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Students' Monthly Lesson

on → **IF YE HAD FAITH**

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"Ask not of the helpless gods with prayer or hymn,
Nor bribe with blood, nor feed with fruit or cake.

Within yourself deliverance must be sought.

Each man his prison makes.

Each has such powers as the loftiest ones.

Nay for with gods around, above, below,

And with all things and whatsoever breathes,

Act maketh joy or woe."

The central sun is the great feeding power of the universe. All the force of this universe is directed outwards from this source, it gives a positive feeding force which flows through every living

thing, it is the direct force of God. This same inner and subtle power is also sleeping within man and will be available and used by the coming sixth race man; humanity of today is already beginning to sense this awakening condition, this development, which is to come to him as soon as he has evolved the power of discrimination and when he has developed the soul qualities which will guide him in the right use of it. When he has become unselfish enough, charitable enough, and loving enough, so that he will not be tempted to use this power to hurt, then will he be guided and helped by the great invisible beings to express this latent power which he has within, but he must first be tried and tested as to the purpose of his desirability of this development. The nearer he comes to the acquiring of this greater spiritual strength the more severe will his trials become for he must develop his moral and spiritual nature and only by the severest testing can he become trustworthy.

If these forces which are hidden within the human soul were placed fully at the disposal of the man of today, if he possessed the strength of will and the understanding of an adept and had the

knowledge of its use in the same proportion as the Elder Brothers of humanity now have, and if he could call this power into play, he could remove mountains, destroy cities—nothing would be beyond his power.

Christ in a discourse with His disciples made the following statement which gives us the proof of the power of the human spirit as it expresses through its sheath which we recognize as the soul.

"If he had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree: Be thou plucked up by the root and be thou planted in the sea—and it should obey you." Luke 17, 6.

Faith is the directing power of the human soul and man has by the misdirecting and the waste of his energies lost the secret of the control of these powers and he is today, because of his interest in material things, much like the cocoon which has imprisoned itself in a house of its own weaving. Nevertheless, within this very shell there will some time develop the most beautiful creature with wings which will lift it high into the heavens, and the spirit of man may be compared to the butterfly which lays its egg under the leaf which later becomes the food of the

hideous worm which will emerge from the egg to feed upon this green leaf, but within this homely and despised worm there are the ideals of the coming beautiful butterfly. And so is the spirit of man. It, too, has the principles of perfection within it, the seeds of the divine, with all the possibilities of becoming as great as its divine Father. But it, too, like the butterfly, must emerge from that divine ideal and put on a covering of the material man, must become a worm of the dust and must work its way upwards, gaining more beauty, more love, and greater strength, growing in soul quality each time it dips into matter to build for itself a new body; thus the human spirit, like the Nautilus, is ever building better and more perfect vehicles through which it gains in soul quality.

Man is today using only a tiny portion of his soul power, the larger part is lying dormant. If he had access or could draw upon this latent power to its full strength he would be in the position of a child playing with a stick of dynamite. He might become a danger to himself as well as to others, for he would not be wise enough to understand the use of this power to its fullest extent, the animal nature being yet too strong in him. He

would be prone to use this power to hurt as well as to heal. He would be very apt to use it as the ancient priests did during the middle third of the Atlantean epoch when man was still in possession of these spiritual powers and still in conscious touch with the divine leaders, but at that time the ego was yet very weak and the mind just beginning to function, he was ruled almost entirely by the desire body. This tiny thinking vehicle which we now call the mind caused this infant man to misuse his spiritual powers and thereby he brought upon himself and others untold suffering, also causing the continent upon which he lived to sink. The humanity of today, however, has acquired much greater power to think and to reason than had the early Atlantean and he is again standing at the door demanding that which he had lost, which he had sacrificed as a result of his past selfish living. He is again demanding to be admitted to the spiritual realms. Should he be entrusted with this? What will this man do with his added power of the mind? Should he succeed in forcing his way into these higher worlds, would he not be tempted to use them to crush his enemy? How many of our truth seekers of today are unselfish and loving enough to resist

this temptation? How are they meeting their tests during these trying and changing times? Are not many of them responding to hatred and self-seeking? Have they become tolerant, forgiving, patient and helpful? These little trying tests which come up between personalities are the most subtle and dangerous. If man fails in these how will he stand up against greater lessons? If he uses the spiritual knowledge he has thus far gained to hurt others at this stage of his development, how will he conduct himself when he has received more? How strong will his will power be to help him to make the right use of greater soul power? He is very near to that portal. The veil is becoming very thin and man is beginning to sense his nearness. Many are striving hard and earnestly to become worthy and may God strengthen and help all to become unselfish, helpful and self-sacrificing channels so that the Elder Brothers may see fit to take them into higher spiritual realms.

To realize what this tremendous soul power is we need only read of the trial of the Apostles and of the early Christian saints who were forced to endure every conceivable torture and they lived through these cruelties which were per-

petrated by the ancient Romans in the name of religion without feeling them bodily, these early Christians stood the tests of the most brutal treatments. Christ attributes the greatest power to man's faith and truly the faith of these martyrs was sublime. Was it not by the power of the soul that Daniel was protected when he was thrust into the lion's den? Christ performed many miracles through this soul power; through it He stilled the storm, walked on the waters, healed the sick and raised the dead, and all who came within His aura felt this great power of God flowing from Him. Joan of Arc, when tied to the stake and the cruel flames were burning into her delicate flesh was able through this power to protect herself and to bear the pain. When in the greatest trials and suffering man is usually able to call upon this great power from within and is able to surmount the physical, so that the true soul shines out from within. Richard Wagner has woven into the story of Parsifal this great soul power of which we write. The story of Sir Launfal tells of the knight who leaves his castle seeking for the Holy Grail. Parsifal also seeks for the Holy Spear. Both represent man being sent forth from the Garden of Eden into the

wilderness of the world to seek for that greater perfection which will then give him the power to heal the leper and to heal the wound of Amphortas.

It was this power of God which rested upon Saul, the cruel Jew who thought he was justified in persecuting the Christians but when on his way to Damascus he sensed the holy spirit, a miracle was performed and Saul was turned into the greatest lover of humanity, the Paul who has given us such a beautiful philosophy of right living.

"Natural man has no wisdom, but the wisdom of God may act through him as an instrument. God is greater than nature, for nature is His product, and the beginning of WISDOM in man is therefore the beginning of his SUPERNATURAL POWER."—Paracelsus.

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