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## EDITORIAL

### THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS

**W**HAT does Christmas mean to each of us? Let us consider this question. To some it means a happy recurring occasion of enjoyment, feasting, the exchange of gifts—a brief halt in the long term of winter. To others it is the celebration of the birth of the Holy Babe venerated by all Christians, no matter what their creed. To others it is a time of wistful longing for the coming to the moment of the birth within themselves of the Christ-Child. While to some others—blessed ones indeed—it is a season of rejoicing marking the already awakened and conscious Christ Presence within their own hearts.

Wherever we may find ourselves on this Spiritual journey to our own Bethlehem, let us begin to prepare for the Event with definite expectancy.

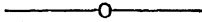
It has been truly said that the Bible may be read from several standpoints. Let us trace some of the features of the Gospel stories of the birth of Jesus, applying them to His coming anew to us.

It is noteworthy that Mary, His Mother, pure and dedicated maiden though she was, had to remove from her customary habitation and go to another heightened state of consciousness before Her own Son could be born to conscious life. She moved to Bethlehem, or the House of Bread. She made that journey on a lowly ass, a creature symbolizing humility, patience and dedication as seen in the cross on his back. Once in Bethlehem, she sought shelter in one of the cave-rooms hollowed out in the rocks, prepared for humble pilgrims for whom there was no place in the Inn. Withdrawn from the come and go of the world—hid in a secret place—watched over by dedicated hearts, and by humble creatures—the Christ Child was born.

Let us learn from this story how to prepare for this Great Event. Let us rise from our customary mental state to one of definite expectancy. The seed of the Divine Child has lain within us for long ages waiting the ripening and fruitage. We have all longed for this birth. Let us realize that by cooperation with Divine Eternal Law we can experience this conscious birth within. We can provide the atmosphere—the spiritual and mental location in which it may take place. In other words, our dedication, our humility, or *the dethronement of the lesser self*, in its various phases, and our ardent longing will prepare the place of birth. And these preparatory qualities are vitally necessary. Just as the vitality within the seed of a plant requires warmth, moisture and darkness to spring into quickened life, so the Divine Seed requires similar conditions. Let us prepare to keep the Feast, and let us do it day by day dedicating sufficient time to prayer, meditation and contemplation. So will the rarer state of pure Spirit illumination be reached, the consequence of which, in due time, brings the quickening of the Christ Child.

If some such preparation for Christmas is definitely and prayerfully considered and put into effect, we shall find that we have entered into and become a part of certain Unseen Powers of the Cosmos. At definite times and seasons These have worked together under the Divine Will to bring onto this earth great

embodiments of the Will, Wisdom and Love of God. Such as were culminated and crowned in the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As in the macrocosm so in the microcosm. The birth of the Christ must sometime come individually to all men, that is the destiny of man. Shall He be born in you this Christmas-tide?



## UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

**C**OMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

With righteousness shall he judge the poor, and approve with equity for the meek of the earth.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

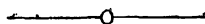
And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.



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## I AM THE WAY

**B**ELOVED ONE, does the very mention of the name, Jesus Christ, cause a great sense of Love to well up in your being? Does it make your heart leap with Joy, and does it banish your troubles temporarily from your troubled mind? If so, then you are blessed an hundred fold, and you will love these words with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, for, dear Child of Mine, these words are from the Christ of you; the Christ that dwells in all things that are; the Christ that dwelt in Jesus of Nazareth, nineteen hundred years ago.

I dwelt in Him, just as I dwell in you today, and I pushed forth into His Life so fully, that the Jesus part of Him became one with Me the Christ, and there were no more two, but one. Likewise, you who wish to do the same as Jesus did, even unto the glorious resurrection of the body, shall experience the Heavenly Union with Me that He now experiences. Yes, this great experience is for you just as it was for Jesus. Why should it not be so? I am no respecter of persons.

You are no less loved by Me than Jesus was. I have promised that the works that I did through Jesus, while He was on earth, shall I do through you, and greater works than these shall I do. I also said these words: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me." From this, can you not see that since all men must come to the Father at some time, must come to a conscious realization of their oneness with the Father, and since no man can come to the Father any other way but by Me, the Christ in himself, it is plain to see that the Christ Way, as depicted by the life of Jesus, is the way in which every man must ultimately walk. If he does not do it in this life, he must do it in another, but it has to be done at some time, for so it is written.

Of all the millions of souls which inhabited this earth plane through the ages preceding the birth of Jesus—not of Christ, for Christ always has been, and always will be—there have been many outstanding souls, who have glimpsed to a certain extent, My real meaning. Many of My Truths were voiced by these earlier teachers, but with these Truths were mixed some of the personal ideas of the teachers themselves, they having not yet themselves gotten rid of all sense of separation. Jesus, however, knew practically from

birth, that He and I, the Christ were one, and in this knowing, he made himself a perfect channel through which I could spread My word to the world in its pure and natural state.

Jesus was the only one who stepped completely out of the way, and who let Me take entire charge, so that I could teach through Him not only the Truths which former teachers spoke to men, but also those Truths which these teachers would not let Me speak, because of their lack of understanding of My full meaning.

I tell you this only so that you will not wander into the wilderness of other teachings and philosophies, in preference to the pure Jesus Christ Message, thinking to find in them an easier way to the Kingdom. Always remember this Truth. "You will progress only as far as the one whom you have chosen to be your leader." Then with this Truth in mind, why not now accept Christ unconditionally as your only Leader and your only Guide, from now on forevermore, and you will end where Jesus ended while on earth, in the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

And now My Child, in conclusion, listen carefully to these My Words. I, the Jesus Christ of you, the real you, promised that I would come again. I am coming now. I am making Myself known to all who will receive Me. Are you one of these? Be not afraid, My child, if the tribulations of the world become greater and more in evidence about you. This calls for rejoicing, for as you know, the greater the Light becomes, the darker grows the shadow, until finally the Light becomes so bright that it shines through every obstacle, before which all darkness flees. These shadows which are caused by the ignorant beliefs that stand in the path of the Light need not affect you, for I have given you the Secret which enables you to cast aside all such false beliefs from your mind.

The gift of this Secret is not a present from Me to a favored few, however, but it is a gift which you receive as a reward for your earnest efforts to please Me. You have earned the right to use it. Remember, too, that it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

So take this priceless gift, dear one, and make good use of it, for it will make you a Christed Son on earth, thus enabling you to help your lesser brothers who long to make the grade with you.

BE STILL — AND KNOW — I AM — GOD  
—Johannes.

## WHAT IS MEANT BY "THE CHRIST"

**T**HE word Christ is derived from the Greek word *Kristos* and means anointed. It is identical with the Hebrew word *Messiah*. The word Christ, *per se*, does not refer to any particular person; every anointed person is Christed. When the definite article "the" is placed before word Christ a definite personality is indicated, and this personality is none other than a member of the Trinity, the Son who had a glory with the Father-Mother before the worlds were formed.

According to the teachings of all ancient masters this Son is Love; so the Christ is Love, and Love is God, since God is Love.

Another remarkable manuscript found in Levi's Akashic portfolio gives the clearest possible ideal of the Christ, or Love of God. It is presumed that this manuscript is a direct transcription from the Akashic Records and its importance demands its reproduction here in full.

### THE CHRIST

**"B**EFORE creation was the Christ walked with the Father God and Mother God in Akasha.

"The Christ is son, the only son begotten by Almighty God, the God of Force and God omniscient, God of thought, and Christ is God, the God of Love.

"Without the Christ there was no light. Through Christ all life was manifest; and so through him all things were done, and naught was done in forming worlds or peopling worlds without the Christ.

"Christ is the Logos of Infinities and through the word alone are Thought and Force made manifest.

"The Son is called the Christ, because the Son, the Love, the universal Love, was set apart, ordained to be creator, Lord, preserver and redeemer of all things, of everything that is, or ever more will be.

"Through Christ, the protoplast, the earth, the plant, the beast, the man, the angel and the cherubim took up their stations on their planes of life.

“Through Christ they are preserved; and if they fall it is the Christ who lifts them up; and if they sell themselves to sin the Christ redeems.

“Now Christ, the universal Love, pervades all spaces of infinity, and so there is no end to love.

“From the great heart of Love unnumbered spirits were sent forth to demonstrate the height, the depth, the width, the boundlessness of Love.

“To every world and star and moon and sun a master spirit of this Love divine was sent; and all were full anointed with the oil of helpfulness, and each became a Christ.

“All glorious in his majesty is Christ, who spread the pure white robe of Love o’er all the planes of earth—The Christ of earth, its heaven, its graves.

“In course of time the protoplast, the earth, the plant, the beast, the man sold out their birthrights into sin; but Christ was present to redeem.

“Hid in the holiest place in all infinities is locked the scroll that bears the record of the purposes of God, the Triune God, and there we read:

“Perfection is the ultimate of life. A seed is perfect in its embryotic life, but it is destined to unfold, to grow.

“Into the soil of every plane these seeds, which were the Thoughts of God, were cast—the seeds of protoplast, of earth, of plant, of beast, of man, of angel and of cherubim, and they who sowed the seeds, through Christ, ordained that they should grow, and should return at last, by effort of unnumbered years, to the granary of thought, and each be a perfection of its kind.

“And in the boundless blessedness of Love the man was made the Lord of protoplast, of earth, of plant, of beast; and Christ proclaimed: Man shall have full dominion over everything that is upon these planes of life; and it was so.

“And he who gave the lordship unto man declared that he must rule by Love.



"But men grew cruel and they lost their power to rule, and protoplast, and earth, and plant and beast became at enmity with man; he lost his heritage; but Christ was present to redeem.

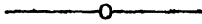
"But man had lost his consciousness of right; he could no longer comprehend the boundlessness of Love; he could see naught but self, and things of self; but Christ was there to seek the lost and save.

"So that he might be close to man in all the ways of life, that man might comprehend the mighty spirit of the Love, the Christ of earth made manifest to human eyes and ears by taking his abode in some pure person, well prepared by many lives to be a fit abiding place of Love.

"Thus Christ made manifest Love's power to save; but men forgot so soon, and so Christ must manifest again, and then again.

"And ever since man took his place in form of flesh the Christ has been manifest in flesh at first of every age."

—From *The Aquarian Gospel of Jesus the Christ*.



## MORE LOVE TO THEE

OF GIFTS I ask of Thee but one,  
MORE LOVE!

More love to spread the kindly thought,  
More love to feel much less the unkind word,  
More love to pour out sympathy,  
Not to the lovable, that were ever easy,  
But to the unloving,  
Who know not yet how to win hearts.  
More love to find the outcast,  
The downtrodden, the weak.  
More love to lead them by the hand to Thee  
More love to lift and help.  
More love to do and dare.  
More love to honor Thee.  
More love to serve and to adore Thee.

—A. H.

# THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

By Evelyn Whitell

THE little hunchback laid down the book he had been reading. His mind was flooded with the beauty of the thoughts. The lonely moan of the wind among the pines, had taken a new sound to him. There were pictures in the fire, instead of glowing coals.

"A child in rags came to the door," he whispered softly, repeating word for word what he had read. "He was snow-drenched, and very weary, and the woman took him in. She had not much to make her happy. She was a very lonely woman, all her little ones were grown. But she lighted her small tree for memory's sake, and when the child cried on the doorstep, she made him welcome to her home, because on Christmas Eve, the angels told her, one such little child was born, and so on Christmas Eve we must be kind to little children, and do a golden deed to help another.

And then her little tree grew big and beautiful, and on it hung the things that she most needed, and when she looked for the little child, he was no longer dressed in rags, but his garments shone like the snow, and she knew it was the Christ she had taken in."

And the hunchback sighed with joy, as he inhaled the consciousness. "Maybe on Christmas Eve," he said, "Some one like that will come to me. Some beggar will come to the door, and will not be a beggar but the Christ, whose love makes little children well."

He felt at the hump on his back as he spoke, and looked at his short limbs. He longed to touch the healing power, which made the crooked limbs straight, and the rough places smooth. Someone knocked loudly at the door. Guests were not frequent in this lonely spot, but Oscar had prepared the way for one, by thought.

This guest did not wait for answer nor for welcome. He came in with the stinging wind and driving snow. His hungry eyes were fixed upon the table and the fire. He ravenously seized the loaf of bread, and all he could lay hands on; tore around the little room, gathering together all the things of value; and then made for the door. But the little cripple stood with his back against it.

"Why do you hurry?" he said gently. "I was waiting for you, and you came. I thought you would not come until Christmas

Eve, and that's two weeks off yet. I'm oh, so glad you came tonight. Don't take the food away; sit down and eat. There's lots of other things that you can have, if you will only wait."

The man stared at him blankly. In his feverish haste to steal and get away without discovery, he had hardly noticed that the child was there. Now he felt the small white hand upon his own, and saw the little face which told the tale of suffering, looking into his. "We haven't a Christmas tree," the boy went on gently, "because you see you came too soon, but I'll give you all the pretty things I got last year, and lots more too, if you will only stay." The man stood still, as if electrified.

The child moved from the door, and placed a chair up to the table. He never took his eyes off his strange guest, expecting every moment that his rags would turn to glittering garments, that he would see, just what the woman in the story saw.

"Drink this hot coffee," he said gently, "and wait till father comes. How many years is it since that dear woman took you in?" He held his little hands out to him as he spoke, and as if drawn by some unseen power, the man walked to the chair and sank into it. The child sat down beside him, looking lovingly into his face, which the world had called polluted, vile; but to the child that face was but a mask which hid the smiling face of Christ. The man ate ravenously, and drank the coffee with his eyes fixed nervously upon the door.

"Don't hurry," said the little cripple. "I know you must have lots to do, so many lives to bless, so many people to make glad, but if you'll only wait till father comes, I know he'll get the blessing too." The stranger mumbled something with a laugh, but the child was too intense to hear. His little hands were clasped, he was praying inwardly to keep his guest.

A footstep sounded in the wood. The man sprang to his feet, grabbed something into his pocket and rushed like one demented out of the house. The wind blew in with cruel sharpness. The night outside was black as pitch. The child stood on the doorstep calling loudly, but the man had vanished from his sight. "And he never took the gifts I would have given him," he said slowly. "But I am happy, oh, so happy, that he came."

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The years passed on, not weary years, glad years full of unspoken joy. The memory of the Christmas Guest, who came too soon, still lived and breathed in Oscar's consciousness. Since that eventful night, the cottage built amid the pines had somehow lost its loneliness. A sweet and lovely something had fallen like a halo around about the walls. In his own mind the cripple smiled; vaguely he knew, it was the aura of the guest.

He did not pray now for his healing. He did not even pray that the guest would come again. He lived in the sweet consciousness of memory. The peaceful satisfaction which knows that all is well. He served his father faithfully in the little things that he could do around the home, and when the day was over he would sit beneath the pines. Few people passed the lonely house, and few if any stopped to talk. It seemed to them like sacrilege to break upon the restful stillness which touched them like a benediction from a healing angel's hand.

Christmas had come again. Oscar loved Christmas; it brought to him a deeper memory of his guest. In cities far beyond the wood, festivity was on the wing. No sound of such reached Oscar's home. The trees were banked by heavy snow. Bright shining icicles hung from the ledges. Sunsets of brilliant red, and stars like diamonds made a glory of the sky.

Inside the cottage all was warm. The huge log crackled merry stories in the stove. Oscar remained up later on Christmas Eve. His father had retired upstairs. He never understood the boy, though he felt happy in his presence. Sickness he thought had made him fanciful and full of dreams. Oscar was waiting, for he knew not what. He was living in the memory of ten years ago. So it did not surprise him when he heard the sound of footsteps, nor when the visitor walked in without an invitation. The coffee was still hot upon the stove. The supper things were on the table.

"You came to visit me," Oscar said gently, as the guest hung up his hat and coat; "you are welcome. Ten years ago, a stranger came like this into our house." And then he stopped. His face looked beautiful and pensive. He stopped because he wondered why he had spoken upon the thing of which he spoke to no one. But yet, he somehow felt the stranger knew the story too.

"Ten years is a long time," the man replied. "Ten years makes many changes. Did it never strike you that the guest might come again?" "I have been very conscious of his presence," Oscar said. "Though in the body He has never come." The stranger leaned across the table. There was something so familiar in his eyes, that Oscar started. The light the woman saw was shining round his face.

"Ten years ago," he whispered softly, "I was not what I am today. Ten years ago, a thief and robber, flying from the hands of the police; hungry and starved I broke into your home. Ten years ago you, as a little child, received and fed me, saw in me something holy, which no other human being had seen. Ten years make vital changes. The white light of your childish purity, entered into my darkened soul. It followed me across the water. It was the stream of light which led me up to God."

"I was waiting for the Christ," said Oscar. "I did not mind just how He came, but I left the door open, and asked Him to come in and sup with me." "And then I came," the stranger said, "a thief, a robber, but your pure eyes were only open for the Heavenly vision; and so in me you saw the Christ."

Oscar smiled gently, as he answered, "And since then, I have felt Him ever with me. It mattered not if I should never see His shining garments, like the woman saw them, I felt the light within my soul." "And now you will go forth into the world," replied the guest. "You will not wait and watch and hope and dream for Heavenly visions to come from unseen realms to beautify your home. You will not wait for one great living individual. You will go into the world, with love and blessing and what you saw in me, you'll see in every man, the living Christ, whose love makes all things whole."

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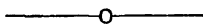
The Christmas bells were chiming in the city. The hunchback heard them in his soul. A peace was there. A peace such as the shepherds must have felt after the angels' song. The morning did not find him by the pinewood. The evening did not find him dreaming by the fire. No longer sensitive to his deformity, he joined his father in the city's throng.

A year of work; a year of active service. The Christ that lived in him, he saw in all. He found his vision in the dull office, in the street, everywhere. The consciousness of power grew stronger. The picture he was making of a perfect world was manifesting in his body.

Christmas came once again, and such a Christmas he had never known. He awoke just at the dawn of morning. The light of a breaking sunrise was falling over his bed. He watched it as it gained in beauty, till the room was flooded with its golden rays. He arose and dressed with the consciousness that the glory of the thought in which he lived, had filled the room with living power.

It did not surprise him that he saw "The Presence." That the joyous voices of a thousand angels sang their song for him. That the room should all at once be flooded with the glory that the shepherds saw. He kept his eyes fixed on the brilliant blaze of dazzling brightness, till from its midst a shining substance rose and sparkled into form.

The hands reached out to him were charged with healing. Eyes strong with the perfection of ages looked into his own. Before that perfect gaze, no seeming imperfection could exist. He reached his arms out with a strength that he had never known. Strong hands in the unseen were laid upon his back. Thrills of electric power rushed through his limbs. He felt all locks and bondage in his body suddenly release, chains break away like ice before hot sunshine. He looked at his reflection in the mirror. The hump of deformity was gone. The Christ that he had seen in every man had manifested in himself.



## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

DEAR ONES:

**T**HIS IS a Christmas message  
Sent to help you turn within  
where you may abide with the Loving Christ,  
Who is there born daily in your hearts,—  
As you let Him come forth and rule therein.

So when the lower nature is giving you  
a particularly hard battle,  
Insistently presenting its claims of self,  
Its sense of what it thinks is injustice  
at the hands of others.  
Indulging much in self-pity, condemnation,  
discouragement, and other harmful feelings,  
Not realizing the trouble it is creating for itself,  
But seeking thus to drag you down to its level,—

It is then you must remember who you are;  
That none of such applies to you who are a child of God;  
That self is responsible to self,  
But you are responsible only to Loving One within.

It is then you must show it is Him  
and Him alone that you serve,  
Must require self to be still and listen  
While you tell it truths it needs to know;  
That it must face itself and no longer feed  
on childish thoughts and passions;  
That it matters not what others say or do, and  
It need concern itself only when resentment,  
hurt feelings or anger are aroused and rule.  
For what comes from others, self most surely attracts,  
And it will continue to come,  
Until nothing is left that can feel hurt,  
angry, or be affected in any way.

When you can get it to listen and realize this,  
Then you can help it seek out the qualities  
that attract and feed on inharmony;  
Until self is purged of everything that hinders  
your pure and perfect expression,  
And it seeks only to serve the Loving Christ within.

Then and then only can you be free from  
Your lower nature and all its selfish claims.

## I AM THE TRUE VINE

I SELECTED for my retreat this early spring morning the great vineyard that covers the sunny slope above Grenoble, and which commands a fine view of the rich valley and the beautifully-situated city below, and the splendid chain of snow-white Alps beyond.

I know I am now in the very heart of an immense vineyard, but it does not look like it. The scene all around me is like anything but a vineyard. For the vines all around me are the most unpromising, and almost forbidding things possible. They are black, dry, twisted, knotted, gnarled; hacked at the root with the vinedresser's axe, and hewn close in all their branches by his pruning-knife. The truth is, the vines all around me, both roots and branches, are more like brands plucked from the burning, than living things with any hope of life in them. The apple-trees are already covered with snow-white blossoms. The cherry-trees and the plum-trees also are perfectly gorgeous with their gold and purple plumage. But it is only here and there that I can discover the smallest bud of green promise in all these miles on miles of vineyard. As yet though I have not been able to tell you the half of this hopeless looking scene, if you were to come to this beautiful land in autumn you would find this whole hillside simply groaning under its immense loads of gold and silver grapes.

This scene has called to my mind the fifteenth chapter of John's Gospel. For in that most beautiful chapter our Lord says to us that *He is the true vine*, that His Father is the Husbandman, and that we are the branches. Now, when we read that, and think about what we read, we at once see that our Lord was indeed the True Vine in more ways than one. Do you remember what the prophet Isaiah said about our coming Saviour hundreds of years before He was born? "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He hath no form nor comeliness, and when we shall see Him there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised and we esteemed Him not." Just as I



would have despised these vines all around me this morning had I not known better.

When our Saviour actually came to this world, all that and much more than all that, was fulfilled in Him. For He was born into a poor man's house. He was early put to His father's trade and worked with His hands till He began to be about thirty years of age. But all the time and in spite of appearances, He was the True Vine, and He was all the time under His heavenly Father's husbandry.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the Husbandman." That is to say, no vine is ever a vine of itself. Every vine, if it had a tongue given to it, would say what the True Vine here says. It would say that it was the husbandman who had made it what it is. If I am a vine at all, it would say, it is all due to my husbandman and not at all to me. And herein is His Father glorified, when the True Vine lays Himself down in this Scripture before His Father's feet. His holy birth, His holy upbringing, His holy life, and now His atoning death, which is at the door; all the planting, and all the watering, and all the watching that went to the production of the True Vine, is all recollected, and acknowledged, and comprehended by our Lord in that one word of His: "My Father is the Husbandman." "I the LORD do keep it," the Heavenly Husbandman had said as He administered His holy providence all through the earthly life of His Son. "I will water it every moment. Lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. Only let Him lay hold of My strength. Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit." Till a whole world of untold things that had passed between the Father in heaven and His Son on earth, is all wrapped up in this one acknowledging word of our Lord: "My Father is My Husbandman." Think of all that also, all you thoughtful disciples of the Son of God.

Words would fail me to attempt to tell you the express and the immense comfort that came to me that Sunday afternoon in that vineyard above Grenoble. As I walked about among those hard, dry, hopeless-looking branches all, as it seemed to me, ready for the burning, and as these words of my Lord were then and there shed abroad in my heart, "Ye are the branches,"—what a comfort came to me! For that moment, as I remember well, and will never forget, every hacked and hewn and hopeless branch around me

suddenly took to itself a tongue and spake comfort to me. "Come back soon and see us," they all said. "Come back and eat abundantly of our golden grapes in their season. Let not your heart be troubled" that whole vineyard broke out all around me in a concert of faith and hope and full assurance to me. "Keep up your heart, sir," their thousand voices said to me. And I did it, till I came home singing the fifteenth of John to take up my own husbandry.

—*Alexander Whyte in The Walk, Conversation and Character of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.*

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## A MIRACLE

I WOULD like to tell you about a miraculous experience. I don't see what else I can call it. Our house is too small for us, and my son, who is in the carpentry line has been working on enlarging it by putting in dormer windows and an addition on the north side. At present there are just the openings for the dormers and the addition has no windows and no doors. On September 21st we had a hurricane, the wind was blowing about 90 miles an hour. So when the storm struck it seemed that only a miracle could save the house.

At the time I was alone with my little grandson. I was almost stunned by the ferocity of the storm. As I watched I saw the big trees almost doubled by the wind. Shingles flying, and roofing paper torn off the roofs around us. All of a sudden crash after crash—one big tree after another was uprooted and split. It seemed as though our windows would be forced in. All I could do was to stand in the middle of the room and pray: "Peace be still! This is God's House and where God dwells there is safety. God is The Only Power and Presence and God Is Love. God Is Pure Consciousness. In Pure Consciousness there are no destructive forces!" I don't remember ever praying so earnestly—hanging on to God for dear life. The storm lasted about three hours. A miracle really did happen and our house was untouched and all of us safe.

## REAL CHRISTMAS GIVING

**A**T THE approach of the CHRISTMAS season all humanity feels in varying degrees the great Cosmic urge to give freely and selflessly, whether they have a definite religious belief or not. This takes possession of them even though the indwelling Christ within may as yet not have come to the birth. This impulsion to give is really an act of reverence and worship, though they may as yet only worship "the unknown God."

The response to this urge varies with the unfoldment of each soul, from an act of blind instinct, to a conscious recognition and the response of pure understanding. This latter group of awakened souls, having become aware of the presence of the Christ, or Selfless Love within their hearts, are especially eager to kneel before Him in homage, bringing for His use gifts of great worth. And so, with care and love, the wise and noble qualities of their Soul come laden with the frankincense of purified fragrant thoughts, myrrh to preserve all experience and knowledge, and the pure gold of service to humanity.

As the Christed Soul gratefully meditates upon his privilege of Holy Communion with the Loving One within, there arises within his heart a great longing to place at His Feet the one supreme gift—that of the entrance of another Soul into His Great Love.

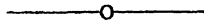
No sooner does he earnestly resolve to make this Christmas one of such real Inner giving than he finds opened before him opportunities to give the greatest gift one man can give another?

Instead of buying for a friend such materialistic gifts as clothing, jewelry, trinkets, etc., he will carefully and thoughtfully choose some book adapted to the dear one's present state of consciousness, to open before him the first door to the Path Within. For his children he will earnestly try to give to the day its true meaning without dampening in any way their innocent joys in Santa Claus. Along with their other toys he will lovingly include some spiritual message in the form of a fairy tale illustrating the laws and principles of Truth, or some other book suitable to his age and inclinations leading the child inwards to his God-Self.

Whenever suitable opportunities or openings are made for it, he will offer words of love, encouragement, and inspiration to all with whom he comes in contact. In fact, as his love for God and

humanity grows his desire to cooperate in bringing the One to the other will expand beyond the confines of friends and family. As a means of reaching unknown but hungering Souls he may place as loving gifts in Libraries and Institutions suitable books, magazine subscriptions and other messengers of the Spirit.

In this way he will introduce the Leaven of the Kingdom into his community and will receive not only the great reward of unfolding and strengthening his own Inner Christ Power, but will also experience that joy which passes all understanding—the joy of feeling himself possessed and used by the Loving One Within all, to bless and enrich humanity.



### NINE QUALIFICATIONS BY WHICH A GREAT MASTER MAY BE RECOGNIZED

1. That Great Master should be the educator of the world of humanity.
2. His teachings should be universal and confer illumination upon mankind.
3. His knowledge should be innate and spontaneous, not acquired.
4. He should answer the questions of all sages, solve the difficult problems of humanity, and be able to withstand all the persecutions and sufferings heaped upon him.
5. He should be a Joy-bringer and the Herald of the Kingdom of Happiness.
6. His knowledge should be infinite and His wisdom all-comprehensive.
7. The penetration of His Word and the potency of His influence should be so great as to humble His worst enemies.
8. Sorrows and tribulations will not vex Him. His courage and conviction must be God-like. Day unto day He must become firmer and more zealous.
9. He should be the establisher of universal civilization, the unifier of religions, the standard-bearer of universal peace, and the embodiment of all the highest and noblest virtues of the world of humanity.

—Abdu'l-Baha.

# IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

I HAVE sometimes thought that Leaders lay too great stress on meditation periods and on the Silence, conveying to some perhaps the impression that only during these specially dedicated periods we may, and do actually find God in real communion and conscious Presence.

Many years ago the Inner Voice made clear to me that always during crises the still Voice of Inner Spirit may be definitely heard if one listens; that spoken guidance is always forthcoming if one acknowledges the possibility of it: that during the crisis of death this loving Voice tenderly reassures one of safe conduct, of the Father's care and of Life Eternal: that if one trained the inner ear to the note of Spirit one might pass through the crisis of death conscious of the change and in joyous companionship, making it indeed a Holy journey.

I learned quite definitely of just the evidence of the function and activity of Spirit from an automobile crash. It seems worth relating as a sure witness of God's great care and Ever Presence. I speak of it with a sacred thrill of heart and soul and mind.

After the impact of an almost head-on collision I did not know on what plane I was functioning. Presently I became aware of the Joy of The Presence—the Inner Presence in body and mind. My first, my only awareness was this absolute consciousness of The Presence, and accompanying this was a healing Radiance flooding me with a confidence in the fullness of Life. Words, actual words of care and comfort and healing, combined with a joy so overpowering that it wiped out all physical pain, though there were fractured bones, gashes, bruises and all that goes with such an experience.

I speak solemnly the truth when I say that the joy of the nearness of The Presence was so overpowering that all physical pain was dissolved and utter calmness of mind reigned. Not for one instant was the mind or the body in panic. The ALL was in all. The hospital was not reached for considerably over an hour. There was transfer from the car that gathered us up on the highway to another car better suited to the need of wrecked bodies. *Throughout the entire experience there was no pain. There was never any pain.*

Through this experience I clearly entered a higher consciousness where physical distress is dissolved by Divine Love. In this consciousness I was held all through the surgical work. Make no mistake, it was not just *bearing* all that had to be borne, physically. It was not by affirmation, it was not by determination of mind. There was no thought or effort connected with it. It was an *expanded consciousness* and an experience of joy and happiness that extended into the mind of every cell of the body. The *inspiring* of the body during years of dedication bore fruit and was in actual evidence.

I thought I knew before this experience what to abide in the Lord meant. I thought I had learned throughout the years to rest in the Lord really and actually. Now, I know that one passes from glory unto ever greater glory in the knowing of God.

A door opened on the highway that evening which to me leads ever to Light and more Light. Through this Light all life is seen at a higher level. There is no uncontrolled life after one enters this level of Spirit and Power in the Presence of the Most High. Ever after one must, by virtue of the Holy Radiance, be a Light Bearer.

—Jessica.

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## THE WAYFARER

A SIMPLE wayfarer I met  
Upon Life's Path.  
In Christ humility  
He cleansed the stream of mortal thought,  
As the Master Jesus taught—  
Not by creed or ancient book,  
But with a Loving Touch—a look  
That searched the arid places—filled  
The aching void—forever stilled  
Self-righteousness!  
God's humble servant, meekly serving,  
He lives to bless.  
And Love shall Know Love—should ye meet!

—Sally.

## YOUR LIGHT IS COME

**W**ITH the faith of Jesus Christ quickening every word, we are declaring the Truth for you and for every person who is in need of light, whether the need is mental, or physical. We know that our word of blessing sent forth in the name of Jesus Christ is mighty to accomplish its mission. Therefore we give thanks at this moment for the spiritual illumination that has come to you.

In the Light of the Holy Spirit your mind is illumined with the greater consciousness of Truth. The light of the Holy Spirit is a power within itself. As you feel this power working within you, you are aware of its light shining before you, revealing the illumined path of life and wholeness to you. Conditions that a few short hours ago may have appeared hopeless are clarified.

Bless your consciousness and every part of your body, bless every phase of your life and service with the knowledge that the light of the Holy Spirit has come into it.

Say to your mind, "Your light is come." Now be very quiet before the shining of the light within you. It is blessing every brain cell, enlightening each thought, clearing your consciousness of stupidity, confusion, and all belief in disaster or disease. The light of the Holy Spirit is shining clearly in your consciousness and your mind is transformed and renewed in divine intelligence, order and integrity.

Say to your eyes, "Your light is come." The Spirit of the Lord is upon you giving power and substance to the words you speak. Even as the light of the Spirit shining in your consciousness transforms and renews your mind, so the light of Spirit shining through your eyes quickens your perfect vision. You can see as you have never seen before because you are letting the light of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, quicken you in the ability to see as God sees, to see wholeness and holiness, righteousness and justice, love and harmony, peace and joy.

As your consciousness is adjusted to the light of Truth, your sight will be adjusted to the light and the vision of Spirit. Be still and let the light of the Holy Spirit flood your consciousness, your mind, your eyes.

Now with perfect vision look within your heart and behold the glory of divine love shining there. Look within your mind and rejoice in the light of divine intelligence and faith making clear the way of righteousness, peace, and plenty to you. Look within your soul and give thanks for the light of the Holy Spirit shining there to restore you and every function of your mind and body in divine order and harmony.

Now give thanks for perfect sight, clear perception, and ability to see even as God would have you see with the far-reaching and true vision of the Holy Spirit. Again we say to you, "Your light is come." *The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, and you are healed.*

You are healed of every misconception, every misunderstanding; every doubt or fear; healed of every shortcoming, every bodily ailment, every wrong thought or attitude.

*You are healed.* In the name of Jesus Christ we declare it, and in His Faith we rejoice that it is so. We give thanks that you are going to do your part toward making your healing complete and permanent through constantly abiding in the light of the Holy Spirit, and living the Truth that you know.

The words spoken by the prophet Isaiah and reiterated by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, are being renewed and repeated now by your own indwelling Lord: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind. To set at liberty them that are bruised, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Your light is come and you must let it shine. Let it shine in freeing blessing upon those who are bound, let it restore the perfect vision of the Christ Spirit to those who sit in darkness or uncertainty, let it shine in understanding love and power to liberate those who suffer from hurt feelings, whose spirit is broken, who have been buffeted, baffled and bruised. As the light of the Holy Spirit goes forth through your life you may be very sure that your life will be bright, helpful, satisfying, and glorious. *The Spirit of the Lord is upon you, and you are in all ways prospered.*

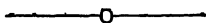
Unencumbered by great possessions, Jesus Christ went about the Father's Business, the most successful man, the greatest achiever,



and the richest man in consciousness the world has ever known. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him and He met the need of the world for a Saviour.

The most powerful and complete blessing of God is encompassed in the Spirit of the Lord that is now poured out upon you. It enables you to live the life, do the work, achieve the good, and gain the goal of the Master.

—From *Weekly Unity*, October 22nd, 1938.



## ON TO THE HEIGHTS

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

O, You, who tread the ways of earth,  
O, You are immaculate of birth.  
From height to depth, from star to sod,  
There is no separate thing from God.  
You are in Him and He in you;  
Learn that old platitude anew.  
Bask in splendor of the fact,  
And live to it in thought and act.  
Bask in the knowledge and be free.  
All things are yours, for you are He.  
He does but manifest through Man  
The scope and purpose of His plan.  
He is the ALL, and all is One;  
We are the beams, and He the Sun.  
Shine then in glory—light the earth,  
You are immaculate of birth.  
Discard old creeds of fear and sin,  
Live to the God who dwells within;  
Absorb the grandeur of the thought,  
For thus may miracles be wrought.  
Truth is the lock and Love the key;  
All things are yours to do and be;  
Go claim the vast stupendous whole—  
On, to the heights, Immortal Soul!

# THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

By Khei X

NO OTHER institution, secular or religious, has taken such firm hold on the popular mind of all ages as that—now known as Christmas—which centers around December 25th, with its attendant gaiety and spirit of giving. For many centuries Christmas has been associated almost exclusively with the doctrines and dogmas of Christianity. The early fathers of the Christian Church exhibited a remarkable ability for adapting the festivals and services, as well as the basilicas, of the many religions which it superseded and which held a festival similar in many respects to our Christmas. Christmas Day has come to be regarded as the exclusive institution of the Messianic idea to such an extent that very few people have any thought of the origin of the festival, which has been lost, so to speak, in the dim recesses of the ages.

Its original inception was through religious channels, with a beginning that dates back to the remotest antiquity, to the very dawn of human civilization. Divested of its modern significance, the 25th of December will be found to occupy a very important position in the history of all the great world religions.

Man's first attempt to give his aspirations concrete form when he was groping blindly toward a knowledge of something which he felt intuitively was infinitely greater than himself, a personality of which he was but the creature, found its original manifestation in the development of a form of astronomical worship which for many thousands of years in Egypt, India, Persia, and China, dominated the religious and philosophic thought of the ancient world. These aspirations which gave rise to a worship of the heavenly bodies—aspirations common alike to the lowest savage who carves his deity out of the trunk of a sapling and of the modern cultured man, who, as a concomitant of his own existence, accepts the postulate of a Creative Intelligence—were not only the outgrowth of his ignorance, but were the first steps which led to the last and most wonderful of revelations embodied in the person of the gentle Nazarene.

To the ancient priesthoods scanning the heavens nightly on pylon and terrace tower from the Nile to the Euphrates, the stars told

a wonderfully dramatic story. To those silent watchers of the night are we indebted for our astronomical year and the calendar much as we have it today. Indeed, practically all of the basic facts on which our modern system of astronomy is constructed are due to the work of many centuries of patient investigations by those priests.

They constructed the zodiacal circle of the heavens, dividing it into 360 degrees and four right angles of ninety degrees each, and into twelve signs of thirty degrees each, known as the constellations. These last were named according to the climatic changes taking place upon the earth at the time the sun was passing through them. Thus, from the storms and rains of January (it must be remembered that the weather conditions in southern Asia are tropical) the group of stars through which the sun passes during this particular month of the year is called Aquarius, the Washer, or Baptizo.

In February, the constellation receives the appellation of Pisces or the Fishes as a result of the accumulating waters which leave in their path famine and distress. In March, Aries, the Lamb, signifies the young products of springtime. In April, typifying the energy of the agricultural season the constellation receives the name of the Bull. The apparent reconciliation of winter and summer in May, when the blossoms and flowers appear, gives to the constellation through which the sun then passes the name of Gemini, or the Twins. In June, the seeming retrograde motion of the sun dubs its sign Cancer, the Crab, and so on, all the signs receive their appropriate names—Leo, the burning heat of July, the Virgin of August, the Scales of September, the Scorpio, or Great Dragon of October, the Archer of November, and the Goat of December.

From this celestial scheme the ancients mapped out a great drama, with the stars and their various time divisions as the principal actors which kept the stage throughout the solar year. In this group the sun (the sun-god) was of course the principal figure because of its life- and light-giving properties. When he enters the sign of Aries, or the Lamb in March, he crosses the Vernal Equinox and becomes the Redeemer of the World—that is, dispelling darkness of winter and restoring the earth to fruitfulness, healing the sick and feeding the multitudes.

His divine mission is now begun. His career reaches its fullest glory between July and August, known to the ancients as the marriage feast of Leo and the Virgin. From now on, his mission seems to be evenly maintained during the reign of the Scales of September until he reaches October when he encounters the Great Dragon, Scorpio. Sorrow and lamentation prevail. The Solar Saviour must now be Crucified on the cross of the Autumnal Equinox—this is literal, taken from ancient rituals—and he descends into the South—the Hell, Pit, Sheol, Acheron, and Hades of many nations.

He is now between the two evil months, November and December, which like the Two Thieves, suffer with him on the Cross of the Autumnal Equinox. Just as Midwinter—the winter solstice—when the radiance of the sun is so feeble as to appear almost stationary, the ancients announced the reappearance of the Virgin of summer with her companion constellation Bootës or Joseppe, and from the fancied resemblance of a cluster of stars which to their eyes resembled a manger, during the ascendancy of Capricorn, the Goat, they announce the reappearance of the Sun-God as a newborn babe, December 25, once more given to mankind to give the blessing of bounty.

This in brief is the drama mapped out thousands of years ago and which has formed the groundwork of all the systems of theology which have since been erected. This traditional birth of a saviour on the 25th of each December looked forward to throughout the entire solar year and accompanied with a celebration of the celestial gift by feasting and exchange of gifts between the members of the human family, has come down to us through the credal forms of all ages. Hence the births of the personal Messiahs and Saviours of all great religious systems have been claimed by their followers to have occurred on December 25th.

The name Christmas, Krystmas, Christ-masse, etc, has several origins. The term Mass, from the Latin, signifies a harvest, gathering the honey, bringing in the fruits of the reapers, and in one sense, notably that in which it is theologically used today, a sacrifice of the "greatest gifts." The Mass is an extremely ancient ceremony, greatly antedating Christianity, and always used in one or more of the meanings given above. Among the Greeks and Romans, it was used in the ceremonies of their Temples, and in

connection with the Astronomical worship. Thus the Venus Mass, Saturn and Jupiter Mass, and among the Algonquin Indians, the oldest tribes perpetuated the observance of the Moon-Mass.

Christ (from Chrestos, the "good one") is the name of the Great Sun Spirit, the Highest Initiate of the Sun-Period of human evolution and has been attached from the earliest times to Jesus, the name of the last human personification of the Sun-god (Son of God) drama, and thus the curious interweaving of the ancient astronomical ceremonial with the later philosophical idealism of Christianity has been continued down to the present time.

It is interesting in connection with this subject to trace the origin of the legend of St. Christopher and the personification of the Santa Claus of childhood which unfortunately seems to be dying out. Probably no event is so important to the youngsters as the annual arrival of Santa Claus and his reindeer team, laden with gifts for all good children, a tradition which has its origin in some of the old legends of Northern Europe.

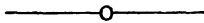
St. Christopher was the Saint and Patron of Ferryman, a man of fine physique, markedly handsome, and a profound scholar. He suffered Martyrdom and torture under Decius, having been originally a so-called pagan, baptised by Babylas, Bishop of Antioch. Through his later life, he sought One greater than himself, to serve. Christopher attached himself to the services of an unbridged stream, carrying over those who were unable to cross alone. A Child presented himself. Christopher took him upon his back. As he progressed, the burden became very heavy. Christopher at last exclaimed that the whole world could not have been heavier. On reaching the other side, the Child said unto him, "Marvel not, for thou hast indeed borne the whole world and Him who created it."

In America no special custom outside of the Christmas Tree and the customary exchange of gifts can be said to prevail, but, in England, the Yule log or Christmas Block is still the signal for the annual gathering of all the members of a family group. In the cosmopolitan cities of America the observances of the Christmas season is marked by most gratifying conditions—the gradual breaking down of sectarian prejudices. It is not so long ago that the permitting of anything of a social or festive nature in connection with the gloomy ideas of puritanism with its plain, barewalled

churches, devoid of the esthetic embellishment of art, would not have been tolerated and would have subjected the offenders to the censure of the rigid elders and the custodians of the public morals. Now Christmas trees with their blaze of lights and colored globes bring happiness into the hearts of thousands of little ones annually, and happiness reigns supreme for at least one day in the year, in millions of homes throughout the land.

Sect cooperates with sect in the effort to bring the sunshine, for which the Christ-child stands, into the homes where darkness now prevails, and it is especially noteworthy that this same spirit of the day is being gradually adopted among the Jews with whom it is not founded on any special religious dogma.

In this brief glance backward through the long centuries, during which this custom has obtained, we may feel sure that, whatever may have been the origin of the day and the manner of its perpetuation through Christian ideals or even its possible future development, it will always remain an enduring institution, permanent because founded upon principles which make for a broader humanity, spreading the gospel of cheerfulness, charity, and love—the attributes of the Great Sun Spirit after whom the Day is named.



**G**OD gave His only begotten Son to this world on Christmas morning.

Jesus gave His ministry in the flesh, His victory on the cross, and His triumph over the grave as His present to the world.

In humble appreciation I offer myself; it is all that I have to give.

I promise to work patiently with my Soul, my mind and my body until they are cleansed of every last vestige of faith in that which is not God-like: that which, being not of God, is not real.

I promise to nurture my Soul, my mind and my body and to work with them, and to pray for them incessantly, as a mother tends a growing child, until the fever of doubt and unbelief is forever stilled, and I AM is established in me in the positive knowledge of the nothingness of the negation and the ALLNESS OF GOD.

—Earl Summer.

## THE DIVINE IMAGE

**T**HE IMPERSONAL WORK as a whole is based on the consciousness of the Divine Image, or Son of God, living His life in and through man and in man's endeavor to train his human instrument—the mind—to cooperate in bringing forth into outer manifestation God's Will on earth as it is in Heaven.

Man being a threefold being, therefore there are three different and distinct phases of God's Consciousness within man, and in the life, thought and action of every man these phases show up, and classify him, revealing in which phase he is living.

The first phase of this consciousness is found in the class of human souls who have become Disciples of the Divine Image as revealed by Very God Himself from within. These dear ones KNOW their God and wait upon, love and worship Him within their hearts and always seek to do only His Will as He from within shows to them the Way, the Truth and the Life. Thus by waiting upon and abiding in Him the Disciple enters into the Kingdom Consciousness and finds his place there and knows of what he is a part.

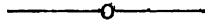
The second phase of this consciousness is found in the class of human souls who are aspiring to *become* Disciples, but whose human minds are not yet prepared to grasp and retain the Impression of the Divine Image from within, therefore they see Him not as He really is. These are Aspirants and they will soon know Him because of their earnest aspiration and faith in Him. For that urge that causes faith and earnestness is the very consciousness of the Divine Image pushing itself forth and preparing the way that He may come forth and be to the Aspirant what He is already to the Disciple.

The human mind of the Aspirant is a wonderful artist and has gathered from Science, Philosophy and Religion, as well as from life itself, the material from which to mold a mental image of God or Christ. He has painted within his consciousness a beautiful picture of God, of Christ, and of their Kingdom. It is natural, is it not, that the Aspirant's God should seem to be outside or above him, because of the fact that the material used in molding the image has apparently come from elsewhere? But let us remember that it was Very God Himself, through the Divine Image within

the Soul, that caused man to choose the material from without, with which to paint that image or picture, so to prepare the human mind to welcome the entrance of the Actual and Divine Image of Himself.

The third phase of this consciousness is found in the class of human souls who have not yet tasted of the fruits of the Spirit, therefore, who have no aspirations as yet toward Christhood. In other words, the Seed of God within them has not developed them to the place where the petals of their Soul have begun to unfold to the Light of God.

It is the first two phases of consciousness that I want to stress, for it is only through the pure and Holy consciousness of God stepped down in vibration through *these two*, that the third phase of consciousness can be lifted up and the souls of those living in the third phase begin to aspire toward God and Christ.



## THE ARMOR OF ST. PATRICK

**I** SECURE myself this day to the Almighty Christ of God.  
I establish myself this day in:

The Power of God to uphold me,  
The Wisdom of God to instruct me,  
The Peace of God to enfold me,  
The Love of God to govern me,  
The Word of God to speak for me,  
The Way of God to lie before me,  
The Hand of God to lead me,  
The Eye of God to watch over me,  
The Ear of God to hear me,  
The Shield of God to protect me,  
The Riches of God to supply me.

Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ above me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ at my right, Christ at my left,  
Christ in length, in breadth, in height,  
Christ in the heart of every man who speaks to me,  
Christ in the eye of every man who sees me,  
Christ in the ear of every man who hears me,  
I secure myself this day to the Almighty Christ of God."



# WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

**T**O THE architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.

To the astronomer He is the Sun of Righteousness, the Bright and Morning Star.

To the baker He is the Living Bread.

To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.

To the biologist He is the Life.

To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.

To the carpenter He is the Door.

To the doctor He is the Great Physician.

To the educator He is the Great Teacher.

To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.

To the judge He is the Righteous Judge, the Judge of all the Earth.

To the juror He is the Faithful and True Witness.

To the jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.

To the lawyer He is the Counselor, the Lawgiver, the Advocate.

To the newspaper Man He is the Glad Tidings of Great Joy.

To the oculist He is the Light of the Eyes.

To the philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.

To the philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.

To the statesman He is the Desire of all Nations.

To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

He is the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, the One altogether lovely.

—“*The Voice of Prophecy*”, Los Angeles.

# THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM

By the Writer of

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# 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.

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## PREPARATION FOR INNER WORK

“MY FATHER worketh hitherto and I work.” So said our Great Exemplar—“The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do.” Let us in meditation ponder on how the Father works—“As above, so below.” In prayer and contemplation let us open ourselves wide to some perception of how the Father works. Let us imagine—image—how this may be. Pondering, dwelling, remaining in this awareness—the possibility of performing in minature a similar creative function in our outer world of manifestation will dawn upon us. So we too may work together with the Father.

First let us begin with our own unregenerate nature, and then with our circumstances in home-life or in business. In these preparatory and *purgative* realms, let us create and outmanifest a minature Kingdom of Heaven. Having been faithful over a few things, the door of opportunity will open whereby we may become rulers over many things, in the wider spheres of our community, our country and the world. But none may hope for the wider dominion who has not first laboured faithfully and prayerfully and to some extent begun to win the victory over his own composite nature, viz: his body, his emotions and his mind. Every student, no matter who he is, and indeed every master, no matter how high his attainment—must tread, or has already trodden the same path, and every step of this path without avoidance.

The WAY OUT and WAY BEYOND Courses were prepared by their Writer with a deep insight born of the recognition that

there was no *safe, swift flight* into an *enduring* Christ Consciousness. He recognized that many Students do suddenly and often rapidly gain transcendent glimpses of the worlds of Light, but that such glimpses can only be regained and safely retained when the outer instruments of body, emotions and mind are disciplined and attuned to that high vibration by obedience, training and self-control. Otherwise the instrument of the outer man is more liable than not to become arrogant, *self-deluded*, or even to fall by the way. The advancing Student today has reached the place where he may gain the expansion of Soul Consciousness *in full awareness* in his outer mind. But this is only possible and only actually happens when discipline and training have been faithfully undertaken and fruitfully accomplished.

The Disciple must unceasingly cleanse himself in all bodies of his manifestation—daily be alert to that which hinders the passage of pure Spirit—that which deflects pure wisdom through the devious channels of unconscious ignorance or imperfect judgment. He must recognize that it is easy to mistake a “zeal not according to knowledge” for the divine afflatus of Spirit.

He will learn that devotion and enthusiasm and zeal are not enough. He must **KNOW HIMSELF**, and detect in his personal make-up that which may misinterpret or distort or stain the white radiance of Infinite Truth. This is what is meant by surrender.

“Surprising is the result of an honest search for the hindrances to spiritual growth . . . Uproot in consciousness all impeding substances, be they great or small, thus making life a progress from glory to glory.”

There are many ways in which Inner Work may be and is already being accomplished, dependent on the extent to which the Disciple is coordinated with and obedient to the indwelling Christ. But right now there is, as never before, an urgent need that such workers, individually and collectively, should be “instant in prayer and meditation” for this trouble-wracked world.

As phases of the rapid change of alignment of forces on this earth present themselves, let the earnest Disciple first of all divest himself of all outer mind, opinions, or possible prejudices, laying these aside, as “the shoes from off his feet,” and so prepare to enter the Holy of Holies. Laying aside all vagrant thought or personal emotion of any kind, let him see himself as a radiating

center of the Light which is the Life of men. Let him accept full-heartedly Jesus' words "YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD." Let him then turn towards the selected problem, knowing without a shadow of questioning that he, himself, is a beacon light shedding the Will, Wisdom and Love of God on the problem. Let him pour in all the vitality of his devotion, aspiration and love for humanity, knowing that where this Light of Truth enters there righteousness, justice and good will on earth are brought into manifestation and the phantoms of injustice, hatred, evil intent, vanish. Let him consider for a moment the power of mere physical light turned on in a dark room. Let him, by the use of his imagination, stir his faith and ardor in recognition of the stupendous power available when the light of Spiritual Wisdom is turned on a problem. Let him realize that in a flash of thought, unknown and unseen, he may stand in the counsel chambers of the great of this earth, at-one with God. He may uphold every effort towards the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. However, let him remember that true and potent power lies alone in selfless love and in complete *Impersonality* which means that momentarily, at least, he must cease from judgment of right and wrong. He must stand above the pairs of opposites and allow the Light of Truth to make its own adjustments in the affairs of men.

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## EARTH SICKNESS

**I**T MAY be perceived that what we call the Earth, is but a great mass of consciousness, consisting of every phase of being, from the mineral state of consciousness, up through the animal and human, on into the etheric, astral and mental states.

Everyone who has done any thinking knows that what makes the mineral state is its slowed-down and very dense vibration; the animal a more quickened and forceful vibration: the human a higher and a "self conscious" vibration. While water, fire, air, the etheric, astral and mental states, all have their own distinctive vibration, each definitely in evidence on its own plane of consciousness.

Science has admitted that minerals have life, and their chemical reactions to each other indicate they have intelligence, which of

course is evidence of consciousness. Therefore we can see that the consciousness that is in all the different kingdoms of matter that comprise our Mother Earth is inextricably interrelated; in fact, it is the same consciousness merely active on its different planes of expression—mineral, vegetable, animal, human, etc.

It can be likened to the consciousness of man, whose consciousness, as we have shown, is really the soul of man; but it acts by directing the life expression of the minerals in the bones and teeth; of the vegetable nature in the nails, hair, eyes and ligaments; and of the animal nature in the flesh and blood by directing the life expression of all of them through the human mind—the soul's outer reflection.

Can we say that the soul of the Earth does not act in a similar manner? Let us show you how it must so act. First let us realize that the Earth, *and all that is a part of it*, is an entity, just as a man is an entity. That means the physical part of the Earth must be the body of that entity, and that the humanity upon it must be its brain. The soul of the entity must then direct the life expression of all the different elements in its body through the soul's outer reflection, the mind of humanity.

Therefore, whatever is the dominant consciousness in the mind of humanity is bound to affect and influence the consciousness of the cells in different parts of the Earth's body; even as the dominant consciousness in a man's mind is bound to affect and influence the consciousness of the cells in the different organs of his body. "As a man *thinks*, so is he," applies as well to what humanity as a whole thinks.

It is generally known by Truth students, metaphysicians, and by many doctors, that thinking untrue thoughts about life, one's self, God and things in general, feeding those thoughts with fear, worries, anger, bitterness, hatred, jealousy, condemnation, etc., or, in other words, thoughts and feelings always centered around self, wholly regardless of others' feelings, inevitably cause inharmony, sickness or disease of one kind or another in some part of the body, as well as in the general condition of the one so thinking.

In like manner must such thinking on the part of the bulk of humanity result in inharmony, sickness or disease in one form or another in some part of its body—the Earth.

There is no question but what our old Mother Earth has been very sick during the past quarter of a century. What with the great war of 1914-18, the numerous earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, and now this great depression which she is feeling, it seems as if she has come down so low that the crisis of the disease has been reached. And nearly all her doctors fear for her recovery.

It is not difficult to trace in the different symptoms what the disease is, from which she is suffering. What was the great war but the breaking out in great festering sores of the bad blood caused by the poison of selfishness and greed eating its way into her most vital organs—the various nations. What are the earthquakes but the quakings of her soul at the evil thinking and actions of her humanity caused by its ungoverned selfishness? What are the volcanic eruptions but the poison of selfishness cumulating in enormous carbuncles and then bursting through earth's nature trying to free itself of this poison? Are not tornadoes the forces of the unbridled passions of certain sections of humanity running amuck? And what is this depression but the soul's giving up all hope of life—of recovery, apparently thinking the Spirit is about to depart because of such universal selfishness, and that Spiritual death must result?

But it remains to be seen what will be the outcome. Even as in the case of a man, sickness in humanity is caused by the battle between the forces of good and evil ever struggling for possession of the soul of the consciousness. And we know that good always prevails in the end.

Therefore those who have eyes to see, look not at the symptoms or what appears in the outer, except to determine how near the disease has run its course, knowing that the Life within is doing everything possible to throw off the impurities that have been befouling Its expression.

And they also know that Life is now being aided by certain faculties of the soul of humanity or certain Groups of powerful Spiritual Workers—that are now able consciously to co-operate with the Life within, and that will soon rid the consciousness, which means the whole earth body, forever, of all hindering influences.

## THE RIGHT HAND TURN

WE CONTINUE to receive questions regarding the significance of the Right Hand Turn. We are asked what events should mark this change of direction and how one may know if he has satisfactorily made that change.

Some do not realize that dates marking the beginning or ending of an epoch, or a time-period, may not be accompanied by dramatic outward events such as are chronicled by the press. We must remember that Spring blooms into Summer. Summer ripens into Autumn. And while actual dates mark each change-over, yet the passage from one season to another is gradual in its accomplishment.

However, every alert and clear-minded Student has no doubt already noted many signs of the times taking place rapidly in his own life and nature, as also in the world around him during the past weeks. From our own observation, we trace definite happenings in the affairs of individuals and of the greater affairs of this planet, that show clear signs of the quickening change that is in process. We would refer our correspondents to the Editorial which appeared in the September issue of the INNER LIFE Magazine, entitled "Choose Ye," as it was written to lift thought from any watching for dramatic outer happenings to the necessary preparation of the heart.

We share with our readers the following comment from a spiritually enlightened observer:—

"In the article in the September issue, "The Right Hand Turn," there is given a very *sane* explanation of the date of October, 1938. Too many have believed that at that date great startling things would happen—just as they expected would occur on September 16, 1936. While *outwardly* nothing very startling happened in 1936, all the same we entered on that date into a new cycle.

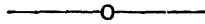
Do not let us forget that the spiritual consciousness of the "Earth Spirit" was raised on that date at midnight: the consequences of which will be felt only by the mass of humanity in due time. The Elect are working with that influx of power now. And in time it may prove to be true that humanity passed an important sign post in October, 1938. The time between October, 1938 and June, 1942, will be a time of Illumination for those who respond to the increased vibration, but it will also be for undoing of



many. According to the Elder Brothers of the Rose-Cross, by 1942 the New Order of Things should be established.

My personal viewpoint is: Why should we worry about dates? All true Initiates know the time is close at hand. What difference does it make, ten years more or less? The point is, to be ready to face the "Big Parade" at any time, if necessary tomorrow morning, and to be ready, when necessary, to help clear up the wreckage, and usher in the New Order of Things—the Theocratic State, the Christian Commonwealth."

—W. A.



## COME UNTO ME

**C**OME to Me, My children. Hear My Voice calling you to Me to be blessed and healed. My arms are outstretched to receive you and enfold you in My loving clasp. All that you go through is Mine, your sorrows, your bereavements, your sickness, your joys also, for your lives are Mine, and all that is, comes from Me and goes back to My heart to be melted in My love.

You and I are one, we were one in the beginning and the end is Me. You cannot forsake Me, for where could you turn and not find Me? We are united for ever in one everlasting Spirit of Love.

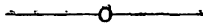
Give up all strife, all hatred, for when you fight you are only struggling against Me, and you cannot get away from Me, My dear ones, as you and I are joined forever. The world is torn to bits and you wrestled one against another, although you do not understand that you are at war only with yourselves, because if you had perfect harmony within, there would be only perfect love without. The world is but what you are in your heart, and if your hearts were filled with brotherly love, how could you fight that which is within you?

My children, the time is near when human beings will have to learn My law which is pure Love, when you will open your arms to all those you meet, when you will clasp them to your heart

remembering that it is but yourselves that you are embracing. Would that you could learn without suffering! My Voice calls you out of the wilderness of the material world where there is only separation, into My Spiritual plane where there is only Unity, Harmony and Love. That is the keynote of the future. Ask yourselves if you are treading the path of fraternal love, and if you do then you are one of Mine, and the Kingdom of My Father is wide open to receive you. That is the only criterion by which I recognize My lambs. All the rest is vain.

Look deep within your own hearts, seek the motives of your actions, and if you act with tenderness and compassion, if your heart is soft, then will you see Me in all those whom you contact. I am in each one of you, why don't you search Me *there*, for there you will find Me more truly than elsewhere. If you clamor for illumination, if you desire spiritual growth, then love all beings and through them come to Me, as I have been waiting to receive you throughout all eternity. I bless you My children—I love you all as you should love each other!

—M. de B.



## NO SEPARATION

**T**HERE is no separation—All is One:  
And Soul in wondrous beauty speaks to Soul:  
The battle fought and won, the part surrenders:  
Love Immortal whispers, "I AM WHOLE."  
I Am the Sun, the Moon, the Star,  
The Blossom and the Sod.  
I am thy Brethren near and far—  
The Christ, the Living God—  
For I AM LOVE.

—S. B.

# 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.

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## A DAUGHTER OF THE KING

*"ONE day, realizing my lack of self-possession and poise, I prayed earnestly for strength that I might gain the true kind of confidence. That night I dreamed that I was beautifully dressed, but occupied a lowly station. However, I saw myself courted by a prince, who was good natured and full of understanding. We were married in due course. I could not get over the fact, that of all the choice opportunities he had to marry princesses, or ladies of high standing, he married me, a common girl. Then, after the marriage, of which I remember nothing, I seemed to be in a castle, one of those old fashioned mansions which seemed familiar, but I have not seen such a one in this life. I had ladies to wait upon me, even in the dream I realized that now it should not be hard for me to handle servants, because they accepted me as being of royal blood and naturally wanted to serve me, and I began in a most natural manner to assume my duties as lady of a large house with servants.*

*The first gift I received from my Prince husband was a large box containing flowers made of light blue silk, in the shape of a cross, they seemed like roses, only made of silk.*

*Then I walked over a large piece of land with someone at my side. Before me was a large building and it seemed like a railroad station, people came from it and amongst them a couple that had just been married, they were laughing and going in the opposite direction from me, I headed toward the building; the land which seemed to belong to me was leading right up to that large fine building. I walked in my bare feet over the good earth which was just heavily fertilized! I said to my companion, "We shall plant wheat here." And I awoke."*

Your dream was a most reassuring one and a real answer to your problem. You were shown your true status as the daughter of the Heavenly King in which you have dominion in your own world of manifestation. Your true status was only revealed to you after your union with your own Higher Self, represented by the prince. This was further shown by the cross of experience handed to you by the prince and which cross was blooming with roses. Then your walk over your own land—your own domain—which was richly fertilized by labour and experience, shows that your own nature is ready to bring forth a rich harvest.

## WHAT TRUST AND FAITH IN GOD WILL DO

**"MY HUSBAND** has always been a quiet kindly man, ever ready to help anyone in distress, so that many people come to him with their problems and feel that he helps them. In 1931 he had a severe heart attack, the kind that is almost fatal, according to the doctors. The attack came suddenly and I saw the gray shadow of death sweep over his face, and when I touched his face it was icy cold. I started talking to him, although he was unconscious, saying 'W....., God is your life, and nothing can touch it. Your work here is not finished, you do not have to go.' My husband told me afterwards that although he heard me talking, he d'd not hear what I said; he seemed to be out of his body walking on a road through a valley with high hills on each side on which grew tall beautiful trees. It seemed to him that it was twilight, and he came to a road branching off to the left which he felt led back to physical consciousness, while if he continued on the straight road he was then on, he would go on to a new life. He seemed to stand there considering, and as he looked at the straight road he felt he would like to go on—that it would be a pleasant adventure; but then he looked again at the branch road and thought that his work was not finished and that I needed him. He then came back into the body and to much suffering both in body and mind. Both doctor and nurse said that it was a miracle that he lived.

It took me quite a while to see him as a well strong man, but since I have been doing that, he has looked and felt so much much stronger, that everyone remarks about his constant improvement. I am practicing seeing God in everything and everyone, and at times can enter the Christ Consciousness where I am so happy and light as air."

What you tell of the experience of your husband and your being able so wonderfully to help him in that serious heart attack is most interesting. We are truly proud of you in your simple, childlike trust in God. Try to realize more fully that things and outer conditions are only what you think and believe they are, and that when you can change your beliefs into a picture that you would like to have manifest, the Law will inevitably bring it about. This is a very wonderful truth, dear friend, and means that we need not remain in conditions of lack and limitation of any kind any longer than we want them to manifest.

You have a glimpse of the Truth, but only a partial glimpse. Now let the whole picture come through and remain in your consciousness—that which you want to manifest in all your affairs, including your husband, his work, and all of the conditions in your life.

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"There exists in the eternal world the permanent realities of everything which we see reflected in the glass of nature."

—William Blake.

"The book in which all mysteries lie is man himself; he himself is the book of the being of all beings, seeing he is the likeness or similitude of God."

—Boehme.

# THE INNER ROOM

**C**ONTAINING 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.

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## THE WAY OUT COURSE

**W**E ARE confident that the study and the daily PRACTICE of the Teachings of the WAY OUT Course will bring to you the desired liberation. Our reason for urging our students to take one Lesson at a time, is to make it more possible for them to build the truths into consciousness, by pondering each particular idea and then by confirming these studies by practice. For this reason the slower the better, as this is a foundational work.

This is important, particularly for you, dear one, as you are well equipped to be a teacher and yet there are certain places in your outer self that need strengthening—the emotions in particular. There is always, for each of us, someone or some circumstance that can get a rise out of us. Read over again the chapter in the IMPERSONAL LIFE on Soul Mates which has valuable teaching that relates to friends, business associates and relatives, as well as to the partnership in marriage, though this latter is the relation on which the emphasis is placed in this chapter.

Search to perceive the Divine in any particular individual. Realize that their association with you is brought about by a definite intention on the part of your Higher Self to endeavor to teach you a needed lesson. It is not a situation to avoid but to court, for what it can bring to you in self discipline, love and Soul discernment.

We advise that you do not make efforts to arouse the sixth sense. These inner faculties have undoubtedly been ours in past lives. Every student studying along these lines today has, probably been a deeply initiated mystic gifted with clear psychic sight in other lives. But these faculties are in abeyance—in many—in this life *because* we are gaining the dominion of Spirit in the realm of the conscious mind. Ponder this significant fact and you will see that there is a profound reason why you do not have this inner sight at this time. Your Higher Self is determined to have the control and the use of your whole outer being in full awareness. Note the editorial on SOUL AS CONSCIOUSNESS in the November issue of the INNER LIFE Magazine.

You have a great future of service ahead of you but do not rush the work of our Course, because you are building the foundation, brick by brick, and never should have to return to strengthen it.

We are glad to have your letter and in answer would say, that the Impersonal Teachings are not, in any way, an attempt to avoid facing reality. But what is reality? In its final analysis it is that which never changes, or the true unalterable facts of the Nature of God and man and the Cosmos. What your friends mean by reality however is probably the changing conditions of sorrow and joy, health and disease, poverty and riches, that surround us in this ever-changing world. Therefore, the term "reality" must be defined before a true understanding can be gained.

These troublous conditions may be altered in many ways. Sometimes legislation temporarily improves them; economic conditions definitely affect them. But all attempts to benefit them, change as rapidly as the phenomena of poverty and disease themselves.

We do not deny that the world is filled with trouble. But we know that this trouble is, in part at least, caused by fear of it, or by the acceptance of existing conditions as inevitable, or by agreement with the beliefs of other people, and that they may be changed by positive thinking. That is to say, by thought based on the unchangeable reality of God's nature: by a recognition that God is ever-present and His Power ever-available.

From the standpoint of the ordinary person everything is real which he perceives by means of his senses, or of which he hears and accepts as being true. But students of the power of thought, and religious believers have discovered that these effects may be changed and indeed removed by going to the root from which they spring. It has been proved that disease can be checked and wiped out by the power of prayer, and also by the action of right thinking.

As you proceed with the study of the WAY OUT Course, you will find that these questions will become much clearer to you because we do not offer merely a means of escape or avoiding any issue, but we also outline a definite means of controlling a situation creatively. We believe that you will find it wiser not to discuss these subjects too much with people who do not understand or agree with your viewpoint until you are more surely grounded yourself. In the meantime, radiate love into your place of business before you go there in the morning, knowing that as the daylight has preceded you into the office, so has the light of spiritual understanding gone before to illumine the dark places. Watch the power of God in operation and learn to depend upon it.

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"May you so live in the Spirit that whosoever contacts you will be strengthened; that whosoever blesses you will be blest; that whosoever gives to you of love, money or service will be prospered; that whosoever calls on you in the Silence will be answered, and should any seek to injure you they may so contact your thought of God as to see the error of their ways and be healed."

—Henry Victor Morgan.

# 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.

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## THE WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP

**T**HE Aspirant or Neophyte stage . . . 'I will arise and Go.' This is the stage in which the disciple-to-be feels the first stirrings of his awakening soul as the wonderful truth dawns upon his consciousness that there are heights and depths of realization of which he has never dreamed and now he resolves to arise and go, to seek until he finds that which will satisfy his need though he knows not what it is . . . yet.

"The disciple on Probation . . . "and he arose.' The disciple has started on his journey—having carried out his resolve—and started. It is yet to be seen if he will persevere to the end despite the many difficulties he will meet on his journey back to the Father's House. Until he proves that nothing will weaken his resolve to travel to the end, he is a disciple on probation.

. An accepted disciple has proved that he is in earnest, that he is, truly putting the Kingdom first. Consequently, invisible helpers guide him on his way. He is lovingly guided on his journey. He learns to love the Christ within and to serve Him only and on his journey listens to the voice directing him in service for others. 'While he was yet a great way off, his Father saw him and ran to meet him,—and provided him not only with food and raiment but luxuries."

"The journey back to the Father's House is a mental journey because it means mind control and discipline. The mind is but an instrument for the use of the Higher Self and it must be trained to efficient service, so that it willingly and quickly responds to the command, Be Still. The practice of daily Meditation is very necessary to acquire this. This is necessary also to teach the mind to accept and try to understand, without rebelling against new Truths that are given it. The Greatest need for daily meditations is, however, to acquaint the disciple with the Master Within. He **MUST** be able to shut the sheep, the wandering, straying sheep of his thoughts securely into the fold and learn to know and recognize the Master's Voice as surely as did any sheep that ever followed David."

—A. Z.

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## THE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

**I** HARDLY know how to begin to tell you of the lessons I've learned and what I've accomplished since I began your Lessons last fall.

"At the time I sent in my application for your Course, 'The Way Out.' I was as a drowning man clutching at a straw. I was completely and thoroughly disillusioned. I had lost all interest in life and paradoxically

as it may sound, it was the fear of death that made me seek a way out. Mentally and physically I was a wreck.

"Today I can say that I have a plan and purpose in life and have come a long way in freeing myself from the self-imposed limitations of the past. I have learned that wrong thinking, wrong visualization and the acceptance of negative things into my life—seeking for a solution of my problems in the outer instead of turning within to the Loving Father, the Great Source of All Good, was the cause of my trouble.

"I am deeply grateful to our Loving Father, Who hearing my call for help, directed me to your Lessons through a friend; and to all of you who have made this Work possible I wish to express my deep gratitude for the Loving help given. God bless you and keep you always."

—H. P.

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### GROUP WORK

"**T**HERE is more power in a square than in a single line. The Brotherhood work together as a Unit. Soul growth would be more rapid in a group but the group must work as One in perfect harmony and vibrations equal. There is a great outpouring of love from such a Unit; more than from a single person. Where two or three are gathered together in the Christ Consciousness, there is the Cosmic Christ Principle in their hearts, expressed as love."

—W. B. C.

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### THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT

"**I** AM the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt. Besides Me there is none else."

"When we recognize that our own beloved Christ Being has awakened the soul and lifted it out of darkness, we are then willing and ready to make the full surrender of self and its claims and 'Put ye on the Lord, Jesus Christ.' And as we go through the process of purification and earnestly seek to follow the Christ both the soul and mind consciousness become the blessed, joyous, willing avenues through which our Christ Self uses as He wills and chooses. Then and then only do we begin to realize and know that God is All in all because Christ (Love) has wiped out all hardness of heart its like. And we then see with His Eyes and see only Christ in everyone and in everything. And we KNOW IT IS GOD. Let us be ever mindful to give thanks for this 'unspeakable gift' of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Who is ever showing us *The Christ Way* and teaching us to apply the Christ Way in all we do, think or say.

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"**T**HE wondrous meaning in this Lesson is that we seek really to 'Know Thyself,' 'God in You.' And to seek earnestly to follow by keeping the high consciousness and the instant there is a tendency to any downward vision, to instantly bridle the mind's will into the Path of Righteousness."

—E. K.