

The Pathway of Light

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I.

WE WELCOME YOU INTO UNITY

Your soul has responded to the call of the Angels, and we rejoice that you are now taking your rightful place in the Angelic Army of the Almighty.

In this lesson you, as a recruit, begin the drill of your mind which is to make you a consciously active unit in the great Army of powerful Intelligences.

You will lose all, your mortal sense of separateness, which is weakness, and gain the true sense of Unity, Which is Power.

The First Principle is Unity. Unity is Power. The Unity of all souls is All-Power in manifestation.

You may think that you are a separate material being, but the fact is, you are a spiritual form blended by subtle lines of influence with every other spiritual form in the universe.

Because you are a member of the chaotic and unorganized mass of minds which compose the vast social disorder called civilization, you suffer from the general spiritual diseases, disorder, and discomfort of the masses.

The practice of these lessons will awaken you to the vision of the Creator's orderly Unity, the vast organization of Immortals, and unite you consciously with the wise and powerful Government of the Creator, through His Angel Emissaries of Light.

This century has brought to the world anew Revelation from the Heaven of Heavens to the higher heavens of this planet. The Immortal Inhabitants of the heavens of the earth now behold a sunburst of spiritual splendor shining in the sky.

Outshining from this Orb of Splendor is a pathway of Light, which extends down through lower and lower spiritual realms until it reaches and enfolds the earth. This penetrating, luminous Ray is now shining into the mental darkness which mankind has been creating for ages.

Despite the prevailing mental darkness in which the world is immersed there are many

souls who feel the shining of Heaven's splendor in their earthly pathways, and they have sought to learn its meaning.

Because they have sought earnestly to comprehend this soul-illuminating Light, they have come into conscious contact with the Ambassadors of the Ever-Present.

Millions of glorious Immortal Beings are thronging down this Pathway of Light. By Jehovah's will they are sent from the celestial splendor of their heavenly abode to rescue and save the children of earth from ignorance and selfishness.

Because the merciful Light of Heaven is too spiritual and exalted to be felt by the minds of mankind, the Angels have established places of radiance on earth through which they can awaken the inner soul nature of man so that he can receive and express the Light.

As a step-down transformer takes the high tension current and steps it down to a low tension current, so that it can be used for lighting homes and running electrical motors, so a human Ministry on earth can step down the mighty spiritual power which is shining out from High Heaven and enfolding the whole earth in Its radiance. Now Its love and power may be felt beneficially by even the conscious minds of humanity.

As such Ministries of souls, attuned to the Ministry of Angels, grow in number of consecrated workers, it will increase in power to influence, uplift, and heal hundreds of thousands of souls now walking in spiritual darkness and suffering the miseries of this mortal life.

So is the Providence of the Creator being made known through a New Revelation of wisdom and power in this New Age.

FAITH IS SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION

With this lesson you are taking the first step in the Pathway of Light that leads to liberation from all the conditions that bind men's souls.

This Pathway ascends through all the states of mind surrounding this planet to the very highest State inhabited by those who dwell and work in organic harmony and conscious attunement with the I AM.

To take this journey it will be necessary for you to develop the faculties that distinguish a radiant son or daughter of the Creator from a care-burdened, earthbound mortal.

The first of these faculties is faith, which has been defined as spiritual imagination; the ability to conceive of spiritual things as real. This is the ability of a little child, which enables him to dwell in imagination in the "kingdom of fairies".

Daily meditation upon this lesson will quicken and exalt your imagination, so that you will begin to feel that you are an active working member of the organized Unity of illuminated souls which compose the Army of the Almighty.

THE HEAVENLY MINISTRY

No matter what the appearances, or what your mental or physical afflictions may be, YOU are now living in the midst of the healing, prospering Powers of the Universal Mind of the Ever-Present. "In Jehovih you live, and move, and have your being."

The Powers of the Mind of the Creator are through His Thoughts. Those Powers are real, intelligent and human. They are Angels, as an expression of His thought, and as tools in His hands.

The infinite Mind of the Creator is peopled with benevolent Intelligences, who fill the celestial universe with their radiant life, light, and beauty. With your cooperation they will now help you generate spiritual health and strength, and weave a successful and prosperous destiny.

These very sympathetic and kindly Intelligences are advanced human spirits, in whom the angel's nature has become victorious. These noble, human spirits have attained by loving service to a state of blissful Love and harmony.

At one time these Angels lived and suffered in earthly conditions, even as you and I. Now, having outgrown their mental and physical limitations, they cannot have complete joy while human beings on earth are suffering as they have suffered. Therefore they desire to reveal to humanity the wisdom they have gained by their long experience in the Schools of Heaven, that mankind on earth may enter into its rightful inheritance of health and happiness.

The Presence of the Creator is organized into your soul, and will express through your soul as it grows in conscious power. You will now have the help of Angelic Intelligences to inspire your efforts to express the same benevolent Spirit of the Father that they express. They desire to help you outgrow your limitations so that you may perfect your inherent angelic qualities as they have done.

As we of this Ministry of Inspiration have sought to the best of our ability to do the will of the Father by becoming emissaries of heavenly Light, His Angels have drawn closer and closer to help us serve more wisely and powerfully. As a result of many years of daily service here in our Sanctuary, we have become consciously enfolded in the Glorious Presence created by Jehovah's Messengers who compose His Ministry of Angels.

YOU NEED INSPIRATION AND PROTECTION

In this new age, the Angels are again revealing, through human minds attuned to their heavenly inspiration, the straight and narrow way whereby souls can realize the fulfillment of "the promises" made in the past through prophets and seers. Benevolent Immortals are broadcasting their love and wisdom constantly through each Place of Radiance which they have Inspired to be established.

Every person who would be successful as a servant of the Ever-Present must have the inspiration and protection of the Angel Hosts. Only through them can the Creator's Providence stoop to man's very limited state of mind.

As you retire from the disturbing and depressing atmosphere of mortal thought, and attune your will to the Will of the Creator and His ministering Angels, your spirit will be renewed, strengthened, and empowered to work with them to invigorate and renew the burdened, souls of mortals.

You may deepen your realization of this unity with the Angel Hosts by affirming or singing uplifting blessings for mankind. Invent your own. Here are a few examples:

**With Hosts of Angels ministering Love,
We bless all souls with Peace.**

or

**Angel Hosts of Love and Radiant Fire
Lift our souls ever higher.**

or

**We will with hearts and souls of Love
That peace shall reign on earth.**

The Angels are forever pouring their realization of Jehovih's Love into the souls of human beings. You can attune your mind to the wave-length of their mighty broadcast of healing love by repeating these affirmations with the desire to help them bless humanity. As the waves of electrical energy vibrate through space and can be intercepted by any radio receiver attuned to their wave-length, so the healing currents of spiritual power can be intercepted and intensified by our love for humanity. Thus, by thinking, and blessing and acting with the same motive as the Angels, you are attracting and building into your spiritual nature the merciful, healing potency of the infinite Mind.

We sense the enfolding harmony and healing power which the Angels create with us within our Sanctuary. By creating similar affirmations you also can sense this marvelous power of thought.

As the clock strikes each hour remember to repeat a positive affirmation, and each time blend in spirit with the tangible power of the Angel Hosts.

Your capacity to feel and express angelic blessing will grow by practice. Angels and spiritual things may seem very unreal at first, but this practice will spiritualize your imagination, and exalt your hope and faith to the understanding of eternal life, and to the joys which an all-loving and all-wise Creator has provided for his sons and daughters.

Attune your mind to the benevolence of the Creator in this way from hour to hour, and study deeply this method of Soul Culture, and you will become more and more proficient in the exercise of your latent soul powers all the days of your life. Each day's experience will become a means of noble self expression. You will develop the vitriol's attitude .of one who knows that he is living the eternal life now as an associate and

co-worker with the radiant Immortals.

Believe that your soul has now taken its place in the army of the Almighty, and your daily drill is cleansing your mind of all subconscious contacts which have bound you to the weak and discordant minds of earth. Your mind is being attuned to your soul and lifted above the mental inharmonies until it is filled with soul light and power. You are now striving with the Angels in their efforts toward eternal progress and victory over all the negative conditions of earth.

II.

DISCOVER YOUR TRUE SELF

From the study of the first lesson you gained a new realization of the mighty truth that you are a form of that Omnipotent, Benevolent Will which is the Creator of the universe. You were shown that you are not separate from your Creator who is your will, your love, and your intelligence personified within you.

In the vivid picture of the Pathway of Light you were shown that you are not only one with the Creator in your inmost being, but that you are an active member of the Creator's very human providence, which extends its saving, illuminating activities from the inmost State of Being to the outmost condition of creation.

By your faithful study of the first lesson, you have gained a clearer sense of how the Creator is working through His Angelic Hosts to awaken and save humanity on earth from the sorrow and suffering it has created by the misdirection of its divine energies.

You now have the clear realization that as a spiritual being you are a form of light dwelling in the Infinite Light of the Father's Presence. Like everyone in this mortal world you have clothed the light of your intelligence with a shroud of darkness, formed of your destructive thoughts and feelings.

In these lessons you are learning just how to identify your true Self with the Creator, and how to work in unity with His sons and daughters who have outgrown darkness and all its evils. Thus by standing and working with the Angels to enlighten all humanity, you are proving the power of the Creator's love in all your personal experiences.

THE TEMPLE OF ANGELS

Whenever I enter into meditation in our Sanctuary, and look deep within the Light that enfolds my soul, I behold the interior of a vast Temple. It is a structure of crystallized Light.

I have the sense of being within an edifice of magnificent proportions and of spiritual strength. It is more than a vision; it is a vivid reality.

As I gaze into the luminous substance of the walls and high-raised arches I behold the faces and forms of Angels.

The outer walls, buttresses and towers of this Temple are formed by multitudes of Angels of Protection, standing serenely and strongly together to resist all the mortal forces of the mind of the world.

The inner walls, pillars, arches and dome are composed of luminous presences of Angels of beauty, symmetry and harmony.

In the center of this Temple is the Throne of Power, and here the light is concentrated as a sun. About the Throne stand the Angels of wisdom, love and power who direct the twelve departments of Administration.

Raying out from the Sun Center are the twelve angels, each one of which symbolizes the heavenly meaning of the twelve constellations of the zodiac. Within the luminous depths of each one of these naves is a great concourse of Angels, concentrating its unity to fulfill the several offices and functions of the mighty creative and regenerative work now being accomplished with souls in all the world.

How happy a company of Immortals! Light, beauty, harmony, joy everywhere! Their joy is in creating together to make the will of the Creator manifest.

The atmosphere within the Temple is vibrant with activity and achievement. Something very important is being achieved. And to my questioning thought there came this response:

"The Foundation of the Kingdom of Light is now established on earth. It is so firmly fixed that the forces of hatred and destruction cannot prevail against it. They must succumb to our united expression of the Father's will ..

"We are the victorious Army of the Almighty. From now on our influence will be felt more powerfully by all souls on earth, and our purpose will be accomplished more rapidly than has been possible heretofore. The forces of evil will inevitably be overwhelmed by the outshining light and peace of Heaven.

"We stand serenely powerful upon our secure foundation within this spiritual structure now established in contact with your realm of time and space. We unite with you to

speaking forth the creative decrees of the Almighty for the liberation of all His souls in darkness."

And then the whole Temple resounded with a song of triumphant joy, the refrain of which was:

**We are souls of radiant power,
Shining light to all the world.**

From this illuminated Temple of Angels shines forth the great Light that the merciful hosts of heaven are bringing to earth to awaken all souls to the true way of immortal life. And it shall increase and extend its influence until all the peoples of earth are panoplied by its protective power.

HEALING PEACE

These thoughts will bring your mind into touch with the healing streams which flow from the celestial presences in the Temple of Angels.

By exercising your imagination in contemplation of the vision presented in this lesson your mind will enter into the peace of the Infinite One in which abide the holy and wise Angels of the Creator.

Through telepathic sympathy you will receive the vibrations of the holy, peaceful emanations which will harmonize your mental disturbances and give you that peace which passes understanding.

When you desire to realize peace for yourself or for another, retire from the worldly state of mind, and enter in thought into the Temple of Angels. Inbreathe into your 'soul the emanations of peace which the celestial Angels know, and in utter humility of mind worship the majesty of that mysterious Power in which the Angels live, and which lives in your soul. Hold the souls you wish to bless in the harmonious atmosphere of heavenly peace.

Abide with the Angels in the Presence of the Creator and your spiritual poverty will be filled from the illimitable fullness and boundless love of the Creator. Praise be to Thee, O Creator!

From an interior chamber of your soul flows forth the ethereal waters of peace. In a region within your soul, akin to the essential realm of spirit, there is contact with that crystal sea of Truth where the vital breath of the Infinite One inspires the sense of peace and everlasting serenity.

As you rest in imagination within the Temple of Angels, your soul will respond to the voice of omnipotent peace. You will feel the eternal peace of the Spirit infusing your whole nature with the harmony of heaven.

From the crystal sea of truth the waters of peace flow gently into your mind and harmonize your thoughts with heavenly rest.

While you abide in thought with the Angels, the potency of the peaceful Presence of the Eternal Being permeates your entire being, and all the cells of your body obey this law of peace and harmony.

Healing, soothing peace is the only power within the Temple of Angels. Your mind is saturated with its healing glory. All causes for mental friction or physical pain are forgotten in the Holy Presences which the Angels are making manifest.

Every quality of mortal discord is subdued and overcome. As you rest in the sense of the power of the Angels you become attuned to the peaceful glory of the Infinite One, and know only His boundless love and harmony.

All the cells of your nature rejoice in the free light of boundless peace, and you inbreathe the peaceful vitality of eternity.

Glory to the Eternal Being for the healing peace which His Angels are now bringing from the exalted spheres of heavenly, harmonious love.

In the midst of this shining host of benevolent Beings:

There are no mortal minds at war. All is Peace.

There are no discordant or inharmonious minds. All is eternal harmony.

There is no vanity or pride.

The meekness of the Eternal One reigns supreme in all.

We abide together in the Temple of Angels where ALL IS PEACE.

Cultivate the habit of closing your eyes to outer things and of abiding in imagination within the Temple of Angels. Imagine that you hear them singing these words for you:

**Hosts of mighty Angels
Bless your soul with peace.**

**The strength of our united wills
Upholds you with almighty love.**

**You are blessed with life eternal;
You are healed by love divine.**

You have been associating with the mortals and thinking and feeling as they think and feel, and the consequences have been less than satisfactory. Now you are associating in thought with the Angels, and thinking and feeling as they think and feel, and the consequences will be glorious.

You are a diamond encased in clay. The clay must be removed, and the diamond polished, so that its beauty may be revealed.

Your soul is a celestial form of the Infinite Light, and the Creator lives in and acts through your soul. You do not need to ask the Creator for anything. He has given you Himself, and you are now beginning to realize this tremendous truth.

You are losing that which hides the light and power of your soul from your mind. The path of peace is one of purification.

You already have all that the Creator can give you. The angels will cleanse away the gross shell of mortal mind, so that you may know and express more and more of the Divine Presence.

By giving forth what you have, you empty yourself of selfish limitations and increase your power to give. You grow great by giving.

In the coming lessons you will learn about the process of purification which the Angels are practicing to free your mind of the hidden hereditary and psychical causes for limitation and suffering.

III.

SERVICE IN ACTION

You are now ready to learn more of the character of the angels who are bringing the Creator's glory within man's sphere of knowledge, and of their work for you, and for all who will aid them in their enlightening mission to mortals.

Within the spiritual structure of the Temple of Angels there are most intense activities being carried on by millions of Angels acting in unity.

These activities are different from those of any spirit of whom you have ever heard or read, because this is a new dispensation of wisdom and power. This new dispensation brings to the peoples of earth a science and method which have not been known or used before.

Unity in action is the secret of the power these Angels are now exercising to accomplish a task which is greatly needed at this time in earth's history.

This task is to purify the spiritual worlds of the thousands of millions of earth-bound spirits now depressing and diseasing mortals on earth.

The Angels have been appointed to establish the Government of the Creator on earth so that the forces of selfishness may never again displace it or usurp its authority and hold dominion over mankind.

You can readily understand that upon your unity with the Angels in doing the Father's will depends your safety and strength, your peace and success, in the present time of world renewal, because this mighty purpose of the Government of the Creator is now displacing the many selfish purposes upon which the governments of humanity are founded.

You behold the dissolution of the old order of social life. Monarchies have been overthrown. Creeds and all conventional beliefs are losing their influence over human minds. In what shall you place your faith and hope, upon what shall you build, in this time of reconstruction?

You are receiving now the revelation of the meaning of these vast changes which are

rocking the foundations of human life. Your eternal abiding-place is the omnipotent will of the Creator within your soul, and your permanent companions are His immortal sons and daughters.

You are now learning how to live and work with them to accomplish their purpose, and by so doing you merit their cooperation, inspiration and protection.

The Hosts of Angels will be your sanctuary of security in the midst of all mortal turmoil. From its Center of Radiance flow the healing streams of soul light which are for the healing of the nations.

Come often in imagination into the Temple of Angels. Think of the great central rotunda under its vast dome. Picture its radiant sun of soul-light concentrated there by myriads of Angels in most exalted realms, who are sustaining by their united wills the Pathway of Light extending from Heaven to earth.

From this central Throne Room, extend great naves, in which are carried on the activities of the Angels.

As in imagination you abide within the Temple of Angels, and picture the high arched entrances of the naves, thinking of the great Hosts of Angels, you will develop your own intuition of the reality and meaning of their mighty ministrations.

Each time you read or meditate upon one of these lessons you feed and develop your capacity to receive a deeper intuitive knowledge of the Angels, and of their power. You should have much of their wisdom and power now, were your capacity developed to receive it.

These lessons with the Blessing Service of the Ministry will help you to develop your capacity to receive of the wisdom and power of the Creator. They will help you to understand your relationship to the Great Orders of Angels.

Keep your mind attuned to the quality and purpose of the Order of Angels described each month so that they may inspire and strengthen that quality and purpose in your soul. You are now ready to study about THE ANGELS OF MINISTRATION.

The Executive Angels of the Almighty are creating avenues of light out from this Ministry into the dense darkness of the lower spiritual world. Over these avenues they

travel out into the darkness and resurrect countless thousands of sluggish, sleeping, bewildered, and depraved spirits who, because they live with people on earth, cause all manner of diseases and insanities.

The Angels concentrate the purifying rays of their love into whole realms of these spirits, and dissolve away their astral or "desire bodies" which are composed of their mortal feelings. No matter how hateful, destructive or devilish these spirits may be, when the purifying light of love enfolds them, every mortal quality is weakened. All resistance is overcome.

The Angels then lift these spirits out of their earthly conditions, and take them into peaceful seclusion, where they are placed in the care of the Angels of Ministration. Several Angels are appointed to care for each spirit, and a rapid development of its soul begins.

The great division devoted to the work of the Angels of Ministration is an "army" by itself, and seems to have an endless capacity to receive these new-born souls. They are cared for most wisely and tenderly. They sleep for a while in a very blissful atmosphere created by the Angel nurses. When they awaken, it is not to the state of mind created by their earthly desires, but to the thoughts and feelings of their higher soul nature. The nurses then teach them the first simple principles of immortal life, and of their relationship to their fellow immortals.

Later they are taught to exercise their talents and powers, and to gain control of their spiritual muscles, even as a babe in the physical body gains control and develops its body by exercise.

And as these souls develop, they pass from the care of nurses into the care of the Angels of Education, where they are organized into small classes under teachers, who drill them in the things pertaining to the next step in their unfoldment.

When we undertake in this Ministry to help a spirit who has just passed from the body, we concentrate with the Angels and give them the soul-force that enables them to reach into earthly conditions and take therefrom the spirit who has just passed from the body. The Angels gain power from our concentration to overcome the influence of the minds on earth whose affection and grief have a binding effect on the newly risen spirit. Then the Angels bring this spirit into one of the beautiful resting-places under their care, and the Angels of Ministration dissolve from it the cares and disturbances

accumulated through earthly experience. All the spiritual causes for its physical ills are dissolved and love restores the soul to the health and peace which is its natural birthright as a child of God.

Those who have practiced soul culture under the inspiration of the Angels have already in this life experienced the purifying power of their ministrations, and when they pass from earth their advancement is much more rapid than is that of those who have paid no attention to the culture of their soul nature while in the body.

They then value above all earthly treasures, the treasures which they have laid up in the heaven within their souls.

BLESS, AND YOU SHALL BE BLESSED.

As you abide with us in the Temple of Angels, blessing us and the Angels with your love and helpfulness, and ministering with us to others, you will more and more sense the radiance of the Angels of Ministration. You may even see their light as your soul's vision is awakened.

The Angels will bring your spirit into this holy atmosphere while your body sleeps, and wash from your soul many of the limitations keeping it from expressing the peace and health which are its eternal expression.

And these Angels will walk with you during the day shining the light of their love and wisdom into all your thoughts and feelings. They will not control your mind as do undeveloped spirits, but they will strengthen your individuality that you may have the wisdom and strength to solve your own problems, and thus become a masterful Angel of wisdom through the development of your soul's latent powers.

AS YOU SERVE, SO SHALL YOU BE SERVED.

Insomuch as you are doing what they want done, you fit into their purpose, and they will aid you in doing the will of the Creator. Undeveloped spirits answer selfish prayers, but the Angels of the Creator work only for the great end of soul growth and the development of the sons and daughters of the Creator in the way that the Creator wants them to go.

Your present difficulties, diseases and disturbances represents the effects of all your past thoughts and feelings. The mind with which your parents endowed you has been built up into a powerful magnet which is attracting to you the peculiar experience which you have. Thus your character is your destiny.

Now you are creating a new character by an entirely new set of thoughts and feelings.

One of the most effective ways to do this and at the same time to make yourself an attractive magnet for the blessings of the Angels is to practice blessing. All inspired teachers have taught their students to bless.

Repeat the words of your blessing for anyone you desire to bless, and concentrate upon the good feeling which you generate by so doing. This good feeling is the spirit and power of the blessing, and not only goes as a spiritual force to strengthen the soul of the one you bless, but the act of creating this good feeling creates a beautiful, healing power within your nature that shines from the very form and substance of your spirit to represent more perfectly the wholesome quality of the spirit of love.

Because all the Immortals who are ministering within the Temple of Angels feel this good feeling constantly, they create together the harmony and health which is Heaven. It is this good feeling which makes them radiant with light, because it is the light of the Creator's love shining through their souls.

IV.

IMPRISONED SPLENDOR

"The Light shineth in the darkness,

And the darkness comprehendeth it not."

The light of the human soul is limited in its expression through the mind by the enfolding darkness of negative thoughts and feelings.

The Light is the Creator's Presence in the human soul. This Soul-Self of you is the infant "image of the Creator" which the Angels will awaken and help to gain dominion over the negative thoughts and feelings which constitute the darkness of the mortal mind.

When this infant divinity in you grows to maturity and masters all mortal thoughts and feelings with its radiant love and goodwill, then you will be as the Angels, and shine as a sun in the Kingdom of the Creator.

Through the years you have been creating thoughts and feelings unlike the Godlike thoughts and feelings which your soul would vibrate as light and love through your mind. As a result your soul-light cannot vibrate its healing life and intelligence through your mind and body.

In these lessons you are learning how to think and feel as the Creator would think and feel through your soul, mind and body. Through this practice you will be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" from within. You will develop the character of thoughts and feelings which can make you perfect, as your Creator is perfect. Tread these aisles of light with us, and enter into our understanding of our ways of loving ministrations.

Your spirit will be soothed and healed by contemplating the beauty of our ministrations, and into all your mortal ways there shall shine something of the sweetness and harmony which your mind reflects into earth from the Realm of Reality.

In this atmosphere of Light your spirit realizes the rest and security of the mighty enfolding Presence of the Creator. You are inbreathing the Spirit of Health.

You have prayed earnestly to the Ever-Present for healing, and the Angels are now answering your prayer, by lifting your thought and faith into the Place of Power where live those Immortals whose natures reveal the beautiful life and health of the Spirit.

The Voice of the Ever-Present has thundered down the ages:

I am the Eternal Being that healeth thee.

And your faith has prayed to realize that vitality of soul which should enable you to be vigorous, healthy and efficient. The speechless, unuttered longing of your soul has been to outgrow and overcome your limitations.

This aspiration was born of the intuition of your soul, which knows that spiritual sunshine and strength exist for it. It has been reaching out for that heavenly light and power which would enable it to express its latent health and harmony.

We who dwell in the Temple of Angels have become conscious of the indwelling, immortal vigor which is everlasting health and harmony. We have outgrown the thought and the condition of disease and sin. We have become happy Immortals, fearless and dauntless in spirit, through learning how to express the healing vitality of the Creator through our spiritual forms. And it will be our joy to help you to this same great blessing of everlasting life and health.

We would have you know what we know and feel of the Creator's Love. But in order to do this we must lift you out of your depressing state of mind into our exalted state of vigorous life and strength.

Therefore, we ask you to neglect your physical symptoms, and instead of watching for physical results give all your attention to watching and fulfilling the activities of this realm of beauty and perfection from which all healing flows.

Do this by devoting your thought with us to affirming, singing, and blessing that you may become one with us in spirit, and actually feel the healing life which is created by our united ministrations.

With our visions as Immortal souls we behold within your nature an infant Divinity. We see within this Soul-Self of you the intensely active Intelligence which built up your

body from the original cells. Within your soul is the vital impulse which is able to revitalize, renew, and heal every part of your physical nature.

We see surrounding your soul a sphere of darkness which is keeping the light, health and beauty of your soul from, expressing. This dark sphere is composed of heavy mortal thoughts and feelings which you have created through the years of your earthly experience.

The mental qualities crystallized within this sphere about the soul are the causes for all physical life.

Weakness and disease are results of your past and present states of mind. Health and strength will result from thinking and feeling as we think and feel within the Temple of Angels. Thus you may enjoy with us the spiritual life which we have gained by living in the consciousness of our immortal souls.

Ignore your physical symptoms and the conditions which you wish to outgrow or overcome, and keep your faith and hope centered upon the Angels of wisdom and power within the Temple of Angels.

Do not let any outward appearances discourage you or cause you to cease your efforts to live in thought in the Realm of Reality. Pledge yourself to walk and work with us, not for a day, a month, or a year, but for eternity. Then your, efforts will cease to be an experiment. They will become the endless activity of the Eternal Energy which knows no time and no failure in accomplishment.

Enter with enthusiasm into the practice which we are revealing as the only means of developing new habits of thought and feeling. As you forget yourself and your conditions, and become uplifted by the beauty and power of your creative affirmations, your awakening soul is certain to express its new vitality as healing energy in every part of your nature.

Healing through Soul Culture means more than hypnotizing yourself with a suggestion that you feel better. It means that you will become a joyous radiant soul, using your mind so creatively from hour to hour that you will renew your soul's vigor, and express its beauty and power through every cell of your physical organism.

We, the Angels of Ministration, are blessing you with the light and love of our exalted

state of consciousness. Open the mental channels for the inflow of our healing power, and we will enfold you in our love, and gradually dissolve from about your soul the mental debris and the binding thoughts which have kept it from filling your conscious mind with light and peace.

We have become as suns in the kingdom of the Ever-Present by letting our light shine, and we will resurrect you from glory to glory as you with an open and exalted mind behold the glory in which you shall live with us forever.

You have many personal and hereditary limitations to outgrow, but you are now becoming one with the Creator in your soul and in our souls. From Him we have the wisdom and strength to sustain you within the Light of His Presence while we help you to overcome.

Walk with us and minister with us in the Light and Peace of the Ever-Present, and we will surround your soul with our realized power, and inspire your every effort to grow in grace of soul and beauty of character, that you may prove to yourself and to others that:

**The Father's will in me is strong:
I am a joyous, radiant soul.**

LIVING WATERS

Your soul is a deep spring of living waters. Its source is the Ever-Present. But this spring has been clogged with debris. Your dark, heavy, unaspiring thoughts, and the selfish hereditary feelings have stopped the flow of this spring.

Now we come from the Creator to do what you cannot do for yourself; to clear out the heavy stones and the slimy mud from this spring of your soul's life tell its living waters may flow with refreshing sweetness through your conscious mind.

Therefore, we call to you to open channels through your mind from the inflow of the living waters of soul life and joy. Waters can flow only through open channels. The more you give forth the more you will receive.

Through these inspired lessons we can instruct you and give you faith which will

arouse you to renewed effort when your way seems discouraging. Each lesson of instruction will renew your faith and courage and move you to greater creative thought, which will open the channels through which the waters of life will flow for the renewing of your soul, mind and body.

Rejoice, and give the Creator praise for this opportunity to receive the wisdom of Heaven. Rejoice that the way has been opened up for you to learn how to live under the inspiration of the Angels.

Consecrate your life to this study, which will open the inner door of inspiration, and cleanse your soul of many causes for disaster, disease, sorrow and pain.

Study these lessons morning and evening, and recall the thoughts from hour to hour, that all through the day you may live above earthly thoughts and cares with us in our heaven of creative joy and love.

Anticipate the coming lesson and prepare your mind to understand it by the daily practice of this and past lessons, and we, the Angels of Ministration, will gladly do our part, cleansing your subconscious mind of the debris of limiting conditions, which we see, and the effects of which you feel.

We will feed and strengthen your soul with our love, and its living inspiration, born of the Creator, will flow with healing potency into all the channels of love and blessings which you create.

A LIVING, DYNAMIC FAITH

"Know ye not that ye are the temples of God, And that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

We proclaim the truth in these words:

**We are the temples of the Living God;
His Mighty Spirit dwells within our souls.**

We, thousands of us in all parts of the world, affirm and sing this affirmation, and we feel, as we affirm and sing, that we are building a strong, dynamic faith in the

presence of the Living Creator.

We are proving the truth of this affirmation, and we have gained most astonishing results from the practice of our living faith.

Use this affirmation, or one of your own construction, to intensify your faith in the intelligent power of the Creator within your soul, and in every cell and function of your physical body.

This affirmation, often repeated, will give you confidence in your Soul-Self, made in the image and likeness of the Creator, and awaken a new sense of dignity and strength of character.

A new day is dawning for you. Let your light shine by using this affirmation, and by singing its truth in unity of spirit with us and the Angels, and in all your ways you shall realize Divine Blessings.

V.

TRUTHS OF HARMONY

In the previous lessons you have been given some idea of the benevolent ministering qualities of the mind of the Creator.

You have been shown:

1. That greatness can only be attained by growth.
2. That decay follows inaction, whether mental or physical.
3. That while man is wholly absorbed with the things of his gross senses, he cannot develop his finer senses.
4. That without the development of his finer feelings, man cannot advance.
5. That all life is ONE, and its substance is LOVE.
6. That your advancement is conditioned by your ability to love, serve and minister to the Creator's children here in your midst.

Make sure that you have the foregoing points clearly in your mind. Read them over many times and meditate upon, them. In this way you will awaken the Great Teacher within you, and you will bring yourself to the point of view of the heralds of the New Age.

Remember that selfless service to those in need is the most effective method of purification that is yet known to man or angel, and that all the finest mansions in heaven are prepared for and inhabited by those who have most purified themselves by ministering to their fellowmen.

In the highest work of the spirit one loses oneself in loving service to others. With the loss of one's little self, go all the heartbreaking disappointments, all the worries and fears, all the hatreds and selfish ambitions, and one finds that he is a New Creature, purified by the rays of love, which flow through his nature and out into the world, transforming darkness everywhere to light, by the presence of the beacon of loving

kindness.

HARMONY

Let us consider for a time the work of the Master Architect of the Universe and see if we can read a record of order and harmony in His Work.

A physicist in measuring the movements of atoms with his oscillograph reckons intervals of millionths of a second and finds that each oscillating body conforms perfectly with that of every other small body. They each obey the law of the whole. At the other extreme is the astronomers' measurement of time in millions of years, and he finds perfect synchronism. The inconceivably small acts harmoniously as does the infinitely big. And in between we have a world of wonders, a veritable fairy land of marvels, all attuned harmoniously.

Consider a flower, any kind of flower, and you will see that its construction follows laws of color and symmetry, and its composition also bears an emotional record for all who have eyes to see it. The wildest wild flower is a work of sheer beauty. Ivys, ferns, grasses are worthy of the study of years, and investigation only serves to bring, to the student, more and more admiration for the work of the Great Designer. Harmony is the keynote of all.

Every snowflake is a perfect record of this rule of harmony in nature. Each has a story to tell of the handiwork of its maker. Every drop of water, every grain of sand, every rock and pebble adds its endorsement to the record of His Harmony.

And think of our feathered friends. Their plumage is consistent with their sizes. Their habits do not conflict with their desires. Their bodies are perfectly adapted to their environment, and their songs tell of the harmony they find everywhere in their lives.

How is that harmony expressed in God's greatest creation, man? Man is part of this Universe and when he obeys its laws, he is easily its noblest piece of work. The human body is a finely tuned instrument built and adjusted to work harmoniously. It reproduces itself and adjusts itself according to the patterns given to it by the mind. Long before it succumbs to the attacks of inharmonious thought and action, it repeatedly warns the mind that it is being forced out of its true state, and pleads to be allowed to play its part in the great concordant universe.

A great orchestra, playing a great composition, probably illustrates perfect harmony in action, perfect organization, better than any other picture that we can offer from our every day world. Each musician plays his part apparently unmindful of his fellow musicians, nevertheless there is a perfect unity of action. The skilled conductor seems to reach through the musicians and create the effects he desires. It even seems as though the composer reaches through the orchestra and conveys his feelings to his audience.

The audience doesn't stop to think of the infinite number of factors contributing to its enjoyment of a concert. The marvelous mechanism of a Beethoven or of a Bach that is required to produce a Ninth symphony or a C-minor Fantasy is taken wholly for granted; yet, what fine sensibilities the Creator has developed in them by obedience to the law of harmony; what finely adjusted recorders they must be in order to pass on to humanity the delight that these two great masters have found in the work of the Creator!

Think of the originate number of brain and body cells that are coordinated when, in response to the downward beat of the conductor's baton, every instrument sings forth that delight in the work of the Creator. Think of the coordination and harmony in the brains and bodies of an appreciative audience. Every cell is responding in turn to the moods of the composer. Do you see that all is a response to the beauty of the Father's work? Do you see that the response is possible only because composer, conductor and orchestra have developed the capacity to sense harmony in the work of the Master? Musician? Can't you see that the appreciative listeners also must have developed the capacity to sense that harmony?

A great painter, too, expresses his delight in the work of the Creator. He, too, makes a record of the harmony he finds in God's work, and the record he leaves tells the story of the beauty, symmetry, concordance, sympathy and love which he finds in the world around him. Raphael, Michelangelo, Van Dyck, Turner, Reynolds, Velasquez, Titian, each is different yet, each, in his own way, proclaims his reverence for, and his delight in, the works of the Master Artist. Their story throughout, for all to read, is one of the most sublime harmony.

One reason why a great musician is great is that he is able through development to hear or sense the music in life, and a great artist is likewise able to see art everywhere. A story is told of two men who were walking down a street past a vacant lot in which

there were piled many empty cans amongst other types of refuse. One of these men was an artist whose natural ability to see beauty of form and color had been greatly developed by training. The other was a man who did not possess much natural ability nor did he have the advantage of training. The second man thought to himself, as he looked at the apparent disorder, "What a dump! Why doesn't the city clean up that mess? It's atrocious! Ugly!" Then, the artist friend stopped and reverently pointed to the pile of cans, exclaiming, "What beauty! See, the glory of the heavens is in those colors reflected from that pile of cans." The point of view of the man untrained in seeing harmony had forced him to see a vision of ugliness, while the other had, by his exalted faculties, gloried in the beauty of the least valued things about him.

And so throughout may be traced harmony unseen by the casual passerby, but nevertheless there, everywhere, waiting to be enjoyed.

How then are we to find this harmony in the world in which we live' at the present time? How are we to make our more or less prosaic world into one of beauty and sweetness? Has the stoic found the way? Emphatically no! If one is unable to sense pain, how can he sense pleasure? And beauty and sweetness must be sensed to be realized. They cannot be realized by killing part of ourselves, but by bringing to life new faculties as the musician and artist have through their training brought to life new faculties. And these new faculties that we are to bring to life are Faith, Hope and Love. These are the faculties which distinguish the new man and the new woman of the New Dispensation. In these lie our hope.

In these men and women of the New Dispensation are none of the delusions of the sensualist. Indolence has not gotten the upper hand of them. They know that to find the joy of living, they must bring joy to others. Fine wines and fine food, in luxurious surroundings, in a world of poverty and suffering do not make happiness. Anyone who is so unfortunate as to be placed there cannot find the harmony of his soul. He is tied by the chains of self and cannot play in concert with the rest of his fellow men ..

The cultivated sensualist cares only for fine flavors and new tastes. He hasn't the vaguest idea that there is anything beyond that point and sees continued joy, only in repetition, till at last he finds that he cannot satisfy the inner craving by gluttony. His brain and body have been thrown out of harmony and he exposes himself to all the obsessing, sense depraved spirits in the hell of earth, till at last his brain and body are unable to continue to work in the dissonance; and he passes on to worse hells, all because he has let indolence supplant in his life the law of continued growth, which

will not be denied.

But the one who says, "There is harmony in this world and I am going to find it"; the man who refuses to allow indolence to dull his aspiration, will find newer and finer harmonies each time he looks deep into the heart of life. He will recognize in Nature the kindest of mothers, who is continually singing to him her songs of action and encouragement. He will find in his friend's smile a depth of meaning his soul has never felt before. He will recognize around him everywhere a nobleness of countenance amidst the burden-bearers of life.

Consider the Sermon on the Mount. What a declaration of order and harmony in a world where every man was pulling against his fellowman, and the strongest was best served! He had supreme confidence in the forces of life, in the benevolence of life, that right, if trusted, would prevail. He said, in substance, "Turn about, and instead of fighting against these forces which appear discordant, join hands with the forces of order and harmony and become one with nature. Do not resist or resent the circumstances of life, but look deep into them and develop the capacity to see and to respond to Nature's kindly benevolence."

If anyone will do this, he will find that for the first time he is able to drink deeply of the elixir of life, and in drinking, he will gain strength to drink again more deeply. He will learn to forget his little self in the great Self he will have discovered. He will not be at all interested in defending his rights; only the perfection of his instrument (his mind and body) will be worth while. To every other claim he will remain indifferent, nothing else will matter. But what a world he will have discovered. What undreamed of harmonies will course through his brain!

The one who is determined to find the harmonies of life never neglects his job. This new world he enters is for the worker; the idler has no place in it. Only the gardener who will consistently cultivate his garden will have flowers. If he gets tired and neglects it, the weeds will spring up much faster because the ground has been cultivated and the earth is soft.

This is not easy; it requires strength, but effort makes men and women strong, and well directed effort makes worthwhile accomplishment. What accomplishment is more worthwhile than to have raised oneself to the place of the divine harmonies within one's own soul?

VI.

A HARMONIC UNITY

In the last lesson we attempted to show you how the world about you is constructed on lines of order, symmetry and harmony. We tried to give you a glimpse of the oneness that everywhere unveils itself to the sympathetic watcher. The watcher tells of a perfect unity of design throughout all the kingdoms of nature. The mineral, the vegetable, and the animal, all fit into this unity. They each are absorbed completely in the Great Work, of which they are an important part. They each enjoy a mighty benevolence and ask only to express more of it. We see that the Hand that fashions the crystal and paints the lily, also, through the senses, guides the animal. The One Creator has created One Harmonious Unity and ONLY ONE.

When we come to man, we see, if we watch closely, than t same Hand shaping his destiny and guiding him through the intricate harmonious plan. Man has his place in this harmonious unity, and when he obeys the laws of this unity, he too is absorbed in the Great Undertaking. We have seen how man has experienced and recorded his experience of that harmonious plan in art, in architecture, in music, in poetry, and, lastly in loving service to his fellow men. A few great leaders have shown us that the same Creator is able, through man, not only to perpetuate His perfect harmony, but to carry it on to new heights of glory barely hinted at in the lower kingdoms of nature.

If a few great leaders have reached those heights, the rest of humanity may be sure that its salvation is also in the divine plan, and will come to pass as the plan unfolds. As all harmony in music and art can be traced to the expression of exact law, so the harmony in the lives of our great men and women, those who have lifted themselves to the angelic planes, is based on exact law. Chance plays no part in the refining and mellowing that goes on in our great ones, and chance is not asked to play a part in your refinement. Look deep into the world about you. Let your inner nature flow as a constant, peaceful stream, ever increasing in volume, into this mighty universe surrounding you, until you recognize in it, the same being that you find deep within yourself.

From where you now are, while you are reading these lines, to the farthest star, millions of light-years away, there is no break in the energy that is everywhere about you. This same energy is boundless. There is no division anywhere. The light from countless blazing suns sweeps across it. One Ruler rules over all, not as a far-off

tyrant demanding rent from his tenants, but as an Ever-Present sympathetic Father-Mother Creator, who bears the least of your troubles and shares your greatest joys. The atmosphere of this vast expanse is Eternal Love, and through it, in mighty living rhythms, surge the thoughts and feelings of the Mind of the Creator.

These rhythms, penetrating into the hearts of the minutest forms, go unnoticed by man of little or no imagination. The "blind" cannot see them, nor can the "deaf" hear them. The nobleness and grandeur of these rhythms escape them entirely. Even the songs of a Milton or a Dante mean nothing to them, and in their blindness and deafness they proclaim, "There is no God." They boast of "believing only what they can see and hear" and in so doing they lock themselves in mental and spiritual dungeons, and throw away the keys; and there they remain imprisoned until some benevolent disaster breaks down the walls of their self-made prison, and a ray of love is allowed to enter and warm the frigid cockles of their hearts.

But the lover who dares to look around him and pay his respect to the noble, the beautiful and the true, when adversity flaunts him with her specters of fear, death and deprivation will exercise his growing visual and auditory powers and create for himself the way out of his dilemma. It is inconceivable that the power and intelligence that produced a Beethoven Symphony, or a Turner Landscape could deceive the one who wooed her. When she finds such perfect vehicles for her work, her message is one of the most sublime truth, far beyond the understanding of the mortal mind. Her message is an immortal one, and that is the message that we must develop ourselves to understand, so that we may become acquainted with the themes of these great sweeping rhythms, that otherwise enter our lives and depart unnoticed.

The one who will exercise his imagination in seeing and hearing the themes of life as they flow into his world from everywhere, will find in them the food his soul needs. They will furnish him freely with the means of enjoyment and growth. He is asked only to pass them on to his fellowmen. The amount of his giving fixes his capacity to receive. If he will give all, he will receive all, and **all** means all he can give of himself. If he is to do the "will of the Creator," he must not stand in his own way. If he does not do the Will of the Creator, he cannot give out of the harmony of his soul and consequently he cannot see, hear, nor feel the themes of Heaven.

Let us see, if we can, how to go about this work of giving up ourselves. Let us see if we can make this step just a little clearer. If an engineer was ordered to build a bridge over a river, he would take very careful measurements of the span and the

approaches. After he had determined the structure that was necessary to support the traffic and the bridge itself he would assemble the material that he needed and engage efficient workers, people who were free to work for him. Until the job was completed, he would devote his time and attention to it.

Now in the giving up of ourselves, we are ordered to build a bridge across the sea of earthly thoughts and desires that have held up our progress. We must measure as best we can the span from where we are now to the country on the other side of the sea. We must take careful measure of the approaches and like the engineer get our material and assign our workers to their jobs.,

Our innermost longings will give us some idea of the beauty the soul has felt in the country to which we wish to go. We have seen the approaches to the bridge, the things that now are pulling us backward, challenging our rights to determine whether or not we will go on, saying to us, "You have not the strength to take this step forward; you do not dare!" These are the approaches. On these we will build our trestles.

We have seen that the material for our bridge is everywhere about us. All the great ones have used this material in the past, and see what fine structures they have made! But it is the workers, those who are trusted to place every beam and handle every rivet, that most concern us, at the present time, as bridge builders. These are the factors that need our most thorough examination. The wise engineer makes no careless move. He builds strong and sure.

This Engineer that builds the bridge is the Angel within each one of us. He has all the plans. He will assemble all the material that is required and he is ready to assign the different jobs to his workers, the first of which is the Attention.

This first worker, *Attention*, is the key to the successful building of the Bridge of Life. She must be free and under the direction of the Engineer. If she is not free to obey the orders of the engineer, the bridge will not be built according to the plan, and if it is not built according to the plan, it will not be strong enough to support the weight of the struggling masses that must be carried across the sea of earthly thoughts and desires. If we are to save our world, none may go on through the new country as long as his fellowmen are struggling blindly in the dark or fighting madly in the current.

In most cases this worker, *Attention*, is subject to every idle whim that comes along. Most of us have very little control over her. We let this efficient person waste her time

on structures that we don't intend to build at all. We call this waste of time, "worrying". We say, "but I am worried about 'this' or 'that'," never for a moment realizing that just such worrying makes our most necessary worker a slave to dark fears and not a free servant of the Engineer, the Higher Self.

The attitude of this worker, *Attention*, must be that of the foreman who passes on the plans of the engineer to the skilled mechanics. She doesn't change the plans. She doesn't let anything interfere with their execution. She stays on the job. This is her work. She knows that she must be a clear channel between the engineer and the skilled mechanics. Just so with your attention. It must be as transparent as glass. It must let the light of the Engineer shine through without interference, for interference will change those plans.

When one has learned to pay attention to the things that he wishes to build into his bridge of life, the skilled mechanic, *Imagination*, is able to build without interference. The patterns of the soul are used efficiently.

All building, that is permanent building, is done along harmonious lines. The strongest structures are beautiful to look upon. To imprint harmony on your building, you must be devoted to harmony. One cannot ignore the things of beauty, the thoughts and images of beauty, and build a beautiful life. On the other hand, one cannot think beautiful thoughts and build an ugly building. The "pictures" of the mind will paint themselves on the canvas of everyday life, and if that life is not all that one wishes it to be, let him look to the images within. It is within, only, that these may be changed.

The expansion of the imagination will give you the ability to appreciate this wonder world in which you live. It will give you a knowledge of the sublime in the smallest things.

Let the imagination exercise itself in the contemplation of the boundless depths of space. The story of the rocks told by the geologist displays a vista of countless ages that pushes back the boundaries of man's mental world. The mind is overawed by the tremendous abyss of time and space that suggests back of it, a mighty Power, a mighty Ruler, a mighty Order, and a mighty Love.

The roar of the tempest, the deep dread-bolted thunder, the tremor of an earthquake, the great silences of the eternal, all argue an immensity that defies description. But these are fertile fields for the development and expansion of the imagination. They set

it on fire with a passion to get nearer to the heart of things. They make an avenue by which the wonder of the Creator's great creation may enter into the heart of man, and awaken his soul theme, his contribution to the "Music of the Spheres".

Watch, therefore, the pictures that you allow to fill your imagination. Guard carefully this worker and he will build well. Do not ask him to build a trestle for your bridge in the morning and order it torn down again in the afternoon. When you give him an order, give him your moral support, until he has executed it.

These two workers, *Attention* and *Imagination*, if used rightly, if given a chance will build for you a structure worthy of your great heritage and allow you to pass over into the freedom of the soul, into the land on the other side of the sea of earthly thoughts and desires.

It is only through the soul that you may reach that other side. It is a land of timelessness. The things of time are seen to be perishable. Isn't it obvious then that you must learn to contemplate the timeless, if you wish to break down the barriers of time?

The great harmonies of the Universe are not seen or heard in time and space. It is in the soul that man is able to see and hear them. It is in the soul that he meets and walks with the Angels. It is in the soul that he recognizes his own soul theme, and is lifted up above the cold earth and the little self, and loses himself in the height, depth, and width of Infinite Wisdom.

The ecstasy of soul consciousness cannot be explained in words. It transcends all language; only the "Voice of the Silence" at all carries to the imagination a picture of the "bliss" in which Angels live.

It is in having the point of view of an Angel that one is able to be of the greatest service to the Creator and His Angelic Hosts. To aspire to catch the meaning of Life, to speak the words of Life, and not to converse in words of death, is the only worthy motive. So be diligent in your attempts to know Life, in all its benevolent aspects.

Watch and Listen! Have Faith and Hope, but above all, keep *Attention* and *Imagination* free from the destructive thoughts of mortality and keep them directed on LOVE, and you will experience and enjoy being absorbed in the Heavenly Harmonies of the Music of the Spheres.

In the next lesson we shall deal with "Enlightenment." We shall try to make the real meaning of the term clear to you, so that you will be able to adduce, from the world about you, sufficient proof of a perpetual life, one that goes on through countless eons, losing itself in the eternal and everlasting, to enable you to become aware of all Past, all Present, and all Future, focusing Itself in an Ever-Present NOW.

VII.

ENLIGHTENMENT

In the last lesson we have seen that throughout this vast universe, a mighty song is being sung. Everything has a part in that great song. Themes swell forth and die away in perfect rhythm, under the direction of One Great Conductor. The remotest, minutest particle of life has its part as surely as has the largest and brightest star. All is One Life. As in a perfect musical composition, no note may be added, nor may any note be left out, so in life the note of the humblest, the soul theme of the lowliest is as necessary to the grandeur of the whole as is the theme of the highest and noblest Son of the Creator.

To enter consciously into this Great Work—to awaken to this mighty symphony of life, we must learn to look and to listen to the parts our souls are playing. If we are unable to see ourselves playing our parts in this Great Orchestra, if this is not a living experience to us, we are going to find that our minds are persistently straying from the Big Purpose to the petty things that cause us all our troubles. If we do not catch the rhythm of life we are going to find ourselves trying to plod along alone, and in the loneliness and darkness, the hope and faith that give us our strength to go on, will be sapped from us.

Therefore, we must free the faculties that allow souls to look and listen to the themes of life. We must free the Attention and Imagination so that they may build without interruption from the distracting thoughts of mortality, and by the very power inherent in life raise up new and more worthy temples' to the eternal and everlasting Being.

In this section marked Enlightenment we wish to further consider our picture of a harmonious unity. In discussing another department of the Mind of the Creator, we still speak of the same Great Design, but to enable ourselves to better appreciate the wonders of life we find it advantageous to look from different vantage points, as it were, so that our imaginations will become rugged and healthy through use.

In looking back over the periods covered by history, one may see the successful march of humanity from darkness into light, discovering that Life has slowly and painfully unveiled the truth about itself. The stepping from darkness into light has been, in all ages, attended by great hazards. Only the very few have had the necessary requirements of stamina and courage to be revelators. To seek the truth and to tell it

has not always been alluring, if one desired popularity, and so light-bearers have invariably paid the price in ostracism (a small price indeed), and in many cases torture and death have attended their best efforts to have humanity look at a beneficent nature instead of fearing her.

Socrates asked only that man should study man. The command "Know thyself" was immortalized by him on the streets of Athens. Think what a simple and sublime order and yet he was forced. to drink the hemlock, a martyr to impenetrable darkness. Galileo suffered a life of persecution when he proved the theories of the theologians to be absurd. Still the urge to reveal the truth about life, in spite of all hazards, is ever present, and indeed that urge has always found men and women with sufficient soul expansion to defy the powers of darkness and to tell their brothers and sisters, wherever they could get listeners, of the graciousness of the Father's plan. The tendency from darkness into light is eternal and cannot be denied. Lantern-bearers who, forgetful of self, will fearlessly and compassionately light the way for their fellowmen to follow, not as converts but as shepherds, are the "salt of the earth".

In our day this same resistance to Light is encountered, but resistance is necessary, in fact it would be impossible to have light without it. So in this lesson we wish to deal with this question of bringing light into your life, not by violating the law of growth, but by intelligently fulfilling it.

All growth into light must be in harmony with the Creator's plan. Man will reach the exalted state of the Angels according to the Creator's "law". If he is to move forward according to this law, he must find out what that "law" is. The early savages feared lightning thinking that it was an expression of the diabolical. Newton, Franklin and others investigated the phenomenon and found that it had law and order as its very foundation. The men who have been responsible for the development of electricity did not make the laws of electricity, they, merely discovered them. The laws had always been there, but man had to wrest the secret knowledge from the heart of nature, and then obey the laws by which electricity works, remembering that all physical laws and natural laws are merely our perception of the intelligence of the Ever-Present expressed in his creations. The most that lightning had ever done for the savage was to kill his friends or destroy his home, but after the inventive genius of man had formulated its laws and adapted himself to them, the same force that brought only destruction to primitive man was able to turn the wheels of our factories, illumine our cities, pull great strings of cars from place to place and transmit the human voice around the world. That inimical force which struck terror to the heart of the savage

became the foundation for a new civilization, when it was studied. It is this way with all progress.

If we look closely at life we will see three factors in all lawful growth. Let us call the first one: urge to grow, the second one: resistance, and the third one: the disposal of impediment. We will now consider each of these factors separately, because upon our right understanding rests our success as bearers of light.

URGE: We have seen through history a persistent, definite intention of life to make itself known to man. In spite of all suffering and misery there has been no let up in the persistence. The pressure to unveil the truth has continued unabated despite centuries of martyrdom. The mobilization of all the forces of darkness, the threat of tyrants in church and state have not served to stamp out this intention. It has gone on because it is inherent in life.

This is the same quality that causes the seed to germinate; that makes the acorn grow into an oak tree; that makes one return again and again to the fray when otherwise he would be finished. It is the thing that reaches into the very depths of hell and returns to the light with a soul. It is life and life is invincible.

Industry is this urge to grow, interpreted in action.

Most failure is due to an appalling lack of industry! Misery and crime result directly from this lack. Indolence is the curse of king, priest and peasant, of individual and of nation. To be sure, those most guilty of indolence think of themselves as industrious. They say, "Are we not an industrious people? Do we not work hard for a living?" That's just it! They work hard for a living, but that isn't industry, that is slavery. Industry implies interest in the building for its own sake, a whole-hearted delight in the building and not an attempt to payoff the devil of misery whom they persistently fear. Industry recognizes the urge to better things and conscientiously works every moment to express that urge.

And too, industry without growth is a meaningless word. The man who stands still at the point of growth he has made" who does not passionately insist upon going on, is idle although he spends twenty hours a day in labor.

We are all familiar with the man of intellect who towers head and shoulders above his contemporaries. He leads them and they gladly follow while his thought possesses

vitality but the time comes when he stands still, when he yields to the indolence of the mind and relies upon repetition or basks in the light of his early achievements, due to the lack of physical vigor because he thought of life as having a final goal, a place where aspiration would cease. But life recognizes no final goal. Eternal progress is the law. Onward, ever onward is its cry! This urge, this industry has its birth not in the body but in the soul. It has been placed there by the Creator to unfold man, to work out his destiny and he must express it, always.

And the second factor is RESISTANCE. This is the quality in life that makes all our problems for us. It is also the quality in life that holds the solution of our problems, when we understand it. Without this resistance there could be no growth. It is the organizing principle that gives form to your urge. Consider for a moment the seed that is placed in the earth. Before it was covered with earth, it was free, without resistance, but also useless and at a standstill, but when it is placed in the damp binding earth, the urge to come into the light makes itself felt and growth is the result.

When a ship is in the water and you wish to push it forward, the water pressing against its bow and sides will hold it back. When the engines are started and the propeller spins around, the same water drives the ship forward. Just a little intelligent behavior on the part of the ship converts the thing that opposed forward movement into the thing that makes forward movement possible. If there is no quality to resist the ship, there could be none to push it forward.

It is the filament in the incandescent lamp that makes light in your home. The current that flows through the wires encounters resistance in the filament and the urge in the electricity is converted into light. If you place a motor in the circuit instead of a lamp, you will get power and an electric heater will get heat from the resistance.

In every case it is the urge and the resistance that makes achievement possible. This law is universal.

There is no place where it does not work. All growth is dependent upon resistance, and all growth is a movement from darkness into light. This resistance is force and not a lack of force. It is governed by law and is not subject to chaos. It allows you to translate your intentions into accomplishments. Do not try to deny its existence. Do not try to ignore it. Do not be afraid of it and let it overwhelm you. It has a real purpose in your life; in fact, it is your greatest friend.

And now we come to the third factor: THE DISPOSAL OF IMPEDIMENT. Probably of the three factors in growth, this one is the least appreciated. By impediment we mean the useless ideas of the past that clutter up one's field of activity. These must be disposed of, must be cut away so as to free the soul in its forward movement into light. It is our allegiance to the worn out things of the past that causes us, as individuals, the acute pains we suffer from time to time. We cannot let go!

When the seed is confined in earth, as it starts to grow, it breaks off the old shell and frees itself from it. The old shell decays and, in the decaying, its elements become parts of some new form. But the seed grows on.

All the progress of civilization has been made possible by the disposing or cutting off of the old ways and means of doing things. The ox-cart has been replaced by better modes of transportation. This in turn has been superseded by better means. The automobile industry has been made to grow by strict adherence to the cutting off the old and useless types, and the perfection of new types. Impediment has not been allowed to clog the wheels of progress.

Just think what would happen to man if the millions and millions of cells that go to make up his body did not die and return to their elements every day. The birth of new cells without the death of the old ones, would soon make his body so cumbrous that he could not use it. But the death of the cells allows it to renew itself and maintain a form that is most adapted to his physical surroundings.

It is said that the progeny of a single pair of cod fish, if they all lived and multiplied, without the death due to old age and other causes, would in a very short time fill all the oceans of the earth and destroy our planet. But a benevolent Creator has seen to it that reproduction is controlled also, that the urge to refinement is not defeated at any stage. And the means of placing the accent upon refinement is in every case that of ridding itself of the old and useless forms.

Now your soul aspires to go forward. The urge is there; it is inherent in life. Life supplies the restrictions that will organize that urge into 'achievement, but it is up to you as a light-bearer to see that the smoke of all worn out ideas do not smudge, the glass on your lantern, or that black carbon points on the wick do not shut off the light. You are called upon on this journey to keep the lantern glass polished brightly and to keep the wick trimmed, so that the oil of life will not have been burned in vain.

Take an inventory of your actions, words, thoughts and particularly your seldom expressed beliefs. See if any of your beliefs are held because "everybody believes that" or "it has always been thought to be so" or for any other reason than your soul within you tells you that it is true. Do not be afraid to question anything. Questioning yourself brings light to your mind, and light will not exterminate Life. Light only destroys every shape of falsehood; truth cannot be killed. The useless and the outworn will be allowed room to grow and blossom into the God-like things they are intended to be.

In the next lesson we will touch again these factors of growth. There is a great deal to be known about each of these, and we wish particularly to study whole! Always remembering Thy Presence, and crediting Thee? Are we not still but infants, and all of us in the same playpen? We do not want to change our neighbor. We value him as he is. If there is any changing to be done, Thou wilt do it. If Thou art going to teach anyone through us, it will most likely be without our knowing it. Thy ways are not mankind's ways.

O Creator:

**Thou art present and in command.
Thou art holding us in Thy Hand,
Letting us have our freedom of choice,
Yet always within the sound of Thy Voice;
Giving us the run of the rein
Yet steering us from grievous pain.
Infinite Being, supreme within us,
Thou Art forever our creative genius.
With Thee and for Thee forever we strive,
Thankful and happy that we are alive.
We are Thine, body, spirit and soul.
To do Thy will is our only goal.
Thou art forever the only pen.
Thy will, O Creator, is being done.**

VIII.

LIGHT

Secreted in the heart of the universe is the Light that can illuminate all life. In the last lesson we have seen that there is a tendency in life to reveal this inner light of truth to all those who will sympathetically look for it. To the sympathetic watcher only, though, is the light of truth revealed; the idler, the one who will not seek beyond the boundaries of his everyday experiences, will never see. Industry, courage, and perseverance are rewarded a thousand-fold, but indolence deserves no reward nor does it get any.

We have seen that this growth from darkness into light is an orderly process. Although the pathway has been strewn with martyrs, the growth of the world has gone on. New ideas have been born from the old through terrible pains. The sensitive nature recoils at the terrific price that has been paid for the knowledge about life that the world to date possesses, but the important facts are, (1) that there is something in life that attempts to reveal the truth about itself with a positive and unbroken pertinacity, (2) that new ideas, new children of light, have been born, (3) that new light is now dawning, (4) that from the past may be had a record of its dawning, i.e. a knowledge of the steps that have always been taken. As a matter of fact, from the very life around us may be gleaned sufficient evidence of the orderly steps to enable us to intelligently lend ourselves to the great work of enlightening the race.

Everywhere three qualities are present in growth, from darkness to light. The urge to grow, we have called the first one; the second one, the resistance to growth; the third, the disposal of impediment. Light is able to come into manifestation in the world and in your life because these three qualities are present; if any one of them is absent, there will be no light, or at the most a very dim one.

First see this urge to grow everywhere about you. See it in history, see it manifest itself in current events, see it in all your experiences. This is the quality that has been responsible for all advancement. It is the spirit that shines from the sun that flows in our rivers, that roars in the tempest, that is active in the heart of plants, that chirps in the cricket, that sings the sweet songs of the birds, that croons the mother's lullaby. This force, early in the history of America built our first homes, and it is this urge that makes people today look within themselves for new

fields to conquer. For centuries the plow has been the symbol of this force, the plow with which man has cultivated mother earth.

Then nourish this urge, feel it, study it, arouse yourself to greater activity by identifying yourself with it. Place an ideal ahead of you, one that will whip the drowsy cells of the brain and body into action. Make that ideal as attractive as you are able to. It is from your ideal, that thing that fires your very soul, that your strength to go forward comes. Make this ideal an all-consuming passion; little minds have little passions but great minds have great ones! Do not repress this urge, do not starve it by unbelief, nothing is impossible to an awakened soul, but feed it with a living faith that flows out of the heart of the world. Think in terms of Light, Life, Love, Victory, and above all unity, and your urge will become an irresistible force ready to serve you.

Now let us consider further the second quality, the resistance to the urge. We have seen in the last lesson that this resistance gives form to the ideal. Without resistance the ideal could not manifest itself. The resistance of the damp earth lets the seed grow out into the light. The resistance of the water enables the ship to go forward. The resistance to steam converts an idle force into a harnessed obedient power ready to serve man in a hundred different ways. That quality of resistance in your life is the thing that allows you to achieve, that will build you into a greater person.

To insure steady upward growth into light you must learn to weave this quality into life. The weaving of this molding, fashioning quality into the warp and woof of your being is done by the application of conscious restraint. This is called discipline, this is what distinguishes the seeker of the Light. By dint of well-directed effort he has brought his unruly forces under the control of his ideal nature. The finer qualities of the higher, the guiding directing genius, is embodied in him. In short he has control over his simplest thought and act, and can always be relied upon; but more important still, he is able to rely upon himself. The symbol of this quality has been the shackle, an instrument used to restrain the unruly.

A nation becomes great, a state becomes powerful, when the lawless elements in that nation or state are restrained in their acts of lawlessness. If the lawless, i.e. those who will not conduct themselves so that the greatest measure of advancement will come to the whole; those who ignore the social ethics; those who proclaim by their acts that

might is right; those who consider only themselves at the expense of their neighbors, are allowed to make, interpret, and enforce the laws, that nation or state will perish a victim of its unrestrained debauchery sooner or later. But if wise statesmen, with love for their fellowmen, and with sympathetic understanding of their problems, make the laws and see that they are interpreted and enforced, impartially, with a strict adherence to the welfare of the whole, that nation or state will prosper because it will have obeyed the laws of growth at the foundation of life. There is of course a higher government, one in which the Creator rules, but we are speaking in the context of the world's people in this example.

And so with the individual; his greatness, his power, his worth comes not from being free from law, but by erecting his house of life according to law. If he ignores the law of growth, the shackles of duty, and the restraint that life imposes upon him, he only hands over his government to the lawless elements in his own nature and like the nation or state that does the same thing, he is courting disaster.

People cry for liberty, and liberty is a laudable cry, but shirking responsibility, under any guise, does not bring liberty. A dead twig lying on the ground is free, but it is useless. A living twig on the tree has no freedom, it must do the job of being a living twig. Only the useless in life are ever free, the useful are needed, their every moment is taken in responding to life in their established fields. And it is only in being useful that liberty is ever sensed. The one who can most fully respond to life gets the greater liberty, through his responsibilities. There is no lonelier feeling than that of having nothing to do, of having no responsibilities, of having nothing to restrain one.

So grasp these responsibilities, they represent for you the stepping stones to achievement. If the responsibilities that life hands you in tangible form are not sufficient to make every part of your mind and body respond with delight to the wonder world around you, then discipline yourself just a little bit and you will find that you have increased your responsibilities many times and also increased mightily your ability to respond.

Look upon this mind and body that you use as tools in the hand of the Creator. See that you keep them in good working order. The work that He gives you to do, He gives to develop those tools, and it is in using and developing these tools that you move forward step by step into the light.

And now the third quality, i.e. the quality in life that disposes of the impediment. This has always been symbolized by the sword, the sword that cuts off the dead material and allows the living material to grow on unburdened by it.

We have seen how the quality symbolized by the sword cuts off the useless and dead shell that bound the seed after it had been planted in the ground. We have seen that the seed was able to grow because life used the sword there. We have seen that the same rule is active in the animal world. Man's own physical body is able to maintain suitable proportions because the worn-out cells are disposed of or cut off. Civilization has grown because the old types, the old ways of doing things have been dropped and newer and more suitable ways have been substituted. We are able to go from place to place today in a fraction of the time that was required a hundred years ago because we have dropped off the ox-cart, and replaced it in turn by the stage-coach, the automobile, and the airplane, as more rapid means of transportation. Had we maintained all the features of the ox-cart in our stage-coaches, we would not today have the automobile. The sword (as one of the symbols of progress, not of warfare and destruction) has been one of the greatest factors in our advancement in external ways.

And now let us see how this quality applies to the seeker of the Light. As all industrial progress is possible by getting rid of the old ways and means, after they have become worn-out and useless, so it is with spiritual progress. Spiritual progress is dependent upon renunciation, getting rid of ideas, of life in general and ourselves in particular, that are not true and that are holding us back because we have throughout the years become devoted to them. This is the stage of growth that bars the onward march of most sincere and earnest seekers after light and truth. They have never learned how to let go. The sense of personal ownership is so strong in them that they let useless possessions hold them back from the experience of the very presence of the Creator in their lives. He is unable to get near them, because they have cluttered up their mental houses with useless possessions and cannot recognize themselves apart from the things they call their own.

But the true seeker, the one who has disciplined himself, the one who has carefully centered into himself and talked over the real things of life with his own soul, the one who has dared to face the criticism of an unthinking world to state honestly what he has found out about himself and the rest of the children of Light, knows that the Creator, the Infinite and Eternal Being present in the heart of everything, has no need

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useless and outworn forms that clutter and obstruct the pathway to the Light. Rather, he is interested in the divine part of each of his sons and daughters, the part that is dissatisfied with the husks, and wishes to return to Heaven, the part that recognizes that the humblest position in the Creator's service is infinitely better than the most elevated post in the favor of men, and works all His wonders to bring that divine part in each of them back to Himself in everlasting Light.

Because the true seeker has caught a glimpse of the purpose of the Creator, he can easily, gladly, give up the things that would hold him back. The true seeker knows that life is real, he knows that Temples are made more perfect by building them over according to plans and specifications that are truer, he asks to keep no part that does not blend with the whole, he has no personal wishes apart from the Great Architect, he knows that the plan within his own soul is the only plan that will satisfy him when it is completed, and he willingly devotes all his time and energy to unfolding that plan, and erecting his building piece by piece according to it.

Surely such a thorough and unselfish worker deserves enlightenment. Each stone in his temple will be made of the purest crystal. All the darkness will have been washed from it by renunciation, by letting go of the unloveliness that no one really wants. The living cells in his body and brain will be children of Light. Only Light, Life, Love and Peace will find any resting place in him. Then is he Enlightened.

Then what profound peace falls upon the Sea of Life. All the hectic stress and strain are gone. The urge of his soul to know its Creator in every smallest atom, the desire to recognize Him in the most casual happening is satisfied because he has placed a captain at the helm of his ship, one who has through discipline attained the authority to decree, one who needs fear no mutiny when he issues a command, one whom all creation will serve, gladly, willingly. This is the new creature destined to walk the new earth, who will have dominion over all creation.

For him no past, burdened by vain regrets, will subdue his spirit; no fearful fancies will dim his aspirations; he will stand firmly devoted to the present, knowing that he is actively participating in an Eternal Romance sustained and replenished by the Living Waters of Truth, knowing that the foundation of his life is un failing, everlasting, pure Being. This he knows from the Light within his soul.

It is in the handling of these forces, the balancing of them, the experiencing of them

intimately, that is the secret of Enlightenment. That is what makes man strong, able to grapple with all the forces of hell and come out a victor. This state alone can make actions in the physical, divine and true. It is so supremely desirable because from the moment it is entered there is no more trouble, no more anxiety, no more doubt or hesitation.

So first determine to step out briskly in the rhythm of your own soul theme. Resolve to walk in the Light moment by moment. Do not waste precious hours worrying over the disappointments of the past. Let griefs, angers, jealousies and regrets pass you by, you are consciously dealing with forces far too subtle and refined to mix well with dull fears.

Keep your eyes on your ideal, keep your feet on the ground, i.e. where your duties are, where your responsibilities restrain and discipline you, and with the sword of truth, let your soul cut free from the entangling webs of mortal thoughts and worldly vanities. Then the soul will laugh in its strength and fearlessness, and, like a giant, lift high the torch of truth and wisdom that all your world may see and glorify your Creator.

IX.

INSPIRATION

The last four lessons have helped you to see that the Creator is revealed in the Order, Beauty and Harmony of the Universe, and that by watching and meditating upon His works, you develop that serene confidence and trust which harmonize the discords in your life and attune you to the life and wisdom of the infinite Mind.

You begin to comprehend that, were you perfectly attuned to the Creator, your physical nature would feel the vitality pervading His nature, and your mind would be able instantly to draw upon the wisdom of His All-Knowing Mind.

How important then are the study and the practice which are directing your attention, and cultivating your imagination in such a way that you begin to see and to respond to the Great Good ever seeking to express itself through your life.

In your search for Enlightenment, you are cultivating the urge to grow. At the same time you are recognizing the value of resistance, and the progress that comes from facing and solving your problems, instead of ignoring or trying to escape them. And as quickly as you perceive the beauty of the new ideas which are coming to you from the Intelligence of the Creator through other souls and through your own soul, you will feel the inspiration to leap forth from your mental limitations, and leave all to follow the Light that illuminates all souls. Thus will you dispose of impediments.

THE INSPIRATION OF THE CREATOR

You are an Immortal spirit inbreathing the Spirit of the Creator this moment, and every moment.

Do you believe this? Are you aware of the enlivening, exhilarating, encouraging Presence of your Creator in all your ways?

Have you awakened to the glorious truth that you are a form of intelligence, and that the inspiration of the All-Enfolding Mind of your Creator is animating and invigorating, uplifting and inspiring all your thoughts and feelings?

These lessons are written from the consciousness of this truth. As you study them and fulfill their instruction, each you will uncover and cultivate the seeds of divine genius, and unfold new spiritual delights, which your Creator has implanted in your nature for your everlasting enrichment and enjoyment.

Soul Culture yields greater and more permanent rewards for every effort you make than does Physical Culture. As the modern development of Physical Culture has brought physical rejuvenation and restored vigorous health to tens of thousands of weak and inefficient men and women, so a similar degree of attention given to the development of Soul Culture will rejuvenate and restore human souls to vigorous moral and spiritual health, and make mankind aware of its immortal destiny and inspiration in the eternal Mind of the Creator.

You have little gleams of joy, glimpses of depths of light and bliss, in moments of meditation, or- while listening to exalting music; these are but indications of permanent happiness, which this study of Soul Culture will show you how to cultivate and attain.

The Ever-Present creates; man cultivates. You have an unlimited capacity for receiving inspiration. How can you improve this capacity of your spiritual nature?

The exercise of a muscle increases its capacity and usefulness. Similarly, the exercise of the spiritual faculty increases their capacity and usefulness.

Use develops. The exercise of feelings, passions, tastes, moral sentiments, intellectual or spiritual faculties increases them. The more a faculty is used, the greater the pleasure derived from its exercise, and the more spontaneous becomes its activity and inspiration.

Practice makes perfect. Actors, musicians and orators increase their powers of self-expression by practice. Unused hands are awkward, but they become dexterous through manual training.

The less a hermit sees of his fellow men, the less he cares to see of them; but if he wishes, he can develop his sociability so that meeting with people becomes a great joy to him.

Warriors become courageous in facing danger. Those who practice selfishness

become selfish; those who practice being generous enjoy the exercise of their generosity in an ever-increasing degree.

Greatness comes from culture. Natural gifts, however great, amount to little, unless cultivated and disciplined. But moderate talents, assiduously cultivated, can accomplish much. Any faculty or virtue can be strengthened by culture beyond the highest expectations. On the other hand talents that are not used weaken and atrophy.

What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his present opportunity to develop and advance his own soul? Are all the things of earth able to give one iota of the pleasure which is found in self-improvement?

Why make your happiness depend upon the saving or gaining of earthly riches when your peace and satisfaction depend upon the riches of your spirit, and the daily development of your capacity to feel and enjoy the life you are now living?

To outgrow your faults which cause you to suffer, and to increase your virtues upon which your spiritual life and happiness depend, this is the great work to which you are called. What vocation in the endless life you are now living can be more profitable in the long run than that great and universal business in which the Creator is engaged, namely, the soul culture of all His children?

Whatever prevents you from entering into the Creator's work and becoming an active partner with the Almighty, living day and night through time and eternity under His inspiration, is a source of unequalled loss and misfortune.

Self-improvement is the source of the greatest delight. Human beings find pleasure in improving lands, houses and businesses, but these pleasures are temporary and insignificant in comparison with the pleasure that comes from developing the mind. By this we build and beautify the spiritual temple so that it expresses the peace and power, the majesty and strength of a noble and divine individuality.

Exult! Shout for joy! Fill your atmosphere with ecstatic praise because your Creator has provided for the endless improvement of all the glorious capacities of your soul.

What can be more ennobling and soul-satisfying than the work of calling forth the latent faculties and powers of little children? The earlier the culture of their souls

begins, the greater the harvest because their minds are impressionable and can be as easily turned toward the soul, as they are now turned toward the gain of physical pleasures and things.

Parents struggle to give their children every luxury and to leave them well provided with the riches of this world. They lavish time and money on their physical and intellectual development, thinking thereby to equip them for life, but instead they only weaken them. They fail to use the true means of awakening their moral strength, and their capacity to be inspired by the Presence of the Creator. They fail to show them how to get the most real enjoyment and benefit out of this world in which they have been created.

Through lack of understanding of the meaning of life and of their endless responsibility toward their children, parents permit their minds to be filled with meaningless maxims, and allow them to develop the prevailing spirit of self-interest, which will be a source of misery both in this world and the next.

What joy and inspiration they might have in the communion and reciprocity of soul that would result from a close companionship with their children in calling forth the hidden nobility and beauty the Creator has implanted in their souls.

Where would a greater inspiration to self-improvement be found than becoming examples to children of those noble characteristics which they are to develop? They respond to example and not to precepts which are taught by those who do not practice them.

The most inspiring work you can engage in on earth or in heaven is that of becoming an example and inspiration to little children. It will call forth all the powers of your soul, and cause you to unfold your own personal perfection to the highest pinnacle attainable on earth.

Shall we permit anything of self to withhold us from pursuing a destiny so sublime? Shall the getting or spending of money keep us from a labor of love so stimulating to the unfoldment of the angel within us?

we work to lessen human imperfections, vices and miseries by awakening and developing the soul nature to humanity, what is so well worth doing?

To behold the beatific vision of Humanity purified and glorified, and all the myriads of

earth's children peacefully enjoying life from the first grade of earth to the highest grade of heaven, and to know that we have sacrificed self for this divine attainment, would it not cause us to exult with rapture inexpressible in our heavenly abode?

Shall we permit any earthly desire to keep us from doing our utmost for an attainment so exalting? When we can help reap such a harvest, shall we sluggishly stand with arms folded and permit others to do the work and gain the soul-satisfying rewards of faculties and forces inspired through the struggle and strain of service?

Study nature and see what the Creator is doing everywhere within His creation. Is He not mothering and building up all forms of Nature? Is He not providing an environment for growth and development of every sentient being?

You behold the inspiration of the Almighty revealed even in the material realm, feeding, nurturing and supplying all the needs of His children. In the degree that you become inspired by the same motive, you will find joy in your own creativeness, in your fathering or mothering care of all who need your sympathy, wisdom and strength. And in service to His children shall you find happiness and strength. And in service to His children shall you find happiness forever.

DEVELOPING YOUR SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION

Take a restful position in your chair, close your eyes, and imagine that you are sitting in the midst of a garden of your favorite flowers. Visualize the kind of garden that will give you the most pleasure. Exercise your creative power to make it as beautiful and attractive as possible. Visualize individual flowers, then great masses of flowers. Let the garden be spacious, surrounded by shrubs and trees.

As you are cultivating your imagination, enjoy the act and art of creating to the utmost. When you have developed a clear mental picture of your garden, imagine that you feel the warm rays of the sun shining upon and vitalizing your body. Enjoy the sensation of basking in the sunshine of a bright, balmy day of summer.

Keep your mind interested in feeling the warmth of the sun for a while; then imagine that you smell the fragrance of the flowers, and hear the birds, bees and insects. Bring all your senses into your imagination.

Sense your hands in your lap, and your feet on the earth.

After you have rested in this imaginary garden for a while each day for several days, then imagine children whom you know and love playing about you with their pets. Recall familiar expressions of the children, and let the recollection be vivid and enjoyable.

The immediate value of this meditation will be in the restful pleasure that it gives you. This will be a spiritual tonic. The activity of the imagination enjoyed in this manner withdraws the mind from worries and cares, and permits the soul to regain its peace and poise.

You have thought of the flowers and trees in your mental garden with the sunshine reflected from them. Now think of them as glowing with light from within; the form the same, but composed of luminous spiritual substance.

When, by little practice, you are able to think of all the objects in your garden as self-luminous, you will have conceived of how a spiritual garden appears. You are conceiving of the spirits of the flowers and trees, which are the cause for their life and form. Imagine the birds, bees and insects also as self-luminous forms, and you will be thinking of them as they will be when their physical forms are no more.

Continue this meditation by thinking of the children and their pets as luminous spiritual forms, joyously active, healthy and perfect forever, inbreathing the radiant life of the Spirit of the universe.

This will bring the thought of all those whom you have loved and seemingly lost. Think of them walking among your flowers as luminous beings of beauty, radiant with the love and peace which they have learned to express during their spiritual progression, and your garden will have become a heavenly place of soul communion with the Immortals.

Complete this meditation by feeling that you also are a self-luminous and substantial spiritual form which will live forever in your self-created garden of life and beauty.

Praise the Ever-Present that you are learning how to use His creative power of mind to develop your spiritual imagination, so that it will be a source of endless joy and inspiration.

X.

INTELLECTUAL INSPIRATION

When you were a child your mind was busily engaged in absorbing the impressions of the forms, colors, sounds and activities of everything in the world about you.

After you had accumulated many impressions in your memory, you began to compare and analyze them and to seek for the causes of things. This activity of comparison and causality developed your reason. By reflecting upon the forms and activities of life you developed an intellectual understanding of the things of life.

This reflective attitude of mind developed one form of inspiration. From this exaltation of the intellectual faculties you realized that all physical forms and activities are shadowing forth the activity of an Almighty Intelligence. This realization is the supreme attainment of the rational faculties. It is **intellectual inspiration**.

Poets, painters, authors, diagnosticians, character readers, and all who enjoy artistic refinement and beauty, whether in nature, art or literature, represent a large development of this capacity for **intellectual inspiration**.

Those who are naturally gifted with intellectual inspiration illustrate the possibilities which all possess. It may be developed by meditating upon the facts presented by the perceptive faculties. The scientist develops it by meditating upon the facts of research. The poet and artist by meditating upon and seeking for the meaning of all forms of nature. The musician by seeking for the essential character or meaning of music. The diagnostician, or character reader by careful study of the meaning of all outward signs and activities of the face and form of human beings.

Those who have intellectual inspiration well developed are apt to build a metaphysical theory of the universe which is perfectly rational and logical, but which may not comprehend that vast array of facts which are revealed through the deeper development of spiritual inspiration. The mind should be kept open and alert to the apprehension of the practical facts and forces of the spiritual universe which have been seen and revealed by seers with a well-developed capacity for spiritual inspiration.

Those with intellectual inspiration have discrimination well developed, and often possess a marvelous foresight of future events, but they should understand that even with their intellectual acumen and intuition they have much to learn from the visions of those who have seen with clear soul-sight the practical facts of the spiritual worlds.

When they have comprehended what spiritual inspiration reveals, their superior development within the range of intellectual activities will enable them to translate the knowledge the seer has gained, but very often fails to reveal, in a logical and convincing manner.

SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION

We have seen that **intellectual inspiration** is the exaltation and culmination of the exercise of the perceptive and rational faculties. On the other hand **spiritual inspiration** is the exaltation and culmination of the exercise of all the faculties of feeling. In perfected human beings these two centers of inspiration will be balanced, and they will so direct all the energies of volition that man will represent both the wisdom and goodness of the Creator in manifestation.

Through the exaltation of feelings comes a contact with the spiritual side of life, and a vision of the immortal inhabitants of the spiritual worlds. This unfoldment of spiritual faculties without a counter-balancing development of the rational faculties has produced many spiritual fanatics and much insanity.

Joan of Arc, a peasant girl of France, had her spiritual faculties awakened and saw visions of spirits who inspired her to liberate France from the control of the English. A most marvelous demonstration of the intelligence and power that a realm of patriotic spirits could exert through a young and unsophisticated girl! But any inspiration to warfare is not of a high source or character.

Those who have spiritual inspiration developed need to cultivate intellectual inspiration in order that they may reveal what they know to be true in a beautiful, attractive, artistic and logical manner. They need to understand human psychology, which is the gift of intellectual inspiration, in order to make the visions of the soul of practical value to the unfoldment of all souls.

The development of spiritual imagination prepares the mind for the understanding of

those deep feelings which well up from the soul and take form in thoughts and visions of spiritual inspiration.

CONTINUE TO DEVELOP YOUR SPIRITUAL IMAGINATION

In the last lesson you learned how to visualize a spiritual garden into which you can retire for communion with your loved ones and with the Ever-Present.

As the cultivation of your spiritual imagination will deepen your consciousness and attune your mind to the illumination and inspiration of your soul, it would be well for you to continue to devote some time daily to this means of soul expression.

By this time no doubt you have gained the ability to imagine the flowers, the children and their pets, and your loved ones as self-luminous forms.

Each time you sit down for a quiet meditation withdraw your mind from your immediate surroundings, or from the thoughts you want to escape for a while, by beginning to imagine the flowers and children, first in their physical appearance as directed in the last lesson, and then in their more spiritual aspect. By this effort to visualize, you will get your attention and imagination wholly centered in your garden.

Make your spiritual garden a most enjoyable place of rest. Develop the feeling of beauty and harmony, of friendship and love, within the sacred retreat, so that you will anticipate with pleasure the moments of meditation, and be drawn easily away from every mortal thought and feeling into the healing spiritual atmosphere which your imagination creates within your garden.

There is a deep soul happiness awaiting your retirement into the garden. But it must be created of the spiritual substance of your faith, or spiritual imagination, and the image of the flowers, children and friends must be cultivated until they become very vivid, real and attractive.

You can make your spiritual garden a place of great healing power by bringing your friends one by one into it, and thinking of them enjoying the flowers and children with you.

To begin with, think of a friend who needs your blessings. Picture her there with you in spirit walking among the flowers and enjoying the garden. Imagine her permeated by the light and warmth of the sun, entirely free from all mental discords, and fully aware of the healing life of the Creator flowing through her being.

It will be much easier for you to sustain the healing, harmonizing thought for your friend by holding her image before you in your spiritual garden, than it would to think of her in the mental or physical surroundings which are causing her misery or pain.

After thinking of your friend as she appears in her physical form for a few minutes, spiritualize this mental picture as you did the flowers and children. Think of the soul as a center of radiance in her brain, illuminating her mind and harmonizing and healing her body. Feel the love of your soul going out to her soul.

You love the infant Divinity that is her true Self, and you desire to help it come into expression and give of its perfecting intelligence to her mind and body. You feel the pull of her soul upon your soul, and a beautiful sense of harmony develops through this exchange of love between your souls.

While holding the picture of your friend as a spiritual being, continue to create beautiful feelings of affirmations of truth for her, and recognize that you are actually transmitting to her spirit the force of good feelings which you are creating. This vibration of love is the healing Spirit of the Ever-Present vibrating through your spirit and producing a marvelous healing effect in your nature, as well as in the nature of your friend.

You will be richly repaid for all your effort in this direction. The beautiful thoughts which you create will bloom, fill your spiritual life with fragrance, and bear new seeds of wisdom and love, even as the flowers in your physical garden bloom, fill the atmosphere with their fragrance, and bear new seeds.

After you have blessed one friend in this way for a few minutes think of another you wish to bless, but retain the image of the first friend with you in your garden. In this way you can bless a dozen friends, one after another, and still have them remain in the garden with you, each one acting as a soul-magnet to draw out the beautiful expression of love and harmony from your soul.

After this exercise, imagine that your spiritual vision is becoming clearer, and that you are seeing deeper into the spiritual atmosphere and beholding beings that were heretofore hidden to your vision.

You have thought of the flowers, children, and your friends as spiritual forms. Now think of the sun shining there above you as a spiritual world radiant with soul-light. It is the warmth of that soul-light that makes your soul radiant with healing warmth, and all your friends with you in your spiritual garden are being infused with the healing warmth of this soul-light which is shining from that sphere of splendor.

Contemplate this thought for some time because a vivid thought picture like this that exalts your imagination is a form of living faith more powerful to bless and heal than many words or thoughts less vivid with spiritual imagery.

Then, as it were, look deeper into the spiritual radiance and imagine that you see the faces of strong and noble men, sympathetic and courageous women, the faces of those whose spirits have been exalted above the tribulations of the world, whose minds have been washed clean of all discords and diseases of mortality, and who now shine as suns in the kingdom of the Ever-Present.

Be faithful to this meditation each day and you will note with joy that your spiritual imagination is developing and that you can make spiritual things more vivid and real, and feel there from a great exaltation of spirit which fills your life with inspiration and divine happiness.

Many students have written that they have gained great inspiration from quietly contemplating the description of an angel published in "Healing Currents". It has helped them to conceive of the perfection hidden within their own spiritual nature, and given them greater faith in the truth that they were formed in the image and likeness of the Creator.

It is a psychological fact that you grow like that which you contemplate. The characteristics which you admire in other personalities are stimulated in your own personality. The beauty that you conceive as having expression through angelic humanity will be quickened within your own nature. The wholesome, healthy spirit of that heaven inhabited by glorified humanity will be aroused, and you will express more of the health and harmony that exists within your angelic

nature.

BEHOLD AN ANGEL

Behold an angel stands before you. He is all radiant with the glory of the Ever-Present.

His face shines forth his realizations of love, which is the beauty of holiness. Every feature of his countenance expresses the purity, tenderness and nobility of divine Love personified.

His personality vibrates with the music of love, which is the harmony of heaven. His whole form shines with the light of his creative thought. Even his garments are luminous with the joyous radiance which proceeds from his inmost soul.

As you conceive of this image of Jehovih's love, your soul is enraptured by the thought of divine loveliness and feels the benediction of love streaming from this angelic character.

This angel of beauty and power reveals how Jehovih expresses through an exalted human being as Love. And this angel shows you what are the possibilities of your real Self. He once lived in the dark and limited conditions of this world and had weaknesses similar to yours to overcome. Someday you will live in and express the Light which he now represents. Your soul now contains the wisdom and power which will flower forth into a strong, radiant personality. You also shall shine as a sun in the kingdom of the Ever-Present.

Let your soul express the love it is capable of feeling, and you will soon realize that you are an angel of the Ever-Present radiating light and peace to everyone in your world.

XI.

MEDITATION DEEPENS CONSCIOUSNESS

In this lesson we would learn to **meditate more deeply** upon spiritual principles, so that the statements already studied would glow with new light and power.

The object of this study is to **deepen your consciousness**, so that you feel more, know more, and then have the initiative and power to do more.

And you deepen your consciousness by **meditation**.

Have you experienced the mind-enriching pleasure of meditation?

Your mind is a garden. Whatever seeds you sow and cultivate will bear fruit.

Every beautiful thought, every noble impulse, every divine idea you plant in the garden of your mind, and **cultivate by meditation**, will reward you with an ever-increasing joy, and soul-satisfying food of vital, healing power.

The garden of your mind will attract you to its restful quiet of deep thoughtfulness after the stress and turmoil of the day, and even in the midst of the cares of the day you will remember it as a place of peace **where you soul reigns** and harmonizes all the forces of your mind and body.

As the young man in love anticipates all through the busy day the pleasure of the evening when he will be with his beloved, so will you anticipate with equal pleasure those periods of inner soul communion, when your outer mind will blend with your inner soul consciousness. During these times when the wearied mind finds rest and peace in the serene depths of the soul's consciousness, it is renewed and its powers are recreated and restored.

ENTER THE MAGICAL REALM

There is no more attractive form of meditation than the exercise of **spiritual imagination** as taught in the last two lessons. A student writes:

"The lesson in the Educational Course on developing a spiritual garden is of inestimable value to me, and I miss no opportunity to let my imagination fill mine to the limit of its capacity. It really does not depend upon one's limited vocabulary, because you can visualize so much that need not be names, and therein lies the potentiality of your lesson. It is voyaging into undiscovered territory. **I am thrilled with its possibilities!** I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate being given the chance to understand how to live so keenly upon such a plane."

Take a comfortable position with this lesson open before you, and let these words lead you into the magical realm of imagination.

Read a little, and then close your eyes and enter the garden of your mind and make the thought real. Read the thoughts as though they were your own meditation, and in this way make them your own.

I close my eyes and think of the daffodils, pansies and mignonettes growing in my garden. Again I picture the vital warmth of the sun, and the children playing in the pathways among the flowers, or peeking out from behind the flowering shrubs. Even the pets exert their influence and draw out the good feelings of my soul in blessings.

And then I imagine all these forms spiritualized and glowing with light, and my garden becomes wholly spiritual.

As I look beyond the trees of my garden toward the east, I can imagine a vast edifice of Light, extending from the north to the south as far as I can see. It is more extensive than the world's largest city. It is the beginning of the heavenly City within the spiritual atmosphere of earth.

My mind expands, and I am thrilled with delight as I think of its magnificence.

A vast Edifice of pure light, filling the atmosphere with healing, joy-giving radiance. And the light of this vast building extends up, up into the sky.

As I look upward I see the broad Pathway of Light. It reaches up to that Sun of Splendor shining in the sky, and into the very depths of that celestial world where the Angels dwell.

And down this Pathway of Light through a great host of bright and beautiful Beings.

I let the feelings which this picture arouses express in these thoughts of prayer:

CREATOR OF IMMORTALS!

**I praise Thee
That I begin to conceive
Of the glory that Thou hast provided
For Thy immortal sons and daughters.
I desire, O Creator,
With all the intense longing of my soul
To help Thy angels minister
To the souls of mortals.
I desire to serve Thee
By serving Thy children,
Mortal and immortal,
That Thy love may radiate through me
And develop the angel in me.**

This prayerful attitude intensifies the feelings of my soul, until there is an exalted sense of the angel in me blending in sympathy with the shining hosts of angels.

The sincerity of my desire draws the Angels of Wisdom close, until I can imagine them standing within the luminous atmosphere of my garden, blessing me, and all I would bless, with their love and protective light.

I let my imagination picture the most glorious Beings of which I can conceive.

The light shining from their souls is so great that the beauty of their kindly and smiling faces is almost hidden.

Their eyes are as liquid light.

Their garments show the ever-changing figures and designs created by their thoughts.

Their forms are radiant with their feelings of sympathy and compassion, which produce the effect of exalting music on my soul.

I desire to grow more like these Immortals every day.

I desire to think, pray, and work for the welfare of souls as they do.

I desire to be about the Creator's business now as they are.

I have the joy of feeling that they need my faith, my love, my help, every day, every hour, to enable them to reach and bless the hundreds of souls with whom I am in sympathy.

And in doing the Creator's Will with them I shall enable them to build a foundation of the Temple of Angels within my sphere of influence.

**Great and Mighty Creator!
I will create with Thee
And Thy angels
Every hour,
And help them extend their influence
Around the earth.**

Then I imagine the Angels of Wisdom speaking these words to me:

"Child of Light: Abide with us in imagination, and we will walk with you in Reality.

"Your soul is vibrating with the harmony and health of our sphere of everlasting life.

"We are shining our love-light into these children who walk with you in your garden.

"Our blessings are purifying the spirits of these older people, and cleansing their minds of the conventional and crystallized thought by which they have been bound.

"Their souls will be resurrected into the youthfulness of the life that is eternal. Their joy in living will increase.

"Because you are living the serviceable life of blessing you are becoming attuned to the Realm of Benevolence.

"Abide with us in the eternal life and realize the wisdom, love and power of our Creator."

As I ponder upon these words I can imagine that I see fine rays of light shining from the forehead of each Angel, and all these rays are centered within the head of each child. This causes the soul of each child to glow with increased light and life.

I watch the Angels bless each child in my garden, and I realize that these mental pictures are creating the spiritual conditions which the Angels need.

Then I imagine the rays shining into the souls of each of the older persons. I see their heavy thoughts being dissolved and, like clouds, passing from their spirits. Then they appear more youthful, and more vital and radiant with joy.

I feel the love of my soul flowing into each one of the souls that the Angels are blessing, and the thought of blessing with the Angels increased my pleasure and faith.

My garden has become more radiant with the love-life which is the life of heaven, and the children, the pets and all the flowers, shrubs and trees are expressing a greater light of soul-intelligence.

Then again I imagine the Angels speaking these words to me:

"Child of Light: Pray most fervently for the success of our inspiring efforts with mortals.

"Your fervent prayers create a spiritual force with which our thought can unite, and thus become active and powerful within the slower vibrations of mortal minds.

"Desire most earnestly that many souls shall be drawn to our Ministry to devote their lives to our service.

"Desire is prayer.

"Fervent desire arouses the deeper feelings of your soul, and these feelings have power to transform your life and to create a new destiny.

"Affirm your sincere aspirations.

"Your positive affirmations charge your spirit with purposefulness and power.

"Aspiration is prayer.

"The time you devote each day to fervent and sincere prayer does more to **deepen your consciousness** and to exalt your soul than all the hours you devote to intellectual activity, because the cultivation of prayerful feelings attunes your mind to the Heart of Divine Love."

Again these thoughts of the Angels inspire me to pray. I first use these words of prayer, and then create original thoughts which more perfectly represent my sincere desires.

"O Creator, I pray that Thy Angels may succeed in their self-sacrificing endeavor to purify, heal and exalt humanity.

"I desire most earnestly that there shall be a great drawing together of souls and of wealth for the upbuilding of your kingdom on earth.

"I desire to devote all my talents and powers to spreading the wisdom of the Angels to all the world.

"O Creator, I desire to be more ardent and sincere in doing Thy will, that my every feeling may be exalted, and my every thought brightened with Thy light."

Daily study and meditation will develop your capacity to receive greater wisdom contained in future lessons, and also that Wisdom which the All-Wise would express through your own soul.

And all these thoughts of the wisdom and beauty of the Angels will open your mind to the greater wonder and might of the One who is the Creator of ALL.

XII.

THE HEART OF ETERNAL BEING

We have had our imagination opened to the Kingdom of Victorious Immortals as a glorious Reality, and we have had pictured to us the Great Purpose of the Creator and His Angels. It is very important that you keep your imagination dwelling upon these spiritual pictures, for your mind will thus be lifted out of and above the disturbing and disease-breeding vibrations with which distracted mortal minds are filling the atmosphere of the world.

During the hours you meditate upon these spiritual principles, you will be developing the spiritual mindedness which is life and peace. Every channel of your subconscious mind will be open to the inflow of the healing streams of love which circulate from the Heart of the Ever-Present through His angelic hosts.

Now your imagination is ready to conceive of the greatest mental picture you have ever thought of. It is one that will enable you to think of the Greatness of the Ever-Present and to visualize the thought of His glory as embracing and comprehending the Whole of His vast creation. At the same time you will realize in greater measure that He is very intimately connected with your intelligence, and is as greatly interested in your welfare as if you were the only being in creation.

As you read these meditations, imagine you are sitting with us united in that fellowship of faith and love which causes you to feel that you have all the healing strength of all your friends who have consecrated themselves to serving their Creator.

Feel that you are enfolded in the great love and power of a host of Victorious Immortals, who fill and surround us with their brightness and beauty.

And still deeper and more spiritual is the celestial structure of the Presence of Perfection, the underlying and all-sustaining Mind in which all spirits, angels and archangels live, move and have their being. It is this complex structure of the spiritual Nature of the Creator, this perfect Organization through which circulates the Love of the Ever-Present, pure and perfect in every glowing 'atom throughout its infinite expansion, that we shall meditate upon as the Heart of Eternal Being.

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Sitting here in quietness of spirit, we recall the pictures of the heavens as we have viewed them on a clear, starry night. We contemplate in imagination the serene beauty of star-strewn space.

How majestic is the march of those myriads of suns across the immensity of the empyrean! How meekly suns, planets, comets and asteroids obey the influence of that omnipotent Will whose Presence determines their orderly movement through space!

As we contemplate this mental picture of the visible heavens, and think of the harmony and wisdom displayed, we remember that the Mover of this majestic march of solar systems is also within our own being. The same intelligent will is keeping in order the vast number of cells that compose our brain and body. Our body is a small universe organized by that Will which controls the Whole. That BEING abides at the center of our intelligence, sustaining, strengthening, harmonizing and healing our nature.

Contemplating in our quiet moments the meaning which the stars in space reveal, there is born a serene and tranquil faith in Omnipotence. This attitude of contemplation attunes our spirit to the Spirit of the Whole, quiets our fears, dissolves our cares, and develops a confidence in the Creator's harmonizing intelligence which reflects peace and harmony through mind, body and affairs.

Let us repeat with fervor:

An Omnipotent, Benevolent Will reigns throughout the whole universe.

The Benevolent Will of the Creator reigns throughout our spiritual and physical nature.

We have faith in the perfecting presence and power of our Creator.

We have confidence in His almighty ability to restore health and harmony to our nature.

We are alive with the healing life of the Creator.

The intelligence of the Creator within our nature is ever striving to overcome diseased conditions, to dissolve and remove irritating obstructions, and to eliminate the poisons from our body.

We recognize that this divine Intelligence within our nature does all healing, and we attune all our thoughts to this healing intelligence by our affirmations of faith.

We glorify our Creator by affirming what is true of His Presence in us. He glorifies us by filling our growing capacity to receive with the vitality and richness of His abiding nature.

As we gain a comprehension of the Power that radiates from the Heart of Being, and that holds systems of suns, mankind, and every atom of created life in obedience to its Omnipotent Will, we shall realize how to fulfill this will in order to progress to the highest attainments, and to overcome every obstacle to the success of our endeavors.

The orderly Design revealed in the structure of the atoms and solar systems, and in our marvelous physical organism, is the very Wisdom of the Creator; and the energy that circulates our blood through our body and causes suns to circulate through space, is the Will of the Ever-Present in action.

As the blood circulates from the heart to the extremities of the body to feed the smallest cells, so the energy of the Omnipotent Will flows to the extremities of the universe to give spiritual life to every least form therein; and this spiritual energy is **LOVE**.

Circulation is life. Stagnation is death.

The circulation of Love through human lives means eternal life and progress. Selfishness is stagnation, or the lack of spiritual life and intelligence.

How important it is that every cell in the physical body shall keep giving of its elements to the blood stream, and thus remain open to the inflow of new life-giving elements.

It is equally important that every soul within the great Body of the Creator shall continually pour itself out into the life-stream of Divine Love, and thus remain an open channel for the inflow of the expression of the life of the Ever-Present.

This principle of Divine Circulation has been called the **law of reciprocity**, which we have expressed in these words:

Bless, and you shall be blessed.

Give, and you shall receive.

Serve, and you shall be served.

The Heart of the Eternal Being is Love.

Its Design which creation reveals is Wisdom.

Its Power is benevolent Will.

Now we have gained a picture of the whole vast, material universe of created suns and worlds as the obedient Nature or Body of the Creator. It is informed in every part by the wisdom of His Infinite Mind, and inspired with the activity of His omnipotent Will.

What a Mighty Magnet of attractive power!

We no longer think of the universe as composed of dead matter. There is no absence of life or intelligence anywhere. Every atom is responsive and obedient to the omnipotent Will that governs the Whole. The universe is alive with LOVE.

"There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" to the universe as to man. Greater than the universe of billions of suns is the soul that gives form and intelligence to the Whole. As a mighty Sun of Splendor it shines perpetually in the midst of the universe, circulating its life, love and intelligence through every state of its all-comprehending Mind, to all beings in all worlds forever.

The radiations of the Soul of Things fill the spiritual realms of the universal Mind with the glory of infinite love and wisdom. They are individualized into all forms of life in the material and spiritual worlds, and manifest as conscious intelligence in mankind.

In mankind the Soul of the universe becomes perfectly individualized; the human and the Divine blend in conscious unity, and the mortal begins to realize the immortality of the sons and daughters of the Creator.

We have become aware that there is Something that is great and noble and enduring in us, Something for which this splendid display of creative activity was set in motion. A divinely-human individuality was the object of all the Creator's activities. Now that we have become aware of our Being in the Creator, life will have a new and more glorious meaning for us.

We have awakened to our true Selfhood. We are growing into a more positive state of intelligence through the wisdom we gain from experience. The inner urge of the Almighty compels us to grow in soul power and intelligence. Progression is compulsory.

We realize that as our origin is the Ever-Present, we can develop His image in us, and become as gods, with conscious ability to mold our life and destiny so as to express perfectly the Will of our Creator.

The Soul of All-Being is the center of our being. It is the Image into whose likeness we are growing.

Our soul is the magnetic' core of attraction to which everything in our nature renders obedience. It is the organizing and controlling power of our nature.

Our soul is a center of radiance in the Source of supply. It is a magnet of attractive force like the Great Magnet, the omnipotent will, which holds in form and circulates all the physical· and spiritual forces in the universe.

We are attracting from the Soul and Nature of the Creator all that we need for the unfoldment and growth of our soul. There is no limit to the· supply. It is equal to the need. It will manifest for our use as we energize our soul-magnet by pouring out love to others.

We have unitedly identified ourselves with the Heart of Eternal Being, and we are unitedly creating a Heart Center for the Victorious Immortals under whose inspiration we are pouring out and circulating Divine Love to all who keep attuned to their mighty Purpose.

Let us affirm:

We form together a Radiant Magnet of Goodwill, and constantly attract all souls of Goodwill.

We are radiant souls of wisdom and power, and as we radiate, so do we receive of the Creator's wisdom and power.

We have created a Heart Center of Radiance within the Source of spiritual supply.

We are constantly radiating and receiving the blessings of Divine Love.

We are successful and prosperous because we are doing the Will of the Creator.

We are a Mighty Magnet of Love attracting all that we desire to make life comfortable and complete in order that we may more successfully accomplish the Purpose of the Victorious Immortals.

We are manifesting the vitality and intelligence of our Creator, and enjoying health, happiness and prosperity in all our ways.

How divinely glorious and satisfying are our possibilities and powers as souls born of eternal light and love, and rejoicing in a growing power of Divine will which will make us successful and victorious personality.

Let us continue to study and practice the principles of Soul Culture and apply them to the solution of all life's problems, that in unity of effort we may develop more rapidly in soul intelligence, and realize the happiness and success which come from fulfilling the laws of spiritual life and progression.

XIII.

MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

On a morning when the grass was covered with dew, you have seen the sun shining in every tiny dew-drop. That it was but a symbol of the truth, that the Soul of Splendor, which we call the Creator, shines within every human nature. It is the "light that lighteth everyone that cometh into the world."

But your soul is more than a reflection of the Soul and Nature of the Creator; it is an actual organized form of the wisdom, love and will of His beneficent Being.

If you have not already said it, before you have finished reading this lesson, you may feel like saying, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high. I cannot attain unto it."

You will certainly feel that this is the highest and most sublime teaching you have ever read. And I urge you to **keep an open and unprejudiced mind** as to its truth.

You may think it is too good to be true, but can there be anything too good for immortal souls who are **sons and daughters** of the Creator of the universe?

Let the seeds of spiritual truth which this and past lessons contain abide in the soil of your mind; water and cultivate them in deep meditation, and they will bring forth a fruitage of divine blessings much greater than the fruitage of your past materialistic thoughts, as the Soul of Things is greater than its material Nature.

Your soul is a highly organized spiritual brain expressing through your physical brain. It is a most complex spiritual structure through which the will, wisdom and love of the Creator expresses in your personal life as volition, thought and feeling. It has a vast capacity for expression which is as yet undeveloped.

Your physical brain expresses only what your spiritual brain has developed of its latent capacities and powers.

When we compare the brain of primitive man with the brain of modern man, we see that ages of experience have expanded and rounded out the physical brain, and have developed what was potential within the soul of the early man.

Another ten thousand years will see man possessing a brain development vastly greater than that of today, and a greater advance in intelligence than has occurred in all his previous experience.

What man now expresses of knowledge, emotion and will was latent within the soul of primitive man; and what man will learn to express in ten thousand years is slumbering within the soul of every human being today.

Your soul is a form of will, understanding and feeling through which the power, wisdom and love of your Creator is expressing. These attributes of Divine Mind are organized within your individual soul; therefore man was made in the **Image of the Creator**.

These attributes of the Mind of the Creator give your brain the capacity to think, feel and act. However, it is not the physical brain, but the spiritual brain that is alive and active.

You can develop your will to express more and more of the power of the Creator's goodwill.

You can learn to think so wisely that your thoughts will express the wisdom of your Creator.

You can cultivate so great a love for humanity that you will express the Creator's love to His children to a transcendent degree.

By daily cultivating these noble qualities of your spiritual nature, you will become conscious of the **indwelling Intelligence of Jehovah**.

The potential wisdom and power of the Creator are now within your soul awaiting growth and expression, as the beauty and fragrance of the lily are potential within the bulb. Therefore, your soul is a seed of Divinity.

Within your soul is the **design** of a perfect, godlike being. This godlike being is not now fully awake, therefore you are as yet but a slumbering god or goddess.

Your soul is your **immortal Self**. It will live and increase in wisdom and power forever.

The **Divine Form of the Creator** within the depths of your nature is awaiting the quickening words and stirring experiences that will call its mighty consciousness into activity and usefulness.

In the heights of spiritual light and bliss, the sons and daughters of Jehovih, the souls of just men made perfect, "shine forth as suns in the kingdom of the Father." All the wisdom ,and power they have gained in tens of thousands of years of experience as immortals were slumbering within their souls when they roamed this earth as the most primitive people of most ancient times. And all the wisdom, beauty, power and perfection of personality they have realized, **are now within your soul.**

**"Awake, thou that sleepest,
And arise from the dead,
And the glory of the Eternal
Shall shine through thee."**

HOW TO MEDITATE ON THIS LESSON

When you can be quietly alone, sit with this lesson before you, and after you read each statement, close your eyes and let your soul respond with its deep feelings to the truth expressed in these words. If these words are true, they will prove themselves true in your life, even as flower seeds sown in your garden prove their spirit by filling your garden with their sweetness and beauty.

While your mind is **quiet and receptive**, every word of truth you read sinks down through the subconscious even into the greater consciousness which is your soul. It stirs depths of feeling which will flow through your mind as spiritual life and beauty, healing and restoring your mind and body into unity and agreement with the perfection of your soul.

I urge you to meditate in **unity of thought** with others of like mind, because long experience has proved that this practice will most quickly lift you out of your present limited mental conditions into the freedom and harmony of spirit that prevail in the higher heavens. Thus you will gain the faith and force of your friends and of all the angels to help you solve your problems and outgrow and overcome your difficulties. In **unity of spirit** there is strength.

As individual souls in physical form, you are the highest expression of the Creator. Most of your powers are still potential, however.

As you gain an understanding of what is true of your soul, you realize that **you are** the intelligence of the Ever-Present from soul to physical atoms. You are personifying as much of the Creator as you realize.

You are this moment drawing all your life and intelligence from the universal life of your Creator.

You are realizing that you are the temple of the Creator, and you feel that the Creator is living in and glorifying your entire nature.

You are becoming conscious that your life and your physical form are the very life and substance of your Creator.

You are attaining the degree of divine consciousness where you can truly know and affirm,

"I and my Creator are one."

You can polarize so much of the infinite Intelligence into your soul, and express so much through your brain and physical cells, that you will be a personality of power.

As the intelligence of your soul becomes masterful in its expression through your physical cells, life and health will replace disease and decay in your organism.

The latent healing power resident within each living cell of your body will respond to the will of your soul and express the wisdom and beauty of the divine image of health and perfection. Your soul is awakening to know the bliss of eternal Being.

You are beginning to feel that you are an organized expression of both the masculine and feminine elements of the Creator. You are a complete whole, formed in the image of the physical and spiritual nature of the Creator as the Whole.

You are exalting your sense-mind and becoming attuned to the will of your soul. You realize the completeness and joy of self-expression.

Your soul is gaining the power to hold the physical and spiritual forces of your nature in equilibrium, and to satisfy your mind with its sense of divine peace and harmony.

The Divine Will is the mighty keynote of your spiritualized nature, the vital tone to which every atom of your body is attuned.

Your life is radiant with the celestial melody that your soul sings through the tiny cell-spheres of your physical temple. You now live in the opulence of infinite Love.

In your retirement from the world for divine communion, Love transfigures your soul and holds it in the ecstasy of immortality.

Your soul is Love individualized. It is alive with this eternal Energy. It is forever receiving and giving of Love.

Your soul is a perpetual spring of inspiration.

It emanates the blessings of Love to all humanity. It fills your mind with illumined thoughts of truth, radiant with healing grace and beauty.

Your lips speak forth words of everlasting life and joy, and your body is all aglow with healing fire.

Through your acquired knowledge and the intuition of your soul, you can impart the wisdom of eternal life to seekers for truth.

Your soul vibrates its quality of sincerity and truth through the tones of your voice, so that your words interest and impress those to whom you speak. Verily the Spirit of Truth is finding beautiful expression through your personality.

You are constantly receiving and giving forth to your friends from the infinite Source of all-good whose Presence is everywhere.

Knowing truly how to receive and how to give, how to attract and how to express, you are living in Opulence.

You are complying with the law of divine circulation that fills your emptiness from its

limitless resources.

You live in conscious union with the inexhaustible Source, the limitless Productiveness, the beneficent Love which is all-sufficient in all places and at all times.

Having a great desire to heal, awaken and free the Creator's humanity, you are in tune with the mighty Purpose of the Creator, which gives you the wisdom and discrimination to penetrate to the root-cause for all manifestations.

Because your will is the Will of the Creator, all forces in the universe conspire to carry out your will, and success crowns your efforts with perfect accomplishment.

The limitation of matter will disappear as you cultivate the consciousness of your soul. With pure soul-penetration you will see into the essence of things and know their spirit or meaning.

You will see that the Omnipotent Will of the Creator is sustaining and moving all things from within.

The responsive spiritual nature of all living things will obey your will, because you have entered into the Consciousness which is Omnipotence.

From the interior state of causation, you can move the interior springs of all lives, and because you have become a conscious embodiment of the divine Will, you can cause all things to conform to the Creator's mighty Purpose.

As you attain to this consciousness of the real and true, you will see all things as they are to the Creator and His Angels, and you will no longer be deluded by the evidence of the senses.

Before your exalted vision the universe will spread its limitless sea of organized mental powers, and you will behold a vibrating ocean of light and life, glistening in every atom with the effulgence of infinite Intelligence, and comprehending in its boundless Love all the beings who have evolved from and who dwell in the breadth, depth, and height of its immense activity.

You will then know that All is Mind, All is Good, because All is Jehovih. You will be one

with the Creator and all His expressions. There will be no limitation to your vision or your knowledge, because you will be divine in every faculty of your being.

Attaining to the Cosmic Consciousness within your soul, you can vibrate with the wisdom gained through ages of experience by the most ancient Intelligences. You will blend with the Mind in which all space is but a Thought, and partake of its Omniscience.

Realizing that the only law is the Will of the Creator, and being aware that you are that Will, the wisdom of His Will will manifest throughout your nature.

You will exert a most powerful and beneficent sway over every nature influenced by your positive will of goodness and peace.

You will quicken souls with the vitality of your eternal Being, and satisfy their spiritual natures with the bread of everlasting life.

All glory to your perfected soul for it has become the personality of the Absolute and Eternal Being.

**I AM A SOUL OF MIGHTY POWER;
I AM TRIUMPHANT EVERY HOUR.**

XIV.

THE GLOBE OF GLORY

The Egyptians pictured the soul as a winged globe. A luminous globe, like the sun, has always symbolized perfected intelligence.

The warmth of the sun symbolizes Love, and its Light symbolizes Wisdom. When we translate the oriental imagery of the scriptures into its real spiritual meaning, we understand that light means intelligence, warmth and love.

The soul of man is composed of Love-Intelligence because it is born from the Love and Wisdom of the Ever-Present; and the sons and daughters of the Creator, when they become perfectly unfolded in wisdom and love, are sons of righteousness.

Imagine an organized spiritual brain as a living globe of glory, all radiant with the light and warmth of Divine Love and Wisdom, and you will have an idea of your soul in its perfected celestial state. Affirm:

**My soul is alive with the Love of the Creator,
Intelligent with His Wisdom, because it is
An individualized form of His Benevolent Will.**

The Creator is the Mother and Father of your inner spiritual nature; therefore you are as divine as your Creator. Your soul is a son or daughter of the Ever-Present; it is an infallible Divinity.

The Creator can only glorify that which is of like nature to Himself; therefore He has given us, His children, something of His own nature so that we can feel, know and express His love.

Your soul is as a stranger to you. As yet you have little or no realization of its godlike powers and attributes. When great emotions have been awakened in you by beautiful music, or you have been deeply stirred by a great joy, then you have sensed something of your soul. He who invests from the life and intelligence of his soul is aware of his immortality, and knows the spirit of Truth. He has found Heaven within.

The soul is the life and intelligence of both the physical and spiritual bodies. The spiritual body is the counterpart of the physical form. To spiritual vision it looks exactly

like the physical form, except that it is more ethereal.

The soul, on the other hand, is the light that lighteth everyone that cometh into the world, and appears to Spiritual vision as a center of light in the head. In unregenerate spirits it is very much hidden and their forms appear very material, but in regenerate and highly exalted spirits, it is expanded and glorified.

In his present state of materiality, man does not express much of the divine life and power of the soul; but as the knowledge of spiritual principles, which is a basis for a true faith in immortality, is broadcast, man will awaken and desire to learn to express the inherent nobility, beauty and strength of his inner character.

When that awakened state of consciousness is attained in which the soul realizes itself one with its Creator, and in which it can sense the delights of life in the spiritual realms, then it sees and understands the reason for all things. It transcends the limitations of both the physical and spiritual forms of its personality, and appears in the perfect form of Wisdom, a form radiant with the light of Love, and powerful with the Will of Omnipotence.

The soul in its highest estate needs not hands with which to feel or eyes with which to see, for it is all sensation and all sight, an all-knowing form of the Creator. Soul can commune with soul by means of radiant thought, and what one soul knows in any state of Mind, all souls in that state know intuitively. The awakened and expanded soul blends with the soul spheres of Angels and Archangels. It vibrates in unison with their blissful Wisdom, which radiates as the light of Love through all the celestial and spiritual realms within the boundless expanse of immortal worlds.

Even while we are living in a physical form, our souls may be awakened and know the joy of communion with the great immortal intelligence of the Divine Mind. We may sense the thrill and vigor of divine Power, as the emanations of exalted Immortals radiate to us laden with celestial inspiration, and we can pour them forth to bless our fellow men.

Your soul is a celestial entity, and can truly express itself through your mind only in the degree that your mind is developed to express exalted spiritual thoughts and feelings. The majority of persons are educated in the knowledge of material things and forces, but of the principles of the immortal soul-life they know little or nothing. Instead of being helped to express its intuitive intelligence and loving blessings, the soul is

limited by self-condemnation and false beliefs. They close up the mental avenues through which its nobility, power and beauty would shine forth.

As you educate your mind in the understanding of Divine Wisdom, and learn to express Divine Love, you will become alive, radiant and powerful with these qualities of Spirit.

As you feel the Creator's Love radiating from your soul, you will express it in thoughts, words and deeds of kindness to all. The rainbow tints of Divine Thought will illuminate your mind, until your positive good feelings dissolve all the causes for fear and pain from your subconscious mind. Your presence will fill the souls of mortals with celestial gladness, and, quickened by your light, they will be awakened and desire to live in the glory of the Creator's Presence in which you live consciously.

As the germ of Omnipotence in you develops and expands, you will feel more and more godlike. This exaltation will increase, until your whole life becomes a song of praise to the indwelling Presence.

Glorious to the perception of the soul are those transcendent Beings who inhabit the celestial spheres. Through ages of time they have evolved to the highest degree of self-conscious individuality. Each one is a globe of glory, radiant as a living sun with the light and warmth of the Creator's eternal love and wisdom. From this glorious sphere of Love-intelligence, they radiate their love and wisdom to all forms of life on this planet, to quicken, awaken and develop that latent Germ of Divinity which lies slumbering within each and every individual.

Exalt your imagination by meditating upon the Glory of the Temple of Angels, and think of your own soul as a sun of glory, enfolded and transfigured by the Glory of the Creator's Love with which the Angels are now blessing you as a worker with them in their service to humanity.

Hold the thought of the Glory that the Angels are bringing to you and to all humanity by repeating the words, "Jehovih's Angel Hosts abide with us. all in unity of purpose as we share the common goal of nurturing the qualities that will brighten every soul."

Inbreathe into your soul the atmosphere of Glory which shines from the great Company of Angels, as you commune with them in your meditation.

FOUR STEPS IN DIVINE REALIZATION

The first step in Realization is represented by the affirmation:

**I am a temple of the Living Creator;
His mighty Spirit dwells within my soul.**

Your understanding and imagination are satisfied with this truth of your oneness with the Creator, and a true and strong faith is developed by your faithful use of this affirmation.

Many negative and depressing states of mind are overcome by developing this positive faith until it fills your mind with its light and peace.

Many physical ailments, due to disturbed and fearful mental states, are healed as this true and living faith in the Creator's Presence becomes dominant in your mind.

The second step in Realization is represented by the affirmation:

**I am a blessing,
Love is my Power.**

First you gain the faith that the spirit of the Creator dwells in you; then the realization that that Spirit is Love, and seeks expression to others.

The need of other souls calls forth your sympathy and love, and you begin to realize the joy of soul expression and you bless from the Spirit of Love in you.

The expression of Love in blessing others purifies your nature of many ignoble and destructive spiritual qualities. The pains and physical ailments which these qualities caused are healed.

Then when you meet conditions which you cannot overcome alone, and you feel the need of still greater wisdom and power, you seek the next step in Realization.

In the third step in Realization you see how great is the need of all souls on earth. You realize your love alone can do but little to alleviate human suffering; that there must be

a great organized effort on the part of all the Lovers of Humanity; that by laboring together each has the strength of all; and that by united effort we gain the power to overcome for ourselves and for others what we could not overcome alone.

When you realize that Love can accomplish more through the organized effort of many than it can through the effort of the same number working separately, you will have brought your mind in unity with the angels who inhabit the organic heavens above the earth.

By serving the Creator and humanity in Unity with them, you will realize that

**We are radiant with the Creator's Blessings,
We are mighty in His Love.**

The fourth step in Realization is one of entire devotion and dedication of one's life to doing the will of the Creator. All one's time, talent and means are consecrated to building up and extending the Power of Love as it is being organized in each place of Radiance as in realms above.

The union of many consecrated souls, pouring out their realization of Love in Blessings, has created a Heart Center of Healing Love. In this way, souls on earth can become the visible manifestation of the Ministry of Angels in Heaven, and every soul dedicated to fulfill its purpose has become a Doer of the Creator's Will.

Daily service throughout your life as an active Doer of the Creator's Will keeps the entire nature of the individual subject to the purifying powers which the Victorious Immortals can concentrate only under the most exalted spiritual conditions. This permits a degree of soul unfoldment which, without these conditions, cannot be experienced until the soul has passed from the physical body, and has entered the exalted state of spiritual activity within the heavenly realms of the Angels.

The greater the consecration of one's life to fulfilling the Purpose of the Angels, and the greater the cooperation with them under their conditions, the more rapid the cleansing of the nature of limiting conditions, and the advancement in their active service under their inspiration and protection.

XV.

MY PERSONAL SEARCH FOR TRUTH

I shall adopt a more personal style in this lesson, as I feel that I may be able to make myself clear and convincing if I write about my own experience.

After all, soul unfoldment is a personal matter, and you desire to know how you can attain soul mastery and know for yourself the realities of spiritual life. If I can show you just how I have gained **that** which is more valuable than anything else in the world, it may inspire you to persist in your efforts to gain the blessings and benefits which I have realized as a result of my persistent efforts. The Creator gives freely to those who devote themselves wholly to learning and doing His will.

From the age of twenty I have given all my time, and all the ardor and intensity of my nature to this search. I am willing to give up the traditions of the past and the conventional beliefs which are held so sacred in the world for the truth. I wanted the truth at any cost, no matter how contrary it might be to what I had been taught to believe or to what the world believed. Divine Wisdom has rewarded my search.

Because of my intense effort to reach this goal I now live in quite a different thought-world from the people who have been schooled to believe and think of life from a material standpoint. Those things which have become real to me are to them unreal because they have devoted no time to thinking about spiritual things as **real**. To most persons it is difficult to think of the spiritual world as peopled by immortal human beings with spiritual bodies. They have not glimpsed the great spiritual Reality in which they live and move and have their being. When I talk of these things they do not understand what I am saying.

In the conventional state of mind which prevails in the world people suffer greatly. During the years that I lived in that state of mind and thought as they think, I suffered intensely. Now, however, I have found peace, and I have gained the power to help thousands to health and joy.

With all the passionate intensity of my nature I desire to reveal what Divine Intelligence has shown me to be the true way of thinking, feeling and acting, so that all the causes for human suffering may be overcome, and that all may enter into their inheritance as sons and daughters of the Creator.

When people hear me talk from my present exalted realization, they think that life is very easy for me, that I can talk as I do because I have no problems such as they have to solve, and that things would look different to me were I immersed as they are in mental troubles, with disease and disaster afflicting my life.

It may be that I do not say enough of what I have outgrown and overcome to inspire others with the feeling that they too can overcome. All the earlier years of my life were depressing and inharmonious, men tally and physically. There were long years of searching for Truth by devious paths. Often I would follow for months a path that seemed to be leading me to greater heights, only to find that it led to defeat and discouragement. Then I would retire to the throne of power within my soul and gain the courage to begin anew. There were the breaking of family ties, poverty, and loss of friends, to say nothing of the never ceasing battle with psychical influences which caused untold suffering. For years these battles continued even after I had become what people called a successful healer.

Of those terrible years I have said little because I felt they could not mean much to others. But it is sometimes an inspiration to know that another has come up out of distressing conditions, and that those very conditions were the means of great spiritual growth and attainment. All that I now realize is the culmination of over thirty-five years of spiritual battles against just such difficulties as are overwhelming those who come to me for advice and strength.

There were years when I searched the scriptures for whatever gleams of eternal light I might catch, from sacred writings of both the western and eastern world. With an open and unprejudiced mind I read and meditated sixteen hours a day upon what Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, Laotze and Zoroaster taught.

The saints of the middle ages and the seers of modern times with their miraculous experiences and their profound revelations of the spiritual worlds helped to develop my spiritual imagination and discrimination. I did not accept all as Truth, but I developed my own intuition and discrimination by meditating upon their words and judging what effect they would have were they practiced. I also read Swedenborg's writings, but I did not accept all that he stated as Truth. For instance I discarded the idea that spirits remained unprogressive after death because my own spiritual experience showed me that spirits do progress. I accepted those ideas which proved to be true, and which helped me to build a symmetrical structure of Truth.

I advise my students to contrast ideas in the same manner and exercise their own intuition, and thus learn to discriminate between what is true and is false.

By this daily and hourly exertion of my soul I have learned to live above the turmoil and trouble of worldly thought. I have created an atmosphere of peace which is vibrant with love for all Jehovah's children. I live in a kingdom of heaven which I have created through the years by my thoughts and feelings of love for the many I have blessed. It is only by this method of bringing the kingdom of heaven in the soul out into expression in daily life that anyone will ever attain heaven.

This does not mean that I am relieved of all burdens and problems. I have many burdens and problems, not the least of which is sustaining and financing this School for the enlightening of human souls. My problems are even greater than formerly, because, with the growth of soul power greater responsibilities are placed upon our shoulders. But despite my responsibilities, I am not overwhelmed or depressed as are those who live exclusively in the worldly thought, unaware of spiritual realities and the Great Spirit within them.

I have created a thought world in which the Creator and His Ideas, the Angels, can manifest as they cannot manifest in the thought-atmosphere which mortals create.

My desire is to help you create a thought-world like that in which the Immortals dwell. I can help you outgrow the heavy and discordant thought-atmosphere which prevails among mortals by showing you the way, by imparting the strength of our Ministry to you, and by inspiring you to persist in your efforts. Your soul is an infant Divinity, and you can learn to think and feel so as to express this Divinity and become a beautiful Angel surrounded by a heavenly atmosphere.

I have gained the realization that I am an Immortal. I have grown into the soul-consciousness that I am a spiritual being, and that while I shall outgrow the need of a physical body, I shall never die. When I began my search after the things of the Creator, this was merely a theory which I accepted as a working basis for my faith, but now it is no longer a theory: it is a glorious reality. I have lived and felt and thought like an Immortal so long that I have developed the consciousness of an Immortal.

I desire to help you realize that this marvelous attainment of conscious immortality here and now is possible for you and for all. You can outgrow all the limiting and

depressing beliefs and fears that keep people in bondage and cause disease and disaster.

By your unity with us and by practicing the method I am teaching and inspiring you to practice, you can gain a degree of soul development which will advance you beyond millions of souls who have been in the spiritual world for years, many of them for centuries.

When one permits the things of this world to occupy all his thought and feeling during his entire life time, he wraps his soul in a garment of material thought which it will take him a very long time to outgrow and overcome. Therefore, inspired teachers have always urged human beings to learn of the things of the Creator, and of His spiritual worlds which are to be their habitation for eternity.

From my long search for the Creator, I have realized that there is a science, a definite and exact knowledge, of spiritual principles, and that this science must be understood and its laws and methods must be fulfilled, in order to gain exact and perfect results from the practice of godliness.

How I long to reach all those who are groping blindly after the Creator as I once groped. Sometime, somewhere, they must learn to walk in the True Way of attainment and realize the blessings and benefits which Jehovah intends all His children shall gain. Now is the time to turn your thoughts from materiality and to unite with me to create a spiritual atmosphere through which the Goodness of the Creator can express in your life.

I do not mean to give the impression that I am all-wise, or that I have solved all human problems. I am but a humble student, as are you, of the mysteries of infinite life, and I have much to overcome. I expect to have problems to solve and conditions to overcome all my life here, and through all eternity in the spiritual universe, because that is the way we individualize the Intelligence of Jehovah. But I wish to emphasize the fact that I have discovered a principle and method in my search which, when they are as well organized into human minds and affairs as are the false principles of selfishness, will heal all the diseases of humanity and bring the peace and power of the Creator on earth.

This is a tremendous statement, but I have proved this principle and method so thoroughly that I cannot make it too strong or emphatic. It is a statement which is

subject to demonstration in your life if you will give the time and devotion I have given to proving this Divine Principle.

Because a few of us have cooperated and proved this revolutionary discovery, it will be possible for you to gain more quickly what we have gained, just as one can gain from a teacher of electrical science in a short time what it has taken many searchers years to discover.

My words bring to you my thought, my feeling, and the Spirit I have realized, and this is food for your spiritual nature. When you read the newspapers, you attune your mind to the heavy thought-atmosphere of suffering human beings. But when you read my words your mind is attuned to the thought-atmosphere which I am creating constantly. Your mind comes in touch with the Creator's love which is the life of the Immortals who have added their soul strength to mine.

As you become more conscious of the spiritual reality of which I write, your spirit will be thrilled. You will feel that your spirit is actually inbreathing the ozone of spiritual life. You will feel a tangible spiritual influence which will strengthen your spiritual nature, and help your soul reorganize your life in to a greater degree of health and harmony.

So many persons become sick because their souls cannot remain strong while they inbreathe the atmosphere of mortal thought. The critical, hateful and hopeless thoughts of mortals possess no life-giving quality, but the thoughts which you get from these lessons will bring to your soul the enthusiastic faith and soul force which it is our joy to generate from hour to hour.

As you quietly meditate upon these words, your whole spiritual nature will feel the harmony and health which I feel and know, the peace and perfection which the Angels realize.

I am living the eternal life now.

I have the joy of exercising the creative powers of my soul.

It is my job to give you all that I can create of blessings. By so doing I shall ever increase in soul consciousness and power. **I grow by giving.**

I come to you in these words with the realized love of many Angels.

We bless you with all the love we realize, or make real.

I am filling your mind with the spiritual light which many of us are creating together.

I infuse your spirit with the spiritual strength which is my permanent state of consciousness.

I will that you shall grow in soul strength, and overcome every physical ailment.

I have gained a mighty strength of soul which I can center upon and infuse into your soul.

I add my soul strength to your soul to help it reorganize and heal your nature.

I am infusing your spirit with my spirit.

My will strengthens your will.

I will that you shall be healed of every mental and physical Weakness.

I live in the consciousness of everlasting life.

I give you freely the invigorating life which I feel this moment .

I have faith in the intelligent organizing ability of your soul. I sympathize with its need of strength to resist and overcome the mental conditions which cause disease.

I am realizing the power of the Divine Will to help the will of your soul overcome.

We are born of the Creator. He has formed the structure of our souls of His intelligent spiritual substance. He has given us the capacity to feel and know His Intelligence. He has made us so that we can reveal His Intelligence. Each one of us can become a voice revealing His way of peace and plenty, of faith and happiness, to all who are now suffering because of the lack of a true faith or understanding of His loving purpose.

What a destiny is ours! We are voicing the Creator's love to His children. By our

constant effort to bless and uplift all who appeal to us for help, we are growing strong and radiant with the power of His love.

As an athlete develops strong muscles by daily effort to lift heavy weights, so we, by our daily effort to lift the burdens which weight so heavily on human spirits, are developing strength of soul and growing in the wisdom of love.

People are so disturbed, and their souls are so lost in the materialistic glamour of worldly thought that they need all the light of intuitive intelligence we can create to lead them into the way of life eternal.

XVI.

SUCCESS

The Creator is successful. The greatest and most successful accomplishment we can conceive of is the universe of planets, suns and constellations of suns, all moving in order and harmony, and revealing the omnipotence of the will of our Creator.

We cannot but feel that that Power which has succeeded in organizing such a marvelous and stupendous creation of suns and worlds will succeed in accomplishing its permanent purpose for our souls.

The Creator is our success.

The second successful organization is that of the Kingdom of Heaven, composed of thousands of millions of immortal human beings who work together wisely and harmoniously.

Through the exaltation of our spiritual imagination we have seen that they are successful because they live in and from the Will of the Creator. We desire to gain the same degree of wisdom and organizing power, and to be as successful in perfecting our lives as are they. To attain this permanent soul-success, we are seeking to move each day with the Mood of the Almighty, and to learn how to do His will on earth as the Angels do it in heaven.

We have proved that as we do the Will of Benevolence, we gain the help of angelic souls. They sustain and strengthen our souls as we pass through trials and tribulations, and help us develop the design implanted in our souls by the Creator.

We have demonstrated that we have the inherent ability to outgrow every limitation, and to become masterful, successfully personalities. We are given all eternity in which to grow from imperfection to perfection.

Not by groping alone in spiritual darkness, but by uniting our efforts with others who are fulfilling the Divine Purpose, do we become truly successful. We are adding our soul strength to that of many successful souls. From this unity with men and angels we are gaining the strength with which to overcome and attain.

We are determined to personify the benevolent Will of the Creator and become dynamic and victorious personalities. We are working with the Angels to make His will manifest for the good of our fellowmen.

What are the Angels doing?

The Angels are seeking the cooperation of enlightened souls on earth who are willing to be purified and prepared to work under their inspiration in unity with the Creator. Through this unity, they may concentrate the power of their vast Organization to cleanse the world of the spiritual causes for degradation and suffering.

Through this unified effort, the Angels may gain a spiritual leverage over the lowest realms of selfish spirits who dominate mortals on earth. They may purify and resurrect all earth-bound spirits and liberate them to lives of progressive usefulness.

They may free the children of earth from the depressing and degrading influence of these spirits.

We are blessing with the Angels every day. We are becoming radiant with their love and power. We are creating a harmonious magnetic and soul atmosphere through which the Victorious Immortals can come close to the souls of mortals on earth.

Because we are helping the Victorious Immortals we are passing through processes of spiritual purification which are saving us from premature death, and from years of suffering, both here and hereafter.

By our united service of love, we are outgrowing those selfish qualities of mind which are the causes for sorrow and suffering, and which bind human spirits to earth after death.

By the exaltation of our mind and purpose, we are being resurrected, even while we are here on earth, into the state of mind in which the Angels dwell.

As Doers of the Creator's will we are becoming His servants and most useful to the success of the mission of His Angels. Therefore we are highly cherished and protected from psychical forces, so that we may become increasingly useful and powerful in the redemption of humanity.

MEDITATING TOGETHER

The Angels of the Almighty are blessing and ministering with us.

We are clothing their inspiring thoughts and feelings with mental and physical energy, and broadcasting them to all the world.

We are vibrating the blessings of the **interior soul realm of love** into the outer mental realm in which mortals live, think and act.

We are making the dynamics of Divinity real and powerful to bring order out of the chaos created by discordant mortal thoughts and feelings.

We are becoming the Creator's mediators to the minds of mortals, revealing the wisdom and power of His Love.

Millions of minds in the world around us are feeling and responding to the healing, illuminating influence of our blessings.

We rejoice in our power to broadcast the blessings of our Creator's Love.

By our united effort to broadcast blessings, we are creating a healing atmosphere of love and harmony.

We are creating an atmosphere of light in which the beauty of divine beings becomes visible to our spiritual sight.

Our souls are blending and blessing with benign beings of wisdom and power.

They create with us an aura of pure, white light which is illumination and strength for our souls.

We feel the invigorating soul-warmth of this glory presence of heavenly splendor.

Our souls are vitalized and our bodies are healed by the heavenly harmony which pervades this atmosphere.

We joyously radiate this healing influence as a divine benediction to all souls attuned to our blessings.

We are consciously enveloped in the soul-world of everlasting life.

ORIGINALITY

We feel radiant with blessings of Divine Love. We sense the sublime ability to make others feel their divine birthright as immortal children of the Creator.

We feel this spiritual power suffusing our natures with a glow of invigorating vitality.

Our spirits are exalted by our blessings.

We feel that our blessings reach those at a distance in soul-sympathy with us, and impart to them the love and vitality we realize.

During these hours devoted to creating blessings together, we lose the sense of mortal limitations, and feel divinely powerful.

As our souls become more and more active in blessing under this benediction, we feel most vividly that we are immortals working consciously with the immortal Masters of Wisdom.

We are learning how to commune with and bless with our Creator.

We are conscious of His blissful love expressing through our souls, minds and bodies.

We are now partaking of His everlasting life and health.

In this exalted state of consciousness we know that we are voicing the thoughts of the Creator.

We are expressing His tenderness and power to all souls enveloped in the darkness of material thought.

We feel His transfiguring love quickening our spirits, and restoring us to spiritual life and physical health.

We have the joy of being able to radiate this power to everyone we bless. As we continue to bless together, we shall become more and more aware of the cooperation of the Angels of mercy and benevolence.

Angelic power, focused into our growing souls, will resurrect them into the consciousness of eternal life and peace.

The gradual renewal of our vitality and courage, and the quickening of our souls' feelings, is convincing us that their manifestations are helping us to outgrow the causes of our diseases, and to progress to health and peace.

We feel that this benediction of angelic power is the very sunshine of heaven.

It appears to clairvoyant vision as celestial sunshine, and to the spiritual senses it feels like an uplifting, healing benediction.

Those unused to this benediction of peaceful power may have a sense of drowsiness, which is beneficial in that it quiets the mortal nature in order to strengthen the immortal nature.

Heavenly sunshine is now concentrated upon our souls by immortal beings whose souls shine as suns.

It is vitalizing and quickening the divine Image which the Creator has sown in our physical nature.

Our effort to bless others arouses our souls to act creatively.

We are resurrected into newness of life and power.

We are outgrowing all the mental traits which have caused weakness and disease.

We are becoming vigorous, spiritual personalities, aware of our divine character and destiny as sons and daughters of the Creator.

We are transformed by the renewing of our minds.

We are healed by the love we radiate from our souls.

We are awakening our souls from materiality to spirituality, from the false standard of physical values, which are of short duration, to a true sense of spiritual values, which are of endless duration.

We are helping humanity to understand the great good which the Creator wills for them.

We are helping them to see that they can begin to enjoy the Creator's beautiful and bountiful life here and now.

By exalting their thoughts and feelings above the physical senses, and by developing the noble thoughts of their eternal natures, we are leading them into the way of everlasting health and peace.

XVII.

THE TWELVE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE "INNER WORK" OF THE ELOISTS

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE

ONE, OMNIPOTENT, BENEVOLENT WILL REIGNS, AND CREATES THROUGH EVERY HUMAN WILL.

The Creator is Goodwill. Goodwill is godliness. By the practice of goodwill we personify and express the Creator.

By uniting our goodwills, we each gain the spiritual strength of all the others. By organizing ourselves into a Ministry of Goodwill, we become a door through which the Benevolence of the Creator can express in all human ways.

This is our purpose: To do the Will of our Creator on earth as the Angels do it in heaven.

We are doing this by developing an organic association of men and women of Goodwill on earth like the organic association of Goodwill the Angels have developed in heaven. Our purpose attunes us to their purpose. Goodwill on earth blends with Goodwill in heaven, and men and Angels together gain the power to bring health and happiness to all mankind.

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THE SECOND PRINCIPLE

THE MIND OF THE CREATOR RESPONDS TO ALL OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.

The All-Mothering Mind of the Universe receives our thought-seeds, gives them body and substance, and brings them into manifestation.

All that we are as a race is the result of what we have thought, felt and willed. We have expressed our thoughts, feelings and wills in destructive passions and for selfish purposes, and created a world of poor, weak and miserable human beings.

We can use these same forces constructively and create noble ideals and benevolent desires for the welfare of all humanity, and the All-Mothering Mind of the Creator will respond to our efforts, and make us successful in carrying them out. We can bring forth a race of super men and women who shall be as gods and goddesses in the wisdom and perfection of their characters.

The Creator has provided us with the whole expanse of His Mind as a school in which we shall learn by experience in creating how to create wisely. By learning from the mistakes of past generations, we can improve upon their use of the creative powers the Creator has given us.

We shall learn through ages of experience in the Mind of the Creator how to master all negative conditions, and how to use the Will of the Creator in us to create only good for all.

THE THIRD PRINCIPLE

BENEVOLENCE, THE DISPOSITION TO DO GOOD, AND THE DESIRE TO PROMOTE THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS, IS A GODLIKE ATTRIBUTE. THIS LOVE FOR MANKIND, WHICH NOT ONLY FEELS BUT ACTS FROM ITS LOVING KINDNESS, WE CALL GOODWILL.

The Creator is Almighty Goodwill. He formed us in His image to express His Goodwill in an ever-increasing degree, that we might grow in wisdom, happiness and power by becoming like Him.

Our Benevolence is a positive proof that our Creator is Benevolent. The effect reveals

the character of its cause.

Our human wills are beginning to express the benevolence of the Divine Will. Thereby we are proving that we are the sons and daughters of a Benevolent Creator.

Despite ages of heredity tendencies toward cruelty and selfishness, the Creator's Will has gradually come into expression through mankind.

From now on we shall take a firm hold upon the Almighty Will, and work consciously from hour to hour to make Goodwill the dominant power in our lives.

We shall help one another accomplish in a life time what it would take groping humanity ages to accomplish.

Noble and benevolent human beings are the first fruits of a long evolution. As mankind has used will destructively, it has suffered. But long experience has developed a capacity to understand the object of our existence, and the Creator's Goodwill is gaining the ascendancy over our destructive desires and impulses.

The Creator's mighty Will is becoming potent in our wills. It will inspire all our activities, and purify all our motives until we reveal the nobility, wisdom and power of godlike human beings.

THE FOURTH PRINCIPLE

HUMANITY IS THE CENTER THROUGH WHICH THE DIVINE WILL EXPRESSES.

We have hidden within us now the wisdom, love and will with which to create perfect personalities, and a harmonious and prosperous social life.

"The Kingdom of Heaven is within." It will come out of the heart of humanity by our united practice of Goodwill.

We have suffered because of the misuse of our creative powers, but from this moment we shall begin to enjoy an immortal happiness that will increase through the ages, as we unfold and express the power of Goodwill which slumbers within our souls.

THE FIFTH PRINCIPLE

WE ARE CO-CREATORS WITH THE ALMIGHTY.

We are creative minds. Our thoughts create good or ill for us. Our feelings produce poisons or tonics in our blood •. Our wills can be used constructively or destructively.

As we think, feel and will together to make goodwill powerful in our lives, we create with the Victorious Immortals, and become the Creator's personified blessings to His children.

We will generate the will, wisdom and love of our Creator, and glorify the world with His Goodwill.

THE SIXTH PRINCIPLE

THE INNER URGE TO BE PERFECT AS OUR CREATOR IS PERFECT SPRINGS FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE CREATOR WITHIN OUR SOULS.

We have generated ill will in the past, and as a consequence we have suffered. Now we are generating goodwill, and regenerating our minds, our bodies, our environments and our destinies.

Through the regenerating force of our living Purpose, we are creating a nobler character, which expresses through a healthier body, a more harmonious environment and a happier destiny.

The merciful Goodwill which we are developing by our meditations, blessings and good deeds every day is forming for us a more godlike character. The Creator's mercy in our souls is transforming our characters. It is molding our minds into a small kingdom of heaven, and we are realizing the divine happiness and healing peace of the Creator's presence in us.

THE SEVENTH PRINCIPLE

WE SHALL BECOME STRONG, VICTORIOUS PERSONALITIES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DYNAMIC PURPOSE.

Our purpose of Goodwill shall prevail because it is the Purpose of the Benevolent Will of the Creator.

We will cultivate our Divine Purpose to organize Goodwill into our lives and into an association of fervent and dynamic souls which shall gain a worldwide influence in this New Age.

Our inspiring Purpose shall transfigure and transform our lives, and make us living demonstrators of the Will of our Creator.

THE EIGHTH PRINCIPLE

THE MIND OF THE CREATOR YIELDS A BOUNTIFUL INCREASE FOR EVERY THOUGHT-SEED SOWN IN ITS SPIRITUAL NATURE.

As we bless, so are we blessed.

As we give, so do we receive.

As we serve, so are we served.

As we bless, we realize a mighty return current of blessings.

As we give to the upbuilding and prospering of its Purpose, we receive of the bounty of our Creator, multiplied many fold.

As we serve with the Angels to help them bless humanity, and reveal the Creator's Will, we are served by the Angels, and saved from years of suffering.

We are energizing our association with all the power of our souls. Thus are we creating a mighty soul-force and feeling a divine purpose growing in us, expanding our souls, healing our bodies, and prospering us in all our ways. We are sowing the Creator's Goodwill and reaping of His gracious Benevolence.

THE NINTH PRINCIPLE

THE INSPIRATION OF THE ALMIGHTY EXPRESSES THROUGH US AS GOODWILL.

Our determination to practice Goodwill, and to increase the Influence of Goodwill through our association, develops our intuition and enables us to see how to accomplish our purpose.

Our purpose becomes a glowing soul-fire of divine energy, intensifying our intelligence and enabling us to overcome every obstacle that stands in our way.

By pouring the love of our souls into a center of Goodwill, we make ourselves magnets for Goodwill. We attract all the blessings and benefits which high heaven can shower upon us, because we are doing what the Creator and His Angels want done.

This is our inspiration. The more intensely we give ourselves to the building of this Divine Purpose, the greater shall be our joy and glory both here and hereafter.

THE TENTH PRINCIPLE

THE BLENDING OF THE INTUITIVE WISDOM OF WOMAN AND THE INITIATIVE WILL OF MAN WILL CREATE THE GREATEST GOOD FOR MANKIND.

Our Purpose to practice Goodwill ennobles us, and will ennoble all human beings as they catch the contagion of Divine Love which is our inspiration.

We are working with the Creator and His Angels to create a wiser, healthier, more peaceful and prosperous humanity. All the intuition of woman and all the initiative of man are needed to accomplish this great end.

Blending together in spirit, we shall give the best we possess, so that all may grow wise and powerful through the reciprocal exchange of our creative talents.

THE ELEVENTH PRINCIPLE

THE POWER OF THE BENEVOLENT WILL OF OUR CREATOR WILL EXPRESS

ON EARTH THROUGH A UNION OF BENEVOLENT MEN AND WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER TO ORGANIZE GOODWILL IN ALL HUMAN AFFAIRS.

It is our Purpose to cooperate in order to create and organize Goodwill and make it sufficiently influential to reform human society.

Two wills are stronger than one. Ten wills united can accomplish what two cannot. Thousands of wills united on earth as the Angels are united in Heaven to do the Will of the Creator, can overcome obstacles, melt down hatred, dissolve selfishness, and accomplish what has not been accomplished in ages past by the passive prayers of millions of souls.

We will cooperate to create Goodwill.

THE TWELFTH PRINCIPLE

THE GREAT WORK FOR HUMAN ACCOMPLISHMENT IS THE REGENERATION OF HUMANITY — THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS.

The ill will among the nations that breeds strife, warfare and poverty can be cured by the cultivation of universal Goodwill.

The healing of the strife, inharmony, pain, disease and disaster in our lives will come by the cultivation of Goodwill.

Goodwill can be most quickly developed by working together to accomplish the Great Work, the Divine Ideal, an association of Goodwill which exists in Heaven, and will exist through our efforts in all parts of the world.

Our purpose is, therefore, to practice Goodwill together. We will devote our lives, our talents, and our means to building an association of Goodwill which shall grow as a seed grows and extend its influence to all the world.

We will work together with the Creator and His Angels to establish His Government of Peace and Goodwill among mankind.

XVIII.

DIVINE SERVICE

How can we withhold ourselves from serving when we see and feel the sufferings of souls in the world about us? How can we, as souls born of the Love of the Creator, be satisfied with the petty purposes of mortals which seldom rise above a search for personal efforts and an increase of money to gratify personal desires?

We are not fulfilling the purpose for which the Ever-Present created us while we live in so narrow a state of mind. The need of our brothers and sisters is the Creator's voice calling us to serve with Him and to grow great in His love.

We are called to create a means of feeding and refreshing souls. Mortals, seeing the physical needs of people, spend their money in creating numberless charitable organizations to provide for these physical needs. But we, seeing a deeper spiritual need, must spend ourselves and our money to provide food for starving souls.

Yes, souls are starving, and their bodies are diseased and dying because they lack the living water and the bread of heaven. Shall we who have discovered the "wellspring from on high" and the bread that makes angels robust and strong withhold these blessings of life and health from starving and sin-sick mortals.

Shall we not create a way to make known to souls the enriching soul-values of what we have found? By giving freely from the richness and abundance of the Creator's presence in our souls, we shall be further enriched and glorified by the love. He gives His children through us.

THE SOUL URGE TOWARD PROGRESSION

Oh, for a change from the monotonous routine of every day living. How shall we escape this death in life, the tedious tendency of our own thinking from day to day? How shall we "escape reality"?

People swarm to the moving pictures, they listen to the radio, and feed their minds of sensational fiction, trying to forget themselves and their humdrum existence.

But we cannot escape ourselves for very long in this world or the next. Even death, upon which many depend for release from their minds, will fail to give us new minds. Our life is in our minds. The world we live in is attracted to us by what is in our minds.

We do not see Reality: we see life as our own thinking colors it. If we are not happy, the cause is in our minds, and neither the Creator, Angels, friends nor lovers can make us happy.

Therefore, our quest for peace and happiness must not be in the direction of the outer world, for we cannot expect to realize what we long for from people or things. Our quest must be toward the source of our being, the Creator, who made us and formed us to experience peace and happiness.

Our search for that change which will satisfy us must be for a new heart, a new mind, a new way of recreation, mental recreation, which will recreate our minds and open the door to the Eternal State of Mind.

How can these parched, arid, dusty lives of ours be refreshed with the living waters of eternal life and joy?

For long, scientists could not understand how it is that even in the longest droughts of tropical lands, when all the green things are burned up and the watercourses are dry and dusty, the ants managed to keep their huge heaps always moist with that wet steamy heat they love. Only lately was it discovered, in one heap carefully investigated, that they had sunk a cunningly constructed shaft no less than sixty-five feet long, down to a perennial spring that no drought ever touches, and that at night the whole busy little population was detailed to hurry down and up again time after time, beating the precious water with which to keep alive their little fields of fungus crops and spread abroad that wetness which they need for health.

These tiny creatures overcome a stupendous limitation to their health and happiness by united activity. Shall we not exercise an equal wisdom? Shall we not unitedly dig down into the interior of human nature and bring forth the living waters of love which will revive and heal us and enable us to bring peace and refreshment to other lives suffering from the drought and devastation?

As we touch the lives of people in all parts of the world, thousands of them, we see how terribly they are suffering because of a lack of the living waters of love. We see

that the torrid heat of selfishness has parched the earth in which they live. All the refreshing green things are burned up, and the watercourses are dry and dusty because there is a spiritual drought in the land.

Because we, like the ants, have devoted all our time and energies to digging down deep into the soul of things, and to bring forth the healing waters of eternal life, our lives are full of joy and enthusiasm. We are refreshed and strengthened in spirit by the waters we bring forth for others.

Humanity has suffered from a spiritual drought for so many ages they do not believe the spring of life is so close that man can enjoy the constant vitalization and refreshment of his soul. They are still slower to see that their lives will be renewed and their souls made secure in Thy eternal life and strength accordingly, as they unite to serve with Thee for the alleviation of all human suffering and the ultimate healing of the nations.

How shall we get them to feel, know and enjoy the mighty Reality of Thy Presence?

How shall we lead them out of their dry and arid lives of materiality into the flowery gardens or fruitful vineyards where the air is balmy with the dews of Thy grace, and the music of fountains and flowing streams is satisfying harmony to their souls?

We will sustain the questioning attitude toward Thy Infinite Intelligence, so that our own capacity to understand may develop. We desire to see more clearly how to **do Thy Will** in helping Thy children into the Way of Progression. In so doing we shall progress ourselves to greater influence and power in Thy service of educating, healing and liberating immortal souls.

CREATIVITY

The hosts of Victorious Immortals are not in the magnetic field of the planet. Neither are they in the mental field of darkness and discord which mortals create. They cannot clothe their minds with the quality of thought and feeling to which mankind is accustomed because they have outgrown all the selfish, material, and earth-binding thoughts and feelings of mortals.

They live in the consciousness of their eternal soul nature which is a more exalted and

vibrant state of mind, a realm finer and more spiritual and interior than the magnetic and mental fields of the world. It is in the midst of that Mind which sustains the world; that Mind which is the Soul of Things. Therefore, their power, wisdom and love will be felt only as we raise our thoughts and feelings above the thoughts and feelings of the mortal plane, and think and feel from our souls as do the Angels of the Creator.

By means of meditations, we are keeping our thoughts and feelings attuned to the Will of the Creator, and to the Purpose of the Angel Hosts. We are giving them our faith and soul-force as a means of reaching out from their interior realm to bless and illuminate souls in the outer states of mind in which we live.

We are becoming their mediators. Pouring the blessings of their power through our blessings, we receive of the renewing richness of their love, and give its healing balm and strength to all souls we desire to assist.

The Angel Hosts have come into the interior heavens of this planet to do a very definite work; namely, to purify all mortals and spirits of the spiritual causes of their diseases and bondage, to liberate all spirits who have deluded themselves into thinking they have been reincarnated, or who are bound for other reasons, to do away with the causes for present and future bondage, and to create a Way of Progression for all souls from earth to the highest heavens without any deceptive cause for deviation from the straight and upward path.

The Rays of Power which the Angel Hosts are shining into souls on earth are giving new life to all organizations of spirits, and arousing them to new activities. Multitudes of people on earth are becoming sensitive to the influence of spirits of both lower and higher spiritual worlds. May we be an influence that will guide them toward the higher planes of inspiration.

Everyone needs to be shown the true and safe way of soul unfoldment. There is no safety in ignorance of spiritual principles. Those who try to shut their minds to spiritual facts will be the first to succumb to the negative and destructive effects of the hordes of psychical influences aroused by the quickening soul power now flooding the world.

Every realm of spirits will exert a greater influence over mortals, and will develop mediums and teachers in order to hold people subject to their sway. Every ancient religious and occult doctrine, good or bad, will be revived and given power by the spirits who believed in it while they lived on earth. Many phenomenal mediums under

the influence of various hierarchies of spirits will proclaim themselves the World Teacher, and for a time they will mislead many seekers after truth.

Those who are sincere, who have a noble purpose, who seek truth with no selfish aim, and desire to build the most godlike purpose for the welfare of all humanity, **these will learn discrimination.**

Seekers after truth are so confused that they write us and ask, "How shall we know what is true and what is false?"

Our answer is to **develop discrimination.**

In these lessons we give our students a positive standard, a rod of measurement, or scales for weighing doctrines. We place before them the revelation of the Purpose of the Angels as it has been revealed to us, and we urge them to exercise and develop their discrimination by testing and comparing it with others, and separating the wheat from the chaff.

It is not our desire to seem critical of efforts of others, but we suffered for years through devotion to misleading forces while seeking the true way, and the letters we receive from students in all parts of the world show they are in like manner suffering from the psychical delusions which have been taught as truth, and which have been imposed upon humanity by earthbound spirits.

Shall we hide the light born of experience and suffering, or shall we show that the Creator wants His children to develop discrimination, and become wise as serpents while they are harmless as doves?

The Creator is purifying and gathering millions of earthbound spirits into His newly formed spiritual realms which are vast schools for the progressive development of immortal souls.

Students seeking the true Way of Progression will develop discrimination by comparing the Ideal we are revealing with the Ideals revealed by other organizations, and then they can choose more wisely which purpose they will serve.

If an organization promises to gratify all your mortal needs **just by faith without works of love and purifying self-sacrifice**, use discrimination.

It is **the love you express, the good you do**, the effort you make, that enables the Creator to manifest through your nature.

XIX.

EXALTATION

In the movement and influence of the planets we see the influence and activity of the Almighty Will, which is the Soul of Things.

That Will moves and inspires us, as it moves and inspires the stars. By knowing its moods and by attuning our minds to them, we move in unity and harmony with the All-Ordering Power.

By reading two or three times a day the following vision of those Immortals who have been resurrected above earthly conditions, we shall exalt our imagination and become attuned to their state of health and peace.

This upliftment of our minds from the hopeless, paralyzing beliefs of materiality will enable us to feel the warmth and power of the Soul-World revitalizing our thoughts and feelings, and resurrecting us from the cold and crystallized state of our mental winter into the joyous, growing activity of an everlasting spiritual springtime.

As we cultivate this mood of Exaltation, we shall realize that its resurrecting life is vitalizing and healing our nature, and restoring us to that harmony with our Creator, which is everlasting peace and perfection.

THE EXALTING TRUTH OF IMMORTALITY

In a series of visions, I beheld in symbols the spiritual conditions of the earth over a period of a hundred years, a period which is not yet complete.

I saw the earth swathed in dark spiritual vapors which arose from the minds of its peoples. Within the vapors were millions of earthbound spirits.

High above the clouds of earth shone a Sphere of Light, a mighty spiritual Sun. Reaching out from this Sun to the cloudy zones enfolding the earth was a Ray of Light which to my vision took on the appearance of a golden stairway, extending from heaven to earth.

Millions of Immortals were ascending and descending this Golden Stairway of Light. From it in all directions extended pathways that led into paradisiacal planes where there were homes and schools and resting places for spirits who had risen above the clouded mentality of the world into the more serene and luminous states of spiritual existence. The further away they were from earth, the more beautiful and luminous were these planes of spiritual existence.

But the Golden Stairway of Light extended no farther down than to the mental clouds that enfolded the earth in spiritual darkness because it could not penetrate these dark spiritual vapors of earth. Millions of the spirits of earth were so absorbed by earthly desires that they did not aspire to rise out of their intellectual darkness. Consequently they did not seek for the Golden Stairway of spiritual progression and freedom from earthly turmoil and distress.

Then I saw a great multitude of beautiful and benevolent Immortals from all the planes of earth's paradise, moving by a mighty inner impulse down the Golden Stairway to bring the light of their heavenly knowledge to earth.

And when they came to the place where the Golden Stairway ended, they went to work with fiery zeal, and by the united power of their soul-light they burned a way through the clouds very close to earth.

Having completed this task millions of spirits came down this Stairway of Light, and in the hand of each one was a little book inscribed with the title, **The Truth of Immortality.**

The Immortals carried these books down to earth, and as far as they could into the dark and miasmatic highways and byways of human thought. Whoever was able to receive a little book began- to glow with a new spiritual life, and to express the happiness of faith and hope revived.

I saw this Light of the Immortal& extending out through the mentality of the western world. Religious leaders denounced the mediums and teachers through whom the Light of Immortality was- given and proclaimed their teachings to be of the devil. The fearless conviction of these teachers weakened the very foundations of the sectarian organizations. Fear inspiring ideas of death began to lose their hold over the minds of mortals.

Multitudes testified that in dreams and visions they saw and heard their friends whom they had mourned as dead. They realized that there was hope and happiness for all beyond the grave. No God of vengeance ruled. Love reigned, and all souls would outgrow their darkesses and sins and become wise and perfect sons and daughters of the Divine Creator.

As I beheld the persistent efforts of the Immortals through many years, it seemed that they would be successful in revealing the Truth of Immortality to all humanity, and would lead all to see the Golden Stairway of Spiritual Progression that they had built from heaven to earth.

But the forces of darkness which had ruled the world so long were not to be overcome so easily • How ignorance takes form in the spiritual world and influences the mind of humanity on earth was then shown to me most vividly.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DARKNESS

In this vision my attention was drawn away from the earth toward the Sun of Splendor, and my soul leaped with joy at the sight I beheld.

Out from the Sun of Splendor came myriads of glorified human spirits, each one also like a sun, and at their head was One whose figure was as a Flame of Fire.

Under the Leadership, of this Resplendent Being, a great army of- bright and beautiful Angels began to march down the Golden Stairway of Light. Not as single individuals, not in groups and companies as from separate realms like the former descent of Immortals, did they come, but in close formation like a well-drilled army in companies and battalions.

From their eyes flamed the fires of a strong and steady Purpose. They personified the dignity and majesty of the Divine Will. Their brows glowed with Divine Thought, and I felt from this great Host of Immortals a Determination to mercifully master and conquer delusion, greed, selfishness, and all the lesser beasts that held the souls of mankind in thrall. The Hosts of Angels represented the Organized Determination to deliver mankind; and of their ability to win the victory there was no doubt in my mind.

It was shown to me that whereas the purpose of the former descent of Immortals had been to prepare the minds of mankind with the revelation of the facts and principles of the spiritual universe, this coming of the Angels was to master all opposing forces, and to organize the principles of Heaven into a permanent foundation for the Creator's Kingdom on earth.

As I watched the oncoming Host of Angels, I was given a vision of their work over a period of several years during which time they accomplished a vast mission within many of the lower spiritual realms close to the planet, and resurrected millions of earthbound spirits into higher states of spiritual life.

I marveled at the wisdom displayed in the methods used by the Angels in mastering the mental forces of darkness and the discordant conditions in which the earth was enfolded. Instead of going down in to the magnetic field close to earth, and clothing themselves with visible forms to be seen by men and spirits, the Angels remained invisible in the exalted state of Love.

Not entering into or clothing their bright spirits with the heavy mental states of mortals, they did not become earthbound, but remained superior to the discordant mentality of the world.

Instead of impressing people on earth with dreams and visions and advice, as the former Immortals had done as a means of turning their attention to spiritual realities, the Angels ignored the mental states entirely and concentrated a mighty Ray of Love upon the inmost soul-nature of humanity. This infusion of vitalizing love quickened their souls and aroused a new feeling for the principles of eternal life and wisdom.

To those souls who labored unselfishly to Do the Will of Love, there came an increasing Light and Power from the Organization of the Angel Hosts.

This Power was in the form of a great Company of Pioneer Angels who proceeded forth from the main body or Organization, and coming close to their coworkers on earth, they enfolded the workers in their glory, and protected them with an adamant wall of pure white Light. But these Angels remained in a more interior spiritual state than the spirits of earth, and hence were invisible to them and protected by the Light from all the dark and discordant states of earth's mentality.

From this union of men and Angels there radiated a mighty influence of love which

penetrated through all minds of the world, weakening the forces of selfishness and ignorance and strengthening the Spirit of Love in the souls of men.

After this unity of Heaven and Humanity had been developed by their ministering together for some time I began again to wonder about the forces of delusion. I saw that these forces had become aware of some subtle opposition which they did not know how to combat. It was an invisible influence, but none the less tangible, and they sensed it permeating the mind of the world, undermining their power, and making them feel weak and futile. Soon, however, those whom the forces of darkness influenced on earth became aware of the teaching which opposed the doctrines of the beast. Through them the dark forces became aware of the centers of opposing Light, and an awful hatred raged within the dark forces. They turned all the flaming force and noxious fumes of the millions of earthbound spirits who composed their minds toward the Places of Radiance.

But the Doers of the Creator's Will on earth continued to pour out their love, amplified by the love of the Angels, to bless and heal humanity. While they were keenly aware of the opposition of the beast, and saw many of their friends fall under its spell and turn away from them, and even work maliciously to disrupt their efforts, nevertheless they tolerated these souls and blessed them so that their malice and vindictiveness were dissolved and did no harm.

Although the forces of darkness fumed and filled the atmosphere with destructive hatred, they could not penetrate the adamant Light which enfolded the Places of Radiance. Nor could their influence penetrate into the more interior and exalted State in which the Angels sustained their organized Power.

As I watched the work of the Angels and the growing influence of their messengers on earth, I saw with gladness that increasing numbers of souls became attuned to the Light and consecrated their lives to the Creator's service. With every new soul a greater spiritual influence was added to the Places of Radiance, and the Organization of Angels gained a greater power over all the mental states and conditions of mankind in the entire world.

As the resurrecting Light of Angelic Love grew stronger and stronger, a mighty miracle appeared. The darkness began to disintegrate. I saw the Light Ray of Angelic Power strike the form of darkness, and millions of spirits rose from it. More and more the Angels released the souls bound by the awful psychology of darkness and delusion,

and drew them into the freedom of the higher states of spiritual life. So, I saw the darkness gradually disintegrate under the penetrating power of the Light of Heaven, until even the memory of its ancient doctrine and power faded from the minds of men.

THE WAY OF PROGRESSION

The Way of Progression was revealed first to a few who were willing to devote their lives to fulfilling the spiritual conditions which would permit the Angels to come close to their souls and to bless and protect them.

Now this Way is established and is open to you and to all who will cooperate in building the foundation through which the Angel Hosts can operate.

Through these consecrated souls and others united with them, will the Host of Angels extend their wisdom and power to mortals everywhere, in the degree that they devote their lives to carrying out the Purpose of the Creator.

Angels will enfold us in their Love, and work with us while we are doing the Creator's will. We shall be lifted above all earthly and spiritual limitations, and live and work with them in their mighty Organization in Heaven.

The End

