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Primary Lessons in Divine Science

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Lesson 11. SPIRITUAL AND MATERIAL PROSPERITY



"**I**F HIS FULLNESS HAVE ALL WE RECEIVED." This was Paul's clear perception of the truth of each one. He who knows this truth for himself can have no sense of lack; for, indeed, all deficiency or lack is but a sense or mental condition which is the effect of imperfect or wrong thought and belief.

Little need be said about poverty. Most people have felt its pangs of suffering, its cruel tyranny, its strangling grip upon the throat of hope and aspiration. It is the one—and the greatest—disease common to all humanity. It is not a reality, but a nightmare! It is not a truth, but a lie! It is not a power, but the absence of it! The same thing may be said of any so-called physical disease, and therefore Poverty and Disease are one and the same.

Remember, there is no physical causation; likewise there is no physical disease. All beliefs in discord, sin, sickness and poverty—being beliefs—must necessarily be mental. A belief is a mental supposition in which certain qualities and powers are attributed to certain things. But the belief does not make the thing true.

Truth is changeless; it is permanent and reliable, and your beliefs

about it can not affect it. The only thing your beliefs affect is yourself: if they are of the good, they give you peace, confidence, and assurance; if of evil, you are disturbed by doubt, uncertainty and fear. The belief in the Good is the invitation of Truth to apply it, to put it into practice, which transforms it into Faith; and Faith "removes mountains"—every sense bondage and affliction.

If you think any lack, of yourself or your circumstances, or of anyone else—if you mentally picture any kind of lack anywhere, it is this thought-image which hides from your vision the Fullness of Supply; your belief acting as a screen upon which is painted the pictures of suffering and distress resulting from such seeming lack.

Stop right here and know once and for all that these pictures on your mental screen are only the paintings of your imagination, and have no truth or reality. You feel that your conditions of lack are anything but imaginary; that they are so evident that they must be real? Then let us dismiss for a few minutes these apparent conditions while we go back and search for a sure and stable foundation upon which to stand.

The only proper place to begin anything is at the Foundation or Basis. Therefore, to understand Prosperity, we must begin with the Source; then following its laws of expression, find the method of its manifestation in our affairs.

Turn your thought from the without to the within. Let go the stress of the outer, and calmly meditate upon the Great Presence which gave Being to you and all things. It is the Only Source, and It is the Only Substance. This Presence is everywhere; there can be no place where it is not; therefore, It is the Omnipresence, "whose presence bright all space doth accupy, all motions guide." That which is visible came into expression from the invisible—both the seen and the unseen being One Substance—Spirit.

As you thus think you will begin to see that this Living Substance is the Source and Supply of your being—spiritually, mentally and physically. The whole includes all its parts, and your being in its entirety is the product or expression of God. Now God is Spirit, and Spirit is the only Substance, visible and invisible. It is the all-pervading Presence above, beneath, around and within, and itself constitutes the so-called material.

God is therefore that Reality upon which all things rest or depend for existence—the foundation, the basis, the all-inclusive Reality of all that is!

Since God is Spirit, spirituality means to be like God; conscious of Truth. Prosperity then means enlargement or unfoldment in consciousness. It is the evolverment of the nature, capacity and potentialities of Being in the individual.

Thus do we find that Spiritual Prosperity is the only true success. Only through knowledge can you truly have and enjoy the Fullness of Good, whether that be health, happiness or success. Through knowing Truth you thrive, succeed, prosper, and advance in all good and desirable things. It is the only Law of Success.

"Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," is the simple yet fundamental basis of Prosperity as given us by the divinely-illuminated Jesus. If you desire to be truly successful—that is, if you wish to gain or advance in anything good, and have full appreciation and enjoyment of that attainment—then faithfully observe that word "first." Write it in capitals; for the only sure and abiding foundation is the knowledge and acceptance of the One Presence and Power as your Life, Intelligence, Love, Joy and Power—which is the Kingdom of God. Its "righteousness" is rightness, order, harmony, justice, and the Law by which it expresses. Get this understanding, eliminating personal selfish desires, opening yourself to the inflow of Good only, and you will have opened the doors to Prosperity in every direction. The outer evidences will necessarily follow—"all these things shall be added unto you."

Mentality—the personal thought—looks to its own efforts for success. It may gain money, fame, things, and have many possessions; but, lacking the consciousness of that which they but represent or symbolize, the personal thinker feeds only upon husks, the chaff. The personal thought is, in effect, the non-recognition or a denial of God, and the praise of self.

Job declared: "If I have made gold my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence; if I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much; this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge: for I should have denied the God that is above."

Jesus, conscious of Truth, said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." He likened the one who thought only of material gain to a fool, saying, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Then learn this lesson well: God is not only the Source of all things, but the very constituency of Prosperity. Seek the Kingdom of God and the Law of its Expression, giving yourself fully and unreservedly to it, and then you will joyfully and consciously acclaim with Jesus, "All that the Father hath is mine." Then will you know that of His Fullness have you received.

In the old Mosaic law we read this statement of principle: "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God . . . and say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth; but thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that hath given thee power to get wealth."

Why do you lack any good thing? Because you have not followed the Lord your God with a whole heart; that is, you have mentally believed in limitation, injustice, theft, under-supply—all these subtle suggestions of the perverse personal thought, called the adversary or devil. To this extent you have turned your back on Truth, your face away from the Light; and as a result see these false images of race and personal belief. So long as you depend upon such appearances as facts, just so long will you remain in bondage to sense delusion; although, as a matter of fact, there is no more truth in poverty and lack than in the horrible dream at night. When you awaken to the Truth you will then know the nothingness of both these sense dreams, because the Light of Truth will reveal unto you your divine inheritance—"heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ."

You have a right to all material supply you can use wisely and enjoy. It is not only your divine right, through your unity and cooperation with God, to have sufficient to sustain your body, but for every comfort and enjoyment of this present world—for is it not God's own creation, made for you and me?

But do not attempt to hoard. Use that which you have wisely, but without fear, knowing that God not only shall but now supplies all your needs. Do not lay stress upon the material, for it is but the symbol of God's bounty. Hence Solomon advises: "Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings."

In the recognition of the Omnipresence you are open to the inflow of Supply from every direction. Do not clog up the channel by attempting to store it away. "Charge them that are rich in this world," wrote

Paul to Titus, "that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the Living God, who giveth us richly ALL THINGS to enjoy."

It is therefore evident that material prosperity is really dependent upon spiritual prosperity. Therefore, do not permit the present seeming limitations to make you sad nor discouraged; above all, refuse to permit yourself to worry and fear, for these things only bind your thought the tighter. But you ask, How? There is but one way: Turn to God your Father. Trust in Him. Open yourself to the Light and Inspiration of Truth—the Christ. Affirm your ONENESS with God, and that you are NOW filled and surrounded with the FULLNESS OF GOD. Then wait patiently, faithfully, without wavering, ever living to your highest and doing your very best, which is co-operation, and you can not fail to demonstrate the Law of Prosperity both spiritually and materially. It is as true as the law of mathematics.

WAKE YOURSELF

Thought is a magnet, and you carve your own way up the heights if you will use your forces wisely and well.

Believe that your own soul is a magnet.

It is the reservoir from which all inspiration comes.

Fall asleep with the prayer for light upon your lips.

Believe in it; believe in your own close connection with it.

Concentrate upon the thought of success in your chosen work.

Believe that you have power to draw to you whatever you need for the perfection of your purpose and the realizing of your desires.

Instead of waiting for some millionaire to wake up to the knowledge of his own stewardship of God's wealth, wake up your soul to its realization of power and draw to you the influence and money you need.

Expect aid from unseen and unknown sources; make yourself worthy to receive such aid; for, while the unworthy are sometimes successful for a season, it is not the kind of success you should seek.

The better, the kinder, the more unselfish, the more prayerful and trustful and patient you are, the greater and more lasting will be your success when it comes.

And it will come.

—B. F. Austin, in "Reason."

Omnipresence: All-Presence; One and Only Presence.

Omnipotence: All-Power; One and Only Power.

Omniscience: All-Science; One and Only Knowledge.

There is no other Presence, no other Power, no other Knowledge but the *One*.

THE LAW OF GROWTH

DAISY L. FRIEDMAN.

HABIT: THE CONTROLLING OF OUR DESIRES



HEALTH DEFIES DISEASE. We can not have health and sickness at the same time. The reason so much sickness exists, and the reason living is difficult so as to be free from sickness, is because we retain in the subconscious realm beliefs that have seemed a part of us from preceding generations. Heredity is the result of past impressions upon the subconscious realm. As stated by Burbank, "Heredity is the sum of past environment." It is an evidence of the Divine Love that we can consciously change every inherited tendency through right thinking; that the goal of perfection is attained or we grow unretarded through thinking the thoughts emanating from the superconscious realm. It is not what we are, but what we can be.

To overcome the inherited tendencies or false habits requires patient endeavor with true understanding so that we do not lose courage, for courage is faith in action. When we lose faith, we sever connection with the realm of Divine Ideas.

New Ideas must be impressed deeply to overcome the old habits, for the old has gained energy; but this energy is readily overcome if we do not waver from the New Thoughts which we have accepted, because continually thinking in the superconscious realm, all our mental images must inevitably be perfect. Through the quickening Power which follows thought from the superconscious, the subconscious is changed, freeing us to engage our energies properly, and gradually changing our environment. The subconscious realm must come in contact with the quickening Power from the superconscious realm in order to put the right impulses at work. A "change of heart," or "we must be born again," is another way of stating the result of the quickening Power. All evidences of past records are removed, and a new start is made with new impressions and a new view-point of the world and our duty to the world.

We have false habits of thought to remove in every phase of living. We have inherited false habits in eating, drinking, breathing, and in clothing ourselves. We receive enlightenment upon these questions if we earnestly desire to change the customs to which we have been environed. "Ask, and ye shall receive." It is our right to receive of the Divine Ideas when we ask; and we do receive answers when we ask in the right attitude.

We have been shown that habits or customs are the result of the impressions on the subconscious. From the realm of the superconscious we are made to discriminate between the true and the false. Through an earnest desire, and through attaining and retaining the trustful atti-

tude, we receive knowledge of the Divine Laws pertaining to every detail of our lives. We are taught to distinguish between our desires and our needs. Every need is a desire, but not every desire is a need. A parent knows that the average child wishes everything it sees. A true parent knows that to give the child everything it wishes would be to retard the growth of both thought and body. A true parent discriminates from the many desires of the child the needs that are essential for that child's growth and development.

Just as true parent needs to guide children with justice and love, so are we guided with justice and love by the Perfect Parent. Just as a child rebelling from the laws of the true parent causes itself suffering, so do we when we rebel or refuse to comply with the Divine Laws also suffer. A true parent does not force the children to accept his or her laws, nor are we forced to accede to the Divine Laws. We are given the privilege of choosing the course which we shall follow, but if in our choosing we take the way that leads to suffering, we have done so willingly.

Our every need is met the same as every need of the tree is met; that is, if we do not waste our energies in uncontrolled desires. Desires, uncontrolled, cause all the inharmonies of life. Each of us have had experiences wherein our desires were given freedom, and have caused misery and trouble not only to ourselves, but to others. When we became calmer and freed from the misery of our actions, we have realized wherein we have chosen deliberately, and we have seen clearly wherein we have misled ourselves.

It is essential to our growth to have desires, for without desire we would not be thinking or using the material given us, nor would we be manifesting perfection. It is just as essential to know how to control them, and to know which desires are our needs, in order to utilize properly the material given us so as to take our part rightly in the Divine Plan.

Desires uncontrolled revert us to a lower degree, and the animal part of us predominates. There is no reason in uncontrolled desires. We forget in our intensities for the gratification of these desires the needs of our fellowmen. We think and act the one purpose in thought, causing us to be impulsive, self-centered and heedless to the Monitor within, and heedless to all attempts at guidance from those who have gained the calm, rightful ways and knowledge of Life. This attitude of the individual toward his desires is only changed through the understanding of our purpose in the Divine Plan and through the realization that he is an offspring of God.

We attain this understanding from the superconscious realm of thought, which alone is the infallible guide, and through which we come into touch, or respond to the Divine Mind; and through which we take our rightful place in the Divine Plan.

There is ever going on a constant battle in the soul between the desires of the senses and those prompted from the realm of Divine

Ideas. One must dominate. There must be the perfect union of the soul with the Divine Mind. If this union had not been severed in belief, we would not have reverted to a lower degree of thought, and the senses would not have become our guide. The senses would have been used to express the Divine Ideas. It is in overcoming the desires of the senses by using them in the right way wherein we attain and maintain the true relationship to the Divine Mind. We do not gain by repression; but by permitting the thought from Divine Mind to take hold of these desires and transmute them into the channels for which they were intended.

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BEHOLD, I STAND!



HERE IS NOTHING THE NEW STUDENT finds so difficult as to stand for the Truth, calm and steadfast, in the midst of menacing appearances. A little knowledge of Truth, even as a little knowledge of other sciences, is found at times rather dangerous to one's peace, for if we stand true to the highest we see, we are often scoffed at by our well-meaning but ignorant friends, and if we falter and fail to stand true, we meet our own condemnation. However, this is but a hard place in our unfoldment, and if we are quiet, unmoved, and decide for Truth, we shall not be long getting upon more stable ground.

When Paul said, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the adversary in the evil day, and having done all, to stand," (and he wrote this in one of his letters to the Ephesians, whom he must have known were advanced in spiritual perception), he certainly meant the **WHOLE ARMOR**, and not to arm themselves only partially, for the Armor of God is the Full Knowledge of Truth, and each soul can claim the fullness of all that the Father has. Paul knew this and declared, "Of His Fullness have we all received," but men have failed to claim that which has been given them by the Father, so do not realize the Armor already prepared for them.

Truth is the Basis of Absolute Reality, and each individual can say, "In knowledge of Truth I stand, in belief of error I fall;" and we all have the power of choice.

The Mind of Universal Truth knows no adversary, for the Supreme Truth of the Universe is Oneness, meaning One Life, One Substance, One Intelligence everywhere; and the Eternal Declaration of Truth is "I am, and besides me is none other."

Today we call adverse thought our only adversary, for it exists nowhere but in personal belief, and comes from lack of understanding the Universal Truth; so is not reality, but merely a mental experience.

The day of adverse thought, then, seems to us the evil day; but the day of realizing Truth is the Lord's day; so we readily see how necessary it is for us to make Truth our habit of thought. Students continually ask the question, "Where am I to stand?" and we must

learn that the "where" does not refer to a place, a house, a country, neither in a valley nor on a mountain top, but refers to the attitude of the Soul. It means a looking out upon the world from within the soul's own centre of Intelligence, a turning to the invisible Source of all wisdom and a returning to the external world of activity with renewed understanding and power.

Then, "Behold, I stand!" means an unwavering reliance upon the indwelling Spirit for all wisdom, inspiration and guidance.

Personal belief, as we all know, resists that which it does not understand: First, by fear, which is a sense of separation; second, by worry, which is the activity of fear; third, by anxiety, which means expecting the result of fear. By entertaining fear, adverse thought is set in motion, and we get results in unpleasant experiences.

But having put on the "whole armor of God," we are now ready to stand. Do you ask "when"? I will be quite specific, and though there are many times of standing, you can begin with these, and the stronger you stand in these "times of adversity," the more easy you will find it to meet other situations.

First: When feelings of weakness and sickness come upon you.

Second: When lack seems much more real than Divine Abundance.

Third: When discouragement, like a thief in the night, appears before you.

Fourth: When assailed by your foes.

Fifth: When misunderstood by your friends.

Sixth: When "everything goes dead wrong;" for I agree very heartily with Ella Wheeler Wilcox that

"It's easy enough to be pleasant
When Life goes along like a song,
But the man worth while
Is a man with a smile,
When everything goes dead wrong."

None of these testing times, of themselves, have the slightest power over you; they are but the old false conception of separation from your Good coming before you, and if you have the right attitude towards them, and stand strong and unmoved, they will be destroyed forever by the simple declaration of Truth.

We have found by experience that declaring Truth disconnects thought from belief in error; we find also that it clears the mental attitude, it establishes the thought in conscious trust, and that which is not true passes away "like a tale that is told."

Going a step farther, we find realizing Truth connects the thought with the Power of Truth, and now we stand in the Universal Mind of Intelligence, with calm, steadfast thought, a loving, trustful heart, and with perfect confidence that Divine Wisdom will destroy every enemy to our peace, health and happiness.

Truth to us at first is a "still small voice," but it grows in power as we listen and follow, and becomes a Mighty Voice, because it is of God and endures unto the end.

We now perceive that there was never any real adversary, and it is not our false concepts, but TRUTH that stands forever.

The limited "I" of personal belief is the warrior, but the "I AM" of Truth commands the limited "I" to "Stand still, and behold the Salvation I will work for you."

The soul, obedient to the voice of Truth, dependent not at all upon external help, or the many voices of the world, is granted the Joy of the Kingdom.

Many trials come to us, for the great world about us is testing our ability to stand true; but these are the "spiritual gymnastics" that increase our strength, and in the end we attain the inner consciousness of peace and unity, which is the real victory of Truth.

MENTAL ATTITUDE

The human mind seems to stand, sit, lie, or recline, much like the human body. And most minds seem disposed to habitually assume one of these attitudes. It is this mental habit that makes the greatest difference in people.

You wouldn't think much of the scrapping qualities of a man who would sit down to fight a bear. In such an encounter you would naturally expect a live man to be on his feet with every muscle ready for action and every faculty alert. And yet there are people who meet the difficulties of life with a prostrate mind. They lack the spirit that should bring them mentally to their feet at the approach of danger or difficulty.

The fellow who sits is the fellow who gets run over. The fellow who stands is ready to play the game and get away with the prize. Humanity may be classified in many ways; but the sharpest, clearest division, everywhere apparent, is that which contrasts the spiritless, negative, sitting down and luckless failure from the spirited, positive, standing and luck-making success who meets trouble face to face and makes trouble fight for all it gets.

The pioneers drove out the bears; and the difficulties yet to be overcome can be vanquished by the same tactics. It all depends on whether you have acquired the habit of standing or of falling down in the presence of difficulties.—"The Liberty Bell."

That a rose is intended to glorify God in its color is as evident a truth as that man is intended to glorify Him in worship.

Spiritual faith is the most real thing in existence. It is, as Paul says, a substance—a living substance—and those who have it are in the assurance of the reality of things that others cannot see.

THE SECRET OF FAITH

WILLIAM YEATS MORE.



FAITH IS THE CORNER-STONE of every temple in all the great fields of endeavor, from the physical to the spiritual realms. Without it the structures crumble and fall, through lack of cohesion. Our aim is ever to point the way to practical demonstration, and if any hint here given proves a help towards this desired end, it has not been written in vain.

Well is it said that "without Faith you can do nothing." In financial and commercial circles it is the load-stone that draws the golden harvest, and international peace is a failure without the balance-wheel of faith, as shown by the world-catastrophe now raging, and requires no prophet to say that until faith is re-established, it will continue.

Faith in the great fundamental Life Principles is absolutely necessary to successfully transact any business, from the smallest and meanest up to ruling and directing the destinies of an empire or a planet. The Master said, If you have Faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can move either a tree or a mountain at will, and Paul affirms that the prayer of faith shall save the sick; and to illustrate its dynamic force, he said that it was the Power of Faith that threw down the walls of Jericho.

Jesus time and again testified to the efficacy of this virtue, such as the remark to the woman he healed, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." Divine Science, therefore, has the best of all authority for healing demonstrations, and modern results are equally pronounced, fully verifying the gospel narratives.

Let us study the source of this marvelous power; how it originates; how acquired or attained. Again we quote Paul who gives the secret in fewer words than any other Biblical authority, and his testimony is that this God-like power comes alone "through Faith which worketh by Love."

We have searched and studied the bibliography of all lands, and find nothing to disprove this affirmation, but everything to confirm and elaborate the statement, that unless Faith is exercised in altruism or love, it is useless, because at variance, and out of alignment with the universal will.

So we today testify and know that, "Though I have all Faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not Love, I am nothing." This will absolutely prove out in the final settlement of the present world-war; for all the mighty engines of destruction used on land, sea and air, are predoomed to nothingness, because in direct antagonism to Faith founded and based on Love.

Isaiah's words are prophetic of today's horrors: "The indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies; he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter; their slain also shall be cast out and their stink shall come up out of

their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood; and all their hosts shall fall down as the leaf falleth off from the vine . . . behold their valiant ones shall cry without; the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly."

Just as surely as fell the mighty Babylon of old, will the present militarism, opposed to the only power of Faith and Love, be utterly destroyed, and better kingdoms shall arise from their ashes, more attuned to Life's keynote.

How can organized animal brute force ever hope to perpetuate itself in these days of spiritual enlightenment? No, the words of the gentle Teacher shall again be verified, "All they that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

We are repeating today the story and getting the lesson of the ages, so graphically told in that ancient Hindu symposium, the Bagavad Gita, and in this crisis we should seriously study and contact the spirit of Job, who, through trial, finally achieved and attained the secret of the One and Only Power of Faith through Love.

Let it be recorded of us, as it was of that ancient brother, "The Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayer (unified in love) for his friends; also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before . . . so the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning . . . after this Job lived an hundred and forty years." This old-time story is no worn out myth, for it is proven today by thousands of earnest men and women, that not only is "Faith without works dead," but "Faith without Love" is equally fruitless.

Paul clearly shows that Faith is no exception to the Universal Law, which holds no virtue or attribute of any value unless linked, unified and exercised with Love, the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, let each of us so co-operate that we become literally "A man after God's own heart."

The benefit of Faith and Perseverance in well-doing was ever emphasized by Emerson: "The truth can always be had by those who desire it, but each one must seek it for himself. That only which we have within can we see without. If we meet no angels or gods, it is because we harbor none."

In seeking for this marvelous Faith-Power, we must take the first step taught and inculcated by the illuminati of all time, and voiced even by Confucius, the Chinese sage: "Before a man can govern others, he must first learn to govern himself." Unless we rise above the influence of the gross appetites and passions, we can not aspire to the Faith that moves mountains of difficulties from our path, but in and through Faith's co-operation with the Spirit of Love can we realize truly that "all is ours in heaven and in earth."

We read in a late magazine article where enlightened discrimination was emphasized as the first virtue to be sedulously cultivated. The earnest student should first realize that nothing in his daily thought is too trivial or insignificant, that it either helps or hinders his spiritual growth. Therefore, the imperative necessity to forever choose between

the right and the wrong, the true and the false, the intuitions of the soul and the impulses of the animal man. This wise discrimination becomes a factor in our daily life, and dispels the fogs of doubt and fear, so that we can see one equal Self in friends and so-called foes, as well as in ourselves.

Then will we be conscious of our Unity with all, so increasing our Faith in Love that we can enter into the spirit which animated Theodore Tilton, when in a moment of inspiration, he wrote these lines on "The Mystery of Nature":

The works of God are fair for naught
 Unless our eyes in seeing
 See hidden in the thing the thought
 That animates its being.
 The outward form is not the whole,
 But every part is moulded
 To image forth an inward soul
 That dimly is unfolded.

The shadow pictured in the lake
 By every tree that trembles
 Is cast for more than just the sake
 Of that which it resembles.
 The stars are lighted in the skies
 Not merely for their shining,
 But like the looks of loving eyes
 Have meanings worth divining.

Whoever yearns to see aright
 Because his heart is tender
 Shall catch a glimpse of heavenly light
 In every earthly splendor.
 So since the Universe began,
 And till it shall be ended,
 The Soul of Nature, Soul of Man,
 The Soul of God are blended.

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 definiteness and clearness both the

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of these two great systems or schools of science and religion. This
 course of comparative lessons is given in response to innumerable re-
 quests as to "What is the difference between Divine Science and Chris-
 tian Science?"

THE QUESTION OF SUPPLY

MARIE MAYNARD PATCH

“Please explain what is meant by the statement, ‘God supplies all our needs.’” If one were in possession of four or five hundred dollars with no prospect of more when that was gone, does Practical Christianity teach that if one had faith one could use this money, knowing that as other needs arose, more money would be forthcoming?”

This question from a Truth-seeker is one which many people are asking, and we answer it, as we answer all questions, from the basis of our teaching, the Omnipresence of God.

Since there is but One Substance, then everything that man can have or need for daily living is this One Substance formed or made visible to us. **This Substance is the actual, literal Presence of God.** Supply, then, is not something which God gives us; it is **that which God is**, and is therefore ever present.

Where God is, God-activity is. This means perfect circulation everywhere, all the time. Perfect circulation is the law. He who does not recognize this law, who does not see this perfect circulation, naturally tries to hold to what he has. It is just as natural for the unawakened soul to hold to things as for the awakened soul to co-operate with the law of circulation.

The one who does so try to hold things, whether it be money, wisdom, position, anything whatever, is obstructing, not Divine-circulation, not God-activity, but merely his own perception, his own vision. He is only delaying his own realization of fullness.

Just so long as one believes that this Divine circulation can be hindered, that abundance can be accumulated in one place and another place left void or empty, just so long will he feel that he must hold to what he has. Emerson says: “We fear to let go our angels that our archangels may come in.” Just so long as one **holds anything**, he is keeping out something better. The law of individual life is progression, advancement, unfoldment, and at no point of that unfoldment can we stop.

Men live in the midst of opulence, and most of them do not even know it is here, much less how to lay hold of and use and enjoy. Charles B. Newcomb says that although we talk so much of the Infinite, “yet we treat God as though He were the cashier of a penny savings bank in which we had very small deposits.” When one sees and knows and realizes this One Presence, this One Substance, this One Power or Activity, he no longer fears to spend what he has, even to the last penny. His faith then is

not in the dollar, but in the Substance of which the dollar is but the symbol.

Money is good and needful, and it is right that we should have it in abundance, but the one who has the courage and faith to let go and trust, even though for a time there should seem to be lack, is better off and **richer** than the one who is **afraid** to let go. His attitude is more nearly right, more nearly that of realizing the fullness. The wholly right attitude, the attitude of **full faith and realization**, brings, of course, the full supply, but the one who has faith enough to say, "I will let go and trust," and then **does** it, is well on the road, and will arrive before the one who is still hanging on. This latter has not yet reached the "letting go" stage, without which no soul ever enters the kingdom.

Trusting God for supply does not mean folding the hands and waiting for supply to fall into your lap. It means a mental attitude of quiet confidence and trust in which one is more able to co-operate, more eager and willing to do his share of God's work; and all the work there is, is God's.

Should lack come to you while you are learning to let go, remember that many strong, earnest souls have gone through the same experience, which is due in a great measure to this: that in their very earnestness and sincerity they have dropped old methods of getting or acquiring, and have not yet fully grasped the new and better way; have not yet thoroughly understood the application of the **principle** which they see to be the right and true one.

It is merely a transition stage. Many people become frightened, many become discouraged and say there is nothing in it, especially those who have sought it for selfish or personal ends, but the one who really desires the Truth, who stands by the highest he sees and applies it in his daily living, no matter what the appearance, will find himself coming more and more into that consciousness that is more to be desired than houses and lands and bank accounts, for it includes within it not only all that is needed for temporal needs, but the joy and peace and health of body which mean heaven here and now.

"Happiness does not come in boulders generally, but in pebbles. I am thankful for small mercies."

"That man is the happiest who has the most interesting things to think about."

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DIVINE SCIENCE STATEMENT OF BEING

God is All there is, both invisible and visible.
 One Presence, Knowledge and Power, is ALL.
 This One that is ALL is Perfect Life, Intelligence and Substance.
 Man is the Expression of God, and is ever One with this Perfect Life,
 Intelligence and Substance.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(In present tense.)

Our Father which art in heaven,
 Hallowed is thy name.
 Thy kingdom is come; thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Thou givest us each day our daily bread.
 Thou forgivest our debts as we forgive our debtors.
 Thou leadest us not into temptation; but dost deliver us from all
 evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and
 ever. Amen.

HABITS

Every day we are forming habits. A habit once formed is hard to break. No matter how undesirable or of how long standing a habit may be, it can be given up, and a new one formed. It takes earnest and faithful perseverance, but it can be done, if one believes it can. It has been said, "To believe a task is impossible, makes it so." This is a fact, for as long as one believes he can not, he will not try. The obstacle is his unbelief. Let us decide once and for all time, that we will form only those habits that accord with Truth. We are free to choose whom we shall serve. This is the day of decision. As we decide, so shall things seem to us. Use this treatment every day this week in connection with "The Daily Studies."

TREATMENT

This day I decide to serve only God. As I am true to my decision, I know there is nothing to fear. "God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of love, and of power, and a sound mind." In this Love and by this Power I go forth to meet my daily duties, knowing the God-mind is my mind, and that fear can not enter this mind. I trust the God-mind within me.

DECISION

Tuesday, June 1.

Bible—"So shall thy judgments be: thyself hast decided it."—1 Kings 20:40.

"Truth and Health"—Truth possesses me fully this day, Truth leads me where it will.

Wednesday, June 2.

Keep your thought from wavering, no matter what seems to contradict the Truth of God. Everywhere stand firm.

Bible—"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."—James 1:8.

Wednesday, June 2.

"Spiritual Healing"—It is necessary that you be steadfast in your attitude and thought. To be steadfast, you must base your every decision upon Principle. Think always on the Godward side.

Thursday, June 3.

Yesterday we decided to be true in our thinking. Today, watch the words and see that they agree with Truth.

Bible—"Speaking the Truth in love, we may grow up into him in all things."—Eph. 4:15.

"Truth and Health"—By the power of Truth, I purpose to speak only pure, loving, fearless, harmonious words.

Friday, June 4.

When we hear others talking about lack or inharmonies, let us be careful that we decide for Truth. We know there is but One Reality—God. Lack and inharmonies are unreal.

Bible—"Judge not according to appearances, but judge righteous judgment."—John 7:24.

"Truth and Health"—Everything may be estimated from the standpoint of Truth—Whatever God is, is True; whatever God is not, is not True.

Saturday, June 5.

It is easy to rise to great occasions; it is the little things in our daily living that require the careful attention, so the habit of meeting them in serenity and sweetness may be formed. A good helpful statement to meet this need is: "By the grace of God I can, and for the glory of God I will" meet all things in love.

"Truth and Health"—I will dedicate my every thought, word and deed to Truth, to Love, to God, to Wholeness, to Peace, to all that God is and I am.

Bible—"And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal. 6:9.

Sunday, June 6.

I am determined I will no longer drift. I am moored to the rock of Truth. I know God. I know my world is God's world. Whatever seems adverse to God in my world is my distorted vision of Truth. (Study James 1.)

Monday, June 7.

JUST TO BE TENDER

(Author Unknown)

Just to be tender, just to be true,
 Just to be glad the whole day through;
 Just to be merciful, just to be mild,
 Just to be trustful as a child;
 Just to be gentle and kind and sweet,
 Just to be helpful with willing feet;
 Just to be cheery when things go wrong,
 Just to drive sadness away with song.
 Whether the hour is dark or bright,
 Just to be loyal to God and right;
 Just to believe that God knows best,
 Just in His promises ever to rest;
 Just to let Love be our daily key,—
 That is God's will for you and me.

Bible—"Give, and it shall be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."—Luke 6:38.

POSITIVENESS

Bible—"If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."—Mat. 6:22.

"Keeping thine eye single" means being positive to good, or seeing God everywhere. The mistake the world has made is the belief in two powers, one ever warring against the other. Here is where all doubt and fear stole in to disturb man's faith and trust. Since God is Omnipotent, there can be but One Power.

TREATMENT FOR REALIZATION FOR HEALTH

I accept the Omnipresence without any reserve. I know every place is filled with the fullness of God's Life and Power. I do not reserve any place and think lack is here. Since God's Life and Power are everywhere present, then this Life and Power are within me—I rest in peace and give thanks.

Tuesday, June 8.

Bible—"There is no power but of God."—Romans 13:1.

"Spiritual Healing"—Banish the dual thought. Be positive to good. Keep your eye single; your every thought and word true to Truth. Know no Power but of Life, which is God. See God, and you will know only the Power of Life, ever beneficent in every phase of expression.

Wednesday, June 9.

Bible—"If God be for us, who can be against us?"—Romans 8:31.

"Truth and Health"—If we have not always stood positive to Truth, but have formed some undesirable habits, let us not be discouraged. Someone has said, "The great stumbling block is not the habit itself, but the belief in the impossibility to overcome it." Know by the Power of God within we can succeed. I believe with all my heart in the One Power, and that Good. By this Power, I am made strong every moment.

Thursday, June 10.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free."—John 8:32.

"Truth and Health"—This is not so much a promise of freedom as an obligation to know the Truth, that we may be free. "Ye shall" (must) know the Truth. What Truth? The Truth of what I am, and where I am, of my relation to the whole. This, that I truly am not subject to ills or fears; this knowledge saves me from the seeming power of sin and sickness.

Psalm 62:6—"God only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense, I shall not be moved."

Friday, June 11.

Bible—"My God shall supply all thy needs."—Phil. 4:18.

"Divine Science and Healing"—No matter what may be the need, health, supply, companionship; it is in the source of all—and is for each one to realize. Put your faith and belief in the whole Spirit—the Wholeness and Allness of the only One there is; this One knows your every need and supplies your every want.

Saturday, June 12.

Bible—"Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."—Isa. 26:3.

To keep the thought centered in God is our part, if we would enjoy the fulfillment of the promise.

"Truth and Health"—I still all my opinions and judgments. I hear the Truth that ever speaks in my soul. As I hear, I obey. I find myself thinking as my Source speaks; doing the work of the Father, with the Father.

Sunday, June 13.

Bible—"Hold fast the faithful word." "Hold forth the word of Life."

The reason we are to "Hold fast the faithful word" and the "Word of Life" is because they are the words of Truth. By thinking and speaking true words we come to know Reality—to realize that which is ever true).

"Truth and Health"—Speak no more words of sin and disease. "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment." Our "day of judgment" is our day, or light, of discernment. Words of fear, anger, malice, revenge, hate, sin, sickness and death are "idle words." They are not words of Truth. Think them no more, speak them no more.

Monday, June 14.

Bible—"To be spiritually minded is Life and peace."—Rom. 8:6.

"Selected Bible Readings"—When we lay down all thought of personal power, and are led by the Spirit, we make no mistake. The Spirit knows our need, but we must stand firm and keep our thought positive to Truth. Therefore, "Stand fast in one Spirit, with one mind."

OBEDIENCE

Having made our decision that we would know God, then standing positive to this decision, we follow this week by being obedient—in

thought, word, and deed. An undertaking? Not if we go about it in the right way, by knowing it is "The Father that doeth the work." We turn to the Inner for our guidance. Let nothing discourage us. We have taken our stand. "God and One are a majority."

TREATMENT FOR THE REALIZATION OF SUPPLY

I acknowledge God as the Source of all. I will not fear or doubt. I know God's willingness to give and my ability to receive. I claim my freedom from all limitation and lack. I adjust my every thought to the fullness of God's Supply for me now and here. God is my sufficiency now and forever.

Tuesday, June 15.

Bible—"What does the law require of thee, but to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"—Micah 6:8.

When we are obedient, we co-operate with the law. Our mistakes come from ignorance or disobedience. Follow this instruction given in "Truth and Health"—In every moment, place and circumstance of this day I trust the wisdom of the Perfect Spirit within me.

Wednesday, June 16.

Bible—"Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God."

Like the psalmist of old, we today ask to be shown God's will, and turn to our Source in all confidence. We listen—we hear the message—we work for the Father. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." In this attitude "All things are possible."

Thursday, June 17.

Bible—"In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."—Proverbs 3:6.

Are we quite sure we always acknowledge Him in all our ways? A closer watch over our thoughts will put us on the right road.

"Truth and Health"—If we faithfully recognize or acknowledge Truth, we shall find ourselves realizing. Realization can not be manufactured; it is the gift of God.

Friday, June 18.

Bible—"This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments."—1 John 5:3.

Jesus gave two commandments. As we follow them we are expressing "The love of God." Make these two commandments a vital habit in your living.

(Also study 1 Cor., 13th chapter; Mat. 22:37-39.)

Saturday, June 19.

Again, we have Love—Conscious Unity—as our subject.

Bible—"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore Love is the fulfilling of the Law."

See to it that today all things are begun and ended in love. This is a habit worth cultivating. Remember, our neighbor includes humanity. We are to keep our thought filled with love toward all. By this rule of Love we are working out our salvation.

"Studies in Divine Science"—Love shall so shine from me that it will illumine all my world.

Sunday, June 20.

Bible—"Great peace have they which love thy law, and nothing shall offend them."—Psalm 119:165.

Are we learning the law of Obedience so well that "great peace" is ours? If not, what are we to do? Turn more faithfully to the Christ—follow the light within, and notice the result.

"Truth and Health"—I meet everything today in the Spirit of Love. I have no inclination to belief of criticism or of unkindness, for I am Love.

Monday, June 21.

Bible—"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."—Romans 8:28.

The sum total of this week's lesson is: co-operation. By Love and Obedience we have the satisfaction of proving to ourselves that we are One with the Universal. By inner conviction we know this Truth, whatever the outer may seem.

"Spiritual Healing"—The whole problem of Christianity is the uncovering of the true Self, taking off these husks of error thought, false opinions and seeing God and God's manifestations as they are in reality; and when you see them thus, you see only health, peace and satisfaction.

GRATITUDE

Why not make this last week of June one of true appreciation, a week of Thanksgiving, a week wherein "just to be glad"; indeed, a most profitable week in which to "Bear witness to the Truth"?

TREATMENT FOR THE REALIZATION OF JOY

God-Life, God-Love, God-Power is expressing everywhere. This God-Life fills my whole Being, keeping me in perfect Health and Strength. This God-Love radiates from me into all my world. I send out only thoughts of love. I deny all beliefs of condemnation for myself or others. I know God, and "God is Love." I rejoice in this knowledge and give thanks.

Tuesday, June 22.

Bible—"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."—Prov. 15:13.

Faith and Love bring into our lives the "Merry Heart." If the circumstances in your life do not seem to conform to a "cheerful countenance," stop a moment to find your one blessing. Finding that, you can not help finding more. Give thanks, and look for the joy-note in the Universal by "an abiding faith" in "the Love that never faileth." The "Merry Heart" habit is a good one for ourselves; and oh! what a blessing to the world!

"Send out the Sunlight, the Sunlight of cheer,
Shine on earth's sadness, till ills disappear;
Send out the Sunlight, in letter and word;
Speak it and think it, till hearts are all stirred."

Wednesday, June 23.

Bible—"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth."—Psalm 28:7.

The more we trust the Lord within us, the more we realize the Health and Abundance that is already ours. Let us know ourselves One with the Infinite.

"Spiritual Healing"—If you know God as Life and Harmony, you have Health—you are Health. If you know God as Abundance, you lack no good thing.

Thursday, June 24.

Bible—"Thou shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house."—Deut. 26:11.

I meet everything this day in Joy and Gladness.

"Studies in Divine Science"—The light of Joy from within us will illumine and transform everything upon which it falls.

Friday, June 25.

Bible—"And Jesus answering, saith unto them: Have faith in God."—Mark 11:22.

"And the prayer of faith shall heal the sick."—James 5:15.

By these verses we see what is required of us: Faith—Faith—Faith. We can not afford to let anything make our faith waver. We must trust Infinite Love.

"Truth and Health"—Intelligent faith is supplanting blind belief. "When that which is perfect is come, that which was in part shall be done away."

Saturday, June 26.

Bible—"Father, I thank Thee, that Thou hast heard me, and I know that Thou hearest me always."—John 11:41, 42.

Jesus told us how to pray, and like the great optimist, we thank our Father for all his "goodness and loving kindness." Our prayer is one of Thanksgiving.

Sunday, June 27.

Bible—"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight."—Psalm 19:14.

How are we keeping our week of Thanksgiving? Watch the thoughts—watch the words.

"Studies in Divine Science"—Through the thoughts we think and the words we speak, we are continually bringing forth into evidence either the word of God or our false beliefs. One or the other must illumine or darken our mental atmosphere.

Monday, June 28.

Bible—"In God we live, move and have our being."—Acts 17:28.

Rejoice that every blessing is for all alike. God is no respecter of persons. What he has given to one, he has given to all; and all may come into the realization of the Truth here and now.

(Study the statements on page 208 in "Truth and Health.")

Tuesday, June 29.

Bible—"I am the Almighty God. There is none else."—Gen. 17:1; Deut. 4:39.

We have seen during the month the importance of right thinking. To think right means to keep the thought ever in unity with the Source. We rejoice that our opinions, beliefs and conceptions do not alter the Truth of what we are in God; they only blind our vision for a time. God is the Eternal Changeless Source of all things—and to this Source must we look for our Good.

"Truth and Health"—Cease forming your own thought of good; it may fall far short of the Limitless Good that is the heritage of each living soul.

Wednesday, June 30.

Let us end our week of Thanksgiving by a fuller appreciation of the "gifts of God." Throughout the Bible we find many verses which will help us: Romans 6:23; James 1:17; Ephesians 2:8; Matthew 11:28; John 3:34; Psalm 119:165; Psalm 8:4-6.

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift."—2 Cor. 9:15.

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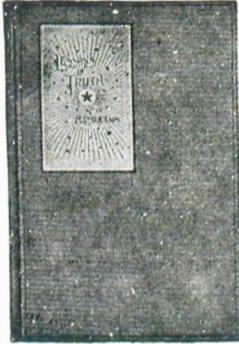
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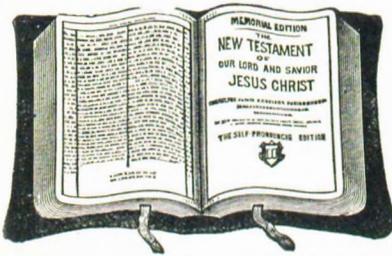
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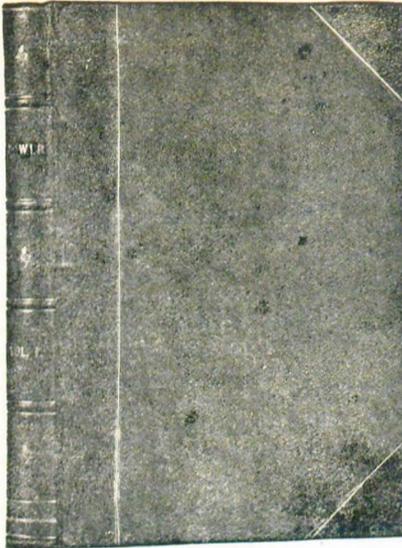
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