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Dear Friends:

Although this is the last of the Instructions it does not mean the last of our friendship and fellowship. In fact we are more closely knit than at any time heretofore. Any of you who have come to this instruction have displayed the qualities that enable you to come into the New Kingdom, here and now. We congratulate you on your faith and your integrity for you recall that it is in the integrity point within you, that you know and see God. This point in you has been trained to a purpose and the whole purpose of life is to know God.

You know that we have our department of counsel and we shall be only too glad to hear from you, to rejoice with you and to pray with you if you request it. We can recommend to you a book by Agnes Sanford, "The Healing Light" as a guide both for those in the Church and out of the Church. She combines the sacramental way and the metaphysical way in a simple book that is true and deep.

In the unified whole we all dwell in varying degrees of comprehension. Each one lives in his own awareness of the whole. The larger our field of consciousness, the richer the life. Therefore Christ in you is your "hope of Glory", because Christ is the idea of Universal unity and harmony of all things. There is One God, over all, through all and in all. This is the eternal Truth.

God bless each of you in the fulness of this realization, in the name and through the power of Jesus Christ, Himself.

Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTION # 156 Assuring to the Acceptable and Accepted
HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

"BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER;
FOR LOVE IS OF GOD, AND EVERYONE
THAT LOVETH, IS BORN OF GOD AND
KNOWETH GOD. IF WE LOVE ONE AN-
OTHER, GOD DWELLETH IN US. HEREBY
KNOW WE THAT WE DWELL IN HIM AND
HE IN US, BECAUSE HE HATH GIVEN
US OF HIS SPIRIT.

I JOHN 4 7-12-13.

LOVE, THE CROWNING GLORY.

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another, hath fulfilled the law. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Romans 13: 8-10.

It seems fitting that the last study of the three years course of Instruction should be on love. As love is the fulfilling of the law, one has to be free of the law by passing through the training given by the law, before one has the foundation stone of love securely laid in place. The amethyst, symbol of the miracle working power of love is the twelfth and final stone in the foundation of the temple not made with hands.

This is the stone of the resurrection, the new Kingdom, where love fills man's mind, overflows to the world, and awakens the same to shine back. The superstructure that is to be laid upon the foundation is the new Kingdom. Love is stronger than the tomb and the twelve works of God as Holy Spirit are all manifest in it. Who ever gets into the state of overflowing, unquenchable love sees no evil in anybody or anything. He receives no injury at anyone's hand, rejoices in all things, and nothing that happens can kill that love.

If things grieve you or hurt you, you have not touched this science. "In thy light, shall we see light." Psalms 36:9. Look for the loveliness in all your friends, in other words bring all the tithes into the store house. Gather all beauty into your memory. Who ever does this spills over with blessings, for there is not room enough to hold them.

With the last polish of the lessons on your character you can see there is nothing "to do." Of course if we still see evil there is something to be done. The higher way is the Way of Love, the finished Kingdom; expressed in beautiful, satisfying life everywhere we go.

It is said that mankind struggles on three circuits. In the first he appreciates the tangible and material and rejoices in them, but he finds that the flesh profiteth nothing. In the second circuit he learns the power of thought and comprehends the meaning of "take no thought." In the third circuit man contacts the transforming power of Love that transcends limitations. If you are discouraged you have not touched the resurrection stone of love that fulfills all things. We can take any condition and inspire it with the twelve lessons, for inspiration gives understanding.

If we are able to feel this Instruction we are able to rest and survey the landscape in security, but only the heart that is above condemnation feels secure from it. The axiom of this twelfth step is; "He that knows Me, transcends Me, and he is beyond the God he imagined Me to be."

The one who loves you always expects more than you know you have. When we see rich virtues in others, we are also fed, for this is the law. If we see them and complain that we do not have them, we keep them away. This is the old art of the animation of the particular from the universal, sought after by the ancients, but seldom found. It is the recognition of good that makes us good enough to show goodness. If we look for wisdom and see it we feed our wisdom. This method also applies to our prosperity. Prosperity is alive in our adversity, and by right dealings it can be brought out again. We must feed the love of prosperity within, for all things are within, the love of strength, of health, or harmony and security.

If we do not complain we can be fed and will soon be all that we see. The only legitimate don't is, don't complain. The secret of Jesus is that He never complained. Jesus said; "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3:8. "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and thou has loved them as thou hast loved me." John 18:23.

This sets aside the doctrine of limitation. If we think there is a limit the advancement will be stopped somewhere. We have seen great men rise to heights and then drop suddenly because they accepted the limit the world placed upon them. The spiritual nature of man has no doctrine of limitation and we have the power of choice. Jesus said; "God is within you, and I am within you," so you are able to have all of God or Good that you will accept or let come forth.

We have a marvelous birthright and we do not show our intelligence until we begin to lay hold of it, therefore, for the sake of the intellect, let us make a thorough analysis of that love which is the fruit of the Spirit. Let us look into the quality or peculiar power of love. It is taught that there are three kinds of love, but love in general is an impulse, a tendency of the Soul toward good. If the good toward which we are drawn appeals to our sense nature and our imagination apprehends it as agreeable, our love is sensible love. If the good is moral good, acknowledged by our reason as worthy of our esteem, our love is rational love. If the good is a supernatural good, perceived by faith, our love is Christian love.

In further analysis we find there are four elements in every kind of love. First, a sort of sympathy felt for another person because of a certain harmony existing between two people.

This harmony does not imply that both are exactly alike, but rather that one completes the other. Second, an impulse of the soul toward the beloved to draw close and enjoy his presence. The third element consists of a certain union or communion of mind and heart to share in common the goods each possesses. The fourth element is the sense of joy, of pleasure or happiness experienced in possessing the object of our love. This force unified, so love is known as the idea in Divine Mind of universal harmony.

Christian love is that love which has a principle of affection for its motive and its object. Through Christian love, rational and sensible love is raised to a higher level. The Holy Spirit or Grace acts upon charity which resides in the will and raises our consciousness of love. Faith directs our love toward the Supreme, Infinite Good, then toward our neighbor.

The God we know is the living God, who begat a Son, a perfect idea from all eternity. This idea became flesh and dwelt among us, the first born of many brethren. The Holy Spirit, the mutual love of both Father and Son comes and diffuses itself in our souls. After which men no longer appear to us as mere creatures of God, but are seen in the light of revelation as they truly are, the children of God, living temples of the Holy Spirit.

Charity adds to love a certain affection that proceeds from a high esteem for the thing loved. All charity is love. Charity causes us to love God, for His own sake, above all things. We love our neighbor for God's sake because God is in him. Jesus said the greatest commandment of all is to love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, with a whole soul, with all strength and all might. We cannot measure this love, for we love Him with out measure. The Book of John tells us that "Perfect love banishes fear," then exhorts us to love God, because "God first loved us." John 4:19

It is possible that great beauty in the temples is first designed to hold the attention, because all beauty is of God. Many souls have learned to love God with the purest love while pondering the love He has shown us from all eternity.

Paul speaks in lyric language of the value of love. In its power to unite the soul to God and to transform it love exceeds all else. It unites the mind to God, through frequent thoughts of Him. It unites the will, through perfect submission to Divine Will, (Thy will be done...) It unites the heart by subordination of all affections to the Divine Love. It unites our energies by dedicating them all to the service of God. This is friendship, reciprocity, mutual giving of self. In this way love does its transforming work.

It is a mutual theme between friends that causes them to understand one another and become more intimately united, at one with one another. Love is productive of great joy and expansion of soul. It is the beginning of eternal life in us. This joy is followed by a profound peace and there is nothing more favorable for spiritual growth than inward peace. Hence from whatever point of view we consider love, it is the bond of affection. Love, being the gift of self; our love for God will be more perfect, the more completely we give ourselves to Him, without reservation, with a great yielding. Because we cannot make the gift of self without self-sacrifice, our love will be more perfect, the more unselfishly we practice this spirit of discipline for the love of God. This exemplifies the quality of our love for Him.

God's love for us is eternal. It is disinterested, it is generous and thoughtful. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Jeremiah 31:3.

The quality of charity with regard to our neighbor is a form of God's love. "He that loveth his brother abideth in light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him." The perfect good, perceived by faith is to see Christ in all, which calls for fervent practice. Breaking open the twelve lessons of science and receiving the ointments of their meanings is to get the actual teaching of Jesus Christ. This is the gold tried in the fire. This the love which crowns your life with glory.

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LOVE IS THE RIVER OF LIFE IN THIS WORLD.
THINK NOT THAT YE KNOW IT WHO STAND AT
THE LITTLE TINKLING RILL, THE FIRST SMALL
FOUNTAIN.
NOT UNTIL YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH THE ROCKY
GORGES; AND NOT LOST THE STREAM; NOT UNTIL
YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH THE MEADOW AND THE
STREAM HAS WIDENED AND DEEPEMED UNTIL FLEETS
COULD RIDE UPON ITS BOSOM; NOT UNTIL BEYOND
THE MEADOW YOU HAVE COME TO THE UNFATHOMABLE
OCEAN, AND POURED YOUR TREASURES INTO ITS
DEPTHS -- NOT UNTIL THEN CAN YOU KNOW WHAT
LOVE IS.

HENRY WARD BEECHER