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Dear Friends:

As we have quoted on the front page of this instruction from the prophet Malichi, we hope you will take more reading from your Bible for your deep consideration. The Bible represents the highest instruction that came to men as mankind passed from one state of consciousness to another and generally it was accomplished through great struggle under the old covenant. But always there was the concept of the eternal, changeless Lord, which concept kept changing and raising mankind.

We are the people of the new covenant, which is now being fulfilled, and the more we recognize this fact, the more understanding we have in regard to the changes that are taking place. Jeremiah perceived this new covenant when he wrote in chapter 31:31 "Behold the days come saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah. I will put my law in their inward parts, and write in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people, and I will remember their sin no more."

I hope you will be interested enough to read in both Galatians and Hebrews what Paul has to say on this very subject and make your own personal application in regard to the position of freedom that is now open to the whole world. Reading in your own various Church publications, you will rejoice at the trend toward interfaith co-operation among many of the denominations, and the attempt to bring about unbroken fellowship in the world. Let us rejoice in this with such strength and faith that those peoples who are still holding to the right to dominate through either religion or state politics, will feel the true Christ freedom as we know it under the new covenant that Christ himself established. In this all barriers will give way, and the Kingdom will be established.

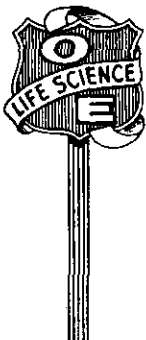
May the light of Christ lead you, and the love of God infold you.

In His Name,

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INSTRUCTION #148 Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

"BEHOLD, I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER, AND HE SHALL PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME; AND THE LORD WHOM YE SEEK, SHALL SUDDENLY COME TO HIS TEMPLE, EVEN THE MESSENGER OF THE COVENANT, WHOM YE DELIGHT IN; BEHOLD, HE SHALL COME, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.

BUT WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING, AND WHO SHALL STAND WHEN HE APPEARETH? FOR HE IS LIKE A REFINER'S FIRE, AND LIKE FULLERS' SOPE."

MALACHI 3:1

"FOR I AM THE LORD, I CHANGE NOT".

MALACHI 3:6

THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE

"The veil of the temple was rent in the midst" Luke 23:45. Instructions 140 and 141 were on the subject of the veil of matter and how to remove it. Now we have come to the veil of the temple, and this time we want to see within this veil, or beyond it. In Hebrew 6:19, Paul said: "To lay hold of the hope set before us, which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast, and entering into that which is within the veil; Whither as a forerunner, Jesus entered for us, having become a high Priest forever, after the Order of Melchizedek. Lo, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say His flesh."

After due consideration of such a proclamation we see that it is a living way on a higher plane of consciousness than most of the world is aware of at present, but when we know that Melchizedek is King of righteousness and Prince of peace, then we know that peace is a requirement for the new state. This peace is poise and power so established that nothing has the power to disturb it. The student will find much of interest if he will consult the Bible Concordance and see the many references to the result of true righteousness, "for the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father". Matt. 13:43. Thus we have two keys to the Kingdom with in the veil, peace and righteousness.

The key note of this instruction is; BE NOT DECEIVED. Who deceives us? What deceives us? The world of appearances is the answer, and as matter makes up all appearances, matter becomes the only deceiver. How is matter formulated? By thoughts concerning a God who never existed. In a former lesson we said that belief in absence is the only separation. The life of Job is the symbolical story of everyman, and we find Job holding onto his good until it manifested right in the face of his friends who believed in a God of punishment, and that Job was wrong. Job proved that he was not as they thought, therefore it was entirely their imagination, and their vain imaginings brought the results upon them and Job was freed into his concept of God. He was richer than ever before.

Thus it is with all of us. We look upon others with the color of our own ideas, and make them out something different from what they really are. What we see in others is first in us, our own type of mind. When we receive the punishment we have meted out to others let us not be astonished nor grieved. This explains the affliction of the so-called good and righteous people, for often they spend their days seeing the faults of mankind more than any other class of people. They are martyrs to their own beliefs. These are the ones who lead the great crusades for various things. As students of life science we have learned the value of praise, let us practice it. Praise God that Good is everywhere.

Be not deceived either in man or God, for in truth both are good, no matter what the appearance may be, and we are learning to see good in all. All is spirit, then I am spirit. Spirit cannot be in poverty, nor burdened, nor sick, neither can I. These are nothing to spirit, therefore nothing to me, so I am not deceived by them. This is the only way we know to work with the mind to bring our new combinations. This is the religion that teaches us to praise spirit for all the good that comes to us, and that the evil is from our own false belief in something that is not true at all.

In all change we do not work to change the form, we work with the spirit and the form is changed thereby. There is a law of setting aside appearances by truth, so in learning truth we become masters of the law. If one talks of attaining a masters degree, this is it. Moses said the same thing in symbolical language. "Let there be light in the firmament". Do not let your imagination run away with you but live by principle for reasoning based on pure principle is like sunlight to the mind and life. We soon learn the meaning of things, and we know exactly what to do. God guides our life. All the Old Bible becomes a treasure beyond our former knowledge.

As imaginations and fears arise, let them alone and they will disappear by recognizing them for what they are, for they deal with evil, matter, death, sickness, poverty, old age, pain, failure and other race bondage. They do not exist in truth as truth is not a mixture. This is why you do not have to try to make your truth work, for you know it and speak it and it is its own working principle.

When a form changes by means of our truth, we have written a record in it. Many a case of healing is accomplished more quickly, if sometimes we write out our treatments and read them over and over, for it brings inspiration. You will be surprised how much the mind expands and how many new realizations come to you by your own light. Truly we are living epistles, not on tablets of stone but hearts of flesh. There is nothing more gratifying to a teacher than to see the radiance of the minds of the students breaking forth. When they seize the truth for themselves, love it and reason out each item of their lives by it, and see that nothing else compares with it, they become the true light in the firmament. When many such are established, the new heaven and the new earth appear. There will be no need for any moon nor sun in any material heaven.

When we love our reasoning we are in the light, but when we listen

to the opinions of men we strike darkness at once. By this we see that our intellect is our light in a way. If intellect believes God is far away, then our good will be far away. The student can expand this to numerous meanings. Let there be light means; let reasoning based on truth be your light of the sun. Let your imaginations stand right where your right reasoning put them. Eternal reasoning is eternal day.

Night with its stars symbolizes the rest that mind takes at certain stages of its reasonings. There are halting places in mental action, when we think, speak and do nothing. There are many symbols of these places. The Sabbath is one, a place between childhood and youth, between middle and old age are others which will cease when we understand them as symbols. We have seen a sick body change to a robust one and a beautiful one, but that is not the ultimate, for we do not yet see the fullest. There is a mighty difference between what we now see, and the reality of all things. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what God hath prepared for them that love Him". We can see and hear however when we love Him with all that we are.

Love opens us to new sights and sounds. To love is to see God in all which process eliminates evil. Great minds have told of how limited they feel their knowledge to be, but this is not the case of one who knows the light of reasoning based on the first principle that God is wisdom and understanding in them, and in all things, informing them of high truth. Therefore, if one tells of his ignorance, he is only telling of his vain imaginations. "The Lord will not hold him guiltless, who taketh His name in vain."

This lesson tells us to let truth be your words, truth of spirit and truth of matter. It is true that matter is ignorant, it knows nothing, and we are not matter. We are spirit, and the truth about it is different. Reason it out well, for people have gotten mixed up with old delusions. Looking forward to old age is getting crystallized into the future. Or they think of a history in matter, which is crystallized into the past, whereas this lesson is about the light and freedom.

You cannot bottle up the light, it spreads itself. If you hide it under a bushel, it burns the bushel and makes a greater light than ever, for it cannot be quenched. The light of reasoning is the same way, especially when it is based upon the truth that there is one God, above all, through all and in all. This cannot be spoken without shedding its light through the succeeding statements of science.

Once it is set streaming through the mind, we must think and speak, write and live the doctrine. The doctrine is a fire, an unquenchable light. A symbol can be put out, but the truth is eternal, and along the way somewhere, you get on fire with the Holy Spirit, so that you live the doctrine. If you do not catch it the first time along the path, try going over the statements again and again, for the race is not always to the swift. Come and let us reason together. The righteous shall shine like the sun. Be not deceived.

Some of our former mistakes have been very strange. In looking into great doctrines, and seeing their differences, we remained silent concerning the truth, but much exercised over the effects of truth, which were called laws. For instance, if one, becoming spiritually minded lost his taste for certain kinds of food, it was claimed that all men should abstain from those foods. This is mistaking an effect for a cause. They tried to prove that fasting from food would make people spiritual, which it never did, because material actions are not the cause of Spirit. The truth says according to the way of spirit in man will his outer actions be. This is true of the use of words. We speak certain ones after we become spiritual. We gave you the idea of using the name Jesus Christ. Speaking the words do not make us become spiritual, do not confuse the effect with the cause. Suffering is not given us to call more and more attention to the physical body, but to call our attention to God. Those who fast are exercised over their bodies and are as materially minded as gluttons. The same applies if you beat, freeze or abuse the body in any way, for in a sense such are more materially occupied than people who please their bodies and are free from pain.

There is nothing in great truths to call our attention to material things. Words should be given forth as the utterance of the spirit of life within us. All point to the spirit and go forth from the spirit, and in a mysterious way they attend to the externals, so, we obey Jesus and take no anxious thought about these things.

*****GEM THOUGHTS*****

"Thou hast made us for Thyself; and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

St. Augustine.

"We grow to the likeness of that which we love. The practice of the Presence of God is the very life and nourishment of the soul."

Brother Lawrence.

"Oneness of mind and will within the Divine mind and will is not the future hope and aim of religion, but its very beginning and birth in the soul. To enter on the religious life is to terminate the struggle."

John Caird.

"Continue the work of liberating thy soul by making a judicious and well considered choice in all things, to the end thou mayest assure the triumph of what is best in thyself--- the triumph of the spirit."

Pythagoras.

"Yield yourselves unto God."

Romans 6:13