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'Man Can Now Talk With God'

Two important things in your studies are:—"I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD," and, at night, before sleep comes, relax thoroughly, and then the bright area—into that area transmit either the above affirmation or the deepest desire of your heart. The thing that you desire most. For if this thing is right, the Power of the God-Law can, and will bring it to you. You will understand of course that the things you need most will come to you first. You will also understand that these things will come to you quite naturally, and through your applying of the dynamic Power of the God-Law in all your affairs.

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Suppose that financial abundance is the thing most desired by you. Do you think that through some special dispensation of Providence for your special benefit, some evening a gold-mine will drop into your lap? I don't think that you think that. If you do, you are mistaken. There will be no unnatural manifestations of God in your life. There will, however, be many natural manifestations, and a natural manifestation of the power of the Power of God is such a dynamic thing and is so stupendous, that you will never need more than that to bring to you an abundance of everything you can rightfully need.

There is nothing supernatural in the entire universe. All is governed by immutable Law. There are, therefore, no supernatural manifestations of any sort. Please remember this. For while it is possible, and perfectly natural for your entire life to change, and while it WILL change as you know the Power of God, THAT CHANGE WILL BE PER-FECTLY NATURAL IN THE REALM OF GOD WHICH WILL BRING THESE THINGS TO YOU. Suppose today you are poor. Financially destitute. Rent overdue. Poor clothes. Board bill not paid. You owe money to several people. Then, through the Power of the God-Law, all this changes.

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You have money enough to meet every demand. Your rent is paid. You buy good clothes. You pay your debts. You pay your room rent. You have money in the bank. And all this has come to you through the Power of the God-Law. It could not have come from any other source. BUT JUST HOW DID IT COME? HOW CAN IT COME? HOW WILL IT COME? Naturally—certainly it will come naturally. "But, if that is a fact, then why do I not have those needed things now," you may say. Because, until you began to study this Teaching, you had never heard of the God-Law. You had never known the truth of the present existence of the Realm of the Great Spirit—GOD.

But through these simple Studies, and the exercises accompanying them, you throw the Power of the God-Law into operation, and things begin to change. With the change comes prosperity. Yet there will not have happened one single thing which is unnatural. No great ecstacy will probably have come to you. No great Spiritual experience which can

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be called "supernatural." Those things do not happen. What you will have done is to have, consciously or unconsciously, applied the Law of God in your life, and as a result of the application of the Law of God in your life—IT CHANGES. When Andrew Carnegie was a child, he made the prediction that he would be the richest man in the world before he died. He was. Yet he had never heard of the God-Law. It is entirely possible though that he was unconsciously applying that Law. For that is entirely possible.

You see-God is Law. A mighty, immutable Law, which Law never fails. Therefore, being a Law, WHENEVER THE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THAT LAW ARE MET OR COMPLIED WITH-THE LAW CANNOT FAIL TO OPERATE. So then it is entirely possible to be applying the God-Law, and still not know what Power is being used. That "something" is being used, you probably suspect. You may think it is your own determination. You may think it is willpower. But if the invisible Realm responds to your desires, and you are able to secure from somewhere, the things you need, then you may depend upon it, the Law of God is being used whether you recognize it as such or not. This is a wonderful thing to know. You can always know, and rest with absolute certainty on the fact that when the God-Law is used, the results are so sure. Nothing can be surer. God is not some whimsical being, situated in the sky, and subject to the importunings of any member of the human race. God does not withhold from you something you should have, just because you do not ask properly for it. Nor will God ever work a "miracle" in your behalf. If any Law governing the creation of this universe were ever broken, such Law may be broken again, and this leaves the universe hanging on a chance, or on the whim of a God, and not on immutable Law.

A wonderful satisfaction comes to me when I realize the fact that God never changes. I often say— "GOD IS, THEREFORE I AM." For as long as God exists, and as long as you exist on this earth as a physical being, just so long will all the powers of God be at your disposal. And just so long as you are a physical body, those powers can manifest physically to you. And the reason they can, and will manifest physically, is because the invisible Spirit which is God, is the vital, essential part of you. IT IS THE LIFE WITHIN YOU. Do you see that? God gave you life in the first place. God still sustains that life. Therefore—GOD IN YOU—certainly can work through you here and now. As a matter of fact, here and now is THE ONLY PLACE GOD CAN MANI-FEST THROUGH YOU just as long as you are a physical being.

For God to say to you or for God to promise you that great things would be done for you at some future time, wouldn't help very much now-would it? But for you to realize that the very life you live, is an absolute and positive demonstration of the actual life and Power of GOD IN YOU, puts an entirely different face on the matter. It brings within your reach and grasp, ALL THE POWER THERE IS IN THE REALM OF GOD. And what more can you ask than that. Whether or not you use this God-Power, is up to you. As I say, Andrew Carnegie probably used it and did not know that he was using this Supreme Creative Power which is God. You may be doing the same thing. If you surmount every obstacle, you probably are. But there are millions of good honest Americans, who neither know of this God-Power nor are able to use it. I'm speaking particularly to that class now.

If it should be that you have unconsciously used this Power, or are unconsciously using it now, HOW MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE WILL YOU BE WHEN YOU KNOW WHAT THE POWER IS YOU ARE USING, AND WHEN YOU CAN INTELLI-GENTLY DIRECT THAT POWER FOR THE AC-COMPLISHMENT OF THE THINGS YOU NEED HERE IN THIS LIFE. But conscious or unconscious-the Power exists. Did you know that your heart beats as the result of an electrical impulse? Did you know that an "electric spark" emanates from a group of muscles, every time your heart beats? Ask your physician some day about that. This impulse is called "electrical" for want of a better word. No one really knows what the impulse is. All physicians know it exists and causes the heart to beat. So now, you see, we are tying up the physical life of man with an invisible "electrical impulse." But suppose that "impulse" is NOT electrical-then what? Suppose that impulse comes as a direct result of the LIFE OF GOD IN YOU. Then what? There's a big field here and I'll take you into it when you are ready for it.

In the meantime—don't forget—through every waking moment, and in every spare moment quietly, thoroughly, and consistently repeat the affirmation:—"I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD." There will be places in this journey you are taking with me, when I shall be compelled to ask you to trust me implicitly. This is one of those places. I KNOW what I am talking about. Under no circumstances would I ever attempt to "fool" you. But you must remember that I know the way I am teaching you. I am directing this World-Movement, and it is being very successfully directed. So follow me closely. At places, I shall, I repeat, ask you to trust me. I'm asking that both in the affirmations and in the retiring exercises.

Now let's look at this affirmation and see if we can't find out what actually is happening when you do this affirmation. We are pretty thoroughly agreed that God actually lives in every one of us. We are also agreed that God is the motivating Life-Impulse in each one of us. We are also agreed that, speaking physically, and as a body, we amount to about as much as a cake of soap. If God were withdrawn from me as I sit at this typewriter, I should drop to the floor, an inert piece of protoplasm which the undertaker would come to collect. He would bury it, and it wouldn't be long till the worms were feeding on it. You follow me so far, I am sure.

Now in this affirmation, what actually is happening? You, a physical body, animated by the Spirit of God, are doing what? Think a minute. What are you, as a physical body animated by the Spirit of God actually doing when you are making this affirmation? We have seen that it is the invisible Life-Spirit which gives you the power to talk, haven't we? Then, in effect, and using the Life which is God to talk, ARE YOU NOT THROUGH THE LIFE SPIRIT OF GOD, SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO GOD? If it were not for the Power of the Life-Spirit which is God, you couldn't talk at all. Well then, if God lives in you, and if God gives you the power to think and speak, IS IT NOT GOD SPEAKING THROUGH YOU AND TALKING TO GOD? IS IT NOT YOU, WILLINGLY DIRECTING YOUR THOUGHTS AND VOICE INTO THE INVISIBLE **REALM WHICH IS GOD?**

Of course it is. It is nothing else than that. This affirmation has brought the Light which is God to many thousands, I assure you. And the reason it brings the Light is because you cannot make that affirmation, and MEAN IT, without it leading you direct to God. Of course, you understand that the mechanical repetition of the sentence means nothing

at all. You can mechanically repeat it till the crack of doom. And when doom cracks, you still won't have found God. But, you make this affirmation, and BACK IT UP WITH AN EARNEST INTENSE DESIRE, and I'm saying to you that it will bring God to your consciousness faster than anything else I know. For you DO believe in the Power of the Living God. No man in his right mind would deny the existence of a Creative Intellect behind this scheme of things. A flower will demonstrate God. The smile of a child will demonstrate and prove the existence of God. All right then, you do actually believe in the Power of the Living God. THEN TELL GOD SO.

In the quietness of your own life, things of the world outside, in your secret "closet," just tell God that you believe in the Power of God. Mean it—and there's nothing you cannot do through that power.

There's another thing about this affirmation worthy of note. And mark it well please. When you have convinced yourself that you actually do believe in the present existing Power of the Great Spirit—God, what you have done is to PASS CON-TROL INTELLIGENTLY FROM YOUR PHYSI-CAL BODY TO YOUR SPIRITUAL BODY. You believe in the Power of the Living God. Your common sense then, and your natural God-given desires for happiness and spiritual and material abundance, will cause you to live your life under the control of the Spiritual Realm into which you have now passed.

For the recognition of the Realm of God, in you, will automatically change your whole outlook on life. You have probably looked upon yourself as being separated from God, to date. Between you and God there has been a great gulf fixed. At some future time, and in some other life, you may find God. But not here. That's the idea held by millions. Well I shouldn't want to be teaching that philosophy. If I didn't know more about God than that, I would keep quiet until I had learned something about God. Let me drive this home, beloved, to the very depths of your innermost soul. Let me sear it there as with a red-hot iron. Let me burn it into your very veins. Let me beg of you to reason it out for yourself-IF GOD EXISTS AT ALL, YOU CAN FIND AND USE ALL OF THE POWER WHICH IS GOD, HERE AND NOW. And if you can't do that-if no one can do it-it's pretty sure evidence that there isn't any God. And no one is going to admit that.

IF I NEVER WRITE ANOTHER LINE TO ANY-ONE—IF MY PEN IS STILLED THIS NIGHT BY DEATH—IF I NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF ANOTHER DAY—MAY I BEG OF YOU TO BE-LIEVE THAT THE ACTUAL PRESENCE OF GOD IN A HUMAN LIFE IS THE GREATEST WONDER AND MARVEL OF ALL TIME. AWAKEN THEN TO THE FACT THAT THIS "SLEEPING GIANT" WITHIN YOUR LIFE, AND WHICH GIVES YOU LIFE, EXISTS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MAKING ITS POWER KNOWN TO YOU, HERE AND NOW.

A few years ago, a great man lay dying. He believed in God. Cabbages were hurled at him in the streets of London. He, like myself, was bitterly persecuted for his beliefs. Yet, like myself, he fought through and emerged an overwhelming victor. I am giving to the world a much more logical and advanced teaching of God than this man gave, but he knew God nevertheless. But now he lies at death's door. He knows it. And what were his last words? Well, the last words of General Booth of the Salvation Army were:—"THE PROMISES OF GOD—THEY ARE SURE—THEY ARE SURE, IF YOU WILL ONLY BELIEVE."

I could ask for no sweeter words on my lips when I pass out of life's picture, than those words. So keep up the affirmation. It will lead you to God if you will let it.

Cordially your friend and teacher.

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READ WHAT IS STILL HAPPENING

Mr. W. L. S., Palms, California:

Some time ago I wrote you for help in regard to my wife whom the doctors gave but two weeks to live. I brought her out here on the desert to die or get well—AND WE BOTH FOUND GOD. She is gaining rapidly, praise God. The God-Law is working in many ways for us, and you shall hear from us presently. Kindly regards to you and your mission.

The Power of the Spirit of God did a few mighty good things here. (1) Girl with croup. I prayed silently. Girl said, "God healed me." Healed instantly. (2) Heard of man no account weeks. Laying down at job most of day. I left this word with folks that gave report. "If he keeps his faith in the Living God, God will heal him." Working all the next day. (3) Woman sick with pneumonia. I sent her daughter to her with this word. "Tell your Mother to place her faith wholeheartedly and steadfastly in the Power of the Living God." Two weeks afterward the woman said, "I guess my sickness didn't amount to much." (4) Man working on responsible daily route told me, "Do you know, I'm sick! I ought to be home in bed now. Got the flu. Grip. Bad. Whole family's got it. Called doctor again for my grandson last night. It's been dragging on us for days and weeks. Etc. Etc." Later, when all was quiet I told him, "Believe in the Strength of the Living God," and prayed silently and earnestly that they all believe and be healed. He later startled me with, "None of us had any sickness. We've been well all along. Oh, maybe the boy was a little sick. If he was sick, it didn't last long and didn't amount to much." (5) Man with cancer expected to die last summer. Told the Power of God. Walking today.

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