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Dear Fellow Students:

As you study this instruction you will have a keener realization of the purpose of the Silence, as it is the very heart of all spiritual knowledge. You will be inspired to be steadfast in your prayer life, feeling it to be the most important thing in your life. I wonder if we could stand the test of forty years in the desert, as Moses did, to gain illumination, or even one year in total Silence? Or would we sell all we have to find the Kingdom? The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation.

I like to pass on to you names of books that have inspired me in my spiritual life, so in connection with this instruction, dealing with the ears, sound and so forth, I am remembering a book by Pupin, called "From Immigrant to Inventor." This great scientist was born in Serbia, and as he and his brother were in the fields watching over the flocks of sheep, they kept themselves from fear of wolves and communicated with each other by a system of signals sent from their pocket knives stuck in the ground.

I cannot write it as the book does, but the point is that thru his mother's faith this lad was able to come to this country and by sheer worth became one of our great men. From that system of pocket knives he invented the glass conductors we see on the telephone poles that make the message carry for great distances. Pupin also invented some essential part to our radio. He passed on several years ago and it has been a long while since I read his life but I can still feel the uplift I received from it. Truly faith moved mountains for him!

We sent you a blessing and if you are one who needs help with your ears, we suggest a prayer along this line, "I no longer oppose the inner voice, but in all love I accept the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for my soul is open to its ministrations. My soul wait thou on the Lord!"

Faithfully,

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INSTRUCTION 133

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

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"WHAT IS MAN, THAT THOU ART MINDFUL OF HIM? AND  
THE SON OF MAN, THAT THOU VISITEST HIM?  
FOR THOU HAST MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN GOD  
AND HAST CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.  
THOU MADEST HIM TO HAVE DOMINION OVER THE WORKS  
OF THY HANDS: THOU HAST PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS  
FEET. ."

Man is a spiritual being, the son of the Most  
High. His substance is the substance of God, who  
is Spirit.

Because God is eternal, man is immortal. That  
which God made is perfect. Man, as His image  
and likeness, is a permanently perfect Being.

HEAR YE ! HEAR YE !

We are coming to know that we do nothing of ourselves, but of the Father, as Jesus said - The Father within, He doeth the works. He asked at one time, "Why calleth thou me good"; yet, He could say also - who dareth to convict me of sin, for I have all power in Heaven and in the earth. I can lay down my life and take it again. He did this too, because He had the power. He knew himself; and when we see clearly, then we shall know as we are known. Jesus said that the things He did, we could do also, and if we are obedient to the Divine Will, greater things can we do. So let us keep the eye clean and clear.

In Matthew 13, Jesus explained to the disciples the difference between them and the masses of the people. If one is sincere in following Christ, it is given him to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but not given to the masses, who are indifferent. To quote, beginning with verse 13, - "Therefore, speak I to them in parables; because seeing, they see not, and hearing, they hear not, neither do they understand." Later He says: "But blessed are your eyes, for they see and your ears for they hear." The student will do well to study the whole chapter, for we see that the eyes and the ears are closely associated in the ways of life.

The construction of the ear is complex and delicate, so that it may sift out sound not wanted. It is an outer shell-like gatherer of sound which is carried through a series of chambers to the brain where the soul hears them and selects that which is for the instruction of the soul. Sound is akin to sight. It is light. There is a perfect relation between color and sound. There is a light of the ear, it is an organ of sight, for we gather light as intelligence from the spoken word. Hearing is a form of seeing, gathering knowledge, giving attention is spoken of as lend me your ear, or give ear to. We hear with the whole body. As the light of the eye diffuses itself throughout the body, so does the hearing and we hear with our skin. In danger, the hair stand up and listens, that we may interpret the meaning of the alarm. We hear with every cell in the body for surely the following is a mystical quotation from Psalm 119:105, - "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path." The whole body is an auditory system, a harkening system. As we really see beyond mind, we also hear an inner something, which gathers from both the visible and the invisible. As an example of this: "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth." 1 Sam. 3:10. Truly it is a voice not heard on land or sea, but heard within man.

Sometimes instruction is gathered in sleep by the inner ear, when the outer ear is resting, as is said in Job. 33:15 - "He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction." The outer ear is subject to wear and displacement, but it is living and can

rebuild its parts! The small bones delicately adjusted transmit sound waves that touch the tympanum from which they go through the auditory nerve to the cerebrum and cerebellum.

While the optic nerve goes only to the cerebellum, the auditory nerve runs to the very vestibule of Heaven, where contact is made with the invisible, where we contact the music of the spheres. Some composers who have been what we term deaf, have never heard their own compositions produced, but they are perfect just the same, because he heard them in the realm of perfection and harmony. Have you ever wondered as you listened to a great Symphony what it is the composer hears that the rest of us do not hear? Some have lost outer sight, but still can see, for man is alive on two planes of being; spirit and matter. Man can hear the voice of God and can see God. Job 33:31 - "Hearken unto me, hold thy peace, and I will speak, and I will teach thee wisdom!"

Hearing is of the soul and all listening is of the soul, which is hearkening for the gathering of information from the outer world. The ear can be so delicate that we can hear the voice of nature by putting the ear to the tree. We can really gather strength from a tree to renew the Omnipotent power of God. Stop and think what you mean when you use the expression - "I have had my ear to the ground." The great George Washington Carver heard the wonders that are wrapped up in a peanut and blessed humanity with the findings, because he was willing to listen to what the voice of God said to him. It is all so simple that many have missed the whole purpose of life.

We see the ability of the ear to sift out sounds to some degree in the radio and we can do this within ourselves. Most people hear what they want to hear and we know of the whistle invented for a dog that humans do not hear. Nearly everyone is familiar with the great soul, Miss Helen Kellar, who has proven that man hears with his whole body. Man is living soul, hearing is within the consciousness, the body is an instrument. We do not hear if we are either unconscious or dead.

A sense of obedience is linked with inner hearing. If we hear a sound and heed not the warning, it will dull the ears and a constant practice of disobedience will bring about deafness, for they refuse to hear, they close the ear. We do not hear when we do not give attention, while others have ears to hear and do not hear. If we do not listen to spirit, we lose inspiration. Deafness comes from disobedience. Some people know so much, you cannot tell them anything; then the ears and the neck stiffen and they want healing. The self-righteous have the same experience, so let us examine ourselves for we are students seeking the real way of life. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20.

We called attention to this in Instruction 130. When we are obedient to the voice of spirit, the hearing will increase and we will hear new things, but one seems to have to spend much time in solitude. Most inventors have done this and have their joy in it because of their interest. We know of and use the results of their labors, and often never even heard the name of the inventor. Do you know the names of those who are bringing forth present wonders? They are great men and not concerned with praise and credit for their work as the "little" man is in his pettiness. The voice celestial can be heard according to our state of consciousness. The ear is an organ of interest, around which fact one can build many illustrations.

No one is so deaf as he who will not hear. The ear is a marvelous instrument of the soul, and we can train it to shut out the useless; gathering and using what we wish, projecting that which we wish to see accomplished. We can translate sound into color and photograph the voice. We hear a voice and recognize it, for the ear finds each voice different. Sound has form and color and every color creates sound. There have been highly sensitive people who can hear colors. Did you ever see a dress that is loud? It is said that when one is speaking spiritual truth in love, that there is a soft purple light around the mouth and throat. But while interesting, the world of phenomena does not hold our attention because we are looking to that which is higher. Signs denote background; a high thin voice comes from a shallow consciousness, which can be overcome by seeking the Source of power in praise and thanksgiving, for the voice deepens in richness as the consciousness expands in the glory of the Lord.

Hearing and seeing are of the soul and in trying to reproduce ourselves, we make inventions, so the more we understand ourselves; the more we know of our being; the better instruments we make. Taking a look at recent inventions we have proof that some in our age and race have touched the very inmost of being and are ushering in a new age, which masses of people are not exactly ready to understand, but may live in and enjoy its benefits.

It is possible to build a new organ of hearing from within and it is done by the soul, not by might nor power, but by God, working through the mind and will. If we hearken to the Spirit and learn obedience to its voice, the soul is quickened to the rebuilding of its vehicle. We may perform dissections, but the body was built by the law of God in obedience to His will, and even though we see beyond the physical, it is all right to recognize the beauty in the body, because it is the human form Divine. The laws of its being are laws of Divine Mind. The flesh profiteth nothing. Admire the instrument, but remember the builder for it is not of the earth earthy, but a living soul.

It is said that Mr. Edison closed his outer ear on purpose that he might spend his time on his research work. It is recorded that he was reticent and said little, but he could hear sound on the invisible, the very essence of sound. Sound and light resemble each other for the vibrations of matter and the vibrations of electricity are both manifestations of force. Please read Psalm 19 and realize that knowledge is not always new, "their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Knowledge is the golden ladder over which we climb to Heaven. God has been sending His message from star to star and according to the Psalm, from the stars to man, ever since the creation of Adam, employing the very same method and means, which man, imitating the divine method, uses when he employes electricity to carry his message to a distant friend.

Long ago the great Farraday saw that all things extend to, and exist in every spot in the Universe at the same time. All things are in perpetual contact with each other, every star feeling, so to speak, the heart beat of every other star and of every living thing, even of the tiniest little worm in the earth. "Whither shall I go from Thy spirit, or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence? If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there." Psalm 139::7. God is everywhere and where He is there is every part of creation. Religion teaches us how to catch the spirit of science, and science teaches us how to catch the spirit of religion.

To refer again to sound, Hemholtz analyzed the vowels in the human speech by studying the harmonics which they contained. The vowel O, sung at a given pitch contains in addition to its fundamental pitch, 100 vibrations a second, and other vibrations the frequencies of which are integral multiples of 100 vibrations a second. These higher vibrations are called harmonics of the fundamental. Using this on alternating currents, he made electrical resonators used in radio. Now do you see why one of great spiritual depth would have healing in his voice for he speaks words of peace and harmony and love?

We often bring the instruction around to healing because physics is but a shadow cast by metaphysics. The material scientist works from out to in, but the true way is from the within - out. When we touch Principle, we step over the border between what we have called science and theology. The great scientist is touching this inner key now. Education must lead out, not put in. It is an awakening of our inner or hidden lordship, to use the outer vehicle to carry the hidden message. The Soul is the see-er and the hear-er; it builds the organs and uses them to the glory of God.

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"Incline your ear and come unto me;  
hear and your soul shall live."

Isaiah 55:3

"He that hath ears, let him hear."

Matt. 13:9

"A voice out of the cloud, saying, This  
is my beloved Son, in whom I am well  
pleased; hear ye Him."

Matt. 17:5

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what  
the spirit saith to the Churches, to him  
that overcometh will I give to eat of the  
tree of life which is in the Paradise of  
God."

Rev. 2:7