

# "PSYCHIANA"

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

## LESSON NO. 10

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### HOW TO TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

This is the last lesson you will receive from me. It finishes the course. One could write several lessons on each of the ten lessons sent you, and then not begin to fathom the depths that are hidden beneath every one of these wonderful lessons. You will understand that in a work of this kind, it is advisable to endeavor to deal only with the great outstanding fundamentals. Had I given you a course of instruction, say, ten times the length of this one, the chances are that you would have floundered around in it, and would have grasped the mighty truths herein contained only with the greatest difficulty. I have endeavored to shun that, and have spoken to you in very simple and plain language. Not much attention has been paid to grammar, and less to any literary style of any kind. The work has not been submitted to anyone for revision or correction, but comes straight from the heart of me into the heart of you. No one knows the weaknesses of this work more than I do. And no one knows the mighty power of the truths taught any better than I know them. The Living God, however, sometimes takes the weak things to confound the mighty, and the things that are not, to bring to naught the things that are.

As this course closes, you must realize that you have had the very best I have. You must pay no attention to the phraseology--forget that. Just live in the knowledge of the Living God, as this course of instruction has revealed Him to you. If you will do that, you can safely leave the rest to this great Life Spirit Himself. This is the lesson in which you are to learn how to take from the great God the things that you need in this life. And again, the method, so long clothed in mystery and superstition, is easy. It is the method given by Jesus 2000 years ago. And so I pass it along to you. I dare not put my own interpretation on a matter



as fundamental as this one is, neither do I dare change this formula one jot or tittle.

The method as given by Jesus actually works and actually brings into manifestation the things desired. And this being the case, I should be very foolish to intrude any ideas of my own, when such a Master of Spiritual things as He was spake the simple, plain, untarnished manner in which they might be obtained. But the formula, as given by Jesus, as has nearly every other vital truth He spake, has been shrouded in mystery and superstition until it is a stumbling block. Human interpretation after human interpretation has been put upon it, until today the very simplicity of the truth has been utterly missed because it is written so plainly. Those who would interpret these words of Jesus to the multitudes are saying, in effect: "Of course, this is not to be taken LITERALLY, you know--that couldn't be." Well, in the name of God I ask them, why should not the statements of this great Christ be taken literally? They were written literally, were they not? He said nothing about their not being taken literally, did He? On the other hand, time and time again, He witheringly denounced the church members of that day for NOT believing Him. And the only way you can ever believe on Jesus is to do exactly what He says, exactly as He said it. The very moment you begin to interpolate another meaning to the words of the Master, just that moment do you make them of no effect.

What is it that was said so many years ago: making the word of God of no effect THROUGH YOUR TRADITIONS? Books have been written by the score on this remarkable statement of Jesus. Thousands of sermons have been preached upon it. And after 2000 years of considering it, writing about it, preaching about it, it is more shrouded in mystery than it ever was. And so it always is when any human interpretation is put upon a spiritual truth. Spiritual truths are SPIRITUALLY discerned--and in no other way. And unless a man is "in tune with the infinite" he has no moral or any other sort of right to interpret any saying of the Master. If he so attempts--his interpretation will be wrong, and he will mislead others--which is a terrible thing to do.

Now, let us look at the statement of the Galilean Carpenter, and see if we cannot find out just exactly how to ask for, and obtain, the very things we need, right here and now. In Mark's gospel, chapter 11 and verse 34, we find the remarkable statement of the Master which has occasioned so much argument and consternation amongst those who profess to be His followers. It reads as follows, and is the answer to your question as to how YOU are going to get the things you need and desire: "THEREFORE--I SAY UNTO YOU--WHATSOEVER THINGS YE DESIRE WHEN YE PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YE RECEIVE THEM AND YE SHALL HAVE THEM."

Could it be put any more simply than that? I do not see how. Of course, as I have before explained to you, the human race has been steeped in superstition regarding the things of the Living God for so long now, that belief of any sort is almost impossible. But you who have been studying these lessons, and doing the exercises prescribed, will not have so much trouble in believing the Living God, for the exercises I gave you, as you will now understand, were for the express purpose of teaching you how to have faith in this Living God. I have already said to you, that belief itself is the answer to prayer, and that prayer is only desire.



Then it must be a fact that the great, big thing to obtain is BELIEF or FAITH. I am staisfied that you, by this time, have had more or less faith in the Living God manifested in your life through the exercises prescribed.

Now--at this point, do not make the mistake of thinking that faith is DEVELOPED IN YOU. Such is an utter impossibility, and is one million miles from the truth. Jesus said that Faith was a GIFT OF GOD. And so it is. You could try to DEVELOP faith from now till the crack of doom, and when it cracked you still would be without faith. Now, how are you to get it? What was it I said to you about the belief, or faith, being its own answer? Listen to me, my friend. By no act of your own could you ever possibly have any faith in the Living God, because, as we have seen, you are alienated from Him by disobedience of your two foreparents. Now, there is only one thing left to do in order to get the faith necessary to remove mountains, as He said, and what is that? Well, you certainly will never get it by thinking about it. BUT YOU WILL GET IT BY CONTINUALLY ASSERTING TO BE AN ACTUAL FACT THE THING THAT YOU MOST DESIRE.

It is a pity that the world is so sunken in gross umbelief that affirmations of faith are necessary at all, in order to bring that faith. In the future, it will not be so as much as it is now, for men and women are believing this Living God more and more every day. BUT--until the day comes when the race as a whole has faith in the Living God--then it will be necessary for you and me to constantly affirm that we believe a certain thing, in order that the actual, real, faith necessary to the actual manifestation of that needed thing may come. And the Living God being IMMUTABLE LAW, THEN IT FOLLOWS AS THE NIGHT THE DAY, THAT WHATSOEVER YOU AFFIRM TO BE A FACT, AND BELIEVE TO BE A FACT, WILL BE A FACT. Belief is the law that is the result in itself. The Living God cannot lie--neither will He "fool" you. So never doubt Him on that score. Any failure to receive the things you need, will not be failure on His part, for Immutable Law has ALREADY DONE ITS PART, AND GIVEN YOU THE VERY THINGS YOU DESIRE.

NOW--THERE REMAINS ONLY ONE THING FOR YOU TO DO, AND THAT IS TO TAKE WHAT THIS MIGHTY, IMMUTABLE, UNCHANGEABLE, LIFE-GIVING, LIVING GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN YOU. And literal belief is the one and only way to do that. Suppose, for instance, that you are suffering from some sort of sickness, or illness (although you should not be, if you have been faithful in your exercises) and you want the Living God to heal you. You, of course, realize now, that AS FAR AS HE IS CONCERNED, YOU ARE ALREADY HEALED. There is not a single solitary thing more that He can do, other than He already had done to HEAL YOU. This is so because His words and He, Himself, are Immutable Law. He has already said: WHATSOEVER THINGS ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. BY NO CHAIN OF CIRCUMSTANCES COULD IT EVER BE POSSIBLE FOR THAT STATEMENT OF THE CARPENTER'S, REGARDING THE LIVING GOD, TO BE FALSE. IT IS IMMUTABLE LAW--and the very heavens would fall out of the sky before that statement could ever fail. So you see, once again, that the Living God has, by the fact that He is the Living God, GIVEN YOU ALREADY THE HEALING THAT YOU SO MUCH DESIRE.

Now, at this point, you can do one of two things. YOU CAN EITHER TAKE IT OR



LEAVE IT. WHETHER YOU ACCEPT IT OR NOT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO, AND DOES NOT AFFECT IN THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE, THE LIVING GOD HIMSELF. I stated to you a little while back, that the man who attempted to thwart this great immutable law would be ruthlessly brushed aside. I said also that the man who would put himself in tune with this great immutable Law, would be able to get from it whatever he needed. And YOU are at the point now where you can do either one. By this time, most of my students will, in all probability, have realized enough faith in this Living God to keep themselves healthy, and to heal whatever diseases or illnesses they may have had. THE ONLY THING NECESSARY TO BE DONE IS TO TAKE FROM THIS LIFE SPIRIT, THE THINGS HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN US. We have seen that belief, or faith, is the weapon which slays doubt, and brings the answer. Now, if it should be that you, at the present time, have not quite enough faith to either heal yourself or others, or to take from the hand of God the things He has already given you, then you must continue your affirmations UNTIL YOU GET THAT FAITH. I promise you that the Living God will never fool you, so keep up the affirmations until the necessary faith comes.

Use the affirmation: I BELIEVE IN THE LIVING GOD, and keep it up until the faith comes. AND THE ANSWER WILL COME, AND THE PRAYER, or "Desire" OF FAITH, WILL BRING YOU WHATEVER IT IS YOU MOST NEED--SOONER OR LATER. Jesus said: "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH, BE IT UNTO YOU." He stated an immutable law when He so spake. Heaven itself cannot change that law. And you would be very foolish not to avail yourself of it. It will take some people longer than others to obtain the faith necessary to "win" the victory. Some will get it in a few weeks. Remember that Jesus did not say that you would pray today and get it tomorrow. That usually works in the case of illness, but even then, sometimes the cure is not so quick.

I have been asked many times how long it was necessary to keep up these affirmations in order to manifest from the Living God the things desired. To that question I invariably make the reply of the Master: "ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT DONE UNTO YOU." So steeped in unbelief and superstition was I when I first began the study of the New Psychology, and so deeply rooted was the inferiority complex, that it took me two years of constant affirmation of the thing I wanted to come, before it actually manifested. And in that two years I repeated this one affirmation OVER TWO MILLION TIMES. Ten hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year for two years, constantly affirming the same thing. I can tell you, I was in deadly earnest. It meant success or failure to me. It almost meant life or death. BUT I WON.

Very few of you will have to affirm this long, but EVEN IF YOU DO HAVE TO--ISN'T IT WORTH IT A THOUSAND TIMES? In case of ill health, you may affirm that "THE LIVING GOD IS MAKING ME WHOLE," and IN THE MOMENT THAT YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE, IN JUST THAT MOMENT WILL IT BE DONE. Remember the raising of the dead man, Lazarus. Remember the method used by Jesus. You are not Jesus. BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO USE THE SAME METHODS HE USED. HE HAD NO MONOPOLY ON THEM. THE SAME IMMUTABLE LAWS THAT HE USED ARE THERE FOR YOUR USE AND MINE. And we have one fact that we can rest upon with absolute assurance, and that is the fact that JESUS SAID THAT THE SAME THINGS THAT HE DID SHOULD YOU AND I DO. And I would rather believe Him than all the preachers in the universe.



When, by the affirmation "I believe in the Living God" you find the faith coming, then change it to the words used by Jesus: "I THANK THEE, FATHER, THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME" and continuing this statement of faith until you gain the overwhelming victory. The business man, if he is quietly communing with the Living God every day, can make the faith statement for business success or whatever it is he desires. The whole immutable power of the Living God STANDS BEHIND HIM. In just the moment he believes the Living God, or his truths as spoken by Jesus, the Galilean Carpenter, IN THAT VERY MOMENT WILL THE RESULT BECOME AN ACTUAL FACT. The material manifestation may take a little while, as God only manifests His power through natural laws--never forget that. For instance, if you desired money, and were to pray or "desire" it, you would not pick up a purse containing money lying alongside of the road, in answer to your prayer--or anything of that order. Remember--you are living in the physical body with the spiritual eye closed. And the spiritual law, which will manifest to you in a perfectly natural manner, cannot be seen by you. BUT IT IS THERE, AND IT MANIFESTS WHETHER YOU SEE IT OR NOT. ALL THAT IS NECESSARY IS TO BELIEVE IT. Make the thing most desired from the Living God the substance of your faith statement, and THANK HIM FOR HAVING HEARD YOU, and, as Mrs. Cady so beautifully puts it, "Sooner will the heavens fall than you be disappointed."

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This brings me to the close. As you progress in your daily companionship with this mighty Living God, you will find Him an unutterably sweet companion. He will speak to you in a language all His own, and only you will hear and understand. The cares and trials of this life will banish themselves when the mighty power of the Living God is used against them. Supposedly insurmountable barriers will become as desert plain. The rough places of life will become smooth, and the worries will not affect you. You will be charmed by the presence of this mighty Life Spirit who is now your guide, and, by constant communion with Him, you will be transformed, and your little stay on this planet will be a mighty happy one. I said a little while back that the 70 or 80 years on this earth is only as the tick of a clock as compared with eterniy. It isn't that long.

So never lose sight of the fact that this mighty Life Spirit with whom you are now traveling, is the same Life Spirit that has made it possible for you to behold the glories of the spiritual realm once more, when you are through with this little existence here. The physical part of it all means nothing. Remember that. What really matters is the countless ages of eternity, which we shall spend with our physical sight closed and with the spiritual sight once more in operation. If we did not die physically, then we could never be raised spiritually and could never live forever in the same spiritual condition in which our two foreparents lived before their "unbelief." So I say, do not pay too much attention to the material things of this life, but rather seek the things of the spiritual life first. Seek to know this mighty Living God. In other words--Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and ALL OTHER THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU--an immutable law of God. As far as I am concerned, beloved, they can carry this physical frame of mine out at anytime now. I would not try to hinder them if I could. For, to me, the dazzling beauty of an un-



ending life spent with this mighty Loving, Living God is such an attraction that I shall be glad to lay down these carnal weapons and to rest safe and secure in the arms of the God I have trusted.

There are many things we do not know here and, indeed, cannot know because we see now, as through a glass, darkly--but then--face to face. And I can think of no more blissful moment than the moment will be in which we awake in the consciousness of oneness with God. There can be no greater joy than this. For to know this Living God is to love Him. And I am not a religious man, either. At least, not in the sense in which the word is used today. You can never find me taking any part in prayer meetings or anything on that order, because I very seldom go into a church. When I want communion with God, I go where I know He is to be found. I get off alone--with nature and nature's God. And I can sit down and look at the tiniest little flower blooming along the wayside, for an hour or more, and I can learn more about God from that flower than I can from the best sermon that was ever preached. There was no doubt or unbelief in the flower kingdom when God ordered the beautiful flowers to grow. They are just as He made them. And when I go out alone with nature, the little birds sing over my head. And the reason they sing so sweetly is because they are just as God made them. There was no unbelief or doubt in the bird kingdom.

But as you grow in "grace" and strength from day to day, my friend, you will learn more of Him and His glory, and although you and I shall, in all probability, never meet face to face, my last word to you is the same word that that grand old man of God, General Booth, left the world when he died. Lying on his deathbed, only a few years ago, the strength from that gaunt old frame fast ebbing away, he beckoned his loved ones to his bedside and, putting his arms around his son's neck, in a faltering, dying voice, he whispered, "THE PROMISES OF GOD--THEY ARE SURE--THEY ARE SURE--IF YOU WILL ONLY BELIEVE." And with these words, coming from the very depth of my own heart--I leave you.