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EDITORIAL

SOUL AS CONSCIOUSNESS

SOME CONFUSION exists in the minds of earnest students as to how to determine what is, and what is not, Soul Consciousness. Throughout the Impersonal Teachings it is many times made clear that Soul must be considered in *terms of consciousness*. However, man in physical incarnation is centered in his outer mind the greater part of the time, and even when he gains the ability to transfer the seat of his consciousness to the Soul plane, he still consciously or unconsciously translates, reports or describes Soul experiences in *terms of form*. Such Soul experiences are actually the impress of pure Spirit on the Soul body and, as already stated, are purely a matter of consciousness. Just the same the recording mind receiving the impression of some transcendent vibration proceeds to picture it as form.

Outlined manifestations of Beings, even the most inspiring visions of the great Lord and Master, Jesus Christ Himself, are

subject to change and vary according to the receiving mind. They are defined by the level of Soul development and by the beliefs of man's outer or mortal mind. This outer consciousness, receiving the impingements of a high Spiritual vibration, translates and interprets them in terms of the accepted and cherished faith. It clothes in the mental and emotional molds constructed by the mind registering the vibration, what originated as purely Spiritual force. Thus the visions of a devout and mystical Buddhist vary little from those of a mystical Christian, except in the presentation and form of the outer expression which is determined by the receiving mind. The status, mission and accomplishment cosmically of the Christ, or the Buddha have nothing to do with how the recipient interprets the vibration. The point is, that an impression from pure Spirit is received, and is then molded and fashioned by the experience, faith and accepted beliefs and also by *the expectation* of the Soul and of the outer mind.

Many Souls of a high Spiritual development have not had, in this life, the experience of visions, though probably in past lives they have passed through their share of such glorious experiences. Many do not have visualized impressions of Great Ones, though their whole lives are governed by a Spiritual impetus of a very high order. The presence or absence of visions is liable to be taken as an index of the status of a Soul, and of their especial guidance from the plane of Spirit. Many of the more developed Souls of today, however, bring a harmonized and balanced influx of power to the outer plane of daily life and are governed as certainly by Spirit as are those who see "visions and dream dreams."

Mary, in the Garden of the Resurrection, cried out to the Gardener, "Sir, they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid Him." Herein is recorded an episode of a highly mystical nature and one that is pregnant with meaning. Her beloved Master then opened Mary's eyes—expanded her consciousness—so that she recognized the Conqueror of Death. There are other and further gradations of the same expansion, extending to the ascension out of matter, and beyond all form. In the ever expanding of consciousness, which is the destiny before each Soul, many experiences will come, when the devout believer will cry: "They have taken away my Lord." But that Lord must ever be sought above and beyond, even the transcendantly beautiful and inspiring visions of the Soul Plane. As taught

throughout the Impersonal Teachings, Souls are passing through varied development and are in every level of experience. Successive physical incarnations are for the developing of Soul status, and the ultimate is beyond human conception. However, form appearing on any plane of manifestation, is an evidence of the negative pole of Spirit. It is brought into evidence by the *ensouling*, or the *formative power* of the feminine Principle of the creative force. As man's inner life re-awakens on his return to pure Spirit, and the consciousness of pure Spirit, he first becomes aware of the teeming world of etheric and astral life. Through experiences of every kind, he learns to function on these planes, then how to control them, and finally to *free his consciousness therefrom*. So he journeys through the inner worlds on his way back to the Father's House.

Each Disciple must, sooner or later, learn to KNOW HIMSELF. Through the mighty power of his own indwelling Spirit, he will gradually discriminate between his SPIRIT, or the true CHRIST SELF—the SON of GOD—and his Soul, which has, through aeons been led by this SPIRIT, to learn successive lessons. The differentiation of the SPIRIT and Soul levels of consciousness is one of the important features of the Impersonal Teachings, and one not always clearly understood. It is also a feature which can only be accepted by a deep and honest desire for true Spirituality accompanied by a willingness to relinquish cherished experiences and beliefs. An American sage once said, "We release our angels in order to entertain archangels." We lose our Lord one one plane only to rediscover Him on the next.

The Impersonal Teachings reiterate, that *Soul must be considered in terms of consciousness, not of form*. In one of the Impersonal Papers, the Writer says that "the human body is only a visible thought-form clothing the Soul," and that "the Soul is likewise a *thought form in consciousness* of a higher vibration clothing the Spirit" and that "the human mind directs the consciousness in the body, the Soul directs the consciousness of the mind." Again, "many . . . are becoming aware of their Brothers in Christ both those dwelling in the flesh and those in the Spirit. Not necessarily do they actually see them or hear them speak, for that is not essential to one in the Christ Consciousness. There is a *Spirit knowing* that is far superior to what is reported by the senses, *even by the Soul senses*."

Soul forms expand and change and grow in beauty and power. Man becomes aware of these glorious Forms and worships them and he does well, for thereby that with which he worships, is raised to see a further revealing and enlightening vision. But the discriminating Disciple will realize that all the while he is perceiving a *world of effect*, and that he must needs press on to a further level of expanded consciousness in which he will become aware of the pure causative consciousness back of the Soul form. On the island of Patmos, St. John the beloved, fell down and worshipped his Angelic Visitant. But he was admonished: "See thou do it not. I am thy fellow-servant and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: Worship God."

It must ever be borne in mind that in the Soul is gradually laid up the experience of countless lives; that the Soul is being educated and disciplined through this long schooling to become one future day the perfected instrument of its own creative Spirit, just as the mind and body are disciplined to serve the Soul.

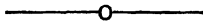
Soul therefore can only safely be considered in terms of consciousness and as such is ever growing and changing. Visions however transcendent and inspiring must be considered as *effects*. The Soul functions in duality as well as the outer personality, and must also in turn surrender its consciousness of the pairs of opposites. Soul visions for the one receiving them are indicative of that Soul's necessities and of the development of that Soul, and are not necessarily of value or of importance to another. Dreams and visions are for the inspiration, learning and instruction of the individual. They should be pondered, and their meaning read aright, but the vision *per se* is of little value, unless it is regarded as the outlined effect of a Spiritual vibration, and its form recognized as being determined by the desire, longing and need of the Soul and outer mind. Ideas, or Soul impressions, are illustrated to the human mind as pictures. Every thought clothes its self in form as the vibration is stepped down to the outer consciousness. This being so, no undue interest or attention need be given to the actual outpicturing, and every attention should be given in meditation, to the thought or Spiritual impress back of the vision.

It must be remembered that Souls are in process of being redeemed and will one far-off day themselves reach the exalted state of Sons of God. In the meantime, incarnation after incarnation are stages of Soul schooling, and visions are only one method of

instruction in Spiritual truth. The indwelling Spirit guards, guides and counsels in divers manners according to the individual Soul growth. The final and the only safe authority for each Soul is its own Higher Self—the Son of God who has watched over its development throughout the passage of time.

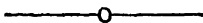
“Why seek in human or spirit teacher, guide, master, or angel, for the necessarily *limited* manifestation of My Perfection, when you can come *direct* to Me, God, with you, the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, the Inspiring Idea back of and within *All* manifestations? . . . *To think* of a master is to *create one*. This idea of a master, by your thinking becomes what you desire and imagine a master to be . . . In the personality of Jesus, the Christ I manifested, much of the Love Impersonal, enuf to inspire and lead you into seeking to emulate His Life and His Personality, and through such seeking and striving, to awaken in you the Consciousness of the Christ *within you*. Through this awakening and the realization that the Christ is but the channel or door that opens unto Me, I have finally brought you to the point where you can enter in and consciously become a part of My Impersonal Life.”

—From pages 120-132 of *The Impersonal Life*.



THAT which constitutes the SUPREME WORTH of LIFE
Is not wealth, nor ease, nor fame, not even happiness,
But SERVICE
NOTHING AT LAST COUNTS BUT SERVICE,
And that ALWAYS COUNTS.

—Alfred W. Martin.



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CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

THE Editor of the INNER LIFE MAGAZINE, and the Writer of the IMPERSONAL LIFE and other Impersonal Works passed from this plane of activity to a wider field of action on September 24th.

The following so perfectly expresses what those near and dear to him feel, that we print it without further comment.

HE DID not die. Such a word as death does not befit a Soul like his. He saw afar a field of work, so mighty and so vast, that life unhampered by the body, called to him, and gave him power to rise above earth's limitation, into what is to us the vast unknown, where, hidden from our mortal eyes, God's mighty store-house teems with treasurers, crying for expression. This life which we believe the real, faded as dim mist, before the sun-rise. He saw the vastness of the unexplored; saw lands of mighty prospect, where Souls which he had left when his desire for service, called him to this plane, were waiting for re-union. He had lived out his life of service here, yet, willing to serve more, he lingered on, knowing the need was vast for our dark planet. He waited as a loved one waits beside a needy friend, asking "what more is there that I can do for you, is there no other burden that I can lift to lighten yours?"

He waited in his great desire to help, but God's Voice called from out the far extended realm of distance, unmeasurable even to the strongest telescope the earth affords. As a wanderer climbing mountains hard with stones, and summits hidden, in answer to that call, he left the beaten track to mount with ease what seems to our holden eyes a star strewn sky, the depths of which we do not know. There all the treasures he had earned, awaited him, the Book of Life, unknown till now, opened its pages before his fascinated eyes; all that he had believed and more a thousand times, stood out in front of him. The speck of earth he left behind, fell from him like an unwanted garment, or like a crumb which falls unnoticed from the table to the floor.

"Behold, I live!" the message comes triumphant, as with the swiftness of electric power, the great undying Soul cuts its way through the vastness of the never-ending treasure-house of God.

—*Evelyn Whitell.*

A MONOLOGUE ON LIFE

BELOVED CHILD, you say that you would know more of death? But, I know not the meaning of the word, for I am LIFE ETERNAL. Death is a word made to describe the ignorant imaginings of the human mind, therefore it has its existence only in the world of that human mind, and it does not touch the real You, the Soul, or ME, the SPIRIT. My Child: the Soul is immortal, and knows an endless life. The Soul is the real part of every man you meet. And yet, with knowledge of this truth, when one who is dear to you lays down his body-covering because his work on earth is done, you grieve. O child, what ignorance and foolishness is this? What subtle sophistries and cunning suggestions has the devil of self planted in your mind? Perhaps you think it is a duty thus to grieve, so that they who have left your mortal sight may know of your love? Well cast aside such thoughts and still yourself, and listen well to ME, your own CHRIST SELF.

I AM the LIFE, the only BEING in the body, in the mind, or in the Soul. When you meet another one and are drawn to him, you think, unless you step back here to ME, that you love the John Smith part of him you see. You think, do you not, that it is the John Smith part that is nice, and kind, and gentle? Yes, you think these things, but you think them only with your human mind, and consequently they are not true. In reality, whether you are aware of it or not, what you like in the other one, I ALONE AM, for I ALONE AM GOD, FOR I AM the only Life there is. It is My Intelligence which holds together each cell of the body that you see with your eyes, and it is my Life that animates and makes that body do or say whatever it does or says.

What conclusion then do you draw, from what I have said? Is it not, that since it is I, GOD WHOM you love in everybody, and since I AM eternal and undying, you could never possibly lose your loved one, or lose the love of that one who left your mortal sight, for I AM your loved one? And do not think, because of this, Dear Child, that you do wrong to your loved one by giving him no love or praise for the good he may have done in your life. Remember I AM a jealous God and I want all of your love, and

I have that now, for I AM all that there is, but it must be a CONSCIOUS Love. You must be conscious of what you are loving. So with this Knowledge, just know that the Soul of the departed body lives just as it has always lived, for I live in the Soul *forever*, loving it and caring for it even as I did when it had a body. So now My Child, stop thinking for a time and rest in silent thought, and let these words I speak fill full your troubled mind.

“BE STILL AND KNOW—I ALONE AM. I AM your Real and only Self. I AM the Light and Life in you; the Light and Life which dwells in every one upon the earth and in all realms of consciousness. All things are filled with My Eternal Life, and are filled and surrounded by My Pure white Light of Spirit.

“I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in ME shall never die? Believeth thou this?”



CHRIST IN ME

LIFE hath no measure, design or goal
If not to teach me
That I and Thee, dear Christ art one.
That I AM THAT I AM
Which IS and WAS, and IS TO COME.
That no man cometh to the Father,
But first by finding ME,
Acknowledging ME, Waiting on ME,
Letting ME rule completely
All Issues of his life.
Him the Father Loveth and
blesseth as His Son.

—J. S. Benner.

THE IMPERSONAL TEACHINGS

THE MESSAGE of the IMPERSONAL TEACHINGS is that same essence of Truth to be found at the heart of all religions, namely that GOD is ALL and is *in ALL*: and that the human Soul only reaches its full stature in Union with, and as an expression of this indwelling Principle of Life. Each school of attainment has one method or another of discipline necessary to train and subordinate the vehicle of the outer personality. Step by step these schools lead their Disciples, first, through much detailed discipline to their recognition, and the experiencing of Spiritual laws, and finally, to actual conscious, Union with the Divine.

Mysticism, in its pure state throughout the ages, has given this joy of Union and insight to its devotees. Whether they belong to the Buddhist faith, whether they were Taoists, Sufis, or Catholics, the record of their exaltation and their consequent illumination is alike a revelation of the Homeland of the Soul.

Jacob Boehme, that God-taught philosopher of the 16th Century, says, that ten minutes of exalted Soul Consciousness revealed to him more truth regarding the nature and composition of the Universe, than he could have learned in years of University study. Large numbers of people have touched this consciousness in dreams: at times of great stress when barriers have fallen: or in moments of meditation. But they have not known, nor have they perhaps even attempted to retain or regain this liberation.

The particular gift of the IMPERSONAL TEACHINGS lies in the simple but essential way in which, *when followed faithfully*, consciousness is raised to a state of illumination. When adhered to, practiced and persisted in against all odds, the truths in the IMPERSONAL LIFE will sooner or later erase the confines of the three-dimensional mentality, and the *waking consciousness* will expand to Soul consciousness. Numbers of students of the IMPERSONAL TEACHINGS, unschooled in, and perhaps even unconscious of these older methods, testify to their ability to reach Soul consciousness *at will*, due to what the IMPERSONAL TEACHINGS have done for them.

The writer of the IMPERSONAL LIFE spent much time in study, meditation and research before his consciousness received

the truths written down in that book. By the written and the spoken word, he has shown his indebtedness to many other "God-taught" Souls. But his essential gift to this day is the simplicity to which he reduced the main truths elsewhere more elaborately taught, so bringing the eternal fact of UNION nearer to the struggling heart of humanity.

Several years after the publishing of the IMPERSONAL LIFE, the necessity for a simple and safe technique for the attainment of the Christ Consciousness became evident as hundreds of readers of the IMPERSONAL LIFE appealed for instruction. In response to this demand the IMPERSONAL PAPERS were written in which definite instructions were given as to how to find and enter the Kingdom Consciousness. These Papers are quite unique and hundreds testify to the Spiritual blessings that have followed their study. As time passed, the further need for a simple manual for self-discipline became apparent and the WAY OUT and WAY BEYOND text books were drawn up giving a simple, practical method of controlling the emotions, and training the mind, thus disciplining the whole outer personal man so that he might in time entertain in full awareness the Angel of his own Higher Self.

The very simplicity of the teachings developed in the WAY OUT and WAY BEYOND text books often hide from the inquirer the great value of their practical nature, as a very necessary preparation to the complete obedience and efficient cooperation of the outer faculties in carrying out the purpose and destiny of the Soul.

These books were first published in 1930. Later the value of a Correspondence Course based on their teachings, and on those of the Impersonal Papers, analyzing them in detail and bringing out their practical application, appealed to the author. Pressure of work delayed the fruition of this idea, but in 1936, with efficient cooperation from students of the Impersonal Teachings, the Correspondence School was initiated. This now comprises a first Course on the WAY OUT and the WAY BEYOND, and a second on the IMPERSONAL PAPERS.

Thus from the publication of the IMPERSONAL LIFE written as a Message from the Spirit within, there has developed a series of teachings covering the main essentials of mind training, the development of Soul faculties and the attainment of the Christ or Spiritual Consciousness.

THE ULTIMATE OF THE IMPERSONAL LIFE

AND shall I now tell you about My Impersonal Life—how you may *consciously* live It with Mē and be wholly One with Me, your True Self, your Father-in-Heaven?

Then listen! And meditate long and earnestly on all I now shall say. Do not pass by a single sentence or any one thought in it until My meaning becomes clear.

I seek nothing but to BE and EXPRESS My Self in and through you. My Self is purely Impersonal, for It is the Real of every human being. I AM the pure, perfect, selfless, *inner* nature of every human self, ensouled in their physical bodies in order to develop them into mediums for the expression of My Divine attributes on earth, even as it is in Heaven.

Therefore you, too, must seek nothing but to *be* and *express your* True Self, which is I, your Divine, *Impersonal* Self. Thereby do you unite your purpose with Mine, your will with My Will, your nature with My Nature; and thus become One with Me, and We become Two-in-One, the Divine estate on earth.

In order that this may Be, we must purge first your heart, then your mind, and then your body, of every sense and inclination of the personal self. That can be accomplished only by My Holy *Impersonal* Love, with which I will fill your heart, so that there will be no room in it for any part of self. With the heart purified and sweetened, the mind will attract and think only pure and sweet thoughts—My thoughts, which are always pure Wisdom. Therefore you will see only Purity and Goodness in all things. Naturally, then, being no more controlled or influenced by wrong thoughts, your body will become subservient to My Life, whose vitalizing, purifying and perfecting power will drive from it all inharmonies. Then, with only My Love in your heart, My Thoughts in your mind, and My Life in your body, you will *know* I AM, your own true Self—for then there will be no other self.

Then I AM, your True Self, will go forth in the world, but not be of it. You will no longer be attracted to or by it. But

you will see with My eyes, hear with My ears, and know with My understanding all things. You no longer will see only the outward appearance of things, but you will see them in their *Reality*. Nothing past, present or future will be hidden from you; for the limitations of the human nature are no longer there, and in My Nature, in the consciousness of My Impersonal Love, there is no time, space, personalities, or separation—*All is One*.

And you will go forth with the consciousness of this great Impersonal Love within you as the very substance of your nature, and through It I will uplift, strengthen, help and bless all whom I will lead you to or attract to you. Love being your *nature*, and on the earth plane in man being the pure and perfect *expression* of My *Life*, It is always pushing forth in and through him towards full, complete, harmonious outer manifestation.

And with the consciousness of your Divinity and of the Divine *Power* which My Love gives you, instead of parading such or giving evidence of such in any personal way, you will only give and help and bless Impersonally, seeking to remove all fetters, all hindrances, all limitations that prevent My *Life* in any way from expressing in and through your fellow beings.

Thus you become One with the One *Life*, with My Inner, Impersonal *Life*; therefore, One with Me, the Fount and Source of all blessings, earthly and Divine.

And therefore you will no longer *seek* to teach or lead others, because you have become *Impersonal*, and being Impersonal you will let Me, *within both them and you*, do all the teaching and directing. You will no longer seek to lead, but only to *follow Me*.

And you will no longer even seek to be wise, or good, or strong, or rich, or healthy, or happy, because you *are* all these things, being One with Me, Who AM the inner essence of which these things are but the outer manifestation.

And you will *know* that all inharmony presages the coming harmony; that all lack is but My urge towards complete expression; that all darkness is but shadow indicating the direction of the Light; that all weakness is part of the effects of training which will result in a perfected will; and that all evil is good and necessary—to one who has attained to My Impersonal consciousness and viewpoint.

And so you will go about your business, whatever it be, for then you will know that *all* business is My business. Instead of seeking and striving to gain for self the Spiritual blessings that lie at the mountain top, you will cease all seeking and striving, and will have *forgotten* self; and will feel only the urge to give, and give, and give of the Great Love within, letting *It* quicken and awaken and help and strengthen the struggling souls about you seeking to comprehend and obey the feeling of Me within their hearts, but who, owing to their immature and untrained minds, are misunderstanding that feeling and consequently My meaning, as I try to make it known from *within*.

And I will lead them to you or you to them, that I may teach them first from *without* through you. Just as I have brought to you My Message through these words, so will I give My Message to many hundreds of others through words I shall speak through *you*. But this can not be as I purpose it, until I can live My Impersonal Life in you—until you have yielded up your human personality to My Divine Impersonality. Not until *you* determine with all the power of your will, and yearn with all the hunger of your Soul, to *live* the Impersonal Life—to make your personal self wait upon and serve Me, your own True, Impersonal Self—can I give you even a glimpse of My Real Meaning. But when I have vouchsafed you that glimpse, My beloved, ever afterward will the glory of it be with you, and it will lead you on and on, and ever on, until My full meaning is forced from Me by the might of your Soul's Desire.

That is My Message. - Its mission is to awaken in you this Desire—the Desire to live the Impersonal Life. This is high teaching, and is for those only who can see it—for those whom I have prepared and made ready for its reception. To such, however, it is but the door which opens to far higher teachings, that I will give to them direct from out their own Souls—those who come to Me in loving faith and trust, and who are willing to empty their hearts of self, that I may fill them with My Holy, Impersonal Love. For I here promise you—I have in store for those who yearn to come to Me by the simple, loving, Impersonal way, great wonders of Spiritual Blessings, which will be to them a source of endless Joy; and that I will give to them, as I abide in them and they abide in Me, the *unlimited use* of All of My Divine Powers and Attributes.

—From *The Teacher*.

MAN, THE SCULPTOR

By Vera Eyton Wavell

EVERY man is a creative artist! Each one of us has latent within us the capacity to bring forth into visibility and tangibility the beauty and harmony of the Ideals with which Divine Mind is teeming. Some reveal this beauty and harmony to the world in the shape of an inspiring picture, others compose a musical symphony of so exalted and spiritual a nature as to lift up in consciousness all who hear it. Others again, hew from out the substance of a rough block of marble a loveliness of form reflecting living or inanimate nature, which their imaginative faculty, tells them is slumbering hidden within the marble.

But there is a more magnificent creative activity than this. You, however humble your present environment, have within you the capacity to bring forth exquisite forms and harmonious conditions compared with which the picture or statue that stirred an international public and brought fame to its maker are but cold and dead. You, are a supreme creator whose ability is divinely potent to produce in the external world, forms and conditions which express and manifest the ineffable perfection of the Most High, you can bring forth spiritual works of supernal harmony that will render your own being an ecstasy, and that will stir the Soul of all who contact them until they are inspired to follow the injunction spoken by our beloved Master: "Go, and do thou likewise."

This statement is not irreverent, it is not far fetched, the claim it embodies is absolutely practical, and it is the Truth. Just as did the Greek sculptor who gave to the world the glorious statue known as the Venus de Milo, so you may use your God-inherited faculty of imagination in combination with other faculties, to operate divine law to the end that you actually and literally, here and now in your everyday life and world, cause to express and outmanifest the transplendency of our Father, God Almighty.

Like the mundane artists to whom we have referred, you have latent within you the necessary qualifications. But they *concentrated* upon transmuting that latency into potency. They listened with an open and discriminating mind to the wisdom of those whose feet had trodden the path they yearned to tread and

gratefully accepted the tuition of such way-showers, as a bright torch to illumine their path. Rejecting the trivial and energy-wasting pleasures and indulgences of the lower sense-conscious self—the personality—to which our Lord referred when He said, “Deny thyself”; rejecting the society of those whose lives were given over to such indulgences, they sought the company of those as were fired with similar aspiration to their own and with them discussed their methods, results, and experiences, receiving inspiration from conversation confined to the work nearest their heart and from the fine examples of faith under apparent failure and undaunted courage. They studied, analyzed, experimented, and practiced what they were taught, and what they heard until by meditating upon it they unconsciously turned to the Kingdom of Heaven within them—(though they may not have recognized it as such)—therein to find their own most efficient and individual method for creating and bringing forth into visibility that beautiful thing which they aspired to bring forth.

Our mundane artist did all this. All who have impressively attained along any line have done so. And is it not wonderful to realize that the supreme and divine attainment of rendering one’s self an expression of the beauty, poise, joy, wisdom, and eternal vibrant life which is God, requires no more patience, no more sacrifice, faith, understanding, nor perseverance than was possessed and *utilized*—please note that word *utilized*—by him who achieved what the world would call outstanding success whether artistic, professional or commercial.

Just the same amount of training, control, and courage is required for transcendent as for mundane attainment. But what an inestimable difference in the worth and reward of that which is attained! No matter to what extent fame, praise, and money are lavished upon him who has conquered the external world, no matter how great his delight in that which he has won as his recompense, these are passing and trivial compared with the enduring and profound felicity of the man who through the overcoming of sense-consciousness and personality, has ceased to beget purely external structures and conditions.

This man is he who has understood and obeyed the instruction of Jesus Christ to “Let your light shine before men that they may

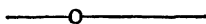
see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven” —This is the supreme genius of whom we have spoken earlier. Where the mundane sculptor expertly works with material instruments to hew out into visibility the beauty he knows to be within the dense substance of the marble, the Christ-conscious brother uses with equal and with trained skill, the divine tool of his God-perceiving imaginative faculty, to mold in universal ether—God Substance—the ideas which there abound, into shapes which represent an exalted, loving, wise, and divinely constructive Soul and character: a healthy and virile body: and an environment of joyous harmony and peace. To these molds or patterns which he has imaged in the high realm of ideas, he then applies his sustained and affirmatory thought working them out in detail until they are fixed in their perfection when he completes the creative process by speaking the Word, “Let there be”. His unswerving faith and spiritual knowing informs him that this Word, when uttered will cause them to come forth into enduring, death-defying, and unchanging visible existence that all may cognize.

It is done! Behold the perfect man in his perfect world, radiant expression of the Most High God made visible! The glory of it! To think that you and I may father such showing forth of sacrosanct Love and Perfection in our own being! Imagine the ecstasy of such being! Imagine if you will, the incomparable benefit we may bestow upon the world of men just by contact and by emanating this Love at all times. Did not Jesus Christ say, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth—material consciousness—will draw all men unto ME?” Then let us quicken our powers as embodied in our faculties, by working for and attaining the Kingdom of Heaven consciousness out of which we may set into operation forces for the productivity of good that will justify us in proclaiming “I, too, am lifted up from earth.” We have as our heritage the Light which is God in His aspect of Intelligence, and we have His Love. Let us use these two to divine effect. It is the only worthwhile activity there is for it embodies salvation and encompasses everything that our heavenly Father planned for His offspring and for His world.

Let us say *our* world. For we are one with Him and we have been told: “Son, all that is MINE is Thine.” Therefore, His perfect world is also ours, and all the holy good which He is, we are, being made in His Image and Likeness.

If all this is true, you may reasonably ask: "Why, then do we suffer?" This is the universal query and the answer is not far to seek. We suffer because we do not know our True Divinity, we have not become conscious of our Christhood, and of our Oneness with God's All-good. We can only have and be, that of which we are conscious, and as the greater part of mankind is at present immersed in sense-consciousness, the things and conditions that result from sense thinking, speaking, and doing, are what we have and seem to be, and in their totality they spell suffering.

But all discord can be overcome. Let us open our eyes to the Light of Truth, resolving to live, move, and have our being in that Light. It will illumine the path we are treading on our way back to that spiritual perfection, *conscious* Sonship and Oneness with God, from which we fell in ages past. By its radiance we shall be warned and guided along the road: Our Beloved Father Sent His only begotten Son to show us the Way. "I AM come a Light into the World, that whosoever believeth in ME Should not abide in darkness . . . He that cometh unto ME shall have the Light of Life." This Light shines out on the road of Life by which we are travelling back to conscious Union with Him: Union which will cause us to righteously employ our divine powers: Union through which every image we make in substance, shall be harmonious and beautiful, and every structure-building thought and word will bring forth our Image that shall reveal the perfection which is the very nature of God's Christ-conscious Son: Man, the Sculptor.



LET us then labour for an inward stillness,
An inward stillness and an inward healing,
That perfect silence where the lips and heart are still,
And we no longer entertain our own imperfect thought
 and vain opinions,
But God alone speaks in us,
And we wait in singleness of heart,
That we may know His Will,
And in the silence of our spirit
That we may do His Will,
And do that only . . .

—Longfellow.

THE LONG LOST CHAPTER OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CONTAINING the account of Paul's journey in Spain and Britain, also a remarkable prediction of Britain's glorious inheritance.

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With Notes and Comments
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IN BRINGING to the notice of the Christian Public the document known by the name of the "Long Lost Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles," we feel that we are fulfilling a duty to Christ and rendering a service to our fellows. In all probability not one per cent of Christian believers, not to speak of the general public, have ever heard of the "Sonnini Manuscript": yet how many earnest believers would be delighted to have corroborative evidence of the visit of the Great Apostle to the Gentiles to the British Isles. The document referred to, purports to be the concluding portion of the "Acts of the Apostles," and gives an account of Paul's journeyings after his two years enforced residence in Rome in his own hired house. It is written in the style of the Acts and reads like a continuation of it.

It was found interleaved in a copy of "Sonnini's Travels in Turkey and Greece," and purchased at the sale of the library and effects of the late Right Hon. Sir John Newport, Bart., in Ireland, whose family arms were engraved on the cover of the book, and in whose possession it has been for more than thirty years, with a copy of the firman of the Sultan of Turkey, granting to C. S. Sonnini permission to travel in all parts of the Ottoman dominions. The document was translated by C. S. Sonnini from an original Greek manuscript found in the Archives at Constantinople, and presented to him by the Sultan Abdoul Achmet. The following

is the contents of the title page of Sonnini's work, in which the English translation of the document was found: "Travels in Turkey and Greece undertaken by order of Louis XVI, and with the authority of the Ottoman Court by C. S. Sonnini, member of several scientific or literary societies, of the Society of Agriculture of Paris, and of the Observers of Men. 'Mores multorum videt et ubes.'—HOR., London: Printed for T. N. Longman and O. Rees, Paternoster Row, 1801."

The following is the English translation of the Manuscript, the authenticity of which cannot be vouched for.

THE ACTS

Chapter 29.

Verse 1. And Paul, full of the blessings of Christ, and abounding in the Spirit, departed out of Rome, determining to go into Spain, for he had a long time purposed to journey thitherward, and was minded also to go from thence into Britain.

Verse 2. For he had heard in Phoenicia that certain of the children of Israel, about the time of the Assyrian captivity, had escaped by sea to the "isles afar off," as spoken by the prophet, and called by the Romans Britain.

Verse 3. And the Lord commanded the gospel to be preached far hence to the Gentiles, and to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.*

Verse 4. And no man hindered Paul! for he testified boldly of Jesus before the tribunes and among the people; and he took with him certain of the brethren which abode with him at Rome, and they took shipping at Ostium, and having the winds fair were brought safely into an haven of Spain.

Verse 5. And much people were gathered together from the towns and villages, and the hill country; for they had heard of the conversion of the apostle, and the many miracles which he had wrought.

Verse 6. And Paul preached mightily in Spain, and great multitudes believed and were converted, for they perceived he was an apostle sent from God.

*Acts xxii, 21, ix, 15.

Verse 7. And they departed out of Spain, and Paul and his company finding a ship in Armorica sailing unto Britain, they went therein, and passing along the South coast they reached a port called Raphinus.

Verse 8. Now when it was noised abroad that the apostle had landed on their coast, great multitudes of the inhabitants met him, and they treated Paul courteously, and he entered in at the east gate of their city, and lodged in the house of an Hebrew and one of his own nation.*

Verse 9. And on the morrow he came and stood upon Mount Lud**; and the people thronged at the gate, and assembled in the Broadway, and he preached Christ unto them, and many believed the word and the testimony of Jesus.

Verse 10. And at even the Holy Ghost fell upon Paul, and he prophesied, saying, *Behold in the last days the God of Peace shall dwell in the cities, and the inhabitants thereof shall be numbered; and in the seventh numbering of the people, their eyes shall be opened, and the glory of their inheritance shine forth before them. And nations shall come up to worship on the Mount that testifieth of the patience and long suffering of a servant of the Lord.*

Verse 11. And in the latter days new tidings of the Gospel shall issue forth out of Jerusalem, and the hearts of the people shall rejoice, and behold, fountains shall be opened, and there shall be no more plague.

Verse 12. In those days there shall be wars and rumours of wars; and a king shall rise up, and his sword shall be for the healing of the nations, and his peacemaking shall abide, and the glory of his kingdom a wonder among princes.

Verse 13. And it came to pass that certain of the Druids came unto Paul privately, and showed by their rites and ceremonies they were descended from the Jews which escaped from bondage in the land of Egypt, and the apostle believed these things, and he gave them the kiss of peace.

*Acts xxviii, 7.

**Ludgate Hill and Broadway, where St. Paul's Cathedral is built in London.

Verse 14. And Paul abode in his lodgings three months, confirming in the faith and preaching Christ continually.

Verse 15. And after these things Paul and his brethren departed from Raphinus, and sailed unto Atium in Gaul.

Verse 16. And Paul preached in the Roman garrisons and among the people, exhorting all men to repent and confess their sins.

Verse 17. And there came to him certain of the Belgae to enquire of him of the new doctrine, and of the man Jesus; and Paul opened his heart unto them, and told them all things that had befallen him, how be it that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; and they departed, pondering among themselves upon the things which they had heard.

Verse 18. And after much preaching and toil Paul and his fellow labourers passed into Helvetia, and came unto Mount Pontius Pilate, where he who condemned the Lord Jesus dashed himself down headlong, and so miserably perished.

Verse 19. And immediately a torrent gushed out of the mountain and washed his body broken in pieces into a lake.

Verse 20. And Paul stretched forth his hands upon the water, and prayed unto the Lord, saying, O Lord God give a sign unto all nations that here Pontius Pilate, which condemned thine only-begotten Son, plunged headlong into the pit.

Verse 21. And while Paul was yet speaking, behold there came a great earthquake, and the face of the waters was changed, and the form of the lake like unto the Son of Man hanging in an agony upon the cross.

Verse 22. And a voice came out of heaven saying, Even Pilate hath escaped the wrath to come,* for he washed his hands before the multitude at the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus.**

Verse 23. When, therefore, Paul and those that were with him saw the earthquake, and heard the voice of the angel, they glorified God, and were mightly strengthened in spirit.

*Second Death—Rev. xxi, 8.

**Matthew xxvii, 24.

Verse 24. And they journeyed and came to Mount Julius, where stood two pillars, one on the right hand and one on the left hand, erected by Caesar Augustus.

Verse 25. And Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, stood up between the two pillars, saying, Men and brethren, these stones which ye see this day shall testify of my journey hence; and verily I say, they shall remain until the outpouring of the spirit upon all nations, neither shall the way be hindered throughout all generations.

Verse 26. And they went forth and came unto Illyricum,* intending to go by Macedonia into Asis, and grace was found in all the churches; and they prospered and had peace. Amen.

*Romans xv, 19.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

By T. G. COLE

According to Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea (A. D. 313-338), "*some of the Apostles passed over to the British Isles.*" This is most probable inasmuch as Paul was desirous to preach the Gospel to those to whom the name of Christ was not known, lest, as he says, "I should build upon another man's foundation." And having journeyed so near to Britain as Spain and Gaul, it is highly reasonable to suppose that he would wish to cross over to these Islands, particularly if he had heard that there were men of his own nation settled there. There can be no question that Paul had heard of the "Tin Islands," as the Romans had already conquered the greater part of Britain, and the Apostle would meet with many at Rome and elsewhere who had been there, either as traders or with the Roman army.

Theodoret, Bishop of Cyzicus, in Syria, supposes that after Paul had spent two years in Rome, he visited the islands of the sea, and he actually numbers some of the inhabitants of Gaul and Britain among the countrymen of the tentmaker.

Raphinus is the Roman name for Sandwich, in Kent. In the time of the Saxon Heptarchy there was still standing in Sandwich an old house called "The House of the Apostles." This is regarded as strong evidence that some of the Apostles visited Sandwich.

THE INVISIBLE LENS OF SELF

ARE YOU wearing invisible glasses? Not those small discs of carefully ground glass worn under the eyelids and over the eyeballs of such people with impaired vision who shrink from marring their physical attractiveness with old-fashioned spectacles. Whereas such glasses, while remaining entirely undetectable, correct and restore vision, the invisible glasses to which I refer distort, darken and confuse vision.

“But who would wear such ridiculous appendages?” I can hear you ask, and I can sense your incredulity at the answer: “Practically everyone. For to judge by the testimony of sense-perception is to judge imperfectly.”

To understand and prove this statement let us transport ourselves in imagination from the world which we see about us into the world of Soul, or Reality. There with the clarified vision of Soul we see a veritable Paradise of beauty and perfection. In awe and admiration we gaze about us, at this world of etherealized substance. Can it be that we have found the Garden of Eden? And these glorious Beings of Light moving through this Garden of Beauty? Are these our True Selves? From the almost blinding brilliance of these Great Ones and the radiance of their surroundings, we wonder if we have entered on to the Sun itself?

But as we watch, we see these Children of Light act in a fashion totally at variance with their true nobility. What causes these Beautiful Ones to act so queerly? What makes them regard one another with fear, distrust, suspicion? Why does one wonderful Being shrink back in hate and loathing at the approach of another beautiful Soul? And how bewildered, weary and beaten most of them seem, constantly putting their hands to their eyes or ears as though in pain. It is incredible! Is there no clue to this mystery—this living paradox?

As we are about to leave, completely baffled, we notice one of these Great Beings suddenly transfixed with an awesome Idea. Slowly, doubtfully, reluctantly—as though compelled against his will—he proceeds to remove from beneath his eyelids a pair of invisible glasses! Searching further he extracts from his ears a pair of tiny hidden ear-phones! Now looking about him, his

eyes grow large with surprise, and his countenance radiates joy, relief, peace and gratitude unmeasured. His entire attitude now changes to one of deep love, trust and appreciation of his Fellow-Beings, though they still regard *him* with doubt and suspicion.

Asking ourselves what brought about this greatly transformed attitude, we pick up the discarded eye-discs and ear-phones as possible clues to the answer, and carefully place them in one eye and one ear, leaving the other free. Then, shutting the free eye and ear we now look out upon our lovely Sun World and listen to its loving voices. **WHAT A SHOCK WE RECEIVE! HOW** can one little eye-disc so warp, twist and darken everything in view! The bright, etherealized Garden has become gross, darkened matter! The grand and glorious Beings have shrunk into weazened, fretful humans—crippled, diseased, filthy! The sweet words of love and blessing are now transformed by the ear-phone into vile words of hate and anger! Quickly we close the afflicted eye and ear and opening our free ones instead, once again the scene becomes as we first saw it—bright, beautiful, perfect.

Now we understand and sympathize with these glorious Beings who look upon one another with such distrust. They must **ALL** be wearing the invisible glasses of sense-perception which distort every word and view, including that of their own body into the horrible images found **ON THE GLASSES ALONE**, and which also influence and involve their sense of touch, taste and smell! How thankful we are to discard the borrowed glasses and ear-phones and return again to everyday living.

Returning once again to our accustomed earth life, we are startled to realize that we ourselves *have always worn these same hindrances*. Resuming our routine activities we find our perception again dulled, befuddled and deceived. We cry aloud: "Father why cannot we rid ourselves of these wretched glasses and never wear them again?" "Child," comes the answer, "for a short period in the Garden of Beauty you saw truly. That Garden is right here on this earth and you may live in it. But first you must realize that *you have created the distortive lens of self*. That this *self* is nourished and strengthened by you alone. That it can only be *dissolved* by a pure divine Impersonal Love which knows that no one else is to blame for the seeming imperfection: That your own distorted viewpoint through self's invisible glasses alone is responsible for all seeming wrong in the world, yourself or in your fellowman!"

Therefore, I repeat, "Are you wearing invisible glasses?" Do you say that self is in all men and therefore you *cannot* be expected to take the sins of this world upon your back, for they, too, are to blame? If so, you are still looking through, and strengthening self's invisible glasses, for even though your brother may also be wearing like glasses, how can that affect anyone but him? Such an argument is as devoid of real logic as would be the statement that part of the cause for the world's colored appearance when seen through red cellophane, was due to someone else also gazing through red cellophane at the same time! Or for a man blinded by cataract to blame his obscured vision of the world upon his brother's poor eyesight! In these cases it is the spectator alone who is responsible for what he sees, and it rests upon him alone to remove such obstructions. It can therefore be seen how inconsistent it is to insist upon sharing the blame with others for how self's distorting glasses and "sense-deceivers" are causing the world to appear to you!

Once you realize that you and *you alone are completely responsible for everything which enters your consciousness*, and for every person, thing, object or condition which you view as less than perfect: once you truly from your heart admit your guilt, freeing all others from blame for what you see, hear or feel; and then earnestly determine to allow LOVE to redeem your world by dissolving the lens of self now distorting it—then and then only will you have completely surrendered ALL to the Father; then and only then will you be able to abide continually in the Highest Realm of His Kingdom; then and then only will you be able to really help from His Consciousness your now Angel-Brothers to remove the glasses distorting their world.

"WITH your natural eyes you look upon the body of flesh while the Angels with their Spiritual eyes, look not upon the material body but upon the Soul—on Love and Goodness . . . If you had the Spiritual vision of an Angel, you would not look for the material form of the flesh; but for the form of the Soul in its lofty goodness. It would appear to your Spiritual vision in all its symmetrical elegance and pure grace, with its polished radiance and refinement, grown into this magnificent loveliness according to its virtue and goodness. The selfish man looks into the world as he looks into his mirror; only to see himself."

—J. C. Street.

GENERAL WASHINGTON'S VISION

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THE LAST time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more. "Let us go into the hall, he said. "I want to tell you an incident in Washington's life—one which no one alive knows of except myself; and, if you live, you will before long see it verified.

From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear Commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, the interposition of whose Divine Providence brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I mention who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that

strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

“I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of her eyes.

“By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become useless. Even thought itself had become paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarify, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

“Presently I heard a voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn,’ while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world—Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic and between Asia and America lay the Pacific.

“‘Son of the Republic,’ said the same mysterious voice as before, ‘Look and learn.’ At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his

right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

“A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, ‘Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh; look and learn.’

“At this the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word ‘Union,’ bearing the American flag which he placed between the divided nation, and said, ‘Remember ye are brethren.’ Instantly, the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more and united around the National Standard.

“And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, ‘Son of the Republic, look and learn.’ At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the clouds, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up.

“As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat,

I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast. Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'Union,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

"Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'Union,' he placed it upon the Standard, while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen.'

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gaping upon the mysterious visitor, who in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted. Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third, passing which the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union.'

"With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States. Such, my friends," concluded the venerable narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."

GOLDEN RULE CLUBS

A WAY TO ENTER THE KINGDOM

By Carol Snyder

SOME EARNEST and conscientious parents may be puzzled by the stress laid upon the formation of Golden Rule Clubs, feeling that their children are obtaining sufficient spiritual help from the Sunday School and from their own instructions in Truth. Before considering whether or not they are correct in their reasoning concerning the spiritual needs of their children, let us examine one very important angle of the situation generally overlooked; i. e., the spiritual value of such Clubs **TO THE PARENTS THEMSELVES!**

As an example of this statement let us consider the case of Mrs. A., an earnest and conscientious Truth Student living far out in the country practically isolated from all human contacts. Although spending much time and effort in the study and attempted application of the laws and principles of Truth she gradually realized that her progress was almost entirely intellectual, and that for some reason she had failed to transmute this knowledge into spiritual substance.

From her earnest study and meditation she realized that her big problem in common with all seekers was *self*, and she also knew the futility of fighting, and thereby giving added strength and reality to this false creation of the human mind. It was obvious that her need was some channel for unselfish service outside the narrow confines of her family into which she could throw her very life and interest, thereby *starving out* self from lack of that attention and interest upon which he "feeds." To realize this was one thing however, and to carry it out was another. What could she do, she debated.

Her starved soul cried out for Group Work as urged with such good reason by the Sun Center; but, being constantly confined to the house with young babies and one small girl, and living where the few people whom she would occasionally contact in a casual way were so rigidly orthodox as to frown at the very mention of any truths higher than those of their narrow creeds—*where*

could she find *anyone* of a like mind with whom to begin? The problem seemed hopeless until one day from Within came the answer—so simple, so obvious, so logical as to have been entirely overlooked: “If you desire to attract to you, your soul companions, do as did Jesus in His demonstrations—begin with what is *at hand!* When He desired to feed the multitude He made no attempt to draw down food from the skies—He took what little He already had—a couple of small fish and a few buns—**BLESSED THEM**, and thereby caused their increase many hundred-fold! Therefore, if you desire Group Work, take what you have; i. e., one small girl, **BLESS HER**, and your Group will likewise increase many, many-fold!”

What a revelation was this answer to Mrs. A., and what miracles of joy, blessing, and companionship resulted for both herself and the child! Together they entered their Sun Center Within, and learned how to live for *Him alone*. They visited, in consciousness, sick friends at a distance. No longer was Mrs. A. lonely and longing for companionship, for the beginning of this little Club soon led to her acquaintanceship by letter and later by direct soul contact with many other Golden Rule Club Leaders, and today she is a valuable servant of the Brotherhood selflessly serving in many ways both inner and outer, and by starving out self through forgetting him in her many activities, has finally entered the Kingdom for which she had so long searched in vain! All this the direct result of beginning with what she had at hand—one little four year old child!

And now, turning to a consideration of how the children themselves may benefit by such Clubs, let us analyze a recent delightful letter received from an earnest Truth student in New Zealand, whom we will call Mrs. B. whose little Club is growing rapidly both in numbers and in spiritual development.

In answer to our inquiry as to how she makes the Club so interesting to the children she answers as follows: “We conduct the Club in this way: we open with a song. I found the children did not care much for the Sunbeam Song so I took a song they knew. I love to whistle, my girl plays the piano, and we sing it. After a time I found they were tiring of this, so I got tambourines, whistles, and a drum and now we have an orchestra. This is a great attraction. The children take it in turns to call the Roll,

and in turn they bring a Thought and write it in a book. Then we repeat our Motto.

"At first I found them restless when I was reading the CHILD'S WAY OUT COURSE lesson, so I started them knitting patches. That was my way of keeping them quiet and it worked nicely. Now they sit still listening without knitting and they are all very eager to answer the questions. They are grasping this teaching so quickly. I see the good effects in many ways. Then, when there is time to spare they each in turn read from a book such as the Wigsie Fairies, Extraordinary Mary, and such good books; then they are discussed. It is surprising just what those discussions reveal! Then our closing song is "If Everyone Did Everyone a Good Turn Every Day." If you do not know this song I could send it on if you would like it. Then each child has to see how many things they can find to be glad about. They are also told to send out a good thought to someone who needs it, daily. We then break up, but I have great difficulty in getting them to go home. The time does not seem long enough for them!

"I am at present rewriting a little play to bring in our teachings, so that we will have a change later. I would be glad to know something of the puppet plays mentioned in the INNER LIFE magazine."

Even a casual reading of this letter gives convincing proof of the great benefits which this splendid Leader is deriving from her selfless efforts, not only in the love, the ever growing respect, and the companionship of the children themselves, but even more important, in the necessity of learning to draw upon her Inner resources to meet the various problems as they arise—for, every Truth student knows, the harder one draws upon these Inner resources the larger becomes the opening previously blocked by self—through which they flow into the mind until, by such continued drawing and enlarging, self and his false interests is completely swept away. And what exquisite joys are experienced by such Leaders in watching the spiritual unfoldment of these children made possible through themselves as channels!

The benefit to the children in the above mentioned Club is also so obvious as to need but little comment. They are learning during their most impressionable and formative years the supreme

importance of the Inner Life, the priceless art of concentration: the value of creative activity; appreciation of good literature: the benefits of original thought and discussion, too often suppressed by formal education: the joys of working together as a unit in all the Club activities including the orchestra, thereby developing the group spirit and brotherly love: and above all they are being given the opportunity to *know for themselves* by direct experience the all-importance of quieting the outer mind to let the Loving One Within be heard.

Could all of the above be accomplished by parental, secular, or even ecclesiastical instructions alone, unaccompanied by actual illustration, practice, and example? In case we desired to train our child to be a great Master of Art, Music, Law, or Medicine, could we accomplish as much by mere *verbal* instruction as we should by illustration, example, and the *provision of opportunities for actual practice*? No great teacher of such subjects would even consider such a procedure. This same principle applies with even greater force when we desire to train the child as a Master of Life, Truth, Love, Wisdom and Goodness to be God's consecrated Instrument here on earth! Therefore let us **SHOW** our children in every way *our own appreciation* of the primary importance of this Master-Art in our own lives, and, wherever possible *share* it with them by providing that vastly important opportunity for illustration and *actual practice* so richly furnished by a Golden Rule Club, not only for their sakes, but for our own best good as well.

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Editorial Note: We watch with deep interest the growth of the **GOLDEN RULE CLUBS**. If any of our Readers wish further information, we shall be glad to put them in touch with the writer of the above article.

Last year we published in the **INNER LIFE MAGAZINE**, a **WAY OUT COURSE** for Children. It is a most valuable and at the same time a very entertaining series of Lessons and has been greatly appreciated by Parents and Children alike. We are offering the issues containing this Course, which ran from June, 1937 to July-August, 1938, inclusive—though not consecutively—at the special rate of \$1.25 for the twelve issues, as we are very anxious to bring this within the reach of all Parents and Children.

INHERIT THE EARTH

By Ethel Adams Ratliff

ALL THE forces of the universe are brought to a focal point in You—in the very heart of your SELF. Here, in the very center of your Being, is potential Power to move mountains—to create or to destroy. Every thought of helplessness, weakness, vacillation is but the shadow cast by ignorance of your true capacity.

Always the I AM is the LORD, your GOD. The I AM is the LORD of your universe. The LORD who gives and the LORD who takes away: the LORD who does good and who creates (apparent) evil. "All Power is Mine," says this Lord, which is your SELF.

Though you may search until you are footsore and weary, heart-sore and in despair, you will never find that which you seek out *there*. Books, classes, teachers, masters, all will have their part in rounding out your experience and in bringing you ever nearer to that blessed moment when you will turn at last from the without, to the Within and there find peace and rest.

That which you have sought in the highways and byways you will find awaiting you within your own House when you turn from your wanderings and come Home. Here It has ever been, calmly and serenely waiting for the fullness of experience to turn your feet on the homeward path.

Your seeking and your wandering is for but a single purpose: to open your eyes sufficiently so that you may see and recognize your LORD within when at last you find Him. That you may see and rejoice in the seeing, that you are Yourself the LORD of Hosts. That you, Yourself, govern the host of thoughts, notions, opinions, and beliefs that make up the human personality you have builded.

You will find that you can say to this thought, "Go!" and he goeth; and to that one, "Come!" and he cometh. And in all the Universe there is none like unto Thee, for truly Thou art made in the Image and Likeness of God. There is no God-quality that you in your real SELF do not possess.

You have dominion over all the earth and nothing shall by any means harm you. So seek and faint not, for every step on the Path brings you ever nearer the goal of Self-discovery, of awakening to the truth of your divine Selfhood which IS, and WAS, and SHALL BE, time without end.

This is the fatted calf that will be killed for you when, after all your wanderings, you return to your Father's Home—to that which is your only true Home—your own divine Consciousness Within.

Here, where all the Power of the Universe is centered, is where You belong, where You rule, and where all things are Yours. Peace, Wisdom, Power, Life—yea truly—All Things! Both Now and Forever! For Lo, the I AM, the LORD of yourself is with you always, even unto the end of all worldly pretense, of all would-be domination by the human personality you have believed to be yourself, but which proves to be merely a straw-man flapping vainly in the breeze of ignorance.

The I and The FATHER are ONE. Your true SELF and your FATHER are ONE even as the ray of light is one with the sun and embodies all of its qualities.

"All Power is Mine," saith the Lord within,—the Lord which You are.

Come Home—and find your Self!

BE YOURSELF—AND INHERIT THE EARTH!

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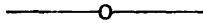
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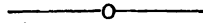
GOD ONLY

"IN THE market, in the cloister—only GOD I saw.
In the valley and on the mountain—only GOD I saw.
HIM I have seen beside me oft in tribulation;
In favor and in fortune—only GOD I saw.
In prayer and fasting, in praise and contemplation,
In the religion of the Prophet—only GOD I saw.
Neither soul nor body, accident nor substance,
Qualities nor causes—only GOD I saw.
I oped my eyes and by the light of HIS Face around me—
In all the eye discovered—only GOD I saw.
Myself with mine own eyes I saw most clearly,
But when I looked with GOD'S eyes—only GOD I saw.
I passed away into nothingness, I vanished.
And lo, I was the All-living—only GOD I saw."

—By a Persian poet, Baba Kuhi of Shiraz, A. D. 1050



"CONSIDER the World of Light of which the material world is but a reflected, unstable and shadowy replica . . . In this inner realm, Light is the Vesture of God—the Externalized Reality that forever ensouls all outer Light—the Seamless Garment of the Oversoul . . . the actual and potential seed from which all things proceed, and in which all things and creatures have their roots of Being. Light should be considered as an Entity and you have been told that every Ray of Light that you see is the outer body of a highly evolved spiritual entity. Light is also the substance-matter of the higher planes and that Light is also a Robe or state of consciousness . . ." Teachings of the Temple.



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THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM

By the Writer of
THE IMPERSONAL LIFE

THIS book contains Lessons I-XX of the Impersonal Papers, which were originally issued in 1928 to several hundred students of the IMPERSONAL LIFE, who desired definite Instructions how to find the KINGDOM WITHIN.

These Papers are unique in that they give in very simple form, the way in which consciousness may be expanded beyond the mental plane. However, as stated in the Introduction, these Lessons require to be studied and absorbed carefully, one by one, the meaning of each paragraph being fully grasped before passing on to the next. In short, the book should be used as the text book of a science would be treated, viz: the teachings studied and practiced until mastered. Otherwise their true value may be missed.

Definite teachings are given how to find the Kingdom of God, with actual directions pointing the way inward in consciousness to that place *within* where the Kingdom is to be found. Concrete instructions are also given for self-training and discipline such as will enable any earnest and determined seeker to find it alone, unaided by any but his own Higher Self.

It was intended, at first, that the teachings be given privately to those who were deeply in earnest and who would faithfully study and follow the instructions they contained, but the demand for them to be furnished in permanent form has become so great that the SUN PUBLISHING COMPANY now releases this book to the public, in response to continued requests.

The teachings make a book of about 350 pages, printed in good style, and bound in silk cloth. Price \$2.50 postpaid.

For those desiring to make an intensive study of these Lessons a Correspondence Course has been drawn up whereby the subject matter is given detailed analysis. Particulars on application to the Correspondence Course Department of the Sun Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE offering a limited number of copies of a **STUDENTS DICTIONARY**, now out of print at \$1 a copy postpaid. This book is a well-prepared Glossary of extensively used Metaphysical, Philosophical and Occult terms with an Astrological Supplement. A valuable addition to the library of every student.



MANY inquiries come to us from Students and Friends asking how best they may help humanity during this period of transition. Our answers vary widely according to the way in which the question is asked, and according to what the questioner is prepared to do. But we consider that all interested can spread the truths of the Impersonal Teachings on which our Work is founded and which, when lived and practiced, ultimates in each one finding the Christ within.

Some of our friends order regularly from us quantity lots of the low priced edition of **THE WAY OUT** and **THE WAY BEYOND**, and of Meditation Cards for distribution. Particulars of these will be found on the advertisement pages preceeding the Editorial in this issue.

We also supply circulars descriptive of our Work to those who can make use of them. These cover the aims of the Work of the Sun Center: a list of our publications, and an announcement of our steadily growing Correspondence Course Department.

But we believe that a wider circulation of the **INNER LIFE MAGAZINE** would bring to many the understanding they need at this time. If any of our friends care to help financially in such a distribution we have certain channels through which the Magazine can be distributed free. These include its presentation to Public Libraries and various Institutions as well as to individuals.

We ourselves are ready to cooperate in any way, and we offer a subscription to the **INNER LIFE MAGAZINE** free to anyone sending in five new subscriptions, or to advance, by two months, the date of the expiration of a present subscription on receiving the name of one new subscriber.

We hope to receive a warm response to one or other of these ideas.

THE IMPERSONAL WORK

IN THIS Department will be included teachings and truths for more advanced students, especially for those who have received the monthly lessons in the sixty-five issued Papers.

Some of our readers perhaps may not be able to grasp these truths, but we urge if so that they reserve them for future study and consideration, as they will contain matter of vital moment to the soul, when it is grown ready to receive and use it as intended.

YOUR CHRIST SELF

I YOUR Christ Self, alone am. There is no other self but Me. You think you *are*, but you are only because I am expressing My Self through you.

All that you are at present expressing of Me, and if you feel limited and are expressing imperfectly, it is because of your still thinking *you* are doing it all, and because you are not letting Me come forth fully in the doing of My Will and the expressing of My Idea and Purpose for you. You are hindering and limiting my expression by thinking yourself separate from Me, and by all your wrong thoughts about yourself and your life, which are really My Self and My Life.

If you would but fix your mind and heart wholly and always on Me, waiting upon Me every moment and for everything in your life, allowing Me to direct all your thinking, speaking and acting, you would soon realize that I am your only sure power, your sole reliable support, your never failing wisdom, your unlimited resource, strength and supply, always available and ever ready to respond to your need.

When your mind and heart are thus fixed on Me, they connect your consciousness with My Consciousness, My Word then being ever heard and known by them, they truly understanding that we are One, and are not separate. Hence there is no more anything in them to hinder My perfect expression in and through you, with the result that there is perfect health, perfect harmony, and you have become a perfect instrument for My use.

Likewise in your affairs, when there are no thoughts and feelings in your mind and heart that are not of Me, and you are truly resting in My Consciousness, can you not see all that I am, have and intend can and will express through you? For then there will be nothing to hinder My living My true life, doing My perfect will, being My bounteous self in you.

Then no matter what appears to your human senses, I, your Real Self, am here, and all that I am and have is here with Me, and is with you also; because what is Mine is yours—even if your human self cannot see it or Me. Proving that the real things are not those that are seen, and that what seems to be manifesting are not real, but are creations of minds that think themselves separate from the One Mind and the One Life.

So long as any human mind believes what appears is real, such appearance will continue to manifest to that mind and will influence all its thinking about it. But the moment the mind no longer believes such appearance, and instead turns to the eternal truths that are not seen by human eyes, then those truths will begin to manifest and to influence all its thinking, which means its life.

Can you realize what that means—that all the good, true and perfect things you have so long been seeking, are actually here now and are but waiting for you to accept and use them? Think! Will it not be glorious when you and I are thus truly one in consciousness, so that the Father's will can be done on earth through us, even as it is in heaven?

Let go then of all concern about your body, your affairs, your needs; for such concern only separates you farther from Me, Who am the perfect life of your body, the ruler of all your affairs, the supply of all your needs. For I ALONE AM, and I am all Wise, all Powerful, all Good, all rich and all perfect in every way,—I, a beloved Son of My Father, Who is one with Me, and all He hath is Mine; even as I am one with you, and all that I have is yours.

Therefore, refuse to see in yourself or your affairs anything that is less than all perfect and all good; for such could have no part in Me and consequently in you, who AM I, My Self.

When you can get your mind so that it has no will or purpose of its own, and it no more thinks it is yourself, has no thoughts

that are not My thoughts, and it lovingly looks to Me for everything,—then know, dear one, there will no longer be you and I, a lower and a higher self, but you will be I, and you will be My glorious Self, a Son of God, living My Christ life here on earth, even as I AM now living it in heaven.

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THE DEPRESSION

CAN you not see that the Depression is only in men's minds, that it exists only in the outermost and therefore the lowest, and darkest realms of consciousness? Which means in those low emotional states where all negative and destructive thoughts are rampant; in other words, where almost all minds are now wandering and are as good as lost—in the realms of the enemy.

And it is in these realms that the battle of Armageddon is now being fought—the final battle between the forces of light and darkness, of righteousness and evil. Make no mistake, it is being fought to a finish, and of course there can be only one result—darkness and evil will be completely routed and blotted out of men's consciousness—those who survive. *And those only will survive who have the Light of Christ shining in them in some degree.*

You as a Son of Light need not stay down in the consciousness of these dark realms; you can lift your mind from them any time you will into the light of your true being. There you find there is no battle, for where all is light no creatures of darkness can come anywhere near. In other words, they of the light do not need to fight; they simply radiate—by knowing who and what they are—and where they are the darkness immediately disappears. Think this over until you get its full meaning.

Such are you in your soul consciousness, and when you lift your mind into its light and compel it there to abide, which all must do from this time on, the only fight for you will be to save your brothers who are wandering in the darkness but whose souls are seeking the light. Such will be led to you for help or you will be led to them, when you must show them the truth of *who they are*, even as we have shown you who you are.

The way you can effectually do this is to *see only and talk to their souls*, looking right through their human personalities and not hearing what they may be saying; see the light deep within them and *call it forth into expression*—the Spirit of God, the True Self, which was from the beginning. If you can see that light clearly enough and can call it forth with conscious power—silently of course—a true quickening will result and some amazing things may happen. For such is the power of the Spirit once awakened. That is the way you can radiate—just to know and declare the truth of your and their being—and the truth will always bring freedom.

We know how very difficult it is, when almost everyone you meet persists in talking of their troubles and of the hard conditions everywhere manifest, to keep above it all and not to hear and not to reply in like manner. But when you can convince your mind of the vital necessity of not getting involved in their consciousness and thereby giving more power to these conditions, and of always remembering you are a Son of God, one with the Father, and all that He has is yours, you will soon find it natural to retire within and shut out what is thus outwardly heard and seen, and you can then see and voice what is given you from within by your Higher Self.

This must be deliberately and persistently practiced until you are actually abiding within—in the consciousness of your True Self; when gradually your mind will become aware of that Self, the Real You, will acknowledge Your wisdom and power, will let go and allow You to take full charge—to be the *real and only self*. Then things will begin to happen, things it has longed for ever since it knew anything about Truth.

For you will begin to realize what God IS, realize the power He is *in you*, realize His infinite resource, His wisdom, His life, His nature, His wonderful love; how it clears away all darkness from the mind and enables you to see with His eyes and to know with His understanding everything you seek and need to know. You will find these things now coming naturally to you, without effort on your part. Whatever you need to know or to have comes to you miraculously—seemingly, and you will lack nothing; for you will be shown how to bring forth invisible truths into manifestation by your “spoken word.”

THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

IN THIS Department will be given interpretations of dreams and visions of those needing to know their inner meaning. We reserve for it only those of special interest and helpfulness.

SOUL FRUITAGE

IT WAS a bright and beautiful day. I did not see the sun but it was a glorious brightness all around. I do not know where I was as there was nothing visible of a material nature, no buildings, no autos, no trees, flowers, etc. The time was the present, as I was dressed in a frock of pink, which I am now wearing, and had packages of some kind on my left arm. To the side there was an invisible building. I was also conscious of an invisible presence.

Coming towards me from the right, and at right angles, there was a woman dressed in very colorful clothes, even the head was covered with something, but she was a beautiful woman with beautiful blue eyes and though the hair was straight it was a golden color, I could see this as part of it was combed down over the left side of her forehead. On her right arm she carried a basket of fruit which was carefully and neatly packed.

I was passing her with a pleasant nod when the invisible presence let me know that she wanted me to open the door to this invisible building. I took it all for granted, invisible things seemed to be all right, and said, "Certainly, I will be glad to," and was about to pass in, when she offered me some of her fruit. I said, "No thank you, I was glad to help you."

But here again the Invisible Presence made itself felt and insisted that I accept the fruit. He pressed something into my keeping, but as I remember, what he gave me did not appear to amount to very much, it somehow was not what it appeared to be. I was again passing on and by this time the woman was close to me and as I was about to go, she handed me a four page leaflet with printed matter on it, and I said, "What is this?" She replied, "SCHOOL."

We think that you contacted your own Soul—the beautiful woman—carrying a carefully preserved basket of the fruitage of this and other lives. You were prompted by the Unseen Spirit to open the door towards another experience necessary to Soul development. You wished to take no reward for this but the Spirit showed you that you had a right to share the fruit, for through this experience of the outer self—wearing the pink dress as does your personality today—the Soul gains in each life. Therefore, it was right that you should share the reward. What was given into your hand was the experience on the outer plane which did not seem, in your opinion, to amount to anything as compared with the Soul fruit. The four page leaflet would indicate life's schooling. The whole dream shows clearly the inter-relation and inter-action of the Soul and the outer Self. You can probably detect to what experience this relates.

I SAW—mentally perceived in waking consciousness—a very steep, sloping face of rock, down which hung a ladder. A man bearing a large burden climbed very slowly and laboriously, with bent back. He seemed very weary, heavily burdened and greatly encumbered by certain wrappings around his legs, which were loosened and hung so low they impeded his movements and even at times his foothold. He pulled himself up slowly rung by rung, hand over hand. As I watched I recognized him, and I wondered where he was going, when it became evident to me that he was climbing the rough face of the PYRAMID . . . And what was his burden? As I looked, the scene changed somewhat. The burden was dissolving and I saw it was taking the form of the CAPSTONE of the Pyramid. The encumbering wrappings of his legs were loosened and fell away, and he appeared with the legs and body of a young athlete. The CAPSTONE was of a semi-transparent, alabaster-like stone, "a living stone," shot through with sparks of Light. THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED IS BECOME THE HEAD OF THE CORNER. . . . As I watched he carried the Capstone swiftly up into the flood of Light streaming from the summit and I saw him no more."

—M. V.

You saw the rough hewn face of the Pyramid which in your vision symbolizes the evolution of man down through the ages—the monument of man's progressive effort. But you also saw an individual striving to carry the Christ Ideal aloft—you saw the triumph of the placing of the Crown of Pyramid, the STONE which the builders had hitherto neglected. In other words, Christ Jesus, the Headstone of the Corner, must be raised by each individual in his own life and carried by his own effort, to the top of the building. Your vision has an individual and a racial message.

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I HAD a strange dream one night. I wonder if it had any significance. I seemed to be going in and out of houses—unfinished—still under construction. Sometimes the men were still working—but I paid no attention to them, nor they to me. I walked many board planks over high places and I remember seeing a daisy-like flower with wider yellow petals and bright sky blue center. I had recently (after a summer gay and enjoyable but not fruitful as far as truth was concerned) determined to more concentratedly live truth and apply it to several things in my life that have not been worked out. I had no feeling with the dream, just thought it peculiar and wondered if it had anything to do with these unfinished areas in my life."

—J. C. S.

We think your dream of real significance. It would indicate that definite work of construction is going on on various planes of your consciousness; that your Higher Self is in charge of the work though the workmen are not aware of the fact. The marguerite, or daisy, was in olden days symbolic of the initiate. The sky-blue center represents Spirit and the golden petals the radiation of illumination from that center. It was indeed a beautiful dream.

THE INNER ROOM

CONTAINING quotations from our replies to those writing us for help in their *Spiritual problems*.

Each day at 12 o'clock noon, we take the names of those asking for such help in the Silence of the Spirit, and "Speak the Word" for them. Many hundreds have testified to receiving the blessings of such ministry.

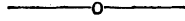
PREPARATION

WHEN STUDENTS are drawn to the Sun Center work, it is due to their own response to the spiritual power and love flowing out from and through that Center and during their contact through the study and Course, they become a part of an invisible Communion of Souls through which flows a most vital, if unseen, power. They become a part of a definite body of consciousness. Naturally, the effect of this varies in every case, but if you ponder this fact, you will realize that until a student has attained Christ Consciousness and has, to a very great extent, subordinated their outer personality in actual fact to the Presence and Will of this greater Consciousness, it would be impossible for them to be used as a means of the mediation of that consciousness to others.

We appreciate greatly your enthusiasm and shall rejoice when the way opens up to you to work through the circle into which your own Spirit has placed you for its own good purpose. You say that a close association with friends and relatives is discordant and boring. If you have really gained the clear grasp of the teachings that is indicated by the fine answers you have sent in to the Lessons, you must realize that we create our own world and that what appears to us therein is what we, ourselves, have out-manifested in thought. This being so, you have a golden opportunity to recreate your own circumstances and see that you live with God's children expressing His wonderful attributes. Then you will find that your work lies at your own door. The student has no more precious gift than the enthusiasm and burning desire that you are experiencing. But even that must be dedicated and subordinated to the Will of the Loving One within. In relation to this fact and to the science of manifestation, think this out and see in what way this deep desire you have may be harnessed to practical use.

We do not now say more about this because we are anxious that you should realize for yourself just how to use this power. We are happy to say that we are conscious of great growth in your understanding and that your deep sincerity and love are clear indications of the valuable servant you will one day become. At this moment it is a question of bringing the different parts of your composite nature into a right relation, the one to the other. A mind like yours is very apt to seize on the power and ideas flowing from within and insist that they be used in a certain way. It is a very hard lesson to learn to say Thy Will be done, particularly when one feels one knows exactly how the Will of God should be put into action.

Please allow what we have said, as it were, to germinate in your consciousness. Do not think it out with the outer mind. Wait on the Lord to show you what He wishes you to do and be, because "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain."



I FINISHED the temporary work a week ago and am now looking for something else to do, trusting it will be permanent this time. Will you please know, for me, that my right position will come to me quickly?

We note what you say about your work and would add that we too hope it will be permanent, if it is God's will for you. Try to realize that these temporary jobs may be more of a blessing for you considered from a soul standpoint than some work which you would feel secure in. In other words, you are probably receiving more beneficial sound experience from what you are going through than if you had a complete and secure berth. Remember this— that "corn grows at night in the darkness." It seems that we advance spiritually, when things are not so well with us, considered from a material viewpoint.

However, hold to the thought that God's will for you is a permanent position and that He knows exactly when to supply this to you. We are praying with you and for you, and beholding you ever illumined, and blessed by the Light, Love and Life of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

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WE THANK you for your letter and are glad to hear that you have come in touch with the IMPERSONAL LIFE and find it so interesting and encouraging. It was written in 1913 by a student of Occultism and Mysticism who wishes to remain anonymous due to the nature of the Message.

He felt it should go forth as he states in the preface, viz: as a Message from the Spirit within each reader, the Real You, the Impersonal Self. The writer had spent a lifetime of study in many schools of thought and in the teaching of this book, as throughout his other writings, he has given the simplest and most direct method whereby the student may contact the Christ within and so become imbued with the Spirit of the indwelling Christ. As you know, this is what the many different systems of Occult teaching claim to do sooner or later, and the Writer of the IMPERSONAL LIFE has done a great service to mankind in giving so simple a method.

THE STUDENT'S CORNER

FROM time to time, we hope to give under this heading, interesting experiences sent in by our Students, or answers to Questions in the Correspondence Course Department, which we think are of general interest.

QUESTION: "Describe what are the stages towards the manifestation of harmony, first of all in yourself."

ANSWER: "I take each negative condition as it arises in my mind and environment, and correct it, transmuting it into positive good as far as I am able to do. Each negative condition changes to the good as soon as I see the good in my own mind. Christ brings about these conditions in order that I may see them for what they are—nothing in Reality. For example: My children used to quarrel until I thought I couldn't stand it much longer. They especially quarreled during meals at table. Every meal was confusion and usually ended in tears. This was about four years ago when I knew little about the Law. I changed this condition by silently setting a place at the table for Christ. I set it up, as I would for any individual, asking Him to take charge of everything as I could do nothing more with the situation. At the table, I felt and knew Christ was there sitting with us and would bring about perfect harmony. This is one of the most wonderful things that has happened to me in the matter of harmony. I noticed an immediate change. Our meals are beautiful. They are peace: they are love and gratitude. To this day, my daughters do not know why they stopped quarreling. They not only stopped quarreling at meals, they are the best of friends, loyal and true to each other."

—W. B. C.

QUESTION: "Who do you understand to be the One who brought you to your present state of unfoldment? How are you supposed to find and know Him? Just how is He the Christ of you?"

ANSWER: "The One who has brought me to my present state of consciousness is God within myself working through that which has always been there but which has not been realized in my mind consciousness. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness," that is, become conscious of the Truth within myself. Because I believe He is First and Last, the Beginning and the End of all things for me."

—R. D. E.

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"I am more than delighted with the Definitions you give in the beginning of the WAY OUT COURSE. They are the best I have ever had, and they give me a much clearer realization of each and every phase that they explain. They are filling me with confidence, for now I feel I can explain

to others what they mean in our lives and be sure of myself. How I thank God for leading me to you at this time. I do need this training. I am one of those you mention who had never thought for himself, and I haven't learned to listen and heed the inner guidance enough. I will try my best to learn."

—B. W.

CREATIVE POWER

QUESTION: "Give an example of how such a creation is brought into manifestation."

ANSWER: "The example I am giving is rather long in telling but it was such a surprise to me that I was deeply interested.

When I first began to learn that all substance could be, and in fact is, continually being molded by thought, I was also taught that one could have anything one wished. As the great possibilities of this idea became apparent, I saw the danger of the misuse and abuse of this great Creative Power. As I am, or so it seemed to me, the possessor of all the faults in the category, I began to watch myself very closely, to correct as many of these faults as I could, letting the consciousness manifestation of substance alone for the time being. I was aware of course, to some extent, that one always molds substance, but I did not try consciously to bring forth any particular creation except when someone asked me to help them, or my health was involved. I said repeatedly, "I want to be sure I will use this great power rightly before I try to use it. Father, give me the understanding when I am purified and obedient to you." I had in mind particularly the use of it to bring abundance of supply and especially money into my experience.

In the discussion of which I spoke in my last letter to you, the criticism had especially to do with money. The feeling being that students who were so earnestly trying to do God's Will should not be deprived of the supply needed. So I began to study more carefully this question of supply and turned again to question eleven in Lesson Four of the WAY OUT COURSE to read your answer. Suddenly the words "the Cause being the Creative Activity within man to which Jesus referred, as the Father in Heaven," stood out in letters an inch high. The understanding burst on me of how to use the Creative Activity, and of the *rightness* of its use.

I have no words to express my gratitude to you for your patient pointing of the way. I know the picture, or that part of it at least, in which I have asked to have the power revealed to me only when I would use it rightly. Now I can go ahead in the making of a picture which will bring the supply it is right to have, in perfect assurance that it is God's Will being done.

Another phase of this experience is the way we so unknowingly mold the substance. I did not realize I was making a picture when I asked to Understand *only* when I would use the creative power in accordance with God's Will."

—A. D. C.