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"THE LORD BE MAGNIFIED"

Spiritual Science

(Continued)

By FRANK MICKLEY

 N the teachings of the Master you will find many parables. He said: "Can the blind lead the blind?" "Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" As light corresponds to Truth, so darkness corresponds to falsity; hence those who are mentioned in certain parts of the Bible as being blind, mean such as are in states of darkness from false reasoning. The word "ditch," in the quotation, means in the spiritual sense "false doctrines."

As Spiritual Scientists we claim that in the Master's teachings, when properly analyzed we find the presentation of the immutable *Laws of God*. What are the *Laws of God*? What comes into operation from Divine Order? Law is that by which man shapes his orderly existence; That which restrains him from utterly destroying himself through evils and falsities of his own persuasion, in his own freedom. "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:" Psalms 19:7 "The Law of his God in his heart; none of his steps shall slide," Psalms 37:31.

The laws of spiritual life, civil life and moral life are contained in the Ten Commandments; the first three of the spiritual life, the next four of civil life; the last three of moral life. All of movement, functioning, operation, etc., in man and the universe, is from Divine Order through fixed laws, being the *Laws of God*, or Divine Truth, in the degree of operation. Who does not know and realize that without laws to govern man and the things beyond man, the whole universe would be in an immediate state of chaos and destruction? The *Laws of God* first operate with and in man, in correspondence—all from within out. First in man as spirit, then as natural, and lastly in eternal nature surrounding man; all the beauty, in His Infinite degree of order, as expressed through His fixed laws. Spiritual Science explains unequivocally why it is that both the good and evil, both the true and the false, can and do manifest from, by and through these fixed and eternal laws of order. Is this worth knowing?

The human soul, or soul-man of each individual, is the celestial or inmost plane of man of that individual, and is composed of the first finished material from the Infinite Love material of God. The Infinite Love material unites itself, and builds and sustains man in and through this celestial plane.

Spiritual Science reveals how every man is born entirely ignorant of truth, and with a fixed tendency toward evil instead of good, because (as Solomon has said) "he is conceived in sin and born in iniquity!" Because he is conceived from the act engendered by the love of self, and born into a state subject to temptations of all kinds, not from the Lord, but because of the generations of disorderly loves and false understanding and doctrines of life, as the scapegoat of his ancestors and must bear as his burden until such time as he looses himself through desire to understand the Lord and love Him and serve Him. As stated in preceding articles the laws of God are fixed, and do not change for any man or thing; and just to the extent that we, as individuals, do not conform to and obey them, so do we subject ourselves and others to conditions arising therefrom.

A human soul is not truly a living soul until it has been awakened by receiving conscious influx from the Lord, of His love and wisdom, His good and truth. None of us are truly living souls, regardless of how much external scientific knowledge or learning we may have, until we obtain this more worthwhile knowledge and understanding from the Lord, who alone can impart them to us, and who does so without stint if we approach Him in purity of heart. The human soul has no life in or of itself, but receives all its quickening from the Lord, who is the Divine source of all life, who is life itself.

The world is now ready and waiting for the spiritual knowledge which is to be imparted to it through the teachings of Spiritual Science. So little of real truth, or even understandable information has hitherto been brought forth concerning the human soul. We must first realize that "Soul" is not just a word, but that it is a substantial something, a sentient framework upon which the spirit body and natural body are supported and are given form.

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Eternal Renewal

AN EASTER LESSON

By ELSIE RAE NACHANT

 N Feb. 11th Ash Wednesday inaugurated the Christian World into the Lenten Season which reaches its climax in Passion Week, and its finale on Easter Sunday. Those who view this from the standpoint of being but a symbol or a ritual of the Christian Faith, are sadly ignorant of the tremendous significance of this great event.

Aside from the fact that this observance synchronizes with the Springtime of the year, when the sun again begins its warm journey into the Summer and thus calls all Nature to awaken and blossom forth anew in flowers and fruits, aside from this, the Lenten Easter Season has a deep spiritual significance as the Church observes it every year. Those who realize this significance and will take advantage of it, can gain a spiritual awakening which, while not impossible, yet is never so readily accomplished as at this time. It is a period of initiation because at this season the heavenly Beings are closer to the earth than any other time except Christmas. All Religions from the most ancient of times have held the Spring Season sacred or commemorated it and its supposed Gods with devotion and reverence. With the exception of instituting the Lord's Supper, Christ did not originate the Lenten Season as the Christian Church now observes it; but He very definitely did conform to the Jewish Rituals of the Passover which took place at this time of the year. So we might say He advocated the continuation of special religious respect and devotion at this time, replacing some of the observances of sacrifice, with Himself as the subject. The Church through its priests and through a certain inspiration from God, worked out the newer pattern of the Christian Passover, from death into Life which is the esoteric meaning of this mystic occasion.

The Church begins Lent on Ash Wednesday reminding man that his body is made of earthly chemicals (dust) and that it will return to these elements again when no longer of any use. Man is taught a lesson here in humility for in such a spirit should Lent begin. Man must know that no knowledge of a material kind will ever enable him to make this body permanent nor to protect it from the ravages of time and final dissolution. Man is reminded that it cannot be preserved as Science teaches, but that it can be transmuted, because, although subject to disintegration and death, it has within it all the potentialities of survival and renewal. This transmutation can, however, be accomplished only through Spirit and by spiritual knowledge and not material.

Thus the Church in our Lord's name begins the observance

of Lent by the most necessary of all preparation—humility and humbleness. The devotee cannot enter into the spirit of Lent nor expect to reap its benefits unless this becomes the first observance. The forty days of Lent honor our Lord's forty days of fasting in the wilderness. And that is what Lent emphasizes—fasting. But whereas the average Christian thinks this refers only to the question of refraining from edibles, living simply, keeping certain days without eating and staying away from pleasure and amusements, this by no means is all that fasting implies. It means much more than this. As Christ practiced it as an example for man to follow, it means overcoming the carnal man in all that this implies. It means fasting from that horrible vice all humanity, with rare exceptions, possesses—too much talking, too much idle conversation and the wrong kind of conversation from gossip to nonsense. It means fasting from turbulent emotions and all sorts of desires. It means fasting from idle thoughts, fantasy, imagination, day-dreaming, argument and debate. It means devotion to the Word of God and prayer, prayer, prayer, morning, noon and night, thinking on God and for once forgetting self, and stop talking about the ego—the I, what I can do, what I am, what I know. Concentrate on Christ, on virtue in the impersonal, on spirit, and confess your lack of this, rather than the abundance most students think they possess.

Then comes Palm Sunday. On this day there is a respite. It is a day of relaxation, of joy. And the devotee should feel a great upsurge of spirit, a stimulation and upliftment. Here is the opportunity to understand what St. Paul meant when he said to overcome the old man and let Christ be formed in you. Here could be the realization of what it felt like to overcome the carnal mind and cultivate that mind which was in Christ Jesus. Following this great day, comes Passion Week. As the Christian and Jewish world of religious thought merges into a spirit of reverence, the atmosphere is charged with a radiation which the sensitive should not only feel, but which should help him in his spiritual strivings for the attainment of the Holy Spirit. On Holy Thursday, honored in memory of Our Lord's agony in Gethsemane, we see that it must ever be a painful task to deny the carnal mind and say with our Lord: "Thy will be done," knowing that spirit must always triumph if salvation is to be the everlasting result. Here Christ revealed the way by His example. On this sacred day, comes the Communion Service wherein the Christian Churches show forth the death of Jesus by observing the Lord's Supper—the one ritual which He definitely requested, even commanded, His followers to observe. As the devotee enters into the full meaning of this glorious ritual (which cannot be partaken of unless the divinity of Jesus Christ is acknowledged, unless the understanding and faith is present that Jesus Christ was God according to His Divine humanism—the Perfect Infinite in the Perfect Finite) then the devotee will no longer have any doubts about

his faith. It is here that the participant accepts the God-man Jesus as the Mediator between himself and God, for Jesus partaking of both God and man in absolute perfection was thus appointed from the foundation of the world for all time to come.

On Friday the Church relives the three hours of the crucifixion. Oh, the tremendous import of this event. Here, forever, sin was conquered and man's opportunity of immortality assured. The greatest thing in the universe was accomplished and demonstrated. This was the FORGIVENESS OF SIN for man; this was the establishing of Mercy with Justice, of Love with Wisdom. The old doctrine of an eye for an eye had been for all time nailed to the cross; the law had been fulfilled with Grace. The promise of the destruction of ignorance and wrong had been sealed by the signature of the blood of Christ. Man had been unable to do this no matter how much he had tried throughout the ages. Now an outside agency through love accomplished it. It is here that the devotee should feel the work of regeneration within him to such an extent that he can see the possibility of his rebirth, in all that means.

Then on Easter morning, the true meaning of the Resurrection will bring with it a personal resurrection in the consciousness of the devotee. The Holy Spirit should positively touch the one who has properly observed Lent. Here is the sublime touch which leaves far behind all such lesser contact which has to do with spirits and astral realms. The Magic Presence of the Lord's spirit like a light to illuminate, like a fire to warm the soul will surely bring with it a greater faith in God and a greater love for Christ; and last but not least a greater kindness toward our fellow man. As the devotee takes part in the open services with his brethren, he can indeed sing with realization and feeling, one of the shortest yet most powerful of the psalms:

"O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people;
For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of
the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord."

—Ps. 117:1-2

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Have You Found Religion

CHAPTER I

By GENEVIEVE LANDAKER



THE definitions of religion are many and diverse, falling into innumerable categories relating to every phase of mental and moral propulsion. The forms religion has taken have been equally prolific, as is attested by the number of deities worshipped in the past. Obeisance to God or the gods has been expressed audibly, (song, prayer, chanting) artistically, (sculptor, art) in literature, (Bibles, books of piety) sexually, (Astarte, etc.) sacrificially, (Moloch, etc.). The moral, physical, ritual aspects of religious ardor go hand in hand with symbolism of one form or another.

The religions of the past have come and gone as the waves of the sea, rising with the growth of nations and falling with their decline. The leaders of every religion have themselves communed with God, spoken with Angels, received visions, warnings, etc., only to have their revelations grossly misinterpreted by inept disciples. Why? Because, though we prate of man's equality as the ideal state, which it undeniably should be, at this period of evolution no two men are equal in opportunity, in education, in intelligence, or in spiritual progression.

Thus, the teachings of the individual religious leaders of the world have appealed to, and been accepted by, only the limited few who were near at hand and ready to assimilate that particular revelation meant for them individually. And, as the waves that ceaselessly rise and fall with the tides, leave no trace of their brief existence, so the sands of time that have known the inflow and been left in the wake of each breaking wave, change little. The steady erosion is scarcely perceptible but is there just the same! No matter how the revelations of the religious leaders are mauled and the context of his teachings dwarfed and distorted by the men who attempt to carry on his work, always a small percentage of Truth lingers . . . a light that gleams over each breaking wave never to be thoroughly obliterated.

A religion that is not applicable deteriorates. The difficulty at this stage of the world's Spiritual progression lies in the fact that what provides illumination for one man meets with derision and rejection from another less awakened spiritually. Men worship in numberless ways, each certain his bark sails the only authenticated, straight course over life's sea! In consequence, each religious movement becomes a rigid caste system. Rules, ritual, doctrine, taxes, regulations prevent its members from straying unduly; but often, what is worse, lulled by a false sense of security, of belonging, the members do not

think for themselves! Cradled as they are in an organization that promises conformity as the means to absolute salvation, the members abide solely by the dictates of that church and become dormant Spiritually.

The individual who does not think for himself, who fails to worship God mentally, physically and spiritually, receiving the benefits therefrom, *has no religion*. He may express homage and deference in public to God, he may attend church services regularly, make all the pious gestures in the conventional places, but unless his soul awakens and expands under the teachings he receives from the pulpit he faces, *he has no religion*.

It is regrettable that few read the lives of the saints and the autobiographies of the world's religious leaders. Few delve into the subject of communion and at-one-ment with God. The materially-minded human becomes ribald at thought of mortal in unison with God; so lifted into the Divine Presence that the soul quivers and pants with rejoicing and ineffable thanksgiving, at having thus been the unworthy recipient of God's Grace. But the message of the mystic provides a clue. Ever afterwards, for the mortal thus rewarded, is a conviction of God that cannot be suppressed or shaken or denied. That mortal will face martyrdom and hate and ridicule,—yes, and ribaldry from the ignorant, rather than deny his God and his religion.

The early Christians embraced their religion as escape from the harsh brutality of life under perpetual Roman domination. Spread by word of mouth, carried on parchment and secretly conveyed vast distances, the teachings of Jesus, the stories regarding his miracles, came alive for those who had almost abandoned hope. Under the very eyes of the Romans seeking Christians as legitimate prey for their massacres, the wave of enlightenment surged and spread. Indeed, the realities of their religious convictions, the hope thus aroused in the human breast, enabled the Christians to enter the arena and be torn to pieces by wild beasts; murdered with a hymn on their lips and their arms raised in prayer!

There are a multitude of men and women today whose strength is that of ten. They labour diligently; they carry the cross gladly; they smile over monotonous routine and enter into pleasure with the abandon of a child. They seem untouched by care although their burdens are those of other men. The prevalent fear relating to war and upheaval, to disease, to change, to death, passes them by as so much chaff blown in the wind by a good stiff breeze.

"Are they invincible?" someone asks, "to be thus unconcerned—or are they stupid?"

"Not stupid," we reply. Having arrived at a true comprehension of God, His relation to man, to the universe, they no longer fear.

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The Holy Spirit and The Holy Ghost

ARE THEY THE SAME OR DIFFERENT?

SPIRITUAL SCIENCE OFFERS AN ANSWER,

By J. C. F. GRUMBINE, B.D.



HERE has been an enormous amount of theology written about the Holy Spirit, and almost as much about the Holy Ghost. But despite this theology, we are still at a loss to know what was really meant by these expressions. The Christian Church has often used these terms interchangeably, because, despite the effort to escape their mystical significance, the theological took precedence of all others, because the word "holy," applied to the words spirit, and ghost, seemed to imply an esoteric meaning, which theology emphasized in a doctrinal way.

It is needless to say that the Holy Spirit referred to the all pervasive and immanent spirit of God, individualized in all humanity, and which religion taught man to depend upon as the source of divine wisdom, righteousness and comfort in the human heart.

As God is no respector of persons, each one was led to believe that, by certain conditions, he could become conscious of this Spirit. The Holy Ghost had a still more individual, but spiritual, significance. It was alleged to be associated intimately with the spirit of Christ, so that even when teaching among men, when Jesus referred to its presence, he meant that his own spirit descended into them and they became aware of it. What they believed about the Holy Spirit they knew in fact when the Holy Ghost seemed to be the mystic link between themselves, the Holy Spirit and Christ.

It was not a spiritual obsession, but a personal influence on which they could depend in an hour of trouble. Many of their prayers were thus answered, because, after his decease upon the cross, the Holy Ghost became more closely associated with them, so that they knew it to be their Master. Of course, all readers of the Bible know that the individual spirit at death actually "gives up the ghost," and frequent references to this fact are recorded in Job, Jeremiah, and in chapters of the New Testament. But the Holy Ghost is a much broaded expression as applied to the descent of the spirit of Jesus into the hearts of man. Many Christians have declared that they have received such psychic demonstration, and in so far as Spiritual Science is concerned, no one familiar with the mystical facts of spirit communion would deny that our spiritual guides associate

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In Answer To Your Questions

By GENEVIEVE LANDAKER

I. QUESTION: *The Bible warns of familiar spirits. Surely the evil suggestions that come to us prove the danger of conversing with spirits?*

Invisible: "No. The danger lies in ignorant subjection to superstition regarding these matters. No evil incitement can enter the mind and linger there unless the mortal himself admits it. When the Spiritual status of the Angel is achieved, the spirit has become immune to the lower levels of awareness. In the meantime, the mortal is on earth. Around him swirl the suggestions, throughs, insinuations, promptings that come to him from other individuals, from the ethers, from other degrees of consciousness . . . All that is evil, not of God, must be summarily dismissed; must be refused entry into the mind."

"Do not blame all evil as temptation from retarded spirits. Nothing is more out of line with truth than the thoughts sent forth by mortal men upon the earth plane. The pure in heart, the individual who disciplines thought-processes and attains a reasonable mastery of mind and body, gains enough insulation from lower vibrations so that he chooses what shall enter his mind with its subsequent reaction upon the physical organism."

"The sensitive does not fear the retarded spirit nor does he quail before the evils that attack him from the ethers. For the enlightened soul realizes that if he were not susceptible to human frailties they could enter his consciousness . . . He knows the day will come when complete isolation brings immunity. In the inevitable ascent from the earth plane up and through the various astral levels, the human frailties will drop away as the unrealities they are. Rather than fear evil suggestions that will continue to come to the spirit inhabiting the physical organism, it is well to remember the importance of continuous rejection and denial of evil. In this way the mortal takes on a superhuman task. He, as did Jesus our Beloved Leader, wrestles with evil in the wilderness and defeats it, proves satan powerless . . . a nothing."

"The sense of responsibility of one's own thoughts, desires, actions cannot be too quickly assumed. For the acceptance of personal responsibility for the condition of the soul, engenders peace and the welcome respite from lower vibrations."

2. QUESTION: *Why am I called upon to live in this miserable place, lacking comfort and dignity? Why am I unhappy, ill, mistreated?*

Invisible: "To everyone comes the time when, seemingly, all is confusion and misery. Defeat stares the mortal in the face and he fears all is lost. I have never known a mortal who did not have

his Gethsemane; I traversed the torturous path when I was incarnate, and fought through and won—as you will if you try! Viewing your plight from the world of Spirit, I can only rejoice over your failure to accept submissively adverse conditions. Defeat comes only to those who cease trying!"

"Be happy! Comfort and aid are with you now. Never doubt it! At the very moment when life looks darkest, the Light of Truth has a way of breaking through the clouds and dissolving them. Not practical, you say? On the contrary! Be ready to receive that shining light now and benefit by the rays of warmth, health, power that are only waiting to encompass you as they have succoured and saved countless others."

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Thinking of Angels—fair;
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As though to see who was there.
The air seemed as though disturbed
By some unseen force or power;
I am quite sure a voice I heard,
That came at the midnight hour.
I could hear the patter of Angel feet,
Upon the threshold of my brain;
I some times heard voices sweet,
From the near by Angel domain.
I heard the voices say out loud,
That they proclaimed the truth;
They seemed to come from a silver cloud,
With a ring of joy and youth.
Your time on earth is but a lease
Of time, that to you is granted;
You'll reap a reward, in the land of peace,
From the wisdom of deeds, you have planted.
Heaven's an abode of fond delight,
And much of the space is filled,
By worthy souls sent to flight
From their bodies, no more thrilled.
Oh yes my dear, when the way is clear,
Your Angel friends stand by,
To greet you when the time is near,
For your journey to the sky.
No more we fear the sad release
From the bonds of earth—to heaven;
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Sample of Lessons

By MRS. AMELIA POPE

"Oh God, give me light, give me of thy love and mercy, awake in me righteousness that I may sin not. Let me be awake to hear and heed the divine principles of truth that I may be pure and holy."

If you care nothing for God and if you are determined to go in another direction than that which you know is best, you can receive nothing from him. But if you pray for love, light, and mercy, God will point out the way for you.

If you are not happy it is because you have not learned to overcome your natural tendencies. You have not learned to deny yourself the things that are not the highest and best. This failure to overcome sin is what is troubling you. It is what gives you misery. When we cling to sin we do not hear God's voice. If we are not perfect before our God, the Creator and ruler of our lives, our greatness before the world amounts to nothing, and sooner or later we must pay the debt for being a disobedient child. "Obedience is better than sacrifice." For it is by obedience to God that we become righteous, and when we are made righteous we will sin no more, for we are a new creature. May God help us today to commence today to live a new life, to be determined to raise our minds above the earthly things as God intended that we should, God wants us to be upright in obedience to him in righteousness, in purity, and in holiness of life. If you are not living as you know God wants you to live do not expect him to come into your life and take your burdens away from you. You must make your body a fit tabernacle for the Spirit of God to dwell in. When you really have this desire and a determination to follow the teachings of Jesus you will have holiness, happiness and glory and you will be helped under all circumstances. The Bible says you must work out your own salvation, and by being obedient to the great truth, love, and purity, Christ will be born within you and in that way he can save you and cleanse you from all sins.

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—THE EDITOR.

The Gift of Silence

WHY do Spiritual Scientists speak so often of "going into the Silence"? What do they mean, "The Silence"? Is there a scriptural foundation for this? And so the questions come.

Not so many weeks ago we heard ringing from Church Choirs, from Radios, Caroleers, the strains of "Silent Night, Holy Night." The words warmed us; caused us to pause in our mad dash for fame or self. They calmed us for a time, perhaps; brought a peace from another sphere into our everyday chaotic and warring world. Perhaps for a time we were made to think of the Silence on the Bethlehem Hills which preceded the Herald Angels on that momentous night when the Christ Child was born. Our thoughts may have taken us even farther back to the time when, out of a great silence, the voice spoke to Mary, announcing the great thing which was to be. Can you not grasp some of the great silence which must have enveloped Mary as she pondered these things in her heart?

All of the great things of life have come from the miracle of Silence. From the great silence, the earth and all that dwelled therein was born. From the Silence in the Soul man becomes aware of blossoming vines and singing birds . . . of all the beauteous influences of Nature which is the Body of God; he becomes aware of forgiveness in a heart; aware of God, aware of Self as a part of God.

Of course, there are many kinds of Silence. There is a silence which is taciturn, cold, unbending; encasing you in a shell which insulates you from the love of friends and kindred, from the joy of fellowship and the beautiful things of life. This silence is your foe . . . Pray that it will go away.

There is the silence which renders you mute in the face of false accusations when every normal impulse is to retaliate. Perhaps someone has construed your wishes to help as being an effort to find a place in the sun for yourself; or perhaps you have been judged by your accomplishments rather than your intentions. This is a Silence which, while painful to the ego at the time, is nevertheless a valiant battle upon a high and noble battleground where the light of the inner self battles with the petty and dark outer self.

When I say "fight" I do not mean you merely repress the hot and burning retorts which may crowd your lips for expression and push them down into the subconscious to cause an illness or neurosis, but rather the fight which has as its impetus a Prayer which cries out, "Don't let me sink to this level! Let me keep my eyes on the Light of Truth!"

Listen! Listen to the inner voice when difficult times arise. Retire to that inner sanctuary where none but you and your God may go. There, out of the Silence will well up the **RIGHT WORDS**, the

RIGHT ACTION . . . the words with healing in them . . . if words are necessary. Take time to listen to that voice! It will give you words which will astound both you and your hearers.

There is another silence which is much needed today; that of not telling all you know of your plans or aims or dreams before they are fulfilled. Do not waste your powers by letting it flow into "I'm going to . . . " "I want to . . ." but let it flow into the *accomplishing* and then say "I have done it."

It is one of the greatest gifts . . . THE SILENCE. It is beautiful to sit with a loved one and commune soul to soul without needing words. It is an accomplishment to grasp the hand of a grief stricken one and remain silent, yet in that silence giving consolation. Then there is the Silence such as our Lord displayed as He stood before Pilate . . . but the most beautiful of all is the soundless, motionless place which Mystics know; . . . the SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH . . . where revelation comes without words, where the still small voice within speaks to the soul.

In the meditation which leads to this great within, one's body must become completely relaxed . . . the door of the outer consciousness closed upon external things so that one becomes only a LISTENING MIND.

When this state is reached there will be such a fusion of mortal mind with the Mind of God that no words are necessary. For a time man becomes Omnipotent as he obeys the command, "Be still and know that I am God." For that short while one's life is cleared of clutter and clamour and the "Peace which passes understanding" is his. There is a sound which is stillness and then come the words, "Child do not stumble and plod . . . for mine are the hands which uphold thee. You can do all things thru ME."

The method you use to find this great gift of silence is not important. The vital thing is: FIND this gift within you. Discover it's value to you and the Abundant Life! There is one phase of this gift which you, personally, need. It may be the disciplinary silence in the face of anger, or the muteness which consoles a brother in distress, or yet the quelling of the tongue when temptation is strong to repeat a tale. If you are able to cultivate the GIFT for these, you are well on your way to the great Revelatory Silence of the Secret Place.

Love came to earth and dwelled among us, the Scripture tells us. That was almost 2,000 years ago . . . and yet the world has not learned love or tolerance which is an attribute of love. We still sing each Christmas about the Prince of Peace . . . yet His Peace does not abide in us; neither do we radiate it to our fellowmen. Man has failed to cultivate the Gift of Silence, else we would see that Love again made flesh and dwelling in OUR FLESH.

Perhaps in our little self-created world we have come to believe
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The Cosmic Trip To Mars

(Continued)

(In a Cosmic-driven Airship in the Coming New Era)

By JAMES and MARGARET MARSHALL

(NOTE.—The above entitled story was commenced in the July issue, 1947, and any who have not read the initial chapters can obtain copies of the magazine containing same from headquarters, 357 W. 60th St., Los Angeles, Calif.)

CHAPTER XIV

 Y the time we arrived "home" the shades of the twilight night had begun to gather around.

The stately lady, Mrs. Hanzequayti, was busy working on a wonderful piece of tapestry. I had previously noticed quite a number of tapestries on the walls, but did not know until now that she had been the designer and maker of them. They were all works of great art, executed in exquisite taste, and depicted, for the most part, symbolic and ethical subjects, divine love and tender sympathy being displayed strongly.

The women of Mars appeared to us to be real homemakers, and there being so little in the way of factories and manufactured goods, women prepared much of the food and clothing required in the home. And the work was by no mean laborious, because when a people are so far advanced mentally and spiritually, their physical requirements are few and comparatively simple. Further, their women are well guarded and protected, as on Mars the creation of children is regarded almost as a sacred rite, involving great responsibilities, which latter are really far greater and more enduring than we of Earth have conception of.

We had our evening repast in the Hanzequayti home; and shortly after that I suggested that we all take a trip to the nearest of the two moons. Our hosts did not quite get our meaning at first; but when they did, there was a smile all around and a shake of the head by all except Hanzequayti, who gently passed his fingers through his short pointed beard contemplatively.

Said George to me: "It is only a few thousand miles, we could make it in very little time. I took an observation of it yesterday."

Our host now explained to us he had been to the nearest moon not many years ago, when an airship from another planet had landed on Mars. He mentioned the name of the planet, but as it was different from any of the planetary names that we know about, I could neither grasp nor remember it. It may not have been in our solar system at all.

Hanzequayti seemed to know something of the roadways in the ether, and from his indications of the locality, it appeared that the

best and most direct roadway was the one we had come by, at any rate for most of the distance.

The patriarch was the only one of his family we could induce to go, so we four sallied out together. The air was getting decidedly chilly, for it was rather late by now. The moon was far above the western horizon, and was as near to the full as makes no matter. It shone clear and luminous in the vast blue dome, studded with innumerable far-flung celestial orbs.

The moon was doubtless small compared with ours, but big enough, I guess, for the size of the planet. It was a lovely sight. The other satellite of Mars was also above the horizon, the eastern one, but the latter moon was far distant compared with our objective.

On our way to the recreation field whom should we run up against but Seventa and her brother. They seemed inseparable companions. They were on their way to the Wisdom Man's home. Hanzequayti explained what was in our minds and that we were about to travel to the nearest satellite. They accepted our invitation most gladly when we asked them to accompany us. The lady of my vision, in fact, was so delighted she clapped her hands with glee, in much the same fashion as our own dear damsels when greatly "tickled" or pleased! And so these two recruits joined our small party, and shortly afterwards we arrived at the airship.

"George," I whispered, "I guess you had better drive."

"Bet your life I will (winking); "but remember, no extra cargo on the return journey to Earth!"

"I'll watch that," I answered grimly. "May the gods keep us both from foolishness."

"To which I say, Amen!"

In a few minutes we had the great airship under way, with the cosmic heating apparatus generating a genial heat for our cold journey. Just as the Martian air was too rarified for us, so was the highly oxygenated atmosphere in the airship too dense for our guests, and so we had to thin it down considerably. Yet in spite of that, a fit of coughing would now and then arise from their irritated throats and lungs.

Straight up we went, and then made a dash for the central desert, and as we approached it, Bert opened up our roadway detector, thus attracting our ship into the magnetic stream.

As soon as we were under way I seated myself between Hanzequayti and the lovely Seventa. At this she seemed to be at once both pleased and yet slightly afraid. It so happened I was sitting at her right hand, and in a few minutes I could feel quite a strong current of magnetism passing into my left side, which permeated my whole being, sending ecstatic thrills into every part. It was like an intoxication of life-giving essences. Then a drowsy feeling was superinduced, and a happy sense of being in perfect accord and harmony with all created things. Even with all the advances we have made on

our Earth, we have still a long way to go before we can get such wonderful internal exaltation as we experienced in many different ways on the planet Mars and on the way thither.

Seventa appeared to enjoy the little trip in a quiet, happy, self-composed way, merely emitting an occasional interjection at the sights she saw around her, for the clear-eyed Martians can see many sights that are withheld from the gaze of most of us Earthians, who are more immersed in materialism than they. For her, this flying through space was quite a new thrill.

Desiring to know just what she looked like at close quarters, I put a question to her in English. She turned her gaze right into mine with a questioning air, and with some coyness. And as I held her eyes, and looked into their luminous depths with their interior golden sheen, I could not but recognize that here was a soul that was far different from mine, and that between her and me there was indeed a chasm. She seemed to me to belong to another world, and the understanding of this fact gave me a peculiar and very eerie sensation.

She appeared to me then to be of another "type" in her mental and spiritual make-up, which alone, apart from the question of "atmosphere," would make it very difficult for a life-long association. And the difference in age? Yes, certainly, so far as years were concerned, though in mind and body, with the repeated renovating processes I had gone through on earth, I was essentially no more than, say, thirty-five or forty.

And as I ruminated thus, the words Seventa had uttered when she appeared before me in the vision resounded again in my mind: "We twain may meet, but cannot cojoin in physical existence." Yes, but what of the spiritual? She had declared we shall meet again, but only in the Great Beyond. Ah, but that seemed so far away, and we mortals are so impatient! And so patience must be my watchword *bis auf wiedersehen* elsewhere!

I was thus forced to recognize there and then that our attachment must henceforth be purely platonic, and our love confined to a mutual esteem and admiration the one for the other. To me she must be no more than a strong link of affinity in the regions of the mind, soul and spirit. And in my heart of hearts I felt that such an attitude of mind would, with patience and endurance, bring a magnificent reward hereafter. I forthwith set her up in my soul as a radiant Gilding Star from the dome of Heaven. *(To Be Continued)*

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Her passing has been a great shock to her family and to thousands of people everywhere. She was known as the mother of the Church and the National Federation. In her cooperation with her husband and her hard work she was responsible greatly in establishing her memorial, the church known as Spiritual Science Temple.

The services in the church were conducted by the Vice President of the National Federation of Spiritual Science Churches, Dr. William Rogers of Long Beach, who rendered her a beautiful eulogy, stating under others her great love for humanity. Assisting Dr. Rogers were Rev. Tessie Johnstone and Rev. Maude A. Smith. Great groups of Ministers of the Federation, all in uniform, formed guard and escort of the casket of the deceased.

The beautiful floral pieces paid tribute to the peoples love for her.

The solos and duets rendered by Rev. Vincent and Ethel Wilson assisted to make the whole service very beautiful.

To those left behind, her husband Rev. Frank Mickley, the President of the Church and the National Federation, her daughters, Mrs. Edna F. Owens and Mrs. Lena Berger, grandson Robert J. Berger, grand-daughters Dorothe Allee and Anna Mae Andrus, great grand-daughter Carol Ann Andrus, we express our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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Spiritual Science

By NILA G. BOWLES



SPIRITUAL SCIENCE is a systematized knowledge of that which pertains to the Spiritual part of Man; acknowledged truths and laws, especially as demonstrated by induction, experiment, and observation.

Vibration is motion; the act of vibrating oscillation; the return of sound.

Spirituality comes through the mentality, so we will endeavor to use this mentality to study and analyze that which is Spiritual according to vibration.

The vibration of the letters of the words SPIRITUAL-SCIENCE makes the words and the vibration of the words make the SPIRITUAL-SCIENCE.

There is a Trinity in everything and the first Trinity we have in these words is for the letter S, and is Supreme Saints And Science.

S

Supreme means highest in power. If we are true Spiritual Ministers we have this Supreme power at our command and we can only use it for good because that is what it is. That is the reason good will always overcome bad or evil, it is higher and more powerful.

The second part of this Trinity is Saints. A Saint is a holy or sanctified person, one blessed in Heaven. Heaven is the abode of God or Good and the Blessed, a state or condition of bliss.

If we are true SPIRITUAL-MINISTERS we are contacting God and the Saints and we receive only truth and good. We can do this only through the last part of this Trinity which is Science.

Science is a systematized knowledge of any one department of mind or matter; acknowledged truths and laws, especially as demonstrated by induction, experiment, or observation.

I believe this definition is self explanatory. If we go about our search for Spiritual knowledge in a systematic way, we will learn how to use the power of God according to spiritual law. When we have learned this we can commune with God and the Saints.

P

The next Trinity is for the letter P and is Perpetual, Power and Prayer. Perpetual means never ending. When we have learned the laws of God and Nature well enough to talk and commune with God and the Saints, it is for always, if we live in harmony with these laws and obey them.

Power means the faculty of doing or performing something; ability; energy; or force.

Prayer is an earnest desire of the Spirit within you, a solemn address to the Supreme Being. *(Continued on Page 24)*

HAVE YOU FOUND RELIGION—(*Continued from Page 7*)
Their faith has made them whole! They love God and they know
He loves them!

Have you found this religious ardor? If you are embarrassed, slightly annoyed at the question, as though unbridled expression of emotion is somehow indecent, then you have not yet made an intimate contact with God and accepted Him into the secret recesses of your heart.

(This article is the first in a series given by dictation from the Spirit World, in an endeavor to provide for the mortal a pathway, tried and true, in which he may discover for himself his religion and his God.)

(*To Be Continued*)

THE HOLY SPIRIT and THE HOLY GHOST—(*Con't from Page 8*)
with us in some such intimate relationship as is implied by the presence of the Holy Ghost.

If men and women can be obsessed by evil influences, why can they not be possessed of good? And what greater compliment can be paid to a disciple of truth than to have him believe and know that "I and the Father are one." We are divine in our nature and while it is potential in most persons, and has not been awakened or quickened into action and realization, it is our divinity that the Holy Ghost contacts; and when it does, it makes us aware of the Divine in contradistinction to the human side of our nature.

This is what is meant by "the Christ within us," and both our personality and it survive the change called death. The spiritual works that we do then spring not from self-interest or from a personal motive, yet they are works that one does not do of himself, but it is the "Father in me" hat doeth these things." One walks day by day with a Divine companionship, whose presence we touch consciously, and whose glorious, transcendent power we feel and serve in our daily lives.

THE GIFT OF SILENCE—(*Continued from Page 14*)
only in the things which can be seen, heard, tasted, weighed or measured? Perhaps we cannot believe that Love became fresh that time so long ago? If we cannot, then perhaps we can nevertheless seek a quietness each day wherein we might hold rapt converse with the soul . . . thus coming to know ourselves better? For how can we understand our brother if we first do not understand ourself?

Make room for a Silence in your mad, crowded, clamouring work-a-day world; discover for yourself the Secret Place of the Most High; and I promise you that so surely as His Word is true, Christ will be born again in the flesh . . . YOUR FLESH and you will praise the day you became conscious of the GIFT OF SILENCE! Pray to your Father in SECRET, and He will reward you OPENLY! USE THIS GREAT GIFT OF SILENCE! —A Correspondent

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LESSON No. 57

MARCH 7, 1948

THE FIRST DISCIPLES

BIBLE LESSON: John 1:35-49.

GOLDEN THOUGHT: Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

One of the great needs of today is to develop that Spiritual insight that will help you to make the great venture of faith and follow the teachings of the Master Teacher, Jesus; and experience for yourself the Spiritual development and inner happiness that will be yours.

Question: In the first verse of our lesson we read of John and two of his disciples. Who is this John?

Answer: John the Baptist.

Question: What did Jesus say to the two men when He beheld them following Him?

Answer: "What seek ye?"

Question: Why did the two disciples leave John The Baptist and follow after Jesus?

Answer: When John the Baptist pointed out Jesus as The Lamb of GOD the two disciples recognized Jesus as the Great Teacher for whom John the Baptist had been preparing the way.

Question: What did Andrew say to his Brother Simon Peter?

Answer: "We have found the Messiah" (Messiah is the Hebrew for Christ). And then Andrew brought Peter to Jesus.

Question: What should we do to follow Jesus?

Answer: First, you must accept His principles of LOVE YE ONE ANOTHER. Second, watch your thoughts, think clean. Third Pray and work—Jesus was always busy; He went about doing good. Remember to be kind and considerate at all times.

MEMORY VERSE: The voice of Jesus is calling,

As in the days of old;
His patient voice is calling,
"Follow, Follow, Me."

LESSON No. 58

MARCH 14, 1948

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

BIBLE LESSON: John 3: 1 to 16.

GOLDEN THOUGHT: Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Nicodemus was a man of importance among the Jews; he was very cautious about people seeing him visiting with the Rabbi, or Jesus as we call the Master; therefore he went at night to visit with Jesus. We find Nicodemus asking questions and Jesus answering.

Question: What did Nicodemus say to Jesus?

Answer: Rabbi, we know thou art a teacher come from GOD, for no one can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Question: How did Jesus answer Nicodemus?

Answer: Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Question: What do we understand by the words; "Except one to be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God?"

Answer: When we come into the consciousness of our at-one-ment with GOD, we indeed experience a New Birth.

Question: In the 14th verse we read, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up." What is your interpretation of that verse?

Answer: When Moses made the brazen serpent, he did not secrete it, but he gave it elevation that all might see it. So must the Son of man, the Bearer of heavenly life and healing be lifted up, that all may see and understand that life is eternal.

Question: What was the Supreme Gift of Love?

Answer: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

MEMORY VERSE: GOD loves us and we should love one another.

LESSON No. 59

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

BIBLE LESSON: St. Marks Gospel 20: 1-18. Psalm Sunday.

GOLDEN THOUGHT: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners:

1 Timothy 1:15. After spending several months in Judea, Jesus and His disciples left for Galilee. Usually Jews going from one of these provinces would go around the territory of the Samaritans, but Jesus went through Samaria. On nearing Sychar the disciples went into the village to buy food, while Jesus sat down on the curb of Jacob's well to rest. While He was sitting there a Samaritan woman came for water, and great was her surprise when Jesus, a Jew, asked her for a drink of water.

Question: What answer did Jesus give the Samaritan woman when she said "How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me who am a Samaritan woman?"

Answer: Jesus answered in words of kindness: "If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

Question: In the 15th verse we find the Samaritan woman asking Jesus to give her of this water. What does Jesus say?

Answer: "Go, call thy husband, and come hither."

Question: What if Jesus should call you to bring your ledger or record of your everyday transactions, what would your answer be?

Answer: Would you cheerfully bring forth your records for the eye of Jesus to examine, or would your records recall things you would like to hide? Let us think and act clean.

Question: Did the Samaritan woman understand when Jesus said, "God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

Answer: No; and many today have not come into the awakening of that message, but all agree that God Is Love.

Question: Was the woman willing to accept what Jesus told her?

Answer: No, she would wait until the Messiah came (He that is called Christ). "He will declare all things unto us."

MEMORY VERSE: "Doing God's will as if it were my own;
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His strength alone.
(Whittier)

LESSON No. 60 (EASTER LESSON) MARCH 28, 1948

JESUS RISEN FROM THE DEAD

BIBLE LESSON: St. John 20:1-18.

GOLDEN THOUGHT: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore.—Rev. 1:18.

Question: Was Mary Magdalene alone at the sepulchre?

Answer: No, there were others with her, for in verse 2 the word "we" indicates that there were others with her. (See also Matt. 16:1—Luk 24:1.)

Question: When the disciples entered the tomb, did they find the sepulchre in disorder?

Answer: No, there was no disorder. (See verse 7.)

Question: Did the disciples believe that Jesus had risen?

Answer: (See verse 8.) The disciples did not believe that Jesus had risen until they themselves had entered the sepulchre to investigate for themselves.

Question: What did Mary see when she looked into the sepulchre after the disciples had gone home? (See verse 11.)

Answer: Mary saw two angels. (See verses 12, 13.)

Question: Who did Mary see when she turned away from the sepulchre?

Answer: Mary saw Jesus, but at first she did not recognize Him. (See verses 14 to 18.)

MEMORY VERSE: Monarch of ALL, we hail Thee,
Owning afar thy sway,
Thou who didst die for thy crowning:
King of our lives today. (Marian Reade.)

SPIRITUAL SCIENCE—(Continued from Page 20)

In this Trinity we find that if we have the earnest desire for this power, the knowledge of how to use it, if we ask the Supreme Being for it, and obey the laws of God and Nature, we can have this never ending Trinity within ourselves.

I

The next Trinity is for the letter I and is Infinite, Individual, and Ineffable.

Infinite means—in regard to the Infinite Being—absolute or unconditioned. The law which governs the Infinite is absolute. When we learn to commune with the Infinite we get positive, absolute truth.

This is individual, no person can learn these laws for another. They can only tell of these laws and help or guide the other person while they are learning them.

The last of this Trinity is Ineffable which means, unspeakable, inexpressible; too sacred for utterance.

We who have seen and received that which is in the higher realms know that there are things which we cannot describe. There is nothing in the physical or material world to compare them with, or words in our language to describe them. It is impossible to portray to another that which has been seen or received.

R

The next Trinity is for the letter R and is Realm, Revelation, and Rhythm. Realm means Kingdom, Empire; State or Place. We all realize these Supreme and exalted Beings live in the higher Realms of existence, and few persons comparatively speaking can vibrate high enough to reach that Realm. It can only be done through what we call development or learning, and applying the laws of God and Nature.

Revelation is next in this Trinity and means the act of revealing or making known, especially Divine Truth; that which is revealed especially by God to Man.

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ARTICLE IX

The great purpose of Spiritual Science is to demonstrate that Life's manifestations are continuous, and to teach man the Harmonial Philosophy; and help him to spiritualize his human character.