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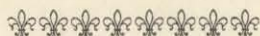
(THE TEACHING WHICH IS BRINGING NEW LIFE TO A SPIRITUALLY DEAD WORLD)

LESSON NO. 6

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JESUS--WHO HE WAS AND WHAT HE CAME TO DO

In this lesson we are to deal with the very sweetest character that ever graced history's pages. None ever lived on this earth or on any other earth who could even approach this man we are here to discuss, from the standpoint of sweetness of character, or from any other standpoint. I am talking about Jesus--the Carpenter of Galilee. And oh, how the human heart of me thrills at the prospect of writing three whole lessons about my best pal. For we have been pals for a long time now--and we shall be pals as long as this world lasts. And then on the "other side" also, we shall still be pals. 'Twill be a different sort of friendship when the last enemy of man is destroyed--and when there is no more death. THAT friendship will continue throughout the myriads of ages when there shall be no more time, and when you and I are again restored to that same spiritual existence that our forefathers had in the garden, before they chose to "doubt" the word of the Living God.

You and I, and many millions more, have discovered to our sorrow that it did not pay to doubt the spoken word of that mighty Life Spirit or God, and had those two back yonder known what the awful consequences would have been, as you and I know what they are, they would have thought a second time before believing any outside "suggester," as they did. It is just as disastrous to doubt that same Life Spirit now as it was then, and I trust that before this course is finished, my students will have learned the utter foolishness of ever again doubting this great Presence, whose power is so unmistakable, right here and now. But the lesson had to be learned, and so it is that you and I were plunged, through the act of another, into a world as different as night from day, from the first

creation of it.

However, in passing, may I say to my students that they may depend upon it that at the right time, and in the right manner, that state of existence will be restored once more. And it may be a far more radiant state of existence than that was will be manifested. "Eye hath not seen, ear hath nor heard, neither HATH IT ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS THAT THIS MIGHTY LIFE SPIRIT HATH PREPARED FOR THOSE THAT LOVE--OR KNOW HIM--FOR TO KNOW HIM IS TO LOVE HIM." People sometimes ask me if I believe that we shall know each other in "heaven." You will never be in "heaven" as it is generally understood today, my friend. The heaven that God created is the entire space outside of this earth. The stars are in heaven, the planets are in heaven, and in the sense that God is everywhere, then He is in heaven--but in no other sense. Neither is He preparing a place for us if, by that, we mean any residence for us as we are manifestly here--in the flesh.

This physical part of us MUST die, and is it a good thing that it must. God help the human race if they ever were to find eternal life as purely fleshly beings. I, for one, would not want to be alive on the earth if that state of affairs ever happened. But it won't. The mighty wisdom of the mighty Life Spirit prohibited that. Moses' language was that man was "driven out of the garden, and flaming swords of fire placed there to prevent his return into it." If he were telling the story today, he would say that God made an immutable law that man must die in order to get rid of his body of flesh, in order that he might once more be in a condition and a position to re-enter the spiritual state of existence." The Bible tells us that flesh and blood cannot enter into the kingdom of heaven. For sure they can't. That which is FLESH IS flesh, and that which is SPIRIT IS spirit, AND THEY NEVER CAN MIX. That is what is meant when we are told that this body is sown a corruptible body and raised a spiritual body. It's all so simple when the revelation of the Living God shines upon it.

We have seen now, that God is SPIRIT, and while a physical manifestation was brought about by the "unbelief" or "doubt" or "sin" of our forefathers in the garden, IT IS NEITHER ESSENTIAL NOR DESIRABLE THAT THIS PHYSICAL EXISTENCE CONTINUE. And it WILL NOT continue, either, after this earth and its inhabitants are once more manifesting on the same plane on which they manifested, prior to the "fall." What a thought. And how different from what we have been taught about this mighty Life Spirit--this mighty God. What a pity it is that the entire human race is so superstitious. You will remember one of the apostles walking along the road away back yonder, and seeing a sign with the wording on it, "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." And he didn't hesitate to tell them about it, either. He said to them he saw that in ALL THINGS they were superstitious--too superstitious in fact. Then he called their attention to the sign, and said to them, "HE WHOM YE IGNORANTLY WORSHIP--THE SAME DECLARE I UNTO YOU."

And the same identical thing exists today. Jesus understood it when He stood on the side of one of the hills He loved so well and, with the tears streaming down His face, said, "Oh, Jerusalem--how oft would I have gathered you, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wing--BUT YE WOULD NOT." And so it is

today. For 2000 years the message, as the Galilean Carpenter came to proclaim it, has fallen upon superstitious ears, made superstitious by their own interpretation of what the Living God should be. Superstition reigned supreme in the hearts of the Christians in the Carpenter's time--and it reigns supreme today in the hearts of the Christians. They must have a God who is "in the sky." They must have a God whose power will be made manifest "in the future." They must have a God whose reward is "in heaven." NO WONDER THE GALILEAN CARPENTER DIED OF A BROKEN HEART. NO WONDER AT ALL.

And I am not ashamed of the fact that as I write this, the eyes are beginning to dim, as into my inmost self steals a feeling of utter peace--a feeling of joy that cannot be explained nor understood--a feeling of power that this world as it is cannot know. And if I may be pardoned for alluding to it in this course of instruction, let me say to you that it is in just such moments as this, when the mighty Life Spirit makes His presence so vividly felt, that He is to me the most precious being in the entire world. It is in just such moments as this that I can command disease and sickness to leave the afflicted bodies, and have it do so. For the "sense" veil seems to be temporarily lifted, and I KNOW--beyond any shadow of a doubt, whereof I am speaking when I say to you that the ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THIS LIVING GOD, RIGHT HERE AND NOW, IN US, ALL ABOUT US, IS THE MOST DYNAMIC POWER IN THE UNIVERSE TODAY--BAR NONE. There is no question about its presence, and EVERY STUDENT OF MINE MAY ACTUALLY CONTACT AND KNOW THIS LIVING POWER, IF HE OR SHE WILL DO AS I TRY TO TELL THEM. Never fear that this mighty dynamic Power cannot be known to you, and never fear that it will "fool" you. Not a sparrow can fall to the ground without this Power--and are ye not of much more value than many sparrows? I think so.

And so it is that the Carpenter and I are Pals, and love each other. And why should I not love him? Was it not He who first preached the message of the ACTUAL LIVING PRESENCE OF THIS MIGHTY GOD POWER? Was it not He who first brought the story to this earth? And was it not that same story, and that story alone, which made it possible for me to know the actual presence, the living, marvelous presence, of this mighty God we are here learning about? None other was qualified to make such a revelation as He was--and had not that revelation been made, I should have never been able to learn the way, and neither would you for that matter--or anyone else. And as I look back this evening over the years, to the time when that boyhood heart of mine was touched by the story of His rejection, I wonder, had I known then the roughness of the trail ahead of me, whether I should have attempted to tread it or not. Had I known the sharp, jagged edges against which I would tear myself--had I known the loneliness of the nights spent in wrestling with God--had I known the almost impenetrable blackness which was to confront me for years--had I known all this--I very much question whether or not I should have gone on, or thrown up the sponge, and denied the very existence of God at all.

You may depend upon one fact, however, and that is this: the man through whom God chooses to make a revelation to this earth, will be a man who is WILLING TO BELIEVE AND TRUST EVEN THOUGH HE GO TO HIS DEATH DOING SO. Through no other

sort of a man CAN any revelation from God ever come. History has proven that, time and time again. And had it not been for that Carpenter Pal of mine--I should never have been able to have come through at all. But He charmed me--He drew me--His story rang true--and it made no difference to me if the whole world doubted Him, I believed both in Him and in the remarkable story He came to tell--and--as is always in the realm of God--THE BELIEF ITSELF WAS THE ANSWER. I wish I could put that more plainly--but I cannot. It is an immutable Law of the Living God Himself, in fact it is God Himself, that, ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU, and, being absolutely, unalterably immutable in essence, THE BELIEVING PRAYER, OR DESIRE (for prayer is only another name for desire) you may believe me when I say to you, that IT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DESIRE OR PRAY FOR ANYTHING WITHOUT RECEIVING IT FROM THE LIVING GOD--IF YOU BELIEVE HIM.

The exercises given to you are to train you to do that very thing. We have been steeped in unbelief and superstition so long that our very nature has become impregnated with it, and in this day and age we cannot mention God without us putting on a long face, or shrinking into the background. God's name ought to be the most talked of thing in the world, but it isn't. The mighty Living Life Spirit ought to be on every tongue--but it isn't. Only on Wednesday night and on Sunday is it proper to talk about Him, and then we let one man do all the talking, and pay him for doing it.

Now mark me well, please--the only way to get that rotten unbelief and superstition out, is to PRACTICE ACTUAL EXERCISES IN FAITH AND BELIEF. For instance, if I can make you believe that your affirmation concerning the power of the Living God is true, then, step by step, can I make you believe in the ACTUAL PRESENCE OF THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF. You may see now why I am so insistent that you constantly repeat the statements and affirmations. If I can make you believe in the "power" of this great living spirit, then I can make you believe IN THE GREAT SPIRIT HIMSELF--don't you see? I am doing in these exercises and in this course of study, by scientific means what the religious leaders of the country have vainly attempted to do by just simply telling you, or asking you, to "believe." That method is wrong. We have had it preached to us so long now, that a great majority of those preaching it do not believe it themselves. Now, if I can, step by step, intelligently show you who and what this wonderful Living God actually is, and if I can, step by step, give you exercises that I myself have actually proven will manifest the actual presence and power of this great Living God in your everyday life--then I have accomplished what the "church" has utterly failed to accomplish. I have brought into being by intelligent interpretation and understanding of facts, as revealed, not only to me but to the entire race, if they chose to believe them, FAITH IN THE LIVING GOD.

And the end more than justifies the means. I have made the statement once to you that blind belief is unscientific, and to ask a man to believe something that his intelligence cannot grasp is to ask that man to do the impossible. I speak now as a Psychologist. The trouble with religion today is, that it has taken the plain, unvarnished facts of God as Jesus spake them and as they exist, and as they have ever existed, and has clothed them in superstition to such an ex-

tent that Christ Himself or God Himself could never recognize them.

I very much question if there are 15 ministers in the entire world who actually believe the truths as Jesus taught them and spake them. By truths I mean the words He said, as He said them, and without any other interpretation on them, other than what He put on them. I doubt very much if there is a single, solitary minister in the entire universe who is willing to take the words of Christ literally--exactly as He spake them--and risk either his neck or his job upon these words. "When the Son of Man cometh--shall He find faith on the earth at all or not?" was asked by one far greater than I am. I leave the answer to you. I have my own private opinion.

And so it is that I have come to love this man of Galilee--far better than I love my life. And the very exercises I am prescribing for you, and asking you to follow, are the self-same exercises that have brought to me what little faith in God I may have. And in the final summing up, had I been able to literally believe the words of this Carpenter friend of mine long ago, I would have done so. In a sort of a mental, hazy way I believed that He was the "son of God," but as far as asking Him for anything, or as far as knowing Him personally, and as far as actually receiving anything from Him goes--well--I just couldn't do it. It wasn't in me. I believed that it WAS possible to rely absolutely on this God, but how to do it I knew not. Little did I suspect that this dynamic power was all around me, a mighty, immutable, unchangeable Law, operating for my benefit, and charged and super-charged with power that could not be contacted by me. I know it now, however--and am passing the knowledge I have obtained on to you.

I shall not hold out to you any false hopes that overnight you will be able to come into a full realization of the actual presence of the Living God, although that is perfectly possible, and, had you the faith necessary, you could do that very thing. But the chances are that you will have to grow slowly--as I did. Have you ever seen a beautiful lily blooming on the hillside? Sure you have. Well, one of the Bible writers called attention to that lily, and asked us to consider how it grew. Shall I tell you how it grows?--Well, it grows by JUST STAYING THERE AND MAKING NO EFFORT--at least, no physical effort to grow--THAT'S ALL. It is quietly absorbing moisture and food from the earth, and, as it absorbs, THE GROWTH TAKES CARE OF ITSELF. IF IT MADE ANY ATTEMPT TO GROW IT WOULD SPOIL ITSELF. So it will be with you. The truth about the Living God will GRADUALLY unfold itself to you, and when once it unfolds, you will never lose it. And remember this--the more anxious you are to know the power of this mighty Life Spirit, the faster will it unfold itself to you. Soon you will come to the place where you will not need me nor anyone else to show you the way. IT WILL UNFOLD ITSELF AUTOMATICALLY FROM THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF. Then it will be when you shall be perfect master over all your material surroundings, and you will know how to supply your every need, and your progress from then on will be in your own hands. All I can do is to show you the way to begin, and to show you how to actually get in touch with this great Living God of ours. How far you go with Him is in your own hands.

I will say this to you here, however, that once you begin to live in the

realization of his actual presence, YOU WILL NEVER WANT TO LEAVE IT. There will be "outside" dissatisfactions and little petty troubles, etc., but always remember that these things come from the PART OF YOU THAT IS IN "CONSCIOUSNESS." THEY NEVER COME FROM THE LIVING GOD. From HIM can only come those things which are for your eternal benefit. And all that is necessary when trouble seems to rear its head around you, is to keep perfectly still, smile, and talk to the actual presence of the Living God about it. And then WATCH IT INSTANTLY VANISH. Under no circumstances can any adverse thing or feeling ever come from the Living God--NEVER FORGET THAT--It will help you.

I have spent so much time on this subject that I deem it unwise to go any farther here. So I have divided the talk about the Carpenter of Galilee into three parts. I suggest that you read and re-read this lesson. This written word in itself has no power--it is the truth that the written words convey. So take these great truths as revealed in this lesson, and think upon them. You will realize that throughout this entire course of instruction I can only just touch the outstanding facts. A book could be written on any of these lessons, but what I want to do is not to confuse you, but just to show you the facts of the actual presence of the Living God, all about you, and in you, and leave the arguing and theosophizing to those who love to do it. Personally, I am too interested in this actual living presence to argue about it. I KNOW IT IS THERE.

If you are obeying my instructions, you are now telling this mighty Life Spirit what it is you need most in your own life. Until you receive the next lesson, I want you, in your quiet hour not to talk to this Living Presence any more --for one week. I want you to keep very still--eyes closed, and LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY TO YOU. He doesn't really need you to tell Him what you need, but YOU NEED THE EXERCISE TO TRAIN YOU IN THE ACTUAL ACCEPTANCE FROM HIM OF THE THINGS YOU NEED. Remember here, that for thousands of years the human race has been filled with one idea, and that idea is, in effect, that man is a "guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner" instead of God's very highest creation. That idea has so ingrained itself into the entire race that it cannot be thrown overboard overnight. It will take time. So try and be reasonable and do as I ask you to, and I will lead you into a blessed life experience.

As we progress I will show you how to take these very things that you NEED from this mighty Life Spirit--but for the present, just simply obey me--I know the way, and will lead you aright. As you listen to what this great presence has to say to you "in the stillness," you will find your thoughts, being definitely guided along some one line. Do not try to force these thoughts, but just keep quiet--as still as a mouse, so to speak. For instance, if it is a change in business conditions that you need, you will find some one line of thought manifesting itself in connection with that change. No one will know what it is but you, but YOU WILL KNOW THAT THIS STILL, SMALL VOICE IS THE VOICE OF THE LIVING GOD TALKING DIRECT TO YOU. And no matter what that thought may be, when it is clear to you beyond any possibility of doubt--YOU OBEY IT. NEVER, under any circumstances DISOBEY A "LEAD" COMING TO YOU FROM THE "QUIETNESS"--FOR THAT LEAD IS COMING FROM THE LIVING GOD.

However, as you progress you will learn the wisdom of automatically obeying any and all such "leads," and will be only too glad to obey them. And so I leave you here until next week when we shall go into the actual life of this Galilean Carpenter, and learn some mighty important and fascinating facts about him.

KEEP PERFECTLY STILL IN THE "QUIETNESS" AND LISTEN FOR THE VOICE OF THE LIVING GOD--HE WILL TALK TO YOU.

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Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Enclosed is final payment on your course, with MANY THANKS FOR PUTTING SUCH GREAT TRUTHS INTO MY HANDS. I JUST FEEL AS THOUGH I HAD OPENED THE DOOR ON A NEW WORLD AND EVERY LESSON OPENS IT WIDER.

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P.S. When a student begins to find the mighty working power that is ever ready to do for us the things we cannot do for ourselves--a new world certainly opens up. Not a world of want, but a world of PLENTY.