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Dear Friends:

Through this letter we have the opportunity of encouraging one another, for with it we send our love to each of you and faith that we shall each attain the measure of His consciousness.

Have you ever read the very beautiful story, "The Other Wise Man", by Henry Van Dyke? I can recommend it right now to increase the peace of the individual. Sometimes people are dissatisfied with what they call their lot in life and want to go somewhere else to do what they feel they are capable of doing. Sometimes, this is a Divine discontent, but the real way of fulfilling this feeling is to do the best we know right where we are in praise and thanksgiving. Take time to be Holy, always.

The name of the fourth Wise Man was Artaban, and he was scheduled to leave Persia with the other three, but he found a sick man in the road, which delayed him enough to miss the caravan. This caused him to travel alone, and when he arrived in Bethlehem, the Holy family had already left for Egypt. The Roman soldiers were at that time destroying the babies, and Artaban was able to save a woman and child by using the second of his valuable gifts that he had intended to give to Jesus. The first, a ruby he had given to the sick man, when he had tarried to show him mercy.

As he wandered many years Artaban became an old man, still looking for the Lord. He found himself in Jerusalem the day of the crucifixion, and had an idea that he might buy the freedom of the Christ with the magnificent pearl. On the way, he saw a beautiful Persian girl about to be sold into slavery, and at her frantic appeal to save her, he gave the pearl in payment. He realized he had no gift left for the Lord and as he was mulling this over in his mind, the earth quake at the time of the crucifixion, caused a stone to fall with such force on his head that he was killed. But just before he died, the Lord appeared to him and said "Verily I say unto you in as much as thou hast done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

I hope you read the story and take comfort in the fact that the Lord shines through all our activities, when all things are done in the self-less attitude of the Christ.

Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTION #149      Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted  
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

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"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR  
STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS AS  
EAGLES; THEY SHALL RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY; AND  
THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT FAINT."

ISAIAH 40:31

"THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL FLOURISH LIKE THE PALM TREE;  
HE SHALL GROW LIKE A CEDAR IN LEBANON. THOSE  
THAT BE PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD SHALL  
FLOURISH IN THE COURTS OF OUR GOD."

PSALM 92:12

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### THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE

The student will learn from these instructions that we are gradually coming to see the oneness of all things, and no longer dwelling in the two worlds, but one world: one, the manifestation of the other. We live in all planes of consciousness at once, but only aware of our choice at present. It is a well known fact there are many people aware of more than one plane at the same time, and are able to hold their balance, and more will attain this as we accept it.

Let us continue in the way of taking no anxious thought, as spoken of in the last instruction, for people get more disturbed over material things, forgetting that material things are secondary. On the other hand, one who is spiritually minded accomplishes all things in Divine order, such as being neat and clean in dress and person, as the natural, unpremeditated movement of the immaculate spirit he is thinking about. Also, he will be honorable in his dealings, not from a sense of duty, but because his mind is on high principle. Thoughts and works are lights or signs that tell where a man stands spiritually. When we are spiritual we are not trying to bring things to pass, yet they come to pass.

The lofty reasonings of science are the works of truth, but how does truth work? It is light and it shines. To let the truth shine on miracles of healing, has a cheering and enlightening effect, rather than talking of the appearances of disease. This attitude is the quickest way to be rid of abnormal appearances, which feed and grow fat on our thinking they can hurt or disturb us. It is not our burden to cure a cough, but to let the spirit tell the truth and then all is free.

Spirit never mourns over anything, for the things people mourn over are nothing to spirit. One who realizes that any evil is nothing at all has touched the second treatment of enviroing conditions. This comes from denying the seeming and affirming the real, which opens the eyes to see from a purely spiritual standpoint. There is a great power of clear sight that comes from a pure mind, this means a mind free from sense appetite or lustful passions. Lust is the desire to possess, one can even lust after learning, but it is lust that corrodes the eye. Divine intelligence never sees evil. If we learn to use our intelligence, we are able to train our minds to remain stable in the face of appearances, and not be overthrown by emotionalism. With our intelligence we do not allow ourselves to have regrets over the past, neither do we rehash or rehearse unpleasant experiences as being true. A woman upon being complimented on her happy look, immediately began to tell of how sad she really felt on the inside, thus breaking her own morale through self pity and was soon calling for help.

The Bible warns us that if we are fasting to: "anoint thy head, and wash thy face, that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Matt. 6:17-18. To see that evil is not real is the second step concerning outer conditions, for in this understanding the eyes are open to see purely from a spiritual standpoint. We mentioned lustful passions and sensual appetites, because in the desire to possess, people can become very unhappy, and unhappiness is not of the spirit. Sensual pertains to the senses, not spiritual or intellectual, but carnal, the process of indulging the senses. It includes excitement or over stimulation from outer sources. These are restless people, never satisfied, for to be carnally minded is death, says Paul. Therefore, intelligence frees us in this manner, through education and re-education. Even if we are still aware of the appearance of evil, our intelligence enables us to apply the way of spirit in meeting the appearance, which is to know the good only.

Really, this is intelligence, for that which sees evil is not intelligence, but ignorance, the lack of intelligence. The lack is the place between, which fills with the denseness that we call evil. Hence, evil has been our own product, the product of the double eye. Be not deceived by appearances. On the other hand, do we suspect that evil lies underneath good appearance? It is our pleasure to believe in good, and not think that good hides evil. If it appears good, by declaring it to be good, we are seeing all the way and clearing any hidden falsity. If we believe in deception, then we find ourselves being deceived, and put upon. But let us be strong and firm in our good. This applies to business as well as to health. We follow the rules of business because it is orderly and part of the kingdom of consciousness, not because we distrust those with whom we deal.

The question is often asked as to why a truth student takes out insurance of any kind, but this kind of a question is on the level of any other, in regard to all outer affairs. You might just as well ask, "Why do you wear clothing, when spirit is capable of keeping you warm?" We are in the midst of fulfilling all things in our different states of realization. If your business is successful, do not believe that you do not know how long it can stay that way. Good is eternal, if not in one channel, then another, so, for you, there is no failure of business.

To be a good healer, one must be too pure to behold evil, for how can we see perfection in one who asks for health, when we believe in evil? Even to be able to explain how illness came about is sometimes a form of judgement, for it is not important to explain how or why, but to lovingly release the whole situation. The faculty of judgement is often developed before the faculty of love, but the two come together eventually. We conclude that everything that looks well, is making a heroic fight to be God's good way in our eyes. Believe in the good, speak kindly of it, and praise it.

The first strength of mind is the strength to endure. His Name shall endure forever. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matt. 10:22. The end of what? The material age, or the end of the material beliefs in the individual consciousness. Love endureth all things and is kind. This endurance is purity, which is long life. Some good people may seem to be frail, but live on when others more robust drop by the way. Goodness is a substance in man which endures. We get this way by never accusing anyone of uncleanness.

The second strength of mind is fearlessness, the very strength associated with youth. This comes from faith in good and the appearance of good. If our conscious thoughts and words are according to the good, we will look young and fearless and be vigorous. Children never suspect evil of that which appears good. There are numerous stories told of how trusting souls along the way have acted upon that which friends suggested, and made a fortune, when the friend intended playing a practical joke. However, we are taught not to be gullible, but wise in our own judgements. We do not want to be blown about by every wind. A truly pure mind is its own defense always. Old age comes from not refusing to be deceived. If we refuse it, there is no sting.

The character which holds its own steadily is a successful character. In teaching we are taught to hold to a point, for rambling is a bad habit, never striking a definite note. In healing the mind must be kept to its first intention, and not be diverted. The mind can be so trained that even while we chat with another, the mighty river of truth is consciously running. Even if we are called on to do many things, we can also keep the center undisturbed. Sometime, distractions seem to come to test is ability to prove the eternal truth. However, we are not being tried really, but in the process of using strength, as we function in the universe. Only those of great strength are given great responsibilities. The one who is faithful over a few things are made ruler over many, and is told, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Fretting, complaining and crying are diverting. Where there is a will there is always a way, for what is the will? Everything that happens tells you where you stand toward your premise. Being diverted is being deceived, or getting mixed. People with their minds on their work, never let anything interfere. Our activity in God comes first, regardless of the favor of the rich or great from the worldly standpoint. This is steadfastness, being true to principle. You could trace the course of the great men of the world and you would find that they all followed a high principle of action. There are many today doing the same, in order to help the world find peace.

Nothing is so satisfying as the knowledge of God, and a trained mind widens and beautifies character. Nothing so trains the mind like the continued statements of high truth. Mind is not so

quickered by any other study, for God is life, therefore the study of spirit brightens the mind as the years roll on. Healing by pure reasoning, brings an ever increasing energy.

Let the student continue to raise the standard to heal until healing can come forth after one treatment. In God, one treatment is enough, but we are not to be discouraged if this is not the case. One who feels the necessity of telling all in regard to their disease, can be allowed to do so once only, in order to clear the mind, but the one who knows is persistent to the true ideal, and knows that the distressing symptoms are nothing. Every case is of equal importance in Divine Mind, therefore the healer attends to each conscientiously, and in so doing power is increased to the healer.

Each case is a signal to think a certain way, sometimes it is startling and vehement, for often the case arrives at the time of fulfillment for some truth one has already established. One who devotes most of his time to healing becomes established to the degree, that many cases are healed suddenly. These are the fruits, and moreover, by this, we are building a new race consciousness. The mind of the whole race is being changed, for each healing effects more than one person, it travels on and on.

Let each of us practice speaking the word of power with faith in an effortless knowing, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Truly it cannot be bought or sold, as it is a free gift from the Father to all mankind. God giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. Read the first chapter of the Epistle of James.

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"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.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the righteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord."

Iss. 55:7.

"A man that could look no way but downwards with a muckrake in his hand."

Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.