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Dear Friends:

Pure Greek philosophy taught that the Logos, or the Word, was the Reason emanating from primeval Mind, by which the Cosmos was created. This philosophy is restated in the Gospel of John, and the purpose of this Gospel is to set forth the Divinity of our Lord as the basis of faith, and to meet the spiritual needs, not of a particular class, Jew, Roman or Greek, but of all men, and hence it is called the spiritual Gospel.

The Eternal Word was incarnated in Jesus, came to life in Jesus. The cosmic character is Christlike and in Him is life. John writes in 17:3 - "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." This spiritual Gospel has unusual power to bring its readers to the supreme value of Christianity. Christ adds life to our study of the science of Mind. Most of the world lives in a state of what might be called practical atheism, but we believe there is a demand made upon us by the Opinion back of the Universe. We belong to God and the more we live for God, the freer we become. Responsibility may be the word that hits home, for it is our ability and our necessity to respond to a higher call, to express God.

The men who established this country were wise, astute, political philosophers and they laid a foundation which teaches that man is a free individual, and can, with the help of God, hew out his own destiny. It is a peril to our liberty to thoughtlessly agree to the erasing of the God-centered philosophy which has always undergirded this country. Let us insist upon the maintenance of the principles of the Christian religion, each under his own choice, as to church or faith.

As we know the Truth together we are a vital part of this new Christ age, and we can be assured of this in our hearts, and rejoice one with another.

Faithfully,

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INSTRUCTION 141

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

TRUST IN JEHOVAH, AND DO GOOD;
DWELL IN THE LAND, AND FEED ON HIS FAITHFULNESS.
DELIGHT THYSELF ALSO IN JEHOVAH;
AND HE WILL GIVE THEE THE DESIRES OF THY HEART.
COMMIT THY WAYS UNTO JEHOVAH;
TRUST ALSO IN HIM, AND HE WILL BRING IT TO PASS.
AND HE WILL MAKE THY RIGHTEOUSNESS TO GO FORTH AS THE LIGHT,
AND THY JUSTICE AS THE NOONDAY.
REST IN JEHOVAH AND WAIT PATIENTLY FOR HIM:
FRET NOT THYSELF BECAUSE OF HIM WHO PROSPERETH IN THE WAY,
BECAUSE OF THE MAN WHO BRINGETH WICKED DEVICES TO PASS.
CEASE FROM ANGER, AND FORSAKE WRATH:
FRET NOT THYSELF, IT TENDETH ONLY TO EVIL DOING.
FOR EVIL DOERS SHALL BE CUT OFF:
BUT THOSE THAT WAIT FOR JEHOVAH, THEY SHALL INHERIT THE LAND.

PSALM 37; 3-10.

REMOVING THE VEIL

Man is wise and happy according to his ability to appreciate the good. Every insight to higher good raises the character. Yet, we find it is possible to cling to misery, while apparently observing happiness. Sometimes in the heart there lies an old disappointment, some grief over the lot in life which might have been different. Every bit of disappointment is a bit of death, for our appointment is with God, the Good. This is where denial comes in, for it cleanses and eliminates these old hidden beliefs. We have seen that between the mind and its rightful possessions, is the claim of darkness or negation, standing as though it were something, while all the time it is nothing and we call it a veil of matter.

We have assumed that this nothing is something between us and our good. It is the valley of the shadow of the apparent reality of misery, but it is only a shadow in Truth. Strange to say, this shadow is just as apt to be one of our virtues as one of our vices. If we feel a sort of contempt for people who do not know all the Truth we think we know, this is a false pride, and part of the consciousness of the Pharisees, who prayed in public that they might be known for their much learning. Or, could God take pride in never speaking or acting from impulse? To take pride in our virtue is a shadow, therefore we eliminate the pride in our virtues from our character. Paul says that though we fulfill many laws, even giving the body to be burned, and have not charity, we are tinkling symbols. It is well to act with discretion, but it is sounding brass to pride ourselves in it.

Suppose we are proud of the fact that we pay our bills promptly, the pride hides the virtue. We might find a lesson in this to release our harsh judgments. As we become more kind and understanding, we pass the shadow that stands between our mind and its satisfaction. This satisfaction is present, yet with a distance of a personal trait between. These traits "in between", we have named, ideas of absence, and we call our protests against them, denials. We resolve to let go of our own habits of thinking that have come from our belief in the absence of our particular good.

Prosperity is the acknowledgment, consciously or unconsciously of the Presence of God. The prosperous man has eliminated from his consciousness some idea which the one seemingly not prosperous is holding unto with tenacity. This accounts for some rich people, who, to all appearances do not deserve to be rich. Even a liar can be rich, and even heal in some instances, but they will get their hardships in some other way than the absence of abilities. The law always works.

We have spoken of the seven thicknesses of the claims of negation standing between every mind and the security of its good, of which five belong to us in common. When you have melted them down, you are the master that you were when you were first created in Divine Mind. In this melting process we are taught to put a statement of a great truth in the place of the denial, and this bold insistence of that which is true in reality is called affirmation. Throughout this whole

course of instructions you have been given many powerful affirmations, and statements of Truth.

All science has these affirmations and denials also, for you subtract that which is not wanted from that which is wanted. Sometimes there is as much wisdom in negation as there is in the affirmation. For the five denials we have five affirmations, which we call wise virgins, because they are simple and reasonable. Your two especial ones are not virgins, for they prove to be the strength and wisdom of your own life in its unique relation to all life. You might say this is your life work, to understand why you are where you are. If you are not happy with your place in life, these instructions are showing you what you can do about it, and only you can do it, with the help of God.

The first affirmation is: "Good is everywhere present. My good is life, truth, love, substance and intelligence. Omniscient; Omnipotent; Omnipresent."

There is no use to make the affirmations until we have made the denials, for we are only releasing power into a dirty channel. Could this be the meaning of the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 9:16 where he says - "And no man putteth a piece of undressed cloth upon an old garment; for that which should fill it up taketh from the garment, and a worse rent is made. Neither do men put new wine into old wine skins else the skins burst and the wine is spilled; and the skins perish; but they put new wine into fresh wine skins, and both are preserved." When the consciousness is clean, we do not have to continue to make denials for we have moved out of the necessity for them, but there may come times when you will use them. You will judge rightly at such times. Your two especial traits will disappear also as you come into harmony with the whole.

The inconsistency of Christians has hurt our CAUSE. When the right denials are made, our affirmations will be effective. Are we not promised that in My Name, ye shall ask what ye will? But we are required to abide in the Word, and the Word abide in us, before this can take place. So our minds build the firmament of our daily lives. Steam doesn't move the engine until the valve is open. So, also, the Truth, which is the energy of the mind and the moving, activating force of your being, waits to move through the clear way made by scientific protests. Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Let your light shine, do not hide it under a bushel. Did you ever use an oil lamp? It is good for us to reason out why we are free, to map our course accordingly, to bring our lives out as we perceive they could be. We affirm our true nature, and steadfastly hold on to our affirmations.

Many religions have talked of a Word, which contains all things. The Lost Word, it is called. But the ears have to be attuned to hear it, and apparently few have heard. So, Jesus said to use His Name and we

would come into the quality of His mind. As we consciously feel the Divine nature filling our being, we will feel a delight in our substance, and the world will not be able to account for it. This comes only when we have given a free passage for God Mind to think and speak through us. "Delight thyself in Jehovah, and He will give thee the desires of thy heart." Psalm 37:

We have spoken of the wall or veil that represents our belief in the absence of Good. It is also called a veil of flesh, or dark river. We think water always represents consciousness, the river Jordan was significant in the life of Jesus. And what about the imaginary river Styx? We are always crossing rivers of difficulty, symbolically speaking, or we may be drinking the waters of eternal life. Our personal denials are as important as the general doctrine. David asked to be cleansed from secret faults. We do not think we are selfish, but mostly we do live for the self, and not the Great Self, which is you also, the Christ Self. Let us say; "in Spirit, I am not selfish, so I let Spirit direct my life." It will not be long before our lives will be consistent with our mighty affirmations.

If you are interested and have the time, read the lives of the great philosophers, and see how each added a new light to the one that had gone before. Pythagoras saw that sensation is mental, that the soul is an emanation of the universal soul, and partakes of the Divine nature, thus becoming self moving principle. This was 570 years before Jesus Christ. In 500, Anaxagoras said that matter is the result of ideas, and Mind was all. Plato said that evil is a way of believing and not omnipotent, which revealed to him that God is goodness. A denial and affirmation seem to always match each other. Jesus sent messengers forth in pairs, one positive and the other negative and receptive. The receptive ones keep the impulsive ones balanced, which is also true in business relationships.

Jesus seemed to use both methods for He said: "Call no man on earth your Father, for, one is your Father, even God." "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." His negations were toward seeming realities, but he called flesh nothingness, therefore He must have been speaking for the sake of those round about Him, as He did on other occasions. Jesus called our belief in the absence of good, Satan. Your Bible dictionary gives one definition of Satan as being the god of this world, seeking to enslave men to serve him. To us this is the mortal mind, carnal mind or the mind of the race in general. This is the mind that believes in two powers. This is the phase of the mind that we are now training to become one with the Christ Self, the true man that God made, the only man in reality.

The belief in absence take many ways to exhibit itself, it takes the form of being grateful that one is more blessed than another. Now, there is no point where this is true, for we do not deal in comparisons of lack. In truth no one knows more than another, as all are partakers of Divine Mind in equal potency and might. If people cling to us, it is because they have not learned to appreciate themselves, so our part

is to release them into union with their own Divine nature. The fact that we like to be leaned on is an insidious thing, for it satisfies a sense of personal power. It inflates the ego, so, a student watches that he does not lean on others or encourage others to lean on him. Our own Emerson prophesied that future teaching would be freedom, self-companionship, and self-strengthening. This is discovery, for one's own nature is complete. If we learn to stand alone, then the more perfect companionship comes our way. In this state there is no complaining nor self pity. "Thy Maker is thy husband, Jehovah of hosts is his name." Iss. 54; 5.

Successful people in any line, have been positive in their nature. High resolves made in intense feeling have been like oak trees, and this accounts for those who have come into prominence from lowly beginnings in the world's viewpoint. Euripedes, a fruit dealer in Greece, became the friend of Socrates. Virgil was a baker's son. Many illustrations can be given and are given as success stories in current literature, but they all show what one would call demonstrations of high thinking. So, a young man's ideals wait for demonstration on the heights of affirmations. They are known as the hilltops of delight, -"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good." Iss. 52:7.

There is no storm that can shake your name through the ages if your affirmations are lofty enough concerning the dealings of your God with you. "Good is everywhere present. My good is life, truth, love, substance and intelligence. Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent."

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THOUGHT GEMS

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
Matt. 5:8

"Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart."
Psalm 24:3

"This above all, to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."
Shakespeare.

"Be not like a stream that brawls loud with shallow water falls, But in quiet self-control link together soul and soul."
Longfellow.