

SPIRIT CONTROL

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When a person recognizes the staggering facts we are teaching, and when the Power of the Spirit of God is made known in the life, there almost invariably comes a very intense desire to allow the Power of the Spirit of God to take complete control of the life. This is true "Spirit control". There are those who would have us believe that they can contact the "spirits" of the departed dead, but such good people know nothing of the nature of either God or life. If they did, they would know full well that there can be no such thing as communicating with the spirits of the departed dead, nor can there be such a thing as "spirit control" in the manner in which they prescribe it.

Now the life which finds the presence and the Power of the Spirit of God in it, becomes at once a controlled life. It is under the absolute and complete domination of the indwelling Spirit of God---that is, of course, if the natural desire to be controlled by the Spirit of God is followed to its logical conclusion. And very few there are who attempt to hinder the Spirit of God from taking full control. For there is nothing to be gained by so doing. There is everything to be gained however, by allowing the Power of the indwelling Spirit of God to have complete charge of all our activities through this life.

When this is an accomplished fact, only one thing separates us from knowing the complete and everlasting happiness and life which is the aim and the goal of all of us. We have in us, the Spirit of Eternal Life---that is---the Spirit of the Living God. Therefore, that part of us never dies. I shall leave the discussion of death to some other time, for in this article I want to write about being under the complete control of the Spirit of God. I don't believe anyone can ever come to know and understand the simple though dynamic fact of the existence of the Spirit of God in the life, and stand still. In the first place, the desire to stand still would not be there. In the second place, you could not stand still if you wanted to. For, as I have oft repeated, to know once the fact that the Spirit of God dwells in you as your very life, is to have that consciousness as long as you live. Nothing can take it away from you.

And to have the consciousness of the presence of God in your life, is to have also the Power of God in your life, which Power manifests because of the consciousness you have of the Spirit of God. To know that you have \$1000 in your pocket, is to give you the means to buy what you want. And to know the consciousness of the Spirit of God in your earthly life, is to put into your hands enough Power to bring to you everything you can possibly need through this life and through whatever other life there may be. But I am only interested in this life. There is no other life. The LIFE which is in you, being part of the Spirit of the Eternal Life, never can die. The body will die, but what does that amount to? There will come a time when even that won't die. But even if it does, what difference does that make? The life, which is the consciousness, is God, and that never dies. So what do you care whether you manifest as a human being in the flesh or as an everlasting Spirit? If anything, the Spiritual existence without the body is more preferable.

Now then---we find ourselves cognizant of the amazing fact that in our physical body lives the everlasting Power of the ever-Living Spirit of God. And, as the days and weeks go by, we begin to faintly understand what that means. For it means far more than most of us recognize. For instance, if the Spirit of the Eternal God absolutely lives in us and gives us our life, then do you not see that all the Powers of the Realm of God are available to us all, here and now? Of course you see it. If one lacks anything at all, the Power of the Spirit of God lives in the life, and is instantly available for the supplying of that lack. And please do not attempt to tell me that there are limitations to the Power of the Spirit of God. That's nonsense. No matter what the lack may be, if you continue to "lack" anything, especially with the Spirit of God in you, then the lack is your own fault and the chances are that you will continue to "lack" until the day comes in which you use your God-given reason and recognize in you, the Power of the Life-Spirit, which Power, as you will agree, is abundantly able to supply that lack, whatever it may be.

The smart person will desire more knowledge of the operations of the Spirit of God before he or she desires anything else. Of course, if there is distressing need which must be taken care of at once, the Spirit of God will instantly do that. It will give to you the ability to do that for yourself. It will make the way very plain and clear by which this pressing lack shall be attended to. But after that, more knowledge of God is the one great desire which will undoubtedly manifest in your life. For you are smart enough to know that there are no limits to what the Spirit of God can do for you, and, knowing this fact, you will, by the very nature of you, try very hard to dig down deep into the things of the Spirit of God. This is not as hard as one might think. Indeed, it is quite simple and quite natural.

The formula is easy. The task is delightful. The results are blessed. My formula for going deep into the Realm of the Spirit of God is---"SPIRIT CONTROL". Be absolutely controlled by the Spirit of God. This is simple. It is so simple that very many, in their search for the treasures of God have missed the road completely. This is not their fault. For present day theology has made of God a mystery. It has taught us that all knowledge of God is reserved for the future. It has told us that we must believe "this" or "that" in order to know anything at all about God, and it has made the blasphemous statement that none can come to know God without believing in one or other of the score of "crucified gods" which have in past ages flashed across the religious horizon. That, I am sure, is the main reason for the fact that this world in its completeness does not know God.

The world has found it hard to believe the things asked of it. And as these things did not appeal to its reason, the world passed the stories up completely. We find then, as a result of these false teachings of God, what may be rightly called an unbelieving God-less world. So I do not blame anyone for having the plain simple formula for finding and using the Power of the Spirit of God and the complete mastery over material and physical conditions, which this Power brings. But now that the actual and factual truths of God are being brought to the world through this Movement, there is no excuse for anyone not knowing the fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God. There is no excuse now for any lack in any human life. There is no excuse for war, there is no excuse for sickness, there is no excuse for poverty---in fact there can be no excuse for anything that mars the beautiful human picture, now that these staggering though simple truths are so readily obtainable.

For it is a fact that simplicity itself is the key to the Realm of the Spirit of God. In a full-page article on the "Psychiana" Movement in the magazine section of the Portland Oregonian recently, the writer of the article made this statement---"the keynote of the "Psychiana" philosophy is simplicity itself---just as simple as the hump in a hair-pin". That is true. It is even more simple than that beloved. For all it takes to know the complete fullness of the Power of the Spirit of God is the desire to know it. That's all. There is nothing you can do to "force" the issue. There is nothing you can do to make the consciousness of God more clear to you by any short cut, or by any practices you may indulge in. For the Spirit of God is under the control of God, and while you may manifest Its full Power in you, you will have to do it by the simple plan of desire. If the desire is there, the fullness of that desire will be an accomplished fact.

I went to hear a Swami not long ago. I had a few hours at my disposal and I saw the ad of this chap in the paper. So I went up to see what I could see. He had his "class" sitting ##### erect in their chairs, their eyes closed, hands on their knees and feet spread apart, while they "concentrated" on God. It was a form of Yoga philosophy he was trying to teach, but it must be without success. Yoga philosophies may be all right, but they are not all right for the western civilization which cannot follow out the principles of Yoga in any of its forms. If they try too hard they are apt to go off balance. But I was sorry for those poor folks who, in their desire to know God, had paid this Swami \$30.00 each.

Such things as this are not necessary to know the Spirit of God. The desire is the main thing. Let us see if we can't pin this "contact" down, and show you once and for all just how simple it is to come into a complete fullness of the God-Life and all that brings with it. First, you have already recognized the fact that the invisible Spirit of God lives in you as your very life. You know that it is the motivating Power in your physical body. You also know that, this being a fact, all the Power of the Realm of the invisible God is at your disposal here and now. All right---you know this---you can never forget this---and you will know it as long as you live. Now---couple up with these known facts, the desire to know the fullness of the Spirit of God, and what happens? That desire is at once known to the Spirit of God in you, and immediately, yes immediately, the Spirit of God begins to bring to you an increased consciousness of Its beautiful fullness and Power. Could anything be simpler than that? Is there anything you can do to help God manifest in you? I think not.

The desire to know God is at once made known to the God in you, and, God being more willing to reveal Himself to you than you can ever be to receive that knowledge, it naturally follows then that your desire at once thrown into operation the forces of the Spirit of God, and your desires being at once to be satisfied. You see how simple that is? Well then, as the Power of the Spirit of God reveals itself to you in ever-increasing quantity (to use a word you will understand) all you have to do is to keep the desire alive. For the revelation of God to you is something God only can bring. When the desire for knowledge of God exists, the Spirit of God IN YOU at once starts to open up your eyes and your mind to some of the beauties of the Realm of the Spirit of God. And as long as you still desire to know those beauties, the Spirit of God will continue to bring and disclose them to you.

Now to be under the control of the Spirit of God---what does that mean? Well it just simply means that no other desires whatsoever shall be allowed to replace the desire for more knowledge of the presence and Power of the Spirit of God. And if no other desires enter, then the desire you have set up will follow itself out to its natural conclusion, and the Spirit of God will continue to manifest Himself to you in ever-increasing Power. When you are under the complete domination of the Spirit of God, as all "Psychiana" students endeavor to keep, where you go from that place on is up to you. The Spirit of God will put you where you can be of the most use in Its plan of bringing to the world these Great Truths which are being revealed to the world through the Spirit of God, which Spirit has seen fit to bring them to the Founder of "Psychiana" for release to the whole world.

I do not know where God will put you. But you will know very speedily if the desire for more knowledge of God is kept alive and brightly burning in your life. DONT TRY TO FORCE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD. All you must do is to keep the DESIRE brightly burning. There will come a day before long when God will know that you really mean business, and in that day you will put aside all other desires, and your life from that day on will be lived in complete harmony with the Spirit of God in whatever fullness you can receive. So keep up the desire, and leave the fulfillment of that desire to God. Use the Power of the Spirit of God to the very full, desire more, and God will do the rest. Dont forget that it is your duty to make it as easy for your Founder as possible. If you can make us a substantial financial donation for this work, it is your duty to do this. And if you do not follow out the duty you have been given to do, you must not look for more revelations from God until you do.

It may not be financially at all. God may want to use you in some altogether different phase of the work. That, I dont know. I do know that if you FOLLOW THE GREAT LIGHT AS THAT LIGHT REVEALS ITSELF TO YOU, YOU WILL BE LED INTO THE SAME EXPERIENCE OF GOD YOUR LEADER HAS, AND WHEN THAT DAY COMES, THIS WILL BE A VERY BLESSED WORLD. So keep under the control of the Spirit of God. Obey whenever your duty is plain. And the world will be better for having known your little life. After a while, the Spirit of God, through us, will have made its presence known to enough people that this entire continent will run

to receive these gracious Spiritual gifts, and war, and want, and injustice and all the rest of the allied things which are not of God will be banished. For this is a glorious work I assure you. This is the greatest Spiritual Upheaval this world has ever known. It is ALIVE. It is potent. It is filled with the Power of the Spirit of God. This Movement is the only Movement this world has ever known which is bringing to the world the plain simple though dynamic truths of God in such a simple manner that all men may freely come and take them. Soon, there so-called religious philosophies which have erected barriers between God and man, will see the error of their ways, and will vanish from the earthly picture. For no false religious philosophy can stand against the truths of the Spirit of God, as these TRUTHS are being revealed to the world through this Movement.

So take life seriously. Keep the God-desire burning brightly. Do your duty to this Movement as that duty is revealed to you. That is all I ask. The main directing of this Movement of the Spirit of God has been given into my hands. I am asking every one of you to be firm. Stand still. Be filled with the Spirit of God, and then let God direct you. That's all.