles, jealousies, anxiety, constant watching whether that person likes you. There is sorrow and pain but this leads more and more to

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the true quality of Love, that ocean of Love. But if you are afraid of Love and its affection you will leave it aside. You are then blocking up one of the channels through which you must assimilate the Life that is being mediated to you from the great Infinite Life Itself.

To gain the incorruptibility of Love begin with loving. It may be passionate, that does not matter. Some people think they are so good that Love taints them. Many are becoming so intellectually superhuman that their roots are beginning to rot.

Some people are indifferent to sorrow, to pain, to pleasure and love. How can you understand Life unless you grapple with it? How can anyone who is without passion, without ecstasy understand Life when ecstasy is Life? To climb high you must begin on the first step. But if from the beginning you have the perception of that end which is perfection, the fulfilment of Life, then the climbing will be a delight, the struggle will give ecstasy and not a mere drudging painful process.

Now for our reactions—if I should do a kindness to another and you would react to it because of some selfish motive within yourself that is frustration and this frustration brings sorrow and conflict in yourself. If I am kind I am kind to all and you are also benefited.

If you like someone because that person likes you that is a reaction from outside, but if your affections are spontaneous there is pure action, it goes outwards from you and never comes inwards, for pure affection never enchains, never holds another in its shadow.

We all know what it is to react, to react to kindness, unkindness, to jealousy, anger, etc. All these are external contacts which you have to go through in order to make you more and more dependent on your own pure action in order to discern your own pure Being. You have to go through these reactions of like and dislike until you arrive at this pure action which is always outgoing—pure Life in action—this is the freedom of Life.

With this understanding you will enjoy the ecstasy of that ineffable inscrutable unbelievable joy in pure action. Then we

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will share the knowledge and wisdom of the Solar Angels who are our parents as greater Angels are theirs and the Infinite then the Father-Mother of us all in Whom we seek that silent guidance and inspiration that reveals our true nature, made in the image and likeness of our heavenly parents in whom as well as in you and me remains forever the reality of the Infinite Self and in Whom we live and have our being.

The Infinite Self is one whole and not one particle can be separate from it. Separation is but an illusion that leads to frustration and conflict, while the realization of our unity in the oneness of all things brings ecstasy and the joy of living.

(Here ends this lecture)

THE LIFE PROCESS OF THE INFINITE SELF

One of the principles laid down as a fundamental in these Teachings is that man is a microcosm, that is, an epitome of the Macrocosm.

There is no process in this external plane of being which is not a representation in subordinate mode of its prototype functioning in precedental order in higher, inner modes of being. There cannot possibly be any process in the subordinate which is not already in the transcendent and Supreme. This representation is an accurate reproduction from the highest, the Infinite Self down through all creation to man-woman.

Man-woman is a finite expression of the Infinite Self, manifesting him-herself in the outer, giving self-Consciousness to that Divine Idea and becomes angelic by returning through higher modes of being.

Therefore man-woman is the key by which to interpret the law of the Infinite Self, consequently by studying man-woman we may get some insight into the process of the Universal, "Man, know thyself and thou shalt know all things, as above so below" is not only true in fact but in substance.

A study of the conscious mental action of man-woman reveals that the process of his conscious perception flows through his nervous system in an efferent and afferent flux associated with his brain centre, while his life or vitality flows through him in a continuous flux by means of his arteries and veins, afferent and efferent also, associated with his heart as centre.

The dual unity indicated in the Infinite Self-Conscious Life is thus represented in its finite units. In both cases the process is associated with a permanent flux. It will be seen that it is a subordinate representation of an antecedent Cosmic process pertaining to the becoming of the Macrocosm.

I am told that the Life process of the Infinite Self flows through the non-Self-Conscious Life in boundless space from Solar System to Solar System throughout the Universe uniting all these in one unity.

This flux or river of life does not flow from physical suns to physical suns but from the great Beings and mighty Selves who dwell in the Solar Spheres or states, in the highest inmost and central state of each particular Solar System. It is evident that the Life process of the Infinite-Self flows through the boundless ocean of Ethereal Life from Selves as units, and anterior in Cosmic order, to selves who are successive or following in Cosmic order relating these in one transcendent unity.

From these Mighty Selves or Angels who receive this inflow of the Life Current of the Infinite Self, it is then mediated by them to the finite selves who are their offspring in the subordinate states of each of these Solar Systems, so in this way the finite selves in lower states remain connected with their own particular centre whence they emanated as finite units of the Infinite Self in like manner as the great Beings remain connected with their antecedent centre. Thus all finite selves remain inseparably connected in the Infinite Self which is immanent in all, yet transcends all. This process is illustrated in man in a subordinate manner which enables us to form some conception of the Universe. The tiny yet powerful atom invisible to the eye is the exact replica of the Universe in miniature. This reveals the microcosm and the macrocosm of the non-Self-Conscious Life in action formed by the Divine Will of the Absolute.

Further information reveals that the circulation of the blood in the external organism which carries the Life quality to every part of the various functions and organs of the embodied man corresponds to the ethereal Life Current in its circulation through illimitable space in which our Universe revolves, which absorbs the Life quality.

This Life Current is received from these inner spheres and gives off to the external globes what is required for the development of the forms of life embodied there, thence it returns

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again through the inner spheres to the central Fount to be sent forth again renewed by that Infinite quality that is the Inscrutable, Indescribable and Unknowable containing its omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent qualities. Were it not for this circulating Current conveyed to us, we could not have self-Consciousness of our own.

This vast current of Life I am told is an actuality and the future scientist and philosopher of Spirit will be able in some measure to trace its action so far as it affects the earths of our system. The question will no longer be what is truth, but what is Life? Even then until the finite can gauge the Infinite and until man can compass the Angel in whom Life in apparently differentiated forms is a manifestation, yes, even then Life will forever remain the inscrutable and incomprehensible as to what it really is. It will ever remain transcendent although living in its finite creation. It will be seen that the eternal flux of the Life of the Infinite Self flowing through the Cosmos from Solar System to Solar System and thus connecting these up, flows to mighty Beings dwelling in the Central States of these systems, and through them is mediated similarly by them to finite selves,—their offspring—men and women in the subordinate states of these systems. Thus all finite selves are held in connection with the Infinite Self, each unit receiving and giving off this Life Current to creation below it and as each finite self enters the inner states of being they evolve and expand into greater selves uniting with Solar Angels in the formation of further expansion of the Universe in boundless space.

Our Self-Consciousness is obtained from the quality of that Infinite Self-Conscious Life which we inherit and although differentiated in appearance remains undifferentiated as to the Life itself and as we pass through the earthly spheres of experience we are perfected by virtue of that experience and will arrive at the stage when we will be conscious of our oneness with the Universal Life. It will be observed that it is this Life flux flowing into mankind which is the healing power spoken of by all the prophets, sages and saviours. This Life unites us with the Infinite Source

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of all Power in a continual stream which flows through man from the top of his head and out at his feet. Man's soul is the receiver of this Life which is electromagnetic in nature.

I remember a lady who became blind through sorrow, I was told clairaudiently to make her walk in the wet dew every morning with her feet bare. On the third morning she regained her sight.

It is these facts that enable us to acquire an understanding of the ways of God. Healing to most people is a miraculous thing but to those who understand it, it is a law of Life. It is only when we believe in disease and fear it we close off the flow of the Life Current, while we sustain our conditions by virtue of our belief in them. This is proof that we are just what we think we are.

But as we learn more about the Cosmos we gain that understanding of what Jesus meant when he said, "Anyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give him will never thirst anymore; the water that I shall give him will turn into a spring of water welling up to Life Eternal." (John 4: 13-14 Moffatt Translation)

(Here ends this lecture)*

* This lecture and the one following "*The Infinite Self-Conscious Current of Life*" were given as one lecture in Pretoria, said to be on 11th November 1947 (Lecture# 9), but it is more likely that this is part of the Johannesburg series entitled "How to Make the Cosmic Forces Your Own" as given on the night of 27th February 1947 (Lecture #4-6).

THE INFINITE SELF-CONSCIOUS CURRENT OF LIFE

Mankind has not originated from matter as some intellectuals would like you to believe. Their theories are very wide of the mark because it is mere guesswork, but not so with us who are acquainted with the inner workings of the process of creation.

It will be seen that our Solar System was condensed by the great Artificers of the Supreme, from His diffuse formless Ethereal Life occupying boundless space and that our earth with its world soul was formed out of the Solar Nebula by the actions of the same operators.

But the world once produced could not be abandoned and left to itself. In its embryo stage it required nourishing to enable it to develop even as a human embryo develops and continues to require sustaining even as the human body does in order to live and it will be shown how this was accomplished.

The Current of Life ever-flowing from the Central Font of the Infinite Self ever-flowing outwards to the operational point in boundless space and after being mediated through finite selves in the transcendent state who act as relays in every successive outer state of being in the Universe returns again to the source of all Life to be mediated out again.

This example is seen in the life of the tree. The life force flows up the centre of the tree and after it reaches the outermost leaves it returns via the bark to the ground. This process is continued and with such accuracy that not one single leaf is left without the life required to sustain it.

The Infinite Self-Conscious Current of Life is transformed down in degrees as it passes through each successive relay till it reaches the physical worlds and becomes densified into states or matter. It is this descending current of Life ever-flowing from the Central Fount that supplies the sustaining nutriment to the earth for its development and growth.

This Current acts upon the world-Soul previously concentrated from the diffuse life in space. This soul structure interpenetrates and supports the world and every living thing that exists upon it, thus proving every living being has a soul structure that is primary to the physical and will remain after the physical is discarded by the Self-Conscious Units of Life that hold it together. For the Life is held in unity in the Solar Angels through which the ever-flowing Life is mediated revealing the true significance and meaning of the Spirit, Soul and body, the trinity in man.

Jesus said, "As the Father has Life in Himself so He grants the Son to have Life in himself." We see here that the one Infinite Life ever-flowing from higher states is differentiated into germic units by the process of differentiation determined by the Infinite Conscious Self in the Celestial Beings of our Solar System. The Life by which we know ourselves to be alive is that Life that is being ever-mediated to us.

There are inner states of being of which at present we know little because they are constituted in Life carrying more rapid vibrations than those pertaining to the Life of the external personality in which we at present have our being. Consequently these inner states are transcendent to our perception at present.

As the units of Life of which we are, descended into incarnation in human parentage so do we as units of life inseparable from the eternal stream of life ascend after leaving our physical bodies, through the intermediate states to which I will refer later on.

When Jesus on the Cross said to the thief beside him "I tell you truly you will be with me in Paradise this very day," He was referring to these intermediate states, for Jesus was born direct from the Christ Life incarnated in the Soul of the world and knew the process of his incarnation as well as the process of his

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re-incarnation back into the higher states of Being which to him had already been revealed and it was this great truth he gave to the world but the world could not receive it because of its belief in the things of the world.

The world was unable to grasp the wonderful truth of the continuity of Life of which Jesus personally knew, because the Christ they did not know had revealed it unto him and it is the same power that is revealing the same truth again in a different form but nevertheless the same continuity of Life.

Now these several states or modes or planes of being in our Solar System are constituted in Life carrying different intensities of vibration.

The more central or higher the state the more rapid and intense are the vibrations of the Life in that degree, the more external or lower the state the slower are the vibrations of the Life Substance in that mode or degree.

The differences in vibration entail that these states remain discrete (distinct) from each other as consciousness is always correlated to the degree of Life to which it pertains, yet while consciousness functioning in the lower or outer modes of being cannot see the forms of living beings in the higher states except through certain conditions, they remain inaccessible.

But the Life pertaining to the higher, through to the central state can interpenetrate the lower degrees of life and cognise it in that level. Consequently our angel parents can know our life on this outer plane and with this knowledge we can co-operate with the higher unseen Forces waiting to help us at all times through a bond of Love that is not known to human experience.

This is a spiritual Law of which we have seen the effects without knowing the Cause.

We who are living in the most external state are confined to that state through our senses being a mechanism of perception built up of the Life Substance of that degree and only responds to the stimuli that vibrate in unison with those of its own constitution.

We know that portion of the Universe to which our senses respond and as our senses respond to only an infinitesimal fraction of what really is we recognise how limited our senses are.

When we realize the logical necessity of the Infinite Self as the basis and precondition of finite selves, as Self-Consciousness can have no beginning—time and process being in and for Self-Consciousness—we operate upon a law that reveals to us this higher power that we can use in our external existence.

We find ourselves as units of Self-Conscious Life living here in this external world and endowed with the faculty of identifying ourselves with the Universal or of apprehending our unity as integral units of and in the Universe.

No human thinker has ever dared to formulate a theory with regard to the process by which the Infinite Self particularises Itself into finite unit selves. The leap from the Infinite to the finite has had to be left a blank and has remained an unbridged gulf.

But this information coming from entities who speak from actual experience of their descent and re-ascent in the process of becoming is therefore of the greatest advantage and of supreme interest to every living being upon the earth.

This information I am told, has been relayed from one plane of Consciousness to another through finite selves operating on these planes until it is received on the outer in which we live.

I am told that there is no other Law in this outer plane that has not its prototype in the inner archetypal state and plane. Our prototypal process occurs in the inner state of the Universe in which our conception of separateness in space is transcended. The process in action is: as above so is it below, exactly the same, it is but a question of relativity.

This atom, tiny and invisible though it be, is really akin to the planetary system. In the centre is a positively charged electron, round it spins an innumerable number of negatively charged electrons, the same distance relatively speaking that separates the electrons is in exact proportion to the distance that separates the sun and the planets. The same Law and action underlies both, the only difference is degree.

This shows that the Life Currents mediated from the Solar Angels to man on earth is no more inconceivable as regards distance than the action that occurs in the atom is identical to that which operates in our planetary system.

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“I am Alpha and Omega the beginning and the end.
I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain
of the Water of Life freely.” Revelation 21: 6

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It has been shown that the Creative Life in the Infinite Self is identical in nature to that in man, the only difference being in degree.

The degree of Self-Conscious Creative Life upon the earth is in exact correspondence to the vibration of the modification of the non-Self-Conscious Life Substance in which it manifests, being transformed down through several media or states in the formation of the Cosmos.

The similarity is seen in electricity. The Electric-Current that leaves the power house at a tremendous voltage is transformed down as it passes through the various sub-stations or transformers until it reaches the degree necessary to be used in a 250 volt lamp or motor. It will be observed that it is the same current of electricity that left the power house, the only difference is in degree. This helps us to understand what these Cosmic operators are trying to show us, that the Creative Life of the Infinite Self is identical in nature in the finite self, the only difference is in degree proving the inseparable eternal link we have with our Father-Mother-God, the Supreme Power in the Universe.

In seeking to understand our place in the Universe we realize the necessity of a fundamental unity relating man with the Universe as an integral unit of that Universe and we find the solution we seek in the Divine Immanence and transcendence of the Universal Divine Creation or Life of the Infinite God, which must of necessity include man, otherwise the Infinite could not be Infinite.

In the past this solution carried with it an inherent paradox, that being: If the Divine is immanent in man why is man not aware of it?

This limitation in finite cognition in many seekers has led to doubts and theories of the Universe as merely mechanical, eternally undergoing mechanical change. Others are repelled because the demand of their heart is for a personal God and others again prefer to consider that God had only one Son and does not incarnate His Life in all His other children.

In studying the religions and systems of philosophy current on this earth, it is the limited individual intelligence that judges and decides what particular system he or she will identify themselves with.

This is conditioned by temperamental emotion and feeling, by heredity and by the influence of environment. Consequently we see the many different views on religion and philosophy, while the real knowledge is rejected as it was two thousand years ago when the man of Galilee trod the earth. The reality of his teaching has been submerged by sanctimonious formalities with the result that man is still ignorant of the message he brought to the world.

We know that man does not originate his own life, he does not build up his own organism, that is done for him. The inflow of life that then occurs does not cease at birth but continues and builds up the organism and continues till death and after.

It will be realized that the Immanence of the Divine Life in man, living and knowing through him, demonstrates the invincible immortality of man, and as there is only one and there can only **be** one creative mind, and this pervades all boundless space in which we can move and have our being, there is no possibility of one particle of life being separate from the whole.

It has already been made clear to us that the “ether” or Universal Mind or the ever-present Intelligence is acted upon by the Creative Power of the Self-Conscious Infinite Self by means of Its thought or awareness. This Intelligence is the basis of all things but is not everywhere acted upon by the Creative Principle and this is what is called “The Infinite in repose.” The Universe in which we live is therefore the Creative Principle of the Infinite Mind in action, and where there is action there must be the Creative Principle underlying it.

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We must not fail to observe two great facts, viz:

1. That the Universe is created by the very same principle that exists in man, the only difference being in degree;
2. That the Universal Mind is Spirit, active and passive, the Creative Principle acting upon the Intelligence or passive phase. So Spirit makes things by becoming the things it makes.

As Substance is found to be energy and energy in its final analysis becomes Intelligence, then the thought of the Creative Principle turns this Substance into things, that is why all things must be Spirit in manifestation, according to the vibration of the degree of the Creative Life animating the manifestation. The Word was with God, the Word was God and the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us.

This should clarify our minds as to the part we play in the Divine plan, for if Spirit produces a world and flesh by becoming the world and flesh then we produce the thing we desire by the same Creative Power. When we deeply discern the true meaning of this we will realize that we assimilate the things about us according to our predominant thoughts. If we are ignorant of this fact we find ourselves surrounded by conditions the cause of which we are unaware, and this causes us fear, apprehension, confusion and sorrow. Yet with the ultimate power within us when carried to its highest degree of what we are capable of through understanding, we can virtually create out of the Universal Substance about us. It was by this means that Jesus materialized from the atmosphere the bread and fish to feed the multitude.

If we cannot at present use the full power of the Son of God, even so, by our enlightened consciousness we can at least expect our bodies to yield to our Divine aspiration to produce what is within in the outer, and that our environment will reflect the mental attitudes we hold, “and to as many as receive, to them gives He power to become the Sons of God in very truth and understanding.”

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* See page 104

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THE REALITY WITHIN US

The last lecture brought us to the point where we have to choose between superficialities and realities. In everything these two exist—one is, and the other is of our own making and it is essential for us who are gaining the power of the Creative Principle through understanding to be ever watchful until that time comes when we will act automatically in accordance with the Divine pure action that is of the Life itself—the Reality within us.

If we live in a state of separation we have reactions to things external to ourselves, when we act from Life we have no such reaction for then our action is pure action. If you are still living in separation then you will have continued reactions and you should know whether by now you are living in separation or you are moving towards the unity which is real.

Pure action is spontaneous and acts from the Life within, always going outwards. I have mentioned this before to you. I have noted that some have not quite grasped the true significance of this perfect living.

Some react to conditions and circumstances that sometimes pains me, yet nevertheless I can see how you are making the effort to sustain that true expression that comes only through experience. As you have these experiences you begin to see how superficial you are and by the continual effort you are making, freedom will come, for freedom only comes through experience when we note these experiences and understand them.

Take criticism for instance, criticism is only of value in so far as it trains your observation so that it can eventually be turned upon yourself, that is the real purpose of criticism. The superficial is when you criticise others and are blind to your own weaknesses. Robert Burns* said, “God knows I am no’ the thing I should be, nor am I even the thing I could be.”

* Robert Burns (1759-96). Scottish poet, many of whose poems are written in Lowland Scots.

I remember when at one time I criticised others, but when I turned that criticism upon myself I could see that which I criticised outside myself remained in my own heart and mind. The moment I saw this I began to grow and I began to destroy the superficial. Most criticism is dependent upon the personal, on moods, circumstances and limitations. As you gradually free yourself from the personal and superficial elements, the essential and real will be your guide.

The moment you enter into reality you are at peace with the Universe and you become a power that shall purge the world of all its unnecessary stupid childish things. When once you have grasped the Reality, that fundamental principle of Being, when once you have come into an understanding of it through impersonal criticism and examination, discovering your actions and reactions, discerning them impersonally, then through your own efforts you will dissipate the darkness that surrounds the Life and the lives of others, that darkness that I call the superficial, the unessential.

In the first place you must get rid of the personal element of moods, likes and dislikes. You cannot do this just by merely skimming the surface but by careful impersonal examination and discernment. When you have seen these superficial and non-essential things in the Life you will begin to discover “you”, yourself, that central Reality which no changing mood or environment can ever disturb.

Each one of you is either contributing to the growing sorrows of others and the world in general by lack of discernment of your moods and reactions or you can diminish them by observation and reflection; by kindness. But this can only be done through your individual effort, by noting your moods and feelings, being ever watchful that your moods, words, criticisms, antagonisms are transmuted and dissolved by affection that becomes spontaneous through self-realisation. It is only through this pure action that lasting happiness comes.

You must not approach this in the sense of possession nor in the state of rivalry as to who understands more and who understands less.

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There is often antagonism between individuals approaching the same truth. The Truth must become the dominant factor, not individuals; Reality must become a living perceptible enthusiastic realisation of Itself in activity through conduct. In this way you do not lose yourself in theories or philosophies but you are all the time translating your understanding and affection into daily action.

You are not judged by your religion or philosophy but by what you are, by the manner in which you treat others, the manner of your friendship, the manner of your help under all circumstances and not what you hold intellectually as your philosophy. It is not what you know that counts but what you are.

Turn your affection towards the Living Reality which abides in every other individual as well as yourself then you will cease to criticise the un-essentials, cease to be antagonistic, and instead of being a barrier to others you will become their guide, the philosopher and friend. The Reality within you will be translated into pure action and the joy of living.

Thus all conduct will ultimately lead to that Pure Being, so that the question may not only be **what is** ultimate Reality, but the practice of translating that Reality into conduct.

In other words, we must not lose ourselves in the discussion of Reality, in questioning something which can only be realised by oneself through perception, discernment and effort, otherwise we will be discerning the Absolute without any value to our practical life.

Seek to do good for good's sake, not for vanity or selfish ends. Pure action is spontaneous, it never seeks anything in return. It is the River of Life that flows eternally from the Font of God. "As much as ye have done unto one of these so have ye done unto me." St. John.

James 2: 2-4. "Suppose there comes into your meeting a man who wears gold rings and handsome clothes, and also a poor man in dirty clothes; if you attend to the wearer of the handsome clothes and say to him, 'Sit here, this is a good place,' and tell the poor man, 'You can stand,' or 'Sit there at my feet,' are you not

drawing distinctions in your own minds and proving that you judge people with partiality?” (Moffatt)

James 3: 9-13, 17-18: “With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with the tongue we curse men made **in God’s own likeness**; blessing and cursing stream from the same lips! My brothers, this ought not to be. Does a fountain pour out fresh water and brackish from the same hole? Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives? Or a vine, figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.”

“Who among you is wise and learned? Let him show by his good conduct, with the humble modesty of wisdom, what his deeds are.”

“The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, forbearing, conciliatory, full of mercy and wholesome fruit, unambiguous, straightforward; and the peacemakers who sow in peace reap righteousness.” (Moffatt)

(Here this lecture ends)*

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THE SELF-CONSCIOUS LIFE

In the Introduction of the Master's Course I make a statement:

“I feel it a great honour to be the bearer of this message to the world; but I do not claim any special privilege, nor do I claim any spiritual quality that makes me any different from my fellow-men.

“For many years I have been an earnest worker and a student of the Inner Teachings, healing the sick and teaching what I knew of the Truth all over the world, and I have met with a very large measure of Success. For this I alone was not wholly responsible—as I now know—having been spiritually helped and guided throughout all these years of probation.

“It was not until one night when a mysterious Visitor appeared to me that I knew what my real mission was. He spoke these words: ‘I have been with you a long time but you know it not. But now the time has come for me to make myself known to you. I will guide you to the Himalayas in Tibet, where you shall receive instructions for your real mission. Many are called but few are chosen; are you prepared to leave all and follow me? Fear not, for the world will rejoice—the message you will bear will take away the confusion from the minds of the people; and those who will hear you are my people. I will be by your side and your strength shall not fail, for whom God has chosen he shall sustain.’ Then he took his departure as silently as he had come.” I am repeating this statement so that you will understand better what is to follow.

The answer to your question of the similarity of information given in previous communication will be answered in this communication later.

What I must impress upon you again is the Truth or fact that matter is resolved into energy and energy into Intelligence which is, in fact, the Universal Mind and the Substance out of which all things are made. Now, this Substance fills boundless space—I am repeating these facts to you so that you can get a thorough grasp of the fundamental principles underlying the Universe and the finite Selves who inhabit it.

We have seen that non-Self-Conscious Life—Universal Mind—is formless. It does not create form by itself. Nor does it originate thought, although it causes thoughts to be generated in the finite self, as will be seen in the next communication.

It is the passive phase and is animated by thought generated by the Self-Conscious Infinite Life as the active phase.

Thus we learn that the non-Self-Conscious Life is acted upon by the Self-Conscious Life and produces the visible Universe by acting upon the invisible, moulding this Intelligence or Substance into form. Thus we are led to the inevitable conclusion that the visible existing Universe in which we live is the direct result of the Infinite Active Conscious Life acting upon and through the passive Infinite Intelligence, that boundless sea of unmanifested mind.

The Infinite creates within Himself finite selves through which He creates unlimited universes and forms in numberless variations. The formula I have already given must be accepted and applied in your own daily experience. “Consciousness directs, Intelligence fulfils that direction and form is manifested.”

The finite is made in the image and likeness of the Infinite, its Parent. The finite “you” is the “I am” made incarnate in flesh.

What I want you to observe is that the Intelligence acts impersonally, creating the pattern that the Consciousness holds within it so that the Invisible becomes visible. Remember that you are living in an Eternal Living Infinite Mind that can never pass away. Forms change and dissolve back into Mind Substance to be recreated again and again, but the Substance still remains the same. Consciousness and Intelligence transcend all forms yet animate all forms throughout boundless space. Read into this

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your finite action and you will know that good and evil are but relative terms. They are the interpretation you put on the things you create. Apply the dissolving action of true discernment to your thoughts, emotions and reactions for this is of prime importance in your daily life, and as the secrets of matter or the material world are revealed and its inherent power released the more will we understand that the Universe is of a Spiritual basis.

To maintain such a Consciousness, to create necessitates the presence of the Infinite Conscious Self in its finite creation, as it is the only creative principle in the Universe.

The complementary components of the Absolute are comprised in the dual unity of the one Infinite Life prior to manifestation. The process of manifestation implies the unifying of these dual components in finite selves, so that they may become like unto the Infinite Self but in finitude or degree, having the same quality and mode of action.

The finite Self-Conscious Life is the Infinite Self whose life it is and whose wisdom, love and power permeate, comprise and determine the whole of his-her Life by means of the Life Current which ever flows from the Central Fount through all His finite selves while ever remaining transcendent to them in His own Central State yet immanent in finitude within them.

The order of the Universe is perfect and its variations are innumerable. The Principles engaged in forming worlds are incessantly engaged in evolving them. In no other way can perpetual youth be bestowed upon the finer bodies and spheres in space.

When atoms are sufficiently refined to ascend above the mineral compound, they enter into the formation of the vegetable life, likewise the finer atoms of the vegetable enter into the building up of the animal structure.

Animal atoms, sufficiently refined, enter and support the human bodies and the most refined atoms of human bodies which are not required to construct and support the fleshy garment of the immortal Self-Conscious Life are used in forming the solids, fluids and ethers in the inner states to which all humans are being

incessantly hastened, there to further unfold the Infinite Self-Conscious Life within them and to further evolve the atoms of substance making up the solids and fluids and ethers of the higher or inner states.

It will be observed from my previous communications that there are several states of being attached to your earth alone. It has been made plain to you, I hope, that the earth is a condensed form of the finer substance which makes up these planes, each becoming progressively finer as we proceed inwards. This inward progression of the finite self is also accompanied by an unfoldment.

You must remember that while on earth the finite self “you” cannot understand fully what you do not sense, and as your senses refine correspondingly with your progression so the Universal is revealed to you in each successive stage. The fact is that your human brain has not the capacity to understand what it cannot fully comprehend, and your comprehension is limited by your understanding.

When I tell you that in the inner spheres of existence there are also forms similar to yours on earth you will realise that the higher prototype of that which exists on earth exists in the spheres above. Customs and life are changed according to the conditions existing on these planes.

Many of your existing works, especially those obtained through inspiration or direct communication as you are receiving now, have their astral prototype and the exact wording is often given which confuses those who do not understand this type of work. Your higher spiritual works are but the exact replica of what is held above, with the exception that at times there creeps into the expression on your plane some personal ideas and ideas held by the majority of people, but this is counteracted later on as the instrument becomes more attuned to the higher influences.

You must remember that we have also books with records of information mediated to us from the higher and more interior Solar Systems and such work is being mediated to you.

I do not want you to think that you or anyone else is a super-being for there is no such thing. “Super-being” is but an idea,

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begotten by one who may produce or do more spiritual work, but that is in accordance with the design within. As the finite self progresses in the various states so does the unfoldment produce the capacity to produce more and more power because of the Self-Conscious Life Principle being forced to act in accordance with the state the finite self inhabits. You may say that we are superhuman beings, but that is because you are not yet functioning on the higher planes of being.

I want you to criticize what is given you but do not disregard it for we are able to give you much information provided you empty your mind of preconceived ideas that prevent true knowledge being received.

May this Love and Wisdom of our Glorious, Indescribable, Adorable Loving Father-Mother-God and the Light of His Mighty Angels surround you in your great and glorious work.

BENEDICTION

Our Father-Mother-God, we are all Thy children. We are seeking our way back to our Source, the one Abode of Light. Show us the one Highway of common realization to where all bypaths must eventually lead.

All religions are but branches of the One Tree of Truth, some yet unaware of the One Life within that Tree, which is the only Reality. Help all to see this Life.

In the one Temple of Silence the chorus of many religions is heard by Thee, yet their differences serve to separate us from each other.

Teach us to chant in that one harmony of Love so that the melody of all Souls shall sing as one with Universal understanding of the one Life and Immortality.

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