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Dear Friends:

You may wonder what we mean when we say "recent times" or "recently". So much knowledge has come to light that nearly any book ten years old could be revised. The Truth is eternal and unchangeable, but man's awareness of this Truth is rapidly changing; therefore, what was a startling revelation ten or twenty-five years ago is swallowed up by the amazing revelation of these days.

We do not discard a book necessarily because it is old, for our Bible contains many ancient scriptures which are so eternally true, we have not fully discerned their meaning even yet. The book of Job, for instance, is the story of every man as he attempts to establish his faith in God, the Good.

We trust you will enjoy these lessons dealing with the body and through them come into a whole new way of life. In writing the instructions we feel that we might say that no matter what we write we have no way of giving you the very thing we write about. For only the Spirit within you can give it to you. We can only point the way that we have found to be effective. Even Jesus said: "Ye search the Scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me, and ye will not come to me that ye may have life." Christ is life, so all our instructions are to encourage you to come to Him and receive Him.

We express again our appreciation for your generous gifts of love that are multiplied in manifold blessings as they fulfill the law between us.

Faithfully,

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Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

"MAY THE GOD OF OUR LORD JUSUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF GLORY, GIVE UNTO YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM: HAVING THE EYES OF YOUR HEART ENLIGHTENED, THAT YE MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING, WHAT THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS; AND WHAT THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TO USWARD WHO BELIEVE, ACCORDING TO THAT WORKING OF THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT, WHICH HE WROUGHT IN CHRIST."

Saint Paul
Ephesians 1::15:19

THE NEW AGE

We are entering the era of Light, the light age. We are finding out many things that light will do, we are ever breaking it up and developing colors that were never known before. Colors are full of life and the more sensitive you are, the more they affect you. We are children of the light and as we study the effects of light we will come to think as much of color as we now do of calories, only color is much finer.

These things have been known for ages to the seers and the prophets and have been handed down in sacred literature. The seer transcends and precedes the scientists and when the word is spoken the scientist goes forward. Many scientists of today have great spiritual light, which accounts for the amazing things they have brought into manifestation. If we come to God empty we can receive new revealings, some secret thing. We are in the new era. I will overturn saith the Lord, - "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else, the word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Isaiah 45::23

Many are going out under the pressure of the new age, they are of the old order and cannot see. Some are even trying to bring back the good old days, so they are taken out of the way. Let us look up and be harbingers of the new age of magical achievements. Men shall become Kings and Priests unto God, and move on a new level. This is the new heaven and a new earth, the world has died and we are finding the new birth.

There is a new incarnation of the Spirit quickening the minds of men and we have new substances that were not known before. All the world is moving en masse toward a higher order. Just one illustration of new things is the new metal, Titanium, as strong as stainless steel, but half the weight and it is said they believe it is just the material to make the supersonic planes. It is almost an other world metal, because if you look up at the milky way at night, the dark patches are gas clouds, and these clouds are rich in titanium. That shows how suitable it is, in its very essence, to travel in a reduced form, back into the ethers, for it is at home there.

The universe is One, God is all in all, and all men shall know Him from the least to the greatest. Scientists are living sacrifices, for no one does anything of himself. We will have all knowledge. Jesus was a super-chemist and scientist but it came from God. He is ahead of us, so let us keep His commandments, be up and doing! Follow the Master and we shall be masters. Metaphysicians are touching the higher things through inner senses.

Things discerned by Spirit are composed of a higher expression of life. Life is subject to higher forms of life. On the inner planes of being we call this God - that gives life and breath to all things. The Infinite expresses in infinite variety. It is the Creative instinct or urge - "For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13

When all men can see the unity and purpose of life and that all life is of the Spirit, fear will disappear and all animal and plant life will change its form and habit for the lion in us lies down with the lamb. Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah, but he is also the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world. He did not fear nor hate, love was His law, so the Lion and the Lamb were together. The lion represents strength and intelligence, he was the king of beasts because the most chaste of them all. The lion is the symbol of strength, of purity, cleanliness and chastity. The lamb is the symbol of tenderness (feminine). When the two become one, they lie down together.

Jesus, the master of His nature, said - "Which of you convicteth me of sin." Jno. 8:46 He went about doing good. We are just beginning to see that when man has come to himself there will be the new Heaven and the new earth and all shall be one. Consciousness is reflecting through all things. Man is becoming a co-worker with the Divine and is changing things in the realm of creation and manifestation. Man is seeing beyond the microscope and X-ray. Man, the epitome of all there is, is coming into his own. All things are being uncovered.

To explain the working of some of the above, let us continue with the correspondences in the body. If you have a chart of the bodily form of the system you could see the central office in the brain, from which commands go forth to different organs. The sympathetic nervous system is ganglionic, composed of ganglia and ductless glands. The importance of these glands has only recently been discovered, but the ancient seers have always known it. We are interested in them from the spiritual standpoint, for glands are the gateway of the soul, they need no ducts, but they are points of contact between the soul and the outer, between the visible and invisible. They control the functions of the body, the character, and so forth.

The solar plexus is the greatest nerve center in the body and you know the effects of a blow on this part of the body. The study of glands is of recent times and regardless of the remedies in the outer, the true reinforcement comes from turning from the outer, to the intelligence and power that created them, God Almighty that worketh in man to will and to do, and in turn, man is inspired in his body through the nervous system. "There is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Job 32:8

Understanding and intelligence flow through the system, as intelligence and energy. If the nervous system is the Spirit, then, whose spirit is it? God's spirit, of course, for He said - "I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it." Jeremiah 31:33 Intelligence working in man knows all this, and perceives the law of God.

This intelligence goes to every cell in the body, for you can't touch the body without touching a nerve. Every cell is alive with nervous energy, which is the life of Spirit, Son of the Supreme. It is a living light. When raised to a high pitch man becomes luminous, and when man becomes as aware of Spirit as Jesus was, he will see Jesus. Man is a transmitting system of light, light is intelligence and vice versa. Light is diffused through the whole being. When we know that we are offspring of Divine Mind - we become luminous. When we breathe the breath of the Almighty, we breathe light, inflowing and outflowing. In the last lesson we spoke of the lungs as lights. Breath gives us light according to Job. Breath, Spirit, and Light are synonymous terms and man is the child of each of these. The body is the vehicle of expression, an instrument through which we cognize things in the natural world, through the organ of sight called the eye.

Sight is of Spirit, comprehension of Truth, and by knowing this we can heal eye troubles. A spiritual movement quickening spiritual understanding causes one to feel the movement of Truth in him. Man's consciousness is his comprehension of Truth. If we accept the fact that "seeing" is a process of Spirit, an activity of Divine Mind, Spirit can build new eyes, restore the eyes. When Christ comes, He makes all things new. Let us recognize Spirit as the seeing power, so we can call into being new eyes. Compare this to a camera; we see through the brain and we look out through the eyes, not with them - but through them, out of them. Man is the user and manipulator and seeing with consciousness, he, of course, cannot see when unconscious. Some people only perceive form, because they see as through a glass darkly. A simple illustration is to think of a book. To some it is just paper and printing, to others it has a meaning, but still to others there is an idea back of the book. Many have eyes and see not. Others see canvas and color in art and no more. Some see only a statue, others, the purpose behind the marble. Still others see that it is God being expressed, or an attempt of the artist to express love.

Vision is of the soul. The eye is very revealing since we see the activity of the soul in the eye. It also hides, sometimes conceals deep mysteries. Only he who knows himself as living soul can look down deep and behold the hidden mysteries. This is vision - others only see. We must have vision to see deeper than motives, we must see the Presence of the Most High if we would heal. Look through the appearance and behold the reality.

The eye can change its color in your presence, because you have touched the fountain of life, the Dweller of the inmost and called him out. The Kingdom within, and the King on His throne has caused the one to be healed, to be born a new creature. The Divine always responds, always hears. Speak, and it shall be done as you have spoken. Speak to the inner self, and there will be a new radiance in your eye. The poet says, "the soul is formed and doth the body make."

Metaphysicians look to the inner eye, the mind behind all things. The Spirit bears witness with Spirit that we are all Sons of God. We do not deny that we see the body, but we see that it is not the self. The body has infiltrated itself on the nervous system. The flesh is not the man, but something that has insinuated itself into his system. Man is a spiritual being of Light, all aglow, when he is aware of himself. It is the light not seen on land or sea. If we see this, we may free the man who has forgotten himself, and cause him to come to himself. He is not the stricken being he seems to be, but a living soul. "The flesh profiteth nothing."

How is your eye? Can you see the will of the Almighty? Can you see the Presence in your fellow man? As your eye is - so is everything around you. Do you see others as immortal? The eye is created by a state of mind and it is necessary to have clean windows. Telescopes must be clean, for a tiny speck can change the whole appearance of a constellation. Our inventions have overcome many years of evolution. In our egotism we think we have improved on God, but these inventions would be no good to a blind man. Seeing is of the soul and you can see through the whole being as the light of understanding diffuses itself.

The nervous system is a radiation of the brain, and if the eye is evil you will be full of darkness, because the radiation is stopped. If the eye sees purity, the flesh is radiant and strong, luminous and transparent. Where there is single mindedness the outer eye is strong and steady. The eye of the child reveals inner strength, and it can rule a whole household because his strength has not been lost through sophistication.

The pure in heart shall see God, so if the heart is pure we can behold the power of the Divine and the desire and purpose concerning our own individual self. How is your eye? Do you recognize One Power and do you believe that the flesh profiteth nothing? Only the quickening Spirit has light and power, the outer man of form, the man of flesh is nothing, can do and know nothing, but God, being in all is the only Doer, Thinker, Knower. The single eye charges the body with light, intelligence and strength, that otherwise would not be there. The tips of the fingers, the toes and the skin radiate light from within, the activity of the One Mind within us. We are

fearfully and wonderfully made, as the Psalmist expresses it in Psalm 139:14 - "I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well."

The flesh is in, and of, the One Mind and when we touch this Mind, we are aware of it at the central office. As an illustration, suppose you have a stone in your shoe, you are aware of it in the brain, the central office of the center of light in the head. The manager is the head of a concern that issues orders. The brain has established sub-centers which carry out orders without consulting the superior, but at the same time in perfect harmony with the head office. The heads of the departments carry on ordinary functions, having been trained for their work by the soul within, and this acts to the minutest part of the body. Man is a living soul, not a physical being, but a center of Divine energy and power, and when man sees himself as that, he will call forth more and more of the Divine, will look through so-called matter and see spirit. "The pure in heart shall see God."

* * * THOUGHT GEMS * * *

"Jesus called unto the disciples, saying, suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for to such belongeth the Kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein."

Luke 18:15-17

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

James 4:8

"Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the Truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently."

I Peter 1:22