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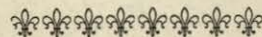
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Dear friend and fellow-student:

In the first Lesson of this present series of Advanced Lessons, you will remember that I asked you to kneel down by your bed every morning and evening and just stay there quietly for a few moments. Let me elaborate a little bit here for I do not want to be misunderstood, and unless I make my meaning a little bit clearer there may be a possibility that some of my students might misunderstand me a little. This attitude of restful and expectant waiting on God is not by any means to be taken to be an attitude of "worship". The great God of this universe---the great Life Spirit is not a God whose favor can be won by "worship" and all worship in that sense of the word is therefore quite useless.

If the great Spirit of God could be cajoled into giving you something that it would otherwise withhold because you didn't ask this great Spirit, then certainly we should not be interested in the slightest degree in such a being as that. But there exists no such a God as that, and I can say to the various churches and their multitude of followers that all efforts spent in earnestly trying to cajole God into granting their petitions are just so many wasted efforts and the time might better be used to better advantage. One can get a lot farther in life by keeping quiet and listening

to what God has to say, than he can by attempting to tell God the things he or she wants.

I recognize to the full the sacredness of the Spirit of God. I recognize its mysticism. I recognize the fact that spiritual truths are spiritually discerned and attempts on our part to put down on paper things pertaining to the spiritual realm are very feeble attempts to say the least. But while there is much of the sacred and much of the mystic and much of the occult perhaps about the Spirit of God, at the same time it is the most natural thing in the world to know and be acquainted with this mighty Spirit. There is a magnetic and intangible "something" which grips the life of everyone knowing the Spirit of God. This Law, for Law it is, magnetises every person coming into contact with it. Yet the Law is strictly impersonal. Yet the Law is strictly spiritual. Yet the Law is strictly mystic, in the sense that it belongs to a realm far above this realm and far different from it.

At the same time, this spiritual and impersonal Law of the Spirit of God invariably responds when it is applied, and it is for this reason that I want my students to keep so quiet for a few moments every morning and every evening. If they quietly kneel, and if they recognize the fact that they are now dealing with the greatest spiritual power in the universe, I think there must come to them a sense of reverence and coupled with that sense of reverence will come a sense of spiritual Power also. Therefore I say, it is far better to keep quiet and listen to what the voice of God has to say than it is to work one's self up into a religious fervor or frenzy as many do, and then, when religious emotion is at its highest, they petition what they think is God to do this or to do that for them.

And invariably their so-called "prayers" remain unanswered. Their petitions never get any higher than the roof of the building in which they are uttered. There was a very remarkable statement made five hundred years before the time of Christ which I want to pass on to you now. Its remarkable because of its truth. And spiritual truth is always remarkable. And by the way, its always the same. It makes no difference who utters it, if it is spiritual truth it is always the same. This statement, made five hundred years before Christ by Lao-Tze is as follows, and may I ask you to spend lots of time on this statement for it is pregnant with spiritual truth. And to those knowing the teachings of "PSYCHIANA" it is also pregnant with power. For it is manifestly impossible for one to even faintly know the Law of the Spirit of God without being a dynamic and powerful personality, although the power of God is not in itself personal. It is a great power-ocean. It exists because it is God. It had no beginning

nor can it even have an end. It is Life. It is Love. It is Peace. It is Power, and to just the extent that you and I only very faintly approach this great God-Realm will it respond AUTOMATICALLY (if I may use that word) to your faintest desire. I think you will see that. No need of priests nor of preachers to guide, for there is no surer guide than the Spirit of the Living God, and happy is that man or that woman who knows that powerful, that mystical, that transcendant power of the Spirit of God.

Those knowing it even very faintly are different creatures. They are among the rest of the world's people, but they are not of them. They come boldly to this great God-Law, and because of their very boldness, their desires are already met. I wonder if you grasped that? Their desires are already met. Why? Because by its very essence the Spirit of God is all supply. All spiritual and material supply, and I am here to say to you this morning that it is utterly impossible for you to even faintly believe in the power of God personally (and you will note that I say personally) without achieving through or by taking from that God-Realm what it has ALREADY PROVIDED for you. A "head-belief" will not do it. A comprehension intellectually of the fact of the existence of the realm of God will not do it.

But ACTUAL CONTACT WITH GOD WILL DO IT. And it is with this in mind that I want my students to ACTUALLY CONTACT GOD EVERY MORNING BEFORE THEY LEAVE THEIR ROOM. So I prescribe this simple little exercise given in the first Lesson of this second Advanced Course. But to get back to the little statement of Lao-Tze--here it is. It will pay you to learn it in detail. Learn every word of it. Digest it. Remember it moment by moment, for a recognition of this fact will carry you over the top always, provided, of course, that you contact this God-Power.

"THERE IS A SOMETHING UNDIFFERENTIATED, YET PERFECT, WHICH EXISTED BEFORE HEAVEN AND EARTH EVER CAME INTO BEING. I KNOW NOT ITS NAME AND IF I MUST DESIGNATE IT I MUST CALL IT TAO.

"THE OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTIC OF THIS TAO IS THAT IT DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT GIVING ANY SIGN OF DOING ANYTHING. IT IS A GREAT INCHOATE, INCORPOREAL, INTANGIBLE "SOMETHING" THAT NEVER EXERTS ITSELF, AND NEVER GETS EXCITED. IT SIMPLY IS."

I think you here will get the connection with the Bible statement that "I AM". And you will perhaps grasp the meaning of another Bible paragraphers statement, "I AM THAT I AM". This statement carries with it very clearly the picture of God as this mighty Spirit actually exists, and as I try so hard to teach him.

Yesterday I was returning home from a trip to many Coast cities, and on my way back I stopped at a little home where I remembered one of my students lived. I had had much correspondence with that lady, and certainly she seemed to be having her share of trouble in life. I had tried hard to show her the Law of the Spirit of God, so, being in her immediate vicinity I had called on her. She came to the door with the second Lesson of my first course in her hand, and was very much surprised at seeing my big car in front of her door. For she lived in a very humble home I assure you. Her husband had deserted her a few weeks previous and the county is now sending her four dollars of groceries every week to keep her and her children alive.

Now it had probably been many weeks since I had heard from that student, and while I never call on students unless sent for, still I felt a something telling me to go out of my way and go to her home. Inquiring at the Post Office I found where she lived, and, as I stated, she came to the door with her "PSYCHIANA" Lesson in her hand.

Raising my cap I said, "Good-morning--do you know who I am?" "Well, it's Dr. Robinson by all that's holy," she replied, "how did you know I had sent for you?" I informed the lady that I certainly didn't know she had sent for me. I had received several wires at the town before this one but none to call and see her. It happened, however, that certainly a crisis existed and she but a short hour before had wired my office imploring help. Before I left, of course, the financial difficulty was straightened out and the lady was once more happy. Now the point I wish to make is this. In the statement of Lao-Tze, you remember he said:- "IT DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT GIVING ANY SIGN IT IS DOING ANYTHING".

In this particular case the Spirit of God was working and was already, and by natural means, bringing to that lady the deliverance from trouble that she needed. She did not know that I was within a thousand miles of that city, and certainly I did not know that she was in distress. BUT WITHIN ONE HOUR OF THE TIME OF HER TELEGRAM I WAS AT HER DOOR. This is NOT coincidence. It is the Spirit of God at work and no mistake. Therefore, I say to you my student that there does exist this great Spirit of the Love of God which is all-encompassing. You don't know how its going

to work in your case. Furthermore, it isn't any of your business. If you are man enough to put the God-Law to work, or rather shall I say to throw yourself into complete harmony with it, then the answer is already on its way to you.

Never forget, though, that throwing one's self into harmony with God means ACTION. This lady ACTED. She walked down to the depot where the Western Union office is located and WIRED ME COLLECT. She did something. I never even saw that wire until I returned home, but the relief came just the same even though the wire was not delivered to me until after the help had come. That's just it. "IT DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT GIVING ANY SIGN THAT IT IS DOING ANYTHING". The great God-Law. So then do you not think you can afford to spend a few moments with God before you begin the day? Do you not think that you can well afford to give a few moments to this great Spirit of Life after the day is over? I think such time will be time well spent and I know that such moments bring with them a peace un-understandable. They bring a power which is indomitable. They bring a subtle intangible and yet very mystical spiritual consciousness without which life is not worth living, but with which everyone may be an overcomer in life.

Jesus recognized if ever man did something of that Power which "DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT GIVING ANY SIGN OF DOING ANYTHING". If that man ever lived, and I think He did, then His whole life and His whole ministry were certainly based upon an unfaltering and unwavering faith in this Power I am here speaking of. It permeated His whole life. It wrote His name on history's scroll in script that never will be erased or obliterated, and it endeared Him to the hearts of millions of people who never saw Him. It left its indelible mark upon the human race. It clothed Him with a spirituality and power that millions are trying to imitate, although they fail because they do not grasp the great source of Power. It gave to this Galilean Carpenter a magnetic attraction and through believing in that man alone, countless thousands have been helped. No one will deny that there is a magnetic attraction even about the name of that Man of Sorrows. I think perhaps, he was a self-imposed martyr, but I do know that he knew something of this great God thought which "DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF DOING ANYTHING". You cannot study the life of that man, be it true or false, without knowing that there was a sense of overwhelming Power in what he believed in. The Presence and the Power of God were meat and drink to that man. The fact that millions have attributed God-ship to this Carpenter has spoiled the picture considerably and has sent thousands on the wrong trail. Just the same, there have been other thousands who have believed in the Spiritual Power this lowly Nazarene taught, and

believing in this Power in a blind way, they have been automatically led into Spiritual Peace and Power because the great God, the one this fisherman believed in, is a Law and it is not possible for a person to believe even faintly in God without the Law being brought into play. I don't care whether they put the Virgin Mary first or whether they put Jesus Christ first, or whether they put Mohammed first, just as long as there is in some manner manifested a slight degree of faith in the existence of the great Spirit of God. How much better is it though, to believe directly in God without the aid of any mediator, but even at that, I suppose that all of these mediators have served their purpose and certainly did if they pointed the way to a greater Power beyond themselves.

The pity is, though, and the great danger is, with most of these Spiritual reformers that they seem to have the happy faculty of centering attention upon themselves to the detriment of the great God of this Universe. In the Christian Science religion, Mrs. Eddy is practically worshipped by her followers, yet Mrs. Eddy was nothing more than a poor weak woman with a vision of God. She got this vision, she wrote it down and she built a monument to the invisible and the healing Power of the God of this Universe. Jesus Christ drew a picture entirely removed from Mrs. Eddy's picture and yet quite similar. He stressed the healing powers of God quite markedly but it seems that his ministry was more in trying to turn people from wrong doing than anything else. He is credited with having made the statement that He personally was sent by God into the world in order that everyone who believed that He was God might never die and might be saved from sin. Now there may be a good deal more of Truth in that than appears on the surface, yet at the same time, this is a perfectly anonymous writing and the author of the statement, if it was ever made, had never been seen or heard from since. The fact remains that this prophet of Bethlehem was obsessed with the idea that He and the Father God were one and the same thing.

I wish it were possible for every one of my students to have the same obsession that he had. The statement that a believer in God and God himself are the same thing is in a measure true and there are thousands of people who believe in their divine union with God today and as my students know, this is a fact. But how grossly wrong it would be for me to attempt to worship you as God or you to attempt to worship me as God. We would miss the connection entirely then. Just as long as the fact of the existence of the Spiritual Realm is known, believed in and contacted, then the Power is there, but in the moment that a mediator of any kind or some foreign object comes between the source of Spiritual Power and the individual, then that source is automatically shut off. I respect many men in

this world, but I would not worship them as God, even though they are unquestionably in tune with the Infinite God.

You cannot follow the life of this Galilean Carpenter without being struck by its amazing demonstration of the existent power of the God He believed in. The old Hebrew "Yah-veh" wasn't the God of the Christ by any means, although He was the God of the Jewish faith. But let us follow this man for a little while and we shall be struck by the amazing philosophy and the amazing power He displayed, simply by knowing the existence of God and I want my students to know the existence of God exactly as he did.

You will remember on one occasion He went into a little city called Nain and he was followed, of course, by multitudes of the people. Here a sorry spectacle met his view in the form of a funeral procession. A widow's only son had died and as he was the sole support of this old lady, naturally she was in great distress. You will remember the story goes that He was standing on the sidewalk, if they had sidewalks in those days, and He asked one of the people standing by what had happened and why all this sorrow. Had He been God, He would have known, but He was not God and He did not know. But what He did know was the Power of God and, by the way, remember this--at no place did Jesus Christ ever say He was God. If he had said it, he would have lied for there is a vast difference in being God and knowing and using the Power of God. Jesus Christ wasn't God nor did he demonstrate as God that day in the little city of Nain, but He raised the dead man to life just the same and did it not through his own power, which he would have been doing had he been God, but through the Power of the Infinite Spirit of Life, whose power he knew.

I am going to make bold enough to state that I think the day is coming and is not very far off in which that work, if it were ever performed by Christ, will be performed again by someone else who certainly will not be Christ. There you have a demonstration of what one man, literally imbued with the Power of God can do. We will follow him a little further and we will run into that parable of the Sower. You all know that parable and certainly it is true today, whether it was true then or not. The people have eyes today with which to see, yet they do not see the simple facts of God as they exist. They have ears to hear with and yet they do not hear. More and more, however, are hearing and out of this world calamity which will inevitably come, there will arise a new conception and a true conception of the Spirit of God. First I am afraid the world must go through chaos and bloodshed and I don't think there is any way we can stop it, but things move fast these days and it may be that in your time and mine, we shall see the much heralded day in which the sword shall be bent

into the pruning hook, etc. That day hasn't come yet, although every one of us who believe in the actual Spirit of God is helping to bring that day close.

Here is a little boat out on the Sea of Galilee and in this boat is this Great Spiritual Prophet with his followers. He asked them to set sail and go over to the other side of the lake, which they did, and being tired, after the boat had set sail, this great Master fell asleep. While he was asleep, a great storm of wind came on the lake, lashing the waves which filled the boat with water and threatened to sink it. At any rate, they thought their lives were in jeopardy without knowing that in their midst was a man with such Spiritual Truth that he could raise dead men, heal lepers or still the tempests at will.

So the doubting disciples went to their Master and awakened him, telling him that everyone was going to be drowned, but of course, they were not. This Master of Truth arose and rebuked the winds and waves and immediately there was a great calm. This is always a fact when anyone speaks through the authority of the Spirit of God. It may be on a lake in a little boat or it may be in the heart of the African desert, but there can be no other result though, when the Power of the Spirit of God is fearlessly thrown against adverse or dangerous conditions, immediately always there comes a great calm.

I can understand very well the attitude of mind of this Great Spiritual leader after having been awakened from sleep to still the tempest when he said, "Where is YOUR faith?" You will notice as you read the story how these followers of His wondered. They couldn't conceive that they could have done the same identical thing he did. They couldn't conceive that they, themselves were presumed to have the same faith their leader had, although they professed this faith so they said to themselves, "What manner of man is this that even the winds and the waves obey him?"

You will notice that these disciples did not say what kind of God is this and you will also notice that there was not the faintest suspicion in their minds that he might have been God for they distinctly said, "WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS?" Had they known that he was the great Creative God of this Universe, they never would have asked that question. Had they known anything at all about the Power that existed now, that existed then, that has always existed for the benefit of the human race, instead of awakening this tired, spent Pioneer from a much needed sleep, they would have rebuked the winds and waves themselves, but they had no faith and I repeat, it is no wonder that he said to them, "Where is YOUR faith?"

A little while after that, the multitudes thronged him. Thousands of them followed him and they followed him without thought of eating. When you come to the place when you are willing to go after Spiritual Power so earnestly that you do not think of eating, you will find Spiritual Power. But here we had this multitude of people who had followed him, not because He was supposed to be God, but because He spoke words they automatically knew were full of the Truth of God, no matter who God might be. They were tired so He gathered them around him and told them to sit down. He took a loaf of bread and a few fishes and fed them all. Is there anything remarkable about that, think you? I do not think so, not in that day and age, nor was there anything remarkable about the many other things attributed to him. He knew Spiritual Law. He knew Spiritual Power. He knew the existence of the great God-Law I am trying to teach now, and in every emergency he did not question it at all, but He threw that Spiritual Power up against the emergency, and as a result, the Law was demonstrated and the answer was sure.

I said this Realm of God was a Realm of mysticism and so it is. If you had asked the great Christ from whence the Power came, he would have immediately replied, as he did, "According to your faith be it done unto you." But had you asked this Galilean Carpenter to explain the method by which the Power of the Spirit of God responds in all these cases, he would have been unable to have answered.

Take the raising of Lazarus, you will remember that he groaned within him when they told him that Lazarus was dead. I think I know why he groaned, not because he missed Lazarus at all, but because of the unbelief of the people. He raised his eyes and offered a prayer. You will notice here that he was very specific about stating that as far as he was concerned, there was no need to offer this prayer whatsoever. He stated very plainly that the only reason he offered it was that those standing by might know that it was the great God of this Universe raising the dead man and not him. I have told you in this Lesson and in the last Lesson that praying is entirely unnecessary. At the raising of Lazarus, the great Christ demonstrated this. He knew that the Power of God is a Spiritual Law. He knew that He had sufficient faith in that Power to throw the Law of the Spirit of God into action even against death and as far as He was concerned, as He said, there was no need of any petitions to God whatsoever.

Those old church members were quite similar to our church members today. They had to have a sign. They had to have some one else to worship outside of God, so they missed the Spiritual import of the raising of Lazarus. I am mentioning all these things because in this second Lesson

you want to grasp, if you possibly can, something of the actual Power to be received by you through what I choose to call WAITING WITH GOD.

If it is a fact that there does exist this mystical Power Realm which is God and if it is a further fact that through this great Realm of God you and I can achieve all the Spiritual wisdom we can ever need, then we cannot give too much time to listening to the still small voice of this great Power Realm. I do not mean for anyone to force themselves into any unnatural situations, but what I do mean is that I want every one of you, morning and evening to keep so quiet that this mystical Power of the Spirit of God will take charge of your lives, leaving you with nothing at all to worry about. Probably things will happen which you did not think would happen, but these things should be of no concern to you for with the leading of the Spirit of God to lead your barque on life's little sea, you will reach port safely because you have a pilot on board who knows the sunken rocks and the reefs and the dangers and the disasters that lie hidden below.

In order to know something of the actual power of the Spirit of God, when this second Lesson reaches you and after you have read it, I want you to sit quietly and close your eyes and say to yourself:

"I KNOW THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD."

Stay quiet for a few moments and there will come to you from the great Realm of God a consciousness of the presence of the Spirit of God which consciousness will make you supremely happy. This will not last permanently it will be a passing breath of God into your life and if at that moment, when you recognize the presence of the Power of God, you will admit your belief in this great Spiritual Realm, the effect of those few moments will live as long as you live.

I am not trying to preach you a sermon in this Lesson, for I am a mighty poor preacher, but what I am trying to do is to show you, as intelligently as I possibly can, that the great Power Realm of the Spirit of God is at your disposal. This flash of the God consciousness you will receive will be but an evidence to you that closer than any one can possibly be, yes, as close as life itself, and waiting for you to use it, is the great triumphant God-Law of this Universe. You can throw this Law against adverse circumstances and you can throw it against disease if the connection between you and the Realm of God is clear. The Realm of God will respond, it being a Realm of Spiritual Law.

Until the next Lesson reaches you, I wonder if you won't just go

through your day's labors, recognizing that the Power of the Spirit of God DOES EVERYTHING WITHOUT GIVING ANY SIGN OF DOING ANYTHING. Try and digest this statement and you will find as you do digest it that there is a complete lack of worry on your part. You will find that problems which seemed insurmountable will not worry you any more. You may not have an answer to them, but you won't be interested in the answer because you will realize the fact that the great Life Spirit is doing everything even though there may be no physical sign that it is doing anything at all.

As I conclude this Lesson to you, I send you thoughts of Power, thoughts of Health, and thoughts of a great inward Peace which will come to you through studying this Lesson. In two weeks I will continue the train of thought and carry you a little bit further into the God-Realm.

Sincerely your friend and teacher,

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