

The Second Coming of Christ

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“And ye shall know the truth,
And the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32)

The Universal Christ

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God. (John 1:12)

As a small cup cannot hold an ocean within it, no matter how willing it may be to do so, likewise the cup of material human consciousness cannot grasp the universal Christ Consciousness, no matter how desirous it is, but when the student, by the Praecepta [* Initially the organizational name and the written teachings in America of Paramhansa Yogananda were known as Yogoda Sat-Sanga Society and Yogoda Course, respectively. He later enlarged his written teachings and changed the name of them to the Praecepta. The Techniques of Concentration and Meditation and Kriya Yoga as taught in the original Praecepta Lessons are available from Amrita Foundation, Inc.] method of Concentration and Meditation, enlarges the caliber of his consciousness in all atoms (Christ Consciousness) within his own. This is what is meant by “received Him.” Thus, according to Jesus, all souls who can actually find their souls one with Christ Consciousness, by intuitive Self-Realization, can be called the “Sons of God.”

All Scriptures, such as the Bhagavad Gita, or the Hindu Bible, and the Christian Bible, have a three-fold meaning. In other words, the Scriptures deal with three factors of human beings, namely, the material, the mental, and the spiritual. Hence, all true Scriptures have been so written that they serve to be beneficial to the body, mind, and soul of man. True Scriptures are like the wells of Divine waters, which can quench the three-fold material, mental, and spiritual thirsts of man. In addition, the Scriptures, in order to be worth-while, should really help the businessman, the mental man, and the spiritual man. Although both the material and the psychological interpretations of the Scriptures are necessary, it should be remembered that the scriptural authors undertook with great pains to point out to man that the spiritual interpretations are of supreme importance to him.

A materially or intellectually successful man may not be truly, scientifically successful man who makes a perfect success of life; whereas, a spiritual man is the happy “all-round” man, who is healthy, intellectual, contented, and truly prosperous, with all-satisfying wisdom. Since by intuition the spiritual authors first sought to make man primarily spiritual, I give the spiritual interpretation with the psychological and material interpretations interwoven. These interpretations will help alike the spiritual aspirant, the intellectual man, and the businessman.

These intuitively-perceived spiritual interpretations of the words spoken by Jesus Christ are to be studied every day conscientiously and meditated upon by true Christian and all true devotees of God.

Universal Christ Consciousness appeared in the vehicle of Jesus, and now through the specific techniques of concentration and meditation as taught in the

original Praecepta Lessons, and these intuitively-received interpretations of the Scriptures, the Christ Consciousness is coming a second time to manifest through the consciousness of every true devotee of God.

A Sacred Remembrance

When Paramhansa Yogananda began writing his intuitively-perceived interpretations of the sayings of Jesus, he prayed for Christ to guide him in divining the true meaning in his words.

Paramhansaji was blessed with the presence and vision of Jesus Christ many times during his life. On one such occasion, in later years, he asked a question of Jesus pertaining to these writings.

It was a time of silent prayer and his room became filled with an opal-blue light, and Christ appeared—radiant and about him a glow of golden light. Looking into his wondrously beautiful eyes, he asked Christ if he had pleased him in the way he had interpreted his teachings.

At once a Chalice appeared at Christ's lips, and then came over to touch his own, and Christ answered:

“Your lips have quaffed the same LIVING WATERS from which I drink.”

Words of matchless assurance! This holy response was sacredly cherished within his heart.

The Divine Nature of Jesus, the Boy

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? (Luke 2:49)

This Scripture depicts the proper Divine attitude of Jesus to His parents. In the above statement, the perfect life of Jesus brings forth a perfect utterance as to how a Divine child, consecrated to serve humanity, should behave. Jesus hints that it is the highest duty of parents not to worry about a Divine child like Jesus, who was protected by the King of Kings. He implies also that the highest duty of the son was to look after the celestial business of spreading the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father. He implied that duty to our Heavenly Father comes first and foremost, and that duty to parents, although important, is secondary.

Jesus knew that parental love and affection, being blind, might demand from Him greater attention to His earthly father's business than to His Heavenly Father's business, for which He came on earth. He also here signifies to His parents that they should know, and at the same time wish for Him to be busy with His Heavenly Father's business. Since parental and filial relationships are brought about by God, parents should first teach their children that it is good to be proficient in God's business.

The above saying was the first hint by Jesus to His parents as to what they would have to expect, and about what His life was going to be. As all noble parents are lovers of God and of His business, so they should wish the first interest of their children to be in God's business. All parents should start their children on the right road in life by making them first proficient in contacting God, and in doing all things with God consciousness. A life guided by God's inner, intuitive direction can be successful, healthy, and complete only when activity is balanced with wisdom and happiness.

The ordinary man thinks that this world, his family, and his work are his business, but the spiritual man knows that parents, children, family ties, the business world, and all else are God's business. He knows that everyone should help to maintain a world by love and service compelled and actuated by instinctive blood-ties. Hence, all business should be spiritualized; that is, everything should be done with the consciousness of God within, and man should try to please God by harmonizing all things with His ideals.

Religious duties should not conflict with the duties of business; neither should duty to business conflict with spiritual duties. When such conflict occurs, the spiritual duty is incomplete and should be modified. Business duties also should be revised when they militate against spiritual duties. Spiritual and material duties

should work together like two stallions, pulling the car of life harmoniously and uniformly to one happy goal.

A successful life, therefore, must be begun with spiritual culture first, for all material and moral actions are governed by spiritual laws. All business must first conform with God's business of Divine laws in order to be of lasting benefit to mankind. Any money-making business which caters only to human luxury, and false or evil propensities, is bound to be destroyed by the workings of the Divine law of the survival of the worthiest. The business which does harm to the real spiritual comfort of people is not doing real service, and is bound to meet with destruction because of the very nature of its activities.

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Baptism

Then cometh Jesus Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized, of thee, and comest thou to me?' And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (Matthew 3: 13-17)

The Original ceremony of baptism by water came from India. Baptism means immersion in water in order to cleanse or purify. Purification of the body should precede the purification of the mind. Hence, all souls who desired to begin living the spiritual life had to purify their bodies. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," but baptism of the body, unless followed by baptism of the mind, becomes practically meaningless. If we bathe and thus purify our bodies, we will find that our mind will temporarily become purified, but unless we change our soul's wickedness by calmness, and meditation, and constant spiritual vigilance, we will remain the same old devils with bad habits in spite of the temporary purifying effect of the water on our bodies.

To illustrate this metaphorically, a Hindu saint said to his would-be disciple: "Son, it is necessary to bathe in the Ganges to purify the mind from sin. The sins will leave you temporarily while you bathe in the holy waters; but they will wait for you in the trees skirting the Ganges, and as soon as you come out of the sacred influence of the holy water, they will again jump on you."

It is well to immerse initiates in water, but the ceremony of immersion without following it up with continued spiritual lessons in meditation and God- contact is of little value.

The aristocratic, modern way of baptism consists in sprinkling water on the head. This is all that is left of the original custom of purifying the body by water. Immersion of initiates in water may be unnecessary if they are mentally evolved, but sprinkling of water on the head of evolved people is unnecessary, unless this is done only out of respect to the ancient, baptismal ceremonies.

It is evident that Jesus, although he was so evolved, did not fail to go into the water. He did not fully immerse, for the River Jordan was practically dry at that time.

Another important matter in connection with the baptism of Jesus Christ is that

He insisted on being baptized by John, who in self-realization was inferior to Him. John said he was not worthy to unloose the latchet of the shoes of Jesus, and that he baptized only with water, while Jesus baptized with Spirit. Alas, modern baptism has become baptism by water only. Specific Praecepta methods of Concentration and Meditation are showing the real way of baptizing self with Spirit and ultimate wisdom. Feeling his spiritual inferiority, John wondered why Jesus wanted to be baptized with water. This action of Jesus distinctly demonstrated the ancient, pre-Christian, Hindu custom and the real spiritual way, which every God-aspirant should follow.

The method of finding God is different from the methods demanded by most colleges for any kind of specific training. Even in medical training, the student never learns if he roams from college to college, joining different medical institutions, and listening to a few lectures, but without going through intensive training in materia medica, physiology, dissection, and other studies in one college. Also, it is true that a student cannot join all the universities at the same time.

A student should follow one course in one college until he receives a certificate that he has completed certain studies, but alas, in spiritual denominations even the loyalty the usual intellectual college expects, is not given to the denomination by the aspirant, nor is the time necessary for Self-Realization given to the practice of the spiritual lessons. Such people continue taking lessons from any new, good, bad, or indifferent teachers, who happen to come to town and advertise. I say that people should discriminate between the so-called teacher, who uses religion only to make money or just a living, and the real teacher who may use business methods in his religion in order to serve his brethren with real spirituality.

It is extremely necessary to remember that in the beginning it is wise to compare many spiritual paths and teachers, but when real Guru (Preceptor) [* The author uses the words Guru and Preceptor interchangeably. Guru-spiritual teacher; from the Sanskrit *gur*, “to raise, to uplift.”] and the teaching is found, then the restless searching must cease. The thirsty one should not keep seeking wells, but should go to the best well and daily drink its nectar. That is why in the beginning we seek many until we find the right path, and the right master, and then remain loyal to him through death and eternity, until final emancipation.

Why Jesus Sought Baptism from John the Baptist– The Guru-Disciple Relationship

We can have many teachers first, but only one Guru, and no more teachers afterwards. Teachers call those who come to learn from them students, but a Guru calls the spiritual aspirant who comes to him, a disciple. Jesus himself said: “None cometh unto the father but by me. “This signifies that human souls are mostly truant children of God roaming away from Him in the wilderness of suffering. Such souls are impelled by the scourge of sorrow to have faint glimpses of their lost

home of spiritual blessedness. They begin to long for God, and inwardly pray for a way out of the conundrum of life, then when the prayers of such errant children become deep and strong enough, God is touched and sends help. It is then that the One Father of All sends a superman on earth to give help to the lost seeking souls. Such a man, ordained by God, to help the individual in response to deep prayer, is not an ordinary teacher, but a GURU or a vehicle, whose body, speech, mind, and spirituality, God Himself uses to bring the lost souls back to the Home of Immortality.

In the Hindu Scriptures and (original 1929 edition of) *Whispers From Eternity* [* My Guru, “from the original 1929 edition of *Whispers From Eternity*, p.47] it is written: “As a naughty baby, I cried for my Mother Divine, and She came to me as my Guru. My Guru, Thou the Voice of God, I found Thee in response to my soul-cries. If all the gods are displeased and yet, Thou art pleased, I am safe in the fortress of Thy pleasure. And if all the gods protect me by the parapets of their blessings, and yet I receive not Thy benedictions, I am an orphan, left to pine spiritually in the ruins of Thy displeasure. Together we will fly to His Shores, and then we will smash our planes of finitude forever and vanish in our Infinite Life.”

This conception of Guru and Disciple depicts the only real way to retrace the truant soul’s footsteps back to God. This Guru and Disciple relationship is not the enslaving relationship between the blind church or temple members and a priest of a temple or church, elected, not by God, but by the temple or church organization, or by a higher church dignitary, honored by orthodox followers, but unknown to God.

Freedom of Will, and Obedience

My Guru said to me: “Allow me to discipline you, for freedom of will consists in not doing things according to the dictates of pre-natal or post-natal habits or mental whims, but according to the suggestions of wisdom and free choice.” He continued: “If you tune in your will with mine, you will find freedom.” Formerly, my will was guided by habits, but when I tuned it in with the God-guided and Wisdom-guided will of my Guru, I found freedom.

To tune in with a soul whose will is guided by wisdom is to find freedom of will. Most teachers who slavishly control their students after the pattern of dogmatic teachings destroy the power of free will in them, but obedience to a Guru does not produce spiritual blindness in the disciple. On the contrary, it develops his third eye of wisdom and intuition. Most teachers want their students to see through the teacher’s eyes, but a Guru disciplines the disciple only until he can guide himself through wisdom. A Guru, (a Preceptor), is sent by God.

If a disciple, after following a Guru for a long time, should spurn him, then he actually spurns the help sent by God. A Guru is not a help for this life only. He also makes a spiritual soul-contact with the disciple, and says: “Let our friendship be eternal, and let us help each other through incarnations until we are both

completely emancipated in spirit. Sometimes, likewise, an advanced disciple can help a Guru, and vice versa. Such friendship is not based on any selfish consideration or on any condition. Such Divine friendship and perpetual good will expressed between two or more souls gives birth to the ever-pure, unselfish, all-emancipating, Divine Love. My Master [* Master—one's spiritual preceptor; one knowing his dominion over the Cosmos.] said to me, "I will be your friend from now until Eternity, no matter whether you are on the lowest mental plane or on the highest plane of wisdom. I will be your friend if ever you should err, for then you will need my friendship more than at any other time."

When I accepted my Master's unconditional friendship, he said: "Will you be my friend under all circumstances? Will, you protect me in my highest or in my lowest strata of mind?" I was stupefied, for how could I dream of my Master being in the lowest strata, but until I vowed to be his friend always, under all circumstances, he did not rest. He was gladdened when I said, "I will be thine always." It was then, after this amazing spiritual compact, that I understood the significance of a Guru, and really, I never found complete satisfaction, comfort, and God-consciousness until I turned myself in with the Divine consciousness of my Master.

Jesus knew of the above law of emancipation. He must have found in John his reincarnated Guru, (a Guru, although inferior in spiritual quality, is a Guru just the same, a vehicle of God always). This is why Jesus insisted on being baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus also had spoken of John the Baptist as the reincarnated prophet, Elias (Elijah).

Jesus said: "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." The Sanskrit Scriptures have a statement exactly parallel to this. "There are many sages with many wisdoms with their scriptural and spiritual interpretations, apparently contradictory, but the real secret of religion is hidden in cave."

The path followed by a man of self-realization is the path to be followed by any spiritual aspirant. A scripture, no matter what records of spiritual truths it contains in its bosom, is not as useful as a saint, who is veritably a walking, talking, living scripture. There is a vast difference between the powerful sulphuric acid in a bottle and the mere statement of its formula as H₂SO₄. Neither the formula itself, nor the description of the power of sulphuric acid in a book can ever describe its burning, vital quality. Truths of self-realization are like little insignificant seeds, but their power and wisdom-yielding qualities are truly felt when they are seen to grow into huge trees in the gardens of the self-realization of saints—trees laden with the fruits of Divine Love.

We meet little teachers in the beginning through our vague desires to know truth. But the Guru (or Preceptor) is the living embodiment of scriptural truths and is the agent of salvation appointed by God in response to a devotee's demands for release from all the bondage of matter. It is very difficult to choose the right path from the many religious paths and varied religious opinions. Most people who

wander from church to church seeking intellectual inspiration, never find God, for intellectual inspiration is necessary only until one begins to “drink” God. Otherwise, intellectual inspiration, (when it forgets to taste God), is detrimental to self-realization. It is more easy to follow a living breathing, talking man (who lives truth) than a mute scripture. If a saint has reached his goal, whether by the shorter Yoga [* Yoga—communion with God through the practice of scientific meditations; to unite the individual soul with Cosmic Spirit.] route, or by the longwinded spiritual-prayer way, he experiences actual self-realization. Anyone following him certainly would reach the goal by using either method. Unlike ordinary prayers, real prayers, which alone can bring conscious response from God, must be offered in meditation intensely and for many hours continuously until Divine response comes.

The signs of a Guru are as follows: his eyes are still and unwinking whenever he wants them to be so; by the practice of Yoga his breath is quiet without his forcibly holding it in his lungs; his mind is calm without effort. If a man has eyelids that blink continually, and lungs acting like bellows all the time, and a mind always restless like a butterfly, and he keeps on telling you he is in cosmic consciousness, laugh at him. Just as a man cannot pretend that he is sleeping while he continues to run, so one with restless eyes, breath, and mind cannot convince you, who know better, that he is in cosmic consciousness. Just as sleep manifests in the body by certain physiological changes, so the muscle, eyes, breath, all usually become still during cosmic consciousness. No Guru can be developed alone by years of study in the intellectual factory of a theological seminary, which deems it has attained its ends when it confers B.D. or D.D. degrees. Such titles can be won by men of good memory, but character, self-control and intuition can be developed only by knowledge of advanced psycho-physical methods of self-realization and deep, daily meditation.

Jesus and His disciples were products of unceasing meditation and intuitive devotion, and not merely results of intellectual theological seminaries.

Most Christian churches today have wandered away from the path of self-realization and are satisfied with sermons, ceremonies, organizations, and festivities. The complete revival and restoration of Christian churches can be effected only by discarding the oft-repeated theoretical sermons and too- frequently changing psycho-physical ceremonies, and replacing them with added concentration during church services on the part members; - they should concentrate more and more on perfect stillness in both the physical and mental realms. For stillness and peace are the real temples wherein God most often visits His devotees.

The secret of true religion lies in the cave of stillness, in the cave of wisdom, in the cave of the spiritual eye. By concentrating on the point between the eyebrows and delving into the depths of quiet, one can find answers to all the religious queries of the heart. A disciple should tune in with the will of his Guru. Such tuning in of your habit-led and whim-guided will with the wisdom- guided will of your Guru is far different from mechanical obedience to an unspiritual guide, no matter whether he is traditionally, religiously, or socially elected. To follow the blind

unthinkingly is to fall with them into the ditch of ignorance completely. To follow the awakened, if you are blind, is to reach the goal without danger. How can you take away the blot from your brother's eyes if there is still a blot in your own?

Very few people truly know what freedom of will means. To be compelled to do things by the dictates of your own instincts and habits is not freedom. To be good because you have been so for a long time and to refrain from evil because you are accustomed to do so is not freedom. When your will is perfectly free to choose good instead of evil anytime, anywhere, because you really feel good, you will know real happiness, then indeed are you free. Evil gives only sorrow. When the influences of heredity, prenatal and postnatal habits, family, social, and world environment, all cease to influence your judgment, - when you can act, guided only by your highest, inner, intuitive discrimination, - then only are you free. Until then the way to all righteousness lies in tuning in your whim-guided will with the wisdom-guided will of your Guru. Harnessing your will to wisdom, you will cease to be swayed by prejudice and error, for you will then always be guided by righteousness.

Hence, the first requisite in your spiritual path lies not entirely in going to church services and being a passive member, satisfied merely with listening to sermons, but also in finding your spiritual Guru who will lead you as far along the spiritual path as you wish to go. Having found him, follow him closely, obey him with intelligent devotion, and practice what he teaches you; thus ultimately you will attain your highest goal.

The Baptism of Jesus by Water and by The Holy Ghost

The gospel tells us that John the Baptist had said to the people, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Jesus, being high in spiritual advancement, obeyed the law of temporary purity signified by baptism by water. But immediately following His baptism by water, He was also baptized by the Spirit. The real, advanced Guru asks his disciple first to bathe his body with water, and then after the body feels the influence of temporary cleanliness and purity, he baptizes him with Spirit. But sometimes it has happened that when the disciple is further advanced, as Jesus was, and the Guru, like John the Baptist, not so far advanced, then the Spirit of God uses the Holy Ghost to baptize the advanced disciple through the medium of the divine agent, the Guru, even though he is less advanced in spirituality than his disciple. The Guru must be wise, but sometimes a Guru of past incarnations is in this life less advanced in wisdom than the disciple. Sometimes it is given him to redeem a disciple more spiritually advanced than himself. A Guru, being the agent of salvation appointed by God, must take the disciple through successive incarnations, if necessary, until complete salvation of the disciple is reached. A great secret of understanding lies in the reason for the less advanced Guru, John, initiating as his disciple the so greatly-advanced savior of mankind, - Jesus. In his past incarnations

John the Baptist had been appointed as the agent to be the original Guru of Jesus. In the dim past, when John was first sent by God as the Guru of Jesus in response to His prayers, the Guru-consciousness of John was more advanced than the disciple-consciousness of Jesus. At that time the souls of John the Baptist and of Jesus were eternally bound together by the law of unconditional divine friendship, and both at this long-ago first meeting as Guru and disciple had made the resolution, "We will be friends forever, striving for one another's perfection until both of us redeem our omnipresence, now locked behind the bars of flesh." So as time went on and many incarnations passed, by a superior effort, the soul of Jesus advanced further than did the soul of John. Jesus knew that the soul of the prophet Elias (or Elijah) was His Guru-Preceptor of former incarnations, and that it had reincarnated in the body of John the Baptist. The prophet Elias, who was much more highly advanced than Jesus when He first became his disciple, later on, through the irony of his own Karmic law (actions of past lives), had lessened in spirituality, and thus had the power to baptize with water only. By intuition John the Baptist knew of the coming of Jesus Christ, yet having less spirituality for a time he forgot he was once Elias. After the baptism of Jesus, John was informed of this fact, "For Elias is come already." But John the Baptist knew that Jesus, though now so far advanced as to become the Redeemer of the World, was this disciple of former incarnations, and thus he predicted, "I indeed baptize you with water, but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of Whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. "Jesus was now more advanced than John the Baptist, yet He accepted him as His Guru-Preceptor of former incarnations, the agent first sent by God to enter with Him into this spiritual, divine covenant and this divinely ordained friendship. "We will be divine friends forever until our souls by mutual help and the lasting goodwill of many incarnations break the bubble-walls off caging desires and set free our imprisoned omnipresence to become one with the sea of Infinitude." This is why Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness", and why He chose to be baptized by John with water according to the ancient custom. It is very interesting then to note how the Spirit of God used the Holy Ghost for the spiritual baptism of Jesus.

Real Gurus know not only how to baptize with water but also with Spirit, or the Holy Ghost. But alas! Many Hindus in their temples, and many Christians in their churches are baptized only with water, temporarily experiencing good physical baptism, but knowing and perceiving nothing of those marvelous soul-renewing experiences of spiritual baptism. Ministers in churches and priests in temples are oftentimes chosen only by virtue of their intellectual study of the Scriptures, and sacerdotal authority conferred on them by ceremonies, performed by formally higher spiritual authority. But real ministers and priests who are fit to be Gurus train first their inner selves in the theological school of intuition and meditation. They must spiritually baptize themselves first before they can aspire to baptize others at all. They teach their disciples not for mundane gains, but, being impelled by God, they baptize them spiritually. It is admirable to lecture and teach good

principles, but without becoming a real Guru one cannot redeem souls, nor should he accept others as disciples until he has progressed far himself. Once the true relationship of Guru and disciple is established there will be no more blind spiritual gropings, roaming, or partings because of admonition on the part of the Guru, or for any other reason. Usually there is instantaneous recognition between Guru-Preceptor and disciple, but sometimes it takes long to remember consciously that past close friendship, or to recognize the forgotten memory of past incarnations, so long buried beneath ash-heaps of ignorance.

Know also that one cannot be a Guru by self-choice; he must be ordained to serve and save others by a real Guru, or else he must hear in reality the voice of God asking him to redeem others. Many become self-appointed Gurus after reading a few occult books, and listening to the voice of their own misguided imagination or their falsely imaginative subconscious mind.

The Many Kinds of Baptism Described

If you bathe every day and meditate immediately thereafter, (if you are near a river or a lake surrounded by God's scenic grandeur and you bathe in them with the consciousness of purity), then you will feel the power of baptism by water. Water opens the pores of the skin, letting out the disturbing body-poisons, calming and soothing the circulatory system.

Baptism by Water

Water cools the nerve-endings and sends reports of cool sensations throughout the vital centers, balancing evenly all the vital energies. All life came primarily from energy—then from nebulae—then from water. All seeds of life are irrevocably connected with water. Physical life cannot exist without it.

Baptism by Feeling

If you love poetry and are much in the company of a great poet, he will baptize you with those clean, wholesome feelings and the appreciation of good in everything which are aroused always by good poesy. Such baptism by feeling makes one imaginative and sympathetic.

Baptism by Moral Consciousness or Self-Control

If you associate long with men of high morality and self-control you will feel automatically an influence of moral consciousness and self-control in your life.

Business Baptism

If purposely and attentively you associate with great creative business minds, you will be baptized or saturated with the consciousness of creative business.

Baptism by the Holy Ghost

The human body is a collective vibration of grossly stirring atoms, and electrons and intelligent life force (finer than electrons). The soul, a reflection of spirit, while dwelling within it, cannot remember its omnipresent state. But by meditation one can hear the vibration of the body by closing the ears—as taught in the original Praecepta-given Meditation Technique, and then tune it in with the cosmic mind which emanates from the vibration of all atoms and life force. The Christian Bible says, “God is the Word”—(Cosmic, intelligent, sounding vibration). Sage Patanjali, greatest of Hindu Yogis, says, “The Spirit, God the Father, or Iswara, manifests Himself as the cosmic vibration, or matter.” “The Spirit was made flesh”—for the intelligent spirit materializes itself into gross flesh by changing its rate of vibration. Cosmic intelligence becomes cosmic intelligent motion, or vibration, which changes into cosmic energy. This intelligent cosmic energy changes into electrons and atoms. Electrons and atoms change into gas, sometimes known as comic nebulae. Cosmic nebulae, or masses of diffused gaseous matter change into water. Water changes into solid matter. Man’s body is a part of this variously divided matter. In cosmic vibration all things are one; but when cosmic vibration becomes frozen into matter, then it becomes many. So man’s body, being separated from cosmic vibration, again must retrace the various states of higher vibrations in order to lift his consciousness from the vibrations of breath, heart, and circulation to the vibrating sound emanating from cosmic life force and all atoms. With closed eyes, one can feel his consciousness limited by feelings of the flesh and by the sounds of breath, heart, and circulation. But by deep meditation—as taught in the original Praecepta-given Meditation Technique—the Praecepta student can hear the voice of cosmic sound, emanating from all atoms and sparks of cosmic energy. By listening to this omnipresent sound the consciousness of the body-caged soul begins gradually to spread itself from the limitations of the body into omnipresence. One listening to this cosmic sound will find his consciousness spreading with it to limitlessness. This cosmic sound, emanating from cosmic vibration, is called the “Holy Ghost.” Ghost signifies an intelligent, invisible, conscious force, or intelligent cosmic vibration. It is holy because the emanent (outflowing) consciousness of God the Father, or Christ intelligence, guides it to create all finite matter. The ancients not versed in the polished language of modern times, used “Holy Ghost” and “Word” for Intelligent Cosmic Vibration, which is the first materialization of God the Father in matter. The Hindus speak of this “Holy Ghost” as the “Aum.” “A” stands for “Akar” or creative vibration; “U” for “Ukar” or preservative vibration; and “M” for “Makar” or destructive vibration. The storm-roar of the sea creates the waves—preserves them for some time as larger or smaller waves—and then dissolves them. So the cosmic sound of Aum or Holy Ghost creates all things as Nebulae,

preserves them in the forms of the present cosmos and worlds, and ultimately it will dissolve all things in the bosom-sea of God. But this cosmic dissolution is sometimes only partial and temporary, and again sometimes it is complete and for a long time. In the partial temporary dissolution, portions only of matter and worlds are dissolved; but in complete dissolution the entire system of universes, all stars and planets, all things are dissolved. But the dissolving off all creation is impossible until all souls cease to desire anything at all and thus become fully emancipated in God. Unredeemed souls desire life, and with it they desire the earth, the sky, and its starry beauties. So, in order to fulfill our desire for children, souls come on earth as fleshly human beings. Aum has to create the entire universe at the behest of God the Father. Because of the endless rise and dissolution of the desires of creatures, their universe is endlessly being dissolved and recreated again.

Hence, baptism by the Holy Ghost means first the dissolution of all wrong desires by good desires, and then the conquering of all good desires by an only desire for the blessed contact of God. To know God is not the negation of all desires, but instead their complete fulfillment. Men of the world strive wrongly to fulfill desires by forgetting to distinguish between those of the world and those of the soul. Just as by feeding somebody else your hunger cannot be satisfied, so by wrongly trying to satisfy the senses your soul can never be happy. Senses crave indulgence, greed, and temptations to excite and amuse them, whereas soul can be satisfied only by the calmness, peace, and bliss, born of meditation and the moderate use of the sense servants. Ambition for good things, noble achievements, and spiritual organizational work, serving the many, must be instituted to displace desires for selfishness and greed and for helping only one's own self or one's immediate family. Enjoy all good work and achievements with God. By contacting God in the world and in meditation you will find all your heart's desires fulfilled. Then you will be a true man of renunciation, for you will find that nothing is more worth-while, more pleasant or attractive than the all-beautiful, all-satisfying, all-thirst quenching ever-new, joyous God.

Desire for one object alone keeps your consciousness tied to that object. Love for all things, as the expression of God, keeps man's consciousness expanded in omnipresence. So one baptized by the Holy Ghost must be unattached, enjoying good things only with the joyousness of God within. He must learn first to hear through touch the Aum, or cosmic sound. First, by the Praecepta-given Technique of Meditation, as taught in the original Praecepta Lessons, he hears the sound of Holy Ghost when all bodily and astral sounds cease. Then, by deeper meditation on this sound, by higher processes learned from the Guru, he can be one with the sound and "touch" it. Then, after touching or feeling it, by still higher methods, the spiritual aspirant will find his consciousness vibrating simultaneously in his body and in several continents. As he progresses further by deeper and longer meditation, he will find his consciousness vibrating simultaneously in his body, in the earth, the planets, the universes, and in every particle of matter.

The intelligent holy vibration, or the first manifestation of God the Father,

therefore manifests as the cosmic sound of Aum, or Amen, which can be heard in meditation. It also manifests itself as cosmic energy in all matter. All earthly sounds and the sounds of the body—the heart, lungs, etc. - come from the cosmic sound of Aum. Aum contains all the sounds of the nine octaves perceptible to the human ear, as well as all cosmic sounds, low or high, which cannot be registered in the human ear. So also, all forms of earthly lights—coal light, gas light, electric light, astral light—come from cosmic energy. Cosmic sound manifests as cosmic energy and vice versa. This cosmic sound manifests as the astral sounds of harps, bells, etc., (microcosmic cosmic energy) in the astral body of man. So also this cosmic energy exists as the reflected, luminous, or astral body of man. Higher lessons of Praecepta teaching can teach one to hear and locate the astral sounds emanating from the spinal cord. The physical body is condensed cosmic energy. The astral body is also condensed cosmic energy. The physical body has two eyes—positive and negative, due to the law of relativity. The astral body has only one eye, which is variously named—the spiritual eye, the single eye (the Christian Bible), the third eye (the Hindu Bible), the star of the east, the star of wisdom, the dove descending from Heaven, the inner eye, the intuitive eye, Shiva’s eye, the star through which the wise men saw, etc., etc. During the baptism by the Holy Ghost, as perceived by Jesus Christ, He perceived it as a cosmic sound or Heaven, and the spiritual eye as the dove. This spiritual eye is a spiritual telescope with three rays as its lenses. The outer circle is golden. The inner lens of light is blue, and is studded with a five-pointed, silver star (as the third ray). The microcosmic cosmic energy microcosmically manifests in the human body as the specific reflected life energy or the astral body. The spiritual or astral eye is the eye of the astral body. The astral eye is the individualized cosmic energy in the human body. In meditation, first the life force must be withdrawn from the body, and must cross the portals of cosmic energy represented by the golden ring. Then it must plunge in the blue light representing Christ Consciousness. Then it must penetrate through the silver star representing Spirit, in the region of the Infinite. These three—golden, blue, and silver light—contain all walls of rays of ultra-violet, electronic, and atomic rays—rays of cosmic energy through which one has to penetrate before one can reach Heaven. The golden halo and the blue central light are two wings of the dove and the little white star represents the mouth of the dove. The outer golden light is the Holy Ghost or Cosmic Energy or Nature, the blue represents God the Son or Christ, and the silver star represents God Father.

So Jesus, during His baptism, saw the cosmic energy manifested in bodily shape, or materialized out of the ether, as the telescopic spiritual astral eye; and out of that spiritual eye representing the cosmic energy came a voice, or intelligent, all-creative, cosmic sound, saying, or vibrating, in intelligible voice (for all language comes from the Holy Ghost), “Thou art my Son (or my manifestation) I am glad thou hast risen (lifted thy consciousness from matter), and tuned in with my Omnipresence.”

All material human beings are prodigal sons who have left the home of Omnipresent Holy Ghost and have identified themselves with the infinitely smaller

territory of the human body. This Holy Ghost is the Great Comforter. Being guided by the universal, reflected, God-Consciousness, it contains the all-coveted bliss of God. One filled with this Holy Ghost, or Holy Vibration, can talk with the diverse tongues of inspirations of men, animals, and atoms. Since all languages are productions of the Holy Ghost, when man can hear, touch, and spread in Aum (or cosmic sound emanating from Holy Ghost), then can understand or utter all languages, not only men, but also of all animals and all atoms too. Holy Ghost, Aum of the Hindus, the Mohammedan Amin, the Christian Amen, Voice of Many Waters, Word are the same thing. Aum is called the word because the word signifies cosmic intelligent vibratory sound which is the origin of all sounds and languages. This intelligent cosmic vibration or word is the first manifestation of God in creation.

On the day of Pentecost the disciples were filled with the new wine of joy coming from the touch of Aum, or the comforting Holy Vibration, and they could talk “in divers tongues.” Such were some of the experiences of Jesus after His baptism by the Holy Ghost; and such can be the experiences of Praecepta students now if they study the Praecepta Lessons, and do not forget them, but continue to practice them constantly and continually in real life as the years roll by.

More on Baptism by the Holy Ghost

Man is a combination of body, life force, and consciousness. His consciousness is a reflection of Christ consciousness. His life force is a reflection of cosmic energy. His body is condensed cosmic energy and life energy. Consciousness, life force, and the body are the different rates of conscious, cosmic vibration. Life force vibrating more finely becomes cosmic consciousness and life force when it vibrates grossly, changes into electrons, atoms, molecules, and bodily flesh. After all, the human body, life force, and consciousness, being three different vibrations, are held together by the nucleus of ego and soul. Man is condensed miniature vibration. In order to free the soul from the cage of the threefold vibrations of body, life force, and consciousness, it has to be baptized or united with the original cosmic vibration of “Aum.” When the wave feels itself isolated from the sea then the boundaries of the wave must be expanded until they take on the shape of the sea.

In the same way when the soul feels itself confined in the physical, astral, and ideational bodies, it should be taught how to detach itself consciously from three bodies and become expanded into spirit. By the highest meditation the body loosens its atomic vibrations and becomes life force, and by deeper meditation, the astral body becomes elaborated into the ideational body. Then by wisdom the ideational consciousness becomes expanded into Christ consciousness. But it must be remembered that when the Yogi* [* Yogi—one who practices yoga; one who seeks scientific union with God.] or Praecepta student listens to cosmic vibration, his mind is diverted from the physical sounds of matter outside his body to the circulatory sounds of the vibrating flesh. Then his consciousness is diverted from

the vibrations of the body to the musical vibrations of the astral body. Then his consciousness wanders from the vibrations of the astral body to the vibrations of consciousness in all atoms. Then the consciousness of the Yogi listens to the Holy Ghost or Cosmic Sound emanating from all atoms. This is the way that ordinary consciousness should be baptized or expanded into Christ consciousness through the expanding power of the Holy Ghost, or the all-spreading “Aum-vibrating-sound” heard in meditation by the practice of the Meditation Technique taught in the Praecepta Lessons.

When you utter “Aum” it travels not only all around the earth but throughout all space and eternity. So the sound emanating from the vibration of all atoms is called the Holy Ghost or the Sacred Vibration. As above said, when by the practice of the Praecepta-given Meditation Technique, one is able to shut out sounds of matter, his consciousness passes through the vibrating sounds of the body and through the musical astral sounds to the sound of “Aum” or the Holy Ghost.” When the Yogi’s consciousness is able not only to hear this cosmic sound but also to feel its actual presence in every unit of space, in all finite vibrating matter, then the soul of the Yogi becomes one with the Holy Ghost or Holy Vibration.

Jesus, the Savior, (a Yogi(having met His Guru of former lives, (preceptor), St. John, was baptized by this omnipresent sound of “Aum”, and He also saw with it the spiritual dove, or the light with the two wings of golden and blue color (representing vibrating creation and Christ consciousness), and the silvery starry mouth (representing Spirit).

Baptism by Christ Consciousness

This voice of the Omnipresent Vibration of “Aum” signified “Thou art My Son” ; Jesus felt his consciousness attuned to the Christ consciousness or the only begotten reflection of God the Father’s Intelligence in the Holy Vibration. In other words, Jesus first felt His body as the entire vibratory creation in which His little body was included; then feeling His cosmic finite body, he felt that within the cosmic body of all creation there was a Christ or Universal Intelligence. This Christ is the only begotten Son, because it is the only active reflected intelligence of the indirectly active, transcendental (lying beyond creative vibration) God the Father, in vibratory creation. As the husband is reborn in the wife as the Son, so God the Father (transcendental Intelligence), is reflected in the womb of the Virgin Mary (the Virgin Creation), as the only begotten Son, or Christ Consciousness.

The illustrations on the next pages serves best to illustrate Spirit, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In Figure A, the sun is seen to exist by itself without anything surrounding it. Such a sun can be described as a bright mass of light with power and heat spreading its rays into space. But in Figure B, the sun is found to be active, existing in relation to the blue crystal ball. In this figure the sunlight is divided as the inactive ball, and the active light appearing as blue light in the blue

crystal ball. This division of the one sunlight into white and blue light is possible due to the dividing effect of the third object, the blue crystal ball. So the sun is one without any object around it, and with an object around it becomes divided into two lights.

Just as the sun is bright and spherically spreads its rays in space when it stands by itself without any surrounding creation, so the Spirit (as in Fig. C on page 29) is called the Unmanifested Absolute.

When no goblin nebulae breathed and glided in the space body, when no fire-eyed baby planets opened their eyes in the cradle of space, when the ocean of space was unpeopled, uninhabited by floating island universes, when the sun and moon and planetary families did not swim in space, when the little ball of earth with its doll houses and little human beings did not exist, when no object of any kind had come into being—Spirit existed. This spirit in its unmanifested form cannot be described except that it was the knower, the known, and all the objects known which existed as one. In it the being, its cosmic consciousness, and its powers, all were one without differentiation. It could be described as the ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new, joyous spirit.

Spirit is ever-new Bliss. There was even no space, for the Spirit did not exist in space or time; there was no dual conception or law of relativity in Spirit; it was everything that there was, is, or is to be. Space and time are categories of objects; as soon as a human being sees a planet hanging in the sky, then he conceives that the planet is occupying dimensional space and existing in time. But when there were no finite objects in creation, neither was there space nor time, but only the Blissful Spirit existed.

But when the sun falls on a blue crystal ball its light suffers formal change and division. The unmanifested Spirit felt, “I am alone. I am conscious Bliss, but there is no one to taste me.” Even as He thus dreamed, He became many.

The Spirit was invisible, existing alone in the home of all space. He piped to Himself the ever-new, ever-entertaining song of Perfect, Beatific Bliss. As He sang through His voice of Eternity to Himself, He wondered if aught but Himself were listening and enjoying His song. To His astonishment, He felt He was the cosmic Song, and he was the Singing. Even as thus He thought, lo, He became two; Spirit and Nature, Man and Woman, Positive and Negative, Stamen and Pistil of the Flowers, Peacock and Peahen, Male Gem and Female Gem.

HERE FOLLOW ILLUSTRATIONS ON PAGES 27 TO 30, WITH SOME TEXT AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 30 IN THE FORM OF A “SCREEN SHOT” (?)

The Spirit Evolves Itself as Three

Thus in Fig. D on page 30 the Spirit is seen as divided into three. As soon as the cosmic, bachelor Spirit becomes active and creates the universe, he is no longer Spirit but the husband, God the Father, wedded to the Virgin Mary or Cosmic

Vibration.

Matter Cannot Be Different From Spirit

Spirit being the only substance that there was when He wanted to create, He had no substance but Himself to create with, for if there were two substances, spirit and matter, then both could not be infinite and all-powerful. Thus, Spirit having nothing else but Itself began to create a Magic Delusion, or the cosmic Magical Measurer, which made the infinite look like the finite, even as the calm ocean becomes distorted into ripples on its surface by the action of a storm. So all vibratory creation is nothing but frozen spirit. Spirit dreamed a vibratory universe or Holy Ghost and it was there.

All Forms of Matter Are Different Rates of Vibrating Spirit-Thought

Thought of matter, energy, all matter, all things, are nothing but the differently vibrating thoughts of the Spirit, even as man in his dreams creates a world with lightning and clouds, people being born or dying, loving or fighting, and experiencing heat or cold. All the births and deaths, sickness and disease, solids, liquids or gases in a dream are nothing but the differently vibrating thoughts of the dreamer. This universe is a motion picture of God's thoughts on the screen of human consciousness.

Spirit Evolves the Holy Vibration or Aum

So all things, all created planets and living beings, in the Holy Ghost, or Holy Vibration, are nothing but the frozen imagination of God. This Holy Ghost in the Hindu Bibles is called "The Aum", but by the scientists it is known as cosmic vibration. The Spirit, therefore, could not create matter as anything different from Itself, for it had only Itself as the tissue or material with which to build the cosmos.

God the Father

As soon as the Spirit evolved a cosmic vibratory thought, through the action of the cosmic magical measuring power of Delusion, it became condensed into cosmic energy. Cosmic energy then became condensed into the material cosmos with solid, liquid, and gaseous substances. After creating the Ideational, Astral and Physical Vibration, or Holy Ghost, the uncreated, unmanifested Spirit became God the Father. Spirit became the creator of all creative vibration. This God the father is called the "Sat" in the Hindu Bibles, and is the Transcendental Intelligence, according to metaphysical science. This Virgin, vibratory creation, or Holy Ghost, became the consort of God the Father; that is, God the Father existed

transcendentally, or outside the vibratory creation as a conscious, separate cosmic consciousness, just as the sunlight remains around and beyond the crystal ball (as in Fig. B).

It should be noted that all human similes are imperfect since by their material nature they are limited and cannot exemplify spiritual truths except in a limited way. It should be noted also that the sun does not create the crystal ball, whereas the Spirit, as God the Father, evolved the Holy Ghost (as in Fig. D on page 30). In order to divide itself the Spirit first differentiated itself as God the Father and the Holy Ghost Vibration.

Creation of the Only Begotten Son, or Christ

Then the Spirit found that the Holy Ghost could not sustain itself just by its inactive omnipresence, so it made itself manifest as the active Christ Intelligence in all vibratory creation, to create, recreate, preserve, and mould it according to its divine purpose. So the distinct, active, differentiated, conscious intelligence, existing in all specks of vibratory creation, or Holy Ghost, is called the Only Begotten (Christ) Son. It must be remembered that Christ consciousness in all specks of creation is the only existing reflection of God the Father; hence, Christ intelligence is spoken of as the only begotten Son.

The Christian church has failed to differentiate between Jesus the body and Jesus the vehicle in which the only begotten Son, or Christ Consciousness, was manifested. Jesus Himself said that He was not speaking of His body as the only begotten Son, but of His soul which was not circumscribed by the body, but was one with the only begotten Son, Christ consciousness in all specks of vibration. "God so loved the world (or matter); that He gave His only begotten Son" to redeem it; that is, God the Father remained hidden as Christ Intelligence in all matter and in all living beings in order to bring all things, by beautiful evolutionary coaxings back to His home of All-Blessedness, when they should over-come all mortal tests, and should reincarnate in matter no more; i.e., "go no more out."

Jesus said, "to all those that received Him, to then He gave the power to become the Sons of God." The plural number in "Sons of God" shows distinctly from His own lips that not His body but His spirit was the only begotten Son, and all those could become sons of God who could clarify their consciousness by meditation, and receive, or in an unobstructed way reflect the power of God. In other words they could be one with the only begotten reflection in all matter and become Sons of God like Jesus.

Before Jesus came, Sage Byasa, writer of the Hindu Bible, Bhagavad Gita, was a Son of God, and knew how to be one with the only begotten reflection or Kutastha Chaitanya (The undistorted consciousness existing in all vibratory creation). So also, Swami Shankara (the founder of the Swami order of renunciation about 700 A.D.), Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Sri Yukteswar (my Guru), and others having Christ consciousness were Sons of God. The Spirit could not be partial in creating one as

Jesus and all others as mortal beings. A divinely-imported Jesus could be made by the thousands by God and they would, being predestined, naturally behave on earth as Christs—as spiritual puppets of God. Such Christs could not be the ideals of struggling mortals with all their frailties. But when we see a man who by self-struggle and proper use of his God-given free-choice and power of meditation become a Christ, then we can stir hope of salvation in the weak, matter-tortured, fear-maligned, timorous, frail, human breast.

Just as the husband is born again in the wife as the son, so inactive God the Father, active and manifest in Holy Ghost became the only reflected, only begotten Son. Therefore it should be remembered by the Praecepta student that after listening to and feeling the cosmic sound in all the Physical, Astral, and Ideational cosmos, or in the Physical, Astral, and Ideational Holy Ghost, his consciousness becomes stable in all creation, it feels the presence of Christ consciousness in all vibration. Then the Praecepta student becomes Christ-like; his consciousness experiences the Second Coming of Christ; he feels in his vehicle the presence of Christ-consciousness as Jesus felt Christ expressed in His body. All human beings find their consciousness hidebound by the body, but by listening to and feeling the “Aum” vibration and intuitive Christ consciousness the Yogi realizes that God the Father’s cosmic consciousness exists inactively in regions where there is no motion or presence of the Holy-Ghost-vibration. (For the Holy Ghost vibration is limited only to a certain tract of space which is peopled by the cosmos and all island universes. Holy Vibration is condensed into planetary creation.)

When the Praecepta student feels his consciousness one with Christ consciousness, he realizes that Christ consciousness is nothing but the reflection of the cosmic consciousness of God the father. Then the Praecepta student, like Jesus, can say, “I (Christ consciousness in creation) and my father (Cosmic consciousness beyond creation) are one.” As the white light beyond the blue crystal ball and the blue light in the crystal ball are the same, so also the cosmic consciousness (God the Father), existing beyond all vibratory (Holy Ghost) creation and the Christ Consciousness (Kutastha Chaitanya), in all vibratory creation are the same. When vibratory creation exists, God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost exist. When by cosmic dissolution (greater than Noah’s Flood, which was only partial dissolution), or when by universal dissolution the holy vibration is dissolved, then automatically God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost become reconverted into the one Unmanifested, Absolute Spirit.

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Why Jesus was Tempted by the Devil— The Cosmic Struggle

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. (Luke 4:1-2)

Jesus, the man, had become one with the Holy Vibration. His body was one with all Creation, in which His little body moved. His consciousness was Christ-Consciousness, but until the body goes beyond the Christ state and becomes one with the Father, and until the complete union of body, Holy Ghost, Christ Consciousness, and God Consciousness are perceived as one Spirit, mortal tests born of Past Delusion remain.

Although Jesus was one with the Holy Ghost, still His old limited human consciousness and its earthly desires, through the law of habit, tried to attract His expanded consciousness to earthly consciousness. This is the psychological explanation of the origin of the tempting, by the firmly established bad mortal habits, of the new Divine habit, in order to keep Him from contacting the Great Comforter.

All satisfaction comes from Holy Vibration, for it is the sum total of all earthly things looked for. Sense pleasure is evil because it limits the soul, blinds it, and keeps it from seeking the unlimited happiness in the universal sensorium of the Holy Ghost.

The Spirit alone is perfect. Everything else in Creation is imperfect. Creation started with the law of duality, with the law of division. The Spirit was perfect. Nothing else was necessary for His perfection; hence, Creation was unnecessary for His evolution. Then why did Spirit create at all? The Only answer to that question is that He wanted to consciously enjoy Himself. The Spirit thought: "I am the very nectar of Bliss, but there is no one to enjoy me, so I will create a Cosmic play and divide Myself into many, then Myself as many selves gradually with many mouths of minds may taste the nectar in my Infinite Self."

This Cosmic play came out of the Spirit's desireless desire; that is, this desire for Cosmic play was unnecessary to complete the Spirit's Being, for He was already perfect, but this Cosmic desire itself was imperfect, for it was an urge, a desire to do something. Just as poison does not affect the serpent, so this Cosmic delusive desire existing in Spirit does not affect Him.

This Cosmic desire of Spirit was an unnecessary desire, just as sometimes a father may play with his child through a desireless desire which is unnecessary for

the father's development. It was imperfect because it wanted to accomplish something when that accomplishment was not necessary for the completion of the all-perfect Spirit.

This imperfect desire was the original thought vibration which divided the Spirit into many through the law of duality. Besides, the Spirit at first found that He alone, being the only substance existent, could not very well divide Himself into two distinct essentially different objects of Spirit and matter, so the Spirit created the differentiation between Spirit and matter in thought only, just as a piece of stone and a thought of a piece of stone in a dream have no essential difference except in the difference existing in frozen human imagination.

Thus the Spirit had to practice a Cosmic deception, a universal mental magic, to perform before the duality of matter and mind and the dualities of finite objects.

This delusive Cosmic differentiation in thought is responsible for all imperfections in Creation; then again, according to the law of cause and effect, the small selves which came out of Spirit were specially gifted with the power of free choice and independent action even as Spirit possessed.

This Cosmic delusive will thus inherited the power and free choice of Spirit to act independently of His perfect will. As the one sheet of water of the calm sea is chopped into many miniature pieces of water called waves, by the action of a third agent, the wind storm, so the conscious Cosmic, delusive, desireless desire of Spirit manifested itself as the independent conscious Magical measurer, or the Maya [* Maya: The Sanskrit root ma signifies "to measure." The original Aryan race, from which Indu- Arian, American Aryans, and Caucasian Aryans originated, lived in central Asia. Their principal wealth consisted of cows. Pa, father, was the protector. Ma, duh, (from which dohter and daughter, Sanskrit duhrter, originated) signified "milking the cow," which was the function of the daughter, and ma, mother. Sanskrit mata, latin mater, and mother signified "to measure," for mother used to measure milk and give it to the children. Sanskrit is the mother of all languages.] (Cosmic measurer of delusion) of the Hindu Scriptures, and was solely entrusted with the independent power of superficially dividing the Spirit into the perception of perfect finite objects materialized as icebergs of planets and wavelets of stars, floating on the vast sea of Infinity.

This Cosmic delusive Magical Measurer has ever since manifested Itself as the Holy ghost, the Cosmic sacred vibration, or Nature (Sanskrit Prakriti).

The plan of Spirit was that this subjective, conscious, Cosmic, delusive force should be endowed with independence in order to cooperate with objectified, conscious, Cosmic vibration in objectified, conscious, Cosmic energy, and with only reflected Christ Intelligence present in it, to create perfect finite objects.

Perfect gems in mines, perfect flowers, perfect animals, and human stars in perfect planets were thus created. These perfect objects, after displaying a flawless dream of perfect form, health, habits, and modes of existence on the stage of time, without disease or painful premature death, or cruel accidents, were to dissolve back into Spirit, just as numerous waves after a separate happy existence without

the necessity of being killed or shattered by accidents dissolve back into their one self, the sea, at the end of the storm. That is why in the Christian Bible we find the perfect Adam and Eve communing with God, so easily and simply, under the tree and near the altar. They were only cast away from the paradise of Cosmic Consciousness when they were tempted by the devil of Cosmic ignorance.

According to God's plan, the flower, plant, animals, and human cells were to live recharged by Cosmic Energy and not cruelly feed on one another. Then, after a perfect existence, a perfect expression and pleasant mutual entertainment, without suffering, all created forms were to dissolve back into Him. Just as rainbows come and go, just as forms of flowers, animals, and human bodies can be created by electrical devices in moving pictures for entertainment and switched on or off at will, so all living creatures and all created things were to exist like mutually entertaining vitaphone pictures on the screen of space, and were to disappear in God at the end of their cycle, after the drama of that period was perfectly played.

This conscious Cosmic delusive force, receiving independent power from God, found that all things and all living forms after a perfect existence began to dissolve back into the Cosmic Energy. In this way the Cosmic delusive force began to think that, inasmuch as the Cosmic Energy manifestations of the Holy Ghost or Holy Vibration were to dissolve back into Spirit, It must Itself cease existing with the disappearance of the Holy Vibration. Just as the storm disappears when waves dissolve into the sea, so with the withdrawal of Holy Vibration, the Cosmic delusive force would have to lose Its separate existence. This thought frightened the Cosmic delusive force, the force which aims to keep things in manifestation, and ever since. He has rebelled. Before this the Cosmic delusive force was considered an Archangel of God and was in a friendly manner cooperating with Christ Intelligence and Holy Vibration in creating perfect finite objects. It was at this period that the Cosmic delusive force fell from heaven in this form of lightning and began to act in apparent opposition to Christ Intelligence and conscious cosmic Holy Vibration.

The falling of Satan as lightning from Heaven signifies that originally all Cosmic Energy, being vibrated by the Holy Ghost and Christ Intelligence, was flowing Godward, then the creative, Cosmic delusive force, fearing complete withdrawal of all energy back into God, began to turn the flow of Cosmic Energy away from His heavenly Presence toward finite creation. Just as, when waves want to fall back into the sea, a fresh storm can compel them to retain their forms, so the Cosmic delusive force became rebellious and began, through the mundane desire of beings, arising from imperfect living, to slap them back into finite existence through the law of reincarnation.

Reincarnation was started by Satan, so that human beings would have to come back again and again to earth until they could lose their imperfect desire to stay on earth and could finally go back to Spirit. Ever since creating the law of reincarnation, the Cosmic delusive force has tortured the immortal souls of the children of God by forcibly imprisoning them again and again behind the bars of

painful flesh and making them stay away from their kingdom of omnipresence. By creating the law of reincarnation or punishment by law of cause and effect, which law governs human actions (Law of Karma), the Archangel of God, the Cosmic delusive force, converted Himself into the rebellious Satan.

Since then this conflict has existed between the God-tuned, universal, Only Begotten Son of Christ Intelligence, the Holy Ghost, and the matter-bent lover of finite creation, Satan.

Jesus, possessing Christ Consciousness, realized the tug of war between the perfect, universally intelligent, Holy Vibration and the satanic pull or Imperfection toward finite Creation. Ever since his rebellion, Satan has created imperfect patterns, representing evil, disease, pain, and catastrophe, to disturb the desireless, perfect existence of human beings who were destined to return to God after perfectly playing His Cosmic Drama, inaugurated to entertain His immortal children.

Human beings, disturbed by disease, wanted perfect health, but were cut off by premature death. They wanted to live long, therefore Satan created in them earth-bound desires, and Satan also deluded them into indulging in mental desires which would bring them back again and again under his dominance by the pernicious law of reincarnation. Satan began to create imperfect patterns of plants, infested trees, and diseased human beings in order to foil the perfect patterns of perfect plants, healthy trees, and wholesome human beings instituted by God through Holy Vibration acting in consonance with Christ Intelligence.

How Satan Creates Death, Disease, and Disturbance

Many modern scriptural interpreters, unable to understand why Christ Himself introduced the idea of the existence of Satan, have tried to explain away the old conception of a devil by saying it is obsolete, that evil does not exist, or that God does not know evil. Such interpreters, unable to solve the problem of how it was possible for evil to originate in God, who is only good, have gone to the extreme of denying the existence of evil. In the first place, let me say that the denial of the power of evil has some good points, although it is childish to deny the existence and temptations of evil in this world of seeming duality.

Even if the conscious evil force of Satan does exist, it could not influence human minds if we did not mentally accept it. It is better to know all the lures of evil and the ways to combat them than to be blind and deny their existence. Knowledge only, and not indifference, can produce final emancipation. The great drama of Cosmic existence has endowed man with free choice and the power of reason. Man, the image of God, has the same liberty or free choice in his sphere as God the Father has.

If God is Almighty and knows that we are suffering, why does He, being Almighty and eternally blessed, allow weaklings to suffer from the temptations of evil?

The answer is, that after receiving independence, the Cosmic force began to fill Creation with patterns of imperfections, displacing the perfect patterns of God's first plan. God then destroyed all Creation, as described in Genesis, but seemingly He found Himself illogically using His Almighty power in arbitrarily destroying Creation. Also, He seemed to be contradicting His own laws, inasmuch as He destroyed the power of Satan after once giving him independence of action. Then God created again and reinstated the original power of independent free choice which He gave to Satan and to all Creation. God could destroy Satan even now and free us at once from the thralldom of earthly miseries, imperfections, broken hearts, and death, by using His Almighty material force, but He would not do that because that would be taking away our independence.

Since God gave independence to man and Satan, He can free them only through teaching them the right use of their own power of free choice. God is enjoying His eternal blessed state in selfish happiness, but He is suffering for our miserable tragic existence, delayed evolution on earth, and belated return to the paradise of all-emancipating wisdom. He is continuously trying to use the superior force of Divine Love expressed as the parental, friendly, filial, all- surrendering pure conjugal love to coax man to forsake his cooperation with evil, which helps and strengthens it to destroy him.

Man stands in the middle, with God on one side and Satan on the other side, each ready to pull him in whichever direction he wishes to go. It is up to man to signal God or Satan as to which direction he wants to be pulled. Man is perfectly free to act without being influenced by God or Satan , but whenever he does act right, or as a pure, ennobling thought, that is the signal to God and he is automatically pulled toward God, but as soon as man thinks or acts evil, he is automatically pulled toward Satan. However, being essentially an image of God, man can never be eternally drowned in the hades of evil.

No matter how persistently sinful man is, he can never suffer eternal punishment. Evil promises happiness and results only in unhappiness. As soon as man realizes this, then he begins to wish for emancipation and for God. This wish for goodness and freedom serves as a portal through which God is again invited to come into the life of the prodigal son and lead him to the abode of freedom. Even fathomless evil cannot destroy man's soul, for he is essentially immortal and eternally good.

Evil Is a Temporary Parasite

All evil is a passive graft, a temporary parasite on the tree of life, which can be amputated by the knife of wisdom possessed by man.

Whenever man initiates good actions, he is proceeding toward a paradise of Bliss, hidden in the womb of eternal futurity.

God is coaxing us with an array of limitless good happenings and is influencing us for our own welfare, whereas Satan is tempting us with pleasant- looking but

fleeting happiness-producing patterns of evil. Satan's patterns are temptations because they are deceptive contrivances created to consciously delude us by promising us good and giving us evil instead.

According to the dual conception of good and evil (God and Satan), it becomes easy to understand why there is so much good, together with so much evil. The sky and earth are full of the productions of God's patterns of perfection and Satan's patterns of imperfection to influence man. The beautiful sunshine, clouds, and rain are created by God to benefit man. Cataclysms, earthquakes, and floods were created by Satan to make man uncomfortable.

An eternal display of goodness is materialized in Nature and the life of man, proving that God is trying to impress man and influence him to use his free will and return to the abode of Bliss. Satan, through deceptive, apparently pleasant contrivances of temporary happiness-yielding acts, greed, and lust is trying to keep man tied to this misery-making limited earth. Jesus, as a manifestation of God, came to speak of the eternal kingdom of Heaven, upon whose threshold no sorrow can tread. Jesus taught that permanent happiness can only be found in God. Satan deludes man into seeking permanent happiness in impermanent material things.

God made man immortal. He was to remain on earth as an immortal. He was to behold the drama of change with a changeless immortal mind, and after seeing change dancing on the stage of changelessness, he was to return to the bosom of eternal blessedness, then evil crept in, causing man to concentrate on the changes of life and on outward appearances rather than on the underlying immortality in all things, and thus made him conceive the false idea of death or complete annihilation.

The motion picture of a man's life, his birth, life on earth, and death, seen on the screen, produces the joyous consciousness of his birth and the sad concept of his death, or end, but Satanic ignorance hides from view the motion pictures of man's pre-natal life as he joyously began the descent from God, and the joyous return to God as he hurried back after death. Satan has made us forget our pre-natal and post-natal experiences, and by showing us for a time this drama of life and then lowering the curtain, it has produced in us the erroneous conception called death.

I am not denying the experience of the change called death, but I consider it only as an outwardly moving link in the chain of immortality, all of which is hidden from our view. To say that death or change does not exist, is unmetaphysical and erroneous. To forget this dismal, delusive death, man should behold all change as dancing on the bosom of changelessness. Man should behold the changeless ocean of Infinity as wavelets of change appearing and disappearing.

Supernatural Death Versus Painful Death

If Adam and Eve had not transgressed the wishes of God, and their descendants had not allowed themselves to be influenced by hereditary ignorance, then modern man would not have to witness the heartrending painful deaths through accident

and disease.

Man appeared on earth, being materialized by God, and was to live on earth, beholding the birth, sustenance, growth, and the painless, sorrowless, return of the body in complete perfection. Then, as it is possible to watch the slow process of a flower budding, growing, and disappearing on the movie screen, so man should behold his life picture on the screen of his consciousness through the stages from childhood to a full-grown individual, and then his disappearance unto God of his own accord by his own power of dematerialization.

Man, being out of tune with God, has lost his power of dematerialization, so he is frightened by the screen picture of life prematurely cut off even before he has finished seeing the whole perfect picture of his changeful life. This premature withdrawal of the motion picture of life produces pain due to attachment to those screen pictures of flesh and consciousness and is known in the world as terrible death by pain.

We mortals have so many misconceptions about death that it has grown into importance and has fixed in us an idea of annihilation and pain instead of being seen as a phenomena necessary in the successive steps which the soul must follow in order to return from the state of change to the changeless state. It is necessary for death or change to come, so that the soul may finish beholding this motion picture of life and be released in order to go back to the home of Immortality.

Satan saw that it would all be very simple if the immortal children of God, after beholding a perfect earthly existence with a changeless attitude, would go back to immortality again, so Satan made imperfect patterns or tampered with the showing of a perfect picture of life before it was completed, and caused mental and bodily pain through delusion. This dissatisfaction, arising from an imperfect, prematurely destroyed picture of life, created in man the desire to see perfect pictures of life in order to behold then until completion.

Ever since, the immortal images of God forgot their already perfect immortality and began to introduce delusive imperfections in the perfect dramas of life staged on the screen of time. Ever since, immortals have been coming and going from earth by the law of cause and effect, which governs desires. Ever since, this law of cause and effect has affected free souls as the Law of Karma (action), which keeps them earth-bound.

This law of cause and effect, which imprisons souls on earth in Satan's Kingdom of finitude, has been called "reincarnation."

How to destroy Reincarnation

Immortal souls can only expect to be free by utterly destroying all seeds of earthly desires by Divine contact with God through meditation. This reminds the soul of the unending fulfillment in the immortal inheritances of Bliss which makes desires for earthly ways unnecessary and ridiculous.

Emancipation from reincarnation is also possible by playing the living drama of

a perfect life of health, abundance, and wisdom on the screen of consciousness; that is, if one can remove the consciousness of sickness and not fear sickness if it does come, and not desire health while suffering from ill health, then one can remember one's soul, which was always well and was neither sick nor healthy. If we can feel and know that we are the children of God, and as such possess everything, even as our father, God does, although we may be poor or rich, we can be free. If we can feel that we have Divine knowledge, because we are made in the image of God, although humanly speaking we know little—then we can be free from reincarnation.

Fear of sickness and a desire for mortal health, fear of poverty and a desire for opulence, a feeling of lack of knowledge as well as a desire to know everything, belong to the domain of ignorance. Of course, if we are stricken with ill health, failure, or ignorance, we need not continue to remain so. We should strive for health, prosperity, and wisdom without being afraid of failure.

While struggling, man must know that his struggle for health, prosperity, and wisdom is born of delusion, for he already has all he needs within his inner powerful self. It is only because he erroneously imagined, when in spiritually ignorant mortal company, that he did not have these—that is why he lacked them. All he has to do is to think right and not strive to acquire things. He needs only to know that he already has everything.

Once a healthy, wealthy, and wise prince dreamed that he was poor, and in the dream he shouted: "Oh, I am suffering from cancer and I lost all my wisdom and riches." His Wife, the queen, woke up and aroused him, saying: "Look, prince, laugh and rejoice, for you are neither suffering from sickness nor have lost riches and wisdom, but you are comfortably lying at my side in health and wisdom, in your rich kingdom. You were only dreaming about these catastrophes."

So it is with ignorant man. He is dreaming about lack and failure, when he might claim his birthright of joy, health, and plenty as a son of the ruler of the universe. He is now living in his perfect kingdom, but is dreaming evil.

The constant desire for health and prosperity, which is so much harped upon in modern spiritual organizations, is the way to slavery. We must seek God first and then find health and prosperity through Him. Beggars get only a beggar's share, whereas, a son of God gets his son's share. That is why Jesus spoke of *seeking and knowing the kingdom of God first. When that is actually accomplished, then health and prosperity will be added. The acquirement of wisdom and everything else that the soul of man needs will be received as a matter of his Divine birthright.*

It is best to feel by visualization and by Divine contact in meditation that you are already perfect in health and wisdom and have abundance, rather than try to succeed by begging for health, prosperity, and wisdom. In fact, man's mortal efforts are bound by the laws of cause and effect. Man cannot get more than he deserves. By the method of begging, no human being can ever fulfill all his endless desires, but by first realizing his oneness with God, man can own everything he needs.

Man cannot have immortality by begging for it or by feeling a desire for it. He should know that he is already immortal and that so-called death is only a dream.

According to the plan of God, man should have experienced growth from childhood, and through youth to manhood, but should never have experienced death by old age or disease. Even if man becomes old, he should never die of disease or suffer painful death. In the drama of life and death, when beheld with Divine understanding, there can be no pain in death, but only the showing or stopping of the motion picture of life at will without physical or mental pain.

Origin of Pain

The outward flowing force which struggles to keep all things in manifestation saw that without pain people would not create earthly desires to hold them here, so the illusion of pain was created, which is purely a mental phenomena. The pain of ill health and death creates the desire for health and life, and to have health and life the immortal image of God must again and again return on earth to complete its slow growth from ignorance to enlightenment.

Satan is defeating his own purpose, for it is physical pain and sorrow which cause matter-imprisoned souls to seek freedom in God. A child's pure soul feels very little pain. A doctor friend in a orthopedic hospital told me that children vie with each other to get their deformed limbs operated upon, whereas, adults have to be coaxed for weeks, and at the time of their operation they are usually overcome with emotion and fear.

Man has fortunately discovered anesthetics to neutralize pain. Originally man had great self-control and a mind which was unattached and impersonal, and so did not feel pain when the body was injured. He could behold his own body without pain even as one can witness an operation on another's body without becoming mentally excited or suffering physical pain.

Although a mother feels terrible agony when her own son dies, she does not feel the same when hearing of the death of a stranger's son. So it is that man feels the agony of accident and disease in his own body but not the suffering of others. This is only due to the proximity of continued attachment. The farmer's water-proof, fire-proof, less sensitive child feels much less physical suffering than the sensitively brought up son of the rich. If you have no fear or nervous imagination, you will feel less pain.

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness with the wild beasts of passion and the fierce mortal desires of pain and hunger for material kingdoms, sent by Cosmic Satan.

Origin of Evil

There are many causes which can be set forth, as to the origin of evil. Some people say that it is due to man's own fault and that neither God nor any evil power, such as that of a conscious Satan, is responsible for all the evil in the world.

Although evil is relative and is due to the lack of harmony with God's laws, if

you hit a stonewall with your knuckles the resulting undeniable evil of pain would not be created or willed by the wall, but would be due to your ignorance in trying to hurt a stonewall.

Likewise, it can be said, God is the eternal stonewall of goodness, and anyone who is foolish enough to misuse his intelligence and try to act against the good is bound to produce the evil of pain and suffering. God is good. We were made in His image, endowed with the gift of free choice to tune in with His Nature of Goodness, Peace, and Immortality, and those who get out of tune with Him by performing evil actions are bound to suffer.

A little boy endowed with reason may enjoy perfect health and protection under the strict discipline of his mother, but when he grows up and says: "Mother, I know I am safe under you care, but I wonder why you gave me the power of free choice if you are always to decide how I am to act? Mother dear, I want to choose for myself and find out in what lies my own good and what leads me to suffering."

The mother replies: "Son, it is right for you to demand from me the right to use your free choice. When you were helpless and your reason had not yet budded forth into full expression, I helped you, and nurtured you through the maternal love which protects babies. Now, however, you are grown up, your reason has opened your eyes, and you must depend upon your own free choice and judgment to guide you to do what will produce your well-being."

Thus the youth ventures into the world unguarded, with a semi- developed reason, and the first thing that he does is to get into a fight and secure the resulting evil of a broken leg a black eye.

In exactly the same way the Divine Mother protects each baby through the instinctive love of parents until grown up, then the baby has to protect itself by the exercise of reason. If the baby uses the reason rightly, it becomes happy, but if reason is misused, then evil is precipitated through the misuse of reason.

Many intellectualists claim that evil is more subjective than objective. This is not wholly true. It can be explained that most evil is due to the ignorance of man. For example, the habit of physical over-indulgence, and its consequent evils of indiscretion, ill health, and grip of temptation, does not arise until man, by an act of erroneous judgment, forgets himself and subjectively by repeated transgressions allows this consciousness to become a habit.

All habits, good or bad, control and enslave the mind only after the will has allowed itself to be overcome by repeated good or evil actions born of good or evil judgment, as the case may be. Thus it may be said, man's good judgment, and his will, acting under its influence, produce all good, and man's ignorant or evil judgment, and his will acting repeatedly under its influence, is responsible for all evil. From this viewpoint good and evil are mostly subjective instead of originating in some objective power.

It may be asked why some children are born with special tendencies of self-control and some with tendencies of weakness. Some intellectuals may point out that heredity is responsible for good or bad traits in a child. Then the question

comes: Why would an impartial God start one child with a good heredity and a good brain inclined only to good tendencies, and another child with a bad heredity and the brain of a moron inclined only to do evil under the compelling influence of evil physiological instincts?

According to the law of reincarnation and the Law of Karma, or the law of cause and effect, which governs the actions of all persons, it is explained that the soul attracts to itself a good or bad heredity, and a good or bad brain, according to prenatal habits formed during the period of the past incarnation preceding death in the last incarnation and rebirth in this life. Therefore, it may be said that the good or bad judgment of all incarnations, working through the law of cause and effect, which governs all human actions, creates good or bad habits, and that good or bad habits create good or bad hereditary tendencies, and that thus all evil arises from wrong judgment.

All this is very well said, namely, that evil is subjective, but it does not explain why millions of bacteria and virulent, invisible armies of germs move silently about the earth seeking, like devouring locusts, to destroy the crop of human lives.

Why is it easy for the majority of people to be tempted materially? Why are they spiritually idle, and why do they do the very things that will hurt them? Why is there death by floods and cataclysms? Why do men murder each other in war?

Why is there cannibalism in Nature? Why does the baby salmon live on the flesh of its mother? Why does the big fish eat the little fish? Why does even the thoughts of wrong judgment and emotions of jealousy, revenge, greed, and selfishness arise at all in human mind which was made in the image of God?

If man is the image of God, and God is good, then the logical deduction is that man could become nothing else but good. The world wars may have resulted from industrial selfishness, from nations fuming with national selfishness and greed for possession, but why was it not avoided by parliamentary discussions?

Think of the joy in fishing. You deceive the fish by hooked food, and the more the fish struggles for life, the more you enjoy it and say: "My, it is a game fish." Would you like to change places with the fish? Think of the Aztecs, who used to cut the hearts out of their prisoners of war, six or seven hundred at a time, in front of their idol gods. Think of all the burning of witches and martyrs under the zeal of the Christian faith.

Think of the war of the Crusades, fought for the Biblical teaching, which preach only love for your enemies. Think of the numberless diseases which infest plants and animals who have no free choice and who consequently could not attract prenatal evils due to bad Karma.

The eternal warfare of animals preying on one another, and the battle of opposites in Nature, distinctly show that there is an evil force which is employing germs, wrong judgment of men, and cannibalistic instincts, which are wrong vibrations resulting from the wrong actions of man, and breed temptation to do wrong in infinite ways by trying to destroy the efforts of the Infinite Good who is trying to express Himself in infinite good ways.

We think that if we were Almighty we could create a much better world than this. We would banish from this earth cancer, accidents, weakness, revengefulness, anger, greed, murder, famine, leprosy, cannibalism, industrial greed resulting in depression, earthquakes, floods, bad weather, drouth, death by pain, boredom, old age, despair, poisonous bacteria, tragedies of life, and so forth.

We would create a world with a joyous struggle and not painful struggle, an ever-new happy state of mind for all men entirely different from mental idleness and boredom. We would make the body with the qualities of asbestos, diseaseless, changeable according to the commandments of our will. We would have our bodies tailored in the workshop of materialization and self- rejuvenation.

We would create a variety of occupations with a variety of actions, all leading to Infinite, unending, ever-new happiness. Good citizens would be materialized by will from the ether, even as God created the first man and woman, and would dematerialize ourselves in cosmic Consciousness after we had successfully finished our earthly entertainment.

Blind theologians and superstitious people made a dragon out of Satan, which had to be killed by the sword of the conquering knight. Modern intellectuals try to explain Satan away as a merely subjective idea born of ignorance. Some modern spiritual denominations, beings unable to explain the existence of evil in the entirely good God, completely and blindly deny even the existence of evil.

We find that Jesus, whose knowledge was born of intuition, distinctly spoke of conscious Satan who lured Him to the wilderness and tempted Him with the wild beasts of evil patterns arrayed side by side with the good patterns of God. This conscious force comes in the form of little temptations to the ordinary man. The existence of such evils is the reason Jesus prayed: "Thy kingdom come," in order that man might use his independence and act rightly, and that he might substitute the kingdom of evil for the kingdom of God.

Satan, like a fisherman, has cast a net of delusion around all mankind and is continually trying to drag man toward the slavery of delusion, death, and finitude. Satan tempts humanity by his baits of greed, and promises of pleasure, and leads people to destruction and continuous painful reincarnations. He keeps souls, like fish, in the pond of finitude and spawns them with desires for his own destructive uses.

For all the patterns of good created by God, Satan created corresponding patterns of psychological evils. God created wisdom, Satan ignorance. God created all good, Satan all evil. God created the senses of sight, smell, taste, hearing, and touch to be the servants of man, bringing happiness to him. Satan by temptation made man the slave of his senses and caused the resultant misery.

The sense of hearing, smell, and sight can be over-taxed with very little ill effect. Very few people are foolish enough to strain their eyes so much that they become blind. No one can smell flowers or perfumes long enough to cause death. Very few people can make themselves deaf by continuously listening to good music. Of course, the sense of sight may be baited by physical beauty and result in a series of

wrong judgments and misery. The sense of hearing may be misused and lost by too much practice of cannon shooting or other loud explosions. The sense of smell can be vitiated, but it is the most harmless of all of the five senses and can stand much abuse without retaliation.

Think what dreadful consequences follow when the sense of taste or touch is over-taxed. How easy it is to over-eat and hasten death by indigestion. How easy it is for most people to over-indulge in physical temptation and indiscretion and bring upon themselves ill health, boredom, social, and matrimonial disaster, jealousy, murder, and so forth. God wanted man to procreate His species by materialization, but Satan, through misuse of his God-given power of free choice, created the physical urge and its infinite complications to keep man's mind away from the joy of God. If God created infinite Bliss, Satan created the greatest of all temptations—that of the flesh.

Is it wrong to have good children by the ordinary law, of procreation? No, but remember that Satan's law of procreation and its misuse can be overcome only by moderation in marriage and by self-control and by the joyous contact with God in meditation and not by hypocritical renunciation. When the joy of God, felt in meditation with stillness of breath, remains continuously in the soul, then the physical temptation vanishes forever through contrast with this greater joy. Real freedom can be accomplished in no other way.

The joy in God is more tempting than all temptations. Just as when opium is suddenly denied to an opium addict, he becomes sick or dies, so, unless the laws of Satan, which have become second nature to man, are worked off gradually, man dies the death of ignorance.

Attempted complete self-control, by the sense-tortured individual develops hypocrisy, that is why Saint Paul said: "It is better to marry than to burn." Moderation in married life, supplemented by tasting of the Infinite Bliss of deep meditation and the unconditioned Divine Love in the soul, is a better way to freedom than the earthly way of reincarnation by physical procreation. The man who has completely attained Divine Bliss may not marry. If he does marry, as did Lahiri Mahasaya (my Guru's Guru) it is only to show people how the consciousness of God can tame temptation and how God's love can spiritualize conjugal love, and how it can exist under all conditions of life.

Since God's love is more tempting than temptation, one can love God even though he loves his wife. One can love his wife with the love of God and not love of flesh. To love your wife in a material way only is to invite Satan to dwell with you and lead you to boredom, destruction of your most wonderful love, and to separation. To love your wife with the pure love of God and to live with her a life of self-control by mental development, and to create spiritual children is a noble way to live. To be drowned by material cares, weariness, over-work, greed for money, over-indulgence in amusements, buying more things, and slaving for more money and saving no time for God leads you to the misery kingdom of Satan. A happy, contented, simple, harmonious married life of self-control and meditation leads you

to God.

God created forgiveness; Satan created revenge. Likewise, God created calmness, fearlessness, unselfishness, spirit of brotherhood, peace, love, understanding, wisdom, and happiness, and for each of these Satan created its psychological opposite of restlessness, fear, greed, individual and material selfishness, war, anger, hate, murder, and jealousy instead of understanding; ignorance in place of wisdom, and sorrow to fight happiness.

Sense slavery was created to defeat the happiness in self-control. National selfishness, false sense of patriotism, industrial selfishness, and national pride were created by Satan to destroy the universal spirit of brotherhood, international understanding, and law of equality created by God. Conscience, the voice of God, always beckons you to do right. Temptation, the voice of Satan, coaxes you to do wrong.

Remember that Satan has brought disease, cataclysms, famine, pain, death, strife, and imperfection in Nature so that man may desire to have a perfect earth and return again and again to earth life, where Satan reigns, and never go back to Spirit. Let us, by perfect living in a spiritual United States of the World, make God's Heaven from Satan's earth of imperfection. Let us help God's pattern, to take the place of the evil designs of Satan.

Belief in an objective Satan explains the origin of all evil, which cannot be explained by the individual or collective subjective ignorance of man. You are free, so when you are tempted, or angry, or jealous, or selfish, or greedy, or revengeful, or restless, remember that Satan is asking you to come to his side. Remember that every time you are master of yourself: moderate, calm, understanding, unselfish, forgiving, and when you practice meditation, you are inviting God to help you. Remember, above all, that you are a free agent endowed with free will, and that Satan can only influence you when you command yourself to yield to his temptations.

Remember, God can redeem you only when you act in accordance with His laws of right living in every way. Remember, also, that you are in the middle with Satan standing at your left with his kingdom of misery, and God remaining at your right with His kingdom of happiness. It rests with you whether you will allow Satan to pull you to his side, or whether you will ask God to draw you to His side of Eternal Freedom.

Remember, every time you are tempted to do wrong, it is not your subjective mind alone which is tempting you, but also objective Satan, and recognizing this, refuse to cooperate with him, thereby being destroyed.

Satan can work as wrong subjective consciousness in man, or he can become the objective evil in Nature. Many people think this conception of Satan teaches duality and not the conception of one God, who alone exists in the Cosmos. This is not true. In essence, in reality, there is nothing but Spirit, the only substance in existence, the ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Bliss.

As the ocean, when it is calm, can exist without the storm and the waves, so the

Spirit, by withdrawing all waves of manifestation, can exist as the only One Goodness, as the only One Reality, but when the ocean is in movement we must acknowledge a second force, the storm, which divides the one ocean into many struggling, mutually destructive, big and small waves.

God, in creating the Cosmos, has to use the independent Cosmic force of Satan's delusion to produce in us the delusion of finite substances. As the waves do not change or hurt the ocean, in spite of the fact big waves are destructive to small waves, so God, manifesting as finite imperfect waves of creation, is not affected or changed in essence, although finite objects are perpetually colliding and destroying one another. After all, the evil of delusion exists only in the form, not in the essence of the Spirit. As long as there is Creation, so long will there be the conception of imperfection, for the formal delusion which produces in the infinite substance the consciousness of finite phenomena is born of Cosmic delusion.

Spirit is perceived as the only Reality, the only eternal substance existing, when one goes into deep Samadhi (oneness with Spirit) and sees the ocean of Spirit without the waves of Creation. After attaining this realization, one is justified in saying that there is neither subjective nor objective Satan, but only ever-new, ever-joyous Spirit. However, as long as Creation only is perceived, one has to acknowledge the appearance of duality. God and Satan are facts, even if the latter exists only in delusion and not in reality. If you are dreaming and you hit your dream head against a dream wall, you will have a dream pain. While dreaming, you cannot deny the resultant pain of the collision of a dream head with a dream-conceived wall. In the same way, we are dreaming the delusion of the universe and cannot say that Satan or evil, or pain, disease, and matter do not exist. One who has wakened up in Cosmic Consciousness and forgotten the dream of Cosmic Delusion may say: "Ah, nothing exists but pure eternal goodness—one Spirit."

While Jesus was striving to reach the final state of highest wisdom, the accumulated, subjective, and objective evil, born of delusive habits of incarnations, through memory of short-lived happiness born of contact with temporal finite things, began to tempt him and try to dissuade him from God.

Jesus did not deny this evil. He recognized it and destroyed its binding force by the sword of wisdom, saying: "Get thee behind me, Satan," which means: "Let delusion be left behind my soul racing toward the Spirit." Do not deny subjective or objective evil while you are in delusion, but watch the destructive patterns of evil everywhere as temptation within you and as imperfection and strife in Nature.

Rally your patterns of goodness in your conscience and reason, and in the presence of God, as beauty in all nature. Strengthen your consciousness of goodness, and in its light drive away the darkness of evil. After successfully doing this say: "Nothing exists but the goodness of God."

To the ordinary man, Satan appears as subjective ideas subtly luring him through pre-natal and pos-natal bad habits. To the highly advanced, Satan takes objective form and uses vibratory voices in his last attempt to dissuade the Godward fleeing master who tries to remain completely beyond the net of satanic

delusion.

Thus it was that when Satan saw Jesus nearing complete emancipation in God, he took an objective shape, talked to Him, and promised Him the temporal happiness which all his evil patterns of life could afford if Jesus would only forsake God. In the wilderness, when Jesus was enjoying the Divine Bliss contact of God, Satan used the wild beasts of passion, greed of possession, and so forth, to lure Him away from the complete attainment of Divine understanding.

If Jesus had been God on earth, He could not have been tempted, and would not have shown signs of mental struggle, as he did when he said: "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." He also said: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Even after His crucifixion, in the astral state, Jesus had to purify Himself of all vestiges of delusion. That is why He said to Mary, to whom He first appeared: "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended to my Father." Jesus was freeing Himself from all delusion, and when that was finished He attained complete self-mastery and could materialize His body at will and thus appear for forty days to His disciples.

Why Jesus Fasted– How Christ Consciousness Descends Into Human Consciousness

And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that be made bread. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (Luke 4:1-4)

The consciousness of Jesus, the man, felt the limitation of the body and began to vibrate with the ghost-like, holy, intelligent, Cosmic vibration as heard in meditation. This was the first attempt of the soul of Jesus to rise above His bodily attachment of incarnations. Jesus had been successful in transferring His consciousness from the circumference of the body to the boundary of all finite creation in the vibrating region. (See Figure X on page 52.)

The whole Cosmos can be divided in halves. One portion is pervaded by the transcendental God, the Father, who is ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever- new Bliss, and beyond all the categories of time, space and vibration. The other portion is the vibratory region of space and time which contains in its sphere all the planetary universes, milky way, stars, and our little family of solar systems. The earth is a part of the solar system, and the body of Jesus was a small speck of the earth. Jesus, the man, had His consciousness caged in the little body, a speck of earth space.

Jesus, the Christ Consciousness, by the expanding power of love and the spreading power of meditation, had been able to extend His consciousness to the region of all vibratory space. This is what is meant by Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost. His consciousness was expanded fully from the region of the body vibration to the region of all vibration, as shown in Figure X on page 52. Jesus, the man, a speck of the earth, became Jesus, the Christ, with His consciousness pervading all finite vibration.

Omnipresent Spirit becomes buried in matter and vibration, just as the oil remains hidden in the olive, and can be released again only through love and meditation.

When the olive is squeezed, tiny drops of oil appear on its surface, so Spirit tries

to squeeze its way out of matter as the souls of gems, beautiful minerals, plants, men, and supermen. Spirit expresses itself as beauty, magnetic and chemical power in gems, as beauty and life in plants, as beauty, power, life, motion, and consciousness in animals, as comprehension and expanding power in man, and again returns to omnipresence in the superman.

The gem expresses a part of Spirit, the plant expresses a little more. The animal expresses Spirit more than plant, for the animal can cover a greater portion of space by bodily movements. Man, by his self-consciousness, can comprehend the thoughts of other men and can project his mind into space and to the stars, at least by the power of imagination.

The superman, by withdrawing life and energy from his body, can expand them and project them into all space, thus actually feeling the presence of all universes and every atom of the earth in his own consciousness. In the superman the lost omnipresence of Spirit is bound in the soul by individualized Spirit. To understand exactly what Jesus meant by being filled with the Holy Ghost, one must scientifically and metaphysically explode superstition and understand the true significance of His statements. That is why Jesus said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. Fear ye not, therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." (Matt. 10:29-31).

Jesus, like the great Yogis of India, not only could foretell the actions of people and the course of events from a distance through telepathic vibrations of thought, but He also knew about all the happenings on the earth surface or within it, or in any portion of space, in any planet of vibratory Creation, through His omnipresent feeling. That is why Jesus foretold or felt the death of Lazarus in His own omnipresent Christ Consciousness of omnipresence.

HERE IS AN ILLUSTRATION ON PAGE 52 WITH THE CAPTION:

1. The vibrationless region of God the Father, where no solids, liquids, gaseous matter, nor time nor space exist.
2. Vibratory region containing universes and our little solar system. The domain of Holy Spirit or Cosmic vibration, intelligently guided by latent Christ consciousness to create finite universes.
3. The Christ in All vibration.
4. The earth.
5. Jesus, the man, a speck of earth.

A little ant's consciousness is limited by its little body. An elephant's consciousness is extended all over his big body. His consciousness is aware in all parts of his own body, so that ten people touching ten different parts of his body would awaken simultaneous awareness in him. Likewise, Christ Consciousness is extended to the boundaries of all vibratory regions, as represented in Figure X on page 52. Jesus, the man's consciousness, was at first extended only to the

boundaries of His body.

The body of man may not be as large as that of an elephant, but his consciousness, unlike the elephant's can cover the territories of stars in imagination. Christ, a Superman-God, by constantly meditation upon the finitely omnipresent vibrating ocean sound (as taught in the Praecepta-given Meditation Technique) or Holy Ghost vibration, felt His consciousness filled in every particle of space.

First: Jesus, the man's consciousness, was bound by His body occupying a little speck of vibratory region on the earth. Second: By meditation and feeling Cosmic vibration in every particle of vibratory space, Jesus, the man, became Jesus, the Christ. (Simply listening to the Cosmic sound will not do. By Guru-Preceptor-given higher and higher meditation one must learn to actually feel the sound in plants and stars or in any portion of space at will.) In the Holy Ghost state the consciousness of Jesus had expanded from the body to all vibratory regions.

This Holy Ghost state is the second state of high metaphysical development. This Holy Ghost state can be attained externally by extending the feeling of love to one's family, society, nation, all nations, all creatures, and internally by expanding consciousness through semi-subconsciousness, soul consciousness, semi-superconsciousness, semi-Christ Consciousness to Christ Consciousness present in all vibratory regions.

A Christ-like person must love all living creatures and actually feel His presence in every portion of earth of vibratory space semi-universally at the same time. He does not need to concentrate in order to know anything. He already knows all things because he feels all finite creation, stars, and all specks of space, as the living cells of his own body.

Once Lahiri Mahasaya, my Preceptor's Guru, was teaching the Hindu Bible, or Bhagavad Gita, to a group of his students in Benares, India, and was talking of Kutastha Chaitanya, or his Christ Consciousness in all finite vibratory creation, when suddenly he gasped and cried out: "I am drowning in the bodies of many souls off the coast of Japan." Later the disciples read in the newspapers that a shipload of people were drowning near the coast of Japan at exactly the time when Lahiri Mahasaya felt and saw the shipwreck in his omnipresence.

So it was with Jesus. By extending His consciousness through the different states of consciousness, He had arrived at this second Holy Ghost state.

At this time, after Jesus, the man, became Jesus, the Christ, he had to go through a metaphysical and psychological test before He could reach the third and last state of extending His consciousness to the Spirit of God, the Father's vibrationless region, as shown in Figure X on page 52.

The devil, or conscious Cosmic metaphysical Satan, through Cosmic delusion and psychological temptations, began to tempt the Christ Consciousness of Jesus by reminding Him of the limited needs of the body, so that instead of living by His newly-found Cosmic energy, He might become mortal again by misusing His Divine powers in changing atoms of stone to atoms of bread.

Before Jesus attained the third and final state, in which He could behold Himself as the transcendental, vibrationless God, the Father, and the Christ Consciousness in vibratory space, he was led by the ultimate Spirit in the silence of the wilderness to be tested, to see if Christ Consciousness had risen above all mortal memories of food and other small material temptations of the powers of miracles.

Miracles are held in esteem by earth-bound mortals, but they should not be loved or used by a superman to test the attention and love of God to the devotee. To test the love of God by invoking His miracles is to disturb the faith in Him and His all-protecting power. That is why Jesus refused to convert the stones into bread, even though His body was hungry from the delusive human standpoint. Also, that is why He refused to be tempted by Cosmic Satan into jumping from the mountain top to show whether the angels would hold Him or not.

The Christ Consciousness of Jesus found an adequate test in the temptations born of the memories of past mortal habits, and in the test of “living by bread alone,” and so forth, which was instigated through the Cosmic delusion of the metaphysical Satan.

Whether one believes in Cosmic Satan or not, it can be easily understood that the Spirit, before giving the final transcendental, Cosmic Consciousness of God, the Father, to Jesus, wanted to see if His newly-acquired Christ-Consciousness could rise above the temptations born of the memory of mortal habits.

Jesus, in lifting Himself from the Holy Ghost state of feeling all Cosmic vibration and its universal Christ Consciousness, found a matter-ward pull of Cosmic delusion which began to remind Him of confining, limiting, human habits of incarnations.

Jesus successfully stood the test by saying: “I have found the new source of living by God, the Father, as the fountain of all life, and not by physical bread.” In doing this, Jesus teaches mankind one of the greatest methods of actually knowing that the body live principally by God and secondarily by bread. Jesus said that the body does not live by the little condensed solidified energy of bread alone, but by the word of the unlimited vibrating Cosmic Energy of God.

Fasting and Meditation

Deep meditation is possible only when all bodily functions are stilled. This is one reason why fasting is helpful in attaining a state of quiet and freedom from body consciousness. People who eat too much and never fast, keep the Life Force in their bodies busy burning carbon and cleansing venous blood, and they thus overwork the heart and keep the five-sense telephones forever active.

When a long meditation of several days is desired, a fruit diet is to be recommended because it contains less carbon than ordinary varied diet. It also satisfies the bodily bad habit of continuous eating and is better for most people than complete fasting. Such partial fasting by a group of a people, accompanied by long meditation, can give a tremendous spiritual experience. This experiment

should be undertaken only under the strict guidance of a wise preceptor or guru.

Meditation is the method of connecting the Life Force with Cosmic Energy, and this can be accomplished only when all bodily functions are slowed up. Therefore, meditating when the stomach is full defeats the very purpose for which one meditates. With a full stomach, the heart, nervous system, and the five-sense telephones are all busy digesting food, burning carbon, and keeping up the circulation in the body. This keeps the subconscious mind restless, and thus prevents it from becoming one-pointed and concentrated on God.

On the other hand, to meditate when the stomach is empty is a good practice because the energy which runs the nervous system is not then busy with the bodily functions. When the body, lungs, and diaphragm are still, the heart is calm. When the heart is calm, the current is switched off from the five-sense telephones.

Therefore, fasting in connection with meditation means the slowing up of activity in the muscles, heart, circulation, diaphragm, and lungs by denying carbon and chemicals to the blood. Hence, fasting helps to draw the attention away from the body and its functions, and metaphysically it helps to open up the inner source of Cosmic Consciousness and Cosmic Energy by which the body really lives.

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Man's body battery is not sustained by sunshine, oxygen, and food alone, but by the word or vibrating current of Cosmic Energy which, by radio-active force descends into the body and human will through the medulla, or "mouth of God." Not to use the will, as some people teach, is to shut off all Divine currents from the body.

Man can be like a dry battery. He can live more and more by condensing Cosmic Energy into flesh instead of always receiving chemical atomic energy from food.

In a book called "Amanzil," about Theresa Neumann, [* Theresa Neumann died September 18, 1962.] the peasant girl of Konnersreuth, Bavaria taken from an address by Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D.D., Bishop of Cleveland, delivered Feb. 12, 1928, and reprinted from the Catholic Universe Bulletin, Cleveland, Ohio, (eleventh edition) we find striking facts about Theresa Neumann's life relative to living by Divine Energy.

(1) "She possesses the wounds of the Crucified Savior. The wounds remain always the same. They neither fester nor heal." (2) "She goes through the Passion of our Lord each Friday." (3) "She repeats the Aramaic words spoken by Christ." (4) "She divines the innermost secrets of the heart." (5) "She takes neither food nor drink. Has eaten no solid food since 1923, except water or a little fruit juice."

"But on Christmas Day of the year 1926 she ceased entirely taking any food or any drink, so that almost for two years now, this girl has neither eaten nor drunk anything except to receive Holy Communion every morning. Now, it may be that you will say, 'Perhaps she takes food on the sly. Perhaps this is all deception.' No. It is guaranteed. It is absolutely certified. The Episcopal Government of the city of Ratibon sent four hospital sisters who were placed under oath to watch her night and day. These sisters changed off in pairs and never left her presence. They stayed

for fifteen days and deposed under oath that entire time not a drop of water or any liquid substance or a morsel of food passed her lips. And the verdict of all the doctors from the University of Berlin, from Prague, from Frankfurt, from Munich—doctors without any faith—was this: ‘Deception and fraud are absolutely out of the question in the case of Theresa Neumann.’ She is not emaciated, despite lack of food since Christmas, 1926, and is as healthy looking as anyone around you. On Fridays she loses about eight pounds. Six hours after the vision of the Passion is over, she is again back to her normal weight of one hundred and ten pounds.”

The greatest of all things in Theresa Neumann’s life was that she actually demonstrated what Jesus said: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of mouth of God,” and she did not become emaciated by fasting. To live by eating food is not a sin, but to live and think only of the physical means of sustaining life is to live in delusion. We must know that it is the power of God that digests food and changes it into blood and nourishment. It is God alone who sustains life. Theresa Neumann showed that her Divine Will could replace the decayed bodily tissues by materializing electrons of energy into flesh.

Many Hindu saints have demonstrated that life is possible without oxygen or food. Sadhu Haridas of India conducted an experiment under the observation of medical men and was buried several feet beneath the surface of the earth for forty days in the courtyard of a well-guarded palace, and came back to life even though he was pronounced dead.

These extreme examples are cited, not in order to make you aspire to become another Haridas or Theresa Neumann, but simply to show that if such great control of the physical Being is possible, it is also possible for a person living a normal life to so spiritualize his body that he can be free from physical suffering, and that he can actually know through experience that Divine Power is the real source of his life.

Of course, long fasting, that is, more than three days, is not necessary in order to demonstrate that you really live by Divine Power. You can also spiritualize the body, or make it live on this higher plane, by right eating at all times. The proper diet should be chosen and care should be taken never to overeat.

When fasting, mental resistance and fear of losing weight should be put upon the spiritual purpose for which the fast is undertaken. During this time, you must feel alive with Cosmic Consciousness and the newly-awakened Life Energy.

Jesus discovered this new source of energy through fasting and meditation. He also found that He had conquered the race-habit and the race-idea of the necessity of living by physical food alone. The Cosmic Delusive Force has led man to believe that he would die without physical food and the body consciousness. Jesus refused to convert the stone into bread because He knew that He lived by the power of the changeless Infinite Energy and not alone by the limited relative energy derived from physical food.

During fasting, you should say to yourself and actually realize: “I am learning to live by the power of God and not by physical means only.” Everyone should test out

this truth in his or her own life by fasting and meditation, and become aware of God Consciousness and Cosmic Energy.

However, be sure to remember that long fasting should never be undertaken without the guidance and direction of a competent preceptor. It is good at all times, however, to fast one day a week, to choose the proper diet, to eat little at night, and to meditate regularly every day.

Reincarnation

Satan saw that the Divine plan was for all finite creation, after a perfect existence, to go back to God, and knew that with the disappearance of all finite creation, his kingdom would be gone, so he determined to use his God-given power to create imperfect independent desires in finite creatures in order to make them come back to earth again and again through reincarnation.

Satan created the consciousness of death through accident or fear, and thus started a desire in human beings for a perfect life on earth. This desire caused souls to reincarnate again and again in their vain hope of finding a perfect existence on earth, which can only be found in God.

God is almighty. He could destroy Satan, but if He used His physical miraculous force, He would subjugate Satan, but would not convince his immortal intelligence of his evil ways, so God is using love to convert Satan. As Satan is trying to keep human beings deluded by greed, anger, fear, desire, attachment, and delusion, so God is using the psychological counterparts of unselfishness, calmness, courage, satisfaction, unattached Divine Love, and wisdom, to bring man to His Divine Kingdom.

There was no evil in God. Satan precipitated evil by the misuse of his God-given free choice and his power of creating finite things. God might have anticipated the origin of evil in Satan through His omniscience, yet He organized this Cosmic Play in order to enjoy Himself through His many selves, and because He knew that, ultimately, His goodness would bring all things back unto Him. After God gave independent power to Satan, who had been an archangel, to create perfect finite things, Satan misused his independence, as a rebellious general sometimes turns against his king. Ever since then Satan has created an ugly counterpart for every beautiful creation of God, in man's body, mind, and soul, and in Nature. God created a beautiful body to be charged by Cosmic Energy and to live in a free, unconditioned, Divine state, but Satan created hunger and the lure of the senses. For mental power, Satan substituted mental temptation; for souls wisdom, Satan invented delusive ignorance; for beautiful Nature, Satan substituted ugly warfare, disease, germs, earthquakes, cataclysms, floods, and other disasters.

If there were no individual and industrial greed, selfishness, sex temptation, nor false ambitions, this earth would be free from physical and moral crimes and war. By these misfortunes, Satan is systematically fighting God's perfect plans of unselfishness, international cooperation, self-control, and true ambition, which

includes the happiness of other people in one's own happiness, brotherhood, and so on.

HERE ON PAGE 59 THERE IS AN ILLUSTRATION WITH THE CAPTION:

“Behold the Christ Peace Descending”

Living by God-Power

Why must God's children be hungry? The soul, identified with the Satan-desecrated human body, feels hunger, and in turning to the earth-products for nourishment, remains earth-bound. Thus the soul forgets that it can live like God by God's Cosmic Energy.

Jesus, as he contacted God, found that hunger is a delusion connected with the law of change in the body, and can be overcome gradually until one can live entirely by God's energy. Man should behold the soul as above hunger and the desire for food, for as long as the soul feels dependent upon food, it is earth-bound, and so long must it come back again and again to satisfy this flesh desire. This does not mean that the spiritual aspirant should stop eating, but it does mean that he should joyously eat to maintain the temple of God (the body) and not eat just to satisfy sense craving.

Even when Jesus said that stones could be made into bread by changing their rate of electronic vibration, he realized that it would be foolish to remember and encourage his mortal habits when tempted by Satan, since he knew that he was immortal and could live by God-power. Stones can be changed into bread when man understands how Divine Intelligence controls atoms and electrons. God's intelligence has divided vibrations into solids, liquids, and gases, and is holding them in balance by mind, thermal, and electrical laws.

Man must understand how his intelligence controls the atoms of his body. When he learns that, he will find that his intelligence is a reflection of Divine Intelligence, which supports the life of his body. When he understands that, he knows that his body is not maintained by the physical law of bread only, but that it is sustained principally by God's Cosmic Energy. So Jesus controlled his mortal enemy of hunger by His Divine Memory of unconditioned spiritual existence, which is self-sustaining.

The Cosmic Satan, through past mortal memory, asked Jesus to use his Divine power over atoms to change stones into bread. Satan wanted Jesus to forget his newly remembered Divine state of unconditioned existence. So Satan worked through the mind of Jesus, and said: “Why don't you use your Divine power to change stones into bread?” If Jesus had done that, he would have misused his Divine power, and also would have again catered to the Satanic psychology of physical hunger, instead of living by Cosmic Energy.

If Jesus had converted stones into bread, he would have had to depend again on

bread for life. Of course, Jesus humanly ate bread even after this experience, but he did it as a God-man, and not as a deluded human being, subject to physical hunger. Great souls, who attain the highest, do not use their miraculous power for themselves, but live in the common human way so that they may attract people to God by the higher miracles of love and devotion, and not by ostentatious physical miracles.

By not yielding to Satan's temptation to turn stones into bread, Jesus conquered, and from then on it was at His option to live with or without food. Jesus found that a Son of God should not test God, for that is to doubt Him. God's power should not be used to satisfy the challenge of unbelievers, unless so commanded by God Himself. For those who see the miracles of God, there is nothing left to disbelieve. It is those who believe in God's power without seeing, who deserve to behold the miracles of God.

So Jesus answered within himself with a great vibratory force of thought, to the metaphysical Satan, who was tempting Him to transgress God's laws. The word "said" signifies vibrating thought, and not speaking voice. Jesus quoted the scriptural truth, not theoretically, as so many theologians do, but after his own experience of finding the mystery and origin of life through a forty-day fast and by an intense inner meditative preparation. Man does not need to depend upon bread, or solids, liquids, and gases only sustaining life, but upon the vibrating Cosmic Energy proceeding from the medulla (Mouth of God) into the human system.

Evil on earth was not all created by man's wrong actions (evil Karma), accumulated during many incarnations. Evil existed from the time the Cosmic Satanic force first misused the Cosmic Energy to create imperfect things and beings. Even when Adam and Eve were created, Satan foresaw that if they remained perfect on earth and were dematerialized and draw back into God, there would be nothing left for him to do and he would lose his power, so even in that early period, Satan has already turned against God and had created such patterns of imperfection as physical temptation to make Adam and Eve transgress the perfect laws and become earth-bound through the creation of imperfect desires.

Adam and Eve, by yielding to Satan's temptation of physical procreation, lost the power of immaculate creation by which they materialized their tendencies and energy into Divine Children, even as God had especially created them out of the ether. All creation is special in the beginning and physical creation is secondary, for male and female must first exist before physical creation is possible.

From then on, the law of reincarnation became effective for the outworking of human desires on the earth plane by rebirth. Satan created this law because he wanted souls to be bound to the earth by earthly desires.

Reincarnation originated principally from Satan trying to immortalize changeable flesh in order to keep creatures under his subjugation. Satan found, however, that flesh was subject to the law of change, which included the change of the state called death.

Souls, being immortal, could not go back to God, with the imperfect desires

engendered on earth by Satan, so they had to return to earth, through reincarnation, to work out their material desires. In a way, Satan is helplessly acting as the tool of God in ultimately freeing souls from body and earth attachment. Reincarnation assures freedom, for it gives immortal souls time to work out their past desires. In that way Satan is deceived into thinking that souls will remain earth-bound forever, whereas, at the expiration of the incarnation of desires, they will be liberated.

When a soul incarnates to work out its desires of past incarnations, Satan, fearing the freedom of that individual at the end of the working out of those desires, creates new desires in this incarnation by ingenious temptations so that the soul may keep on reincarnating by weaving fresh nets of desires. Reincarnation, forced by earthly desires, is painful and wrought with suffering, and is the tool of Satan to keep souls earth-bound and miserable.

Death was to have been a conscious, happy transition from the changeful body to the changeless God. This was God's idea of death. Satan created the painful, dreadful, unconscious phenomena of death. To desire lasting happiness in the body causes unconsciousness and pain at the time of death. Satan made souls think death was a parting from the beautiful earth, and as such, that they should grieve and desire to come back. Souls fail to see, due to Satan's delusion, that death was to be a godly event, a promotion, a liberation from the toil weary, imperfect earth life, to the perfect, everlasting freedom in God.

Man's Relation to Evil

Man may be accused of misusing his reason, and, by creating inharmony with God's laws, of giving birth to evil. However, we find that evil had already been created to delude man, and influence his free choice against God's suggestions through His patterns of good. Greed, revengefulness, and sense temptation, were all created to tempt man to miserable, evil ways, by forsaking God's pattern of unselfishness, forgiveness, self-control, and so on. Man cannot be held responsible for being tempted, for even in his own body Satan created the terrible physical temptation, constantly urging him to morally transgress. Man is responsible, however, for not using his reason and will power to conquer his senses, and know God's laws of happiness in self-control, and in transmuting Life Force into the creation of children of wisdom, or, with utmost self-control, in the creation of spiritual physical children.

Man did not create physical temptation, or death-dealing bacteria, or earthquakes, or cataclysms, or floods. Satan created them as counteracting imperfect patterns, to destroy the perfect patterns of God, of creation by will, and of helpful bacteria of a solid, peaceful earth, free from earthquakes, cataclysms, and floods. God wanted man, after a perfect existence on earth, to go back to His immortal home of peace.

Satan was the result of the desire of God to divide His Sea of Oneness into

waves of finite creation, by the storm of vibration, which resulted in the waves of manifestation and in the law of relativity. This power, coming from God, became independent and endowed with free choice. Later, Satan, who embodies this power, beheld finite things, after a perfect existence, dissolving back into God, and feared the loss of his existence at the end of the creation of finite manifestation, so he rebelled against God and started to misuse his free choice by using God's Cosmic Energy to create patterns of imperfection.

Satan was at first an Archangel of God and used Cosmic Energy to create perfect finite things, with astral lights turned inward on God. Later, Satan became lightning falling from heaven, because he caused Cosmic Energy to be turned away from God, and kept it busy creating on the earth plane, revealing finite lights like the sun and the moon, and the lightning which shows only finite things. Satan keeps man sense-bound, and does not allow him to reverse the search-lights of his senses Godward and behold His glory and His wonders in the Astral Cosmos, where all things are indescribably beautiful.

The battery of man's wisdom, intelligence, life, and body shall not live (be sustained) by bread (outer material, solids, liquids, and so forth) alone, but by every word (unit of intelligent living vibration) that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The Cosmic Energy or Life Energy, as it proceedeth out of medulla, through which mouth or opening, God breathes His breath of life (Cosmic Energy) into the soul, mind, and body battery of man.

The batteries of man's wisdom, intelligence, life, and body, in all futurity, will not be kept alive by the outer agency of solids, liquids, gases, or by physical food only, but by the inner source of wisdom, power, and Life Energy, which recharge the soul, mind, and body batteries of man. It is foolish to think that bread alone sustains man. Man lives by wisdom, power, and energy, all of which come from God, through the finite opening of the medulla.

The above is one of the greatest truths which Jesus ever revealed, namely, that future generations would learn to live by Wisdom and Cosmic Energy and not by food only. The ordinary animal-man thinks that his entire life depends upon steak, oxygen, water, and sunshine. He forgets that the body is like a battery, which cannot work with distilled water only when its electricity runs out. The death battery can live only when it is sent to a battery shop and recharged with electric current. Likewise, oxygen, inflated into the lungs of a dead man, and food stuffed into his stomach, and his body exposed to sunshine, will not bring back life.

It is the Life Force, coming down from the medulla, and distributed throughout the cells, which changes food into energy. This energy, derived from food, reinforces the energy existing in the body. In this way the inner life energy is self-contained, and alone can support the body. Still, through generations of bad habits, it feels its complete dependence upon food, and refuses to function without it. Just as extreme opium addicts die without opium, so, to the food addict, the Life Force refuses to stay in the body without food. The Life Force, constantly depending upon physical food, forgets its original continuous supply of Cosmic Energy.

The time comes in the life of every individual when, no matter what food he eats, or how many breathing exercises or sun baths he takes, he says: "No matter what I do, my health is failing." This shows that outside agencies, which support the body, are only indirect causes of energy, and are dependent upon the Life Force, which is the direct source of life.

In suspended animation, Sadhu Haridas was buried several feet below the earth for forty days and lived without food, oxygen, or sunshine. When he was brought out, he was pronounced dead, and yet, to the amazement of his attendant English and French physicians, he came back to life.

HERE, ON PAGE 64 THERE IS AN ILLUSTRATION WITH THE CAPTION:

How Yogis Suspend Animation

Of course, the Yogis, know how to withdraw their consciousness into the spine and connect it with Cosmic Consciousness, and thus keep all the subconscious thoughts recharged and active in the dream state of the soul. Without this internal activity of consciousness, the body cells would decay. In suspended animation the Cosmic Consciousness works through the subconscious mind and shows to the body cells their complete dependence upon the Divine Cosmic Consciousness. Just as ships can be controlled by a distant radio, so the Cosmic Consciousness of God keeps all thoughts, and cells alive in the body by continually sending energy to them.

During the suspended state of the body, unless the cell and thought radios are tuned in with Cosmic Consciousness, or with the superconsciously-charged subconscious, the cells and bodily functions will be destroyed because of the lack of a controlling intelligence. Human conscious intelligence, charged with God Consciousness, is the supreme sustainer of the body. Without that, no human body can live; so, in the suspended states of the body, the superconsciously-charged subconsciousness withdraws the Life Force from the organs and unites it with Cosmic Energy to electrify all the body cells and convert them into dry batteries. When the cells are electrified with this super-current, they cease to grow or to decay. This is what is meant by "suspended animation." The Life Force and human consciousness cease their outward activity with the material world, and temporarily suspend their slavery to oxygen, food, and sunshine, and learn to depend wholly upon the true body supporters, Cosmic Consciousness and Cosmic Energy. The Yogis suspend the activity of change in the muscles, blood, nerve force, and all tissues, and support the body by the changeless power of Cosmic Consciousness and Cosmic Energy.

The body, being a cluster of atomic, cellular, circulatory, muscular, astral, electrical motions, depends usually upon such motion for its existence, but when the animation is suspended in the right way, the body is charged by the Cosmic

Source. If you gently touch the spring of a fine watch, it will stop, and when you shake the watch, it will run again. In the same way, when the heart is stopped, by stilling the activity of thoughts, the animation of the body is suspended.

While buried, the cold earth acts like a refrigerator, preserving the body from the work of heat. Besides, the inner Life Force creates a sort of coolness in all the cells, which serves to preserve them by direct current from Cosmic Consciousness and Cosmic Energy. In this state, the cells temporarily forget their bad habit as food addicts, and live by the Word, or the vibration of Cosmic Consciousness and Energy.

To return to activity, the Yogi takes his will and consciousness into the spine and brain. Then he puts in the switch of the will, and the thoughts begin to stir. With the connecting of the switches of the thoughts, the Life Force begins to bring animation into the body again.

Besides the above, it is a known fact each gram of flesh in the human body has enough energy in the electro-protonic center to run the electrical supply of the city of Chicago for two days. The Life Force in the ordinary human body usually derives power from the chemical energy in food. It does not know how to live on the electro-energy stored in the protonic center in food atoms. In the state of suspended animation, some Yogis, instead of drawing on Cosmic Energy by disintegrating atoms through the power of will, release the electro-protonic heat to keep the body cells electrified like billions of dry batteries.

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Dynamo of Conscious Cosmic Energy

AND BENEATH IT:

The Body Battery

Recharging the Body, Mind, and Soul Batteries

Good electricity is extremely necessary in maintaining a battery. In the same way, the body battery needs to be inwardly charged with good thoughts, wisdom, and Cosmic Energy. Dietetics is not delusion. Distilled water (and not any kind of water) is necessary for the life of the battery; also, good food, pure oxygen through proper breathing, sunshine, and less carbon-forming foods are necessary for the proper upkeep of this body battery. The body is a battery within batteries.

The body battery is charged outwardly by good food, chemicals, and so forth, and inwardly by pure mind, pure soul, Cosmic Consciousness, and Life Energy. The body battery is contained in the mind and soul batteries.

The mind battery is charged by Life Energy, bodily chemicals from the outside, and inwardly it is charged by super-consciousness of the soul. A weak, dilapidated

body weakens the mind, but a healthy body does not always mean a remarkable mind, unless it is charged with superconsciousness of the soul. Likewise, the soul battery is charged with a good mind, good Life Energy, and good chemical energy of the body from the outside, and inwardly the soul is charged by Cosmic Consciousness through the channel of the superconscious.

In other words, remember that the more you daily meditate deeply, and feel your joy increasing, the more your soul battery will be recharged with daily wisdom poured out from God. The more one meditates, keeps in the company of Saints and intelligent, mentally-powerful people, reads good books, introspects, does creative work in art, science, literature, and business, the more one feels mentally powerful.

Then, last of all, it must be remembered that, since the soul has descended into matter from Spirit, and made the imperfect body its playground, all the perfection of Spirit and soul and mind must be centered in the body in order to enable the flesh-entangled soul to remember its vastness in Spirit.

A diseased body discourages the soul, due to the latter identifying itself with the former. A strong soul, which finds its joy in meditation, on the other hand, can influence a disease-stricken body to manifest healing and perfection.

The soul's battle for immortality, diseaselessness, and ever-lasting happiness, must be won and established in the body, at least from the mental standpoint, before the soul can disentangle its attachment from the mortal, imperfect condition of the body. A spiritual man, unless highly advanced, eating food injudiciously, would find the body standing in the way of spiritual realization. Also, a food fanatic will find the thought of the body hindering spiritual realization.

Eat the right food and then forget that you live by food. Think that you are always living by Cosmic Consciousness, which changes the food into energy. You must realize that food alone cannot support the body, whereas, in the state of suspended animation, the body can be sustained by the consciousness and subconsciousness in the brain and spine. No one can live without the inner intelligence of subconsciousness drawing energy from the protonic center of cells, or Cosmic Energy. When consciousness departs from the spine and brain in the suspended or dead body, death is instantaneous, and decay starts.

In the case of Theresa Neumann, we find one of God's many miracles. She was slightly active, breathed, enjoyed sunshine, had her heart and circulatory system working, but she did not live by bread, water, and so forth. This was most unique. She demonstrated in this age the teaching of Jesus, namely, that the body does not have to live by bread alone, but that it can live by the vibrating energy of God, sent through the sunshine, oxygen, and the Life Force into the body. Of course, very few persons in the world have lived by sunshine and oxygen only. Saint Theresa Neumann lived by her will, drawing Cosmic Energy, and by the Cosmic Consciousness of Christ.

Saint Theresa Neumann was sent by God to demonstrate that the future food of man will come through oxygen, sunshine, and etheric energy. To use oxygen and sunshine only, along with Cosmic Energy on one hand, is wonderful, for the decay

of the bodily tissues is rebuilt by food from oxygen, sunshine, and Cosmic Energy. On the other hand, Theresa Neumann apparently had to depend a little upon mortal breath and sunshine. Yogis of India, in the suspended state, live only by Cosmic Energy and to not depend upon oxygen and sunshine.

The suspended state is not the highest state, however. When a Yogi can at will remain conscious and active without breath and sunshine, and can live, then he is known to make the body live by God, and the Word of God (Cosmic Energy) alone. Yogis who can do this are much higher than those who remain in the suspended state only. Saint Theresa Neumann's state was a higher state than the Yogi's (who remains subconsciously alive only in suspended animation), in that she consciously lived without eating and was active and breathing. There is an even higher state than this.

Some Yogis live consciously only through God and Cosmic Consciousness (Word of God). Jesus could do this. He ate only to be human. By the manifestation of Cosmic Consciousness during His forty days of fasting, He attained this. Therefore, He said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Yogis, after attaining the above state, may not eat at all, or they may eat to remain human, and thus help out his drama of life.

The spiritual aspirant, however, must eat rightly. He should eat less carbonized food, and every little in the morning and evening, the times of meditation. Most kinds of meat and heavy food keep the Life Force busy working in the vital organs burning carbon, and therefore it is difficult to disengage the active Life Force from the senses and vital organs, and to reverse the current and attention toward God without retarding digestion and receiving opposition from the vital organs.

Meditation, after heavy meals, in the early stages, sets up a tug of war between the body consciousness and superconsciousness. That is why fruits, containing less carbon, are better than most heavy meats, like pork and beef, since fruits, having less carbon to burn, do not use much Life Force, and do not tax the nervous system, vital organs, kidneys, and so on. The heavy meat eater will find the mind pulled down to the region of the senses during meditation. In the morning eat fruits, at noon eat a good meal (whatever you want), at night fruits, milk, and cooked vegetables.

Fast once a week on orange juice and meditate. Fast three days consecutively on orange juice every month or every forty-five days, and meditate long and deeply (two or three hours): This will not only give rest to the body and eliminate poisons, but it will teach you how to live more by Cosmic Consciousness and less by food. Concentrate during fasting. Don't mentally miss food or dwell on food. Rather feel that you are being charged by Cosmic Consciousness and Cosmic Energy, and are learning that your life depends entirely upon it, and that you are getting out of the habit of depending too much upon food.

Psychological Satan of Ignorance

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to keep thee: And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. And Jesus answering, said unto him,

It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give Thee and the glory of them: for it is delivered unto me: and to whomsoever will I give it. If you therefore will fall down and worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him,

Get thee behind me Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve.

And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:5-11; Luke 4:5-13) [* From time to time, the Preceptor combines verses of Scripture to give a more complete word picture of the Sayings of Jesus Christ.]

There are two meanings to the above message. The Cosmic Intelligent Force, which turned away from God, threw Its searchlight of consciousness upon matter to extol it and to tempt man with its tinsel glory. Any man who turns his consciousness externally upon matter automatically finds his vision matter-bound along with Satan's vision. To be a slave to the senses is to use the soul's searchlight of attention for worshiping the glory of changing, temporary, pleasure-yielding matter. To reverse the searchlight of attention upon the soul is to behold and enjoy the changeless, everlasting, joy-giving Spirit.

The first meaning is that the Psychological Satan of Ignorance took hold of the mind of Jesus while He was on the very height of the Temple of Meditation, situated in the Holy City of His Universal Christ Consciousness. This means that the mind of Jesus, although it had reached the pinnacle of meditative intuition in His Christ state of consciousness, was still subject to the temptation of ignorant delusion. His past delusive habit of yielding to temptation, finding constant defeat in the sacred consciousness of Jesus, was making a last effort to dislodge His Divine habit of right thinking and claim Him as its own. The memory of His past delusive habit cast a tempting thought in His mind, and He was led to think: "Since I have regained my lost high state of Divine Sonhood by deep meditation, it is safe for me to cast myself down into temptation because God will protect me through my guardian-angels of spiritual conviction, intuitive experiences, and meditation-born wisdom. Even if I fall into temptation, the angels of spiritual thoughts will lift me up again to my high estate of consciousness and will prevent my strong foot of will power from dashing against the stone of misery-making spiritual error."

The better spiritual habit conquered, and Jesus replied by thought to temptation within Himself. The highest wisdom, as written in the great Scriptures, says: "Attention must not stray from God, the Father, the Creator of all forms of consciousness, but that consciousness must remain identified with and concentrated upon God. It must not separate itself from Him and try to drag Him matter-ward."

All craving and desire in man should be transmuted and turned toward God, instead of allowing it to try to delude the God in man. Temptation is a delusive, compelling, conflicting, joy-expecting thought which should be used to pursue happiness-making truth and not misery-producing error. Although God is the creator of consciousness, still the vitiated consciousness in man turns away from Him and tries to lure the soul to concentrate upon the temporary joy of the senses. When Jesus found this, He snubbed His temptation, and told it not to be audacious enough to tempt the God in Him.

Again, the psychological temptation followed Jesus to His very high mountain-like state of Self-Realization, and in a quick mental vision showed Him all the power and temporary glory that material possessions could give Him, and thus lured Him with the thought: "I will give you all this power and wealth." Further, His psychological delusive habit made Him feel that it had complete power over all temporarily-glorified material things, and that it had power to give Him enjoyment of material objects if only He would fall from His high state of self-control and happiness in Spirit, down to the plane of sense enjoyment.

A superman, even though he is fixed in a high state of consciousness by deep meditation, he is still subject to the temptations of his past pre-natal and post-natal memories of sense enjoyments, which promise all kinds of quickly obtainable pleasures in place of the hard-earned, lasting joy of self-control and meditation.

Jesus answered within Himself: "Oh, ye senses of smell, taste, and touch, you were made to be devoted to the everlasting joy of Spirit, and to constantly act and serve in such a way that the joy of Spirit would become a permanent habit of the soul."

The sense of taste was not given to create greed and indigestion by overeating, but to joyously select the right food in order to help build the Temple of God. To eat only for the pleasure of taste, produces greed, slavery, indigestion, and death. To eat for the maintenance of the soul's body temple, produces self-control, long life, health, and happiness.

"My senses were given to serve me," thought Jesus, "and were not made for me to cater to their insatiable appetite." As a man cannot satisfy his hunger by feeding someone else, so also the soul cannot be happy by catering to the unnatural appetite of the senses.

When the Psychological Delusive Habit had finished tempting Jesus with memories of pre-natal and post-natal material habits, the delusion of mortal habit departed, for a time at least, giving rise to the feeling of victory for the good habit. The departing of Satan for a season signifies the transcendental state of fixed self-

control, when the devotee rises above the state of struggle with evil.

As soon as the mortal delusive habit disappeared, the angels of Intuition, Calmness, Omniscience, and Self-Realization appeared in the consciousness of Jesus to serve Him with lasting joy and happiness.

Jesus, the Lamb Of God and John, the Baptist–Spirit and Flesh

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias?’ And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptized thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe’s latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

Again, the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples; And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned and saw them following, and saith unto them; What seek ye? (John 1:19-28; 32-38)

The Priests and Levites, with only ordinary spiritual perceptions, were naturally skeptical about the qualities of a Christ. Wise men, meeting a Christ-like man, would not ask him if he were Christ, because the wise by their own wisdom, can recognize the qualities of a Christ-like man. It was the ignorant priests who asked John if he were the expected Christ.

Human consciousness is circumscribed by the circumference of the body, but Christ Consciousness is unlimited, stretched over the entire tract of Eternity. Many people ignorantly worship the body of Jesus, and forget to recognize the consciousness of the Christ which could encompass the entire Cosmos with all the

island universes, just as a cup can take up all the soup in a vessel.

John, being a good saint, in spite of his greatness, could not see that he had expressed Christ Consciousness in his consciousness. If souls can be made in the image of transcendental God, the Father, they are automatically also made after the pattern of the Christ Consciousness present in all Creation. My contention is that everyone is a potential Christ, and all those who can make their concentration deep enough and broad enough can receive Christ within their own consciousness. John was a potential Christ, still, due to his identification with ignorance, he could not feel that in essence he had reached the state of Christ Consciousness. Therefore, John spoke the truth and confessed that the potential Christ in him had not yet manifested in his outward human consciousness. That is why John confessed: "I am not the Christ."

John also denied that he was Elias, because (as told before) he could not remember his previous incarnation as Elias. John, as Elias, was the Guru (preceptor) of Jesus. Teachers are many, but there can be but one Guru. He is the vehicle which God uses to bring a prodigal son back to His mansion of freedom. Elias had been spiritually advanced in the earlier incarnation, but had somewhat fallen from his high consciousness during his incarnation as John. It was Jesus, John's disciple, who had advanced so greatly that he was able to remind His Guru of his forgotten incarnation.

John was humble because he had fallen somewhat spiritually, and he did not want to identify himself with the high state of his previous incarnation as Elias. He said: "I am not Elias;" i.e., I am not as highly developed in this incarnation as I was when Elias. He gave an evasive answer when he was asked: "Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness; make straight the way of the Lord, as saith the prophet Esaias."

I am the voice, or Cosmic Sound, crying or vibrating in the Wilderness of Silence. The "wilderness" signifies the consciousness of a saint where no green herbs of fresh material desires can grow. The saint makes his soul barren so that God may come in without resistance from the weeds and brambles of material desires. And as John heard the all-knowing Cosmic Sound within him, in the Wilderness of Silence, he heard the intuitive wisdom command him silently: "Make straight the way of the Lord." Manifest the Lord, or the subjective Christ Consciousness in all Cosmic vibratory Creation, through the awakened intuitive feeling of a straight spine during the state of meditation.

Though John denied that he was as developed as Elias, still he spoke of his inner spiritual state as having attained the knowledge of expanding Omnipresent Cosmic Vibration. He also made it plain that he not only knew he had attained the Cosmic Vibratory state, but that he was meditating with a straight spine, and trying to open up the spinal centers so that the locked-out Christ Consciousness could descend into his body. The word "straight" signifies also following the straight path of Truth through which alone the soul can reach God.

John told the priests in all spiritual subtleness that he was neither the body of Jesus nor Elias, but that he was the Omnipresent Cosmic Vibration trying to feel Christ Consciousness in his body.

John also hinted to the ignorant mass of people that the only way by which a metaphysical, Omnipresent Christ Consciousness could be received is by means of a straight spine with awakened centers of consciousness.

The populace was looking for Christ in a physical body, so John subtly told how he was welcoming Christ through a straight spine, and said that anyone who wanted to know Christ must receive Him in meditation with a straight spine, and must follow the straight path of Truth.

Of course, the physical interpretation is that John cut down the bushes of people's ignorance and created a straight path of Truth so that others might follow that path to receive the teachings of Jesus in attaining Christ Consciousness.

John was also explaining that just worshipping the body of Jesus was not the right way to know Him. The Christ Consciousness embodied could be felt only in the Astrally-awakened straight spine. John was educating the people in order that they might know the straight way by which the metaphysical Christ Consciousness in the body of Jesus could be understood and intuitionally perceived.

The prophet Esaias also knew that the subjective Lord of Finite Vibratory Creation, or Christ Consciousness, could be welcomed only through the awakened straight spine in meditation. The flow of Life Force through the spine and nerves causes man to perceive and appreciate sense objects only, but when the searchlights of the senses are reversed and thrown back on the Spirit through the awakened spine, then Christ Consciousness is revealed.

All the Yogis (those who seek scientific union with God) of India lay the utmost importance on keeping the spine straight during meditation, and upon concentration on the point between the eyebrows. The idea is that when the attention is switched off from the senses it begins to withdraw the currents from the sense telephones, and to reverse them towards the Spiritual Eye, situated between the two physical eyes and the medulla.

The Spiritual Eye is a reflection of the medulla. As one switch throws light into the two lights of an automobile, so the medulla throws the current into the two physical eyes, but by making the eye single; i.e., concentrating on the point between the two eyes, one can see the medulla reflected as only one light.

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The Pineal Eye and the Medulla Eye are one and the same, reflected through the two outer eyes. By making the eyes single again, the diffused light of the two physical eyes is seen as one Spiritual Eye. Jesus said: "If, therefore, thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."

Attention is the conductor of our life currents and consciousness. Those who greedily indulge too much in the pleasures of the senses of touch, smell, taste,

sound, and sight find the searchlights of their consciousness and Life Force turned outward towards matter, but when, by self-control and meditation, the attention is focused on the point between the eyebrows in the spiritual sensorium, then the Life Force and consciousness steadily begin to throw a revealing light over the Christ Consciousness Omnipresent in all finite Creation.

Every spiritual aspirant should know that a bent spine during meditation offers real resistance to the process of reversing the life currents. A bent spine throws the vertebra out of alignment and pinches the nerves, making it impossible for the Life Force to reverse its direction and flow towards the Spiritual Eye and the medulla.

John, Esaias, and Yogis say that to receive Christ Consciousness from Jesus, or from a real Yogi preceptor, more than a simple physical contact is necessary. One must know how to meditate with a straight spine, how to keep the attention switched off from the senses, and how to keep it fixed on the altar of the Spiritual Eye between the two eyes, where Christ Consciousness can be received in all glory.

The people sent by the Pharisees, in their ignorance, not understanding the depth of John's statement, asked again: "Why baptize if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?" This was a foolish question, because John had already told them that he had heard the Cosmic Voice, and that he had authority to baptize, but in his greatness he went on to say: "I baptize with water: but there standeth One among you, who ye know not; He it is; who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose."

John still realized his matter-wardness, or attachment to the watery flesh. He was more conscious of the body than of the Spirit, and so he thought: "I have lots to overcome in order to purify my body before I can baptize my Spirit." Since John's concentration was on purifying the body first, he taught the way of baptizing with water. It has been explained elsewhere that cleansing the body with water before a Spiritual Initiation is conducive to a receptive state of the mind, due to the calming and cooling effect of bathing.

After the body is clean, the soul should be baptized by wisdom, magnetism, spiritual radiation, or Holy Ghost (or holy silent, ghost-like vibratory emanations from the preceptor). John knew that he could bring a temporary spiritual influence into the body of his disciples, but that Jesus, with His Cosmic Aura, could baptize the souls of people with wisdom, and with Cosmic Vibratory Emanations.

John speaks of Jesus as the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. A lamb is the symbol of innocence, humility, and loyalty. Jesus was innocent, pure, humble, and true to God in every way. His was not the arrogance or power of a tyrant trying to destroy evil. Evil never can be uprooted by evil. Murder can never be abolished by murder. Unless the desire to murder is torn from the heart, it will leave its roots in the hearts of men and go on growing. Evil can only be destroyed by good. Murderers should not be hanged, but should be reformed with wisdom. The thought of murder must be banished from all hearts before killing will leave the shores of this earth.

If God, powerful as He is, punished man by physical means, man could not live

on earth and exercise his independence of judgment and thus learn by his own mistakes. Therefore, God uses love, and like a lamb lets Himself be butchered so that some day, by the example of the humble resignation of the lamb to the butcher, He may awaken the higher sympathy and kindness in man.

Therefore, Jesus came as the lamb of spirituality, humble, loyal to God, ready to offer Himself as a sacrifice before the Temple of Truth, so that by His supreme example of purity, humbleness, and meekness He might act as the greatest spiritual light to drive away the dark sins of the world. Darkness can not be chased away by darkness. Sin cannot be dispelled by sin. Lying cannot be stopped by lying. Murder cannot be stopped by hanging. Revengefulness cannot be stopped by revengefulness.

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Darkness can be dispelled only by light. Sin can be dispelled by righteousness. Lying can be stopped by examples of truthfulness. Murder will cease by example of forgiveness and love, for the murderer's desire to commit murder can only be healed by forgiveness. Revengefulness can cease only by forgiveness. Jesus, Son of God, by His unique example of grand, humble, Almighty Godliness, has become the light of ages to show people the way out of darkness for all time.

John predicted that Jesus would come after him, destined by God to work out His plan of showing people the path of redemption. John at first did not know that Jesus had come, so he continued to baptize with water in the way that he knew best how to do good to mankind.

John spoke of the Christ Consciousness, immanent in all vibratory Cosmic energy, as symbolized in the dove-like Spiritual-Eye, the star-marked opal-blue light encased in a ring of golden ray. This light is symbolized by a dove because it brings perennial peace. The star represents the mouth of the dove and is the secret passage to Cosmic Consciousness. The blue and golden lights are the two wings of the dove. The blue represents the Cosmic tunnel leading to the perception of the subjective Christ Intelligence in all Creation. The ring of light represents the objective Cosmic energy, Cosmic Vibration, or the Holy Ghost.

The Spiritual Eye is composed of the lifetron (like electron) or the finest ultimate unit of intelligence and energy. It is finer than electrons, of which all matter and consciousness are composed. Each microcosmic lifetron contains in miniature the essence of all the macrocosmic creation. The Cosmos is made of the transcendental God, the Father, the consciousness beyond all Creation; and God, the Son, (the consciousness of the Father reflected in the womb of Cosmic Energy as the Only Begotten, only reflected Christ Consciousness) and the Holy Ghost, or Cosmic Vibration. This Cosmic Vibration appears as the Cosmic Sound of all lifetrans and Cosmic Energy.

Microcosmically each lifetron, or the Spiritual Eye in man, is composed of the elements God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, or of transcendental Cosmic

Consciousness, of Christ Consciousness, and of Cosmic Energy. However, John said: "I saw the Spirit descending from His abode of Heavenly Bliss, in the form of a microcosmic Spiritual Eye, and rest upon Jesus. The spiritual telescopic eye of Jesus was opened through this, and he could perceive the macrocosmic manifestations of Cosmic Consciousness, Christ Consciousness, and Cosmic Energy. Ordinary man, through his physical eyes, sees only his body and a little portion of the earth at a time, but any man, like Jesus, can see the spiritual dove alight in him; i. e., behold through his telescopic Spiritual Eye the entire kingdom of Cosmic Energy and the consciousness existing in and beyond it.

Spirit, by Cosmic Vibration, had instructed John to baptize people with water, and then the same Spirit showed John the mystery of baptism by Spirit. "Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

Any man who can see his Spiritual Eye, not temporarily, but always, and who can see the Omnipresent Spirit through it, can baptized people with the Omnipresent, sacred Cosmic magnetism (Holy Ghost). Simply seeing the light, or showing others the light of the Spiritual Eye, is not enough (as advanced students of Praecepta-given Kriya, the Highest Art of Realization, can). One must be able to perceive the Spirit through the Spiritual Eye. This is what is meant by the Spirit remaining on Om. When we can do that, we can summon the Almighty Spirit to envelop the disciple with the Cosmic magnetism. Of course, the disciple must be advanced and deserving in order to be able to receive such a baptism in Omniscience by his advanced Guru (preceptor) who is saturated with Cosmic Consciousness.

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Calling the Apostles– Jesus the Man and Jesus the Christ

They said unto him, Rabbi, (which, is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias. Which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon, the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone. (John 1:38-42)

Andrew, after staying with Jesus for a day, was so saturated with His spiritual magnetism that he understood who Jesus was. After a short acquaintance with Jesus, Andrew became filled with the vibration of Jesus, the Christ. Christ Consciousness cannot be intellectually inferred, but has to come through intuitional awareness. There is a difference between Jesus, the son of man, and Jesus, the Son of God.

Significance of Christ Vibration

The Cosmic Energy and Cosmic Consciousness enter the medulla oblongata as positive and negative currents, forming a series of attracting magnets. Each individual is a bundle of these magnets and attracts others according to their strength. Jesus was a Christ magnet empowered to attract all men, as compared with the ordinary man who can attract very little.

All the parts of the body which come in pairs—eyes, ears, big and little tongues, hands, feet, and so on, receive and radiate positive and negative currents, and each pair forms a magnet with more or less power. The optical magnet can charm, enthrall, and draw people so strongly that they may feel the magnetism of one's soul through the eyes. Some highly-developed people are able to spiritualize or heal a whole audience just by the magnetism of the eyes.

The laying of the hands on sick people is done to send the healing X- Rays of the hands into the body of the patient to electrocute the disease germs. There is no power greater than the Life Force flowing through the hands, provided it is made strong by an indomitable will. Man's strong will, which refuses to be discouraged by anything and which flows continually and energetically toward the accomplishment

of an object, becomes divinely empowered. The strong will of man is Divine will.

The best way to know an individual is to reside with him in the same house. Two people living in the same room, even if they did not talk, would attract each other with their consciousness, nature, vitality, and so forth. Each would feel the silent emanation of the other's thoughts, Life Force, and the range and strength of his vital magnetism.

Each man carries a tell-tale silent evidence of his own vibrations with him. All unbiased, spiritually sensitive souls, can know people simply by looking into their eyes, or by merely coming in close contact with them and feeling their emanating vibrations. Worried, calm, timid, brave, cruel, wise, or godly people can be felt instantly even by people with little spiritual perception.

People with ordinary perception can feel others only when within close range of their magnetism. Great minds, however, can feel one another from a distance, although perception is stronger if they have been closely associated for a while. Thus it was that Andrew's great soul, after remaining with Jesus for a day, felt His Christ magnetism and he was able to say to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah."

We find Christ defined in the Bible as "The first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth." (Rev. I:5.)

The definition is very deep and subtle. It means that the soul wave is usually encased in the physical body of sixteen elements and in the astral and ideational bodies of nineteen elements. It is corked in these bodies by ignorance and material desires and is unable to mingle with the ocean of Spirit which surrounds it. With the change of the physical body, called "death," the soul remains encased in the astral and ideational bodies and is still unable to loosen its Life Wave to join the ocean of Spirit. It is possible by higher meditation for the soul to free itself from the physical and astral worlds and then to merge itself in the ocean of Christ Consciousness.

That is why, in the above passage, it is stated that this Christ Consciousness can be experienced only by those souls who have seen the complete death or dissolution of their encaging physical, astral, and ideational bodies, and not by all who are merely physically dead.

In the human consciousness, the soul experiences itself as identified with the physical body, name, titles, possessions, nationality, and so forth. In the subconscious state, the soul cognizes itself as the restless power of dreams or as the formless peace of deep sleep. In the superconscious state, the soul feels itself as undiluted, formless, ever-new joy. In the state of Christ Consciousness, the soul, emerging from its three dead bodies, feels the Christ Intelligence in all Creation as the conscious, supreme, princely intelligence guiding all other kingly powerful forces which govern the earth and all matter.

Jesus, the man, could feel His consciousness, not only as residing in and governing the body, but He could also feel it as the Christ Intelligence pervading all the space cells of His finite Cosmic body.

It is important to note the difference between Jesus the man and Jesus the Christ. Jesus was the name of the man. The Sanskrit origin of this name is found in the word “Isa,” or, Lord of Creation. Mispronounced by travelers in many lands, and being used in many different languages, the word Jesus came to be used in place of Isa. The Spanish pronounce it “Hanus.”

Different people, with voices influenced by different climates, pronounce the same words differently and give birth to different languages with different spellings. The word “Calcutta” is spelled differently by different races. The English spell and pronounce it “Calcutta.” The Bengalees pronounce it and spell it “Kalicata.” The Western Hindus pronounce and spell it “Kalicutta.” Some Norwegians pronounce and spell the same word as “Colquita.” This illustrates how the name “Isa” could be changed through the ages into “Jesus.”

Originally names expressed a quality of an individual. Then they were handed down from father to son for generations. This complicated matters and later each individual had to have the name of his family, and also a name signifying his individuality. This may be illustrated by my own name, which is a combination of Yoga and Ananda. Yoga means scientific union, and Ananda means Bliss. The distinctive quality is the love of scientific union of the soul with God. For that reason, the name of Yoga was given by my Master. Ananda corresponds a family name, but in this case it belongs to the order of Swamis and means those men who seek Divine Bliss.

Jesus, the Christ, likewise has meaning. Jesus was the name given by the family signifying a Divine child, or Lord of Creation, and the name Christ was given later and signified the Christ consciousness which was manifest in the body of Jesus. Strangely enough, the family of Jesus, seeing the miraculous signs which attended His birth, named him “Lord of Creation” or “Isa”, and later, due to changes in pronunciation, called Him “Jesus.”

The Sanskrit name “Kutasha Chaitanya,” or Christ Consciousness, and the name of one of the greatest prophets of India, Christina, who lived about 1500 B. C., show that the word Christ is very ancient word, meaning the unchangeable consciousness present in every atom of matter and in every speck of finite Creation. The Hindu prophet was called Jadava, the Christina. Jadava was the family name, Christina the spiritual name. Jesus, the Christ, signifies that the body of Jesus was the vehicle in which the Christ Consciousness, or universal intelligence present in everything, was manifest.

People, through different ages, have sought the Messiah, or the Christ, who could turn their attention from the soul’s consciousness of little portions of the matter-world, such as country, society, and family, to the Omnipresence of Christ Consciousness. Throughout the ages, when the souls of people, instead of being identified with Christ Consciousness, became entangled in individual, family, social, and national consciousness, they became limited, producing many miseries. Blind attachment of family property, and so on, leads to selfishness, quarrelsomeness, delusion of permanent possession, inharmony, worries, and the like. So-called blind

patriotism produces commercial greed, desire of wresting the possessions of others from them, and terrible wars.

After souls suffer by repeatedly passing through family, social, and national troubles in different incarnations, they automatically, desire to be released from misery and long to find emancipation through a Christ-like savior. The Bhagavad Gita says that self-liberated souls are used again and again as vehicles of God, and are sent on earth to express the Christ Consciousness in order to help release matter-entangled souls.

God never created Himself into a human being, subject to the weakness of flesh and mental limitations. If God manufactured Jesus Christ as His Son, already complete and perfect, then the temptations of Jesus, by Satan, and His victory, were nothing but Divine Acting. Christ, who was already above death and temptations, could not have needed any mental strength to overcome them. Hence, Jesus, as a perfect Son of God, could not be an example for us.

Jesus was a liberated soul, one of the greatest that ever came on earth. He had struggled through many incarnations in order to come to that Christ State, and it was during the Christ State, in which He could feel His consciousness in every atomic cell of His great body of all matter, that He could act as a Savior of mankind. It is only in this State that any Soul is able to feel Its perfect identity with God. Jesus, Himself, said that all those who received Him (i.e., were mentally advanced enough and spiritually transparent enough), to them He gave the power to become the Sons of God. In the words of Andrew we first find the differentiation between Jesus and Christ.

“And when Jesus beheld him (Simon Peter) he said, ‘Thou art Simon, the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas,’ which is, by interpretation, A stone.” Jesus saw Simon Peter and predicted that his spiritual life would be strong as a stone.

The day following, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. (John 1:43)

When great Masters, like Jesus, come on earth, they bring with them their advanced disciples in order to give them the higher teaching, and to test their spirituality on the psychological battlefield of the earth. So, Jesus knowing His previous Guru (preceptor) and disciple relationship with Philip, calmly said: “FOLLOW ME.” This was a command to Philip, for Jesus recognized His spiritual responsibility as a preceptor toward Philip as His disciple. Jesus indicated that Philip should tune his instinct-guided reason and will power with the higher wisdom-guided reason and will power of Jesus because that was the only way Philip could free himself from mortal delusion and overcome the compelling temptation of flesh.

Delusion and pre-natal bad habits may completely over-power the reason and will power of disciple during crucial tests when the delusive dictates of his own reason seem to him to be virtuous and true. In this state the disciple should never

trust to his own decisions about new undertakings of his life. Vice wears the cloak of virtuous reason to lure him away from the spiritual path. At that time the foresight of the preceptor should be consulted and his advice should be followed obediently by the disciple, even though his own befogged reason may rebel and tell him to do otherwise. In the delusive state the best undertakings may end in a disaster, for Satan, the Universal Metaphysical Tempter, tries by every means to take the virtuous man from the spiritual path.

Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathaniel; and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathaniel saith unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him and saith unto him, Behold and Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile. (John 1:44-47)

Philip quotes the intuitive revelations of Moses and the prophets about the coming of Jesus, the Christ. This raises the question: "Are the happenings on this earth and earthly human affairs all predestined?" We do not think so, but if not, how could Moses and the prophets foretell the coming of Christ? We think it was this way: Moses, by his intuitive foresight was able to trace the law of cause and effect which governs human life. He knew also of the law of God which sends self-emancipated, Christ-like souls onto the earth at different ages, when the people of the earth become burdened with sin. God uses the vehicles of Christ-like souls to inspire sorrow-laden mortal beings with the courage to seek salvation.

Nathaniel was a plain-spoken, sincere man, and he knew the sin-laden state of Nazareth, and naturally he expressed doubt that such a place could ever produce a Savior. Philip was practical, and without argument tried to bring Nathaniel into the transmuting personal magnetism of Jesus Christ. Philip knew that Christ, by His very look and His magnetic life force, could electrocute the seeds of bad habits and doubts that had formed grooves in the brain of Nathaniel. Jesus gave Nathaniel a soul-penetrating look which scorched out his ignorance and took an intuitive photograph of his life. That is why Jesus said: "Behold and Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." Behold a soul which is free from Satanic insincerity.

Nathaniel saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and saith unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. (John 1:48)

Nathaniel was astonished to hear Jesus analyze him so correctly and he wanted to know how it was done. So Jesus said: "Before Philip called thee, I saw thee." This seeing was not by the superficial eye, but it was the intuitive photograph of the soul taken on the sensitive perception of Jesus, who was Omniscient and versed in the

art of telepathy.

Omnipresent God would never be born on earth as a human being, for God in His greatness could never completely identify Himself with the limitations of temptation, mortality, and so forth a human existence. Unless God could forget Himself in a human incarnation, He could never in reality struggle with the limitations of human nature and make Himself a spiritual example to us.

If Jesus was already God, and came as God, His trials and sorrows, struggles, victory over Satan and crucifixion, were but Divine Acting. In the case, Jesus acted out the pre-ordained Divine part of His life without being touched by it, just as an actor plays a part on the stage without being inwardly identified with it. Such a Divinely manufactured Jesus could never inspire faith in weak human beings so that they could conquer evil, but a God-man Jesus, who struggled to the highest spiritual freedom, could be a universal human example, and that would save God from being accused of the partiality of making one soul the Son of God and all other souls the sons of temptation and weakness.

God uses only about-to-be-perfect souls to serve as examples and teachers to deluded humans. It has occurred sometimes that perfect angels of God have consciously come on earth to show people how they should behave by leading exemplary lives. Even the highest and all-powerful saints express their natures in the human body through humility, meekness, forgiveness, undying love, and unselfishness, instead of through miraculous physical forces. In evil-submerged human life the tendency is to suppress wrong by physical force. When the human limitation vanishes from man, then he uses only the superior, nobler forces of love, instead of machine guns and revengefulness, to right the wrongs in individual and collective life. Even if great saints are tortured or ridiculed on earth, they behave Divinely, using only the highest and noblest moral methods to conquer evil.

Nathaniel said unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathaniel answered and said unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. (John 1:48-50)

Jesus said to Nathaniel: "I saw thee under the fig tree; i.e., I saw thy soul under the nerve branches of the cerebro-spinal tree." Jesus, by his Spiritual Eye saw Nathaniel's soul resting under the astral nervous system (fig tree.) Man's body is an upturned tree with roots of hair and cranial nerves at the base of the trunk of the spinal tree of life, shooting out branches of the nervous system. Any spiritual adept looking into another soul deeply can see the soul and its astral nervous system. Spiritual souls have a refined astral nervous system. Material souls have the poor figs of material desires vibrating on the branches of their astral nervous system.

The above explains how Jesus saw Nathaniel under the fig tree. Nathaniel might

have been under a real fig tree and Jesus could have seen him there, but here Jesus speaks of seeing Nathaniel, not with physical eyes, but with the telescopic spiritual eye which can reveal the remotely situated fig tree of the astral nervous system in the Kingdom of the unseen.

Nathaniel could feel the astral body of Jesus entering into his. That is why in an instant he said: "Thou art the Son of God." A son of man is attracted to one body and is unconsciously ejected only at the time of death, but a Son of God, like Jesus, feels His omnipresent consciousness existing in His great body of all matter. Jesus, although apparently existing and working through one body, was not limited by it, but could transfer his consciousness into any other body and feel its sensations, perceptions, and thoughts and emotions.

Jesus, through his omniscience, could simultaneously feel his own body or any group of bodies at the same time. That is why He said: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." (Matt. 10:29)

Jesus, being one with the Father, had the same omniscient consciousness that His father had. Therefore, Nathaniel, feeling the consciousness of Jesus transferred within himself, felt himself divinely transmuted and acknowledged Jesus as the Son of God and the King of Israel. The first title is the Divine Title and is of tremendous significance.

Nathaniel spoke of Jesus as the Son of God and owner of the universe and, being such, he was also the greatest power (King) in Israel, which lay somewhere on this little pill of earth situated in God's Kingdom of the Universe.

Jesus answered and said: "Because I said unto Thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? Thou shalt see greater things than these." Jesus was pleased to find Nathaniel respond to His spiritual vibrations. Nathaniel's belief in the words of Jesus was the result of the vibratory experience which Nathaniel received from Jesus.

Many people do not believe even after they feel a truth, so Jesus said unto Nathaniel: "As you believe in Me, just receiving My vibrations, you will see greater things (greater miracles) than these, i.e., than these miracles of My sending to you astral and thought vibrations."

And he said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, hereafter ye shall see heaven open and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. (John 1:51)

Verily, I say unto you: "Afterwards you shall see the astral region through the opening of the telescopic Spiritual Eye and you shall see the luminous astral bodies ascending out of the dead physical bodies into the Astral Kingdom. Also you shall behold many astral bodies descending into the physical bodies of newly-conceived babies." Son of Man signifies the physical body.

In Genesis, God created the firmament. He called the firmament "Heaven," and

He divided the waters from the waters. Space is the pearly gate of Heaven, which hides the finer forces of waters, and the waters (gross elements) under the firmament gathered together and the dry land appeared. The gross elements lie on the outward boundary of space.

Different races conceive of Heaven according to their racial habits of thought. Certain sects believe that Heaven is filled with large-eyed damsels, fine food, and so forth, even as the fish who live in water might conceive of human beings living on earth as a heaven of celestial fishes all swimming in water. Just as this is absurd, so most human beings talk of Heaven as a place where cool breezes blow evermore, where weather is not violent, where all kinds of fruits can be found, and where winged angels move. We can easily see the idea that angels were given wings because of the human desire to be like the birds, freely flying where they choose.

Modern man may picture angels using airplanes moving at the rate of 4,000 miles an hour, yet, when we think how fast light and electricity move, the flight of airplanes seems like the movement of an ox cart. The time will come when man will learn to change the atomic vibrations of his gross body and make them into an astral force. It is then that he will be able to shoot along with the astral light rays at the rate of 500,000,000 miles per second—even faster than (material) light.

When man learns astral traveling, he will find that he can travel faster than light, but when man learns the full mystery of mind, he will be able to travel faster than any force—material light or astral. If he wished to be in the sun or the moon, or the fastest star, he could be there instantly.

Jesus speaks of the opening of Heaven. This is possible in two ways.

1. By losing limitations of the physical eyes (which see nothing but the gross vibrations of matter) through years of practice in looking into and penetrating the Spiritual Eye until it is possible to see into the Astral Heaven.

2. By having the vibrations of space and other finer walls of lights removed through the command of the Ultimate Intelligence, then man can see the luminous Astral Kingdom hidden behind the Firmament.

In the Astral Kingdom everything is light. There is astral land, astral sea, astral air, astral skies, astral darkness and light and astral gardens and beings, all made of the different vibrations of light. They may be compared to different kinds of fish which have to live in differently-vibrating spheres. It is difficult for astral beings living in grosser vibrations to go into the subtle astral vibratory sphere where finer astral bodies live.

We have astral gardens and flowers planted on the soil of the ether. They surpass any human description. Here the flowers glow like Chinese star shells, ever-growing and ever-changing, and ever-adapting themselves to the fancy of the astral beings and disappearing when they are not wanted. They come back again with new colors and fragrance when desired again.

Here the astral beings drink many-hued lights from living fountains falling from the bosom of Astral mountains. Here millions of miles of deep and wide astral oceans heave with azure, opal, green, silver, gold, blood red, yellow, and aqua

marine lights). Diamond-colored waves dance in perpetual rhythm of beauty. Astral beings swim here and use all their subtle senses as we use them in the dreamland. The only difference is that there is more beauty and perfection in the Astral World than on the earth. The earth is so full of decay and destruction. In the Astral World the havoc done by an astral earthquake could be remedied by mere willing. Of course, this Astral Kingdom decays slowly and is a billion times older and longer-lived than earth has been or is going to be.

In Astral Kingdom there is only spiritual marriage, and children are created by the immaculate method of condensing the positive or negative thoughts, and will, and feeling tendencies of parents into the form of a male or female child; the positive thought producing a male child, the negative thought producing a female child.

In the Astral World there is birth and death. Souls promoted from the earth are born in the Astral Kingdom, and when they leave, at the end of their good Karma, they go back to the earth or to similar inhabited planets in other island universes. Some souls, who developed in the Astral Kingdom, do not die there, but consciously lift themselves into the omnipresent bosom of God and become One with God.

Jesus had gone beyond the Astral World, so He said: "I and my Father are One." Souls who consciously spiritually develop on earth, and who can retain their consciousness during the transition of death, can come into the Astral Land and consciously develop until final freedom in God is attained. Then the Karma-compelled journey of reincarnations toward the earth is stopped.

In the Astral Land souls do not use imperfect, limited, mortal intelligence and senses. There they use various grades of semi-developed intuition and highly-developed intelligence.

The Astral Land is conspicuous for the absence of books, for the Astral Beings can concentrate upon anything and know about its nature through the instantaneous knowledge-producing power of intuition.

Here in Astral Land we find highly-developed saints and also ordinary beings with only semi-developed intuitions. It is only after becoming One with God that a soul does not have to read books or concentrate upon anything in order to know it by intuition. When a soul becomes One with God, that soul's intuition, being identified with Spirit, already knows all and sees all without trying to know anything, even by the effort of intuition.

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And he saith unto them,

Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men. (Matthew 4:18-19)

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, beheld the two brothers casting a net to catch fish in the sea. And Jesus, turning toward them, told them what He thought

about fishing, and that He wanted them to learn about fishing for Souls. All Masters teach in parables, and Jesus thought, like a Hindu Master thought, when he said: "O Divine Mother, passing by the sea of my consciousness, I behold my Ego catching the small bony fishes of material objects, such as name and fame. Bless me so that I may see, instead, the way to catch with my net of devotion, the large fishes of Divine Truth-seeking Souls swimming in the sea of my unruffled consciousness."

It is common to catch fish in the sea for one's own paltry self, but to catch Truth-seeking Souls in the net of Heavenly devotion in order to present them to God is a great achievement. To catch fish and eat them may help to appease physical hunger, but it is not so good for the fish. To catch Souls in the net of one's own Truth-conviction and bring them to God, brings harm to no one. On the contrary, it brings the Divine blessing for the Soul-fisherman, and it also eventually liberates the fishers of Souls. Blessed are those who fish for Souls, for that is the highest spiritual activity on earth.

To seek one's own salvation and not benefit others by it is extreme selfishness. But to seek salvation for yourself so that ultimate freedom may be shared with others is Divine. To try to bring salvation to others without first having it yourself is impossible. You can give only what you have and nothing else. In order to give Spiritual power, you must first acquire the power yourself.

God loves to see a son consciously seek Him, but He is extremely pleased when He finds that son exhorting another son to come unto Him. When a spirit-bound, truant Soul inspires another Spiritual fugitive to return to God, that is considered the highest human duty.

In all the churches in the world ministers should not concentrate upon catching only materially rich Souls and bringing them into the fold to be devoured by the tiger of church dogma. All religious teachers should seek to convert Souls, not for their money, nor for the purpose of swelling the number of church members, but only for bringing them to the all-freeing Presence of God. The commercial Spiritual teacher uses his students to further his own ends, while the true Spiritual teacher uses the student's attention to bring him unto God.

And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the Sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:18-22)

The Sabbath Day is meant to be a time of rest and repose. It is the seventh day, or day of rest, following six days of hard material activity. God is supposed to have worked out His Creation in six days, and on the seventh day to have taken rest.

“Thus the heavens and the earth, were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made.” (Genesis. 2:1-2)

Of course, in Genesis, the seven days were not solar days, but consisted of several cycles. It seems that Creation took much time and everything was evolved under the direction of the active intelligence of God. When most of Creation had come into being, the directly-active intelligence of God became inactive or indirectly active and when most of the desires of God to create were accomplished, His will and intelligence had to take a rest. Hence, there is a rest period in creative activity, when very little creation of new planets, and so forth, goes on.

So, it looks as if the universe in which we are situated has a kindred vibration with us. If rest is needed after activity, each human being should have a Sabbath. Observance of the Sabbath Day does not signify the hypocritical denial of such activities as dancing or transacting business only, but it signifies the willing cessation of all activities which scatter and divert the mind. People should willingly stay away from diversion and material entertainments on the Sabbath Day. Of course, to see a picture, like the “Kings of Kings,” concerning Jesus, on the Sabbath Day, is spiritually stimulating instead of degrading.

On the other hand, if too many materially interesting diversions are kept alive on Sabbath days, the minds of people will be running riot in that direction. The idea is that a rest on the seventh day must be willingly cultivated so that the Soul may recharge itself with calmness, introspection, and creative thinking to adopt the best actions for an all-round existence during the coming week.

A Sabbath well spent in silence, meditation, and creative thinking affords the Soul reinforcement with harmony, peace, and mental and physical strength with which to use the discrimination to develop, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually, in the best possible way. The man who works seven days a week lets his Soul become governed by mechanical activity. Such a person forgets to govern his activity by free will, discrimination, and peace. He easily becomes a physical wreck and mental wreck, and loses Spiritual happiness. Activity and calmness must both be cultivated and fostered in order to produce peace and happiness during the periods of activity as well as during those of silence.

The Sabbath Day must be used for the most part in real Spiritual activity, which helps the Soul to be recharged by the greatest power and wisdom of God. To spend the Sabbath by attending morning services for one hour and then spending the rest of the day eating, idling, and sleeping, will not do. The real observance of the Sabbath consists in spending it in seclusion, fasting, and meditation. The reader may say that this is impossible in modern times. Well, I can say in reply: “You might just as well say that it is impossible to be peaceful in modern times.”

In order to be peaceful and God-intoxicated, you must pay the price. You must give the time necessary to the cultivation of peace. The one reason why the modern generation is so restless is because children are allowed to go to the movies and indulge in all kinds of restless activities following the short, uninteresting Sunday

School classes in the morning.

The members in every home, both adults and children, should observe one day a week of complete silence, as Mahatma Gandhi, [* Mahatma Gandhi-1869-1948; religious and social reformer of India.] one of the world's greatest Spiritual and active reformers of the day, did. The Sabbath can be made most interesting by complete ecstatic communion with God. There is no happiness greater than joy-contact of God in deep meditation. To keep children or yourself away from the movies and other distractions just because it is the Sabbath is not enough, but to merge yourself and your children in the greater happiness of God-ecstasy by meditation constitutes your real observation of the Sabbath.

Jesus was always filled with the Spirit, hence to Him every day was a Sabbath Day. He did not need an extra deep communion with God only on Sunday, for God was with Him always and He preferred to share His ecstatic joy with others on that day. Jesus observed Sunday (Sun's day, or Wisdom's day) by teaching people that they should pass the Sabbath with the authoritative presence of God or otherwise. They were told to meditate on God until they could transmit their divinely-saturated consciousness to others.

So, Jesus entered the synagogue on the Sabbath Day and spoke with God-saturated conviction of the Truth in His work. Words are like bullets, but they can be effective only if they are charged with the gunpowder of spiritual conviction.

If you try to sell a thing, or an idea, or a belief in which you do not wholly believe in yourself, your words, no matter how clever, will lack luster and be wanting in the ammunition of the proper zeal born of conviction. To sell something for the purpose of rendering material or Spiritual service is good. The wages and compensation for rendering such service, when used mostly for rendering further Spiritual service to all men, is really spiritually admirable.

A person who uses his hard-earned wages for spreading God's work is a much better man than the one who pockets all free-will offerings and collections given to him for his material pleasures, under the pretext of not charging anything for Spiritual services. It is better to have a definite charge for books and lessons and to spend the income therefrom in propagating God's Cause than for the teacher to use all the free-will offerings for himself.

Jesus was absorbed with God and tried to sell His conviction of Him to others. However, Jesus did not preach like the scribes with empty words, but when He spoke His words were filled with the Cosmic Energy of God. The words of Jesus were filled with the wisdom-conviction born of Cosmic Consciousness. His words vibrated with the authority of God's wisdom. His sermons bore the seal of God's assurance.

This is a hint to all ministers of the Gospel. It is not enough to commit to memory the words of the Scriptures and to stand on a soapbox to preach. One should digest the Truth contained in the words of all Bibles and then preach with power and conviction. Few people listen to soapbox orators; and those who do,

forget what they have heard, but when God speaks through a Soul, then mountains of doubts are removed from the minds of his listeners.

Face-to-face realization of Truth gives one intuitive conviction and true vision and understanding. True wisdom gives power, for knowledge is the energy that moves the Cosmic Factory. Wisdom produces power over all things and power declares the absolute authority of infallible Truth. Jesus, unlike the scribes, spoke, not with the authority of fanaticism or imagination, but with the authority born of Self-Realization of God and a knowledge of all His mysteries.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him.

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. (Matthew 7:28-29; 8:1; Luke 5:1-3)

Throngs pressed upon Jesus as He stood by Lake Gennesaret. He saw two ships anchored while the fishermen had gone out to wash their nets. He boarded one ship to ask Simon to move the ship a little way from the shore, but he sat down and taught the people from the ship.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. (Luke 5:4)

Jesus told Simon to go into the deep sea and cast his net. He wanted to demonstrate to Simon the abundance in God, and to show that even the fish obeyed the Divine Command. Besides this, Jesus wanted Simon to go deep into the oceanic hearts of people and catch their souls in the net of wisdom, and bring them unto God, and make them immortal.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he was astonished and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was

also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. (Luke 5:5-10)

Simon did as he was told by Jesus even though he had no luck in hauling fishes after a whole night's toil. So many fishes filled Simon's net that it broke. The partners from the other ship, James and John, were called to help with the catch. They came and filled both ships so that they began to sink. At this sign of the power of Jesus, Simon Peter fell down at the feet of Jesus, repenting of his sins. James, John, and all the others were astonished at the haul of fishes.

And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him. (Luke 5:10-11)

Though Jesus advocated fishing for food, as the people's lives depended upon the seafood, still He brought out a great truth in the miracle of hauling fish, which He performed. He told Simon Peter to learn how to cast the net of wisdom and to take the soul-fishes roaming in the poisoned waters of delusion, and let them loose in the immortalizing sea of God-wisdom.

The question might come to the mind of the ordinary reader: "Why did Jesus ask Simon to be a teacher when he had not undergone even the rudimentary spiritual teachings?" This is because Jesus had taught Simon in a previous incarnation, and even though Simon didn't know it, Jesus could see Simon's spiritual attainments in the astral marking in his brain, so He asked Simon to catch deluded men, prodigal children of God, and to bring them back to the ever-freeing mansion of God.

Only the Spirit-baptized and ecstasy-baptized person can spiritually baptize another soul and bring him to the doors of God and ecstatic Heaven. Catching souls by advertisements, just to fill the church, and then stuffing them with hackneyed teachings is not enough. One must be in ecstasy with God during preaching and then be must cast the net of his blissful perception over his listeners. In this way real souls will be hauled into the everlasting nectar-sea of God-perception.

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, a publican named Levi, the son of Alpheus, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. (Matthew 9:9; Mark 2:14)

In these words we hear the intuitive command of Jesus when, at the sight of Matthew, He recognized one whom He had known in many past incarnations. Great Masters, such as Jesus, often bring with them into embodiment great disciples to help them in the enactment of the divine drama on earth. Jesus knew that Matthew had been born as a publican, the son of Alpheus, in order that God might be glorified. Even though Matthew was a publican, his inner consciousness, which had

been acquired in a previous incarnation, remained unchanged. Jesus showed that the divine son, Matthew, was high in the path of Spirit even though he was a publican. Jesus knew Matthew as a divine son in spite of his lowly birth and occupation, and called him with a firm, confident voice which echoed with the recognition of past incarnations.

Physical scientists expose Nature's truth, but spiritual Masters, by their actions, reveal the nature of the drama of reincarnation which governs human lives. Think what it means, that out of the multitude of people surrounding Him, Jesus glimpsed the publican, Matthew, whom He had not seen before in that particular body, and immediately commanded: "Follow me." And Matthew followed, not because of a hypnotic spell, but because he too felt the call of past recognition.

And he left all, rose up, and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they murmured against his disciples, saying, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? (Luke 5:28-30; Mark 2:15-16)

Matthew left all and followed Jesus, and gave Him the customary feast. Most spiritual activities are attended by feasts. All people, Christians, Hindus, Jews—all have feasts in connection with religious ceremonies. Even though feasts are distractions at such times, they are necessary when the disciples of a Master gather from far and near. If the disciples would eat elsewhere and come to the Master for meditation only, without the digression of feasting, it would be better.

The Soul Doctor, Jesus, ate, drank, and associated with the spiritually- sick publicans and sinners who needed Him, while the hypocritical Pharisees and scribes, who were accustomed to associating with the rich and the outwardly devout orthodox people, criticized and asked why Jesus associated with sinners.

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, THEY THAT ARE WHOLE HAVE NO NEED OF A PHYSICIAN, BUT THEY THAT ARE SICK: I COME NOT CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE. (Mark 2:17)

As healthy people do not require a physician, so spiritually virtuous people, who are able to redeem themselves by their own good actions, do not require the help of a spiritual doctor. Jesus realized that He had been appointed by the Heavenly Father as the spiritual doctor to cure ignorance-stricken souls, and He, therefore, associated with sinners and publicans who might benefit by His presence. Jesus did not care to redeem the righteous, who could redeem themselves, but He came into the world to save those who suffered and sinned.

Righteous people are the ones who act properly and ideally in the various situations in life which call for righteous actions. Such actions are those which are performed with the satisfaction of the inner consciousness. Righteous people need no guide because their spiritual sense, or conscience, keeps them on the right path and prevents them from wandering into the jungles of ignorance. Sinners are those who misuse their God-given reason to do that which is wrong. By the repetition of wrong actions, evil habits are developed. Sinners are guided into the labyrinthine ways of inextricable error, and thus they suffer constantly. They need to be guided by Christ-like, spiritual doctors, until they are able to control themselves by their own salvaged conscience.

People who repeat evil actions usually begin to like evil ways in spite of the suffering involved. Therefore, sinners must first be reasoned with so that their paralyzed reason may be brought back to life. Once the reason is awakened, repentance usually follows, for then people are sorry for their evil actions and want to be free from their evil habits. By convincing the heart of the folly and misery involved in evil actions, the sinner is called upon to awaken himself and make a dash for spiritual liberty. Without understanding the nature of sorrow-producing sinful actions, the sinner can never repent. Repentance is the forerunner of spiritual liberty. Ordinarily, sinners without repentance do not make an effort to liberate themselves spiritually.

Jesus knew that all He could do for the sinner was to awaken his spiritual reason and thus make him sorry for his evil actions, and thereby ultimately cause him to use his free will to choose righteousness in preference to evil. To be able to awaken repentance in a sinner is to show him the way by which he can make the effort to redeem himself. The sinner cannot redeem himself until he is convinced of the error of his evil ways. Therefore, he must repent when he sees the folly of his evil actions, and must use his free will to repeat good karma (actions), and thus redeem himself by his own good actions.

Great doctors of souls can inspire metaphysical truants to retrace their footsteps Godward, but the actual walking back to the divine home must be done by the error-stricken souls themselves. Great spiritual teachers never claim to forgive sinners, but they expect to awaken the sinners to the point where they will make an effort to become spiritually emancipated. If sins could be forgiven by human beings, then one person could relieve another from feeling the effects of swallowing poison through self-created error. However, the effects of evil action can be neutralized by the effect of good actions. No one can prevent other people from reaping the effects of their evil actions, but if they themselves become sufficiently awakened, they will be able to free themselves from evil by their own efforts.

Repentance for evil action already performed is a forerunner to the effort required to attain freedom from evil. Also the sincere and continuous effort to free oneself from evil is the forerunner to real spiritual freedom.

Jesus' Relationship with the Apostles

And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him: Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, often, and make prayers, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they can not fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. (Mark 2:18-20; Luke 5:33-35)

Just as the bride does not fast while she is with the bridegroom, so also, the disciples did not need to fast or to discipline themselves while they were with their Master, who was the extreme example of discipline. The very presence of the Master Jesus among His disciples was sufficient help for them through the exchange of spiritual vibrations.

Fasting at times is necessary for the health of the body, and consequently, for the purity of the mind. Fasting makes the soul feel free from its bodily bondage. However, Jesus was Spirit, and all of the people who were fortunate enough to contact Him automatically felt the spiritual freedom emanating directly from Him without having to create that freedom by the mere abstinence of food. Jesus emphasized the fact that the disciples need not create spiritual freedom by fasting, since He could inspire them with spiritual vibrations directly from his limitless store of spiritual power.

However, Jesus did not ignore the value and necessity of fasting and its spiritual influence on the minds of men, and so He said that the time would come when He would be taken away and they would then have to fast and discipline the body in order to bring it nearer to the Spirit.

And he spake also a parable unto them; No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment; else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish, but new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new; for he saith, The old is better. (Mark 2:21-22; Luke 5:37-39)

No one should be so foolish as to patch an old garment with new material, for

the new strong piece will pull away more of the worn out material and thus make the rent in the old garment bigger than before. Furthermore, the new material will not match the old cloth.

Jesus meant also that the new inspiration emanating directly from His spirit did not fit in with the old-fashioned stereotyped ways of spiritual living. He was living in Truth, and in a dynamic new way He was emancipating the new spirit of the disciples who understood Him. He realized that His new spirit was of little use for mending the custom-worn, dilapidated, antediluvian, dogmatic habits of the people in general. His new inspiration and new ways of living Truth would not harmonize with the old dogmatic theological living.

Jesus went on to explain that, as new wine should not be put into old bottles lest the new wine burst the old bottles, so new, powerful inspiration could not very well be put into dogma-worn minds without exploding old beliefs or causing mental rebellion. His new inspirations ought to be housed in newly enthusiastic and powerful souls in order to produce a good and harmonious effect.

No man, having drunk the wine of old dogma, could have a taste for new truths. He would say, "Ah, I know it all. The old rules of the forefathers (no matter how bad) were good enough for them, so they are good enough for me." Through force of habit he would prefer the old ways of dogmatic living to new habits of spiritual emancipation.

Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, CAN THE CHILDREN OF THE BRIDECHAMBER MOURN, AS LONG AS THE BRIDEGROOM IS WITH THEM? BUT THE DAYS WILL COME, WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM SHALL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND THEN SHALL THEY FAST. No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. (Matthew 9:14-17)

"Can the disciples living in the divine consciousness or bridechamber of their Master, the divine Bridegroom, mourn or undergo physical discipline?" What Jesus means is that He and His disciples were so wrapped in the consciousness of God they did not have to fast in order to forget the daily contact with food and thus revive God consciousness. Fasting not only does good to the body but if properly done impresses the consciousness with the knowledge that the body is not dependent on food alone but on the Spirit of God. Those who fast and meditate realize they are in tune with God and do not have to depend on food only for sustenance. Theresa Neumann [* Theresa Neumann, the stigmatist, is reported to have abstained from food entirely from Christmas 1926 until her death in September 1962, a total of 36 years.] of Konnersreuth, Germany, who was in the

ecstasy of God, did not eat at all.

Jesus says: “When the bridegroom (His great spiritual personality) will be withdrawn into heaven, the disciples would partially lose that spiritual contact and would have to fast and in order to be free from bodily attachment and to revive the consciousness of God. As it is foolish to put a new piece of cloth in an old garment or new wine in an old bottle, so it would be foolish for my disciples, filled with the nectar of new thoughts, to follow old mechanical rules. And as new wines with expanding power should not be put into worn-out bottles so my disciples, intoxicated with the wine of divine wisdom, should not be following age-old popular superstitions or hard-and-fast rules of conduct. As new wine should be kept in new bottles, so my disciples, intoxicated with the wine of new wisdom and bliss, will live in bottles or atmospheres of new living. As new wine will split open an old bottle, so my God-intoxicated disciples could not very well maintain themselves bottled up in atmosphere of mechanical spiritual living, but, being God-intoxicated by following the spirit of new rules, they have not to observe any mechanical spiritual discipline in their lives. They are already experiencing that for which the rules were made, therefore there is no need for them to observe those old rules for they are now above them.”

But Jesus pointed out that the disciples would go through strict discipline when the atmosphere of His spiritual personality would be withdrawn from them into God.

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Jesus Ordains the Apostles to Preach, Heal and Cast Out Devils

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles. (Luke 6:12-13)

And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have power to heal sickness, and to cast out devils. (Mark 3:14-15)

Before Jesus chose His twelve disciples, He went on a mountain top to pray and commune with God. He was so deeply engrossed in His union and joy with God that He did not notice the passing of the night. Mountain tops and caves are always sanctioned by the Masters as quiet places for meditation. The pure oxygen on mountain tops helps the practice of breathing exercises calculated to burn the carbon on the system, quiet the heart and switch off the life current from the five sense telephones so that the sensations cannot bother the brain and attention directed toward God. Mountains also take the vision of man from the surrounding confinement of houses to the vast, limitless sky which is the physical embodiment of the Infinite. Ordinary souls pray with their minds concentrated on the clock, but Jesus prayed with His mind concentrated in the Infinite Bliss of Spirit and not on time.

Choosing The Twelve

The choosing of twelve from His disciples by Jesus has a very significant meaning. In India each great master who attains God-consciousness has two kinds of people who come to him for spiritual training. Those, married or unmarried, who come for general training, are called students or, in Sanskrit, shishyas, but those students who dedicate their entire lives to God-realization and who are ordained to propagate the teaching of the master to the world through the example of their spiritual development are called disciples, apostles or chelas.

As children keep the family name, and endeavor to add to its prestige in the world, so disciples are the spiritual children of master. When the ordinary father brings forth a son in the world, the child inherits the family traits, good or bad. Even if a child happens to turn out a criminal, the father has to put up with him.

The father of a family usually has no choice as to the kind of children he is going to bring on earth (unless he knows the spiritual art of propagation by which he can bring forth a soul from the astral world to come and be born in his family by an act of his super-will power and meditation). Masters, on the other hand, have this advantage, that they can select disciples from a vast number of people, and implant in them the seed of their spiritual vitality so that they can perpetuate the master's spiritual life.

In the case of Jesus, He not only selected a particular group as His disciples but he selected souls that He knew in a previous incarnation. Jesus selected His disciples for three reasons. One, because these disciples had not reached the final state like Him and therefore He wanted to make them perfect. Second, after helping the disciples to reach the final state of emancipation, Jesus wanted them to be apostles or model disciples who could be pioneers to propagate the message of Christhood to the masses through ideal living. That is why Jesus, on seeing Simon, told him, "Follow me," and he followed. Last of all, Jesus knew, according to the plan of the Heavenly Father, He had to have twelve disciples to carry out His message to the world.

The coming of Judas distinctly shows that a disciple has independence to work against the will of God. God, by His omniscient knowledge, can find out how souls are going to act in using their will power, whether they will use it properly or misuse it. Jesus knew the law of cause and effect and the evil karma of Judas, so he could predict the betrayal of Judas. It must be clearly understood that Judas was not ordained by God to betray Jesus, but that Judas was to act wrongly according to the lawful effects of his prenatal actions and that he thus would be the cause of the betrayal of Christ, and of his test on the cross.

Even though Judas was in an indirect test case for the victory of Jesus over the flesh, still it was not fated for Judas to become what he chose to become due solely to his own evil propensities and league with Satan or ignorance.

Jesus knew that he was the pioneer of a great movement to uplift mankind, so he chose twelve disciples to be apostles who could preach the truth by example and who could heal physical sickness due to disease of the body, mental sickness due to psychological errors of the mind, and soul sickness due to inner ignorance; and to cast out devils or dislodge metaphysical ignorance lodged in the three bodies of man, and also free souls from the possession of evil agents.

In the modern world preaching theology or imaginations about truth by preachers versed in theory is quite the vogue.

There are few real preachers who live the life left in the world, especially teachers who are in tune with God and who know how to heal physical, mental and soul sickness by God's power and who can cast out Satan's satellites present in the body of each man. Those that are real preachers are in tune with God and can heal the sickness of true devotees by invoking the unlimited power of God. Medicine, suggestion, all these are indirect mediums of physical or mental cure. True devotees know that God is the supreme cure of all sickness.

Therefore those that are really in tune with God ought to be able to heal the spiritually sick by removing ignorance from their souls, and to heal the psychologically sick by removing anger, greed, bad habits, and so forth from their mentalities and to heal bodies by divine suggestion, divine will power or injection of cosmic energy by the command of will. Many great teachers not only show their disciples the way of physical and mental healing of others by the system of dietetics and methods of concentration, but they teach the highest technique of meditation to cure spiritual sickness and drive away ignorance from the minds of disciples and true seekers. It must be thoroughly understood that intellectual preaching through the power of a good memory is far different from spiritual preaching through example.

Last of all, casting out devils is not an old superstition. The art of casting out devils and healing the spiritually sick has almost passed away from the ministers of Churchianity of the various religions of the world. The subtle knowledge of casting out devils has been forgotten due to the lack of God-tuned apostles who know the workings of the good and evil forces that are in the world.

Satan was an archangel of God who was given the power to create all creatures as perfect images of God, that in perfection his creation and creatures, after a perfect existence, were to go back to God. But Satan found out that if all creation and creatures went back to God he would lose the exercise of his own individual powers. So he began to misuse the freedom of will that God had entrusted to him. Ever since Satan has implanted in man anger, fear, greed, hate, revengefulness in place of calmness, bravery, self-control, love and forgiveness, which are divine qualities.

We find from the beginning or birth, a child is influenced not only by good traits of love and kindness, but by a host of mischief-making traits. God could certainly not start out a child in life with evil traits. These traits the child brings from bad habits of previous incarnations—bad habits that were created under the influence of the evil qualities implanted in the child by Satan.

As God's light is present in every being as the soul, so Satan is also present in every man as ignorance, and has distinct regions of himself, called evil spirits. Because God is present in every being as soul, and Satan as an evil spirit, so each individual is influenced both by the soul and its good qualities, and by Satan and his evil qualities. All good qualities in a being come from God and His reflection in the soul; all evil qualities come from Satan and his reflection, the devil who works in each being through his evil tendencies.

It must be remembered that each soul is independent and free to act according to the good influences of the soul and God and soulful qualities, or to act under the influence of Satan's evil qualities and Satan's reflections, the devils which possess the being of man. The evil reflection of Satan in each man constantly urges him to do wrong through prenatal tendencies and the false lure of evil temptations. God tries to influence a being through conscience and soul-peace found in meditation. The great masters like Jesus can transmit their light of spirituality into a dark soul

and thereby dislodge the specific evil spirit which is possessing it.

All human beings do not do evil only through the influence of their prenatal or postnatal bad habits, but also because they are consciously pushed by the evil residing in the brain. The evil entity not only tempts a soul through evil qualities but also through his evil habits and tendencies. When the evil entity is dislodged from the brain by higher meditations and the help of the Guru-Preceptor, then a soul really becomes free. Jesus healed Mary Magdalene from several visitations of the evil forces which were trying to influence her to follow the path of false pleasure.

Jesus once commanded the entities to take leave of sick souls and to enter into the body of pigs who then perished in the sea. No amount of skin-deep “liberal” thinking can explain away these works of Jesus of casting out the devils. Because most modern theologians do not know anything about healing or casting out devils, that does not mean that the physical and mental and spiritual healing of man is impossible or that casting out of devils is superstition.

Great masters of course prefer healing the ignorance in man by the Christ-contact. Great souls can heal the ignorance in truth-seeking people by transmitting their spiritual power. By higher concentration and meditation and by the contact of God, souls can actually dislodge the originator of evil, Satan and his entities, from the sacred sanctum of the inner body temples. Great saints, after illumination, have declared how the spirit entity of evil takes shape and leaves the body permanently, after highest spiritual attainment.

When the evil entity leaves a man, he becomes not only absolutely impervious to evil but cannot see evil in anything anymore. He sees God alone everywhere. If one follows the technique of self-realization and develops himself with the help of the preceptor-guru, then he will find the evil entity or devil leaving him. Such people who are entirely free from evil can show others how to be likewise free.

So, casting out devils, the originators and pioneers of evil working through evil tendencies in man, should be cast out from ignorance-haunted souls. Every true preacher ought to know how he can heal ignorant souls, cast out their evil entities and open up the latent heaven within. The author has seen how his teacher cast out devils from other beings and healed so-called incurable sickness and preached through his exemplary living.

An evil entity can be thrown out by constantly looking into the eyes of a stricken individual, using steady, silent will power, continuously, inwardly commanding the evil entity to leave.

The evil entity will depart provided the will of the healer to get the evil force out is stronger than the latter's will to remain. Casting out devils is a real metaphysical way of freeing a soul forever from the influences of evil entities who have carried on their misery-dealing work through incarnations in a soul who has chosen to misuse his reason. One great revealing feature is this, that every soul must remember that although God speaks to him through conscience, and although evil speaks to him through evil tendencies and evil qualities implanted within, still he is a free agent,

free to act under the influence of God's direction through conscience, or evil directions through wrong habits.

It should be borne in mind that when a soul acts according to the influence of conscience or good qualities only then does he create good tendencies and good habits which automatically draw him toward God. Whenever an individual acts evilly under the influence of evil habits or evil qualities, then automatically he is drawn toward Satan, ignorance and satanic ways.

Good and evil actions can be chosen by a soul but after he has acted in a good way or bad way he has no free choice as to consequences. If he acts in a good way he must receive a good result and if he acts in an evil way he must receive an evil result.

This explanation of good and evil clearly points out that man is not responsible for being tempted to do evil under the influence of anger, greed, or fear implanted in him by Satan, but he is responsible if he chooses to act according to the temptations of the evil forces. Such temptations appear in man as evil impulses and inner promptings to go wrong.

If a man sits in a room full of light, beholding beautiful things, to him light exists. If another man sits in the same room with eyes closed, to him self-created darkness exists. So, if a third person in the room asks them both: "Please tell us if it is light or dark in the room," the answer would be that the first man sees light, because he has his eyes opened, while the second man would say that it is dark because he has his eyes closed. Similarly, in this universe there are two kinds of people. One kind have their eyes of wisdom open, and the second kind have their spiritual eyes closed. If anyone asks these two kinds of people whether there is good and evil, those that have their spiritual eyes of wisdom open will see God and God existing alone. And those that have their spiritual eyes closed will see Satan and evil existing everywhere.

The above examples point out that man is responsible for harboring evil, but it must be remembered that a man may keep his eyes open being asked to do so by another man, and similarly he may close his eyes being asked to do so. In this sense, devotees are those souls who obey the wishes of God to keep the eyes of wisdom open and behold only good, and evil persons are those who listen to the voice of evil and keep their eyes of spirituality closed, thus beholding the darkness of misery, sickness, and evil.

The truth is that God or man is not the creator of evil but that this Satanic force who used to be an archangel of God, being turned away from God, misused his will power, to create evil as a counterpart of all the good that God has created. It is for this reason that we find in each man opposite qualities—good created by God, evil created by the devil; love created by God, hate created by Satan; kindness created by God, selfishness created by Satan; intoxication of divine ecstasy created by God, and intoxication of evil created by Satan.

So, casting out devils is one of the greatest metaphysical arts known by the masters to teach a soul how to be free forever from the innate influences of evil

entities, by consciously establishing God.

“And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him; for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.” (Luke 6:17-19)

And Jesus, in Divine glory, with His twelve disciples, stood in the plains before a great multitude of people. Many came to be healed of unclean spirits and were healed. The whole multitude tried to touch Him, for virtue or life force went out from the body of Jesus and burned out the bacteria in the sick. This all-healing energy was roused in the diseased individuals by their faith and reinforced with cosmic energy coming from the body of Jesus.

The faith of the sick caused Jesus to send the all-healing energy out of his body and reinforce the healing energy present there (in the body of the diseased individual). The energy in the body Jesus and the energy in the body of the persons healed both came from the cosmic energy of God. This energy is finer than X-rays and has the power to destroy not only physical germs but mental bacteria of evil tendencies and the soul bacteria of ignorance.

Jesus Exhorts the Apostles to Follow God Consciousness

And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. (Matthew 8:21-22)

“Follow my living Spirit and everlasting life-giving teachings and let the spiritually dead bury your physically dead father. Since you are my disciple and have acknowledged God as your Father, you need not bury the dead body of your father which can be buried by so many spiritually dead people.”

Jesus had elsewhere quoted the divine injunction: “Honor thy father and mother,” (Matt. 15:4) so he was not here teaching disrespect from a son to his father. Jesus said, ‘Let the dead bury their dead,’ to his disciple only because the disciple had changed his family relation and had been trained to be conscious of his real divine relation with Christ and humanity. Jesus was trying to remind the disciple, when he wanted to bury his father, that it was more important for him to be one with God by being in tune with his Christ- Consciousness than to waste time in the delusion that the burial of the father was necessary, when there were so many spiritually dead people ready to bury the useless dead body of the disciple’s father.

In India it is the custom for the son to cremate his father or mother. He is the first one to put the fire in the funeral pyre where the dead relative lies. But a Swami, who leaves his personal family and becomes identified with God’s universal family, is not allowed to cremate any of his dead relatives, because in this cosmic motion picture of the world, he no longer identifies himself with only one single little family. A Swami thinks that as he belongs to God’s family and does not cremate the dead of all families, why should he cremate the dead who belong only to the family into which he was born?

Of course, spiritually it is not a sin for a Swami to cremate his own relatives, for even the founder of the Swami Order, Swami Shankara, went against the letter of the rule of his order, and cremated his own mother. In that case, Swami Shankara was not attached to his mother, but because there was no one else to cremate her at the time of death, he came to perform that duty. It is said that Swami Shankara produced divine fire to consume the body of his mother. A Swami is not prevented from cremating any of his dead relatives if there is no one else to do so, but he is taught not to identify himself with the family in which he was born nor to follow its traditional rules, since he alters his consciousness from being a family member and

becomes a member of the universal family.

Jesus was also teaching his disciple to consider God first and to spend every moment in God-contact, rather than put God-contact and meditation in the second place even when it was necessary to bury one's dead father. The Heavenly Father is the giver of the earthly father and therefore the greatest honor and attention should be given to the Heavenly Father at all times. Jesus especially asked his disciple to follow Him in preference to burying his father because he was a disciple who has changed his family relation and had entered into relationship with Jesus and his divine family of the cosmos.

It is also significant to note how Jesus emphasized that the physically dead are dead and the spiritually dead are also dead but do not know it. Jesus emphasized that the spiritually dead were greater objects of pity than the physically dead, for the physically dead having lost their earthly lives could not awaken themselves to the teachings of Christ or truth, but the spiritually dead could hardly be pardoned for deliberately making themselves dead to the life- giving, emancipating teachings of Christ.

Jesus also assured the disciple that by following Him, who held the keys to the mysteries of life and death, the disciple could do greater service to the soul of his dead father by his spiritual good will than he could by merely burying his physical frame.

The First Miracle— Changing the Water into Wine

And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come. (John 2:1-4)

Jesus addressed His mother as “woman” because He saw only the Divine Spirit as His real mother and father, and His earthly mother as only a human being. “Woman, I can have nothing to do with thee, even though thou art my mother, until the right time comes for me to be directed by the Divine Power to act, and manifest His glory.”

Jesus did not perform the miracle of turning the water into wine just to accommodate His mother, or to show His Divine Powers, but He performed the miracle in obedience to God’s direction.

At the proper time, before people who have the possibility of Spiritual awakening, miracles are sometimes performed by Saints in order to bring people unto God. Saints usually prefer to draw people by the love of God and not by miracles. That is why they seldom show their power. Miracles draw curiosity seekers, while the love of God draws highly-developed Souls. For that reason Jesus did not want to perform miracles until He was commanded by God to do so at the right time.

“His mother saith unto the servants, ‘Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.’ And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, ‘Fill the waterpots with water.’” (John 2:5-7)

At Divine intuitional suggestion, Jesus asked the servants to fill the waterpots so that He could declare the glory of God by changing the water into wine. Besides, He had the pots filled with water before their eyes in order that they might see it and know that it became wine through Divine Power and not through magic.

And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not

whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew); the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou has kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (John 2:7-11)

The above sentence distinctly shows that the miracle of Jesus was not meant for the gaze of curiosity seekers, but was meant to enhance the faith of the disciples in God's power over all things.

Wine and the human body are equally made of electrons. It is the different rate of vibration of these electrons that constitutes the endless variety of material forms. Jesus, being omnipresent in God, knew the metaphysical relation of matter to Divine Will. He demonstrated that one form of matter could be changed into another form, not only by chemical processes, but by the Universal Power of Mind. This miracle testifies to the fact that all matter is controlled by the one unifying and balancing power of Divine Intelligence and Will.

By reacting to this Divine Intelligence, Jesus changed the arrangement of electrons and protons in the water and thus turned them into wine, which has a different specific gravity from water. The law of causation of all material forms can be traced to the activity of electrons, but beyond that the sources of the law of cause and effect is lost. Scientists do not know why electrons and protons rearrange themselves into different forms and create different kinds of matter.

Herein lies room for a Divine Intelligence, says the scientist, inasmuch as it must be that power which commands the subtle electronic and protonic bricks and directs them to arrange themselves in different combinations, thus creating different substances.

Jesus Purging the Temple— Driving Out Material Vibrations

After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples; and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. (John 2:12-17)

Jesus was not suffering from anger while He was using the whip or cords to drive the moneychangers from the temple. It was not the little cord, but the personality, the Divine vibration and the colossal Spiritual force behind it, which frightened away the moneychangers. Great prophets, though they are internally free from anger, may use the semblance of anger to admonish and correct those who respond more to fear vibrations than to love vibrations.

Jesus, who tells you to love enemies, shows by the above action that the Divine Saint also has power behind His meekness. No one dared to resist His Spiritual Power and determination, as was shown by the fact that a whole group of able-bodied moneychangers fled before the power of a single, meek man.

Jesus said that the House of God should be free from the contradictory vibrations of material thoughts involved in buying and selling. He only meant that according to the laws of concentration we should center our minds upon one thing at a time. While in the house of God, we should concentrate upon Him, and there should be nothing there to awaken material thoughts. He meant that buying and selling should be carried on in the market and not in the temple.

There is a spiritual lesson in the above act of Jesus. The temple of mind, during prayer, should not be a place where the thoughts of material gain persist. Many people, during prayer, carry in the background of their minds the thought of buying and selling of material things and the profit thereof. Jesus says this is disastrous because it brings neither God nor prosperity.

During meditation, as often as the moneychangers of material thoughts come to your mind, so often should you make a scourge of calmness, formed out of the gathered will power, acquired throughout life, and drive out the restless material

thoughts from your temple.

In the foregoing passages, it looks as if such a great Son of God, as Jesus, should not have become angry and made a scourge of cords with which to hit the moneychangers. In this action of Jesus it looks as if He contradicted His own saying: "But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matt. 5:39.)

Jesus used the cord more or less to scare these grow-up ignorant children of God (His brethren) and to send them away so that they could not desecrate the House of God. He meant that merchandise in the House of Prayer was a distraction, just as an altar and preaching in the shop would be a distraction. Jesus, in this act, tried to show people that they should concentrate on one thing at a time. In the house of business they should think of selling articles. In the House of God they should think of Him. Besides, Jesus, with his little cord, didn't hurt anyone, nor was He actually angry internally. He put on a show of anger to frighten the big, naughty children who were trading in God's House. If Jesus had been really angry, He would have used His Divine powers to destroy these desecrators of God's Temple.

This is well illustrated by an old Hindu story. Once upon a time, long, long ago, a venomous, vicious serpent used to live in a hole in the hill on the outskirts of a village. A hermit of great miraculous power also made his home in this village. Many of the villagers' children, who ventured to play around the hill, were attacked by this vicious serpent and stung to death. The serpent extremely resented any noise around its dwelling. The villagers tried their utmost to kill the serpent, but met with no success. Failing in this, the villagers went in a body to their local hermit and asked him to find a remedy to prevent the death-dealing work of the serpent.

Yielding to the legitimate prayers of the villagers, the hermit went near the hole in the hill, where the serpent resided, and by his spiritual powers summoned the serpent to appear in his presence. The master hermit scolded the serpent for stinging the villagers' children to death, and instructed him never to bite again, but to practice loving his enemies.

The hermit left the village for a year on a pilgrimage, and as he was returning to the village by way of the hill, he thought: "Let me see how my friend the serpent is behaving." As he approached the hole in the hill, he found the serpent lying in front of the hole half dead with several stitches in his back.

The hermit said: "Hello, Mr. Serpent, what's all this?" The serpent dolefully whispered: "Master, this is the result of practicing your teaching. Whenever I came out of my hole in quest of food and minded my own business, the village boys notice my docility and refusal to attack them, and then they threw small stones at me, and when they found me running away from them they made it their business to throw big stones at me with the object of killing me. Master, I dodged many times, but also got badly hurt many times, and now I am lying here with several stitches in my back because I have been trying to love my enemies."

Then the village hermit looked at him and said rebukingly: "Fool, I told you not

to sting to death, but why didn't you hiss and scare them away?"

This story illustrates that a person, although meek and spiritual, should not be spineless or without common sense and allow himself to be made into a doormat. When provoked or unnecessarily attacked, the spiritual man should try to scare his enemies away by a show of anger or strength, but without getting really angry internally. However, one should never hiss, even with a show of anger, if he has the tendency to bite or to materially injure anybody. That is what Jesus did. He hissed at the moneychangers and scared them away, but did not injure them or become really angry himself. Instead, he tried to put sense into them so that they would not incur bad Karma (results of evil action) by blasphemy against the Temple of God.

Jesus said: "Take these material things away, for they spread material vibrations and evoke material thoughts. In the Temple of God people should think only of possessing the imperishable Infinite, but if material articles are sold in the Temple, they arouse, in the spiritual novice, thoughts of greed and desire for possessing perishable material things and distract him from God."

Jesus knew the law of vibration, which is that each object or person throws out a magnetic vibration, thus producing specific thoughts. The vibration of a candle in the church throws out the symbolical thought of unruffled peace or of the light of Wisdom, whereas, oxen in the church remind one of the slaughter house or of farm labor and so forth. Jesus signified that the church should be so equipped that it would emanate only spiritual vibrations.

Jesus distinctly advises that churches should be places of worship and not places for the sale of material thought-arousing objects. It is all right to sell Bibles or books in the Temples if they are sold with a spirit of rendering continuous spiritual service. Using the proceeds from the sale of spiritual books in order to print more spiritual books, or using the money for some other spiritual purpose, is all right.

"THE ZEAL OF THINE HOUSE HATH EATEN ME UP."

The disciples corroborated the words of Jesus with scriptural sayings, which intimate that the material zeal or vibration swallows up the spiritual vibration of God.

Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, AND IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT UP. (John 2:17-19)

The Jews wanted a Divine Proof that He was of God, since Jesus took upon Himself the responsibility of driving the moneychangers from the Temple. In other words, the Jews meant that it was illegal for Jesus to drive away the moneychangers unless He had Divine authority greater than human laws to do so.

It is beautiful to see that Jesus accepted this challenge in a peculiar Divine way.

He did not employ a new miracle to convince the Jews of His greatness. He simply told them what was going to happen. Jesus was not in a hurry to convince His enemies. He only said this to demonstrate the wish and work of God in His life. Jesus thought that no other proof of His divinity could be greater than the telling about a future event in which God was to perform the miracle-of-miracles by rebuilding His crucified body after three days.

Human nature is composed of three qualities; namely, good, evil, and activating qualities. The soul of man has three dresses: the ideational, astral, and physical, just as we put on an undergarment, a suit, and an overcoat. The Soul of man can only be liberated from the bondage of mortal Karma and limitation when it rises above the desires of the physical, Astral, and Spiritual bodies. It takes three distinct efforts for the Soul to leave the physical, Astral, and Ideational bodies.

Some people take years and many incarnations to accomplish this, but Jesus knew, advanced as He was, that He would be able to liberate His Soul from the limitations of three bodies by three distinct efforts in three days, and would be able to unite it with the unlimited power of the Spirit.

It is only when Souls, by desirelessness, are free of the limitations of these three bodies that they are not compelled to remain in the Astral or to reincarnate in the physical. It is then that they are imbued with the power of God to re-create any dead body, even as He can. Jesus knew that once He was out of the three bodies, he would demonstrate His Oneness with the Father, and His powers, by re-creating His crucified body as no one could except His Heavenly Father.

There is a story that the East Indian Saint, Kabir, told his Hindu and Mohammedan disciples that he would never die, and yet, when he lay in his coffin dead, the first thing his Hindu and Mohammedan disciples did was to doubt the truth of his saying about his deathlessness, and they began to fight with one another. The Hindus wanted to cremate his dead body and the Mohammedans instead upon entombing it.

At last they fought so hard that their Master Kabir could not keep still any longer and he broke the after-death, paramount vow of silence and rose up in his coffin and rebuked his disciples. "Look, you dreamt that I was dead. Lo! I am even living in the body. Since I told you not to fight about anything and then you quarreled about my dead dream body, I will convert it into the same Divine Cosmic Dream from which it came." Saying this, and blessing them, he said: "Whatever is left in the coffin, half of that bury, and half of it cremate."

When the disciples lifted the coffin lid, they found that their Master had dematerialized the body and left in its stead a few golden flowers. The Hindus cremated half of these flowers and the Mohammedans buried the remaining half.

It is said from an authoritative source that our great Guru (preceptor) Shyama Charan Lahiri Mahasaya of India consciously left his body when his life work was finished, and that he appeared again in the flesh in three places.

Great saints of India, who have lived knowing and contacting God in their lives, have been known to raise their bodies after death both before and after the time of

Christ. It is reported that some saints, like our greatest Guru Babaji, never experience the so-called human death, but keep their bodies for centuries, and through Eternity, enjoying communion as the Infinite God and as the specific finite body.

One can see the ocean without the waves, or one can see the ocean as the ocean in the waves. Likewise, some souls see God without the finite body or any delusive waves of Creation, and yet others may behold God as the Infinite become the finite, or the body. In the latter case, the soul beholds God become the wave of one or more souls. Babaji, the great Guru, experiences himself not apart from God, but perceives that He has become Babaji, you, and me, and all manifestation. In the ultimate experience, one does not lose his Soul or individuality. One only expands it and finds that God has become one's soul.

The little Soul-Wave, tossed by the storm of dark ignorance, finds itself isolated from the Ocean of Spirit, but when the sunshine of highest wisdom comes, the little Soul-Wave finds that the Ocean of Spirit has become the Soul- Wavelet.

How to be Born Again in Christ— Lifting the Kundalini

Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 2:20-25; John 3:1-8)

The Jews misinterpreted the saying of Jesus about raising the temple in three days. Naturally they wondered how Jesus could rebuild the temple of Jerusalem in three days if it were destroyed, when it took forty-six years to build it the first time. His raising the body after death was much more wonderful than rebuilding a broken temple in three days would have been.

At the Passover many believed in Jesus because of His miracles, but Jesus did not count upon man's testimony for the spread of His message. He went on preaching His gospel, being impelled by His Infinite Force.

Nicodemus visited Jesus secretly in the night, for he was afraid of social criticism. Yet it took a lot of courage, faith, and sincere curiosity for him to seek Jesus. Upon meeting, Jesus declared that only Divine Beings, who had actual God-

contact, could work the super-laws which govern the inner life of all beings and things.

Jesus, in his answer to Nicodemus in the following way: “VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD,” suggests the way in which we can contact God and the way in which Jesus contacted God. Jesus meant that only super-Beings who contact God can perform miracles, and that anyone can contact God and can perform miracles if he is born a second time.

In the Hindu Scriptures the newly born child is called Kayastha, which means “body-bound.” The two physical eyes in the child are given by its physical parents to look into alluring matter, but when the child grows older, and at the age of seven, or later, is initiated, his Spiritual Eye is opened by his Spiritual father, or Preceptor. Through the help of his Preceptor, the initiate can use this telescopic eye to see Spirit, and then he is called Dwija, or the twice-born, or the Brahmin, or the one who knows Brahma or Spirit.

Alas, even in India this initiation from the body consciousness to the Spiritual consciousness has become just a formal ceremony performed by the priests, who only baptize in water, but great Hindu Masters baptize the body in Spirit. John the Baptist also said that he baptized with water, but that Jesus was to baptize with Spirit.

Jesus meant that the ordinary consciousness is tied to the flesh, and that through the two physical eyes and senses, with their limited powers of perception, man can see only into the tiny playhouse of this earth.

When a person is flying in an airplane, he sees no walls but only the vastness of limitless space and free skies, but if he is suddenly locked up in a little cage surrounded by walls he loses sight of all the vision of vast space.

Likewise, when man’s Soul is thrown out of the vast eternal Spirit into the little bodily cage, he beholds nothing but the limitations of matter and the little earth experiences. So, Jesus said, with the modern scientists, that we can see and know as much as our limited power of the senses allow. Just as, by a two-inch telescope, the details of the distant stars cannot be seen, so Jesus said that man cannot know anything about the Astral world by using only the limited power of his senses.

Scientists tell us that if the powers of the senses were expanded, the earth would look much more beautiful and would be full of colors and blinding lights of glow-worm-like atoms.

Jesus said that after man’s Soul is born in water or protoplasm, and then by self-development is born again through the awakening of the sixth sense, intuition, and the opening of the Spiritual Eye, his illumined Soul goes out of the body and can then enter into the Kingdom of God.

Just as, by a 200-inch telescope, a man can enter into the vast region of star-peopled space, so by developing the intuitional sense through meditation he can enter the Kingdom of God and behold the birthplace of thoughts, stars, and Souls.

Jesus meant that body-bound Souls can see nothing but limited matter through

the small outer windows of their senses. It is only when Soul opens the inner window of Oneness with the Spirit by meditation that he can enter into the perception of the vastness of omnipresent Spirit.

Jesus said that the body born of flesh has the limitations of the flesh, whereas the Soul born of the Spirit, has potentially limitless powers. The ordinary man knows himself as so many pounds of flesh. Such a person, being born of flesh, sees nothing but flesh or matter in and around him, but when by meditation the Soul's mind is transferred from the body to the invisible powerful presence of the Soul, then it realizes its Oneness with the eternal Spirit and not with the limited body. Jesus said, as the Hindu Masters have said, that man has to be born in body and in Spirit in order to know God.

Nicodemus could not see how a Soul could be born twice, so asked Jesus if He meant that old men could reincarnate in their mother's bodies and become young again. Jesus was not talking of reincarnation; that is, of a second birth after one birth and death. He was explaining how a Soul in one life could be born entangled in the flesh and sense limitations, and then by meditation could acquire a new birth in Cosmic Consciousness.

The matter-bound Soul, lifted into the Spirit by God-contact, is born a second time in Spirit. Here the body remains the same, only the Soul's consciousness, instead of roaming on the material plane, enters into the eternally joyous Kingdom of the Spirit.

Jesus was describing a metaphysical law of pneumena (substance or cause) and phenomena (the appearances of substances or effect) when He compared the Spirit, and the Souls emerging from it, with the visible wind and its presence, declared by its sound. Just as the source of the wind is hidden, and is known by its sound, so the Spirit substance is invisible, hidden beyond the grasp of humans senses, and the birth of Souls from the Spirit is the visible phenomena. By the sound, the invisible wind is known. By the birth of intelligent Souls, the invisible Spirit is manifest.

Jesus was only stating that as it is difficult to find the source of the wind, so it is difficult to find the Spirit source from which all things come. Jesus said that all Souls born of Spirit are known by their existence, but very few know all about the Spirit source from which they come.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only

begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (John 3:9-21)

Jesus told Nicodemus that it took more than being a master of the house of Israel to know the mysteries of life. Nicodemus was informed by Jesus that the spiritual things which He was describing were known only by intuitive experience. "WE SPEAK THAT WE DO KNOW" means something deeper than the knowledge derived through the senses of understanding. Human knowledge percolates through the senses, understanding, and intuition.

The senses are limited in their powers, so is understanding, which depends upon the senses for its data. If the senses lie, the conclusion drawn by the understanding on that data is also incorrect. If you see in the distance a white cloth that looks like a ghost, you conclude that there is a ghost, but coming nearer to the object you discover the error of your conclusion.

The senses and understanding are the outer doors through which knowledge of the pneuma, or the eternal substance, percolates into the Soul. The senses and understanding are deluded because they do not know or see the real nature of all created things. Jesus, with his intuition, knew the real nature of the Cosmos and of life, so He said authoritatively: "We do know."

Jesus regretted that Nicodemus doubted the intuitional experiences of the Christ state, and He said to Nicodemus: "If I tell you about matters pertaining to human Souls who are visibly present on earth, and how they can enter into the Kingdom of God, and you believe not, then how can you believe me if I tell you about happenings in Heaven or the Astral realm, which are completely hidden from the ordinary human gaze?"

Jesus went on to say that no man can ascend to Heaven except the one who came down from Heaven. A man is composed of a Soul and the three ideational, astral, and spiritual bodies. Just as the little threads of flame coming through the holes of a gas burner are all individualized flames coming out of the one flame under the burner plate, so also Souls are individualized Spirit. The one flame of Spirit lies under all things and comes out through each human Soul and through every living thing.

The threads of flame first come out of one big flame, and when the light is put out they go back to the same flame. To do that, the little flames have to come out of

the big flame. This illustrates what Jesus said about Souls ascending and descending from Heaven. The Spirit projects the desire, then the Soul projects the idea of the body, then the idea becomes energy or Astral body, and the Astral body becomes condensed into the physical body.

It has been described before that Heaven is behind space, hiding the limitations of the senses. This Heavenly region is the abode of all Astral forces and angels. Thus Jesus said that no physical body could get back into the Astral Kingdom which did not in the first place come out of the Astral plane. In other words, all men were first created as Souls with Astral bodies in the Heavenly Astral Kingdom. From there they were projected into matter as men with physical bodies. Then the logical conclusion is that all supermen who conquered material desires and were promoted back to Heaven were originally in Heaven and had fallen from there through earthbound desires.

Jesus spoke of a very strange truth when He said: "Even the Son of Man which is in heaven." Jesus often used the phrase, "Son of Man" whenever he referred to His own or to any physical body. So Jesus said that the Son of Man, His own physical body, could exist in the finer Astral kingdom as well as on the earth. The highest Hindu Yoga Scripture tells how some Yogis have power to appear in two places at the same time in two similar bodies. It is said that some Yogis never die, but carry their bodies into the Spirit, and never lose their personality or individuality.

Just as the ocean and the wave can exist together, so some saints with their bodies are said to exist externally in God without ever melting the bodily form in the Cosmic Ocean. Other saints are said to become One with the Spirit and dissolve the bodily wave in the Spiritual Ocean. Such Saints only materialize their bodies when they want to come on earth to bring back deluded Souls unto God.

Jesus spoke of His body which dwelt simultaneously in the Astral and the physical worlds because He was conscious of both His physical body and Astral body. Ordinary Souls behold their bodies roaming only on the earth, but advanced souls, like Jesus, can see their souls simultaneously present in the physical and in the Astral Kingdoms. This is also proven by the fact that, although Jesus experienced death as the Son of Man, or physical body, still He was conscious of the Astral Kingdom all the time, and after death He raised his physical body and took it back to Heaven.

The Soul is encased in the Idea body of thirty-four ideas.

The Soul is encased in the Idea body through delusion. This Idea body, through desires, is tied to the Astral body; and the Astral body is fitted in all details to the finest mechanisms of the physical body. The Astral body is tied to the physical body in the brain and in the six plexuses. The last tie which binds the Astral body to the physical body is the attachment emanating through a coiled knot at the base of the spine, called by Hindu Saints, the Kundalini or Serpent Force. Jesus spoke of this Serpent being lifted by Moses in the wilderness. That is, Moses, in the wilderness of

silence, by deep meditation, learned the art of relaxing or of consciously withdrawing the Astral body from the physical body by first doing away with bodily attachment, and then by reversing the Astral current from the senses to the spine, Godward, through the coiled passage at the base of the spine. Unless one knows how to open this coiled knot of Astral and physical power at the base of the spine, one cannot enter into the Astral Kingdom.

Jesus said that each Son of Man, or each bodily consciousness, must be lifted from the plane of the senses to the Astral Kingdom by reversing the Life Force through the serpent-like coiled passage at the base of the spine. Every time you meditate deeply, you automatically reverse the Life Force and consciousness from matter to God. This helps to loosen the Astral and physical knot at the base of the spine.

Few people know about this Kundalini and often confuse it with sex force. That is why so many ignorant teachers make a mystery about it and frighten their gullible disciples by telling them that it is dangerous to awaken this Life Force (Kundalini). It takes years of meditation under the guidance of a competent Teacher-Guru before one can dream of releasing the Astral from its bondage to the physical by awakening the Kundalini.

The Only Begotten Son— the Christ Intelligence

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:14-16)

Moses, and Jesus Himself, along with the Hindu Yogis, knew the secret of scientific spiritual life. That is why they unanimously said that all physically-minded people must know the art of lifting up the serpent force in order to accomplish the first retracing of the inward steps toward the Spirit.

Jesus said that whosoever believes in the doctrine of lifting the bodily consciousness (Son of Man) from the physical to the Astral body reversing the Life Force through the coiled passage at the base of the spine, will not perish, that is, be subject to mortal changes of life and death, but will gradually acquire the changeless Eternal state.

Jesus emphasized here that His disciples, or people who would believe in His Spirit as manifested in Him as Son of Man, or physical body, would know the art of lifting the serpent force in the silence and would see the path to Eternal life. But Jesus realized that His physical body was to remain on the earth plane for a little while only, so He said that in His absence people would be able to find God.

This confusion between Son of Man, Son of God, and Only Begotten Son, has created much bigotry in the followers of Churchianity, who never want to acknowledge the human element in Jesus and that Jesus was a God-man who evolved and became God Himself. If Jesus were God Himself from the beginning, then His life and His struggles before crucifixion and the cross were nothing but Divine Acting. However, a superman Jesus, who, by spiritual discipline became God Himself through His efforts, stirs more hope of salvation in the human heart than a God-manufactured Jesus. No doubt a God-made Jesus could conquer temptation, and while on the cross could say: “Father, forgive them, for they know what they do” (Luke 23:34), but how could this be expected of a human being of manifold frailties?

Before and after the coming and passing of Jesus, Sons of God existed. Jesus never set a limit to time. He Himself said: “All those who received Him, to them He gave the power to become the Sons of God “(John 1:12). As the sunlight shines equally on the diamond and on the charcoal, so also, God sheds His light equally on

the diamond and the charcoal mentalities. The difference is that the believing diamond mentalities receive and reflect the rays of God more than the doubting charcoal mentalities. So, all Souls who, by meditation, become pure and transparent, will be able to receive and reflect God and be called Sons of God.

Each Soul who leaves delusion and becomes One with God is termed a Son of God. Jesus was the big brother, beloved of God, who was sent on earth to redeem desire-deluded brothers, and to urge them to become like Him. Potentially, we are all Sons of God, only we have to manifest that by self-discipline, even as Jesus did.

Not the body of Jesus, but the consciousness within it was one with the Only Begotten Son, or Only Reflection of God, the Father, in Creation.

Jesus said that when His body (Son of Man) was gone from the earth, people could still find salvation by believing and knowing the Only Begotten Son of God.

To fully understand the meaning of the expression the “Only Begotten Son,” one should read again the earlier chapters of this book for only a short summary can be given here.

The Spirit is unmanifested Absolute—ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Joy. When He projects Creation, He becomes three: (1) God, the Father, (2) the Only Begotten Son, and (3) the Holy Ghost. God, the Father, is the Spirit and Intelligence which remains indirectly active beyond Creation (Cosmic Vibration). The transcendental God, the Father, has only one reflected, directly active Intelligence (or the Only Begotten Son) working in the Holy Ghost, or in creative vibratory matter (Virgin Mary).

The consciousness in the body of Jesus was not confined to the physical, but was identified with the Only Begotten Intelligence of God, the Father, in all Creation. Just as the waves change on the bosom of the changeless ocean, so all vibratory waves of Creation dance and change on the bosom of this Only Begotten Christ Intelligence.

Jesus, the man, was one with the Only Reflected, Only Begotten Christ Intelligence in all matter. He referred to this changeless Only Begotten Christ Consciousness within himself and in the hearts of all true Souls of all ages. Jesus said that all good Souls, who lift their physical consciousness (son of man consciousness) to the Astral plane and become One with the Only Begotten Christ Intelligence in all Creation, will know Eternal life.

Souls on the material plane perish, or witness the change of life and death, just as men watching ocean waves see the constant change on the surface of the ocean; but Souls who concentrate upon the Only Begotten, Only Reflected changeless ocean of Christ Intelligence do not perceive change anymore than would a man who concentrates upon the ocean itself see any change, though the waves come and go.

It is this Only Reflected Christ Intelligence in all matter which is the savior of all. Souls tuning in with this Universal Christ Consciousness can release their consciousness encased in the body and plunge it into the vastness of the Ocean of Omnipresence.

This Christ Intelligence is the Only Reflected Intelligence existing between God

and matter, through which all matter-formed individuals, irrespective of different castes and creeds, must pass in order to reach God. This Only Reflected Christ Intelligence in all matter is the only savior of all mankind throughout all ages. Jesus never referred to his son-of-man consciousness, or to his body, as the only savior throughout all time. People, like Abraham and others, were saved even before Jesus was born. It is a metaphysical error to speak of the body of Jesus as the only savior, or Only Begotten Son.

God did not reflect His pure Christ Intelligence in all matter in order to let it act like an eternal detective to punish man. This Christ Intelligence is in the bosom of every Soul, whether sinful or virtuous, waiting with infinite patience for it to wake up in meditation and be redeemed through Him.

The person who believes in this Christ Intelligence Saviour is not tortured by error, but the person who laughs at this thought is condemned to remain steeped in ignorance and to suffer until wakes up. Unbelievers remain body-bound, and do not desire to seek the only path of salvation, through the Christ Intelligence.

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Healing

Spiritual Healing–The Woman of Samaria

Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy meat.)

Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith unto thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. (John 4:5-10)

It is evident that Jesus, like all great prophets, reincarnated at the same time as His great disciples of past lives. Jesus brought along with him his twelve disciples. They had qualified themselves in past incarnations and so were fit to be close disciples of Jesus in His inner circle. As has been shown in a previous chapter, John the Baptist was the Guru-Preceptor of Jesus in a former incarnation and He acknowledge him as such by saying: "This is the way of all righteousness," meaning that the ultimate path of righteousness can only be found by following the directions of the Guru, or the vehicle chosen by God to bring the devotee disciples to His Kingdom. When one has spasmodic desires to know God, he meets Spiritual teachers, but when one whole-heartedly wishes to know the Almighty, God chooses the spirituality and intelligence of a human Guru to bring the devotee unto Him.

Jesus knew the difference between disciples of a past incarnation and those who came to him for the first time for enlightenment. However, the betrayal by Judas shows that even close disciples of a great Master like Jesus are by no means completely perfect. That is why the Guru-Preceptor has to come back on earth voluntarily until all his disciples become liberated. The Soul of the Guru-Preceptor and the Soul of the disciple enter into an everlasting covenant of friendship that they will come back on earth for one another until both Souls are finally redeemed. Sometimes, the real Guru-Preceptor, instead of coming on earth, appears in vision to redeem the disciple.

It appears that Jesus purposely planned to go to Samaria and sat on Jacob's well and knowingly asked the low-caste woman of Samaria to give him a drink. This

Samaritan woman was a morally lost disciple of some past incarnation whom Jesus came to redeem. Her truthfulness, when admitting the fact that she had no husband because she had five, shows the genuine quality of her Soul. Her degradation was temporary and lay like a clay-crust over the hidden glow of her pure truth-loving Soul.

We see that the people in the time of Jesus differentiated between the high caste Jews and the low-caste Samaritans. All castes originate in the vocations which people follow. In India, those who worshipped God, or the clergy, were called Brahmins; the soldiers were called Kshatriyas; the business-men, Baisyas; the laborers, such as sweepers, and so forth, were called Sudras or Kayasthas. The first three castes intermarried and ate together, but had nothing to do with the last caste because of their filthy mode of living.

This caste division became rigid in time, and instead of being based on quality and vocation, began to be based on heredity. This permanently excluded an educated Spiritual Sudra, no matter how great he was, from socially mingling with Brahmins, no matter how spiritually degenerated they were. A son of Brahmin claimed to be a Brahmin even though he never worshipped God and even though he led the life of a Sudra (low caste individual.)

A son of a soldier claimed to be a Kshatriya, even though he never saw a weapon. This brought the downfall of India, for when the soldiers lost out in battle against foreign aggressors, the Brahmins and Baisyas refused to fight. Real caste should be elastic and should be governed by the principal vocation of an individual. This caste rigidity, in spite of its manifold evils, protected the Aryan stock from getting mixed with all kinds of foreign races.

Intermarriage between people of equal culture is productive of some good, according to the law of eugenics. A Brahmin, when he fights, should be called a soldier or Kshatriya, and a soldier, when he adopts the vocation of preaching, should be called Brahmin. Likewise, a man of low caste, when he becomes illumined, should be called Brahmin.

There is an esoteric significance about the four castes which consists in the four states of consciousness of a devotee who aspires to know God. When he remains identified with his body, or engrossed in flesh pleasures, he is called Kayastha (Kaya sthita manah jasya—one whose mind is settled on the flesh). When the devotee begins to cultivate his mind or starts the business of acquiring Spiritual wealth, he is called Baisya, or businessman. All individuals who principally carry on the Spiritual business of self-improvement are called Baisyas.

In the third state, the devotee fights with the senses for Spiritual victory and is then said to have reached the Kshatriya state. Any individual who passes his life warring with temptation is called a Kshatriya, or Spiritual soldier. Last of all, when the devotee knows Brahmin or Spirit, he is said to be in the Brahmin state. Any individual who remains identified with the Supreme Spirit should be called Brahmin.

You see, the above Spiritual caste system does not prevent any low caste or any

individual from being called a Brahmin if he qualitatively proves himself to be one, but the hereditary caste system is selfish and unjust and uses heredity to broadcast evil and division and thus should be abolished.

Jesus knew no artificial race barrier, as the woman of Samaria understood it, and therefore he asked her for a drink. He also asked her for a drink in order to get acquainted with her when the disciples were gone, so that he could give her the everlasting elixir of life without disturbance.

Jesus hinted to the woman of Samaria (when He said: "If thou knewest the gift of God and who it is that saith to thee,") that God had gifted her in previous incarnations with the greatest of all gifts, a Divine Savior (Guru) who had followed her to this life to redeem her. Jesus was trying to awaken the dormant memory of the past in his fallen disciple. Thus Jesus meant that if she knew that her Guru of the past was asking for the drink, she would, instead, have asked Him for the living water of God's contact.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence, then, hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and saith unto her,

WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THIS WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN: BUT WHOSOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST; BUT THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL BE IN HIM A WELL OF WATER SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE. (John 4:11-14)

The woman of Samaria steeped in ignorance, could not yet understand what Jesus meant by "living water," hence her foolish question: "From whence, then hast thou the living water?"

Jesus, to elucidate what he meant by "LIVING WATER," said in effect that: "Whosoever drinks of the material water will live by material food only and will die with that consciousness. He will have to reincarnate again due to the presence of material desires accompanying the Soul after death. To die, depending upon material water and food, will bring the Soul back to the earth again because of a latent thirst for material things in the heart."

Jesus said that whosoever drinks of the fountain of Eternal Bliss in God will have all the thirst of desires of all his incarnations quenched forever. Such God-drinking Souls, finding the everlasting well of Bliss within themselves, are never thirsty for the satisfaction of mortal desires or mortal life. Mortal desires promise happiness and then always give sorrow instead.

The Soul cannot find its lost happiness in material things, though it seeks comfort in them. The Soul, losing its contact with God-Bliss, tries to satisfy itself by pseudo-sense pleasures. The Soul of even the most worldly person is inwardly conscious of its lost supernal Bliss, and that is why it can never remain satisfied for

long with temporary sense pleasures only, no matter how alluring they may be. The worldly man goes on searching for his lost happiness in God by flying from one sense pleasure to another. At last, when he suffers from satiety, he begins to seek God-Bliss within, where alone it can be found.

If one loses a diamond and tries to satisfy himself with little pieces of broken glass, shining with sunlight, he is bound to be disillusioned. He cannot find the diamond in the pile of broken glass. He is seeking in the wrong place and so can never be happy unless he seeks in the right place and finds the diamond. In the same way, the Soul tries to find its happiness in the momentarily glittering sense pleasures, but when it has enough of sense happiness it becomes disgusted and tries to find peace and joy in the Soul.

This is the supreme reason why people should seek happiness in God and not in material things. It is foolish to expect true happiness from material things, for they are powerless to give it, and yet, many millions of people die of broken hearts trying vainly to find the comfort in material things which God alone can impart in the temple of meditation.

The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.

The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband. For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. (John 4:15-18)

After hearing about the water of everlasting life, the woman of Samaria became desirous of getting it, for she wanted to quench her mortal thirst forever.

Jesus wanted to test the character of his fallen disciple, the woman of Samaria. He wanted to find out the degree of her degradation, so he asked her to call her husband, and when Jesus heard her say that she had no husband, he was pleased. Insincerity, prevarication, and treachery toward a Guru- Preceptor are the greatest sins, for these are deliberate transgressions and, as such, are greater evils than flesh transgressions, which are to a considerable extent due to instinctive compulsion.

Some Souls, due to such transgressions in a past life, are born with a compelling inclination, which overrules almost all sense of shame, church threats, moral sense, social discomfiture, or efforts toward self-control. Such Souls can be helped if they sincerely confess their faults, that is, let their Spiritual doctor diagnose their moral disease and give mental and moral strength and advice, which, if followed, will remedy the malady.

The disciple who practices insincerity toward his Guru-Preceptor, not only hides moral disease, but refuses the healing help of the Master. In this way an error-stricken disciple makes his moral transgression grow upon him. To hide the moral disease from the Spiritual doctor is extremely dangerous to Spiritual health.

Jesus openly manifested his omniscient knowledge by saying to his former fallen disciple: "Thou hast had five husbands." This mental miracle was performed to convince a fallen disciple who, in a former incarnation, had already shown her faithfulness to the Master.

A Master very seldom attracts a new Soul by a mental miracle other than by the expression of the love of God, but everything is right in its own place. The woman of Samaria witnessed this omniscient power of Jesus because she confessed to a Master, and the Master, out of compassion, let her know that what she told him was in safe hands. This is the reason why Jesus spoke out and proved to her that He already knew what she told him and that he was satisfied with her veracity, and that she had passed the test of true discipleship.

No matter how sinful a disciple is, he can be saved if he is sincere and loyal to his Master. This display of a miracle was not performed by Jesus in order to satisfy the mental curiosity of a stranger, but to lift a fallen disciple. Thus, the witnessing of the miracle had a salutary effect on the woman of Samaria.

The Inner Jerusalem

The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. (John 4:19-20)

Thus the woman of Samaria was convinced that Jesus was a prophet of the God, and then she asked Him if Jerusalem or the mountains where her forefathers worshipped was the right place to worship.

Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:21-24)

Herein Jesus spoke of the inner Jerusalem of Self-Realization, the sacred mountain of meditation, where true Souls, devout devotees of God, worship Him in the temple of true Spiritual communion. Though the quiet top of mountains and holy places, sanctified by the presence of Masters, are also fit places of worship, yet they are of no use to restless, materially-minded people. Many worldly people have built temples on hilltops and lived in places of pilgrimage only to make those places dens of matter-worship. That is why Jesus said that true worshippers find God in the temple of omnipresence and worship Him not in the imaginary communion of Silence, but in the true communion of Spiritual perception.

Millions of people today worship God in temples and churches, and in holy cities, without ever knowing Him. The reason is obvious. God can only be found in the temple of true intuition, the tabernacle of deep meditation. Jesus distinctly spoke of the difference between the theological priestly ceremonious worship God and the saintly way of worshipping God in the temple of intuition. A gorgeous temple worth millions of dollars could not lure God by its display of wealth, although it might draw an audience of aristocratic people who love to worship God in the comfort of flesh on cushioned velvet seats.

The omnipresent God, who lives in the temple of the Cosmos, with the star-decked dome of Eternity, illumined by suns and moons, cannot be lured into the pride-created atomic church of man. In fact, thousands of ministers are so engrossed by church property and the church business of keeping the religious customers together that they forget to meditate and thus establish the church of God within themselves.

To worship God on mountains or in holy places is useless unless one really finds Him in the Spirit. Though God is manifest everywhere, He is in essence present behind the veil of Nature. The devotee has to lift the veil of Nature and see God first that way. After that, the devotee can see God behind Nature. So Jesus said that most people do not know what they worship, but that true devotees, who worship God in the temple of meditation, truly commune with His omnipresent Spirit, and therefore they know what He is and where He can be communed with.

Jesus also said: "GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."

SPIRIT signifies the unmanifested Absolute present in the darkless dark and the lightless light. In the unmanifested Absolute even the categories of space, time, and dimension are non-existent. There abides only ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new, blissful Spirit. The word *GOD* means the manifested, transcendental Being beyond Creation, but existing in relation to Creation. When Creation is dissolved into God, then this God becomes Spirit, the unmanifested Absolute.

Jesus said that as long as a devotee is conscious of manifested Creation and of the delusive things, such as mountains and holy cities, and has the desire to meditate in them, he has not yet attained the ultimate state of enlightenment, and that true worshippers are the reflections of God, the Father, of material Creation. God, manifested as the guiding intelligence of Creation, is the Spirit in the unmanifested state, when Creation is dissolved.

Man, being a reflection of God, is a reflection of the unmanifested Spirit. Hence, a true worshiper, if he wants to know the truth about God and himself, must know that God and his Soul are reflections of the unmanifested Absolute. That is, the Spirit, being unmanifested Absolute, wants all His true devotees to know that they are Its emanations. A devotee, unless he knows that the Father of Creation, or God, can exist in the Absolute unmanifested state as pure, ever-conscious Bliss, without the shadows of imperfect Creation, does not know the whole truth about noumenal

substance, but is deluded by phenomena, or by the appearance of Truth in Creation.

All devotees who worship God as the manifested intelligence of Creation are gradually taught by Him to worship Him as the unmanifested Absolute, or Spirit.

That is why Jesus said: "BUT THE HOUR COMETH, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE TRUE WORSHIPPERS SHALL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH: FOR THE FATHER SEEKETH SUCH TO WORSHIP HIM."

God is Divine Intelligence in Creation. Spirit is Divine Intelligence with Creation dissolved in Him. Hence, any devotee who can only see God as the Father of Creation, of Nature, mountains, and so forth, is still in delusion. The true devotee must learn that God is Spirit, unmanifested Absolute, and must understand the truth about Him as being the ever-existent, ever-conscious, ever-new Bliss without the delusion of a material Cosmos. It is then that the devotee finds emancipation and becomes one with the Spirit.

To truly worship God is to worship Him in Nature and beyond Nature, to worship the substance and the delusive phenomena in it, to worship the ocean of God and its delusive waves of Creation. Since the waves of Creation in appearance, not in essence, distort the ocean of Creation (God), the true vision of God lies in the perception of the Spirit-Ocean without the waves of Creation—to see as unmanifested Spirit and the only existing substance, Truth, without experiencing the delusion of matter or phenomena. It is only by worshipping God and Nature, and then by worshipping God as unmanifested Spirit that the devotee reaches the final state of emancipation, from which there is no fall.

Hence, worshippers who see God as Spirit and the only true substance existing, become emancipated. Under the sunlight, you may close your eyes and create a darkness of your own and live and move in it. When you open your eyes, darkness is no more. So, the consciousness of matter is due to our closing the eye of wisdom. When the wisdom eye is opened, the consciousness of relativity of the pleasure, good and evil, and so forth, disappear, and the Spirit, as ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Joy is perceived as the only existent substance. Then all Creation, with all the attending evils, are found to be created by ignorance, and all darkness and fears are created by closing the eyes and not by the absence of the light, which always knocks at the closed gates of the eyes to get in.

Modern ministers should learn to worship God in the temple of super-communion, or Samadhi, where the Cosmos, like the shadow of darkness, appears non-existent with the opening of the Eye of Wisdom before the light of the only existing Spirit.

The woman said unto him, I know that the Messiah cometh, which is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I THAT SPEAK UNTO THEE AM HE.

And upon this came his disciples, and marveled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seeketh thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city and came unto him.

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I HAVE MEAT TO EAT, THAT YE KNOW NOT OF. Therefore, said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK. (John 4:25-34)

When the woman of Samaria said: “I know that the Messiah [* The word “Messias” comes from the Hebrew word “Mashiakh” or “Anointed,” the expected King and deliverer of the Hebrews—Christ. (Christ, Latin, Christus, Messiah.)] cometh”, and so on, she had unconsciously received the telepathic message of God and Christ’s presence as to who Jesus was.

Most of the time, great Saints purposely remain hidden, and unless they choose someone to know of their greatness, they cannot be recognized even by people intimately mixing with them. In this case, God wanted to declare the glory of Jesus through the woman of Samaria, who was being made a test case of the Spiritual healing of Souls. (This woman of Samaria, who had had five husbands, was healed of her evil life through the Spiritual healing of Jesus.) Jesus confirms and thereby reinforces her telepathic message by letting her know the truth about Himself.

Three Kinds of Healing

The body is infected with bacteria, poison, and accidents, which involve physical suffering. To free man from bodily ailments constitutes physical healing. The mind of man is infected with fear, worries, melancholia, psychological nervousness, greed, anger, temptation, and jealousy, which cause mental suffering. The healing of psychological diseases is called mental healing.

The Soul of man is haunted by ignorance, which produces mental, physical, and all kinds of suffering. Ignorance creates inharmony between mind and body, God and Soul, and in addition creates every other trouble. Jesus knew the relation between mind and body, and God and Soul. That is why he controlled the atomic structure of his bodily cells, and that is why he carried out his saying: “Destroy this body, and in three days I will rebuild it again.”

In fact, ignorance produces in man the consciousness of the body. Divine Souls, who have healed themselves of ignorance, behold the body as a “dream of God,” or “frozen mind of Divinity.” Body and mind, being the image of God, can reflect perpetual youth and everlasting peace. Not to know this is to be spiritually ignorant and to be subject to all kinds of physical and mental ailments.

If you close your eyes and enter a palatial room, you see darkness instead of the presence of beautiful things in the room. When you open your eyes and remove

darkness, you forget the existence of self-created gloom and behold only light and the beautiful things in the room. So, also, when the eyes of wisdom are closed, you are submerged in the gloom of ignorance, witnessing physical and mental agonies, but when you open the eyes of knowledge by meditation, you behold the presence of God's light and all the beautiful experiences of lasting youth, everlasting peace, immortality, and so forth.

The world has yet to discover the highest human achievement, which Jesus and the great Saints are enjoying even today, and have been enjoying ever since they freed themselves from mortal ignorance, and they will enjoy that celestial blessedness to the end of endlessness.

It must be noted that physical suffering does not always bring mental agony if the mind is strong. Martyrs have smilingly been burned at the stake, but mental suffering usually brings physical suffering. When the Soul is sick, the body and mind are automatically subject to physical and mental suffering. Therefore, ignorance is the greatest of all suffering and must be removed.

Healing of the Soul Is the Greatest Good

The greatest of all healing which Jesus wanted to perform was the healing of Souls. Everyone, by holding to the after effects of meditation, and by steadily looking into the eyes of recipient Souls and strongly wishing them to be healed of mortal ignorance, can bring God into the lives of men, but one must be healed in his own Soul first before he can aspire to heal others. That is why Jesus spoke of becoming the "fishers of men." That means the art of fishing Souls out of the sea of ignorance by catching them in the net of wisdom and bringing them to the table of God's immortality.

The one purpose that Jesus had in declaring Himself as Christ to the woman of Samaria was that He wanted her to know that He had the all-healing Christ Consciousness in Him, that He was omniscient and knew of her morally sick Soul, and that He could heal her. Jesus could not be accused of self-laudation, nor of revealing His power of mind reading. He had one object in view in His talking thus to the woman of Samaria, and that was to heal her Soul, and that is why He did not wait to be introduced to her but saw her alone. Jesus, considerate as He was, did not want to embarrass the woman before His disciples by telling her that she had had five husbands.

God has given to each Soul the right to hide his thoughts and to fight his battles in secret instead of before others' curiosity and prying, which would cause sarcasm and hatred. If there were not invisible walls between our thoughts, we could do nothing and think nothing in peace, nor would we have the right to receive our own knocks and score our own victories.

We get little inklings of the thoughts of others in the expressions of their faces and eyes. That makes our lives all the more mysterious and interesting. So many times we jump at conclusions about the thoughts of others and make horrible

blunders, and many times we learn to read their thoughts correctly. Our blunders in such psychological reading teaches us to be cautious and prevents self-sufficiency, which arises from our correct reading of the thoughts of others.

The disciples marveled when Jesus talked to such a common woman, yet the pure vibrations of Jesus could not bring any criticism from the disciples. That is why nobody asked: "Why talkest thou with her?"

The woman of Samaria was so overwhelmed with the Soul-healing power of Jesus that in her Divine Joy she told of all her moral blemishes and the wonderful Soul-healing which she received from Jesus. She, being healed, also became the first messenger to declare Jesus the Christ.

Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I HAVE MEAT TO EAT THAT YE KNOW NOT OF. (John 4:30-32)

The mind of Jesus was filled with Christ Consciousness and the Soul- healing that he had accomplished in the woman of Samaria, so He laughed at the idea of supplying the body with food, when He knew that He was a Soul, and the only meat it eternally nourished itself on was the blessedness and eternal wisdom of God. Jesus was trying to heal His disciples of the delusion of ignorance, which caused them to think that He had to eat in order to live. Jesus said once before: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his own word; and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world. (John 4:39-42)

The above paragraph shows the way a prophet like Jesus Christ became known to the public. The one real way by which a Saint should become known is by the testimony from the lips of benefited students. Many people believed in Jesus because of the testimony of the woman of Samaria. Honest, true testimonials of students as to their Master's real qualities, may not to be of any Spiritual benefit to him, but they enable him to become known so that through his power of wisdom he can serve the people, if he wants to serve, and if the spiritually needy want to receive his help.

A flower needs no advertisement, and yet, its fragrance experienced by a few, may be told to those who did not experience its sweetness. The fragrance blossom of a Spiritual man hiding in a cave, selfishly enjoying God alone, is born to blush

and die unseen, without benefiting others with the solace of acquired wisdom.

Consciously developed Spiritual Souls, no matter how they love seclusion, never act like the inert beautiful blossom which dies in an unknown nook without making anybody happy with its sweetness. Great saints who experience the intoxicating joy of God-contact always love to share their Divine happiness with others, and demonstrate their Spiritual healing powers to worthy Souls. This serves a double purpose: the worthy souls are benefited, and when they feel better, they sincerely tell of their teacher's ability to serve and to heal.

The teacher should advertise through example and not merely by words, or by both example and advice. If it is right to advertise chewing gum, it is better to advertise real wisdom and thoughts which people can chew mentally, and assimilate for their highest Spiritual nourishment. It is only deplorable when commercial teachers, without practicing what they preach, try to impart their knowledge to others, and glaringly advertise it with only one end in view—that of making money. To advertise untruth is harmful, but to draw the attention of people to a usable, beneficial, Spiritual Truth, or to a good teacher, is admirable. A flower even advertises by its fragrance, calling people to come near and bathe in its fountain of sweetness. So, a Spiritual man draws eager Souls to himself by the perfume of his own qualities.

The woman of Samaria told of the telepathic power of Jesus, which he demonstrated to her, not for the sake of satisfying her curiosity, but for the purpose of lifting her from the pitfalls of error. A Spiritual teacher of high standing only demonstrates the power of the mind in order to glorify God, not himself. He turns the attention of his students, not to the delusive desire of acquiring miracles, but to God alone. In the course of planting the seed of God- Wisdom in a Soul, a Master Mind is entirely guided by God as to whether he shall draw the student to truth by the demonstration of miracle, or by the pure magnetic power of undiluted God-devotion. Those teachers who demonstrate miracles without consulting God usually love to advertise their own little power, and thus fall away from concentrating upon the mightiest miracle of all miracles—God.

Jesus, actuated by Divine Will, tried to uplift the woman of Samaria by the demonstration of a miracle. Most people are attracted to a teacher through the testimonial of benefited students, but there are others who have the keen perception to recognize and believe in a teacher by tuning in with his emanating Spiritual vibrations. There were others who believed in Jesus, not through the testimony of the woman of Samaria, but after they heard Him and felt His Spiritual vibrations within them. It is all right to believe in the testimony of a student about a teacher or a Truth, but it is better for real students to satisfy their own hearts by trying out the Truth, or by contacting the teacher, and thus place their convictions on the indestructible foundation of wisdom, and not on the shaky basis of doubt.

Telepathy

Many people may wonder how Jesus knew about the woman of Samaria's life history. Did Jesus read her thoughts from her subconscious, conscious, or superconscious mind? If a person holds the mirror of his mind absolutely still, free from the oscillations of restless thoughts, he can reflect within him the thoughts which pass through the consciousness of another person. This is only possible when one is versed in the art of remaining without thinking as long as he wants to. When this attained, then, on the virgin, unexposed plate of his mind, he can photograph any thought that is present in the conscious mind of another individual.

It entails greater mental power to know the buried subconscious thought experiences of others. Subconscious thoughts usually do not remain in the conscious mind, but are hidden behind its doors. By consciously projecting the subconscious mind of one person into the subconscious mind of another person, one can know the tabloid of thought experiences hidden there. It is possible to do this when one can go into his own subconscious mind by concentrating and can feel the experiences hidden there without being intruded upon by the thoughts of the conscious mind.

In the third still greater way, a Master Mind who has control of his all-seeing eye of deepest concentration can transfer his consciousness to the deepest region of Bliss of the superconscious mind. The superconscious mind hides behind the restlessness of conscious life and the fanciful dream state of subconscious life, and knows everything, not by reason or sense perception, but by the direct all-knowing power of God-given intuition. This intuitive power can be developed by learning the step-by-step methods of Self Realization, and by deepest meditation.

When this superconscious intuition is developed, it can instantly feel all that is going on in the consciousness of another individual, all that is lying hidden in his subconscious mind, and all his pre-natal experiences of former incarnations. Jesus had this usable, controlled power of superconscious intuition, with which he instantly knew everything that lay hidden in the conscious, subconscious, and superconscious mind of the woman of Samaria.

Faith—The Healing Power of Thought **Jesus Heals the Son of the Nobleman of Capernaum**

Now, after two days, he departed thence, and went into Galilee. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. (John 4:43; Luke 4:15)

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, 'Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus

saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. (John 4:46-53)

Before Jesus healed the son of the nobleman, he observed the general mentality of the people, in that they never believed in God until they saw signs and wondrous miracles. In a way, Jesus was telling the nobleman, whose son was at the point of death in Capernaum, that it was not His custom to perform miracles in order to make people believe in God.

Jesus preferred those people who loved God as a result of their own innate reasoning and perfect accord, rather than those who were compelled to believe in God as a result of the awe and fear they felt at the display of miracles. In other words, Almighty God prefers to have His children use their own free will and reason to love Him rather than be led to love Him through the force of His miraculous powers. Jesus wanted the nobleman of Capernaum to believe in Him without the performance of the miraculous healing of his son. However, when the father insisted, through true faith, Jesus at last said: "Go thy way; thy son liveth."

After this, the nobleman believed, or rather sensed, the vibratory healing power of Jesus and went home. On his return home, the nobleman was greeted by his servant, who happily announced to him that his son had been living since day before at the seventh hour. In absent healing the word of healing has to be spoken by the healer. If songs can float through the ether, ready to be caught out of the ether by a radio, so it is that broadcasted healing vibrations can be picked up by sensitive Soul radios.

How the Law of Healing Operates

In this healing it must be remembered that the nobleman's son became well immediately when Jesus spoke; that is, when Jesus set in motion His will-impregnated healing Soul force in the ether. Jesus broadcasted the God-given healing vibrations and they were received by the nobleman, who relayed them to his son, just as songs, broadcasted as 7 A.M., from Los Angeles, reach New York at exactly the same time. This happens because sound is carried by infinitely fast-moving omnipresent electrons in the ether.

If sound waves can be carried through the ether, then sounds impregnated with healing Soul Force can also be transmitted through the ether. Ordinary songs and speeches, received through the radio, produce some mental effect upon the listener, but words, impregnated with Soul Force, remain in the ether, ever ready to work.

Jesus impregnated His utterance with His Almighty healing power. Ordinary songs and thoughts transmitted over the radio give only momentary inspiration, but the words of Jesus, "Thy son liveth," contained in them the all-accomplishing, invisible healing power. As the energy in the body can be directed by the will to move any part of the body, so also, by omnipresent Divine Will, any atomic changes can be initiated in any body, in any thing, and at any place, no matter how far distant.

God had a reason for creating the Cosmos, then He willed it, and light or energy came. Then He willed that the light become flesh and earth. Hence, the Universe, being a product of Divine Mind, can be changed by Divine Mind at any time. Matter, although it has dimensions, is not different from thought, for material objects are nothing but the frozen thought of God. Hence, the body and the life in it, are dream products of God's will and thought. The dream Cosmos, with the earth and the living Beings on it, are sustained by God's concentrated thought. If He should dissolve His dream, the Universe, with all things in it, would melt away like a dream. If the Cosmos is made of the frozen thought of God, then the human body is also made and sustained by the same Divine Thought. Hence, God's thought, being the Creator of the thought-body, can create changes in it through the power of Divine Will.

Jesus realized that, since God brought the body of the son of the nobleman into existence through His thought, so also His Almighty Power could produce the desired change in it. God's will and thought created all things, and those people who are in tune with God's will and thought can produce any desired changes in matter or in human bodies instantaneously, merely by concentrated thought.

The nobleman thought that his son was sick, but Jesus thought differently, and so the son recovered. Jesus was able to displace the dream of sickness in the son by a dream of health, because He knew that the entire Cosmos was made of the tissue of dreams. Ultimately, all disease is found to be psychological, so a strong mind, fostering thoughts of health and perfection, can displace a stubborn thought of illness in another person.

Most people cannot heal themselves because their own thoughts are poisoned by the habit of thinking of chronic sickness. It is strange that the people who are always well never seem to believe that they can become sick, but if they happen to become sick after having enjoyed fifty years of good health, and are then unable to keep well for three months, they believe that they can never get well again. Right at this time, if a strong mind can revive the will of the patient who is paralyzed with sickness, then he himself can change his thought and energy, and thus heal himself. No one can heal us except through the hidden power of our own thoughts.

Thought is the brain of the cells and units of Life Force present in every particle of bodily tissue. Hence, a disease thought upsets the entire government of the Life Force in the cells, whereas, the thought of health corrects any disorder in the cellular system.

It must be remembered that I am speaking of the concentrated Divine Thought

which can heal and not of the fanciful thought of imaginary people. In order to move Divine Thought, the ordinary man must know the relation of thought, Life Force, and body without denying the existence of the body thought. The body is the frozen energy of God, nevertheless, man cannot realize this until he knows that thought is frozen into energy and energy is frozen into the body of man. Many people try to explain away the body delusion.

First, it must be realized that the body is made of invisible electrons, and that electrons are made of the invisible thought of God. Instead of saying that the body does not exist, one should say: "The body is not what we think it is. It is not anything but the frozen thought and energy of God, and cannot be gained by fanatic fancy, or by strong orthodox belief, but only by tuning in with God and by waking up His consciousness, to find that the Cosmos is nothing but His frozen dream."

Possession—The Man Possessed by an Unclean Devil

And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone: what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! For with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they came out. (Luke 4:33-36)

The human body and mind are subject to various kinds of diseases. Jesus, as the true minister of Self-Realization, not only knew how to preach and win people away from Satanic ignorance and bring them into Divine vibrations, but He knew how to heal them of various kinds of maladies. While preaching in the synagogue, (a place where people usually go for their Souls to be healed by the salve of inspiring sermons) Jesus found a man possessed by an unclean devil. Forthwith Jesus started to heal this stricken man.

In modern times people would laugh at the idea of anybody being possessed by an unclean devil. Devils seemed to be plentiful in the days of superstition and candlelight, but now, in the electrical Age, the devils seem to be scared away. However, psychiatrists can tell of the many cases of mental obsessions by fixed ideas, but very few know that many people suffer from actual possession by unclean devils.

Why should it be considered so amazing, when devils and devilish Souls exist right on this side of life, that they may exist also on the other side of life? If Souls are immortal, then according to the law of cause and effect, it is logical to expect that when a devilish Soul sheds the mortal coil and passes through the door of the mortal change called "death," into the other side of life, he continues to be a devil

and does not become an angel. Only an angelic Soul who has been on earth can continue to be so after crossing the gulf of death and entering the finer atmosphere of Heaven.

Unclean devils are those Souls who were murderers, robbers, and other criminals on earth, and who did not cleanse themselves of their evil propensities before death. Even the greatest sinner, if he cleans his subconscious mind and memory by contacting the superconsciousness in meditation before death, does not go into a sphere beyond death as a wicked Soul who has not purged itself of its evil and spiritually unsanitary tendencies.

As a good boy turned to evil ways can be called as devil, so a Soul gone wrong becomes devilish in its behavior. Such wicked Souls, after they die, pass through many strange experiences. As people of calm disposition usually have deep soothing sleep, so good Souls, when they sleep the sleep of death, experience a soothing death-sleep, free from the nightmares of evil visions. But, when people of evil-disturbed disposition die, according to the law of cause and effect, they experience, during the great death sleep, only horrible nightmares of evil.

As people walk in sleep or cry out during a bad dream, so, during the sleep after death, unclean Souls can move about in the ether crying out for relief. Most of these tramp Souls begin to move about during the sleep of death and try to get hold of some passive bodily vehicle through which to express their agony and wicked tendencies. As a sleepwalker does many strange things, so these subtle sleepwalkers of the Astral land perform many strange antics. By means of intuitive feelings they try to possess vacant, ignorant minds. They can never infest brains occupied with intelligent thinking, or people with strong will power, or vibrations of Spiritual perception. That is why the minds of spiritually advanced people cannot be occupied by devilish Souls, but these people can invoke saintly Souls by use of the proper technique of Astral intuition. One must learn the right technique from one's Guru. Evil Souls invade vacant, passive minds without invitation.

Beware of dwelling long in absent-mindedness and never try to invoke disembodied Souls by remaining in a passive state if you do not know the right technique.

If you know what you are doing and keep your mind entrenched and barb-wired by high Spiritual vibrations, no evil, unclean Spirits can get in. The word "Spirit" should only be used in connection with the unmanifested Absolute and it is a crime to use it in connection with disembodied Souls. However, the word "Spirit," as used commonly, signifies physically disembodied Souls.

It must be remembered that there is a lot of difference between the conditions of a Soul acting under a hypnotic spell, and the obsession of a subconscious idea, or auto-suggestion. Men and women, under the influence of hypnosis or strong obsession of the subconscious mind, can be made to play the part of either a noble or a devilish Soul. Real obsession is not an idea introduced by a hypnotist or by the subconscious mind which infests a Soul, but it is due to the actual presence of a Soul who has cast off its physical garment. One human body usually cannot reside

of another except in the case of a mother carrying a child, but a passive Soul can be occupied by an active, disembodied Soul.

It is true that like attracts like. So, this sinful man in the synagogue, due to the attraction of his own wrong vibration, drew unto himself an unclean Spirit. Jesus, possessing Cosmic Consciousness, could feel exactly what was going on within the body of the obsessed man. And the unclean Soul, being in touch with the Astral world, knew that the Christ Consciousness in Jesus was the Lord of all Creation, which pervaded all forms of life, and therefore it has control over all life.

So, this disembodied, unclean, devilish Soul could see Jesus, and through its intuition could feel the power of Jesus. (Disembodied Souls have only the sixth sense of intuition but, in a developed state, they can use it alone to perform the functions of vision, audition, smell, taste, touch, and so forth.) But the unclean, wicked Soul saw Jesus through the eyes of the obsessed man, and used his voice to cry loudly: "Let us alone; let us have the freedom to do anything we please, good or evil."

The evil Spirit was afraid that Jesus, with His Christ Consciousness, having control over all life, would stop him from having an unauthorized, forced occupation of the obsessed man's mind. This wicked Soul kept the Soul of the obsessed man in a state of suspension, neutrality, and sub-hypnosis, so that the instruments of consciousness—senses, brain, and body—could be used without interruption. As tramps steal rides in unlocked automobiles left by the wayside and ruin them, so also, tramp Souls steal rides by entering the bodies of passive Souls, and usually wreck the brain-engines.

Jesus, fearing the advent of insanity in the obsessed man if the unclean devil remained too long, by His life-controlling will power spoke: "*HOLD THY PEACE AND COME OUT OF HIM.*" That is, stop the devilish work of wrecking obsessed brains; hold on to the inner peace of the Soul hidden behind the veil of self-created past evil propensities, and do right again by coming out of the body which you have forcibly and unethically occupied.

In obsession by unclean devils or disembodied Souls who are bent upon forcibly occupying passive Souls on earth, great mischief is done to the brain, mind, and sense organs of the obsessed individual. During obsession, an individual may or may not be unconscious, just as a person under hypnosis may manifest the unconsciousness of sleep or the superficially normal state of the conscious mind.

In modern times many people think that the idea of obsession is a myth. It is not so. There are many simple-minded and absent-minded people who, due to their mental emptiness, invite the advent of unscrupulous Souls within their bodies. Many real cases of obsession are spoken of as brain-derangement, or as a state of hallucination, or as spells of hysteria. On the other hand, many cases of hysteria and fits have been erroneously described as spirit obsession by hysterical, credulous spiritualists.

Only Spiritual experts can distinguish cases of true spirit obsession, because by their psychic powers they are able to behold the Astral bodies of the invisible

visitors lying side by side with the Astral bodies of the persons obsessed.

If you find a haunted individual who shows symptoms the same as in the above mentioned test, then remember, by strong concentration and will power, you too can dislodge the evil spirit. By the constant whisper of “Aum” in the right ear of the individual, the evil spirit is bound to leave. In obdurate cases of spirit possession, which do not yield to the influence of the above methods, the power of a Master in the path of Self-Realization must be sought.

The only way a layman can detect a case of spirit possession is by analyzing the different states of paroxysm and of wild behavior which an obsessed person is subject to. The evil spirit-obsessed person usually displays unusual physical strength, bloodshot eyes, uncanny expression, and general lack of normal behavior.

The utterance of holy names and especially Aum, Aum, Aum, into the ear of obsessed individuals usually brings forth a quick, frightened reply from the obsessed individual like: “I am going; don’t utter that holy word,” which indicates spirit obsession.

So, Jesus, being in touch with the Cosmic Vibration, (Aum sound) which is continuously roaring throughout the Universe, commanded, with an Aum-impregnated voice, the devil to come out of the body of the obsessed individual. The devil, unwilling to obey Jesus, fought against the powerful vibration and thus created convulsions in the body of the obsessed man. The Cosmic Vibration, like a powerful current, was vibrating in the obsessed individual, trying to dislodge and shake out the intruding evil Astral-spirit. After causing some bodily convulsions, at last it came out of the body violently, leaving the man limp and shaken but not hurt.

As has been said before, the tramp evil spirit could have wrecked the brain-engine of the obsessed man, but it was not able to do so due to the intervention of the Divine policeman, the all-powerful Jesus Christ. So the evil spirit came out without causing any physical injury.

The people who beheld this miracle of the unclean spirits obeying Jesus Christ were extremely astonished and believed in His Divine authority. Even as Jesus was the perfect image of God, we also are potentially perfect manifestations of the Spirit of God. When we become aware of this, we also can perform the miracles that Christ performed.

Possession— Jesus Casts Out a Legion of Devils into the Swine

And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, ‘What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.’ (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it

had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) (Luke 8:26-29)

Such madmen are also to be found in present times in the lunatic asylums, locked up in padded cells. All lunacy is not due to derangement of brains; sometimes brains are possessed by evil spirits who can be exorcised or driven out by men like Christ. When this lunatic saw Jesus coming, the evil spirit in him recognized Christ and in fear implored Him not to dispossess it.

To this, Jesus said, "O thou disembodied soul and reflection of Spirit filled with unclean evil karma, you should give up your unlawful possession of this man's body; you have converted him into a lunatic."

It has been explained before that a tramp soul is usually a disembodied soul of a murderer or a man who has committed suicide. Because of his disregard for life his own karma condemns him to an existence like a nightmare in the astral world. These souls, not finding much-desired rebirth, often possess demented minds with bad karma. Masters who can distinguish between spirit possession and ordinary brain derangement have the power to consciously command these tramp souls to depart from the human bodies they unlawfully possess.

Meaning of Deep

And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to GO OUT INTO THE DEEP. (Luke 8:30-31)

Jesus, being omnipotent, knew everything that was going on in the astral world where millions of good and bad souls remain after death. The evil souls are all controlled by Satan and they all have distinctive features and names. That is why Jesus asked the name of the spirit. The leader of the spirits replied that his name was Legion—that is, many devils, which signified that many wicked disembodied souls were crowding and disordering the one mental house of this madman. As many thoughts can remain in one mind, and various moods and various personalities can be displayed by the same actor, so various disembodied spirits, being subtle, can occupy and possess the same mind and the same body. Just as many people can live crowded in a room, so many disembodied souls can possess the same brain, crowding it.

These disembodied souls, being in the astral world, consciously knew the influence of Jesus Christ's consciousness in the astral world. They knew the power of Jesus over the evil spirits, so they begged Him that they should not be commanded to roam again without the consciousness of physical bodies into the deep ocean of black space where they were tormented and choked with their own visions of a nightmare existence without a light to guide them.

These disembodied souls crowding the brain of the individual were highly delighted and ran riot, enjoying the sensations of sound, light, taste, smell, touch and the perceptions of a world full of definitive objects through the brain of this possessed individual. That is why the disembodied spirits were afraid of being denied a further ride in the fleshly motor-car racing through a land of physical sensations and sceneries and of being thrown back into the Hades and nightmare of dark subconscious existence. That is what is meant by the word, “deep.”

And there was there an herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them.

Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. (Luke 8:32-33)

Since Jesus Christ, by His Divine power, was compelling the unclean spirits to leave the body of the madman, therefore they wished to enjoy the lesser sensibilities in the bodies of a nearby herd of swine. These wicked disembodied spirits preferred a transition from the feeling of human sensations to the feeling of animal sensations in the animal bodies rather than suddenly be whirled back into the dark subconscious state of eternal space where they were condemned to stay by the evil karma of their past lives.

Jesus permitted them to do so. The unclean spirits then left the brain of the possessed individual and entered the bodies of the whole herd of swine who, being possessed by these unclean disembodied spirits, began to act like maniacs and ran violently into the lake.

These evil spirits with great difficulty had found one wicked individual as their suitable medium and had crowded into his brain and tortured him by making him do things he did not want to do. They ran riot with his body and did not care what happened to it so long as they could enjoy life through its sensations. In trying to work out all their violent emotions through one brain they deranged it. Being denied by Jesus this much-desired, yet crowded dwelling place of one brain, the disembodied spirits through the help of Jesus temporarily went to feel the joys of animal existence in the bodies of a herd of swine.

When the disembodied spirits entered into the bodies of swine, the animal brains became deranged; the evil spirits within them were so excited with animal pleasure that they did not know what they were doing and ran violently into the water and were drowned. The unclean spirits with the souls of the swine were driven back into the regions of dark space where wicked souls live with souls that have come out of animal bodies.

The Gadarenes Reject Jesus

When they that fed them saw what was done, they fled, and went and told it in the city and in the country.

Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw it told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. (Luke 8:34-37)

It was foolish of these ignorant people to be afraid of Jesus and not afraid of their own ignorance. Had they realized the all-redeeming power of Jesus, instead of being afraid of him they would have asked Him how they could be free from being possessed by the devil of devils—ignorance. Even in modern times many educated people, seeing some master in ecstasy with God, with his body in a state of suspended animation, foolishly feel afraid of him as one who is under the influence of witchcraft or black magic and who may be teaching the art of unconsciousness or possession by disembodied spirits or who may be practicing self-hypnotism. Similar uncomprehending fears, about Jesus, were felt by the ignorant Gadarenes two thousand years ago.

It must be remembered one has to die in order to separate his soul from his body. In ordinary death a soul is separated from its body so that the soul cannot re-enter its own body again. But a master teaches how to conquer death by consciously taking the soul out of the body at will and putting the soul back into the body again. By this process, instead of going out in ecstasy into the after-death state and not being able to come back, a soul learns that the body is his material dwelling place. He can remain there as long as he wants and after living in it enough he can quit it at will without suffering physical pain or mental pain due to attachment, and go to his omnipresent home in God.

But the ordinary person does not know that he lives in the body as a prisoner of his own past karma. Due to his long residence in the bodily prison, vulnerable to its accidents and death, he grows to like it and when his karmic term of bodily confinement is over and he is commanded to depart from the body by the compulsion of disease, the individual hates to leave the prison house of the body. Most people do not know why they come into the body or why they go out of it.

The Yogis say that since the bodily confinement is due to the karmic term the soul should learn of its oneness with Spirit and by meditation get himself paroled from the dictates of karma and have the power to go in and out of the bodily prison as he wants to by getting hold of the key of the mystery of life and death by yogic meditation and the art of self-realization.

So, no sane individual should foolishly fear a master or condemn his all-emancipating technique of meditation even as the men of Gadara were foolishly afraid of Jesus and instead of asking salvation from Him commanded him to depart

from their shores.

Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee.

And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him. (Luke 8:38-40.)

It is remarkable to note how Jesus was without ego. He did not speak of his own powers of healing but of the divine power which manifested through him. He believed that the demonstration of divine power needed publicity through a living example that other afflicted souls might seek help from the unlimited divine power. When publicity is used for material gain it yields material results. Publicity is useful to broadcast divine demonstrations for the guidance of afflicted souls, but self-laudation is pernicious and repugnant to the spiritual man.

Laying On of Hands— Jesus Rebukes the Fever in Simon's Wife's Mother

And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and anon they tell him of her; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her; and **REBUKED THE FEVER**; and he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she arose, and ministered unto them.

And at even, when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and them that were possessed with devils: and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them, and all the city was gathered together at the door. (Mark 1:29-33; Luke 4:38-40)

All disease germs have a dormant intelligence and are directed by the misguided Archangel of God, Satan. All evil has some intelligence, for it works itself into the minds of the people through false reasoning. Vice takes the cloak of virtue and fools the gate-keeper of reason, and thus enters the forbidden sanctum of virtue. Fever is caused by the evil actions of man as well as by disease which is intelligently controlled by Satan. Whenever a person transgresses physically, mentally, or spiritually, a portal for a specific disease is opened, according to the nature of the transgression, to enter the body. Jesus knew all the evil forces which create havoc in people and was able, through His all-powerful Cosmic Consciousness to talk in the language of the fever and command it to get out of the body of the stricken woman. That is what is meant by Jesus "rebuking the fever."

The rebuking of the fever signifies that diseases are due to the lack of proper operation of the conscious forces which govern the body, and are also due to the evil forces which consciously allow the evil of disease to spread in the body. Some diseases are brought about by physical transgressions against the laws of health, but disease germs are also created by an evil force which tries to destroy the beautiful creation of God—the human body. When the actions of an individual become very bad, evil vibrations are generated, attracting disease germs, which are the agencies of evil.

Jesus could see the evil force which was responsible for the introduction of fever into the body of Simon's wife's mother, and thus he rebuked it away and restored the harmony of health. Jesus commanded the predominating evil force to depart from the body of the stricken woman, thus reinstating the conscious Astral forces which govern normal health.

Jesus exercised his supreme healing power to heal everyone who came to Him. He could heal all those who came unto Him at that time because all of them had power of reciprocity and faith. Faith is the soil, and the power of God flowing through the healer is the seed. True healing requires the true soil of faith in the patient and the powerful seed of healing in the healer or God.

Jesus could not heal everybody in the place where He was born because, even powerful as He was, He could not sprout the seed of his healing power on the rocky soil of disbelieving minds.

In healing, the power of the healer, great or small, is limited as compared to the unlimited healing power of God. Hence, all healers, instead of commanding their own powers in healing, should invoke the unlimited Divine power of healing to flow through them and work certain healing. Man's power may fail, but God's power can never fail. Even though God has unlimited healing power and though our Father does not want to see us suffer from disease, yet He cannot heal us until we open the gates of our own willingness to be healed. God has given us free choice, unlike the animals, and by misusing it we can keep God out of our lives. By using it properly, we can allow God to heal us.

In order to be sure of God's healing power, one must know and feel Him deeply in meditation daily. When sure of the Divine Communion, one should completely absorb oneself in God preceding every healing which one tries to perform. When administering Divine healing, the healer must act as a perfect medium in order to let God's unlimited power flow through without obstruction. Egotism and loud declaration, and self-laudation, such as, "I healed her," and so forth, should be strictly avoided both in speech and mind, in order to let the all-knowing God perform the healing.

About the laying on of hands, a great many explanations are necessary. The body is surrounded by intelligent Cosmic Energy and this energy recharges the original vitality of the body when it becomes depleted due to hard work. Food is the distilled water of the body battery, but the inner life of the body battery depends upon the Cosmic Energy which is drawn into the body through the mouth of the

medulla (antenna) or by the tuning power of the human will. All the energy derived from the Cosmos through the ether, and the energy derived from food, becomes concentrated in the head and is poured into the entire body battery through the six sub-dynamos in the spine. The brain and the six Centers in the cerebro-spinal axis send energy into the hands, feet, eyes, lungs, heart, liver, spleen, and all body parts. So, from each body part, namely, eyes, hands, feet, heart, navel, nose, mouth, and every projection from the body, there emanates current.

Since we use our eyes and hands constantly, they radiate more nerve-current than other parts. The right side of the body is a positive pole and the left side is a negative pole. The right side is stronger than the left side because more attention is paid to it and more use and more exercise develop it. The left side, by use and attention, can be developed into the positive pole, as is shown in left-handed people.

However, this Life Force passing through the hands, is more or less powerful, according to the power of the will. Masters, like Jesus, who have infinite control of their will, can radiate the all-creative healing Ray through any organ, especially through hands, feet, or eyes. Simply laying on the positive and negative poles of the hands, which carry energy from the body battery, does not heal. It is the power flowing through the hands which is the real cause of healing. This Life Force creates, integrates, disintegrates, crystallizes, metabolizes, and produces the complex body out of the cells. This Life Force is intelligent but is out of control in weak, ego-identified minds. Those who have identified themselves with their Souls know that the intelligent Soul controls the intelligent creative Life Force.

One who knows his Soul knows how to work miracles through the master of life and death, the Life Force, by sending it down through the hands like a healing X-Ray, to burn out disease germs in any stricken person.

The Spirit of Jesus had control over Cosmic Energy. He commanded His will to connect Cosmic Energy with the energy in His brain and send it down through His hands in ever-flowing, germ-burning rays to the body of the diseased person.

Forgiveness of Sins

And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ, the Son of God. And he, rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was the Christ. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias, the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon, and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. (Luke 4:41; Matthew 8:17; Mark 1:35-37)

As has been said before, Satan, the Cosmic Evil Intelligence, has his satellites in

those Souls who have lost in the moral and Spiritual battle. Satan works through such lost Souls on earth while they are living and also through those Souls that are roaming in the Astral world. As evil-possessed Souls do mischief on earth, so these Satan-obsessed Astral Souls do all kinds of mischief in the Astral world as well as in the physical world. They launch themselves into evil Souls through their evil vibrations. They intelligently possess and punish earthly evil Souls according to the term of Astral punishment which arises from specific transgressions in worldly life. Jesus, being omniscient, knew how Satan and his evil forces worked in torturing human Souls. That is why, when Jesus commanded the spirits in the possessed bodies to depart, they knew who Jesus was.

In regard to the prophecy of the prophet Esaias: "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses," there is an important explanation. Powerful Souls like Jesus could only wipe away the effects of evil in an individual according to the law of cause and effect, which governs Karma (action). If anyone, through wrong eating, is carrying a load of poison in his body, a counteracting medicine can destroy the virus in the system. So Jesus, by His powerful consciousness, could counteract the evils acquired and accumulated in Soul, but no one, not even Jesus, can break the law of cause and effect created by God, but Jesus could stop the impending result of an evil action by astrally taking the result of the evil action upon Himself, and thus sparing the person guilty of the evil action. You will ask now how that can be. Well, if you angered John, and he suddenly raised his hand to beat you, and I suddenly came between his fist and you, then you would be spared the hurt and I, being stronger, might not be affected at all by the fistic display of John.

So, also, when an evil action was perpetrated by Peter, according to the law of cause and effect he had to suffer, but, if a powerful Soul like Jesus wanted to save Peter, he could deflect the havoc caused by the evil action and work it out and spend its evil force within himself. Some saints have been known to actually take into their own bodies the diseases of wicked persons, and thus cause the sufferers to be relieved. This does not mean that every healer has to suffer if he wants to heal someone by Spiritual law. Only extraordinary Christ-like healers can take on the sufferings of others resulting from mental disease and Soul sickness, and work them out in their own bodies.

The sins of the disciples, and many other Souls, according to the law of cause and effect, were powerful enough to deal death to the evil doers, so Jesus took their sins upon Himself and let His body be crucified. But this crucifixion could not touch Jesus, for He had said long before His physical death: "Destroy this temple and I shall build it again in three days."

Jesus prayed in the morning and went to a solitary place for prayer. This shows the way people in general should learn to pray. There is a time for everything. We eat three times a day at certain hours. This nourishes the perishable body. People work eight hours or more a day to make money to maintain themselves and others who are dependent upon them. In childhood, eight hours a day, plus a few hours at home, are spent in nourishing the mind. Mental education gives each individual at

least the common sense by which he knows what methods to adopt in order, to uniformly perform all the physical, mental, and Spiritual duties calculated to bring real happiness.

That education is fruitless which makes an individual one-sided, either intellectually or spiritually. No duty should be performed by starving out other duties. One-sidedness brings unhappiness. Those who follow health laws usually enjoy good health, but if one spends all day long in the pursuit of health and neglects to be prosperous or Spiritual, he will encounter the miseries arising from poverty and ignorance.

Of course, if you are naturally healthy and rich due to an inheritance, you should spend all of your time in cultivating your Spiritual life. Also, the rich do not realize their Spiritual poverty and, as a result, foolishly spend their unique opportunity in indulging in the most insecure happiness of the senses. The rich should spend their time exclusively with God. That does not mean that one has to be rich before being Spiritual, or before knowing God. Anyone who performs the highest duty of knowing God automatically has performed all other lesser duties, for God, once attained, makes one rich with imperishable life and eternal riches. So it is right to seek God first by ignoring everything else. Only, it is disastrous to seek prosperity at the cost of health or to seek health by entirely forgetting to strive to be prosperous. Since God is the source of all power, it is all right to seek Him first by ignoring all other duties, for, with God, health and prosperity are added, but with the acquirement of health and prosperity alone, God cannot be attained. Besides, the prosperity gained by human effort is perishable, whereas the prosperity which comes after the attainment of God is imperishable.

Man should use the proper time and the proper place for performing his different duties. Just as sleep is performed in a quiet bedroom from 6 to 8 hours, and as business is carried on in an atmosphere of business from 8 to 10 hours, and just as intellectual studies are carried on in the morning or at night in a quiet library, so, meditation, or contact of God, should be performed in a quiet, solitary place, at early dawn or late in the evening before retiring, for an hour longer.

In the depth of the night, or in the early morning, or at any time if in a solitary place, the results of peace realized from meditation are easily obtained due to lack of noise and lack of wrong vibrations of restless people working around you. Restless thoughts silently pass through the body of the meditating individual and keep his released energy rushing toward the senses instead of toward God. However, if a person makes a super effort of will, he can concentrate in spite of all noise.

To meditate on quiet occasions and in solitary places, if available, is very helpful to the beginner. On holidays, at least, instead of wasting time with restless people, walk to a quiet, lonely place and meditate there. By deeply meditating on the Infinite, and, once the Infinite is contacted, no outward disturbance can bother the Soul.

As the nighttime is used for sleep and the daytime for business, so spiritual

development is best cultivated during the earliest hour of dawn, from 5 to 8 a.m. (any time during that period), from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. To meditate any time during these periods is very beneficial.

All the laws of attraction and repulsion which govern the body are more harmonious during the above periods, and thus help an individual to withdraw the Life Force from the sense-telephones of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. This frees the attention from all sense disturbances and allows it to march toward God without interruption.

“All men seek for thee” signifies that Jesus was sought by the spiritually hungry Souls of His day. Just as the fragrance of flowers draws the bees, so Souls like Jesus, who are fragrant with God, automatically draw spiritually hungry Souls unto themselves.

Forgiveness of Sins–Healing the Leper

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold, there came a man full of leprosy to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, worshipped him, and fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (Luke 5:12-13; Matthew 8:2-3; Mark 1:40-41)

A leper worshipped Jesus and prayed to be healed. “I WILL,” spoken by Jesus, signifies the human will tuned in with God’s all-powerful will. Jesus, by the word “I,” did not refer to the limited human ego, but He referred to His soul as unified with the Spirit. Human will is circumscribed by the body. It can do anything to the body; it can keep the body well or plunge it into the abyss, destroying it. The human will, by application, can work changes in the world in a limited way, but when the human will identifies itself with God’s will in ecstatic meditation, then it becomes God’s omnipresent will, able to work in all the channels of force and the avenues of power which govern the universe. It is then that the devotee, with his magnified will, can work any change in his extended cosmic body of the universe, even as a man can will to work through all the nerves and muscles of his own body.

Jesus, being one with the omnipresent Father and cosmic energy, felt His presence in the body of the leper. And with His omnipresent will, which controlled cosmic energy, He willed the energy in the leper to change the leprous body into a healthy body.

The human body is condensed energy and the will of Jesus, being in control of all omnipresent energy, could effect the change from a leprous condensed energy, or leprous body, to a perfect condensed energy, or perfect body. He willed cosmic energy to clean out all imperfections and to rearrange the life vibrations and create atomic changes into a perfect body. The leper was healed, and Jesus said to him:

See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. (Mark 1:44)

Jesus told the leper not to waste time telling everybody about the divine healing, but to tell only the hypocritical priests who commercialized religion and did not live it in daily life. Jesus, in a way, through His miracle of healing the leper, hinted to the priests what they could do if they were really spiritual and did not merely profess being so. Jesus believed in the greatness of Moses and so he asked the leper to offer to the temple those cleansing things which were commanded by Moses, as a testimony of God's healing.

Forgiveness of Sins—Jesus Heals The Man of Palsy

But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter. And great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. And they came to him from every quarter. And again he entered into Capernaum for some days: and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy, which was borne of four. And they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in, nigh unto him, because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let him down through the tiling with his couch wherein the sick of the palsy lay, into the midst before Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer: thy sins be forgiven thee. (Mark 1:45; 2:1-5; Luke 5:15-20)

The healed leper became the best publicity agent of Jesus, that great multitudes sought to be healed by Him. Jesus could no more openly enter cities and so He withdrew Himself into the wilderness of the desert, and into the wilderness of His inner Being, where no restless thoughts ever dared to disturb Him—and there He communed with God.

When He came to Capernaum for seven days, people heard about Him and His

room became overcrowded. Many Pharisees and doctors of the law from Galilee, Judaea, and Jerusalem came to see Jesus, and four men, being unable to get to Him, broke open the roof of the house where He was and let down the man suffering with palsy. Jesus, seeing their faith, said unto the sick man: “SON, BE OF GOOD CHEER: THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE.”

Son, be delighted in Spirit, for thy sickness (which is due to some pre- natal and post-natal sins, consciously or unconsciously practiced by thee, but unknown to thee now, and which are forgiven by the mercy of God) is healed.

Every sinful action leaves a sinful seed or tendency in the brain, which later sprouts into some mental or physical calamity when the conditions of evil actions are favorable.

Just as a needle, when it strikes the grooves of a record, plays a certain song, so also, the needle of an evil action, when it touches a grooved evil tendency in the brain, brings forth the corresponding song of evil experience.

Every experience, good or bad, if intense, leaves a mental and physical record in the brain. This mental and grooved physical record in the brain can be played at any time by the suitable needle of specific association of ideas.

Divine men, like Jesus, can with will and cosmic energy burn from any man the mental and physical records of sin which keep on singing the fruition of sinful calamities. With the burning of the inner sinful records, the misery- producing songs of evil experience disappear also. This is what Jesus meant by “forgiveness of sins,” when He healed the man stricken with palsy.

And the scribes and Pharisees began to reason in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them,

Why reason ye these things? Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? Whether it is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. (Mark 2:6-11; Luke 5:21-24)

The human consciousness of the materially-minded people could not understand how God-identified Jesus could forgive the results of evil actions. When a glutton eats too much and suffers from acute indigestion, he cannot forgive or relieve the reactions of his greedy actions. If he follows the advice of a doctor, he can relieve himself of stomach trouble.

So, in the spiritual world, the psychologically sick person can be forgiven or freed from the painful results of his actions if he follows the advice of the real spiritual teacher to whom all spiritual errors must be disclosed (confession) for the sake of spiritual diagnosis and the finding and prescribing of the proper remedy. But

the sinful priest, who has not found forgiveness or relief from his own sins, cannot possibly forgive or relieve other error-makers from sin.

Sin consists of pursuing erroneous ways which lead to physical, mental, and spiritual unhappiness under the lure of happiness. Sin promises happiness and imparts unhappiness. Virtue promises no immediate happiness but positively, ultimately gives lasting happiness. Besides, the sons of God have power like God to relieve us from all the suffering of our bodies, minds, and souls.

A spiritual and mental healing current can be offered invisibly to offset the effects of evil Karma, or actions, lodged in the brain cells. As acids can dissolve a record, so the mental and physiological grooves in the brain cells of an error-stricken individual can be obliterated by the transmission of Life Force. Erroneous habits can be changed to good habits in individuals. God, who is the maker of souls, minds, and bodies, originally made human beings after the pattern of His Perfect Image, but they chose to desecrate and distort that divine image into a mortal image by the misuse of God-given independence. Ordinarily, human beings in general think that God alone, the Almighty Maker, can change an ignorance-distorted mortal man back to his original perfect divine state as God's perfect image, but materially-minded people fail to realize that the God-knowing saint is one with God. Jesus had often asserted the real truth: "I and my Father are One." And Jesus, being One with the Father, could do everything that God can do. That is why Jesus gave life to Lazarus.

Jesus, being present in the bodies of the doubting scribes and Pharisees, felt their thoughts and replied to their doubting feelings. Jesus asked the doubting Pharisees: "Why are you concerned about my forgiving the sins of men? Why do you think it is evil to relieve people of their miseries by the power of God acting through Me, or by My power given unto Me by God?"

Jesus signified his complete unity with God, and that He was free from all illusive egotism. Therefore, Jesus explained why He could say to the sick either, "Thy sins be forgiven thee by God," or, "Arise and take up thy bed and walk," or, "I (as the conscious reflection of the power and true image of the Heavenly Father) say unto thee, arise and take up thy bed and go thy way into thine house."

The ordinary person, not one with God in Self-Realization, even though humble, can have the undetected ego hiding in him, even if he humbly says to the sick, "Be healed by God's power." But the superman, who is one with God, does not feel his separating egotism even when he says, "I say unto thee, arise and be healed." Here "I" signifies the "God alone" which the true devotee feels within himself.

True devotees, true Gurus (Preceptors), never feel themselves to be preceptors, for they behold in themselves none other than the pure God. The Guru is the awakened God, awakening the sleeping God in the disciple.

The Divine Law of Healing—Jesus Heals the Impotent Man

After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now there is at Jerusalem, by the sheep market, a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt Thou Be Made Whole? (John 5:1-6)

During a feast time Jesus went to Jerusalem and came to the pool of Bethesda, where a crowd of stricken people waited to bathe when the waters were troubled by an inner healing force (an angel). At certain periods, this pool vibrated and emanated healing earth currents (electrical), and those who bathed in the pool at that time were healed.

Also, the belief in the healing power of the water caused a mental reaction which healed many of the people. The mind controls the body. A person who is sick for a long time becomes mentally weak and his will is so paralyzed with sickness that he cannot throw off the trouble. However, faith in anything or anybody may revive his all-healing, all-powerful will to release the nascent brain energy and effect the healing of any diseased part of the body.

Jesus saw a man, who had been afflicted for thirty-eight years, lying by the pool unable to get into it by himself when the waters moved. Filled with compassion, and knowing the superiority of mind power (which could heal by itself without depending upon any outside factor), He asked, "*WILT THOU BE MADE WHOLE?*"

The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath. (John 5:7-8)

Jesus knew the divine law of healing, which requires the proper soil of faith on the part of the patient and the proper seed of mental healing power on the part of the healer in order to grow the three of healing. So Jesus prepared the soil of faith by creating in the stricken man the desire to be healed by divine law. When Jesus found that the sick man desired very much to be healed, He said, "*RISE, TAKE UP THY BED, AND WALK.*" He meant that the stricken man need no longer wait to be healed by the waters of the pool of Bethesda (by an outside physical condition), but that he should realize the unlimited power of God hidden within the human mind, and he would be healed at once.

The man was instantaneously healed by (1), the uninterrupted flow of the unlimited, all-healing energy of God through the mental transparency of the life of

Jesus; and (2), by his own awakened faith and the revival of his paralyzed will, which served as the antenna for charging the all-healing combined cosmic energy from Jesus and the latent life energy of his own brain.

The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. (John 5:10-13)

The hypocritical Jews did not want to express their amazement at the healing performed by Jesus, for that would be an acknowledgment of His superiority over them, so they began to display a sham zeal for the laws of the Sabbath day.

The healed man replied to the Jews that the man who had healed him had commanded him to carry the bed. He did not want to say it was Jesus, who had disappeared in the multitude.

Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. (John 5:14)

Jesus told the healed man that his sickness had been the result of his own pre-natal and post-natal evil actions and that was why he should not continue to pursue evil ways. Jesus told him also to free his power of independent action from the influence of the seeds of past evil actions. He said that if evil actions were continued, all the evils of his past actions and the evils accruing from new actions would act like a casual Karmic bomb which would explode and cause worse troubles.

Traces of evil actions lie hidden like mental bombs within the brain until they can be ignited by freshly kindled evil actions. Hidden bombs of past evil tendencies can be destroyed by soaking them in the waters of fresh, newly- acquired wisdom.

When you become physically sick, remember that sickness is the result of breaking some mental or physical law, either in this life or in a past embodiment. If, then, you are healed by spiritual or healthful living, or by the healing power of some divine being, you should not again pile up more traces of evil actions to explode later as greater physical or mental maladies.

The Hindu Scriptures say that it is difficult to get away from the effects arising from physical, mental, moral, or spiritual errors made in this life or in past lives. Many people lead mechanical lives without taking account of the amount of evil or good they have stored up in past lives. The results of good and bad actions are stored in the subconscious mind like seed tendencies which germinate and grow when the specific suitable opportunity arrives.

In this world it sometimes happens that a good man suddenly becomes a bad one. The reason for this change is that a hidden bomb of pre-natal evil explodes when he touches the fire of evil environment. Likewise, a man who is habitually bad man suddenly become good due to the germination of hidden seeds of pre-natal good actions. Of course, a person may become good or bad due to his own free choice, but in most cases it is found that sudden changes in the habits of a person can be ascribed to pre-natal causes or hidden post-natal effects of actions.

Sin No More

When Jesus said: “SIN NO MORE LEST A WORSE THING COME UNTO THEE,” He signified that our sufferings are directly or indirectly caused by sinful actions performed in this life or in past lives. Jesus meant that He had, by His great will power, overcome the sufferings resulting from the sick man’s past sins and that the man should not sin again lest worse evil overtake him. Jesus clearly signified that the rewards of sin or virtue do not come from unknown causes or from an act of God, but that they are the result of human wrong or good actions.

Jesus knew the law of cause and effect, or action, which governs the life of man. Ordinary people, who do not lead scientific lives, think that all good fortune or misfortune is caused by an inscrutable, whimsical destiny. They should give up this conception and try to govern their lives by wisdom. Whenever you find that you are suffering from a physical or financial ailment, remember that it is caused by an error committed in the present or in a past life. Instead of moaning over your fate and blaming destiny, you should try to adopt the counteracting antidote of good actions to mitigate and lessen the effect of past evil actions.

In the healing of the sinful man by Jesus we find the lesson that when a person is overburdened by the effects of past sinful actions, he can get release by following the counsel of a real spiritual doctor, who can, by his will power, partially or completely heal the patient if the latter chooses to cooperate with the spiritual doctor and follow his divine prescriptions.

The Hindu Scriptures say that all lives are governed by the law of cause and effect. That is why some people are born blind or ignorant and some are born healthy, wealthy, and wise. If pre-natal causes did not operate to create the differences in the lives of men at birth, then God could be blamed for partiality in equipping one with the brain of a moron and another with the brain of a wise man. If God ordained an infant to have the brain of a moron, He certainly could not make that child responsible for his ignorant actions. Whereas, a child who is equipped with a good brain will naturally act wisely.

From the above example of healing by Jesus and from His saying, “Sin no more lest a worse thing come,” it is distinctly evident that Jesus knew that not only are our lives governed by the law of action, but that reincarnation alone can explain the inequalities and seeming injustices which visit human beings at their birth. In this healing it is evident also that all ills and all visitations of sins in the beginning of

life, or later, are due to man's own actions. Jesus makes every man responsible for his own suffering. Another lesson the above example of healing teaches is that a chronic physical, moral, or mental sickness can be healed in one of two ways; either by contacting a spiritual man and taking his advice, or by adopting the counteracting antidote of good actions to minimize or destroy the effects of past evil actions.

Sabbath Day

The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the Sabbath day.

But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. (John 5:15-17)

When the man departed and told the Jews that Jesus had healed him on the Sabbath day, the Jews tried to persecute Him. The Jews mechanically observed the Sabbath and their ethics of living whereas Jesus followed the spirituality of rules, often ignoring the superficiality and formality in following them. It is possible on the Sabbath day to do nothing but be conscious of the idleness of the material body. Many people who outwardly observe the Sabbath day are still living identified with the material consciousness of the body. Such people, who over-emphasize the inactivity of the body, often forget to follow the spirit of the Sabbath, which consists in remaining identified with Spirit by discarding material engagements. Those hypocritical Jews, who followed only a material Sabbath consisting of cessation of physical activity without spiritual communion, did not realize that Jesus could perform a material act on the Sabbath day without being material.

To Jesus every day was a Sabbath day. He lived every day in wisdom and God-consciousness, and needed no special Sabbath day. Special Sabbath days are necessary for the people who are entangled continuously and who do not take any time for God. Besides this, the act of healing a person is not material work and does not contradict the spirit of the Sabbath day. The Jews knew this in their hearts and, in order to ease their conscience about their hypocritical observance of the Sabbath, they wanted to persecute Jesus, who apparently had broken the inactivity of the Sabbath day by healing the sinful person.

That is why Jesus said: "MY FATHER WORKETH HITHERTO, AND I WORK." He meant that whatever work He did here was actuated by His consciousness of the Father and that He was not actuated by evil. He was guided by the intuitional consciousness which He received from God.

Actions Are Free

Every devotee, no matter what he does, feels that his actions, will, and reason

are free but that they are guided by the wisdom of the Heavenly Father. Devotees are not slaves of God but they act wisely by their own volition and in that way they find themselves being guided by God's wisdom, for all wisdom comes from God. God never commands His devotees to do anything, but those who feel the presence of God, know Him as wisdom and they prefer to be guided by the super-wisdom of God rather than by their own egotistical will. That is why Jesus said: "Verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing himself but what he seeth the father do." In the above sentence, Jesus told exactly how He worked. He showed that He was in love with God and with such wisdom and love of God He saw God and God's actions, and as He saw the Heavenly Father act and as He felt God's actions, He acted likewise of His own free choice.

This did not involve enslavement of the will of Jesus, but it meant that Jesus found that a man's wisdom-guided will is identical with God's wisdom-guided will, since all wisdom is His alone.

The Divine Task— the Will of the Father

Therefore, said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat? Jesus said unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. (John 4:33-38)

The disciples erroneously thought that Jesus had already had some food when He said: “I have meat to eat that ye know not of.” Ordinary food temporarily nourishes the perishable body and gives it a passing pleasure arising from the sense of taste. Jesus was telling his disciples that to human eyes, although his body needed food, his real Self tasted the ever-satisfying, eternally-nourishing manna of Divine Wisdom and Celestial ever-new Bliss. The disciples did not know how to nourish their Souls.

I often find in homes comprised of materially-minded members that most of the members wake up in the morning with the consciousness of a cup of coffee, toast, and ham and eggs, and go to sleep at night thinking of beefsteak. In spiritual homes, the home members think first in the morning of drinking the cool nectar of Peace from the bowl of deep contemplation, and at night they think of the voice of Divine Peace singing softly, inviting them to rest on the bosom of Divine Peace.

Upon wakening in the morning and at night before going to sleep, and at mealtime, people should fumigate their material consciousness with the thought of God. The idea is to remain in the world but not to be of the world. To remain unattached, like the dewdrop on the lotus leaf, is to be really happy, ready to slip the consciousness into God. The dewdrop cannot slide on a blotting paper, so the average Soul cannot keep the mind free to slip into God if he associates with materially-minded people who are attached to things.

Jesus repulsed the idea of food, not because He thought that it was unnecessary for Him to eat, but because He wished to show to the disciples that the consciousness of man should be predominantly on God, the ever-satisfying food, and not on a material diet.

Jesus said that, as meat is loved by most people, so His relish consisted in doing

the will of God cheerfully and not like a puppet. Prophets have come for the distinct purpose of filling a world need according to the Cosmic Divine plan. Jesus knew how long He was to stay on earth, and realized the possibility of being crucified. He was aware of the stupendous mission He had to perform on earth while He lived. "TO FINISH HIS WORK" signifies the finishing of the Divine Task which was His part to carry out during His incarnation as Jesus, and not the work of redemption which He has to carry throughout Eternity.

The Spiritual Harvest

Jesus used the parable of the sower, the laborer, the harvesting time, and the harvest to illustrate the superior law of the Divine Harvester. In ordinary farming there is a great deal of labor, and the harvest comes in about four months after planting, but Jesus said that the Spiritual harvest is not a matter of waiting, laboring, and then acquiring the Spiritual harvest, but it is a matter of knowing that one already, in a latent form, possesses in his Divine Image all the inheritance of the Divine Father. When this knowledge comes, the contact of God instantaneously manifests itself in the Soul from beneath the wisdom-seared veil of ignorance.

Jesus said that all one has to do is to lift the consciousness from the play of material vibrations to the ever-ready harvest of wisdom, glistening on the fields of pure white Cosmic Consciousness. Human wisdom has to be acquired gradually through the medium of the limited senses and intelligence, but Divine Wisdom can be grasped instantaneously through the medium of Intuition, which is developed by meditation.

The idea is that if one closes his eyes, he shuts out the light, and the minute one opens his eyes, he perceives light. In the same way, the minute one opens his eyes of wisdom, he beholds the light of God. This is a great consolation, for the mortal law is governed by the law of "as you sow, so shall you reap."

To reach perfection as a mortal through this law, one has to travel through endless incarnations, which is almost an impossibility, but to know oneself through meditation as the Son of God is to claim instantaneously the forgotten Divine Inheritance.

As human beings, we need to acquire everything; as children of God, we do not have to acquire, but we need only to realize that we already know everything. The human harvest has to be sown and reaped, and then enjoyed for a short time, but the Divine Harvest has only to be reaped and enjoyed throughout Eternity.

Jesus said not to waste time becoming materially rich, only to lose what you get through great effort, but He said to just make the effort to know what you have as a Divine Child by taking off the death-mask of mortal consciousness from the Immortal face of the Soul, and to enjoy the eternal harvest of Bliss in God.

Some people may say: "Well, it takes great effort to be Spiritual." I say: "No." The only effort we have to make is to forget our unspiritual mortal consciousness, and as soon as that is done we know we are gods. He who reaps Divine Wisdom

through meditation receives the wages of Eternal Wisdom, and the gathers the forgotten fruits of ever-new Bliss as the result.

“That both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together,” signifies that God, as the Sower of Wisdom in Souls, is pleased when He finds that His true children reap the harvest grown by Him and not the harvest of evil sown and reaped by mortal ignorance.

“ONE SOWETH AND THE OTHER REAPETH” signifies that God is the only Sower, the only Source of Wisdom, and that we, as His children, must reap what He has already grown for us.

Jesus says that God sent people to reap the harvest of Wisdom and Bliss stacked in their Souls for which no human effort was made. We have, by meditation, only to rise above our self-created nightmares of human miseries, that is all, then we shall instantaneously remember our forgotten image of God. In the world, just forgetting poverty does not make us rich. We have to acquire riches, but as God’s children we immediately become Divine, endowed with all powers, the minute we forget our self-created mortal consciousness by deep meditation.

It is easy for all of us to be a Jesus Christ in one life by proper meditation because we are potentially already Sons of God, made in His image, but for all of us try to become rich like Henry Ford is almost an impossibility because of the limitations of earthly life.

“Other men labored and ye are entered into their labors” means that other mortal Souls labor for perishable material things and you foolishly imitate them and struggle on for something you cannot have. Rather, by meditation and calmness, open your age-long closed eyes of wisdom, and in the light of awakening find yourself as the owner of the entire Cosmos.

Jesus Honors the Sabbath

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, THIS DAY IS THIS SCRIPTURE FULFILLED IN YOUR EARS. (Luke 4:16-21)

Jesus went to his native land of Nazareth and in the synagogue, on the Sabbath Day, He stood up to read. Jesus believed that every man should recharge his vitality

by the restful silence of the Sabbath. Eating heavy meals on Sundays does not produce rest, but bodily discomfort. Hence, light meals, fruit or vegetable dinners, or even fasting, is good on Sundays. Fasting, or light eating, gives the motors of the stomach and heart rest from their heavy weekly work. Too much eating keeps the mind busy with the body and diverts the attention from God.

The worldly man saturates his Soul with worries throughout the week and loads his body with excessive food and unassimilated food poisons. Hence, a day of introspective silence gives each individual a change to think things over and reorganize a balanced mode of living. Sunday sermons and periods of silence recharged the peace-hungry Soul. This Sunday peace, if deeply recharged into the Soul of the businessman, may last him throughout the week and help him to battle with his restless mental moods, temptations, and financial worries. If the worldly man gives a whole week to money-making pursuits, eating, and amusements, he should at least give one day to the thought of God, without whom his very life, brain, activity, feeling, and entertainments are impossible.

Sunday worship may not have been necessary to Jesus because every day was to Him a Sun's Day, or Divine Wisdom's Day. However, great men always show good examples in order to help others who imitate them. If Jesus, Spiritual as He was, thought it necessary to go to the Temple on Sundays, why shouldn't sense-habit-driven people do likewise? Sunday prayers recharge the Soul of the average person until, at the end of the week, those Sunday influences begin to wear off; therefore, it is necessary for everyone to recharge his Soul-battery with Sunday silence at least once a week.

The average person usually finds the influence of material habits predominant throughout the week and can seldom retain sufficient of the sacred influences of Sunday worship to last until the following Sunday. Of course, a dime is better than no money at all. Even weekly Sunday sermons suggest to the materially-minded person the necessity of acquiring the peace-producing influence of Sunday silence, but to feel appreciably the predominating influence of Sunday peace one ought to consider early morning, noontime before lunch, evening before dinner, and especially the quiet time before sleep, as Sundays or real times in which to cultivate habits of peace through meditation. If anyone, even twice, during the earliest hour of dawn and in the depth of night, worships God in the church of meditation for fifteen minutes to one hour, he will find that the Spiritual habits of peace will predominate over his worry-producing material habits.

Of course, the man who is busy with perishable things (such as stocks, bonds, and so forth, which cannot pass through the fiery gates of after-life) until death, must at least make his best effort to worship God in some real church. He must remember not to keep his body in the church and his Soul away concerned with his business worries. He must worship with a calm body and a quiet mind. If he keeps doing this, he may eventually be inclined to meditate every day.

Jesus meant that the peace-church to attend is one hour's deep silence every Sunday, which may be at any time of the day, whenever one wishes to cultivate

wisdom or bask in the daylight of the Sun of Wisdom and silence—Sunday. Besides, doing certain things at certain times creates the willingness to perform those actions. The body assimilates food better when breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served regularly. To go to church regularly on Sundays develops the habit of thinking of religion or of God at least once a week.

Regular eating, regular efforts at business success, regular church-going, and regular meditation, develops specific habits. When material or Spiritual actions are regularly repeated, either daily or weekly, they are bound to create physiological, and consequently psychological habits. Most people are ruled by their bad material habits. Bad habits cannot be destroyed by mere willingness to eradicate them, but only by adopting the antidote of good habits.

Many people wonder why, in spite of their continued willingness to get rid of bad habits, they are still swept down that current. Willingness is not enough; one must act according to that willingness, not only once or twice, but repeatedly and consciously, then he can expect to get rid of bad habits. Hence, achievement lies in continued activity.

Knowing the above-mentioned law of habit which governs human nature, Jesus set the example by going to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. His sermon began with the reading of the Book of the Prophet Esaias. Jesus purposely read from the book of Esaias those portions which tallied with the kind of work He was destined to do.

“The Spirit of the Lord (or the Intelligent power of Christ Consciousness which directs all Creation) is upon my Soul.” When one unlike mortals feels that his Soul is united to the vast Spirit, he is baptized with inexhaustible Spiritual wisdom, and thus he can ably and fittingly preach the Gospel, or God’s intuitive wisdom, to the poor or to humble recipient minds. God-saturated Souls alone can put together the hearts of men broken by material desires. When the human heart is broken by the false promises of material happiness, then nothing can satisfy that Soul except the matchless, unending Divine happiness.

As immortals, we are sent on earth for entertainment, but when we forget that and become enmeshed in material desires, we begin erroneously to expect unending happiness from perishable matter, and hence we become brokenhearted. Then God-known Souls can come to the rescue by reminding us of the unending happiness of Spirit, which remains hidden within our own Souls. God-empowered Souls, finding all power coming from Him, can, by the exercise of matter-controlling Divine will, remodel even the disorganized atoms in a blind man’s eyes. Such Divine Souls can also heal the Spiritual blindness of individuals. God-perceiving Souls alone can free other Souls who are bruised by worries and by the faithlessness of so-called friends.

The purpose of Jesus in reading the above passages from the Book of Esaias was distinctly meant to show that His coming had already been prophesied. This shows that, in spite of the apparent invisibility and secret presence of God, He sometimes reveals His plans to the world through the meek but true words of prophets. Of course, charlatans use passages of the Scriptures to serve their own nefarious ends,

but Jesus knew that God had asked His saints to prophesy the coming of His beloved Son through the Scriptures. Jesus, in his meek way, declared through the words of Esaias that He was not baptized with water by man, but that He was bathed in the Ocean of Spirit, which inspired Him to be a God-chosen minister.

Some people read a little about the Scriptures, or get a Doctor of Divinity degree through the virtue of memorizing the Scriptures, and then they think that they are qualified to stand in a pulpit and pour out to others their imagination about scriptural Truths. Of course, such self-elected ministers do little good in the world. People let their un-lived sermons in through one ear and out through the other, but when one who has been a devotee for years meditates upon God and succeeds in pleasing HIM, then He chooses that devoted Soul to bring others back to His mansion. These advanced Souls are saturated with the Spirit, intelligence, and power of God, and anyone physically, mentally, or spiritually sick, coming in contact with them, becomes really healed.

In modern churches there is very little real beneficial relation between the minister and his church members. The minister, instead of giving holy sermons simply to create a vague devotion in the minds of his people, must be able to heal their physical, mental, and, above all, their Spiritual sickness of ignorance. Jesus, knowing the prevalence of false prophets, declared that He was not a self-elected, useless minister, but one who had been taught by God and empowered by Him to heal His children. Besides, Jesus showed that God had declared in the Scriptures the coming of His special messenger, or Son.

The usual custom is to develop gradually from the physical and intellectual to the Spiritual, and then from the Spiritual people fall back to the physical again. During the material state of world civilization, when misery invades man, God from time to time sends His Christ-like devotees to redeem men. That is why some Souls are ordained to act as reformers chosen by God. That is why Jesus said: "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears," that is, in reality Jesus came to declare through His own words His coming, which had been written in the Scriptures a long time before. As God chooses a special manifestation of Himself to redeem the world from its special state of darkness, He also works through His devotees at all times to redeem His erring children.

Jesus Reveals His Past Incarnation and His Knowledge of Divine Law

And all bear him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? And he said unto them, 'Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

And he said, Verily, I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of

Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman, the Syrian. (Luke 4:22-27)

All those who heard Jesus were amazed at the prophetic words which gently flowed out of His sacred mouth, and they perceived the ring of Truth in His words. And yet, while they were marveling at His profound utterances, they suddenly doubted in the mortal way and began to say: "O, how could the son of our Joseph, one of our fellow mortals, prophesy and heal people?"

As soon as Jesus heard this, He began to furnish reasons for the behavior of prophets, who only act according to the will of God and not like ordinary self-willed mortals.

Jesus spoke to the people in the following way, revealing the grand secret of His past incarnation: "My dear people, you expect me to heal here just as I healed the sick at Capernaum, and you may wonder why, as a Spiritual physician, I can heal foreign people and cannot heal my own people in my own country. Do you realize that a prophet is not usually accepted in his own country? Acceptance signifies faith, and without the good soil of faith, no healing seed can be fruitfully sown by even a man of God. The Almighty subjects His prophets to his inculcated Spiritual laws. Since God gave independence to man, man could shut out Divine power out of his life or bring God's power to shine through the window of faith."

Divine Healing is based on the law of reciprocity. Here in my own country the people are used to me. They know me as a mortal man and have consequently no faith in me, and without faith, neither God nor I could heal, because according to the Divine decree of the gift of free will, man can successfully resist Divine influences as well as the influence of all saints. There can be no greater healer than Omnipresent God. He is trying to heal His mortal children from all troubles, but He cannot do so, because man shuts Him out."

Besides, dear people, don't you know that the Scriptures are full of illustrations where prophets, like Elias, (Elijah) and my former Self as the prophet Eliseus, (Elisha) healed only those who spiritually deserved it and who were thus ordained by God to be healed?"

Jesus knew that John the Baptist, in a former life, had been Elias, (Elijah) the Guru-Perceptor of His long past incarnation. One attracts Spiritual teachers when he is desirous of Spiritual training, but a Guru, or direct messenger of God, is sent only when the disciple is extremely determined to know God. God uses the speech, mind, and wisdom of the Guru to teach and redeem the disciple. Jesus mentioned Elias, (Elijah) and Eliseus, (Elisha) in the course of his talk to the people, because He knew that His former Guru-Preceptor, Elias, and Himself, as Eliseus, had been supremely endowed with healing powers, yet were allowed to heal only in accordance with Divine laws.

So Jesus said to the people: *"I TELL YOU OF A TRUTH,"* that is, "I tell you truthfully, as I remember from my past incarnation, that during the existence of my Guru-Preceptor, Elias, due to the accumulated evils of bad actions of people in general, and their destructive vibrations, Heavenly laws controlling all forces of Nature were prevented from proper functioning, resulting in great famine. Elias and God were helpless and could not free the people because they exercised their own misguided free will to shut out the Divine powers."

Thus Jesus said that famine resulted from the accumulated evils of people, and when they did not exercise their free choice to cultivate faith they had to go through the ravages of famine for three years and six months. Of course, their punishment was brought on by themselves, because their wrong actions and their vibrations disrupted the finer Astral forces which control the ultimate forces, climatic conditions, and so forth, which govern the earth.

Jesus was not speaking of fatalism, but He was emphasizing the idea that man must suffer the consequences of his actions if he misuses his free will, and if he does not invoke God's aid when he is fallen. Thus, Jesus said that not even His past Guru-Preceptor, Elias, nor God, could do anything to stop the famine in Israel. Jesus also pointed out that there were many needy widows in Israel at that time, but there was only one widow in Sarepta, a city of Sidon, who made enough Spiritual effort to deserve the God-ordained Spiritual aid from Elias.

Then, with a dramatic prophecy, He subtly and incidentally spoke of Himself as the Eliseus of yore, who was not ordained by the Spiritual laws to heal all the lepers who existed then, but only one named Naaman. This reference of Eliseus is very significant. This Truth has remained veiled since Jesus spoke of Eliseus. This is the first time that this great Truth as to who Jesus was in the time of Elias has been revealed. Read about Eliseus, or Elisha, and you will find that he raised the dead and fed one hundred people with twenty loaves of bread, even as when he appeared as Jesus He raised Lazarus from the dead and fed five thousand people with five loaves.

In the above passage, Jesus said to the people: "My dear people, you do not understand how Divine laws operate, and that is why you ask me why I cannot heal in my own country. Now you know that it is nothing new that when I, as the prophet Eliseus, raised one from the dead and healed one leper, but did not raise all the dead people, nor heal all the lepers in Israel in my time. I, Eliseus, did only what the Spiritual laws influenced me to do."

In the above passages Jesus described the Divine law which works justly in secrecy and not in a sensational way before the curious-gazing eyes of people, and, incidentally, Jesus described His past as the prophet Eliseus, the disciple of Elias. It is for this reason that Jesus said that Elias had come already as John the Baptist. It is for this reason that he asked Elias to anoint Him and baptize Him with Spirit and with water.

A Guru-Preceptor, being ordained by God, is sent to the extremely anxious, and genuinely seeking disciple. Then the Guru-Preceptor and the disciple enter into a

vow of eternal, unconditional friendship and pledge to redeem each other and help each other until final emancipation is gained. Human friends part through misunderstanding, forgetfulness, and death. Divine friendship, though born in mutual Divine usefulness, still is unconditional and continues beyond the portals of death. Sometimes the Guru-Preceptor falls down, only to be lifted up by the advanced disciple, as Jesus uplifted the fallen Elias, or John the Baptist, who could only baptize with water. Most of the time, the Guru-Preceptor follows the disciple through all necessary incarnations, until he is redeemed.

“And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way.” (Luke 4:28-30)

Those who heard Jesus flawlessly expound the Divine Law were filled with wrath. The people wanted Jesus to operate the Divine Law of healing as if He were performing in a circus. They tempted Him to go against the will of the Father by saying: “Physician, heal thyself; whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.” But Jesus cut them short by saying that Elijah and Eliseus were great prophets, who did not do what they wanted to do, but who did what God directed them to do. Even though they had healing power, and could heal thousands, yet they healed only those who were commanded by God to be healed.

The people were frustrated in their attempt to dislodge Jesus from his consciousness of right action and from exhibiting an open display of Divine Powers, so they became filled with wrath and thrust Jesus out of the city and led Him to the brow of a hill, to cast Him down headlong.

But, strange as are the decrees of God, Jesus was protected by Invisible Divine Power. God, being present in the Souls of all, secretly cast oblivion in the hearts of the adversaries of Jesus, who forgot to take the final step in the act of throwing Him down the hill.

Jesus Fulfills the Scriptures and Preaches Repentance

Now, when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim; That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zebulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say,

REPENT: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND. (Matthew 4:12-17)

Jesus went to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, He dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the seacoast at the border between Zabulon and Nephthalim, that the prophecy of Esaias, the prophet, might be fulfilled. Great prophets predict the coming of great Messiahs, who, from time to time, are sent to earth. So Esaias, or Isaiah, happened to be the mouthpiece of God to declare the coming of St. John and Jesus.

“For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” (Matthew 3:3)

When the words of prophets come true, it should be a glaring testimony, to the disbelievers, of the consciously initiated plan of God in the world. In spite of the mystery of events and strange happenings in the world, once in a while definite prophecies, veiled in complex language, are given to the world so that people may awaken to the realization of the subtle presence of God in the world.

Jesus consciously knew about the declaration of the prophet Esaias, and was divinely guided to go into Galilee to preach the gospel of the Lord. The people who sat in the darkness of ignorance beheld the great all-revealing light of Christ-Wisdom.

In the Hindu Scriptures we find mentioned that the Saints live in so-called darkness of material poverty and in the light of Eternal Wisdom, whereas most people are living in the imaginary light of material prosperity enveloped by the thick darkness of unspirituality. Here darkness signifies Spiritual ignorance. Just as a thousand years of darkness lodge in a mountain cave is dislodge by a lighted match, so the vibrations of the gathered ignorance of Ages in a city can be dispelled by a Saint who bears the invisible torch of God’s wisdom.

There are two kinds of people, those who sit in the darkness of ignorance and love it, and those who become conscious of the gloom of ignorance and want to get out of it with the freeing light of wisdom. Through knowledge and subconscious memory in the Soul, the latter kind of people remember their experience with light and therefore abhor the pit of dark ignorance into which they find themselves fallen through their own wrong actions. So, in Galilee, only those people who realized their dark ignorance, and were inwardly clamoring for the light of wisdom, felt the great wisdom vibrations of Jesus.

Those also who were steeped in spiritual ignorance and had been going through the mysterious death-like changes of life, were relieved of their inner gloom by the very presence of Jesus and His luminous wisdom. Usually Souls who are under the influence of this Cosmic dream behold life and shadowy death and all dualities, but when they wake up in the light of wisdom, they behold nothing but the Oneness of God’s Light.

Krishna, in the Hindu Scripture, the Bhagavad Gita, speaks of this earth as the aggregate of delusive mysteries and the ocean of affliction. In the Christian Bible Esaias speaks of the worldly people as sitting in the shadow of death or constantly changing temporal events of this earth. How could changeless, permanent

happiness be wrung out of the imperfect earth surroundings, mixed with the changeful events of sorrow and joy, disease, and health?

People are foolish to look for Paradise in earthly things. They should look for Paradise within themselves while living on earth. The earth conditions, being born of delusion, will always be more or less defective, and that can only be overcome by the contact of the unchanging Light of Wisdom perceived in meditation. Jesus made people open their closed eyes of wisdom and dispel the self-created darkness, so that they perceived the Fountain of Light springing from the broken soil of darkness.

To fulfill the words of the prophecy, Jesus, from that time on, began to preach the gospel, or God's pronouncements or commandments, and the laws about the Kingdom of Heaven and its happiness. There is time for everything. The whole Cosmos is mathematically adjusted by God and His angels so that it runs like a clock. Esaias had prophesied the coming of Jesus in Galilee, and as soon as Jesus reached there, He felt the Divine Vibrations of the Cosmic Cycle and He put His heart and Soul into giving God to all. At this auspicious time, Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost, or Cosmic Holy Vibration, and was baptized by the Spirit, and from then on He began to declare the Truth of God's Kingdom as He perceived it.

Many people look for the vast Kingdom of God as a point of space in the clouds, far away from the noxious, sinful vapors of the earth, but they forget that the vast eternal land of God's omniscience is near at hand. Whenever you close your eyes, you shut out the land of finitude and matter, and the land of Eternity is found to lie tier upon tier in endless vistas before the inner vision of man.

If man repents of his folly of constantly gazing at the finite Cosmos, and closes his eyes and constantly meditates, he perceives the land of Infinity within him. Repentance signifies seeing the folly of life in keeping the attention turned upon matter. The wise man repents because he knows the miseries resulting from the contact of matter. Then he makes up his mind and first believes in the Kingdom within, and then, by constant meditation, he perceives the Kingdom of Eternity lying close at hand within him.

First, one must believe in God's message as sent through His Saints, and repent of the folly of matter-attachment, then he must meditate ceaselessly and he will be sure to find the Kingdom of God within, which Kingdom he was looking for in the clouds.

Repent; for (the time is fulfilled, and) the kingdom of heaven (God) is at hand. (Repent ye, and believe the Gospel) (Matthew 4:17)

"The time is fulfilled" signifies the Divine Plan of sending Jesus on earth at a definite time. Just as motion picture directors plan the time for filming a picture, so also, God and his Angels plan the time for the projection and materialization of certain great events in the Cosmos.

When the darkness of ignorance, like an inky mist, encircles the minds of

mundane people at certain times, then God sends great saints to redeem the sin-submerged Souls. Jesus knew He was empowered by Heaven to give Spiritual light to all men, so He said that the Kingdom of God, which lies very near, just behind the darkness of closed eyes, could easily be found through His help. The words “at hand” signify the nearness of Heaven within the consciousness of man, as well as the ease with which people could find God through the meditation of Jesus. “Repent ye” signifies the withdrawal of the principal attention from matter to God. Every Soul, upon Spiritual awakening, should repent of its folly of expecting permanent happiness from fleeting sense-pleasures. The poor taste for sorrow-producing evil should be displaced by the superior inclinations for joy-producing good.

Unless one is sorry about his evil ways, he cannot find pleasure in pursuing the path of purity. Repentance does not mean crying over spilled milk constantly, but it means to so impregnate the mind with consciousness of the after-effects of evil that one will automatically shrink from even thought of evil deeds, not to speak of evil deeds themselves. Unless the mind learns to abhor evil actions, it is very difficult to keep it proof against the subtle allurements of temptation. One must repent, not only of following unprofitable ways of living, but one must desist from all evil actions after every repentance.

To steal during the week and repent on Sundays would not provide remission from the evils of theft. If one finds that he has been a thief for a week, he must repent of his wicked deeds on the eighth day and, after his repentance, he must forever relinquish the habit of stealing. Repentance is not a cure for the results of evil actions. It serves only to keep the mind consciously acquainted with the results of evil deeds, with the hope of keeping it from repeating evil experiences. Many people, who think repentance is a cure for evil habits, keep repenting after each evil deed, expecting thereby to receive Divine amnesty from sin. Jesus exhorted the people, saying that the time to receive Divine Glory was within their easy reach, and that they should first repent of their evil ways and not blindly enjoy them as before.

After repentance, it is necessary to believe in the Gospel, or “God’s spell,” or God’s pronouncement of Truth, through the meditative intuition of the devotee. Belief is that conditional receptive attitude of mind preceding an experience necessary to cognize it. If one refuses to believe in a thing long enough to experiment with it, he cannot possibly know about it. If a man is thirsty and is advised to quench his thirst with the water from a nearby good well, he must believe in the water in that well, and must make the effort to go to it before he can satisfy the demands of his thirst. But if a thirsty man questions the purity of the water in the good well the minute he hears about it, there is no way of showing him the good quality of the water in that well.

Therefore, Jesus emphasizes the fact that each truth-seeking Soul must repent of the foolishness of following unsatisfying material ways of living, and must act at a suitable time to believe, not in imaginary things, but in the Truths experienced by Him through God.

To be an Orthodox, unquestioning believer in any Spiritual doctrine, without the scrutiny of experimentation, makes one ossified with dogmatism. Belief should not be wasted on false doctrines, but should be exercised only on the Truth poured out to man through the authority of Saints.

Jesus did not ask the people to believe anything, or any false doctrines, as false prophets do, but He asked His people to keep faith only in Divine Revelations, with the assurance that if the people kept on unceasingly believing in, and hence concentrating upon, the Gospel, they would surely and ultimately come to experience the truths revealed in it.

1

The Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do. (John 5:19)

In this sentence we must clearly understand the meaning of the words “Father and Son” and the two words “he seeth.” The definition of a “Son” was given by Jesus when He said in St. John’s Gospel, “All those that receive Him, to them He gave the power to be the Sons of God.” A piece of charcoal and a diamond lying side by side under the sun reflect it differently. The diamond receives the light of the sun and reflects it brilliantly, whereas the charcoal shuts out the light of the sun by its darkness and does not reflect it.

Likewise, the omnipresent consciousness of God shines equally in the life of a spiritual Master and in the life of a materially-minded man. The spiritual Master by the transparency of his consciousness, and purity of his living, reflects the omnipresent consciousness of God, whereas the materially-minded man by the opaque darkness of his material consciousness does not receive the impartial light of God.

There are spiritual-diamond mentalities and there are ignorance-dark mentalities. The Master mind who receives God through his inner transparency of developed intuition is called a Son and the individual who keeps himself ignorant and shuts God out is a prodigal son. There is no essential difference between a spiritual son and a prodigal son, for as charcoal by high pressure can be converted into a diamond reflecting the rays of the sun, so a prodigal son with a charcoal mentality can by spiritual development convert himself into a diamond mentality reflecting the omnipresent consciousness of God. Therefore, all prodigal sons who became real sons of God by inner purification are called Sons of God.

Omnipresent Father

Jesus spoke of such sons who could see by their intuitional eye (“he seeth” what the Omnipresent Father or Spirit is working in all creation). The word “Father” signifies the Omnipresent Spirit who to ordinary consciousness seems to be like a human father with a human form. Jesus in his body appeared to other human beings of his time as seeing through his physical eyes, but the real inner Jesus could see everything with his spiritual eye of intuition. Even as omnipresent Jesus appeared in a human body, so also God can appear in a human body materialized out of the ether even as He appeared to Jesus on the mountain top. At that time Jesus with the human eyes could not watch the materializing form of the Father

with His hands working in all creation. It is the inner spirit with countless eyes in Jesus the Son which saw or intuitively perceived the Omnipresent Father secretly working, staying in the heart of atoms, of electrons and protons contained in everything materially created. The Cosmic Consciousness of the Father only works as the reflecting son in all vibratory creation. Beyond all creation, God the Father is inactive and is only indirectly active in reflecting His intelligence as the Christ Intelligence in all creation. No physical eyes can see the Omnipresent, Invisible Father and know of His secret work in all creation.

For what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (John 5:19)

Any Son of God with a human body internally feels himself tuned with the Universal Christ Intelligence present in all vibratory creation. Every Master, true Son, knows that the Christ Intelligence present in all vibratory creation is nothing but the reflection of God the Father's Intelligence present beyond vibratory creation. The sun reflected in a crystal ball is divided into two, the sun beyond the crystal ball and the sun in the crystal ball.

The sun in the crystal ball though limited is the same as the sun shining beyond the crystal ball. Likewise, God the Father's Cosmic Consciousness shining beyond the crystal ball of cosmic vibratory creation though limited is the same as the sun of Christ Consciousness shining within the crystal ball of cosmic vibratory creation. Therefore, Jesus says that He, as one of the Sons of God, felt His Presence in all creation, believing the reflection of the cosmic Father beyond creation could only do as His Father's Consciousness actuated Him to perform.

Respected Differences

For the Father loveth the Son and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. (John 5:20)

God the Father differentiated Himself into the Holy Ghost or Cosmic Vibratory Creation or the Virgin Mary. In the womb of the Holy Ghost or Cosmic Vibratory Creation was born the Christ Intelligence of God the Father. Since God the Father differentiated Himself into God the Father beyond creation and God the Son in all creation, He respected all the differences that He created. So, God the Father beyond creation being ever-new Bliss and Love was reflecting the same ever-new Bliss and Love in the Son or Christ Intelligence present in all vibratory creation. This is what is meant by the "Father loveth the Son." The Father showing all things to the Son denotes that God the Father's Intelligence beyond creation has all Its revealing qualities in the reflecting Christ Intelligence in all creation. Hence as Omnipresent God knows everything, so also the Sons who can feel the

Omnipresence of God likewise know everything.

Revelation of greater works to the Son signifies that to all Masters, including Jesus, as they more and more advance towards God, that is, more and more know about the endless manifestations of God's power in eternally progressive creation, there will always be greater works revealed throughout eternity more wonderful than all the works revealed at one time. Greater works signifies that the progress of creation in God is endlessly new, for God is eternal and eternally new in his expression.

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. (John 5:21)

As the Father has the power to make a dead body alive by charging life force in it, so a master, if he is commanded by God, can make a dead body alive. Metaphysically speaking, real death means not only death of the physical body of sixteen elements, but also the disintegration of the two other bodies in which the soul is encased—the astral body of nineteen elements, and the casual body of thirty-five elemental ideas. Only these three bodies can be dead, that is, the soul can rise above the tentacles and attachment of these three bodies, providing it is raised in all space by being united to the consciousness of the Omnipresent Father.

“Quickening”

Those who by meditation techniques and help of God escaped from being held in the prison of the three bodies—such souls with their three bodies metaphysically dead, are quickened—that is, they are hastened out from the limitations of three bodies to the perception of the infinite kingdom of life. As God can help to resurrect souls from being buried within the delusive sepulchre of the three bodies, so also, Sons and Masters or real Guru-Preceptors who are one with the Father can raise any truly devoted disciple from the imprisonment of the three bodies to the omnipresent Spirit. A true Guru can help the truly meditating disciple to take his consciousness and life from the feel of the limited body out into the omnipresent space to feel all life in all space. By spiritual technique when a soul is quickly transferred from the body to feel the universe, is the meaning of the “SON QUICKENETH” or the “FATHER QUICKENETH.”

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. (John 5:22)

The transcendental Cosmic Father lying beyond all creation was reflected himself as the Christ Intelligence in all creation. It is the Christ Intelligence in

Vibratory Creation which is directly responsible for the creation of man. Therefore, it is Christ Intelligence which has given to each man his power of free choice to do good or evil. Hence, all men living in vibratory creation are directly responsible to the Christ Intelligence in all creation.

Judgment

“THE SON JUDGETH ALL MEN” does not mean that the Christ Intelligence punishes or rewards each man, but that each man being made in the image of Christ and God, must suffer by his own action when he misuses his free choice. Man being made in the image of Christ should naturally live the life of Christ but when he resists and acts against the Christ Conscience in him, then he puts himself in disharmony with the ever-flowing judgment or wisdom or harmony or love or peace of Christ. When a river wants to flow and make a land fertile, if an embankment is put over the land, the river indirectly passes judgment of punishment by denying water. So also, when the soul puts up a wall of ignorance and non-receptivity and matter-identified living, he finds that the divine waters of Christ wisdom have passed judgment not to flow in his life.

In the study of the Scriptures, great care should be taken in not ascribing to Christ, who suffered on the cross, saying: “Father forgive them for they know not what they do,” and to God or God-like souls, any sin of revengeful thought or action. All sensible men desirous of knowing the Father must know that the Father remains hidden in all space and is manifesting through His true Sons who are born on earth and receive and reflect His wisdom. Those who mentally respect the Father but cannot hear His voice, should respect and honor true Sons of God, or Guru-Preceptors, whose voices are audible and through whose voices God speaks to truth-seeking devotees. It is so easy for devotees to not only hear the voice of God but to receive definite guidance through God-known Guru-Preceptors. Ignorant people do not receive God by purifying their minds, therefore they do not know that God exists. It is Christ and Christ-like souls who manifest God, and therefore ignorant people who do not honor or offer respectful attention to Sons of God or Guru-Preceptors cannot offer respectful attention to the Father who is responsible for the manifestation of true Sons on earth.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. (John 5:24-27)

Interpretation

“Verily, verily, through the certitude which I feel through my intuition, I say you and all mankind, the devotees who listen to the Cosmic Vibration, the Word or comforting Holy Ghost and my guided wisdom felt in it, believe and know that my wisdom comes from God the Father.”

People wonder why there are so many so-called Christians who believe in Jesus and God who sent him, but never actually know or feel in their consciousness what everlasting life is or that they are free from condemnation or working out of the veil effects of all actions of past lives. Only souls who can feel Christ in all creation by constant meditation and spiritual ecstasy are real Christians. They are the ones who know Christ as manifested as the Cosmic Vibration. They know and believe in Christ Intelligence and the Father who reflected that Christ Intelligence in all creation. That is why it is emphasized “HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD;” that is, he who feels Christ wisdom intuitively flowing into him can only believe in Christ or Him that sent him and those that know and believe Christ and God, they are one with the everlasting life emanating from them.

Such souls who are one with Cosmic Vibration and the Christ Intelligence in it and God’s Intelligence beyond creation are free from condemnation; that is, from the law of action and its inscrutable judgment which governs our lives. In passing from death into life, a man has to practice the technique of listening to the Cosmic Vibration and feeling Christ Consciousness. When he is consciously able to do that, he raises the three bodies as spoken of above and is metaphysically dead to pass on from the confinement of the three bodies to the perception of perpetual freedom of Spirit.

The Promise

Ordinary persons who do not know anything of the Cosmic Vibration or comforting Holy Ghost, which Jesus promised to send and which people can feel by practicing methods of Self realization as taught in the Original Praecepta Lessons, actually do not live; that is, consciously feel and live after death. But verily, verily, I say unto you, all devotees, the time is coming in future (as revealed to great saints according to this prediction of Christ) and the time has arrived now when advanced disciples who are really dead; that is, who by the Guru-Preceptor’s help and by meditation are able to lift their souls from perceiving sensations of the physical body, power and energy of the astral body and last, thought confinement of the causal body, shall hear the Cosmic Sound of Holy Vibration or Holy Ghost and feel their wisdom as emanating from the Son of God, or Christ Consciousness which is reflected in all creation and is the reflection of God the Father beyond all creation. And those advanced devotees who commune with the all-comforting Holy Ghost or Holy Vibration (as taught in Lahiri Mahasaya’s technique and as told by Christ to his advanced disciples before) shall not experience oblivion of death as experienced

by ordinary dead people, but shall live forever; that is, feel their omnipresent life in all creation.

Apparently an ordinary soul lives only once in a life time because he cannot remember his identity during the process of transition from one life to another. Neither can he remember his identity when his soul passes through many incarnations, therefore an ordinary person is spoken of as living only once even though his soul is immortal. But a fairly advanced master passing through a few last incarnations required to finish up his latent desires can in his life preserve the identity of his soul. Such souls live because gradually they learn to live forever in God without their consciousness being interrupted by death. Ordinary souls live many times and die many times without knowing it, therefore in that sense, they don't live forever.

Cosmic Energy

As the Father has eternal energy or Cosmic Life in Himself so He has given the Christ Intelligence in all vibrating creation to possess Cosmic energy by the condensation of which worlds are created, and He has given the Son or Christ intelligence to execute judgment and create anything in the universe. And this Son or Christ Intelligence can be manifest also in the form of a man or a human body as it was in Christ and Sons of God who can receive God Consciousness through the transparency of their consciousness.

When Jesus spoke of his physical body, he referred to it as the Son of man; that his body was the son of another man (which sprang from Joseph or which was spoken of as related to Joseph, immaculate or ordinary way as the case may be). Whenever Jesus spoke of the crucifixion of the physical body, he said it was "the Son of man" which should be delivered unto the gentiles and crucified. He spoke of the SON OF MAN or his body as different from himself who was THE SON OF GOD, the emancipated reflection of God. Jesus never taught that the omnipresent Son of God could be crucified.

"Whatever is made of gold retains forever the nature of gold. So, too, all that is born of Brahman [*Brahman-Supreme Spirit.] is of the nature of Brahman."—Shankara.

2

The Spirit of the Law and the Letter of the Law

At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him: How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you. That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. (Matthew 12:1-7)

Jesus was a believer in the Scriptures as written by the great prophets who appreciated Him. Men of realization who have the common knowledge of the same truth do not contradict one another. Because they express the same wisdom in various manners of thought, their disciples of limited understanding create differences and establish different cults with varying beliefs. Great Masters have no differences among themselves, but their disciples with limited minds see differences between one teaching and another. But when these disciples overcome their limitations by meditation and attain self-realization, they find all limitations vanished. In answer to the criticism of the Pharisees who claimed that His disciples were desecrating the sabbath day, Jesus answered in the above manner, quoting the Scriptures to support the actions of His disciples and explaining that it is the spirit of the laws laid down in the Holy Books which must be followed. Literal following of the laws would lead to delusion. For example, to perform distracting material work on the sabbath day may be sinful, as the sabbath day was intended for the busy worldly people who would thus take one day out of each seven days to meditate upon God. But to Jesus and His disciples, to whom every day was a sabbath, a day of God-contact, it was all right to perform any legitimate action like appeasing hunger or healing.

Besides, on the sabbath day no one can stop the functions of the body or control its involuntary movements or stop the racing of inner thoughts, all of which involve activity. If one outwardly remains quiet on the sabbath but inwardly thinks of

worldly affairs, he may be superficially observing the sabbath day but spiritually he is profaning it. The disciples of Jesus were really observing the sabbath, for their minds were on God and Christ, even though their bodies were hungry, for casually they ate a few ears of corn as a matter of necessity. That is why Jesus speaks of David who lived in God, and who, when he was in need and hungry, went into the house of God and ate the sacred showbread and gave it also to them that were with him. This was unlawful for David to do, for only the priests had that right.

Then Jesus speaks of Himself and the Spirit within Him which was greater than David or the priests who could, according to scriptural law, have special privileges on the sabbath. The consciousness of Jesus was one with God and as such was greater than the vibration of the temple where David ate the showbread. Jesus could feel this, being conscious of all present, past or future. That is why Jesus makes the plea that if ordinary spiritual people like the priests, and spiritual David, could go blameless when they broke the sabbath laws, how much more Jesus or his disciples who were one with God, could disregard outward law if they saw fit.

Then Jesus says to the Pharisees: "If you had known that my Spirit within the body temple is greater than the atmosphere of the ancient temple, then I will have divine compassion and sympathy with your understanding and I will not have to sacrifice wisdom by silence, on the altar of your ignorance. If you had known of the Spirit within Me and Its wisdom which guides all my actions and the actions of those that are with me, you would not have literally interpreted the Scriptures and the laws of the sabbath and condemned my guiltless disciples who stand faultless before the real scriptural laws and eyes of God."

And he said unto them, THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, AND NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH: THEREFORE THE SON OF MAN IS LORD ALSO OF THE SABBATH. (Mark 2:27-28)

The spiritual law of weekly divine communion of the sabbath is a law of spiritual conduct created for the advantage and spiritual upliftment of man, but living man was not created to blindly observe, without rhyme or reason, the sabbath day. Physical, hygienic, social, mental and spiritual disciplinary rules at different times of civilization and the evolution of man, were temporarily or permanently created to suit the development of man. The rules have to be modified and in spirit have to be differently followed, according to the changing needs of man in different states of civilization in the world progress.

Rules Are Variable

A rule consists of a system of actions initiated to produce certain physical or mental results. These rules are conditioned by time and the state of man. Hence they are variable in accordance with man's environmental changes. For example, it has been shown above that the sabbath was for worldly people to give them one day

of freedom from business which would enable them to commune with God. But if the businessman remained outwardly inactive and inwardly active with business thoughts, he was outwardly following the sabbath but inwardly nullifying the purpose for which the sabbath law created. A spiritual man who meditates seven days a week and fasts several days may be hungry on the sabbath day, so it would not be a sin for him then to eat a little food while he was conscious of God during even his eating. This spiritual man apparently breaks the law of the sabbath but in spirit he does not. That is why Jesus says that all sabbath days were made for the advantages of man and that man under difficulty was not to blindly follow the letter of the sabbath law.

Thus it was illustrated how an unenlightened following of the sabbath may lead to great disadvantages. The ordinary dogmatic or hypocritical priest of ancient times might be so fanatical about following the sabbath day that he would not run out of his home and ride on a horse to bring a doctor for his dying brother, servant, or a guest. To follow the sabbath law by ignoring urgent needs as illustrated above is hypocrisy and defeats the purpose for which the sabbath day was set aside, for to ignore giving aid to a helpless man is a sin which disturbs communion with God by disregarding the dictates of conscience.

Spirit of Service

One can take rest on Sunday and commune with God, occasionally breaking the vow of inactivity whenever it is necessary to offer help to those in need. This would not contradict the spirit of observing the sabbath day. That is why Jesus says that all rules of conduct should not be blindly followed but should be modified with strict reason and not license whenever it was necessary to do so. That is why Jesus says if ordinary men can, without transgression, modify rules of conduct on the sabbath, therefore the Son of man (His Spirit within his body) was also master of the sabbath day and could modify it as He pleased.

Here Jesus speaks of Himself as the Son of man because He refers to His body which has to observe certain physical laws in order to observe the sabbath.

Purpose of Sabbath

And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered. And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. (Luke 6:6-8)

On this occasion, Jesus, knowing the Pharisees' thoughts, that they wanted to trap Him, said to the afflicted man, "Rise up and stand forth in the midst of the

throng in full view so that they could behold the glory of God of healing on the sabbath day.”

And when the man stood up Jesus addressed the throng:

I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? To save life, or to destroy it? (Luke 6:9)

What Jesus meant was that to observe the sabbath day was to do good actions and to have spiritual communion. Hence, how could it be sinful to do good? The Pharisees wanted to imply that all actions including good actions were outlawed on the sabbath. Therefore Jesus wanted to show them that since observing the sabbath day was a good action, it was contradictory to outlaw good actions on sabbath days. It was worldly and evil actions that were to be outlawed, especially on sabbath days, so that the sabbath might be a model day after which all other days or life could be patterned.

More than emphasizing no actions on the sabbath day, negatively, it should be emphasized, positively, that sabbath days should be days of inner communion with God, no matter what one was doing outside, so that other days, though filled with business life, could be inwardly converted into sabbath days by feeling God during all activity.

“Lawful To Do Well”

Jesus, by His question, definitely pointed out that good actions could not be excluded on the sabbath. The Pharisees could not answer Him and remained quiet and then Jesus said unto them again,

What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath day. (Matthew 12:11-12)

Jesus says: “Which of you, in this throng, will not lift a sheep fallen into a pit on the sabbath day? Will you not hold it and lift it out of the pit? Then, if it is all right in your material consciousness to lift a sheep, how much more is it necessary to lift a precious man, made in the image of God, from the pit of trouble? Then, it is absolutely evident that the sabbath was made to create spiritual consciousness and it is lawful to do any activity that increases that consciousness.”

And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. (Mark 3:5)

And Jesus looked on them with spiritual indignation because of the hard-heartedness of the Pharisees who refused to feel for goodness. Then He said to the man with the defective hand, "STRETCH FORTH THINE HAND."

Effort of Will Necessary

Jesus meant, "Make an effort of your will to stretch forth your hand and send the all-healing energy there. If you do so and are in tune with Me, My divine will, controlling the cosmic energy of the universe, also present in your will and your bodily energy, will heal your hand." The person healed had to do something to prepare his mental soil so that the seed of divine healing power coming from Jesus could sprout into the plant of healing.

And he stretched it out and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and from beyond Jordan; and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. (Mark 3:5-10)

Spiritual Humility

Jesus, with His spiritual humbleness, not trying to resist material forces by spiritual miracles, withdrew with His disciples to the sea. A great multitude came to Him. Jesus told His disciples to have a ship where He could retire and avoid the throng. He had done his duty in healing many and He wanted to do His duty to God in solitude.

Many infected with plagues pressed upon Him to touch Him and became healed. Jesus, even though He was serving mankind, knew He was doing so with the power of God and that in the course of doing His duty to mankind he should not forget His duty to commune with God in solitude, without Whose power He could not do any healing and from Whom Jesus derived all His strength, love and inspiration.

3

What Jesus Meant by Resurrection

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (John 5:28-30)

“For the time is coming,” that is, in all future times it is the law that all those that are physically dead shall hear the sound of Cosmic Vibration and shall forsake the unconscious state of subconscious sleep which invades every soul after death, including all who are good and all who have done evil. Those who have done good, through their stored up effects of good actions, would be resurrected or reincarnated into spiritual earth life. Those who have stored up evil in their past lives with their astral bodies, would be led by the Cosmic Vibration to reincarnate in physical bodies with evil tendencies and brains, in evil families.

Trumpet of Gabriel

The Cosmic Vibration is the trumpet of Gabriel which lifts the astral and casual body of encased souls with good and bad Karma slumbering beneath the graves of after-death unconsciousness. Due to the after-death unconsciousness which invades all souls whether with good or bad karma, this Holy Ghost, or Gabriel’s trumpet of intelligent Cosmic Vibration, floats the various astrally encased souls to the respective shores of good and evil environments in earth life.

This Cosmic Vibration serves like dancing waves in the sea of ether to lead good souls to enter the luminous life-signals found by the combination of spermatozoon and ovum cells during the positive and negative connection between good parents.

Attracting a Bodily Home

When good parents unite in physical union they form a light at the base of the spine resulting from the positive and negative currents of the spine and sex organs. This light acts as a signal for the portal through which a good astral-encased soul can be led to be physically conceived in a combining spermatozoon and ovum cell. When the soul enters, the embryo is formed and gradually the body is ready to be born. Souls with bad karma have to enter into the body of evil mothers. When evil parents come into physical union, they form a dim dark light at the base of the

spine, signaling the entry of a soul with evil karma.

That is why Jesus says with his universal Christ consciousness: "I CAN OF MY OWN SELF DO NOTHING." That is, God, or Jesus as the Christ Intelligence, is not a divine autocrat who passes judgment on the actions of people. The Christ Intelligence in all matter never punishes anybody; instead, according to the vibrations of good or evil present in souls, the cosmic law in divine intelligence automatically pronounces a judgment good or evil as the case may be. This cosmic law and its judgment are based on the law of cause and effect which governs our life and is just.

Law of Harmony

As one hits his knuckles on a stone, his knuckles automatically get hurt without the stone's will to hurt them; likewise the divine law of harmony gives birth to just conditions for all souls. When any soul acts against this law, he hurts himself. For example, the human flesh in the hand is sensitive—if it is dipped in cool water it produces a soothing effect. If it is dipped in fire, it burns. In such cases, the fire does not willingly burn an individual nor does the cool water produce, from choice, coolness in anyone's hand. The one who touches the fire is responsible for getting the burn. The one who dips his hand in water is responsible for feeling the cold on his hand.

Like Attracts Like

Like attracts like. Souls with evil karma are born evil families, souls with good karma are born in good families. Evil families and good families attract souls with evil and good tendencies, according to the magnetism of their inner likings. That is, evil families like to get souls with bad karma. Good families like to get good souls. So, also, the evil ones like to get evil families and good souls like to get good families. The cosmic law and cosmic energy are only guides to help both good and bad to their respective destinations.

Jesus meant: "I, the Christ Consciousness present in all creation and all souls, seek not to materialize my wishes on earth, but to obey the just cosmic law of creation as guided by the will and wisdom of the cosmic consciousness, the Father who is present beyond creation as the Transcendental Absolute, and in creation as myself, the Christ Intelligence."

Literal interpretation of the words used in the Scriptures has caused great havoc in the various interpretations of the Bible by intellectual writers who had little or no direct intuitional perception of truth. The word "graves" used by Jesus does not mean that only those souls that are buried in the graves will be resurrected. Many bodies are not buried but are cremated and blown away into the sky.

The word "grave" gave writers the thought that souls were waiting in the ground, ready to be resurrected when Gabriel blows his trumpet. It appears that for

twenty centuries Gabriel has not sounded his trumpet, because the skeletons of millions can be found still their graves. And what a crime for Gabriel to keep the good and bad waiting for centuries without discrimination. And suppose if Gabriel sounds his trumpet today, those wicked ones who were buried yesterday would be resurrected after a day's waiting, while souls dead twenty centuries ago would be resurrected after twenty centuries. This popular idea of resurrection is baseless, revolting, injurious, and unreasonable. Jesus became resurrected or reincarnated in a death-destroyed remodeled body in three days.

Meaning of “Graves”

“Graves” signifies the after-death state of mental stupor or unconscious sleep which most souls have to undergo. Almost all souls except the advanced ones are buried beneath the graves of subconscious sleep. The wakeful consciousness of man is buried in the sepulchre of unconscious sleep. During sleep, he is not conscious of the body and the state of sleep which entomb the wakeful soul of man. In sleep the astral body and the causal body retire from the muscles and sleep in the cavities of internal organs and the spine and subconscious mind.

In wakefulness, the life force vibrates outward with many sounds and resurrects the sleeping astral body and mind of man into the state of wakefulness. Likewise, the after-death state of unconsciousness is spoken of as graves which entomb all souls of good or bad karma within their astral and causal bodies. The time of this death sleep is different for various people according to their individual characteristics, even as people of various habits sleep for long or short periods.

Just as the vibrating life force resurrects the wakeful consciousness of man into the wakeful state, so the voice of Cosmic Vibrating Energy lifts souls of good or bad karma, with their astral and causal bodies, from beneath the tomb of after-death state into the spiritual environment of earth or heaven, or good or bad environment of earthly life.

All Vibrations Have Sound

The word “voice” is very confusing as it suggests a human being, but all vibrations have their distinctive voices or sounds. The Cosmic Energy, or Vibration, also has a voice of Cosmic Sound which is called Amen by Christians or Om by Hindus. This Amen is the faithful witness in the beginning of creation—that is, all vibrating creation, is accompanied by the Cosmic Sound of Amen or Om or the Word or Holy Ghost, which is the first vibrating manifestation of God.

Meaning of “Voice”

God is the Word or Om or Holy Ghost or Cosmic Vibration or Cosmic Energy. God is Cosmic Sound resulting from the Cosmic Energy and Cosmic Vibration.

God's first manifestation is the Word or Intelligent Cosmic Vibrating Sound. Throughout the Bible wherever the word "VOICE" or "GOD SAID" is used, it signifies that God did not speak through a throat but that, whenever God wills to create something definite, His will stirs up and energizes the Cosmic Energy which produces various sounds. Hence, "God said" means God vibrating, and His Voice signifies His Intelligent Cosmic Vibration and Energy.

Body Forgotten in Sleep

Resurrection of life indicates reincarnation or rising again of souls from beneath the graves of the after-death unconscious state. A soul during sleep is not conscious of its physical body. Likewise, a soul after death is not conscious of its astral and causal bodies sleeping the unconscious sleep of death. How could souls who are sleeping in the after-death state keep vigil over their disintegrating skeletons buried in the graves?

In sleep the first thing that is forgotten is the body. In death likewise, the first thing that is forgotten is the physical body. In sleep though the physical body is forgotten still there is a link between it and the soul, so in wakefulness the soul becomes conscious of the same forgotten body again. In death the soul's connection with the physical body is permanently severed. In the case of Jesus Christ, it was exceptional because even though in death his soul was separated from his physical body, by an act will with Cosmic Energy, he rebuilt his dilapidated body and housed his soul there again. In this case, the soul of Jesus Christ resurrected in the same body. The soul of Elias was resurrected or reincarnated in the body of John the Baptist.

However, as a soul after the unconsciousness of sleep wakes up in the physical body with the help of the withdrawn life force going out from the spine, heart, into the sensory motor nerves, so also, souls sleeping in the after-death state are waked by the Intelligent vibrating Cosmic Energy (His Voice) and are led to enter into newly built protoplasmic-homes of sperm and ovum cells which change into the embryo.

Sleep and Death

The difference between waking after sleep and waking after death is this—that in sleep a soul awakens from the subconscious state to the consciousness of the same physical body forgotten in the state of sleep. After the sleep of death is finished, a soul awakens not in the same body but in a different body. Resurrection of good and evil depends on the amount of good and evil performed by the use of the free will of man and is based on the scientific law of cause and effect.

A few evil actions cannot condemn a soul made in the image of God to be perpetually condemned into suffering. A few good actions could not qualify a soul to enjoy everlasting immortality. The amount of good and evil in souls brings them

nearer to God or sends them father away from God. Various grades of good souls are born on earth but when one attains the final good, or God, he has not necessarily to come back on earth unless he chooses to do so of his own free will.

A Finite Cause

But if a soul, being made in the image of God, however much sin he acquired, and even though he may be the greatest of all sinners, and even though he had been sinning for many incarnations, he cannot be damned or judged to be guilty of sin forever. A finite cause cannot have an infinite effect.

A soul being made in the image of God is potentially and eternally good, but due to the misuse of his freewill, he might imagine himself to be evil, as a king's son under the influence of liquor may think himself to be poor, but as soon as he recovers from his state of intoxication, he forgets his poverty consciousness. So, also, a soul not made with sin, whenever he wakes up in God, remembers his real nature to be eternally good.

Besides, God and Christ do not judge. We, being made in their images, are inherently law-bound to be happy when we are harmonious with God and Christ Consciousness. And when we are differently acting against the harmony of God, we suffer, due to our own actions.

Man Punishes Himself

That is why Jesus clearly says, "I of mine own self do nothing. As I hear I judge." That is, the Christ Intelligence acts according to the vibrations of the cosmic law of God which governs our lives. A soul by wrong living can create a physical and mental hell, causing more suffering than he would undergo even in the after-death hell of fire as created by the vengeful imagination of man. And a soul by good living can create within himself a place sweeter than heaven.

Man under the influence of delusion ascribes to the all-loving God who is equally the father of all, a revengeful, vindictive spirit which creates hells and purgatories. God in His Infinite Love is calling the soul continuously to come back to His eternal kingdom of Bliss. But souls, when they misuse God-given independence, wander away from God and wallow in the mire of suffering, punishing themselves by the effects of their own errors.

The idea of an eternal heaven is true, for we are made in the image of God, and at the end of the trail of reincarnations actuated by our wandering material desires, we will find the heavenly blissful Father waiting to receive His prodigal children and to entertain them with the fatted calf of everlasting, ever-new Joy. But the idea of eternal damnation for eternally blessed souls made in the image of God is untenable and should be exploded and banished from the superstitious minds of men.

If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that

bearth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. (John 5:31-32)

Jesus meant: “It is not right or true or proper if I give testimony about my own being. There is another, the transcendental Cosmic Consciousness beyond creation (God the Father) whose reflected Christ Consciousness in all matter bears witness of my being; that is, declares my wisdom as derived from Him, and I, Christ Consciousness, intuitively know that the testimony of God the Father of me or whatever God declares through my voice and teachings about me and my characteristics and about my being the Savior of all beings is true.”

Jesus and John

Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. (John 5:33-35)

Jesus meant: “Ye believed in John and he bore witness and declared the truth which he witnessed within himself. You received the truth of God indirectly through the testimony of John’s human consciousness. But I, Jesus Christ, whose consciousness is one with the intelligence in all creation, do not speak through the borrowed knowledge of another man, but these truths which I declare and which will save you from suffering entailed through physical consciousness, I receive through God the Father. John was burning with divine love and shining with the love of God’s wisdom, and you are all willing for a little while to rejoice, watching the glory of God, but without sincerely following him.”

But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. (John 5:36-38)

Jesus meant: “But, I, Christ Consciousness, in my universal perception, witness and behold greater wisdom than that of John. John might have inspired you a little bit in God, but my work of resurrecting again souls unto God, as manifest in the lives of the disciples and the miracles which I have to work according to the wishes of the Father, and all the divine reformations which God has given me to finish during earth life, bear sufficient testimony that God’s absolute consciousness (and not partial as in John) has been vibrating in me. As the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so my various demonstrations of divine power amply prove the fuller

and greater manifestation of God in me than in John, and my works, my consciousness, my teachings are witnessed and sponsored by the Heavenly Father consciousness.

“O, ye body identified souls, you have never heard the Cosmic Intelligent sound emanating from the Cosmos and all vibrating creation at any period of your life, nor have you seen the Cosmic Light emanating from the Cosmic Vibration as spread in all vibrating creation. For, if any of you had been blessed with such experience, you would have known God can be seen as a Cosmic Light in all creation and a sound vibrating in the intelligently guided devotees through their ecstatic communion. Also, if you know God, you would have understood that He can take any shape of any saint and appear before your eyes and talk to you.”

The Devotee’s Demand

“Hydrogen-oxygen gas is invisible, but can be converted into a piece of solid ice, so also, invisible Spirit can condense Himself through a devotee’s demand into any form. But it should be remembered, though God can appear to the devotee in a human form or as a great light or cosmic intelligent sound, He cannot be limited by the boundaries of a body or material vibration, for God is spread eternally where vibration cannot enter.

“Even as invisible God has become the visible worlds, universes, nature, earth, man, so God can take any shape He wants. When He is invisible Omnipresence, He is impersonal. When He is visible in the light of the devotion of a devotee, He is personal. Therefore, it is foolish to argue whether God is personal or impersonal. He is both. And because you all believe not in the Christ Intelligence manifest in my consciousness, that shows that you have not felt the Cosmic Vibration of God within you. All devotees who have heard the Cosmic Sound know that it is not an ordinary vibration, but that within it is the intelligence and inspiration of Christ Consciousness.”

Search the scriptures: for in them you think you have eternal life: and they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (John 5:39-44)

Jesus meant: “Search the words of wise men in the Scriptures in which you think that eternal life and eternal wisdom are present for even those very Scriptures spokes of my coming. And yet, you do not come to me in whom you do not have to think of eternal life, but who is the very embodiment of eternal life in flesh. If you come to me, your isolated little lives floating away from God will find union with

cosmic life. By connecting with eternal life you will find fulfillment of all your desires and freedom from the wheel of life and death created by your material desires.

“I am not seeking personal honor from men except that I am asking you to listen to me that I may deliver unto you the message of Him who sent me. I am not seeking perishable honor from men, for I have received the permanent recognition and love of God, but I know that your souls are diverted to the material world, loving its manifestations, and that has made you forget the ever-entertaining, ever-freeing love of God within you. Those that by eloquence, exaggeration and emotional appeal with pseudo-brilliance attract your attention, cast over you their false glamour. I have come to declare my Cosmic Father, not by emotional appeal, but by appealing to your intelligent sense.”

How Can You Believe?

“You refuse to receive my all-redeeming wisdom about the Father in your consciousness. How can you believe that the certificate and assurance of God’s protection is the highest security which is honored by all creation when you have learned to crave for the futile, short-lasting, fickle, empty praise of man? The attention of people towards you is fickle, but God’s loving attention or honor is lasting and insures every-certain security and guidance. Do not waste time seeking the fickle praise of man but utilize every moment of your life in doing those works which will draw the attention and favor of God.”

Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? (John 5:45-47)

Jesus meant: “Do not think that because you do not listen to me, I will accuse you and hold you responsible before the Father.” (Jesus on the cross, instead of accusing, said: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do”). Jesus here revealed his all-loving, all-forgiving nature which not only wanted to draw souls to God, but to love and lift souls by love from the mire of error.

Unconditional Love

“There is one prophet, Moses, who justly judge your faults according to divine wisdom before God and you trust in him. Moses had the conditional love of the Father towards the son. If the son was good, the father loved him and if the son was bad, the father punished him. Moses treated his disciples with the conditional love of the Father, but the love I give you is like the unconditional love of the mother which loves the son no matter whether he is good or bad. And it is strange that

when you believe Moses, you do not believe me who has greater love toward you than Moses had. For Moses wrote about my coming in the Scriptures and if you do not believe the visible prophetic writings of Moses, how could you believe my words only?"

Jesus, according to the conduct of a true devotee of God, was trying to persuade his ignorance-bewildered brethren through reason and manifesting love of God and humbleness, and not by theological threats and the fear of divine punishment or by the compulsion of physical miracles. If Almighty God used force to make his prodigal children come back to Him, they would be mechanical and not soulful creations.

God gave men free choice so that they could accept Him or cast Him off if they wanted, hoping perchance man would use his reason to forsake the temporary pleasures of flesh and choose the everlasting love in His spirit. Jesus, with all miraculous powers, was pleading with ignorant people and trying to awaken their wisdom by which they would use their free will to forsake the evils of sense pleasures and to seek the lasting ever-new bliss by meditating on God.

“The Isles Shall Wait For His Law”

And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, **THOU ART THE SON OF GOD.** And he straitly charged them that they should not make him known. (Mark 3:11-12)

Unclean spirits who possessed the bodies of some men could recognize Jesus as the son of God because, being in the astral world, they partially knew about the spirit of Jesus which supremely ruled there. All spirits, whether clean or unclean, knew that it was Christ and not Satan who had complete power over the inner world. Even though Satan tried to rule the astral world and earth, spirits knew that Christ Consciousness in Jesus was the real ruler of the inner world.

What Are Unclean Spirits?

The unclean spirits are those souls that leave their physical bodies in a state of sin. Murderers, thieves, drunkards and above all, treacherous souls, are considered unclean souls in the astral world, also those who ruthlessly and foolishly commit suicide. These souls roam in the astral world, imprisoned in the causal and astral bodies, finding no rest in the astral world and hating to be reborn on the earth, or, sometimes, grieving for not being born on the earth again. These souls have to roam about in the ether until some of the effects of their bad actions or karma are worn out through the operation of the divine law. These tramp souls are very unscrupulous, even as they were during earth life. A strong personality fully occupies his brain and shuts out the invasion of such tramp souls who are everywhere in the ether looking for a free ride, the occupation of a weak-brained individual's body. The weak individual keeps his brain and mind empty and passive, indirectly inviting and enabling tramp souls to enter his thought-unoccupied mind.

When the exorcised spirits consciously recognized Jesus, he commanded them not to thus directly declare him as the Son of God. Since all things of the astral world are hidden according to the will of God, Jesus did not want himself to be revealed except in the natural human way.

“Behold My Servant”

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, **BEHOLD MY SERVANT, WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOYED, IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL PLEASED: I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL SHEW JUDGMENT TO THE GENTILES, HE SHALL NOT**

STRIVE, NOR CRY; NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS. A BRUISED REED SHALL HE NOT BREAK, AND SMOKING FLAX SHALL HE NOT QUENCH, TILL HE SEND FORTH JUDGMENT UNTO VICTORY. AND IN HIS NAME SHALL THE GENTILES TRUST. (Matthew 12:17-21)

Matthew is referring here to the ancient prophecy of Esaias (Isaiah 42:1-4) about the future conditions surrounding the appearance of Jesus on earth.

Highly Developed Souls

When souls struggle and become highly developed and almost free, God can send them on earth from time to time to relieve the misery of His ignorance-stricken children by trying to show them a way of salvation through the exemplary lives of the true sons of God who have attained salvation by self-effort. God said, "Esaias, behold my child, Jesus, who has developed himself to please Me and become My beloved. Hence I have chosen him, sometime in the future, to act as the servant of a great message which will redeem many souls on earth." God also promised that He would put His will and blessings and wisdom into the harmony-tuned soul of Jesus, that he might show divine judgment and wisdom and the art of super-living to the Gentiles.

God signified to Esaias further that Jesus, in his coming Christ-consciousness incarnation, having already spiritually developed, and being reinforced with the will and wisdom of God, would not have to strive to be spiritual nor cry for wisdom, and that no ordinary human being, walking on the streets of matter, would be able to hear the "voice" or cosmic vibrating Spirit of God encased in the body of Jesus.

Further, God signified that Jesus, the Son of God, would not be at all inwardly affected, though his Spirit was encased in the fragile reed of the body which might be bruised or crucified; that his Spirit, burning with wisdom like smoking flax, would not be quenched or suppressed by the persecution of the flesh in crucifixion; that he would only give up the body when he had sent forth or expressed his judgment or wisdom in complete spiritual victory; that Jesus would return to earth after death, declaring the victory of Spirit over matter, and that he would only go away from the earth after declaring to the world that he, even during crucifixion of his body, could retain the magnanimity and the spiritual qualities of the soul untouched by the tortures of flesh and the hatred of man.

Guru of the World

The sentence, A BRUISED REED SHALL HE NOT BREAK, AND SMOKING FLAX SHALL HE NOT QUENCH, TILL HE SEND FORTH JUDGMENT UNTO VICTORY, clearly declares that the body of Jesus, even though persecuted from all sides, would remain until the message of God was given, and by physical crucifixion

the power of Spirit and goodness were to be declared as lords over the tortures of flesh and the hatred of men. God declared through Esaias that the Gentiles or entire world outside of Israel would accept Jesus as its Guru or spiritual guide, intuitively realizing the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

That this is the correct interpretation is shown by the further words of the prophet (Isaiah 42:4): HE SHALL NOT FAIL NOR BE DISCOURAGED, TILL HE HAVE SET JUDGMENT IN THE EARTH: AND THE ISLES SHALL WAIT FOR HIS LAW.

The prophecies of saints and Jesus can be understood only through the self-realization and developed intuition of true devotees. Intellectual professors write philosophical discourses which can be understood by all intellectual people. But the sayings of Jesus and the utterances of prophets are born out of pure self-realization and are not due to the uncertain activities of reason. Such sayings can never be felt by the intellect of man, and their meaning can be only guessed about by reason. The self-realization of saints can only be felt and understood by those who have meditated and developed self-realization. The detailed knowledge of the heavens as understood by great astronomers through study and the use of telescopes cannot be possessed by a layman. Likewise, what the wise men know about Truth and Spirit through the medium of their clarifying telescopic intuition only can be known by ordinary individuals when they have developed their vision and used their developed telescopic intuition hidden in the chamber of their souls.

And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake, Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. (Luke 6:20-23)

Jesus meant: "O ye souls who have become materially poor to help others and who, although poor, are seeking not riches but God, ye are blessed for you poverty. Instead of poverty being a hindrance, it will serve as a stimulus to seek the kingdom of all-sufficient God, who will relieve you from want through eternity. Blessed are you who are in want and seek God to relieve your wants."

Blessed Disciples

"Blessed are you that are spiritually hungry now, for you shall find spiritual wisdom and ever-new bliss, to be satisfied forever. Blessed are you that cry for God-realization now, for you shall laugh and be blessed through eternity, being entertained by the attained eternal ever-new joy of meditation. Blessed are you

when for the sake of following the son of man (the Christlike guru-preceptor, the embodiment of God) men shall hate you and separate you from their company and reproach you and cast out your name as evil. All of you are blessed who prefer to follow a God-tuned guru-preceptor in preference to evil people.

“Blessed you are thereby when evil people by their hate and ostracism keep your soul away from the influence of evil. Blessed are all those who are scolded for being good, for the unjust criticism will enthuse the disciple all the more to follow the ways of peace instead of misery-making evil. Blessed are you when men shall cast out your name as evil for not tuning in with their evil ways, for you shall go into the admiring ever-new consciousness of God.

“But remember, to be hated, ostracized, reproached or cast out for being evil is evil, but when you are persecuted for the sake of truth as manifested in the Christ body of Jesus, then you will be free. Rejoice ye in that day and leap and vibrate with ever-new joy, for behold, those that will toil and labor and accept pain to follow the divine way, according to the law of karma or action, will be rewarded in heaven, or the inner world, with eternal bliss.

“Those that persecute you are the children of those who persecuted the prophets. Think to what great evil those forefathers came, and think what reward in heaven the prophets received from God for being persecuted in His name’s sake.”

But woe unto you that are rich! For ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets. (Luke 6:24-26)

Attachment to Riches

Jesus meant: “But physical, mental and spiritual woe unto you that attached to your material riches and are foolishly so satisfied as not to seek the all-misery-quenching truth.”

Jesus had some rich followers. He did not condemn the possession of riches but the attachment to those possessions and the selfish holding-on to them without sharing with others who were more needy. There are many rich people who think they have everything, even though they may be on the brink of a terrible disease, material loss or death. To be foolishly satisfied with riches is to cease seeking for the all-satisfying truth. To be satisfied with riches gives one the false consolation that he has everything, whereas he really has very little and even that is only given to him for use and is instantly taken away at the time of death. To possess riches and to be attached to them often makes one callous to other’s sufferings and gives one a false sense of security. Riches cannot prevent the advent of certain diseases or catastrophies or death. Hence the false satisfaction with possessions and riches must be discarded.

Jesus goes on to say: “Beware of riches, that they do not act as an opiate to

deaden the desire for God, Who alone can give that eternal satisfaction and security which riches cannot. Remember that riches fulfill only a few material needs. Riches are good only when they are used to procure necessities for needy individuals. That is why you should be warned against the false security of riches. Woe unto you who think your inner hunger is satisfied with the possession of riches, for some day after death, or through loss before death, you will see that money cannot give you the security which you thought it could, and you will be hungry again for truth and will be pestered with helplessness and innumerable wants. Woe unto you who are smiling with material pleasure, for that will be short-lasting and then you will moan and weep that you spent your time pursuing evanescent material pleasure, whereas you should have spent your time in seeking the lasting pleasures of the soul.”

Duties Must Harmonize

“It is not that you should not laugh at all. But your material pleasures must not counteract your desire for spiritual pleasures, and your material pleasures must be governed by spiritual pleasures. The Sanskrit Scriptures says that a duty, when it contradicts another duty, is not a duty at all. For example, health culture should not be carried to such extremes that it takes away the desire for spiritual or intellectual culture or vice versa. All duties must harmonize with one another. The highest duty to God should come first and then the other duties should follow harmoniously. The first and highest duty of man is to meditate upon the Divine Bliss. The second duty is to develop health, the third duty is to develop intellectual culture, and the fourth duty is to meet material needs. Another duty is to acquire material, mental, intellectual and spiritual powers so that one can share them with the needy children of God.”

Law of Relativity

“Woe unto you who are steeped in material pleasures, for when the intoxication of sense-pleasures vanish, your heart will be filled with satiety and you will all the more feel the contrast of your state of satiety with your lost pleasure. It is a psychological fact that pleasure is born of a desire fulfilled and pain is born of a desire unfulfilled. Both are crests of waves. Man is constantly tossing on the crest of the waves of pleasure and pain and indifference. In between the two crests of the waves of mental pain and pleasure is the hollow of the state of indifference. Man must still the waves of pleasures, pain and indifference on the lake of his mind so that on the quiet waters of inner being he can see the undistorted reflection of the mooned face of the soul. He who rides on the crest of material pleasure must also invariably ride on the crest of pain, since relativity is the law of the physical world. Those who float on the still waters of peace never have to undergo pain.”

Worldly Judgment

“Woe unto you when all worldly men speak well of you, that you are satisfied with material riches and worldly life. That satisfaction drowns your conscience and the power of judgment by which you can recognize your folly of relying on riches and worldly pleasure. Evil people naturally praise others who glorify and prosper in evil. Worldly people praise those that are engrossed in riches and forget God. Fanatics praise false prophets. All these are steeped in error and ignorance. The fanatics who follow false prophets fall into the same pit of error, like one blind man following another. Those that praise the false prophets, and the false prophets as well, fall into the pit of ignorance. Praise, when it blinds a person so that he does not recognize his faults, is harmful. When praise over-estimates the good in a man, it is pernicious. When praise correctly estimates one’s virtues and inspires him to be more virtuous, it is good. It should be remembered that praise does not make anyone better and blame does not make anyone less than what he is in reality. Blame, if it spurs one to correct himself, is good; and praise, when it injects a greater enthusiasm to be worthy, is beneficial.”

BUT I SAY UNTO YOU WHICH HEAR, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, DO GOOD TO THEM WHICH HATE YOU, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU. AND UNTO HIM THAT SMITETH THEE ON THE ONE CHEEK OFFER ALSO THE OTHER; AND HIM THAT TAKETH AWAY THY CLOKE FORBID NOT TO TAKE THY COAT ALSO. (Luke 6:27-29)

Jesus meant: “But I say the words of wisdom unto those that are sincerely listening to me, love those that consider themselves to be your enemies, for they are your brothers. Both you and your enemies are the children of God. Hence you must not consider yourself an enemy to those who, under the influence of passion, think they are your enemies. Due to the intoxication of hatred and anger, they forget that all human beings are made in the image of God and are brothers. Such people eclipse the divine image in them. So you must not allow yourself to be drunk with anger and delusion so that you also lose the consciousness of divinity within you.

“Those that are your enemies burn themselves with hatred and anger, forgetting their inner peace. Why should you by imitating them likewise burn yourself with wrath and lose your inner equanimity? Do not let anybody steal your peace which offers absolute protection to your entire life.”

Love Your Enemies

“There are two reasons why you should love your enemies—(1) because your so-called enemies are your own brothers, sons of the One Father, and you do not want to forget, by impulsively responding to others’ emotions, that you are a child of God

and a brother of your so-called enemy, (2) by hating your enemies you forget the divinity within you as well as increase the error in your enemy by making him more angry. By hatred, you do not want to intensify the error in your enemy, but by love to make him remember the forgotten God-love within him. Remind him of the God-love within you which you are ready to share, due to this relation of brotherhood.

“Do good to them who hate you, for hate will only bring more hate to you, while the water of good may quench the fire of hate in your enemy. Above all, by hating those that hate you, you harbor the misery of hatred within you and poison your inner life of peace. If you do good to those that hate you, they might see their error and cease to hate you. Those that hate you, you should not only mentally love but actually do good to them, that they may realize that you are trying to remind them of the relation of divine brotherhood existing between you. The poison of hate increases by hatred and can be counteracted and neutralized only by the chemical of love.

“Bless them that curse you—that is, wish evil for you—for they might observe your example and change their attitude. If, as often as anyone wishes you evil, so often you wish him good, he cannot long retain his evil attitude against you. When anybody hates you, ordinarily you may think that by hating him you will stop his hatred, but you cannot do so, for even if your enemy is weaker than you are, and outwardly fears you, he will inwardly hate you all the more.”

Healing of Hatred

“The only way to heal the malady of hatred in a mistaken brother is to continuously use the salve of your love. The divine way of conquering hatred is the only way. For those that spitefully use you, pray to God that they may be forgiven and freed from suffering the otherwise inevitable results arising from their evil actions. If you pray to God for those that hate you, God will recognize your nobility in trying to rescue you brother fallen into the pit of hatred, and reward you with divine wisdom and love. By praying for those that hate you, you not only use your own loving attitude but reinforce that with God’s power to heal those error-stricken brothers who are suffering from hatred.

“He who strikes you on one cheek, let him strike you on the other also. If you can do so you will reject the virus of hatred from your angry brother and prevent that virus of disquieting emotion from entering within you.

“It may seem ridiculous to allow a second blow after receiving one slap. It is true that it is better to have courage to strike your enemy than to forgive him through fear. But if you have the courage to slap your brother and yet do not, because you love him, or if you let him strike you again because you want to heal him by your love, then you possess a great spiritual power of divine love. If anybody is angry with you, just say, ‘I am too comfortable to be angry with him.’ If anybody strikes you once and wants to repeat it, say unto yourself, ‘I am too comfortable to be ruffled by two slaps or more. I will not disturb my peace within.’ When, by your

spiritual example and adamant determination to save your peace from the robbers of disquietude, you can maintain your ideal personality, then you would be a towering example of truth before the eyes of others.”

Strength of Self-Control

“To let others smite your cheek a second time is not advised to develop you into a mental or moral weakling, but to instill in you a greater strength of self-control gained by overcoming the impulse of acting under the influence of the spirit of revenge. It is easy to slap back when anybody hits you but it requires a greater mental strength not to strike back.”

Practical Sympathy

“And he that takes away your overcoat, do not prevent him from taking your coat also. This may seem like very impractical advice in the modern world. The meaning is that a spiritual man of high order feels no loss when he parts with his overcoat for someone in need, or when he is asked to part with his coat after parting with his overcoat. The spiritual man who sees God not only in his own body but in the bodies of the poor and afflicted finds equal enjoyment when he takes off his overcoat and coat from his one body and puts them on another one of his bodies. The spiritual man who is one with God sees himself as the Self of all; sees himself in his own body as well as in the bodies of others. When such a divine person takes off his own coat and overcoat from his one body and gives them for the use of another body in whom he sees God, he feels by this action that he has not lost anything but that he has done this for himself, only in another body, just as one transfers a ring from one finger to another.

“In giving the overcoat and coat, one must use discrimination. But to give your own things to those that need those things more than you do, is good. You must learn to clothe other bodies as you do your own, with equal pleasure, that you may know that your Self is present in the bodies of others. Practical sympathy dispels the darkness of separation and is the light by which you can see all hearts tied with one golden cord of divine love. And that God throbs in all hearts, suffering in the afflicted, rejoicing in those that are whole.”

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Build Your House of Consciousness on the Rock of Immortality

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (Luke 6:39-41)

Those that are physically and mentally or spiritually blind, if they try to lead others who are like them, all will fall into the same ditch of physical, or mental, or spiritual suffering. The disciple who has studied for some time with a master does not all at once become like the master. A master is he who has perfectly acquired the art of contacting God. When a disciple can also completely contact God he becomes like the master. But an advanced disciple just the same always gives respect to his master who has been the portal to freedom and a messenger of God. Jesus honored John the Baptist as the guru of his past incarnations even though Jesus had become more advanced than John the Baptist.

“Know Thyself”

It is unprofitable act for a man to go on beholding the defects or blindness of spiritual vision of others when he himself is spiritually blind. It is a waste of time to uselessly spend his time measuring the spiritual defects of others when he could very well profitably spend it in correcting his own faults. Those that spend their time criticizing others have no time for criticizing their own faults. This mistake is indulged in by people of all walks of life. There are some people who are angry themselves but cannot stand anger in others. Some people are greedy themselves but cannot stand greed in others. Some people gossip about others but cannot stand being gossiped about. Some people have very bad social manners yet they never recognize that fact in themselves. Some people criticize others about certain faults which they themselves possess plentifully.

So it is a psychological and metaphysical error to spend our time in pointing out the mental dirt in other souls when we ought to spend our time in cleaning out the inner dirt residing within the mansion of our own soul. How can we say to our brother, “I know the art of pulling out ignorance from your soul,” when we have not pulled out our own ignorance? Dispelling ignorance is not an easy job. It requires practical experience and practical living of the life. If we are not a jeweler how can

we teach others to distinguish between good and bad jewels or detect imitation jewels mixed up with good jewels? So, if we are not a divine jeweler how can we teach others to distinguish between ignorance and wisdom? To pull out ignorance from others' souls presupposes that we have pulled ignorance out from our soul first.

Avoid Hypocrisy

Therefore we are a hypocrite, insincere in our actions, if with our vision befogged by ignorance, we try with that blurred inner vision to heal others suffering from inner blindness. Whenever we think that we are not progressing spiritually and that we are wasting time meditating, then reflect, that by being able to sleep we forget all the dualities and miseries of physical existence, indeed, the whole world vanishes into the invisible vastness; so if we could produce conscious ecstasy and samadhi at will, we will be able at the time of misery and death to be conscious of the vast kingdom of bliss which remains locked up hidden behind our state of wakefulness and subconscious state, even as the all-misery quelling sleep remains hidden behind our conscious mind.

We have learned to sleep but have not learned to be in ecstasy which is far more enjoyable than sleep, and which can constantly show us that matter is the frozen imagination of God, as sleep shows us that dreams and nightmares are our own frozen imagination. A dreaming person can never know that a nightmare is a nightmare unless he wakes up. So also, unless we wake up in the land of ecstasy and become one with God and awake in God, we cannot realize that this universe is a frozen imagination of God or the dream of God which can be dispersed only by our awakening in Spirit and by samadhi.

When we are engrossed in watching a tragedy scene in a motion picture we almost begin to feel the reality of the picture, and the seemingly real material nature of the motion picture becomes strong upon our consciousness. But suddenly when we are troubled by a particular scene of cruelty in the motion picture or a catastrophe like the burning of a city, if we look up suddenly from the picture to the beam falling upon the screen, and if we closely watch the figures in motion on the screen, we realize that all the solids, liquids, human beings and misery are nothing but the different vibrations of the electric current, and that all the human beings, scenes and material things in this picture are nothing but different manifestations of electric current.

Seeing God Dreaming This Cosmic Dream

Likewise, the materially-engrossed individual beholds rain, sunshine, property, change of weather, birth, death, marriage as material facts. But when this individual wakes up into the consciousness of God through constant ecstasy or union with God then he begins to see a light trembling in all matter. He sees that all matter

with solids, liquids, gaseous substances, with human life and thought, is nothing but the different vibrations of that all-pervading, quivering light of God. By further development one can actually see God dreaming this Cosmic Dream.

In a motion picture house while a picture is playing, one person can concentrate on the beam falling on the screen and another might concentrate on the pictures on the screen. These two individuals of course would have two different experiences. The man concentrating on the beam which causes the materialization of the pictures on the screen would see only a beam of light without any pictures and the man concentrating on the pictures would see the pictures without the sight of the pictureless beam.

Likewise, a person concentrating on matter will see only material objects and a person concentrating on God's light would see God. And a man sitting in the motion picture house can once in a while look at the pictureless beam falling on the screen as well as the pictures on the screen. So likewise, the man who has highest Nirbikalpa Samadhi can see the great light of Cosmic Energy which is coming from God and falling on the vast space creating the pictures of planetary stellar universes as well as the motion picture of this universe. Such a divine man and advanced individual can see the pictureless cosmic energy as well as the motion picture of the universe emanating from it.

For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit: neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. FOR EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY HIS OWN FRUIT. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: FOR OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART HIS MOUTH SPEAKETH. (Luke 6:43-45)

The Physical Nervous System

A human being is composed of three kinds of trees, (1) the physical nervous system with its roots in the brain and the trunk in the spine (the cerebro-spinal axis) and efferent and afferent nerves branching out from it as the branches, and the senses and sensations at the end of the nerve branches as the fruits.

This human tree of nerves yields good or bad sensations according to the nature of the individual who owns this tree of nervous system. When an individual administers the water of poisonous thoughts at the root of this tree of life in the brain he produces fruits of evil sensations hanging from the branches of different nerves. That is, when a person feeds his brain with evil thoughts those thoughts create desire for evil sensations, and the end of the optical branch nerves or the auditory branch nervous system becomes laden with fruits of evil sensations in the form of desires to listen to words of flattery or words of evil. Likewise the tactual and olfactory and gustatory nerves are laden with the fruits of sensual desire and

sensations of greed.

That is why it must be remembered that a brain that is fed with good thoughts creates a good tree of life with good habits and cravings for good sensations. Every tree of life has its roots in the soil of Cosmic Consciousness and as such the human nervous system was originally made to attract and enjoy good sensations. But man, through his freedom of will, has converted this tree of life into a bearer of fruits of evil sensations. Once a nervous system is changed so that it produces for evil sensations, it is very hard to change it. For the good nervous system will not produce fruits of desire for evil sensations nor an evil tree of life produce the fruits in the form of desires for good sensations.

Besides this physical tree of life man is fitted with two other trees—the astral tree of life and the tree of consciousness.

The Astral Tree of Life With the Astral Powers

(2) The astral tree of life has its roots as the thousand petaled rays in the brain. The sushumna cerebral current is the trunk of this tree of life and the fine currents branched out through the nervous system are the astral branches. This astral tree of life, being fed by Cosmic Energy, usually produces fruits of fine inner perception which the advanced devotee can pluck and enjoy. As a person cannot enjoy the fruits of a mango tree hidden in a garden, so a person or a devotee who has not seen this astral tree of life with the light of ecstasy cannot possibly enjoy its fruits of fine perceptions. Some of the fruits of this astral tree of life consist in possession of miraculous powers of seeing visions which are true to life and of listening to sounds beyond the reach of human ears, of feeling touch sensations of the bodies of others, of smelling astral fragrance, of astral taste, of possessing the power to dislodge the astral body from the physical body, of lengthening or shortening the astral body. Behind this tree of astral life is the tree of consciousness.

Tree of Consciousness

(3) The ordinary tree of consciousness has its roots in the intelligence in the brain. Its trunk consists of the mind and its branches consist of reason, will and feeling. It bears fruits of evil and good desires. When one feeds this tree of consciousness with the water of intuition springing from the foundation of meditation then this tree of consciousness becomes entirely a good tree bearing only fruits of good desires. Hidden beneath these three trees of the physical nervous system, of astral life, and of consciousness, is the tree of Superconsciousness.

Tree of Superconsciousness

The tree of superconsciousness has its roots in Cosmic Consciousness. Its trunk consists of superconsciousness and its branches consist of superconscious

perception, subconscious perception and conscious perception. This tree of superconsciousness when perceived will be found to bear fruits of superconscious intuition and of subconscious spiritual dreams and fruits of good sensations. God can be spoken of as the root and the Cosmic Energy can be spoken of as the trunk and all rays shooting out of this Cosmic Energy for the creation of universes can be called the branches. The worlds and universes of astral and physical constitution can be spoken of as the fruits of the tree of Cosmic Consciousness.

God originally planned that this tree of Cosmic Consciousness should only bear fruits of good vibrations, but Satan put some poison sap of his evil desires in this tree of Cosmic Energy. That is why we find collisions, earthquakes, dissolutions of planetary systems, and so forth.

Speech Is Our Index

When Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," he meant that speech is the index to the contents of the heart. The vibrations of an individual's speech, no matter how dressed up with polished language, contains the vibration of his inner tendencies buried in the heart. Hence, in the tone and vibration of a man's voice we find the echo of his heart experiences. A bad man may imitate the voice of a good man, but his evil heart will certainly vibrate in his pretending voice. So, we must remember that the vibrations of our heart reverberate in the vibration of the voice. Through the tone of the voice of an individual and its vibrating mildness or harshness we can recognize the nature of his hidden heart. The whole history of an individual as to how he lives his life within himself and his family is revealed in his voice. Also the postnatal and prenatal story of one's life is written in the eyes of an individual. Those that cannot detect other's lives through their eyes can, by the perception of calmness, detect the evil or good hidden in the nature of an individual's voice.

And why call ye me, 'Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

BUT HE THAT HEARETH AND DOETH NOT, IS LIKE A MAN THAT WITHOUT A FOUNDATION BUILT AN HOUSE UPON THE EARTH: AGAINST WHICH THE STREAM DID BEAT VEHEMENTLY, AND IMMEDIATELY IT FELL: AND THE RUIN OF THAT HOUSE WAS GREAT. (Luke 6:46-49)

Jesus spoke: "And why call ye me Christ Intelligence, the Lord of all creation, without knowing how I manifest myself in creation and in your consciousness?"

Because you call me Christ but do not feel my presence in your consciousness, is why you do not lead your life as I say unto you or as my consciousness signifies by its Christ vibrations beneath your superconsciousness. When you will be able to feel my Christ consciousness by awakening your superconsciousness then you will do the things which I signify through your inner perception, but not before.”

House of Consciousness

“Whosoever, forsaking the slums of matter and sensations, cometh to me hidden in the temple of superconsciousness, can listen to the silent vibrations of my inner being, and accordingly his nervous system automatically acts according to the perceptions of the inner divine impulses. He is a soul who builds his house of consciousness not on the foundations of passing pleasures but who digs deep with the pickaxe of meditation and God to the unshakable rock of intuitive knowledge, building his house of bliss on the everlasting rock of cosmic consciousness. And when the flood of ignorance comes in life or in the after-death state in all its vehemence and impetuosity, the house of cosmic perception and intuitive understanding built on the rock of God consciousness is unshaken. That soul who overcomes material desires and has built his house of cosmic consciousness, will not be carried away by the flood of reincarnation-producing desires. The soul who has built his consciousness on the rock of God consciousness shall not lose his consciousness in death or life but will forever be housed in immortality.

“But that devotee who hears the voice of his inner consciousness and inner perception but does not act according to those inner impulses is a man who has built his consciousness on the foundations of earthly habits. When temptations will come to him, his house of self-control will break and he will be swept away by the tide of ignorance and his temporary house of spiritual discipline will be devastated.”

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No Miracles Can be Performed Without God-Consciousness, Hence the Foolishness of Egotism

Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto them, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see:

The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. (Matthew 11:2-6)

Jesus says, “Go back and tell John Baptist of all you have seen and heard about the demonstrations of God through me—how the physically and spiritually blind receive physical or spiritual inner sight, and the lame walk; physical, moral and spiritual lepers are healed and cleansed by wisdom; the physically deaf get back their hearing; the spiritually deaf hear the voice of wisdom; the physically dead are made alive again through cosmic energy; the spiritually dead are renovated by wisdom and spiritual baptism, and the poor in spirit receive the living contact of God wisdom and God vibration.”

(Gospel signifies God’s spell or God’s vibration.)

God never speaks to anyone except His devotees. Of course He can speak through a human form to the devotee but He usually speaks through intelligent vibrations appearing as sounds in the ether, or God vibrates His wisdom through the intuition of the devotee.

Jesus speaks of his message vibrating with God-consciousness. No one can preach God-vibrating truth unless he feels it within himself. Ordinary spiritual teachers preach and speak about truth through book-learning, but Masters like Jesus speak of the truth which they feel within their consciousness.

“Not My Own Glory”

“And blessed is he who does not find fault with me by accusing me of egotism that I perform miracles to extol my own glory. Blessed is he who instead will appreciate the demonstrations of spiritual miracles which I perform through the sanction and will of God to bring other deluded souls unto Him.”

Miracles performed by semi-developed souls might delude them, as they begin to be spoiled by the laudation of admirers, forgetting to give the glory and the praise to God alone. No miracles can be performed without God-consciousness, so it foolish to seek self-laudation. The devotee in the course of his higher spiritual development receives the gift of miracles, but to use miracles without the sanction of God is sin and involves spiritual degradation.

Jesus realized that usually the display of miracles might be a divine offense, but whosoever recognized that he was performing miracles to declare the glory of God was blessed, for he would receive divine realization.

John The Baptist

And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John: What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in king's houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (Matthew 11:7-10)

Jesus asked the people, many of whom were followers of John and visited him in the wilderness:

“What went you out into the wilderness to seek? Not a man clothed with soft gorgeous silk garments, but John the Baptist dressed only in skins. But he is a divine reed vibrating with the wind of God. Surely you did not go to seek a gorgeously dressed man of political authority who could be found in a king's court, but you went to see in the wilderness a man of greater spiritual authority than those in earthly courts of kings. Yea, you went to see a prophet who declares God. But he is greater than an ordinary prophet for he is a special prophet ordained to be my preceptor in a former incarnation and also to perform a great part in the divine plan in that he was to come on earth at this time to declare the son of God in me.”

That is why Jesus quotes from the Scriptures,

Behold I (God) send my messenger (John the Baptist) before thy face (in advance of thee) which shall prepare thy way before thee (and it is ordained that my divine messenger John shall make the minds of the people recognize the Christ in thee, O my son Jesus.)

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. (Mark 1:2 and Malachi 3:1)

Even though God has given independence of all creation, yet in this Satan-disordered cosmos God has certain plans to work out to defeat the influence of Satan and re-establish His kingdom. Prophets from time to time declare the will of God: hence Jesus quotes that it was ordained by God long before, as expressed in the Scriptures, that John the Baptist was to declare Jesus Christ. The Guru-Preceptor was to introduce his Disciple Jesus to the world.

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater prophet than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 11:11-15)

“Verily I say unto you all that among those that are born of flesh there have been none greater than John the Baptist, for he has been selected to baptize Christ Jesus, reformer of world cycle.”

Jesus was again and again emphasizing the greatness of John the Baptist and all that he had been in a previous incarnation (as Elijah) and all that he was to perform in connection with him (Jesus).

“The Least in Heaven”

“Nevertheless anyone who has attained final emancipation in the last possible way in the least possible way in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist.”

Jesus here is distinguishing between John the Baptist’s self-realization in earth life and the self-realization of even the least individual soul who is finally liberated in the kingdom of God.

“And from the time preceding John the Baptist until now, or until this present time and all future times the kingdom of God suffereth violence (allows itself to be seized by violent will and determination.)” Jesus says with the great Yogi Patanjali that the violently determined devotees get salvation and the heavenly blissful state by throwing their vision, life force and concentration on God. “And the violent take it by force” signifies that a soul who deeply, intensely and continuously meditates, being guided by a proper yogi-preceptor, knows how to quickly and forcefully release his life from the body and allow it to join the cosmic energy present in all space. This releases the soul from the bodily prison and unites it with its cosmic home in all space. Patanjali specially emphasizes that those that are very eager to know God and meditate deeply, quickly unite with Spirit. The above law that the heavenly kingdom can be attained quickly by spiritually eager people is manifested in the life of John the Baptist who seized the kingdom of God by the violence of his

will.

Old Testament Prophets

The Old Testament prophets or seers who revealed the will of God, and the law—that is, the plan of God as worked out in creation and revealed through the Scriptures, prophesied about spiritual happenings until some of that prophesy was actually fulfilled in the life of John the Baptist who was to be seen on earth according to divine plans, and as that plan had been foretold by the prophets.

Then Jesus speaks and explains how John the Baptist's life was no fortuitous happening, but occasioned according to divine plan. Then Jesus say's "all those that have power of vision to receive and understand the truth about the prophesy of John the Baptist's coming, let them realize that he is none other than Elias (Elijah) of a former incarnation."

Jesus here definitely points out that reincarnation alone explains how souls are taken by death and leave the shores of life without attaining salvation can again strive and attain final emancipation through many human incarnations. Reincarnation means that when a soul leaves a body in an undeveloped state it must come back into another body in earth life to finish its spiritual development and regain the consciousness of its lost identity with God. Jesus clearly points out that the soul of Elias had entered the body of John the Baptist because it had not reached final emancipation and because it had to perform certain activities according to the divine plan in connection with the life of Jesus.

"He that hath spiritual ears to hear and feel the vibration of truth, let them hear or realize the truth behind my words."

Spiritual Hearing

Most of the people who heard Jesus justified the action of God because they were baptized or spiritually prepared by John the Baptist. But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the advice of God coming through Jesus, even though this counsel was given for their own good, because they were not baptized or prepared by John.

But whereunto then shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking: and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. (Matthew 11:16-19)

Jesus said the men of this generation are like ignorant children who sit idly in a

market place, neither buying anything nor busy with joyous play, nor repenting for whiling away the time uselessly. What Jesus meant is this—that the world is a market place where people buy with their labors material or spiritual things. But most people are ignorant and foolish like children who come on earth and are too lazy to exhort one another to be engrossed about worthwhile things. Such people always accuse one another for their faults in not being progressive, saying, “We played the flute but you didn’t dance.” Such ignorant people, instead of being busy with spiritual things, while away their time in physical and mental laziness. Some casually mourn for whiling away life’s valuable time uselessly, while others never shed a tear for fruitlessly idling away their life.

Jesus meant that in this market place of earth, where true devotees are busy marketing spiritual qualities, some casually revel in spiritual things, while some do not rejoice in spiritual culture at all. Some mourn for not finding the truth and some never weep for not finding truth. He also signified that this earth is full of people who pass the time in accusing one another for not being spiritually progressive. That is why the Pharisees pass their time in inner idleness and indifference, accusing one another about their faults of wasting time. Being thus engrossed in foolishness, they act like ignorant children and fail to take advantage of the good brought to them by God through Jesus Christ.

Life’s Market Place

Jesus went on to say, “Ye Pharisees and lawyers who are busy whiling away your time in the market place of earth where you could find God, you are ignorant, indifferent, blind and mentally scattered so that you could not recognize the spiritual greatness of John the Baptist and the good which he could do unto you. Ye foolish people, you think he is possessed of a devil, even though he is outwardly self-controlled enough not to even eat bread or drink wine. If you can think of one who is outwardly self-controlled as being possessed of a devil, then how could you recognize the son of God hidden behind the son of man or human nature which outwardly eats and drinks? Ye think of me as a greedy man, a wine taster, and one who associates with publicans and sinners. Ye know not that all children of wisdom like me, whatever they do, even though outwardly not understood, are justified by the subtle and immutable laws of true inner wisdom.”

Jesus emphasized in his above saying that John, though he was far advanced, still was in a state of spiritual self-discipline where he had to fast and follow certain laws of physical actions, whereas he (Jesus), even though he took bread and wine, was far ahead of John the Baptist and had so attained God-consciousness that eating bread and drinking wine according to custom had no connection except with his physical nature (son of man) and did not touch his spiritual nature as manifested in him as the Son of God.

Self-Discipline

Jesus implied that John the Baptist was body-conscious so he had to follow physical discipline in spite of his inner spirituality, whereas the Son of God in Christ was completely detached from the actions of the son of man, Jesus. Jesus signified that the Pharisees and lawyers were so spiritually blind that if they could not recognize the spirituality of the outwardly disciplined John the Baptist, how could they recognize Jesus' great spirituality hidden behind the apparently unmodified and ordinary life of the olden times? Jesus did not condemn the self-discipline of John the Baptist nor did he sanction eating and drinking without being guided by wisdom, but he only said that the spiritually blind can neither recognize the goodness of man even when he is outwardly good, nor can they recognize the deep spiritually hidden behind a simple life.

Guided by Wisdom

Jesus also supported his actions as being guided by wisdom. That is, whatever he was doing was guided by true intuitive wisdom only. Jesus ate and drank to be sociable to publicans and sinners and to make them feel he was one with them. By doing so, Jesus could closely associate with the sinners or error-makers who needed him and whom he could help because of their confidence in him as being one of them. If Jesus took up a belligerent attitude denouncing all social activities, he would have been shunned by all, and it would have been impossible for him to do good to all. Jesus knew that his eating or drinking would not harm him or anyone, and that the closeness of his magnetic personality with the sinners would redeem them from their errors. Jesus knew that his eating or drinking was not important, but it was a paramount necessity for him to associate with sinners by apparently becoming one of them and sympathizing with them.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein more of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

And thou, Capernaum, which are exalted unto heaven, shall be brought down to hell: For if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the Land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. (Matthew 11:20-24)

“O ye inhabitants of Chorazin and Bethsaida, you have seen the mighty works of God's hidden power, but you have not profited enough to change your ways, even though you witnessed spiritual demonstrations and saw what they could do to you.

Your unreceptive mental attitude will ultimately lead you to follow the paths of evil and fall into its pits of misery. Even the people of ancient Tyre and Sidon would have been more receptive if they had witnessed such divine demonstrations; they would have deeply repented their evil ways by going through penance of wearing sackcloth and putting on ashes. I prophesy unto you that when I will leave this body and am in my Christ Consciousness I shall joyously watch the souls of the dead inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon lifted to a higher region of vibratory existence.”

What Is the Day of Judgment?

The day of judgment is not fixed by the gods at certain period but it consist usually of the period after death when disembodied souls receive the judgment or fruits of actions according to the accumulated actions of their previous lives. The day of judgment, therefore, is a time after death when souls, according to their individual karmas, receive judgment according to the cosmic law as to what kind of rebirth or spiritual promotion they should have on earth or another higher sphere of existence.

“And that is why I know and can foretell to you, O inhabitants of Chorazin and Bethsaida, that because of your spiritual indifference you will reap evil fruits on the day of judgment of your karmas after death, for even the inhabitants of Tyre and Sidon, due to their less wicked ways of living, on the day of judgment of their karmas will reap better results. My consciousness—which is omniscient, perpetual and uninterrupted by death—now sees all that will happen in the future to you all. I prophesy that I surely shall grieve on your day of judgment for your folly, O ye inhabitants of Chorazin and Bethsaida.”

Jesus speaks concerning Capernaum (his stated abode during his public life—thus the most favored city) as to how she will suffer in the future and also says that its inhabitants are very blind and unappreciative of the spiritual demonstrations they had seen. He says that if the inhabitants of Sodom had seen such demonstrations they would have a better state now and hereafter than Capernaum, who was “exalted unto heaven” by being the scene of many of Christ’s miracles, but who failed to appreciate her honor.

What is Sin? How May it be Forgiven? Is it Possible for Anyone to “Forgive the Sins” of Another?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master say on.

There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss me feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: **BUT TO WHOM LITTLE IS FORGIVEN, THE SAME LOVETH LITTLE.** (Luke 7:40-47)

Every action of an individual, whether good or bad, is governed by the law of karma or the law of cause and effect. Good actions produce good results. Evil actions produce evil effects. Any evil action against society is called crime. Any evil action against the welfare of the soul is called a sin. When a criminal breaks a city ordinance he is condemned according to the laws of the city. But the governor of the state who has power over all the laws may forgive him. Likewise, the law of karma which governed the life of this sinful woman and all individuals is inscrutable in its ways and operation. But God, being all-powerful, and His saints who are tuned with Him, being also very spiritually powerful, have the strength, by the exercise of will force, to stop the fruition of evil karma in any individual.

Forgiving Sins

Only God and sons of God can completely or partially forgive the sins of an individual against his soul provided that he is very devoted and seeks forgiveness, not through supplication but through divine love. Each soul being made in the image of God, can never essentially change no matter how apparently sinful. Sin

only acts like a crust which prevents the pure soul from meeting the pure Spirit. When that crust of sin is broken the soul mingles with Spirit. When a quart of sea water is sealed in a bottle and placed in the sea, the bottle keeps the water from mixing with the ocean of sea water. When the bottle is broken the sea water in the bottle becomes one with the ocean. Similarly, souls are bottled up in sin and thus prevented from contacting the omnipresent Spirit. When the bottle of sin is broken, the soul is released and becomes one with the Spirit.

Each soul is a potential child of God and has in him the full divine love. When a soul becomes sinful or follows the path of ignorance he turn away from God. When a soul concentrates too much on sense happiness, it is sinful. That is, it forgets to find the superior happiness of ever-new bliss present in the soul and which can be tasted in meditation. One who loves sensual pleasures more than the blissful contact of meditation is a sinner against his true happiness. No matter how intense such souls have been in following material happiness, when their minds turn within and sincerely seek and finally attain happiness by meditation, they do not have to partially or completely go through the suffering linked to their previous sense attachment.

Meaning of “Sinner”

Every soul, being made in the image of God, is a child of God and as such is all powerful. Hence, when a child of God chooses to be identified with the senses or to act against his true happiness, then he is a sinner, that is, a violator of his true divine happiness. But if this sinful soul realizes that he, through dream delusion, temporarily imagined himself to be a sinner but in reality is the son of God, then he feels that overwhelming faith that he is not a sinner but a true child of God. When this faith in his true inner Self arises, then he forgets his imagination about being a sinful person and realizes that he is the true son of God.

This conviction of being a sinner is imaginary and changeable in a soul. But the latent conviction that a soul is a son of God is unchangeable and permanent even though temporarily hidden under the covering of sin. So, every soul who has faith in and love for the divinity of his soul and the all-powerful nature of God finds quick freedom from the results of all evil actions done in the past.

If a room is dark for a thousand years, the darkness cannot be driven away by beating it with a stick. But if a light is brought in, a thousand years of darkness is dispelled at once. Similarly, when a soul is in the darkness of ignorance and full of evil actions for incarnations, nevertheless, when the light of wisdom and faith in soul and God is lighted, then all the darkness resulting from the accumulated seeds of evil actions of incarnations is dispelled at once.

This sinful woman whom Jesus forgave was a potential God. In spite of her many sins she realized the potential power of God within herself and the power of Jesus which could awaken within her the God-consciousness which would release her from the necessity of reaping the results of her past actions. This is what is meant by the forgiving of sins.

Spiritual Doctor

A blind man cannot lead the blind. A sinner cannot forgive another sinner. A sinful priest cannot forgive the sins of a sinful church member. Confession to a priest who himself needs confession does no good. Confession to a real spiritual priest is good. A spiritual priest is a spiritual doctor who can diagnose the psychological defects of a confessing church member and prescribe for him the spiritual remedy.

Every individual sinning against his own happiness must seek the advice of a spiritual teacher and learn the ways by which he can be free from reaping the results of his sinful actions. Ordinary priests cannot forgive the sins of their disciples. Only extraordinary souls can do so. Great masters are known to take the results of others' sin in their own bodies. Jesus was crucified because he absorbed the sin of his disciples and many people within his own body. So the crucifixion of Jesus was also governed by the law of cause and effect. But even though the body of Jesus was crucified, his soul became free to unite with God. By crucifixion Jesus was able to work out the sins of the results of evil actions of his disciples and many souls in his own body and thereby offered his disciples and many others the prize of spiritual freedom.

Ordinary spiritual doctors or priests cannot forgive or free the sinful people coming to them for advice except by offering them only a spiritual prescription. Priests, if they have actual God-contact, may develop the power not only to give spiritual advice to sinners but also to impregnate them with spiritual power by which they can be free from the results of their evil actions. All good and evil actions are impinged in the brain cells and are left as evil habits in the mind. A person suffering from evil habits and evil-saturated brain cells can free himself by learning methods of meditation from spiritual teachers and practicing them regularly until his evil habit is transformed by good habits of calmness and peace, and his evil-saturated brain cells are cauterized by divine energy and charged into good-saturated brain cells.

Impregnate with Power

Brain cells saturated with evil thoughts are cauterized by the relaxed life force accumulating in the brain. A body-identified physical individual keeps his life force continuously identified with his muscles and senses, but a spiritual, meditative man keeps his muscles and body relaxed and his mind away from the senses so that the life force is relaxed from the sensory motor nerves and is accumulated in the brain. That is why meditation is the best way of changing the brain cells and uprooting habits from the mind.

Cauterize Brain Cells

A divine soul like Jesus has the power by will force to charge the brain with cosmic energy which cauterizes all the evils saturated in the mind. The woman who was forgiven of many sins through her faith, relaxed her mind from her senses and went within. When Jesus found that this sinful woman was willing to quit her identification with the senses and concentrate on the brain he stimulated the life energy gathered there with this cosmic energy and cauterized her brain cells, burning all the seeds and tendencies of sin saturated there.

So, ordinary spiritual teachers should not think it is easy to forgive the sins of their disciples. A spiritual teacher who can relax his mind from the senses and gather his energy in the brain and cauterize his brain cells through such repeated actions can show others how to do likewise. When he develops very far, by an act of will he can send the energy in the receptive and relaxed souls and heal their brain of evil habits.

Any individual, being made in the image of God, is potential divinity. But when a soul, made in the image of God, is identified with his body and sense pleasures it forgets its own divine nature. Therefore it acts against its own interest and it sins against itself. If a prince squanders all his money on his wicked, pleasure-mad friends, wining and dining them, then he sins against his own interest. Likewise, when a princely soul caters to the temporary pleasures of the body, it forgets to concentrate on the ever-lasting ever-new bliss hidden within it.

Freed by Love

God is love. Every soul, deluded or in a wicked state, is made in the image of the love of God. No matter how deeply an error-stricken soul is identified with its physical pleasures, when by meditation it greatly feels the love of God within itself, then it begins to rise above all its bad habits of being identified with sinful sense pleasures. This is what happened to this woman who loved much. The sinful woman felt the love of God greatly within herself and therefore her sins were forgiven. That is, with her own consciousness and with the help of Jesus Christ, her consciousness became free from the habits of sin or being identified with sense pleasures.

It must be strictly remembered again that only God and the great saints who understand and know the exact relation of mind, habits and the brain of individuals can change the nature of their brain cells and mind and thus can forgive them or free them from suffering the results of their own evil actions. If a person drinks virulent poison and then confesses about his sin of desiring to commit suicide to an ordinary priest, the later cannot forgive the poisoned individual from suffering the results of his sinful act against the body and thus avoid death.

If a priest cannot forgive individuals from the sins or results of bodily poisoning, how can he forgive them from the results of their mental, moral and spiritual sins? Some credulous sinners think that by confessing their sins to an ordinary priest

they receive divine amnesty and freedom from suffering the results of their evil deeds. Because by confession they receive a sort of mental consolation and because they cannot see the subtle operation of the law of karma (cause and effect) governing all actions, they think they are forgiven.

Cosmic and Human Law

The operation of cosmic law in regard to human actions is different from the operation of human law. A criminal, when detected and if properly convicted, is quickly punished by the human law, but if undetected, he is able to go free. The cosmic law does not consciously punish any individual. Every individual rewards or punishes himself inasmuch as he is in tune with the cosmic law or acts against it. If a man hits his knuckles against an iron wall he is hurt not only because of the desire of the iron wall to hurt him, but because he was foolish enough to strike the iron wall.

Man is born in the image of God and the cosmic laws of harmony govern his life. But when he uses his free will to act against the harmony of his own being he causes suffering unto himself. When he is in tune with the inner harmony in the soul he rewards himself with happiness. God never punishes individuals or rewards them. They punish or reward themselves, according to the results of their evil or good actions respectively.

When a man works evil there is no conscious force in the world ready to pounce upon him and destroy him. But the seeds of his evil actions remain lodge in the brain ready to attract more evil and germinate on the soil of a favorable evil experience. Evil actions leave evil tendencies. Evil tendencies grow into evil habits and evil habits result in evil actions. This is the way a sinner punishes himself. His own tendencies go on hounding him until he becomes desperate to do more and more evil without cessation.

“Eternal Damnation”

This cycle of evil is what is meant by eternal damnation. That is, a soul does evil over and over against his own desire. A person suffering from the results of bad habits feels so helpless that he fears he has to eternally go on through many incarnations reaping the results of evil actions. However, eternal damnation does not mean that a soul has to eternally suffer from the results of evil actions. It is only that a deep sinner helplessly goes on reaping the results of his actions so that he feels he is eternally condemned to be under the influence and in the tentacles of his evil habits. The inveterate smoker, the drunkard, the opium addict, the palate slave, the sex addict, the servants of anger, jealousy—all feel that they are eternally damned because they act evilly against their desire to be good.

However, there is no evil habit however strong that cannot be broken by good company, meditation and continuous effort to adopt the antidote of a good habit to

counteract the evil habit. Those that have evil habits forget that the habit was performed after a long period of time and several initiations of continuous evil actions. Likewise, when an evil habit is already formed it automatically takes away an individual's freedom to act as he pleases.

Evil persons have to act evilly in spite of their willingness to be good, but that does not mean they can never be good. Even if evil persons are very willing to be good, they should not expect that by one or two good actions they can be free from evil. If they continue for long to do good actions and stay away from evil company and evil thoughts which stimulate evil actions, they will certainly grow good habits which in time will crowd out evil habits.

A murderer, when detected, may be executed by human law but he may go free if he is undetected. But according to cosmic law a murderer stores up murder tendencies in his brain.

A murderer is not punished by being murdered by some other individual according to the vengeance of cosmic law, as many suppose. The divine law does not work according to the tit-for-tat policy. The divine law does not work according to the eye-for-an-eye, tooth-for-a-tooth policy. A murderer, instead, stores up murder tendencies within himself and from the very time he commits murder he begins to punish himself continuously through conscience, inner terror and for failure to act according to the law, "do unto others as you would they should do unto you."

Punishment by Conscience

A murderer knows that he would not want to be murdered and caused physical pain and the mental terrors of nonexistence. So, when he commits murder and goes scot-free, he is haunted with the thought of having acted against his conscience, committing a deed which he is unwilling to have happen to himself. This murder tendency remains within the murderer as a murder habit and the terror of being murdered himself. If the murderer does not free himself, by meditation and God-contact, or satisfy his conscience by giving himself up unto the law, then if he goes scot-free in one incarnation, in his next incarnation he will find that he is carrying within himself the bomb of a murder tendency. Under the influence of the fire of anger, his mental bomb of the murder tendency might explode into another sudden action of committing murder, wherein he, in turn, might be murdered by his opponent. It should be understood here that the cosmic law in this case does not murder the murderer through another individual, but the murderer, by his own evil actions, attracts murder unto himself.

And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. (Luke 7:48)

Jesus realized through the drawing or receptive power of the woman that Cosmic Energy went out of him and entered into the body of the sinful woman,

healing her sinful habit-saturated brain cells. In the above sentence, “Thy sins are forgiven,” Jesus emphasized that God’s energy passing through him had been the principal factor in the healing of the woman. Jesus emphasized the seed of healing of the divine power which is the first essential factor in the healing of an individual’s physical ailment.

Seed and Soil

In his next saying, “Thy faith hath saved thee,” Jesus emphasized the soil of conviction in the unlimited power of divine healing which is the second factor required in the healing of physical ailments by divine power. Just as a plant grows after the seed has been sown in the properly tilled soil, so the divine plant of healing sprouts forth when the proper seed of divine power of God is sown by a master on the soil of a devotee’s true faith.

And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace. (Luke 7:49-50)

Those that sat at meat with Jesus wondered who Jesus could be, that he could forgive the sins of an individual. No doubt the people wondered about the power of Jesus, for He was one with God and could do all wonders sanctioned by the Divine Will.

Sin-Paralyzed Will

“O woman, thy conviction in the unlimited power of divine healing charged your sin-paralyzed will with Divine Will, causing a release of energy lodged up in the brain and which, reinforced with the cosmic energy from me, has burned out the sinful habits lodged in your brain cells. Now, released from the automatic reaction and compulsion of evil habits and sense-slavery, you can be conscious of the revived peace of your soul.”

In this sentence, “Thy sins are forgiven,” is emphasized the divine power and the power of Jesus which roused the omnipresent divine will to send the healing cosmic energy to the brain cells of the sinful woman. And “Thy faith hath saved thee,” emphasizes the release of the latent healing life energy in the brain cells of the sinful woman due to the revival of her sin-paralyzed will in response to the divine will of Jesus and God.

What is Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost? Can an Evil Man be a Healer?

And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him. And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Suzanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. (Luke 8:1-3)

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts. (Matthew 12:22-25)

Jesus, having already attained God-consciousness, not theological degrees, and having converted his consciousness into the consciousness of God in order to avoid any selfish thought, went to cities and villages preaching about the ever-new joyous state which one can attain by meditation in the kingdom of God, that is, in the state of Cosmic Consciousness. Many women were healed who were possessed of evil spirits. Women who are emotional very easily attract disembodied "tramp" souls roaming in the ether trying to possess the bodies of absent-minded souls. Mary Magdalene was relieved of seven devils—that is, seven tramp souls who possessed her body at different times.

Accusations of Priests

There was one possessed with a devil and who was blind and dumb. Jesus healed him also. All the people were amazed and said, "Is this the son of David?" Or in other words, "Does Jesus belong to a human family?" When the Pharisees and the scribes came down from Jerusalem and heard about the wonderful healings performed by Jesus they accused him of casting out devils or evil-spirits by the help of Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.

As there are various kinds of angels in the astral world due to their different kinds of self-realization attained during their earth existence, so, in the after-death state in the astral world, there are various kinds of evil souls who departed from

this earth. There are petty evil spirits and powerful evil spirits among evil souls. But when souls attain their complete oneness with God they are all equal. There are no higher or lower liberated souls in God. All are equally omnipotent.

Jesus, in order to answer the accusation of the Pharisees, spoke in parables.

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand; and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. (Matthew 12:25-28)

How can Satan, the Cosmic Evil, cast out the satanic souls whom he controlled and who were carrying out his nefarious wishes in the cosmos? If the rulers in a kingdom are divided in their activities and ideals and act contradictory, they cannot carry on their rule. It is Satan who, working on the evil karmas of individuals, sends bacteria and messengers of disease to infect them. How could Jesus use the same satanic or Beelzebub force to destroy Satan-produced diseases? This view is untenable and unreasonable.

God Is the Source Only of Good

It is similarly untenable that God, the Source of all good and Who is nothing but good, could send, in any way—no matter what the offense—disease and suffering to human beings. Therefore, all evil is the creation of Satan and not God. Good health, reason, self-control, peace, desire to meditate, every thought of welfare for the body, mind and soul come from God. And every physical, mental or spiritual ailment which infects the body of man comes from Satan. Satan is trying to torture people by evil and God is trying to redeem people by good. The life of Jesus demonstrated that truth, for, when he was cursed and abused by evil people, he did not use his divine force to destroy them. Instead, he used his love and infinite divine compassion to say, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Jesus said that every city or house, whether it is good or evil, cannot exist if its members are divided in their aims. If there are some in the house who want to be evil and others who want to be good there are bound to be clashes and mental collisions. So Jesus said that if the Pharisees accused him of healing by Beelzebub they were wrong, for the evil force certainly does not want an individual to be free from the miseries perpetrated by evil spirits.

Similarly, if a good or bad group of people want to retain their individuality, they cannot act against their own aims. Jesus goes on to say, “If you accuse me of casting out devils by Beelzebub then the same thing must be true of other healers.

Those members belonging to your community who have healed others and cast devils must have done so by the same power as I have. Therefore, in accusing me of

casting out devils by Beelzebub you are also accusing the divine, child-like wise people of your community of having cast out devils by Beelzebub. When they hear this accusation they will certainly condemn you that you maintained that devils are cast out and sickness healed by the power of Beelzebub. But if I cast out evil, disembodied souls by awakening the invisible all-flowing spiritual presence of God, then those so healed will feel in their consciousness not only release from evil spirits but the presence of the Almighty Cosmic Consciousness.”

Great Law of Unity

Jesus’ saying that every city or house divided against itself can not stand is a great law which should govern all successful households, cities, religious organizations, nations and races of people. When there is division in the family or country there is trouble, disharmony and disintegration. Harmony should be the breath of life governing all religious organizations and countries.

Or else how can one enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you; All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. (Matthew 12:29-31)

Jesus said: “Or else how can I enter into the strong organization of Satan in the cosmos and destroy his evil works in nature and wicked influence in men unless I bind Satan by my wisdom? It is because I can consciously behold Satan and use my will against him that I able to cast out the evil spirits which possess souls. But I could not cast out Satan’s agencies by the power of Satan. Satan or Beelzebub, not being with me, is against me, and I could not use his power against himself. All souls that are not in harmony with me act against my laws and suffer. Every soul who does not know how to gather wisdom by contacting me in meditation scatters his concentration in the body and remains distracted, suffering from restlessness.

“He who has interiorized his consciousness by meditation gathers wisdom and bliss with the help of my Christ Consciousness within his soul. But he who is not identified with me within his consciousness scatters it in the flesh and sense pleasures and is full of disquiet and trouble. That is why I declare the truth unto you all that all kinds of errors, physical, mental and moral, belonging to those that are identified with their bodies will be forgiven and whatever other errors they do to work unknowingly against God shall be forgiven.

“But those souls who have consciously felt the holy cosmic vibration of Aum in meditation and deliberately ignore it or ridicule it as a physical sound, the effects resulting from their errors will not be forgiven.”

Blasphemy Against the Holy Ghost

When a soul contacts the holy vibration (as St. John heard this voice or sound like a trumpet) and feels the ever-new joy in it and then deliberately reverts to an inharmonious life, he has to suffer the consequences of his actions in the form of a corroding inner restlessness and state of mental destruction. No one can commit any blasphemy against the Holy Ghost who does not know it first as the cosmic sound heard in meditation. If, after listening to this cosmic sound, one deliberately leads an inharmonious life, he cannot be saved from reaping the result of his bad karma. A person ignoring the intuitional guidance of this cosmic sound in meditation has to work out his own karma of an inharmonious life and distracted mind.

All kinds of physical and mental errors can be dispelled or their fruition modified with the help of great souls but no one can remove the restlessness of a distracted devotee who blasphemes against this perception of cosmic vibration and bliss. By deliberate deeper acts of meditation he must remove his restlessness in order to regain his bliss consciousness and vibratory contact of God or Holy Ghost. It is clearly evident that all kinds of errors performed by individuals can be more or less destroyed by their own efforts and the blessings of great masters, but no master can give a soul the contact of Cosmic Vibration and joy of meditation unless he forsakes his restlessness by his own effort of will. This is what is meant by blasphemy against the Holy Ghost not being forgiven. Those that blasphemy against seeking the vibratory contact of God cannot be forgiven by anybody else but must make their own effort to regain the contact of Holy Spirit by deep meditation.

AND WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM: BUT WHOSOEVER SPEAKETH AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST, IT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN HIM, NEITHER IN THIS WORLD, NEITHER IN THE WORLD TO COME. (Matthew 12:32)

Jesus said: “And whosoever uses wrong language against any son of man or any individual with a body, including Me with My body, will find forgiveness from God and the masters if he seeks it and is repentant. But anyone who contacts the Cosmic Vibration and at the same time thinks or talks evil and vibrates evilly in contradiction to the good and harmonious vibration of the Holy Ghost or Cosmic Vibration or meditation suffers from restlessness in this world and in his next incarnation. If he keeps on doing it he would form the habit of mental restlessness so deep in the soul that he would feel that he was eternally condemned to be restless and to be denied the ever-new blessed contact of holy vibration in the soul.”

The Power of “Peace, Be Still”

Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? and they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him. (Luke 8:22-25)

Jesus, although apparently asleep, inwardly was one with God. The center of an individual’s consciousness is in the conscious mind during wakefulness, the subconscious mind during sleep, and in superconsciousness during deep meditation. When an individual is concentrated in the state of wakefulness, his subconsciousness and superconsciousness remain in the background. When he is asleep, his consciousness and superconsciousness remain in the background. But a master like Jesus, whose center of consciousness is Cosmic Consciousness, no matter whether his body is awake or asleep, is always awake in Spirit, able to watch his body sleeping, or working in the state of wakefulness, even as God watches all human beings equally whether they are asleep or awake. That is why Jesus had said, “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?” (Matthew 12:6)

Present in All Space

As God’s consciousness is omnipresent, He knows life and death, sleep and wakefulness, of all creatures present in Him, even as we know all our thoughts within our one mind. Even as a human being with his one life is conscious of the sensations of his body or of pain that may occur in any of the twenty-seven thousand billion cells of his body, so God’s consciousness, being consciously present in all space, knows everything that happens even in any one of the tiniest atoms among all the countless creations in the cosmos.

Jesus questioned his disciples’ faith because they did not realize that, even though he was asleep, his consciousness was one with the Father and was awake in the storm, in the boat, in the disciples and in everything. If the disciples had had faith in the omnipresent consciousness of Jesus, they would have known his inner

consciousness would protect them even though his body apparently slept.

So Jesus said: “Why are you afraid through ignorance, and have not faith in the all-protecting omnipresent power and consciousness within me?” With the sanction of the divine will to prove his omnipresent consciousness and power of God within Him, Jesus rose and commanded the forces of nature, winds and water, and addressed the sea:

“O ye boisterous sea and wind which are governed by cosmic forces and who are created and are active according to the will of the omnipresent God, the Father with whom I am One, I command you to change your vibration and be peaceful and quiet.”

“PEACE, BE STILL”

As soon as Jesus, with his omnipresent consciousness and the omnipresent will of God within him, vibrated peace, the God-guided forces of nature immediately followed his example. It seems to ordinary persons that the wind and ocean are working by blind forces without any plan. But it is evident that the harmony in nature, the routine of seasons and the mathematics of planetary order reveal an intelligent law and cosmic plan of God which governs them. The unthinking person ascribes the law and order in this world to chance and nature, but the divine man who consciously perceives God in everything knows that everything, all planetary and stellar systems, are governed by the will of God.

Hence, Jesus, being a master, not through imagination but by self-realization being one with Spirit, had God-like powers. Even as God controls the elements of nature, Jesus, being one with Him, could control the wind and the storm.

A Miracle of My Master Which I Witnessed

I had the blessing of witnessing the controlling of nature by my great Master, Swami Sriyuktswarji. Once in Puri during a very hot summer day, when there was not the slightest prospect of rain or clouds, I had to participate in one of my Master’s religious processions. So I went to him and remonstrated that it was almost impossible to lead the procession on the hot sands with bare feet in the city streets. The Master replied, “I will tell you a secret. Tell no one now. The Lord will send a cloud and drops of rain will cool the sand that you all may have the procession. So long as you will hold the procession God will keep the umbrella of clouds over your heads and sprinkle little drops of rain to keep your feet cool.”

To our group’s great astonishment, we noticed that as soon as we started with the religious procession the entire sky was filled with clouds as if by magic and very light rain fell, cooling off the sands in the city streets. As long as the religious procession of the Master paraded in the streets, the clouds and comforting rain continued, but as soon as the procession came back to the hermitage the sky burned with the oriental sun, the sands scorched with the extreme heat, and the

clouds and rain passed away as if they had not been. The Master remarked, “Did you see how God works for us? He works for all and responds to all, but few consciously realize when God consciously responds to their prayers. God is not partial to a few devotees but responds to all if they would have faith in Him. Human children ought to have implicit faith in the omnipresent power and kindness of their one Cosmic Father.”

How Jesus Healed– The Life Force Alone Which Heals

And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole: go in peace. (Luke 8:43-48)

Jesus, being conscious of his inner consciousness and of the astral world and the life force in all bodies, knew that this woman, by her will power, through her hands contacting the hem of his garment, had taken out some life force from his body into her body which like an x-ray had burned out the disease afflicting her. As a diseased person has to touch the electrodes in order to be benefitted by the current issuing from an electrical apparatus, so the woman desiring magnetic healing made a contact with the body of Jesus and reinforced her body with the subtle aura or astral current emanating from his body and surrounding it.

In every diseased human body medicine or mental healing only rouses the inert life force to effect the healing. A sick person can rouse his healing life force by his will power revived by the strong will of a healer, or the sick person may by faith draw the life force from a magnetic individual's body and thereby rouse and reinforce his own all-healing life force to effect the healing of a sickness. That is why Jesus said, "Some subtle faith has touched my astral emanation by an astral hand and has withdrawn virtue or life force from me for healing purposes."

When Jesus said, "VIRTUE IS GONE OUT OF ME," he emphasized the seed of healing power that went out of him. When he said, "THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE", he emphasized the soil of healing. Both are necessary for the growing of the plant of healing. In the healing of the woman, Jesus is teaching to healers they must be sure of two factors in divine healing—the faith of the person desiring to be healed and the ability of the divine healer who must know how to charge himself with divine healing power by daily deep God-contact in meditation.

A seed does not grow on a stone but on good ground, so the virtue or the seed of life force which went out of Jesus, being absorbed on the proper soil or faith of the woman, produced healing in her. It should be here noted that Jesus, in his own home country, with all his power, failed to heal the sickness of some people who were too material to be filled with the consciousness of God.

Three Kinds of Disease

In order to understand the divine law of healing as used by Jesus one should acquaint himself with the science of the healing of all diseases. A disease consists of an inharmonious condition producing pain or unhappiness immediately or remotely in a living creature. Human beings are affected with three kinds of diseases which affect the body, mind and soul. The body is affected by bacteria, accidents, wounds and organic troubles; the mind of man is affected by mental bacteria of fear, anger, greed, insatiable sensuality, selfishness, jealousy and morbid tendencies producing mental discomforts and agonies. The soul diseases are produced by ignorance and cosmic delusion by which a man forgets his perfect divine nature and concentrates on his imperfect human nature.

There are various ways of healing the above three kinds of diseases. The way to destroy delusion is to meditate deeper and deeper until one has ecstatic contact of the ever-new bliss God. Ignorance can be destroyed not only by meditation but by reading true scriptures with intuitional understanding and by association with God-contacting saints. Devotion, good actions of helping oneself and others to be free from physical, mental and soul suffering, introspective discrimination of religious truths, and moral living are the bludgeons that slay delusion. Churchgoing or good company only shows that a person is interested in spiritual things but unless he actually associates with those who contact God and who can teach the technique of God-contact one can never be liberated.

One should never become hidebound in a dogmatic teaching but should find out the greatest teaching which gives Self-realization and become loyally engrossed in it. To try several paths until one finds the best spiritual path is the only way, but having found the best path and being sure it is the best path, one should loyally keep traversing it until he reaches the highest God-consciousness. One should never be satisfied with dogmatic teaching or just the spiritual assurance of others. Unless one knows that he contacts God he must keep seeking Him until he contacts Him.

All psychological diseases can be destroyed by self-analysis, attentive introspection, and by association with mentally healthy people and by trying to live their example. Concentration and meditation destroy mental diseases and corroding bad mental habits. In meditation the mind becomes interiorized and withdraws the life force from the muscles and nerves and concentrates them in the brain cells where the evil mental habits are grooved. This concentrated life energy in meditation burns out the grooves of mental habits which are lodged in the brain.

The Needle of Attention

Attention is the needle that forms the grooves of mental good or bad habits. It is by deep attention to an evil experience or good experience that a bad or good habit is formed in the brain. These good or bad habits remain in the brain like good and bad records of human experience. As ordinary phonographic records can be played by a needle, so the good and bad records in the brain grooves can be played and brought forth by the needles of attention. That is, whenever attention is given to good or bad habits they manifest themselves in mental and muscular activity. Will power and auto-suggestion from others can also destroy mental bad habits. Will power can concentrate energy in the brain grooves with healing results. Auto-suggestion is useful when a man's will is paralyzed by the experience of continued mental disease; then he can reinforce his own will power by the suggestion of another strong will that he be healed. Auto-suggestion which is used in most forms of healing can revive the disease-paralyzed will and send energy into the brain effecting the removal of the destructive habit lodged in the brain cells.

Mental bad habits can be destroyed by associating with those that have good mental habits. The timid should associate with the brave, the sensual with those possessing self-control, the restless with those that have meditative habits. Exercise of will power and staying away from the bad company that feed the specific bad mental habit can destroy it. As good doctors can handle chronic diseases, good mental healers can help one by auto-suggestion or transmission of energy by will through the ether. Only Christlike souls can send divine energy by will power to invade the brain of the psychologically diseased individual and by the divine energy can burn out the bad mental habits in his brain.

The Cause of Disease

It must be remembered that spiritual ignorance is the real cause of mental and physical disease. If one removes ignorance from the soul by meditation and God-contact he has automatically removed mental and physical disease from his body. That is what Jesus meant when he said, "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD (destroy delusion) AND ALL ELSE (healing of the body, mind and soul) WILL BE ADDED UNTO YOU (will be given to you without your making special effort to achieve them)."

Psychological diseases give birth to physical diseases. In fact most physical diseases derive their roots in the mind through disease convictions. If for fifty years you have been enjoying health you think you can never be sick, but if you suddenly find yourself physically ill you think at first you will get well, but if your physical disease stays for six months you become convinced that you will never get well. It is a great psychological error to feel this way for you should use and constantly visualize the conviction of fifty years of healthful experience and health

consciousness to dislodge this six month's old conviction of disease.

All diseases can be treated in two ways—by physical methods and by mental methods. The physical method of treating disease consists of fasting or rejuvenating the Life Force. In fasting the will reverts to the Spirit and brings energy from it reinforcing the energy in the body which stimulates physical healing. Physical healing is also possible by use of chemicals and vitamins in fresh herbs which produce healing by eliminating poisons and destroying bacteria in the human blood. In fasting one should be guided by expert advice as to the method and length of time of the fast.

Use of Medicine and Food

As herbs cannot be had during all seasons extracts from them came into use. Medicines also have some healing power, just as poisons have power to destroy the body. Those who disbelieve in medicine and its effects on the human system should prove by using poison that it has no effect on their system. Any fanatical mental healer who says medicine has no effect ought to drink poison and prove its ineffectiveness on his own system. Strong iodine heals wounds but when taken internally in sufficient quantity may kill a person. Such healers should abandon food as well as medicine, for whoever eats food uses the medicinal or health-giving properties of the food.

But while I speak of the power of medicine derived from God, I must say that medicine has not that power of healing possessed by the mind if one knows how to use that power. Those who constantly live by medicine weaken their minds and they have to live by medicine, just as some people I have known cannot live without periodic operations.

Ultra-Violet Rays

Better than medical healing is the healing by the ultra-violet rays in the sun or ultra-violet lamps and the knowledge of their proper use. As ocean bathing is healing, so sun bathing is extremely important, effecting all kinds of healings. Healing by rays is very useful, as the rays can change the atomic disorder of cells in chronic diseases. Spinal adjustments and massages are effective and sometimes better than the treatment by ordinary rays, for the adjustment of the spine releases obstructed Life Force which can bring about a quicker and surer healing of physical diseases than anything else. Treatment of cases of pneumonia have been treated very efficiently by good osteopaths and chiropractors.

Yoga exercises also help adjustment of spinal vertebrae which releases the pressure on the spinal nerves and brings about the normal flow of Life Force in the nervous system which also brings about healing of many diseases. Praecepta methods of exercise directly awaken the all-healing Life Force and teach one the quickest methods of healing disease.

The above are the different methods of healing by physical methods which more or less stimulate the Life Force and effect the healing. Operations in certain cases are necessary but should be avoided as much as possible. Operations may remove diseased tissue and prevent it from affecting healthy tissue. But people should depend more on the all-healing power of the mind, and not on artificial means such as operations.

The Mental Healer

Healing of physical diseases is made possible by stimulating the will, imagination, emotion, or reason in the physically ailing patient. The mental healer must be a student of deep psychology so that he can detect the nature of the patient, and must be a person of great concentration who can exercise his own will, imagination, emotion or reason on his patients. The advanced mental healer must treat patients according to their nature, stimulating will in the strong-willed patients, stimulating imagination in imaginative ones and so forth.

A true story is told, that during a fire when everybody shouted "fire" a dumb man living in the home shouted "fire, fire" with the rest of the people and received back the lost power of speech through the shock and excitement.

However it should be remembered that will, emotion and reason have no healing power of themselves. They only stimulate the partially inactive Life Force in the physically sick individual which burns the disease-making bacteria. Most mental healers use auto-suggestion and reason to stimulate the imagination and will in their patients. As mentioned before, the will and imagination of the healer stimulates the will and imagination of the patient. The roused will and imagination in the patient in turn awakens his partially inactive Life Force which in turn burns the disease-making bacteria and brings about healing.

Absent Healing

Absent healing is based on auto-suggestion. Auto-suggestion is based on rousing the latent imagination to release the healing Life Force in the patient. Instantaneous mental healings are caused when the healer and the person to be healed are perfectly tuned to each other. If the healer has a strong will and imagination and the person to be healed has faith in the healer's ability to awaken his will or imagination then the patient will be healed through his own awakened Life Force. The time element in healing arises when either the healer is deficient in his healing power or the person to be healed is not properly receptive to the healer's healing vibrations.

Jesus and great savants healed by sending cosmic energy into the brain of the diseased patient. The divine energy sent by a Master unites with the partially inactive brain energy of the patient and their combination burns away disease bacteria or diseased habits or habits of ignorance lodged in the brain almost

instantaneously. The last mentioned divine way was the method that Jesus the Christ used to heal possessed souls or the lame or the blind. Only Masters, if they have divine permission, can by divine will force use the cosmic energy to materialize into new body parts in the affected individual. Therefore, when Jesus healed, he felt “virtue is gone out of me.” That is, the conscious cosmic energy which he always felt within himself went out of him to effect the healing.

Also, whenever Jesus said, “Thy faith hath made thee whole,” he emphasized that no matter how great the seed of healing power a healer possessed, he has to have the necessary soil of faith of the patient in order to produce the desired healing. “Thy faith hath made thee whole”, signifies, “Thy mental receptivity in my healing power has made it possible to produce the desired healing.” Doubt is the static which disturbs the reception of the vibration of healing from a great healer. A diseased individual must tune his soul, radio-like, with faith and proper mental attitude in order to receive the broadcastings of absent or direct healing vibrations from the healer.

Different Types of Healing

Lastly it must be remembered that all methods of mental or physical healing should be administered to people according to their mental inclinations and mental habits. Jesus said, “PAY UNTO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR,”—that is, those that believe in medical healing, let them go to the medical healers, and those that believe in healing by the methods of osteopath and chiropractor, let them use such methods, and those that believe in healing by rays, let them go to those who practice healing by electricity and so forth, and those that believe in mental healers, let them go to the mental healers, and those that believe in the unlimited power of healing of the Masters and God, let them go to the Masters and God.

All healers have limited power of healing. Only God has unlimited power of healing. So, if one by deep devotion and meditation constantly tunes himself with God and with unflinching faith goes on asking the Father’s help in spite of the invasion of undesirable doubts, he will certainly find the desired result. But often those that are not in tune with God can find quicker healing by being in tune with those souls and Masters who are already in tune with God. As devotees and Masters give all their devotion to God, so also God in turn gives unlimited power to His true devotees and Masters for healing of body, mind, and soul.

The Masters specially emphasize the healing of the soul from all ignorance. Devotees who want to be healed of ignorance should continuously and uninterruptedly believe in their gurus or true God-sent spirited preceptors.

God Sends The Guru

During the period of philosophical curiosity God sends the seeking individual ordinary teachers or brings about the study of some soul-awakening spiritual books.

But when an individual is soul-bent to know God, He sends an enlightened soul or guru to teach the seeking devotee. Then God Himself uses the intelligence, Self-realization and teachings of the enlightened soul or guru to teach the seeking devotee. The seeking devotee must always be loyal to such a guru the God-sent messenger, throughout life and through incarnations, if necessary, until he finds redemption.

A person who learns from an ordinary teacher is called a student and a person who learns from a guru is called a disciple (chela). A disciple who faithfully learns and lives in life the teachings of a God-sent guru-preceptor will attract the same guru throughout incarnations, if necessary, until liberation is attained. That is how Jesus attracted to himself the guru of his former incarnation, Elijah or Elias, in the form of the reincarnated John the Baptist.

It should be emphasized again that one should never ignore any mode of healing which more or less operates according to divine law. But one must distinctly remember it is better to use mental power than physical methods of healing and it is best by faith and meditation to call into operation the unfailing, unlimited divine healing power for healing not only the body and mind but the soul. Great gurus, by their will power, can transmit cosmic energy into the brain of the disciples, burning out habits of ignorance of many incarnations which hound the devotee. Again it must be remembered, seek ye the method of healing soul ignorance first, and the healing of the body, mind and inner being will be automatically added unto you without any specific effort.

Jesus' Methods of Healing

When Jesus healed the man who was possessed he did it by two ways. First, his consciousness being in tune with the Christ intelligence in all creation, he used the Christ will which governed all astral forces and entities, to compel the unclean spirit to leave the brain of the possessed individual. Second, he used his will power to send the cosmic energy in the brain of the possessed individual and destroy there the habits of being possessed by the unclean spirit.

Now by the revelation of the science of various forms of healing we know how Jesus Christ worked his method of healing. Jesus used only the divine power of healing and he gave all the credit of his healings to God, as Jesus within himself did not feel the "I am" or ego-consciousness, which is born of the identification of the soul with the physical body. Even when Jesus said, "I SAY UNTO YOU, ARISE," or become healed, he meant not the ego or "I am" consciousness within him but the unlimited God-consciousness in which his soul had become united. Unless the soul forgets "I am" or ego-consciousness born of the body, by intuitional meditation and interiorization of consciousness, it cannot be one with the Spirit.

When Jesus said, "I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE", he did not mean by the "I" the consciousness in connection with the body, but he meant the consciousness of his mind which was born in connection with his soul, the true and perfect image of

Spirit. Every devotee has to forget his physical ego-consciousness and concentrate on his soul before he can be united to the Spirit. So Jesus meant, "I (all who by meditation have attained their soul consciousness) and my Father (and the Cosmic Consciousness as I have felt through my soul consciousness) are one (are inseparable)." When an ordinary person says, "I will do this" he refers to his "I am" or ego-consciousness born of the identification with the body. The ordinary person knows that he is body and hardly feels his soul but when Jesus referred to the "I" within him he always meant the soul-consciousness united with the God-consciousness which he felt within himself.

Needs of Sinners

And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, THEY THAT BE WHOLE NEED NOT A PHYSICIAN, BUT THEY THAT ARE SICK. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE: FOR I AM NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE. (Matthew 9:10-13)

"Those that are physically well do not need a doctor, but the sick in body need the aid of a doctor. The same holds true in spiritual things. I love to dine with the sinners and publicans because they, being mentally, morally and spiritually sick, need divine healing through the godly life manifesting through me."

Jesus meant that only highly evolved souls like himself could cure the soul-sickness of others. That is why he associated with sinners and publicans and not only with religious or intellectual people. There is a tendency in many churches to attract nicely-dressed, rich people. One often hears in churches remarks like this: "We had a well-dressed, nice-looking crowd this morning." The real divine minister should teach spiritually advanced people more advancement and spiritually sick people the art of spiritual healing. Jesus associated with his disciples to make them more advanced and kept company with sinners so that he could heal their soul-sickness.

Jesus goes on to say, "But go and learn what it means to attend to spiritually sick people and not to cater to spiritually healthy people. I will have compassion and mercy by which I will try to heal spiritually sick people from their soul maladies and I will not let them be sacrificed on the altar of their destiny or karma. I will use mercy and compassion to save them and not forsake them. I am here not to call only those that already are redeemed but specially all kinds of sinners from all walks of life who in their worldly wisdom and ignorant conceptions of life remain identified with the body and suffer from agonies and worries, not seeing their mistakes and thus not repenting that they might enjoy the everlasting bliss contact

of God in meditation.”

How Jesus Raised the Dead– How to Retain Consciousness in the After-death State

And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: for he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. (Luke 8:41-42)

There cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. but when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, WEEP NOT; SHE IS NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPETH. (Luke 8:49-52)

Jesus said: "Do not fill your soul with the fear of hopelessness, but believe in the all-powerful divine will within me, and your daughter shall come back to life."

Due to the serious condition of the maiden, Jesus did not want his mind to be disturbed by the presence of inharmonious people, so he asked only his advanced disciples, Peter, James and John, to follow him. To those weeping and wailing, he said, "Why are you making such a fuss and weeping? Although your physical eyes behold the maid as dead, still I can see she is only sleeping in God and can be brought back alive through His will."

And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done. (Luke 8:53-56)

Jesus freed himself from all vibrations of doubt by sending all the doubting Thomases away from his environment. Then Jesus, with his body and right hand filled with dynamic cosmic energy, took the dead damsel by the hand and vibrated his life-giving power within her, saying, "Damsel, by the God-consciousness and cosmic vibration which are equally present within me and your dead body, I vibrate

and will with my cosmic will that you be conscious of this life-giving cosmic energy and forsake your deathly sleep and wake up.”

Raising the Dead

Jesus, being aware of the Christ intelligence which governs all astral forces and disembodied souls, commanded by his universal will the disembodied soul of the damsel to re-enter her body which was already charged by life force sent by Jesus through cosmic energy. The twelve-year-old damsel was instantly healed and arose, to her parent’s astonishment. Jesus, realizing the secrecy and seriousness of divine healing of the dead, asked those present not to discuss the matter with others.

He asked that the girl be given something to eat. Saints, after ecstasy, always like to drink water in order to revive the consciousness of the body. So Jesus wanted the girl to eat so that she could remember and feel her body again after her soul’s return into the body from the astral world.

Awakening the physically dead and awakening the spiritually dead by giving God-consciousness are considered two of the greatest forms of healing performed by the great Master. Greater than healing the physically dead is the changing of a soul who is materially-minded into a God-minded soul. Great Masters can transmit God-consciousness into advanced disciples by a special technique of will and divine permission.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. (Matthew 9:27-31)

The cosmic energy sent by Jesus into the eyes of the blind men, being an intelligent and all-powerful and all-creative force, rearranged the life-trons, electrons and protons which had been deranged in the diseased eyes of the blind men, and brought about the required healing.

After they had received the healing Jesus said, “Be careful that no materially-minded men hear about your healing, for such men, no matter what spiritual demonstrations they behold, love to disbelieve in the Almighty Power of God.”

Possession

As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the

multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils. (Matthew 9:32-34)

There is nothing mysterious about devils or disembodied souls except that people have not studied their characteristics. Many scientific secrets which formerly lay hidden in nature are now commonplace matters. So, some day when people will be more spiritually advanced they will understand all about the mysteries of life and death and the souls that have gone into the unknown.

When the devotee, by constant practice of meditation, can transfer his will and attention from the conscious to the subconscious, and when he can go deeper and send his concentration consciously beyond the portals of the subconscious, and from superconsciousness felt within his body can project his consciousness on the light of Christ intelligence hidden beyond the state of wakefulness, dreams, subconsciousness and superconsciousness, he can then behold a vast inner universe of luminous vibratory planets and vibratory spheres peopled with various qualities of disembodied souls possessing various earthly karmas.

Astral Nightmares

As a man may sleep one or two hours or three hours or twelve hours or may have sleeping sickness, so many souls after death remain in the state of unconscious sleep for a little while or a long time, according to their karmas in earthly life. As restless and excitable souls often experience nightmares during sleep so also those souls that led a confused and wicked life in their earthly existence, find themselves, after death, suffering from astral nightmares.

Souls with good karma alone are able to be awake in the astral land after their sleep of death. Most souls, after sleeping this sleep of unconscious death, wake up in the womb of a child-bearing mother. Sometimes good souls who have practiced many virtues are transferred to enjoy the results of their good karmas in astral planets where most of the limitations of earth life are non-existent. Only souls that by meditation can control their hearts and remain engrossed in the constant ecstasy with God-consciousness during their lifetime can retain their consciousness during the time of death and also in the astral world.

It is easy to understand that a soul who, like St. Paul, by the bliss and contact of Christ Consciousness, could arise above the body and daily experience the state of death when the soul goes out of the body and contacts Christ Consciousness, would be able to retain his consciousness after death. In other words, he who practices retaining his consciousness by daily meditation will certainly retain his consciousness when death comes upon him and in the after death state.

The testimony of the devotee who can retain his consciousness in the after-death state declares the mystery of the astral experience. As the worms live in the earth, fish live in the water, men live on earth, birds live in the air and angels live in

the fine airless vibratory regions, so also there are various atmospheres and vibratory regions in the astral universe where different kinds of souls, according to their merits and demerits of their pre-astral existence in earth life, occupy the different vibratory spheres.

“Astralocuted”

Just as fish cannot live in the air for long, so tramp souls must remain in gross vibratory astral planets, whereas the finer souls live in the finely vibrating subtly luminous planets. If tramp souls dared to approach the luminous planets they would find themselves shocked or electrocuted or “astralocuted”, that is, destroyed by high voltage of astral energy. The tramp souls of the astral world who live in dark regions may, by affinity and agony of their desire to be reborn, get hold of weak-minded earthly souls riddled with bad karma. Then these souls are spoken of as possessed of devils.

Likewise, great souls can be possessed by divine saints. Just as a President of the United States cannot accept invitation anywhere unless the proper invitation is given to him, so also divine saints do not appear except when they are invited by their advanced devotees. Advanced devotees, by the urge of their devotion, with closed eyes can see or talk to saints in vision. When they develop further they can see saints with open eyes, talk to them or touch them, even as the advanced disciples of Jesus were able by their devotion to see Jesus the Christ after his resurrection in flesh and also were able to touch him.

So the idea of devils possessing souls must not be discarded as superstition. While one meditates on God one must be absolutely convinced that his body is charged with a high voltage of cosmic energy emanating from the thought of God and thus he is protected from the invasion of tramp souls in the astral world.

The tramp souls who try to possess the bodies of divine souls become astralocuted or shocked and are driven back to the dark spheres of the astral world. Anyone with God-consciousness should therefore never be afraid of the possibility of being possessed by evil spirits.

What Should Modern Churches Offer Their Members?– The Vital Need to Replace Sermons with Bliss of God-Contact

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. (Matthew 9:35-36)

It was wonderful how Jesus with his great divine power went about through the busy cities and villages teaching in their synagogues God's vibratory truth or gospel coming through himself. He took compassion on the multitude who had no spiritual leader.

Then saith he unto his disciples, THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST. (Matthew 9:37-38)

“The harvest of cosmic consciousness is plenteous and endless, but there are very few devotees who will labor to sow the seeds of meditation in order to reap its harvest. Pray therefore that God the giver of cosmic consciousness may bless you to become true laboring devotees and through His grace and your spiritual efforts you may attain the harvest of that cosmic consciousness.”

Abundant Harvest

The harvest of God-realization is abundant as it offers eternal wisdom, eternal ever-new bliss, eternal consciousness and immortality. But there are very few human beings who will live a life of discipline and continuous meditation so that they may reap the eternal harvest of God-contact in the short season of life. God-realization comes to the devotee not only due to his efforts of self-realization but also because of his divine compassion. The devotee who with pride by reason of his spiritual realizations demands of God to surrender Himself finds many difficulties

in reaching his ultimate spiritual goal even though he attains miraculous powers.

Neither does a devotee receive divine mercy if he only blindly believes in God and deliberately breaks all spiritual laws as laid down by God's true children, the prophets. That is why God is the Lord who grants the final harvests of all spirituality grown by the devotees on the soil of their meditative life.

Each devotee should regularly practice all the step-by-step methods of higher realization and at the same time with deepest devotion pray unto his own Father-God to grant him final liberation. Pray unto God who can grant salvation to give His blessing that you may become divine laborers tilling the soil of your consciousness with meditation and sowing in it the seeds of wisdom and self-realization, that in the end you may reap the richest harvest of all-sorrow-liberating God-contact. God can be attained not by proxy, blind beliefs nor sudden unmerited divine visitation nor by dying, but by spiritual labor of scientific meditation and divine grace.

Transfer of Spiritual Power

And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. (Matthew 10:1)

As wealthy people can transfer their funds during their lifetime or after they are gone to anyone they choose, so also great prophets of self-realization can by certain techniques transfer their spiritual ecstasies, God-wisdom and healing power unto their true disciples at any time. That is how Jesus called his twelve disciples and transmitted into them spiritual powers and divine authority over disembodied souls to cast them out when they sinfully blasphemed by possessing human beings. Jesus also instilled in his disciples the power to heal all kinds of diseases.

Free Will of Judas

At this point it must be remembered that Jesus also gave his divine power to Judas but Judas used his free will to ignore his spirituality and stoop to evil ways. Even though Jesus gave to his disciples an equal measure of divine power, the disciples according to their various degrees of spirituality and good and bad karma received and manifested his teachings differently. Disciples like St. John were completely liberated during the lifetime of Jesus but Judas had to work out his evil karma of his betrayal of Jesus through many incarnations.

Certain great Masters in India state that Judas has been working out his sins for twenty centuries and was liberated only in the present time, the Twentieth Century. The bad karma of Judas was very great because he sinned and blasphemed against Jesus who contacted the holy vibration or the Holy Ghost and God the Father (cosmic consciousness) within him.

Jesus did not send out his disciples with theological degrees but equipped them

with power born of God-contact to preach the gospel or God-vibration as felt in meditation through the example of their spiritual lives.

How Modern Churches Should Be Organized

The Christian churches have done much good in keeping alive the thought of Jesus but they have failed to give God-contact to their church members. This is due to the fact that ministers and leaders who guide church members are chosen according to their physical personality, oratorical power, organizing ability or theological degrees, and not according to the quality of their self-realization. Jesus and his disciples did not have any theological degrees or college education, nor did they take lessons in elocution, but they preached what they knew from direct God-contact. Jesus said, "WE SPEAK THAT WE DO KNOW, AND TESTIFY THAT WE HAVE SEEN." (John 3:11).

The leaders of modern Christian churches, in order to be loyal to Christ and God, must change their methods of holding people by hackneyed repetition and revamping of the same sermon every Sunday, by social gatherings, movies, bazaars and dances, and must try to keep the people together in the church, if they want to keep together, by the spontaneous loyalty born of their self-realization garnered in the school of discipline and meditation taught by the church.

The Sunday morning service must not consist of various motions of the body and mind required in chanting and singing, standing up and sitting down, prayer, church recital, and so forth. It should consist mostly of meditation, cessation of bodily motions, absence of mental restlessness and presence of God-contact. Where bodily motions cease and mental thoughts dissolve God begins to appear as stillness and divine bliss on the altar of peace and changelessness.

Feeding Sermons

That is why Jesus complained that most people were satisfied to join the services in the synagogue but there were few laborers who deserved to reap the harvest of eternal abundant spirituality. As most modern churches are satisfied to create the big costly church organizations to feed sermons to the not-spiritually-hungry church members once a week on Sunday mornings, so the church paraphernalia has become a top-heavy, scantily useful organization.

All spiritual teachers, instead of first concentrating on the building of big churches with heavy mortgages, should establish the temples of self-realization in the soul of their followers. Besides, all ministers and leaders of spiritual teachings should teach only after they have attained some degree of God-contact by deep regular meditation. Ministers of churches should be selected according to their devotion to God and self-realization through meditation. As in the West the churches have become places of Sunday sermons, similarly the big Hindu temples in India have become places of occasional chanting and ceremonial worship.

God-Communion

Big temples at first were occupied by great teachers but after their passing people with ambition for power and money seized the temples and desecrated them with their unspiritual methods. Now the great teachers, usually due to the monopoly of the priests, have left the temples and live in sequestered nooks and temples where they preach self-realization to selected students not by preaching all the time but by meditating with them on God-contact. Sermons only create the desire to know God, but meditation with great saints gives one the knowledge and bliss emanating from God-communion.

God-Contacting Ministers Are Real Need of Churches

What is necessary now is not new denominations but the real teaching of Christ and the living of the teachings of Christ, improving the quality of church members by meditation and the selection of God-known, God-contacting ministers. All churchianity can be abolished and real Christianity be brought back in the church if the churches are made places for daily meditation including Sundays. The atmosphere of meditation will change churches from nests of delusive, diving churchianity into the heaven of Christ consciousness or Christ-ianity. That is why Jesus endowed the disciples with divine power so that they in turn could instill that power in the people and heal them from ignorance. Jesus also taught them the art of developing dynamic will power and healing by which they could heal the afflicted bodies of people who wanted to be spiritual but could not be so due to their physical defects.

“Be Ye Wise as Serpents,
and Harmless as Doves”–
Jesus Spoke of the Serpent
or Kundalini Spinal Power,
and Third or Spiritual Eye,
Symbolized by a Dove

And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. **AND WHEN YE COME INTO AN HOUSE, SALUTE IT. AND IF THE HOUSE BE WORTHY, LET YOUR PEACE BE UPON IT: BUT IF IT BE NOT WORTHY, LET YOUR PEACE RETURN TO YOU. AND WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT RECEIVE YOU, NOR HEAR YOUR WORDS, WHEN YE DEPART OUT OF THAT HOUSE OR CITY, SHAKE OFF THE DUST OF YOUR FEET.** Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. (Matthew 10:11-15)

“And into whatever city or town you go, find out who are spiritual and worthy to receive your message of salvation; there abide with such people, accepting their hospitality as your spiritual wage, until you have taught them enough and are ready to go elsewhere to help others. On visiting another family salute it humbly as the manifestation of God. If the family is spiritually deserving then make it feel your soul’s peace. But if you find that family unspiritual and unappreciative of your gift of peace then withdraw it to your own soul. And whosoever will not receive your message of divine liberty, nor listen to your words of wisdom, then depart you from that house or city–shake off the dust of their evil vibrations. This will be a proof of their evil natures before their own conscience. Verily I say unto you that the law of karma will punish that city or home who refused your soul-liberating message even more than Sodom and Gomorrha suffered due to the effects of their own misdeeds.”

Transferring God-Consciousness

It has been explained before that great teachers can transfer their God-consciousness and peace to worthy disciples just as rich man can transfer his wealth

to anyone. The disciples of Jesus having the power to transmit peace to God-seeking people were advised in the following way: “O ye beloved disciples, transmit peace into worthy souls in spiritual homes and places, but if you go to a place and find the people spiritually unworthy, retain your peace within you and leave. Even though I ask you to live by the charity of the people in a house, in no way forget to retain the consciousness that you are spiritual lions, divine children made in the image of God. That is why if any house that will not appreciate your exemplary spiritual lives or profit by the words of your wisdom, then go away from that place, not in anger, but firmly declaring the folly of the ignorant people who could have had salvation through you but failed to receive it due to their extreme unfriendliness and unreceptivity. The actions of those that treat you with unfriendliness will be recorded by the Cosmic Law and thus attract evil karma. Verily I say unto you that the judgment of the Cosmic Law against the ignorant evil-doers of Sodom and Gomorrha would be less severe than the judgment of that Law against those spiritual offenders who blaspheme against God by not recognizing you who are the highest representatives of Christ-intelligence and God.”

BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS SHEEP IN THE MIDST OF WOLVES: BE YE THEREFORE WISE AS SERPENTS, AND HARMLESS AS DOVES. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. (Matthew 10:16-18)

“Behold, wherever you go, my consciousness must be manifest in you and you must consider yourselves always humble, inoffensive, unvengeful, like a meek lamb, even when you are surrounded by ruthless, conscienceless people like ravenous wolves. In order to deal with satanic, wolfish people and sense-temptations, you must always abide within your great wisdom and calmness born of the divine realization which you received by awakening your serpent-force or coiled divine energy and in the peace which you have acquired by concentrating in your peace-producing, dove-like, three-colored spiritual eye.”

Inner Meaning of Serpent

What Jesus meant when he spoke of being wise as serpents and harmless as doves is not generally understood. Ordinary serpents have no wisdom, are quick to anger, and are stupid enough to bite people and get killed. Doves are not harmless, for they kill and eat insects. Even though the dove might be used as a symbol of peace for its peaceful looks, the serpent certainly does not look wise or inspiring. Jesus used these words in a symbolic, esoteric sense, since he was talking to his advanced disciples.

The Oriental Scriptures have used the simile of a serpent to illustrate the coiled

force or the force that passes through a coiled passage at the base of the spine. The astral force which passes through the coiled serpentine passage at the coccyx from the senses to the brain with the help of some high technique of Self-realization, is termed the awakened Kundalini or awakened coiled force.

Kundalini Force Cannot Be Accidently Awakened

Many people think that this Kundalini force can be easily awakened or roused by accident. They are the ones who mistakenly speak of the Kundalini awakening or divine awakening as being dangerous. In the state of sleep the energy and consciousness in the human body retire from the muscles and sensory nerves and senses to the region of the heart, spine, and brain. In deep ecstasy the devotee knows how to consciously withdraw life force from the coccyx and heart and to race it through the coiled passage at the base of the spine and through the spinal plexuses and brain, upwardly reversing their direction, toward God.

In the ordinary body-identified individual the life force and consciousness continuously flow downward through the coiled passage at the base of the spine, so that he is conscious only of the body and its sense pleasures.

Any great saint of any religion who has attained God-consciousness knows how to withdraw his consciousness and life force from the sense regions and the spinal cord passage and the plexuses in the spine to God-consciousness in the brain and the eternal space surrounding the body.

Moses Lifted Up the Serpent in the Wilderness

Moses is spoken of as lifting up the serpent in the wilderness—that is, by deep meditation, he lifted his consciousness and life force through the coiled passages at the base of the spine to unite them with God-consciousness in the brain, in the wilderness or deep silence born of meditation.

Awakening the Kundalini force is extremely difficult and cannot be done accidentally. One who is able to awaken the Kundalini fast approaches the state of Christhood. Many ignorant teachers think awakening the Kundalini force is identical with awakening sex-consciousness, an extremely ridiculous and erroneous conception. Jesus knew that most of his disciple had awakened their consciousness by rousing the Kundalini or coiled serpentlike force and therefore he asked his advanced disciples to retain their deep wisdom and calmness which they had acquired by the Kundalini awakening, whenever they were confronted with persecution.

Warned Against Revenge

Anyone who has awakened this coiled force, that is, has taken his consciousness through the coiled passage at the coccyx to the brain, has acquired miraculous

power and by the powerful awakened energy in his brain and will power, can destroy his enemies or conquer all temptations. That is why Jesus warned his disciples not to use divine power to wreak revenge on enemies, but to use the celestial power of love to conquer them. Jesus elsewhere demonstrated this conviction when his enemies arrested him to bring him before Caiaphas, and Jesus would not use his spiritual powers against them, though he plainly said: "THINKEST THOU THAT I CANNOT NOW PRAY TO MY FATHER, AND HE SHALL PRESENTLY GIVE ME MORE THAN TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS?" (Matthew 26-53)

Jesus later, when crucified and suffering on the cross, performed the greatest spiritual miracle of his life by saying: "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." (Luke 23:34)

Demonstrates Love Silently

No matter how much a person is evil or acts against divine laws, God never uses His miraculous powers to destroy him. The evil person destroys himself by his own sins. God is love and He demonstrates love by silence; by silently loving the wrongdoer, He calls him back to the Divine Home. God with all His Almighty Power never uses physical force to conquer evil. He uses love and wisdom to defeat evil in the world. All those Christ-like souls who love Him know that they should never use divine power to destroy God's erroneous children, but should use His love to win them.

To use divine power for evil purposes is blasphemy and conducive to great spiritual downfall. That is why Jesus asked his disciples to use the most harmless and strongest peace-force by awakening the spiritual eye by meditation to conquer all other so-called strong forces of evil.

When anybody concentrates at the point between the eye-brows with eyes closed, he sees a light which has a white star in the middle, encased within a sphere of blue light which is encircled by a golden ring of light.

When the light switch in an automobile is turned on, it sends light through one wire into two wires which illumines two headlights of the automobile. Similarly, the medulla oblongata sends life force through two optical nerves into the two physical eyes.

The Single Spiritual Eye

Jesus said, "IF THEREFORE THINE EYE BE SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT." He meant that any devotee who knows how to focus his inward gaze at the point between the eyebrows finds that the light traveling through the two eyes and optic nerves becomes centralized into a single visible spiritual eye at the point between the eyebrows.

By higher meditation the devotees knows how to penetrate his consciousness

and life force through the telescopic spiritual eye of three colors into eternal space. Any devotee who can focus his eyes and is able to behold this spiritual eye and is able to enter it finds his physical body and his body of the universe filled with cosmic light and the light of wisdom.

The Christmas Shepherds Followed A Spiritual Star

When the shepherds saw a star intimating to them the birth of Christ, they beheld through their spiritual eye the star of wisdom where Christ Consciousness was manifested in the body of Jesus.

Every devotee must know how to take his wisdom through the Star of the East or the rising star of wisdom which he beholds in front of him in meditation, to the Christ Consciousness lying behind it.

Those spiritual teachers who have gone beyond their human consciousness into Christ Consciousness by penetrating through the spiritual eye have tremendous powers and can perform many divine miracles. So Jesus warned his disciples, who had found infinite peace by penetrating their consciousness through the spiritual eye or the dove of light, that they should not misuse their spiritual powers when they were confronted by the wickedness of mistaken children of God.

The Three Colors Of The Spiritual Eye Compared to a Dove

The spiritual eye has been compared to a dove because of its three colors—the mouth of the dove is compared to the white star in the middle of the spiritual eye, and the two other colors—blue and gold—in the spiritual eye have been compared to the two wings of the dove.

All Christlike souls aspiring to attain the kingdom of God must behave divinely and conquer evil only by soul force even as God does. Evil cannot be conquered by the evil use of divine power.

It would be easy for devotees who have acquired miraculous power to try to conquer their enemies by the evil use of divine force. So Jesus warns his disciples of the danger of losing hard-acquired divine force, if one uses it to wreak vengeance against his own divine brethren working under the influence of the intoxication of delusion.

Evil Cannot Conquer Evil

Now we understand what Jesus meant when he commanded his disciples: “Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.”

Jesus further prophesied as to persecutions his disciples would meet at the hands of uncomprehending men. That is why Jesus said: “My children, beware of materially-minded men who will deliver you up the judges and get you whipped in the synagogues for preaching the gospel of divine freedom. Ye shall be taken to task

before governors and kings for living my truth and preaching it. The Gentiles and the political forces who oppose you for living the truth and preaching my message will be condemned before the tribunal of Cosmic Law. Their evil treatment will remain as testimonials which will act against them during the judgment delivered by Cosmic Law.”

Beholding Our Cosmic Body

An ordinary man, consciously identified with his own body, uses his eyes and feeling to see himself limited by his body, family, society, country, world, and a certain portion of space. But when he meditates and penetrates his consciousness through his spiritual eye, he beholds himself in all space, and all living creatures as different forms of his own self. In that state, with his body and mind as the central states of consciousness, he beholds all living beings as the limbs of his vast cosmic body. Such a devotee who has awakened his serpent force has taken away the searchlight of his consciousness from a limited part of matter and sensations in one body and has expanded his consciousness to light up all space and has an actual perception of the sensations of all living beings.

Such a devotee by awakening his serpent force, or reversing the searchlight of his senses through his body to God, becomes identified with eternal wisdom and is not at all disturbed by trials and temptations. Such a devotee who beholds through his spiritual eye his existence in all, who feels an ineffable peace and attunement with all living creatures and things, and who beholds all selves as manifestations of his own being, becomes harmless to all, equally loving all different parts of his own cosmic body. This attainment is what Jesus meant when he asked his disciples to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

How One Should Act Under Persecution– Intuition, Not Ego, Should be Man’s Guide

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in the same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: BUT HE THAT ENDURETH TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED. (Matthew 10:19-22)

“When they arrest you do not use your calculating limited human reason, but let God speak through your intuition and voice. Let not your human ego speak but let the wisdom of your Father speak through your inner surrender to Him. Even a human brother will persecute a spiritual brother who will follow truth. You will be hated by all materially-minded people for following the Christ intelligence within you. But he that withstands persecution for the truth to the end of life will be saved from reincarnation of the misery-making earth-life.”

In the above words, Jesus is outlining how God-guided people should act when confronted with persecution. In business matters and lawsuits, people definitely plan their activities and their words in all transactions, but Jesus points out that souls who are in tune with Cosmic Consciousness are guided by it in their senses, thoughts, feelings, intelligence and intuitions.

Guided by Higher Wisdom

Hence, God-tuned souls in all their activities should be guided by the higher wisdom and all-seeing intelligence instead of depending on the preparedness of limited reason. Cosmic Consciousness does not reason with devotees, it only drops truths in their intuitions. The devotees use their intuitions to guide their reason and speech and actions. Intuition is not born in reason but is the father of reason and can satisfy all the demands of reason.

Human reason is based on sense experience and is limited by it. If the sense experience is misinterpreted, the human reason proves to be erroneous. A person beholding a cloud of dust on a hill from a distance might be led to think that the hill is on fire emanating a cloud of smoke. This shows how reason which is

dependent on sense experience can blunder if sensory experience or observation is faulty or incomplete.

On the other hand, even as God knows the truth about all things through His omnipresent intuition, so His devotees also know everything through their developed intuition. God has no eyes, nor senses, nor reason dependent on the senses through which He knows. He is the Knower, the process of knowing, and the wisdom to be known. Hence He knows everything through His intuition or feeling present in everything.

Jesus urges his disciples to depend on the unlimited power and guidance of intuitive God-perception and not on their limited reason when they are confronted with persecutions or human problems. So He said: "O my dear ones, when for the sake of preaching my all-emancipating truth you are delivered before the governors, do not plan how or what you will speak in defense of your truth and yourself, for God and Cosmic Vibration will speak through your voice and reason (being present with you) instantaneously in the same hour in which you will be required to speak.

Depend on Intuition

"You, being in tune with the Spirit of your Heavenly Father, must feel that it is not your ego but He that will speak through your intuition, reason and voice. I prophesy that when you live and preach my truth, Satan will create great mischief and will rouse a material brother to persecute a spiritual brother and the unspiritual father will persecute the spiritual child and the unspiritual children will rise up against their parents who believe my truth and will put them into trouble and be the cause of their great suffering and death. And for manifesting the subtle pure light of Christ Intelligence in your actions, you will be disliked by materially-minded men who are used to living in the darkness of ignorance. That devotee who does not only overcome the trials in the spiritual path for a little, but who is patient and endures difficulties, temptations and spiritual disappointments of not finding God by prayers or years of meditation, to the end of life, shall find eternal life and be permanently saved from further trials, ordeals and sufferings which go with desireful reincarnating individuals."

But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another; for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of Man be come. (Matthew 10:23)

"But when they persecute you in one city, take the path of least resistance and divine meekness and fly into another city to preach His message. And you will not finish preaching in the cities of Israel until the words and message delivered through my body (Son of man) become known all over the earth."

Warned Not To Use Divine Powers Spectacularly

In the above words Jesus instructed his disciples to be led by God and use His power in doing good things only. Jesus warns the disciples not to use divine power in any spectacular way. That is why he says: “O ye beloved disciples, when people persecute you for preaching my message in a city, use your common sense and divine meekness to follow the road of least resistance and fly away and preach in another city, for verily by the all-seeing power of spiritual vision, I declare unto you and prophesy that it would take a long time for you to preach my message in the different cities of Israel and you will be doing so until the Son of man or my body and its name and its work on earth become fully known.”

THE DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS MASTER, NOR THE SERVANT ABOVE HIS LORD. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? (Matthew 10:24-25)

In the above words, Jesus emphasizes that the persecution of his disciples would be as great if not greater than he himself would endure, so he says: “Beloved ones, you know that even a Master-like disciple is not honored like his Master, no matter how far the disciple is spiritually advanced, nor is a glorified servant ever regarded as great as his lord. It is spiritually sufficient before the eyes of God that the disciple becomes equal to the master and the servant becomes powerful like his lord, but the same is not true before the eyes of the people. Thus, when the materially-minded people and the Pharisees have called the Master of the house of Christ teachings “Beelzebub” (Prince of Devils), then how much more shall they criticize you all who are followers of the truth revealed in Christ Consciousness?”

Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. (Matthew 10:26-27)

In the above words, Jesus says to his disciples even though they must be meek and humble, following the course of least resistance during their preaching campaigns by flying from one city to another and even though they would be subject to great criticism, they should fearlessly speak about the hidden truths, even though their exposition and newness might evoke terrible criticism from the wicked and ignorant. For the sake of the true seekers all hidden truths must be revealed for their benefit.

“O ye, my beloved ones, be meek but fear not your critics, for the sake of the true seekers to whose awakened consciousness all truth covered from the gaze of the spiritually ignorant must be uncovered. There is no wisdom that will remain forever covered or hidden from the awakened consciousness and spiritual hunger of

the devotee. All things, all truths that the spiritually dark, ignorant people cannot perceive will be perceived by those that are developed in intuitional self-realization. All the truths which I describe to you in the darkness of secrecy and which are hidden from the gaze of all, I ask you to reveal with the light of your self-knowledge, that others who are highly advanced may understandingly perceive them. And all the truths which you hear from me and all the truths that I shall reveal through my Christ Intelligence in your intuitional ears within, for public use, you can loudly preach to all without distinction.”

“Speak Ye in Light”

“I say unto you again that all the esoteric truths which I vibrate within you in the secrecy of your soul, you must transmit to other souls who are in light or are already spiritually advanced due to their past good karmas; and all the general truths which you hear from my words, you can preach loudly from all platforms wherever you are before the gaze of the public.”

It must be noted that Jesus asks his disciples to spread two kinds of teaching—one, the hidden higher teachings to the selected spiritually advanced people; second, the general teachings for the public-at-large.

Power of Cosmic Law

AND FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY, BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO KILL THE SOUL; BUT RATHER FEAR HIM WHICH IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father, but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:28-31)

In the above, Jesus is emphasizing that it is a great sin if one, for the fear of man, acts against the cosmic law and thus brings disaster upon himself. Jesus also speaks of the omnipresent, all-knowing power of God which protects and appreciates the work of the devotees who are martyred for the sake of truth.

“O ye beloved disciples, for the sake of attaining immortality, fear not even if you have to sacrifice the body. The sacrifice of the body will not bring destruction to the soul, but sacrifice of a spiritual principle might bring disaster to the soul and the body as well. Fear not those that can kill your body, but be aware of the Cosmic Consciousness which evolved your soul and body and which can dissolve them back again within Itself due to the action of your own ignorance.”

When Jesus speaks of God as destroying both body and soul, he meant that God has complete power over the bodies and souls of all creatures, even as kings have power over the bodies of their subjects.

“Every soul is made in the image of God and as such is indestructible. Persecution may destroy the body of man, but acting against the laws of truth affects the body as well as the soul in the after-death state. The miseries of the body end in death but the agonies accruing out of an individual’s evil actions in one life continue in the soul in the after-death state. Be warned, dear disciples, about the sins against the laws of the soul, more lasting than the errors against the body. Beloved ones, fear not the temporary persecutions of people for a little while on earth, but remember your connection with the Heavenly Father whose consciousness is within you and everywhere, even in the insignificant dying sparrows which are sold for two farthings.”

Omnipresent Father

“Remember you have to deal with this ever-watchful, beloved Father throughout eternity. Remember that God is conscious through the present, past and future. He is conscious of every hair on your head; and the cosmic law ever watches every action, good, bad, or indifferent, the countless actions of your life, that it may justly give you the earned result. Therefore, fear not your persecutors and thus desist from preaching the truth, for remember your life and actions as the children of God concern the Father more than the mechanical life of the sparrows who are free from good and bad karma and whose lives, insignificant though they are, are well-attended to and taken care of by Him.”

Glossary:

“Them”–Worldly people.

“Kill the soul”–Dissolve the indestructible soul.

“Fear him”–Stand in awe before Him.

“Which is able to destroy both soul and body”–Who is almighty and, through His cosmic law of cause and effect, can dissolve your soul and body.

“In Hell”–Self-created misery which burns the inner being as well as the outward health.

“Without your Father”–Without the consciousness of the Father who is omnipresent, omniscient.

WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I CONFESS ALSO BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL DENY ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I ALSO DENY BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. (Matthew 10:32-33)

Christ’s Promise of Eternal Protection

“Whoever shall admit that he is in tune with my consciousness and my

teachings before materially-minded people and persecutors shall find me also in tune with him and I shall speak with the Father about taking him in His kingdom of luminous space even though he may have sins of evil karma. Every soul who will suffer physical death as the consequence for teaching my truth will find his consciousness passes through the Christ Intelligence in Cosmic Vibration to the sphere of Cosmic Consciousness which exists beyond all vibratory creation.”

Denial Brings Punishment

“That individual who will deny or desist from exercising his Christ Consciousness and Christ living before materially-minded people for fear of persecution, will find, when he reaches the blissful Christ-Intelligence-state after death, that consciousness weakening within him (due to his previous denial) and thus will be prevented from remaining in the Christ Intelligence or entering into the higher God-the-Father-state or Cosmic Intelligence which exists beyond Christ Consciousness.”

In the above words Jesus is giving warning that if any disciple, after contacting the Christ Intelligence within him, does not openly share that consciousness with others because of fear of persecution and selfishness, he will lose that consciousness and be unable to advance further.

Jesus Explains Why God-Love Should Come Before Family-Love

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. AND HE THAT TAKETH NOT HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOWETH AFTER ME, IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. (Matthew 10:34-38)

“O ye beloved disciples, think not that I came to bring a material peace in earthly life. I came not to give a short-lasting material happiness, but to give to the valiant spiritual soul a two-edged sword of wisdom and self-control by which he can slay material pleasure and temptation or any evil family influence which might obstruct his soul from attaining everlasting happiness and spiritual freedom.

“The eternal truth which I preach and which is manifested within you will variously affect people with various good and bad karmas, so that a good devotee of mine might not agree with his materially-minded father, or a daughter saturated in Christ Consciousness might not be in tune with her unspiritual mother, and the spiritual daughter-in-law might act against the material wishes of her mother-in-law, and a man enjoying ecstasy in Christ Consciousness and meditation might find the members of his own material family acting against him due to their own evil karmas and tendencies.

Parents Given by God

“Since parents are given by God to a devotee, the devotee must not so materially love them that he forgets to love his Heavenly Father. The devotee who materially loves his son or daughter more than God and forgets to meditate upon Him is not worthy to feel God and know Him as the only great Cosmic Lover. He that is not prepared to hold his Christ Peace of meditation at all times during the crucifixion of calmness by restlessness, of self-control by temptation, of divine loyalty by persecution, does not deserve to retain his Christ Consciousness from the earth life to eternal life.”

It must be specially noted that Jesus does not mean that his teachings will not bring peace in family life amidst truth-seeking family members, but he warns family

members not to remain steeped in the ignorance of a material life but to take the sword of wisdom to destroy all their earthliness.

Jesus goes on to say that if a devotee finds his own family members dissuading him or obstructing him from cultivating God-consciousness, he should not yield to them but should go on developing his divine consciousness. Jesus reminds the devotee that he should remember that he has to reap the consequences of his own actions and he should not let his earthly family because of its perversity turn him against his own Heavenly Father. Jesus points out that those that overcome all obstacles in order to have self-realization create good karma and tendencies which automatically lead them to the attainment of Cosmic Consciousness.

Glossary:

“Not peace but a sword.” Not earthly peace but divine strength and determination.

“To set a man at variance against his father.” To strengthen a spiritual man to resist the influence of an unspiritual father.

“And he that loveth father and mother more than me.” He who loves God’s creatures more than God does not deserve to know Him.

“Taketh not his cross.” Fights not temptations with self-discipline.

“Followeth after me.” Takes his mind from the plane of sense to the star of Christ Consciousness in meditation.

Material Happiness Is Not Lasting

HE THAT FINDETH HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT: AND HE THAT LOSETH HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward, and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. (Matthew 10:39-42)

“A person in tune with a prophet or a righteous man or the vibration of a disciple’s name and acts mercifully will receive prophetic qualities, or righteousness, or divine mercy, respectively, according to the merits of his actions.

“He that finds material happiness in his life will lose that happiness in death, and he that loses the material happiness of his life in order to find the Christ Bliss will find eternal happiness. He who is in tune with Christ-tuned disciples is automatically in tune with Christ Consciousness. And he who can receive Christ Intelligence in his expanded consciousness is in tune with the Cosmic Consciousness out of which Christ Consciousness emanates.

“O ye disciples, remember that he who discovers only the material pleasures of his mundane life will lose the divine joys hidden behind it. Also, he that finds the cosmic joy of meditation in life loses the desire to be attached to the pleasures of material life. He who loses the desire for material life in order to find the Christ Intelligence within will find the everlasting joys hidden behind material life. That devotee who foregoes the pleasure of the body to feel the ever-new joy felt in ecstasy with Christ Consciousness in meditation will find that all material prosperity and pleasures of earthly life will be added unto him. He who forsakes earthly happiness for God happiness will find earthly happiness too, but he who seeks material happiness only will lose it because of its short-lasting nature.”

In Tune With Christ Consciousness

“Those devotees who are in tune with your consciousness, my beloved disciples, will gradually, through your aid and meditation, contact the Christ Consciousness within them. Those who will be able to be one with the Christ Consciousness in all vibratory creation by deep meditation, and will discipline their lives under your tutelage, will ultimately be able to be one with Cosmic Consciousness beyond creation, whose reflection is present in the Christ Intelligence within me. He that receives in his intuition the disciple’s consciousness will know Christ Intelligence. That person who feels Christ Intelligence in meditation will ultimately realize God the Father who is reflected as the Son or Christ Intelligence.

“Beloved ones, you must realize that the devotee who has supremely expanded his consciousness by meditation in order to receive Christ Consciousness or a prophet’s consciousness, will be in tune all vibratory creation, and he that tunes himself with the consciousness of a righteous individual and lives his own life according to the law of cause and effect will be a righteous man. And he that gives even a cup of cold water to the thirsty or a cup of cool wisdom received from any of my disciples to slake the thirst of the little children in the path of God will find good karma and heavenly tendencies that will eventually lift him towards Christ Consciousness.”

Parallelism With Gita

These words of Jesus Christ have a remarkable parallelism with some of the words of the Bhagavad Gita. The Gita says: “Those individuals that worship different deities and different ideals attain what they desire, but those devotees who want Me (God) come unto me.” Jesus also meant that all good actions are rewarded and followers of different forms of virtue attain their objectives according to their innate desires. But those who are in tune with the prophet or who want to achieve Christhood attain their goal and become prophets and Christlike, according to their heart’s desire.

Glossary:

“Findeth his life.” Puts material happiness as the goal of his life.

“Lose it.” Lose that material happiness in death.

“Loseth his life for my sake.” Sacrifices his material pleasures in order to contact the blissful Christ Consciousness in meditation.

“Find it.” Find everlasting happiness.

“Receiveth him that sent me.” Is in tune with Cosmic Consciousness which reflects the Christ Consciousness present in all creation.

“Receiveth.” Holds wisdom by expanding the capacity of his consciousness.

“Receiveth a prophet.” Is in tune with a prophet’s consciousness.

“A prophet’s reward.” The wisdom which is rewarded to a prophet.

“A righteous man’s reward.” The reward of a virtuous happy life which comes to a righteous man.

“Little ones.” Beginners on the spiritual path.

“A cup of cold water.” A measure of cool wisdom which quenches the scorching thirst of material desires.

“In the name of a disciple.” Through the spiritual vibrations of a disciple.

“In no wise lose his reward.” Will not lose the result or beneficial karma of his good actions.

Real Service Rendered Humanity by the Disciple

And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (Mark 6:12-13)

The disciples preached about the vibrations of God-consciousness which came through Jesus and asked people to repent and forsake their material attachments so they could attain God-consciousness through spiritual awakening. The disciples by the power of their developed will freed people from obsessions and healed many sick people of their various diseases, anointing them with oil. These services distinctly show that the disciples were more than products of a theological school; they were preachers who actually lived the truth in life and thus by their spiritual examples did great good to mankind by healing bodies of physical diseases and souls of ignorance. They were unlike the modern theological students who, just by the virtue of an ecclesiastical degree, try to preach the truth to others from book learning and not from living the truth in actual life.

And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, ‘Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while’: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to

eat. (Mark 6:30-31)

“O ye beloved disciples, part with the crowd and come by yourselves into the quietness of the desert place. And relax there and recharge yourself with God-consciousness before you go out to preach again.”

Necessity for God-Communion Before and After Preaching

The above saying of Jesus is extremely important in connection with preaching the divine message. Jesus pointed out that the disciples should always be equipped with divine consciousness through deep meditation before they preached about the gospel of God-consciousness and also after they had finished preaching and felt themselves spiritually depleted, when they should again retire in quiet places and recharge themselves with God-consciousness. The modern minister, instead of wasting time in reading a lot of books in preparation for the Sunday sermon, should meditate very deeply and have ecstatic contact with God before and after each Sunday sermon.

Views of the Masters on Diet– The Laws by Which Jesus Performed the Miracles of Feeding the Multitude and of Walking on the Water– What Jesus Meant by Faith

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. (John 6:1-13)

It is evident that according to the custom of the time, Jesus did not sponsor strict vegetarianism inasmuch as he often ate with his fishermen-disciples and here he distributes the two fish to be fed to the multitude.

Vegetarian Diet For Spiritual Discipline

It is true that those are in a state of spiritual discipline ought to favor a vegetarian diet. But to the great masters, when they have attained God-consciousness, fish eating has little meaning, for they see whole world as nothing but the manifestation of God's idea. To them all forms of physical experiences are nothing but the different acts of consciousness under the influence of the cosmic dream. When a man is dreaming that he is sitting at a dinner table eating fish, meat, eggs or vegetables, no doubt he feels differently affected according to the taste and different effects of different foods on his dream palate and dream stomach and dream body, but when he awakes from his dream, he finds that his eating of fish, meat, eggs or vegetables in the dream land are nothing but different forms of imagination and fanciful experience. To the dreaming man there is a difference between the dream dish of fish and of vegetables but when wakes from the dream he finds that the dream fish and dream vegetable eating were nothing but different ideas and mental experience.

To the man of realization, likewise, the very consciousness of giving reality to any form of diet is delusion. When he wakes from the dream delusion of the cosmos, he realizes he is Spirit and never ate anything nor had any physical experience or body except in dream consciousness.

It should at this time be strictly remembered that the consciousness of the body or the various forms of eating and their different effects on the body must not be ignorantly denied as taught by some orthodox mind-believers. Instead of spending time imagining about the delusion of non-existence of the body, at the same time stimulating the delusion by eating and all forms of activities connected with the body, one should instead spend his time on God-contact. When that individual achieves spiritual ecstasy and becomes awake in God-consciousness, he will realize that the universe with all its experiences are not his dream but God's dream, dreaming through Him.

Hence, all spiritual aspirants must first lead a life of spiritual discipline, observing the more healthful vegetarian diet and meditating on God, and not claiming to be men of great realization who are above all ordinary rules of physical life.

Rules About Fasting

Jesus had told before, that he, the bridegroom, the divine master, and his disciples were not to fast on the Sabbath day as they were already saturated with divine consciousness and needed no fasting to rise above the consciousness of the body. But Jesus also said that when he would be taken away and his spiritual vibration would not be physically present, the disciples would have to fast and lead a life of strict discipline.

Jesus could not very well ask the multitude to live on vegetables as there were very little vegetables growing in Asia Minor and the desert places where he preached. Jesus saw that the greatest thing he could do would be to saturate people

with God-consciousness and when they would become Godlike they would know what to eat.

Jesus always looked to the comfort of the people so he put them by fifties on the green grass. That Jesus also loved order is evidenced by his arranging the multitude into groups. St. Luke, reporting the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, tells us: "And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down by fifties in a company.'"

When the people were comfortable seated on the grass, receiving some magnetism of the earth, Jesus took the five loaves and fishes and gave thanks to God and, looking up into the astral region through his spiritual eye, he charged the five loaves and two fishes with condensed cosmic energy, so that they contained in their small forms enough energy to satisfy the hunger of five thousand people.

Jesus also cast his cosmic energy into the hungry stomachs of the multitudes making them realize they had enough energy in their brain and flesh to satisfy all the hunger of the body and to supply the lack of energy experienced during the state of hunger. Thus the multitude was fed with five loaves and two fishes.

If a small eye-dropper is connected to a big reservoir of water, that eye-dropper would continuously drip one drop of water at a time. If thousand of persons drank the drops of water coming through the little eye-dropper one at a time, they would be filled even though the water came in tiny drops, but continuously. The water coming in tiny drops is sufficient to quench the thirst of countless people. The five loaves and two fishes were broken up into tiny fragments but inwardly they were like the water continuously charged with cosmic energy so that they kept on continuously materializing themselves into different crumbs of bread and fish according to the divine commandment of Jesus.

The first human beings, symbolically called Adam and Eve, were materialized according to the will of God, but later they reproduced themselves through the medium of sex creation. Similarly, though bread is made by man and fish is caught by him from the ocean or lake, he forgets that the original wheat and fish and all things were created by the power of will and special creative energy of God.

Jesus Had God's Power

Jesus, being in tune with God, had the power to create anything at any time. Jesus could command the cosmic energy to condense into electrons, protons, atoms and molecules of any kind, of any density and specific gravity. Thus, Jesus kept on materializing the fragments of fish and bread as they were used up; also, by his magnetic energy, he charged the multitude with enough magnetism so that they felt satisfied after eating little pieces of bread.

Jesus had this power of tremendous magnetism by which he could make five thousand people think and feel that they were satisfied by eating a few crumbs of bread and fish. Such mental miracles have been also done by some of the miracle workers of India. It must be remembered that the feeling of hunger can be taken away from an individual or many individuals by the suggestion of a strong will.

Jesus Was A Man of Great Precision

Jesus told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.”

It is clearly evident in the above saying of Jesus that he actually multiplied the bread crumbs and fishes by cosmic energy so that after the five thousand were fed, there were twelve baskets filled with fragments of barley loaves and fishes. We see, also, that Jesus was a man of great exactness and precision. He taught his disciples to be economical and not to waste God’s bread and God-made-food. Jesus specially asked the disciples to gather up the fragments of bread and fish because they were the special creations of God on this occasion.

Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. (John 6:14, 15)

Jesus never wanted to be a king of a temporal material kingdom, for he was already the Prince of the Universe, being one with the Father, and thus a true king of all kingdoms of the earth.

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. (Matthew 14:22-23)

The fact that Jesus went apart to pray showed that he was still trying to develop in Spirit. When the ultimate, final state of God-realization is acquired, there is no necessity for praying because then one becomes always one with God, no matter whether one is in a solitary place or a crowded place. God does not need to pray or meditate because He is omnipresent and is seeking nothing beyond Himself. He is engrossed in His joy and need not attain any higher state than His own consciousness.

Our Evolution Depends on Our Distance from God

All other beings who went out of God into matter can approach nearer and nearer unto the kingdom of God by giving up their prodigal roamings and desires in the land of matter. Souls are more or less advanced according to the various distances that exist between them and God during their return journey back to His mansion. Even Jesus, after his passing, took three days to meditate and work out his seeds of actions (karma) left over from past incarnations, and also to work out

the sins of his disciples and devotees for which he partially took upon himself to atone.

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink; he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. (Matthew 14:24-33)

“Be of good cheer that you are able to witness the miracle of God working through me; that I with my solid body can walk on the water and can talk to you. It is I, the same as you have seen me, with the same physical body. The Spirit in me is your Redeemer from all earthly troubles. Why should you be afraid of me?”

Great Yogis Can Perform All Miracles

The appearance of Jesus walking over the waters in view of his disciples is a miracle that can be performed by great yogis who understand the relation of mind and the electronic composition of the body.

When a man of realization discovers the entire cosmos as a dream of God and all matter as made of electrons and protons, light waves, he finds that he rises above the ordinary laws of matter. His body being made of light could not drown in the ocean also made of light.

An ordinary individual's body drowns in water because he does not realize that his body is made of the same substance as the water. If a man was drowning in sleep, he would feel the suffocation of drowning during the sleep state. But while he was dreaming that his dream body was drowning in the dream ocean, if he knew the art of changing or controlling his dreams at will, then he could also behold his dream body floating safely on the dream waters by changing his dream thoughts.

The Art of Materializing Our Imagination

Ordinarily, a human being can imagine or visualize a solid body walking over the

liquid waters of an ocean. Now if that person could concentrate deeply and materialize his imagination, he could dream or see a vision of his body walking on the waters.

Jesus, being in tune with God, knew that the cosmos was made of the different materialized dream-ideas of God. He saw that his disciples were rowing on a dream ocean and he saw his body was also a dream. Knowing the art of creating or dissolving the cosmic dream, he made the disciples who were under the delusion of a cosmic dream see a cosmic picture of his body walking on the ocean.

A glass of milk will dissolve in a gallon of water, but if the liquid milk was frozen it would float. Jesus, knowing the relation of will and body as differentiated dream waves or different electromagnetic waves, could do anything with his body in relation to all matter by mere willing. By will power he changed the specific gravity or the electronic composition of the body and made it float on water.

Iron of Materially

If a small piece of cork is tied to a heavy piece of iron, it will drown in a pot of water, but if the iron was separated from the cork, the cork would float on top of the water. Likewise, the body is overloaded with the iron of material consciousness. That is why it drowns in water. When the material consciousness is separated from the body by meditation, then the body can float on water or walk or fly in the air at will. In a dream when one beholds a dream body drowning in a dream ocean, he can by the art of changing dreams see that the dream body is floating safely on the dream waves. As a man can change his thoughts so a superman can change his experiences in the world, just by changing his intuitive convictions.

Peter by power of faith or mental concentration became attuned to the consciousness of Christ, free from the material dream of matter. Thus Peter as he went out of the ship could walk on the water as he approached Jesus Christ. But when Peter concentrated on the boisterous winds, he forgot his divine consciousness. His habit of beholding matter as real came back into his mind and immediately he felt his body drowning. Peter cried out: "Lord, save me." And immediately Jesus put forth his hand and caught hold of him, saying, "O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?"

What Jesus Meant by Faith

"O Peter, why did you make your faith and cosmic consciousness little by contradicting it and driving it out by the ordinary consciousness of matter?" Jesus tells Peter that he should always keep his cosmic consciousness steady and not delude it with the consciousness of matter brought through the channel of the habit of doubt. By faith or steady conviction that God is all one can get away from the consciousness of matter.

It should be strictly understood that Jesus did not mean by faith, just mental

belief which evaporates at the slightest contact with doubt. Jesus had elsewhere told that the harvest was great and there were few laborers to reap it. That is, God-consciousness and its powers are unlimited, but there are few people who steadily develop themselves by meditation so that they can form a steady conviction about the all-powerful nature of God.

One who is always conscious of the body is not conscious of Spirit. In sleep the consciousness of the body is forcibly and temporarily thrown away from the soul. But in meditation the body consciousness is consciously removed, and during ecstasy attained by deeper meditation a faith or deep mental realization comes about the immaterial, electric and mental nature of the body. The greater a man is on the spiritual path, the greater is his faith or meditation-born conviction about the immaterial nature of matter and his own body.

When Jesus scolded Peter for losing faith at the time when he was walking on the water, he meant: "O Peter, why did you diminish your intuition-born, Christ-consciousness-stimulated faith or Self-realization and revive your consciousness of matter through doubt?"

Jesus' True Meaning in Saying:
 "I Am the Bread of Life:
 He that Cometh to Me
 Shall Never Hunger"—
 Christ Consciousness
 the Only True Manna

The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks.)

When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (John 6:22-27)

Jesus said: "Verily of truth, I say unto you, by feeling your thoughts within me, I find that you seek me not because my divine miracles roused you to seek God through me, but because you are more interested to quell your hunger by the divinely-produced loaves which you ate to your fill. It is foolish for you to concentrate and use up all your time thinking of perishable food to sustain a perishable body.

"You should seek that divine wisdom and ever-new bliss found in meditation which once acquired will endure and help to nourish your life until it becomes immortal. The spirit within the Son of man or my body can teach you how to seek that divine bread of wisdom which can make your life everlasting. Transcendental God the Father has kept that salvation-giving, immortality-making bread of divine

wisdom concealed in the Christ-Intelligence which you can contact in meditation by following my teachings through me.”

“Meat” or Substance

Anyone visiting Jerusalem and the surrounding desert territory will find out the people live mostly on bread and meat and very little on vegetables. Jesus uses the word “meat” because meat was one of the principal foods of the people who lived in his country.

But the word “meat” is not used at all times by Jesus to signify animal flesh. He used the word “meat” principally to signify substance.

Glossary:

“Meat which perisheth”—The food which is perishable.

“That meat which endureth”—Divine bliss and wisdom which forever satisfy the soul and are its imperishable nourishments.

“Sealed”—God has sealed all secrets and powers in the Christ Consciousness of Jesus to be given to all devotees who meditate on the soul within.

Then said they unto him, WHAT SHALL WE DO, THAT WE MIGHT WORK THE WORKS OF GOD? Jesus answered and said unto them, THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD, THAT YE BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HATH SENT. (John 6:28-29)

“When people suffer and when devotees on earth send out their soul-call unto God, then He works and responds by sending a spiritually advanced divine son like me who by his exemplary spiritual life can teach people to be God-like and work God’s work in their own lives.”

God Sends His Special Messenger

In the preceding, Jesus is again saying that ordinary spiritual seekers come in contact with divine books or ordinary spiritual teachers through their inner call, but when a devotee is extremely anxious to know God, then a special messenger or advanced Guru-Preceptor arrives in divine response to the soul’s quest.

That is why Jesus is subtly pointing out that anyone who wanted to be actually like God and works His truth in his life, must follow somebody who has striven and already attained God Consciousness. He re-emphasized that anyone who wishes to work like God must do so through one who knows God. That is why Jesus said that it was the wish of God that true devotees believe in him and his teachings.

Glossary:

“This is the work of God”–The decree of God that anyone who was in tune with the Christ Consciousness in Jesus by deep meditation would find himself working the work and doing the will of God.

They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? What dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. **FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS HE WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND GIVETH LIFE UNTO THE WORLD. (John 6:30-33)**

“Verily, from the omniscient insight within me I declare unto you that Moses gave you spiritual inspiration but did not show you how to get the bread of heaven or the Cosmic Christ Intelligence hidden within Cosmic Vibratory Energy. It is the transcendental God the Father present beyond vibratory creation which sends you, through me, the knowledge of contacting the Christ Intelligence hidden behind the heavenly region of Cosmic Vibratory Energy. For the Christ Intelligence, the only reflection of God the Father which is hidden behind heaven or Cosmic Energy, came down on earth and became manifested in my life. Anyone who by meditation will be in tune with my life will be in tune with the everlasting life of Christ Intelligence which is the source that instills life in all living things in the world or cosmos.”

Belief Not Enough–Living the Christ Life Is Necessary

Jesus was here pointing out to advanced devotees that a mere belief in him without living his truth in life could not possibly rescue them from the tentacles of cosmic delusion.

Jesus in the above words was explaining in parables what kind of bread could nourish the devotee and give him everlasting life. Jesus points out that bread signified the Christ Intelligence hidden in heaven or within all Cosmic Energy. The Cosmic Energy guided by the latent Christ Intelligence transmutes itself into different rates of vibration, creating semi-conscious life force, potentially conscious electrons and protons, atoms, and molecules which in turn form themselves into solid, liquid, gaseous, and astral living substances constituting the cosmos, island universes, stellar systems, planetary systems, solar systems, the earth and its human inhabitants. Jesus was pointing out that he came on earth not to uplift people only with simple inspirations, but with the distinct mission of teaching people how to expand their consciousness into Christ Intelligence so that they could feel the cosmos as their bodies and the Christ Intelligence as their own consciousness.

Jesus pointed out that no one except souls like him who are in tune with Christ

Intelligence hidden behind Cosmic Energy could show other devotees the art of contacting Christ Intelligence. As a man is conscious of his mind cognizing any sensation at any part of the body, so a Christlike Master is aware of his consciousness present in everything and he knows and feels in his consciousness everything that occurs in any part of the cosmos. This is also what Jesus meant when he said: "ARE NOT TWO SPARROWS SOLD FOR A FARTHING? AND ONE OF THEM SHALL NOT FALL ON THE GROUND WITHOUT YOUR FATHER." (Matthew 10:29)

God Is Consciousness of All

God is conscious of every point in space and matter, and saints who are in tune with Him become omniscient like Him. By "bread of God," Jesus signified the Christ Intelligence which is present in Cosmic Energy working the work of creation. Jesus also pointed out that his body which came down on earth was not sustained by ordinary human consciousness but that Christ Intelligence was present within him—the same Christ Intelligence which gave consciousness and life to all living creatures in the cosmos.

Glossary:

"Gave you not the bread"—Could not give the all-redeeming Christ Consciousness.

"Heaven"—The light or astral region behind space.

"Father"—Cosmic Consciousness as a conscious Personality.

"True bread"—The Christ Intelligence which is the true substance, sustaining all.

"Bread of God"—Christ Consciousness emanating from God which is the divine bread sustaining all creation and created objects.

"Is he which cometh down from heaven"—The Christ Consciousness which came down from infinite space and became manifested in the human body of Jesus.

"Giveth life to the world"—Sustains all created things.

Christ Promises Everlasting Life
to All His Devotees—
All Those Who by Meditation Have
Enlarged Their Consciousness
to Receive the Infinite

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, **I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: HE THAT COMETH TO ME SHALL NEVER HUNGER; AND HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME SHALL NEVER THIRST.** But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

FOR I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:34-40)

“The Christ Intelligence and the enlightened I-AM (or Ego, human Consciousness) in me are one, thus the Christ Consciousness in me is the source of life and consciousness of all living beings. Because the Christ Consciousness is manifest in my life and I am conscious of it, any devotee who comes to me with a receptive attitude and who disciplines his life according to my teachings, will find the hunger of all mortal and spiritual wants forever satisfied.

“Human beings, being a reflection of God's image, can never remain satisfied with material things. All their material and spiritual hungers are satisfied only by tuning in with their divine nature in Christ Consciousness. Any soul who comes to me (that is, any soul who can permanently contact his human consciousness with the Christ Consciousness within me) shall find all the hunger and craving of his earthly desires fulfilled forever. The devotee who occasionally is in tune with the Christ Consciousness which is present in him and me and believes or is convinced of being able to contact that Christ Consciousness and the ever-new bliss in it, will find that, unlike the ordinary man, he will not thirst for the temporary joys of material things.”

What Is True Belief?

“But I say unto you that you who have only seen me (my body) and have not felt the Christ Consciousness within it have not believed as to what is in me.

“That devotee who tunes in his devotion and attention with my consciousness, no matter how sinful or error-stricken he is, I will never forsake him. He is my brother who unknowingly hides the image of God’s consciousness beneath his delusion-stricken mind. For the consciousness hidden behind my earthly body is the same universal Christ Consciousness which is present behind heavenly Cosmic Energy. As the Christ Intelligence in all creation is in tune with the will of God the Father existing beyond creation, so is my will tuned with His will.”

Foretells His Crucifixion

“The will of God the Father vibrates within my human consciousness and intimates to me that all the power of Christ Intelligence and Christ Consciousness which was reflected into me during my earth-life must be consciously used by me (without my losing any iota of it during the physical crucifixion of my body) and retained after death, on the last day, when the seeds of actions of all my past lives (karma) will be forever finished. On that last day after my crucifixion I will lift my Christ Consciousness and unite it with God the Father’s Consciousness after attaining final victory over all my karmas.

“And this is the will of God the Father who is the Creator of my body and the Christ Consciousness in it, that every advanced devotee who in the light of his meditation-developed intuition becomes one with the Christ Consciousness or only-reflected (begotten) Son of Christ Intelligence in creation and is able to retain that consciousness of unity (believing in the unity with Christ Consciousness attained in meditation), that illumined soul will find his life one with the everlasting life in Christ Consciousness.”

All Karma Destroyed

“And on the last day when my seeds of actions are burned up in the fires of wisdom, then I will lift my Christ Consciousness in creation to the region of Cosmic Consciousness existing beyond creation, and my human consciousness and my body after crucifixion, being in tune with the ultimate, all-powerful Cosmic Consciousness of God the Father, will also find immortality.

“I will then perceive my body not as a part of temporary change but as an emanation of the changeless immortality, and then my body tuned to Cosmic Consciousness, after overcoming the delusion of its crucifixion, will also dissolve in the Cosmic Consciousness, retaining its individuality, materializing anywhere, anytime, at my will or at the devotee’s call. Through my universal Christ

Consciousness each devotee convinced of the presence of Christ Intelligence within will be lifted up forever on the last day when all his stored-up seeds of action in the physical, astral and causal bodies will be removed from his soul.”

“Bread of Life”

In the above, “bread of life” refers to the Christ Consciousness which sustains all the souls of all living beings. It must be noted that the two phrases “cometh to me” and “believeth on me” have different significance. “He that cometh” signifies a soul who is one with Christ Consciousness, and “he that believeth” signifies one who has only occasional Christ Consciousness by meditation.

When Jesus speaks of “everyone which seeth the Son,” by the word “seeth” he means the power of intuition or feeling which can see, hear, smell, taste or touch. It is quite evident that all people who saw Jesus Christ 1900 years ago were not saved and there are many Christians today who believe in Jesus Christ and yet are not saved, because they consciously know nothing of him in wisdom nor do they try to feel him in meditation. Only those who have developed the all-knowing intuition by regular, deep meditation can see or intuitively perceive the Son or Christ Consciousness which exists beyond the states of consciousness, sub-consciousness, and dreamless superconsciousness.

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME HATH EVERLASTING LIFE. I AM THAT BREAD OF LIFE. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6:41-51)

Men Born By Compulsion

“Do not murmur or vibrate with doubt, thus dislodging the divine understanding which I am trying to transmit among you. You are too material to understand who I am.

“Most people come on earth being compelled by the seeds of actions of their past lives. But in my final incarnation as Jesus when I shall attain final liberation, I come not for my own liberation only but for helping others to liberate themselves by showing them the art of contacting Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Consciousness.

“You all think that your earthly father was the cause of your human birth, but I know even though my body was born to the house of Joseph, still my earthly temple and the Christ Intelligence in it came on earth directly through the will of the Father to fulfill a mission of liberating souls. Likewise, remember that you who are so near my body cannot realize or come near the Christ Intelligence in me.

“You must realize that no one who is identified with his earthly body can be one with me, the Christ Intelligence which is present beyond the state of human consciousness, subconsciousness, and superconsciousness. Only devotees who deeply see God are blessed and are so directed by Him that they find the right teachings and meditate and go beyond the subconscious, conscious and superconscious states to be one with the Christ Consciousness in all creation. Even you who are close to my body have had some good karma by which the Heavenly Father sent you to me. Every devotee who meets a divine superman is so blessed by the Heavenly Father who responded to the devotee’s spiritual cravings.”

Devotees Will Be Liberated

“Every devotee who by the earnestness of his spiritual desires and by deep meditation every day often communes with Christ Consciousness, will find, on the day when all his seeds of actions of all lives will be burned in the fire of his Christ wisdom, that I, the Christ Intelligence present in him, will lift his consciousness from the domain of matter to the kingdom of completely liberating Cosmic Consciousness.

“The older prophets who communed with God wrote that all those who will come near me will be taught the way of communing with God the Father through Christ Intelligence attained in deep meditation. Every truth-seeking man who has heard the Cosmic Vibration in meditation emanating from the Cosmic Consciousness will find that he has to feel the Christ Consciousness in all creation before he can finally feel the Cosmic Consciousness which vibrates beyond all creation.”

Tuning In With Christ

“And I say unto you, no man who is identified with his body can possibly see or be one with God the Father, or Cosmic Consciousness existing beyond creation. Only those attain who have lifted their inner being from consciousness, subconsciousness, superconsciousness and Christ Consciousness to Cosmic Consciousness by deep meditation and conscious ecstasy. He who has learned the

art of communing with God the Father by hearing the Cosmic Vibration and feeling the Christ Consciousness in it, is of God and has seen or become one with Cosmic Consciousness the Father, by the all-feeling power of his developed intuition.

“Verily, through the Cosmic Consciousness in me, I declare unto all, that the devotee who really believes in communing with the Christ Intelligence in him by daily deep ecstasy has found his life tuned to everlasting life. The human consciousness (I-Am) in me is one with the Christ Consciousness (bread) which sustains the souls and lives of all.

“Your forefathers ate the so-called manna or divine inspiration in the wilderness of silence and still they are dead, -that is, their souls have not eternally awakened in wisdom and thus freed from births and deaths. I know this from my omniscient Christ Consciousness which knows the history of all souls on earth. But this Christ Consciousness (bread) which was hidden behind the heavenly ramparts of Cosmic Energy and is manifest now in my body can produce deathlessness in true devotees who can with their human consciousness eat or absorb the Christ Consciousness in everything.

“The I-Am human consciousness in me is united with the ever-living Christ Intelligence which is hidden behind heavenly Cosmic Energy and which is manifested now in my body. If any devotee continuously nourishes his life with this bread of Christ Intelligence, he shall find his life united forever with everlasting life. And the bread or Christ Intelligence manifesting as my flesh or condensed Cosmic Energy I will give to the true devotee that he may unite it with the life force in his body (life of the world or life felt in the world) and make it immortal.

“For wordly people in general, that they might awaken and try to find the everlasting life in them, I will sacrifice my flesh on the cross which after three days will be quickened into Christ Consciousness and immortality.”

In the above Jesus speaks of bread as the Christ Consciousness within him and goes on to say that his Christ Consciousness and flesh are one and the same. Jesus could say this because he saw that his flesh was not as ordinary human beings perceived it, but was nothing but the emanations of Christ Consciousness.

Delusion of Separation

If a man in a dream sees that he is going to be crucified and then is crucified in the dream, he realizes on waking that his dream-perceived body, before his dream crucifixion and after his dream crucifixion, was an inseparable manifestation of his own consciousness. So Jesus Christ, when he was foretelling that he would give up his flesh in crucifixion as a symbol of sacrifice of material happiness of the body for spiritual bliss of the soul, realized that the Christ Consciousness within his body and the body both were everlasting, being nothing but the emanations of one God consciousness.

Jesus' True Meaning:
 “Eat My Flesh and Drink My Blood”–
 Why Did Christ
 Allow Judas to Betray Him?
 Did God or Satan Use Judas
 As an Instrument of Destiny?

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT YE EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN, AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YE HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU. WHOSO EATEST MY FLESH, AND DRINKETH MY BLOOD, HATH ETERNAL LIFE; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. (John 6:52-58)

The Jews murmured among themselves, “Is this man advocating cannibalism by offering people his flesh?” Jesus answered them and their doubting materialistic minds which were unable to understand his wisdom hidden behind parables, as follows:

“Unless the devotee eats and absorbs the flesh of Christ Consciousness hidden in the Son of man or human body, and drinks his blood or absorbs the vitally-giving Cosmic Energy present in it, he cannot feel the everlasting life present within him.

“Most of you are the living dead, walking dead; you do not perceive the everlasting life in you, nor do you charge your life with Cosmic Energy and your consciousness with Christ Consciousness hidden behind your body consciousness.

“Any devotee who can absorb in his human consciousness my Christ Consciousness by ecstasy and who can unite his life force in the body with my omnipresent Cosmic Energy (blood), will find his consciousness immortal and his life eternal. For my flesh of Christ Consciousness present in all souls is the real meat or the substance which can forever satisfy the hunger of wisdom of all souls.

The Christ Intelligence-guided Cosmic Energy (my blood) is the only vitality that can charge the human life with immortality, and quench the thirst of all human desires of earthly life.”

“Eateth My Flesh” or Absorb My Consciousness

“That devotee who by deep ecstatic meditation has absorbed my Christ Consciousness in his human consciousness and recharged his life force with the Christ Consciousness-guided Cosmic Energy, is united in his being with Christ Consciousness. The ever-living God the Father (Cosmic Consciousness present beyond vibratory creation) is the One that has reflected His everlasting life in the Christ Intelligence (present in all vibratory creation). That devotee who absorbs (eateth) Christ Consciousness or Christ Intelligence, finds that his consciousness and life are sustained forever by Christ Consciousness which is equally present in the body of the devotee and my body which is called Jesus Christ.

“This is the Christ Consciousness or bread which is hidden behind heavenly Cosmic Energy and is manifest beneath the body called Jesus Christ. Your fathers who ate the manna of temporary spiritual inspiration have not fully awakened in wisdom nor been freed from rebirths and deaths, but any one of you who by deep meditation absorbs in his consciousness the Christ Consciousness (bread) will find his life united to eternal life.”

In the above words of Jesus, one must strictly understand that he is speaking of very profound truths in parables. He speaks of his flesh as bread or Christ Consciousness present in all vibratory creation, and of his blood as Cosmic Energy. Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Energy are inseparable, as Christ Consciousness is the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness (which is beyond creation) manifested as Cosmic Energy or vibratory creation.

Difference Between God the Father and Christ the Son

God the Father and Cosmic Consciousness are one and the same thing, Christ the Son and Christ Consciousness are one and the same thing. God the Father emanated from Him His son, Christ Intelligence, and Cosmic Energy (the Holy Ghost). As a son cannot be born without the dual instrumentality of the father and the mother, so Christ Intelligence could not exist without the dual instrumentality of God the Father and Cosmic Energy. Therefore, Christ Intelligence, the bread or flesh, and the Cosmic Energy or blood, being inseparably together, work to manifest the different forms of creation and cosmic manifestations.

Jesus Christ speaks of the bread and the flesh as one and the same thing. The flesh of the Son of man refers to the Christ Consciousness present in the body of Christ as well as the body of any individual. “Drink his blood” refers to the Cosmic Energy to be united with the life energy, both of which are present in the human body and can be united by wisdom. “Eat” refers to the act of absorbing. The word

“drink” in “drink his blood” refers to recharging the life force with Cosmic Energy (blood).

Symbolic Christian Rites

There are ceremonies in Christian churches in which people drink blessed wine as the blood of Jesus Christ and blessed bread as his flesh. This is symbolical. This ceremony should remind true devotees that by learning the technique of meditation from a Christlike soul they can learn to eat or absorb Christ Consciousness (bread) in their consciousness and drink or recharge in their lives the blood or Cosmic Energy present in Christ Consciousness, and thus attain everlasting life.

These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. (John 6:59-64)

“I am astonished to find that not only do you not understand the priceless wisdom I give to you but you are misunderstanding and murmuring about it. You doubt my words and wonder at my sayings, but how much more amazed you would be if you saw my body, the Son of man, go back to the Christ Consciousness whence it came?”

Jesus here means that his consciousness was tuned already with Christ Consciousness, and that his body, though visibly apart from that consciousness, could go back to it. Jesus was hinting that his body, being an emanation of Christ Consciousness, would merge in it when the proper moment arrived.

Jesus Promises Proof

Jesus tells his doubting disciples that if they wonder at his amazing sayings they would have cause to be further astonished when they would behold his body after crucifixion return to life and be received by Heavenly Christ Consciousness. In other words, Jesus promised his doubting disciples a demonstration of the truth contained in his subtle sayings.

“When you concentrate on the Spirit, you understand that it can enliven your temporary life with eternal life. It is the flesh consciousness or doubting material consciousness within you which will yield you no profit, no lasting happiness. It is your spiritual understanding that can quickly lead you to your goal of eternal

emancipation.

“Your fleshly consciousness, your identification with material matters, and the doubts born of them, will not give you ultimate happiness. You must realize the words of wisdom which I speak unto are charged with the Cosmic Consciousness of the Spirit and can give life to the spiritually dead like some of you who believe not that the universal panacea of all human suffering lies hidden behind the words of my wisdom, if they are truly applied in life.”

When Jesus speaks of his words being Spirit and Life, he tries to convey the truth that every word has two aspects—the consciousness contained in it and the energy which it produces. When a mentally sick man is repentant and hears the word “peace” from a saintly individual, he is saturated with the consciousness of peace and mental encouragement or life-giving energy. Thus Jesus made it clear to his disciples that if they were in tune with him they would feel the Christ wisdom of Spirit behind his words and life-giving energy contained in them.

Living Words of the Master

The words of Jesus did not come from a book. They emanated directly from his fountain of Cosmic Consciousness and all life-sustaining energy. Those who are spiritual and wise retire every day behind the forest of thoughts and seek the caves of silence hidden in the rock of contemplation. There in the caves of silence the true devotee can drink from the fountain of Spirit and Life, flowing from the words of Jesus. All masters like Christ who are tuned with Christ Consciousness give forth words which are charged with the Cosmic Consciousness of Spirit and its all-sustaining life force.

Due to his all-seeing wisdom which could trace the law of cause and effect governing the actions of any individual, Jesus knew from the beginning who believed in him and who would betray him:

And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. (John 6:65)

“From my divine consciousness I know those of you who have stored up good actions and karmas and I have earned divine compassion by which you will be actuated to follow me. I know also those with bad karmas who will leave me. No materially-minded man can reach and be in tune with the Christ Consciousness within me unless by his devotion he has appealed to the Supreme God, the Father.”

In the above Jesus pointed out to his disciples that it was not easy for anyone to recognize the Christ Consciousness in him unless that individual had gained previous good karma and the cooperation of the Cosmic Law.

FROM THAT TIME MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES WENT BACK, AND WALKED NO MORE WITH HIM. THEN SAID JESUS UNTO THE TWELVE,

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY? THEN SIMON PETER ANSWERED HIM, LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? THOU HAST THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. AND WE BELIEVE AND ARE SURE THAT THOU ARE THAT CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the Son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. (John 6:66-71)

Power of Free Will

It is clear that Jesus was not in doubt as to whether his chosen twelve disciples would go away from him, but he respected their free will and reminded them that they could remain with him or go away if they pleased.

It must be clearly understood that elsewhere when Jesus said, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few,” he distinctly emphasized that the harvest of God Consciousness could be reaped by using the free will for spiritual labor by self-discipline and meditation. The law is that the more one spiritually labors, the more he will reap the spiritual harvest of God Consciousness.

Devotees ordain the happenings of their lives according to prenatal and postnatal seeds of action (karma); therefore, when Jesus said, “Have not I chosen you twelve (according to your karma) and one of you is a devil?” he did not speak of this as an inevitable arbitrary ordinance of God. He told this from his intimate knowledge of the inner life of all his twelve disciples.

Prediction About Judas

If Jesus was sure that all his twelve disciples were prisoners of destiny and were ordained to remain with him, he would not have asked: “Will ye also go away?” Jesus knew the disciples, though influenced by karma and cosmic law, still had free will to be with him or to forsake him. In fact, Jesus predicted his betrayal at the hands of Judas in order to warn him, that he might reform and refrain from doing the evil act. Judas was the best unpaid and unemployed publicity agent of Jesus Christ, and indirectly helped greatly to broadcast the ideal life and teachings of Jesus Christ to the world.

Was it a Plan of God or Satan To Test Judas?

The question arises—was it God who planned that Judas should betray Jesus and thus serve as a divine scapegoat? Or was it Satan, the Cosmic Evil, who planned it? In order to understand this very complex situation one must clearly grasp all the causes which operated to bring about the circumstances of Jesus’ betrayal by Judas.

Jesus Christ in his divine consciousness felt the ignorance and wickedness of the people around him. He picked twelve as the best he could find among them. Of course it must be remembered that Jesus chose the twelve disciples because he

knew them and had already trained them in former lives so that they could act as his perfect messengers to work out the will of God during his last incarnation on earth.

Jesus knowingly chose Judas as his disciple because he had already trained him in a former incarnation and had accepted him as a spiritual son in spite of his wickedness. Just as a father cannot forsake a wicked son who is born of his own blood, so a Guru-Preceptor cannot forsake a spiritual son or a disciple who becomes wicked.

Jesus Loved Judas

Jesus knew that the eleven disciples by their spirituality would spread his cause into the world, and Judas by his betrayal would offer him (Jesus) a great test leading to his final victory over evil. Jesus chose Judas as a disciple, for he had already chosen him in past lives, and considered him as a prodigal son. Jesus loved Judas and gave him the opportunity of being better in the Christlike environment of the disciples. Foreknowledge of his betrayal by Judas did not prevent that great heart of Jesus from accepting Judas in the divine family of his disciples.

Judas had been a good disciple but in his last life, just before he died and was born as Judas, he had made up his mind to forsake his better nature and become greedy and evil. Judas had within him plenty of latent prenatal good seeds of actions by which he attracted the company of his former Guru-Preceptor, Jesus Christ, but because of a buried evil tendency of greed he betrayed his master.

Hidden Bomb of Greed

Jesus as a spiritual doctor diagnosed the life of Judas as it had been in many incarnations, and knew of the hidden bomb of financial greed hidden in his subconscious mind which would explode in the form of betrayal.

The Cosmic Evil Force also knew about the manifestation of God in Jesus and what he was going to do to destroy the kingdom of delusion. That is why this conscious Satanic force of delusion or evil used the weakness of Judas to betray Jesus Christ.

God and Jesus Christ in turn also knew how Satan was to influence Judas through the invitation of his own bad karma (action). God also knew that even though the Satanic force of evil would cause Jesus to be crucified, yet Christ would attain final victory over satanic delusion by redeeming his soul through the sacrifice of the body, and by resurrecting his body again through the power of his soul force.

God did not try to overcome evil by evil material force. That is why Jesus did not want to borrow twelve legions of angels from his Father to be saved, but allowed himself to be crucified. Satan thought that by the betrayal of Judas, Jesus would be killed, and thus prevented from spreading the kingdom of God which is detrimental to the existence of the kingdom of Satanic delusion.

If Jesus had used supernatural force to destroy Satan, he would have been victorious. But if Jesus had been afraid to die for God and had loved his body, he would have had to reincarnate, remaining a slave to delusion and Satan. Even though Satan succeeded in crucifying Jesus temporarily, still Jesus, by his resurrection of soul and body, foiled the wishes of Satan.

On the other hand, Judas and Satan, by crucifying Jesus, drew the attention of the world to Christ and spread his message all over the earth. God knew that Jesus, by resisting evil with evil, would get into the toils of evil, but by trying to overcome evil by good would ultimately be victorious over all evil.

Evil destroys itself. Evil ultimately becomes the tool of God in an indirect way. For evil, trying to destroy good, makes it a martyr and thus immortalizes it.

These truths explain why Jesus was predicting about his crucifixion. Just as a good student knows he is surely going to pass in the examination, so Jesus knew that though his own test, according to his own karma, the karma of Judas, and the agency of Satan, would be very great, he would ultimately through crucifixion pass the final examination of his earth life and after three days would be forever freed.

Jesus' Reproach to the Pharisees that They Followed the Commandments of Men Rather Than the Commandments of God

Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Matthew 15:1-9)

“Tell me, why do you spend your time in following localized customs and forget to follow God’s commandments? Tell me, which is a greater sin—to ignore tradition and follow God’s commandments, or to ignore God’s commandments in order to follow traditional customs? You know full well that in order to outwardly appear holy you prefer to follow your traditional customs and utterly reject the commandments of God.

“For God commanded, that is, God vibrated his law and wish through the prophet’s intuition: ‘Honor your father and mother with the devotion of your heart as they are the divine instruments of your creation and he that curseth or uses vile language or thinks evil thoughts against his father and mother, let him die the death’—that is, let him be remorseful with the agony as intense as death and let him change himself and his consciousness even as one is changed in death.”

“Honor Thy Parents”

“One must remember that the parents are the physical incarnations of God who protects the baby. Therefore, a son who blasphemes against his parents blasphemes

against God who manifests on earth as the parental love which protects the son. Yet you have made laws which enable a man to be free from his obligations to his parents, and thus help him to break the commandment of God for honoring father and mother.

“O ye hypocrites, who are outwardly holy and inwardly wicked, how fittingly Esaias prophesied about you after feeling these truths from his consciousness of cosmic vibration. Indeed he prophesied correctly about the nature of those who come to Masters with sweet language and respectful utterances but with hearts sunk deep in the depths of insincerity. In vain do such men worship me, since they teach for doctrines the commandments of men in preference to the commandments of God.”

“Wash Your Souls”

“Because you have laid aside the law of God for perfect living as revealed through the prophets, you have clung to useless traditions of men, such as the washing of hands before meals. Isn’t it better that you wash your souls by following the pure laws of God as revealed through the seers rather than spend your time in following traditional customs which produce no lasting spiritual results?”

Many priests of East and West emphasize the following of traditional rules in preference to the following of the spirit of spiritual rules. Some of the ancient Jews made a law that if a man in a fit of anger or with wicked intentions promised to give his earthly goods to the service of the temple and even though they might never be utilized for the purpose, he could not then be required to give those goods to help his needy parents. Obedience to this Corban law made by man amounted to disobedience of the commandments of God. Jesus by his criticism pointed out how the following of this ceremonial law might lead to the violation of divine law.

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: NOT THAT WHICH GOETH INTO THE MOUTH DEFILETH A MAN; BUT THAT WHICH COMETH OUT OF THE MOUTH, THIS DEFILETH A MAN. (Matthew 15:10-11)

“Lend me your attention, all of you, and by tuning your attention with me try to understand that no outward custom or evil environment can affect a man from outside his consciousness, but any experience or thought which gets into his consciousness and saturates it and then comes out of him as an evil desire or action does desecrate him and bring suffering unto him. If any man has the ears of understanding, let him understand.”

In the above Jesus points out that the action of his disciples of eating bread without washing their hands did not affect their souls. The Pharisees and scribes who practiced holy customs outwardly were not affected spiritually inside and were thus hypocrites.

Jesus says that no matter what the outer environment, whether good or bad, it cannot affect a man like the good or bad in his own heart. A virtuous man in a bad environment usually remains good, and a wicked man in a good environment usually remains evil.

Jesus does not say that the outward environment has no effect on man but he emphasizes that the inner environment of man is of more importance than the outward environment. A man should first establish good within his soul, think good, and live good, and automatically he will attract a good environment. But a man who emphasizes the following of outwardly practiced good customs but does not take care to drive the evil thoughts coming out of his inner self, is defiled and full of evil.

In order to know a man, one should judge him, not from his outward actions but according to the springs or motives of his actions. It is the evil motive coming out of a man which actuates him to do evil, nothing else. Of course, there are some evils committed by children through imitation. In that case, of course, the children cannot be held responsible. But when the child does evil through his own innate desire, he becomes increasingly evil and is defiled.

An Experience With My Great Master in India

Once my great Master, Swami Sri Yukteswarji, watched me raise my hand to kill a mosquito that was biting my body. But when he found that I suddenly changed my mind, he said: "Why don't you finish the job?" In astonishment, I replied: "Why, Master, do you advocate killing?" To that the Master replied: "You have killed the mosquito in your mind already and have already committed the sin. What is the difference if you do not kill it physically?"

The Master did not mean that whenever anybody has a desire to kill a man or a mosquito, he should kill them, but he meant that a man should not feel the desire to kill at all. For the desire to kill, harbored in the mind even for a moment, might turn the individual eventually into a murderer. But it must also be noted that it is better to suppress the desire to kill anything or anybody than to commit the actual act of killing. But it is the greatest achievement when one can remain free from evil thoughts which are the basic cause of all evil actions.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: They be blind leaders of the blind. AND IF THE BLIND LEAD THE BLIND, BOTH SHALL FALL INTO THE DITCH. (Matthew 15:12-14)

"Every plant of human law of living which is grown only on the soil of tradition is a weed and shall be destroyed by the Cosmic Law as useless to mankind. All

those rules that the prophets have declared through their cosmic consciousness as useful to mankind will endure to the end. Let the Pharisees alone. Leave them in their much-loved self-created darkness. The Pharisees are spiritually blind leaders of their spiritually blind followers. If the spiritually blind lead the people blind with ignorance together they must fall into the misery-making ditch of ignorance.”

Parallel Quotation

There is a parallel quotation in the Hindu Scriptures which says: “A blind man leading the blind; both are misled.” In the above words Jesus expressed indignation; for the disciples felt that he had offended the Pharisees. Jesus replied by saying that all evil man-made customs would perish and God-made eternal rules of life would endure to the end.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man. (Matthew 15:15-20)

“O you, my true disciples, are you also without divine understanding? Don’t you understand that any outward custom cannot spoil a man because he does not feel it in his heart?”

Heart, Seat of Feeling

According to the great Hindu Master, Patanjali, the feelings of the heart are responsible for all our entanglements in earthly lives. According to him, man was sent on earth as a perfect image of God to be entertained there. But when a man forgets the immortal nature within him, and forms likes and dislikes in his heart about material things, he becomes earthbound. He reincarnates on earth due to the likes and dislikes in his feelings acquired in past lives.

The soul that comes on earth and experiences everything with non-attachment in the heart does not reincarnate but becomes liberated in God from which it came. Man is sent on earth to witness earthly experiences with the attitude of a divine being made in the image of God. But when man builds likes and dislikes in his heart about all earthly experiences, he becomes entangled in them.

That is why Jesus emphasized that actions like eating bread with unwashed hands does not touch a clean heart. The bread only affects the stomach whereas evil thoughts affect the soul. But those springs of action which appear as evil language

and come out of the mouth, come from within the heart which first feels evil and then manifests it in spoken language.

Evil Thoughts Defile

Those evil thoughts which man feels within himself actually defile him. Evil thoughts act as a smoke screen of ignorance which hides the purity and everlasting joy of the soul from the conscious mind of a man. A man who feels evil and harbors wrong thoughts from within him is unable to perceive the evil-hidden subtle beauty of his own soul. A man who lives in the darkness of evil invites physical, mental and spiritual suffering.

A man who thinks bright and cheerful thoughts and feels noble thoughts within him finds that through the transparency of his inner luminous living all the beauty and joy of his soul pours forth and shines into his conscious mind.

Jesus said: "Don't you know, dear ones, out of the evil tendencies stored up in the heart of men (chittwa or feeling) through their past stored-up bad karma, all evil thoughts and actions spring? Desires for adultery, and adulterous actions, fornications or idolatry, desires for murders and murderous actions, theftful thoughts and theftful actions, covetous thoughts and covetous actions, desires to appear as false witnesses and the acts of appearing as false witnesses, desires to deceive and deceitful actions, lascivious thoughts and actions, desires to curse and curseful actions, desires to blaspheme and blasphemous actions, feelings of pride and boastful actions, and all foolishness, are the children born out of the wicked tendencies stored up in the heart of man, through his ignorant actions of his life and past forms of existence. All these evil tendencies defile him, bringing all forms of miseries unto him. But outward ceremonies such as eating with washed hands do not affect the soul of man."

God Sends His Perfected Devotees as World-Saviors For the Various Cycles of History— The Reality of Satan and Evil

Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 15:21-24)

“Whenever the earth becomes burdened with sin then from time to time as needed the Heavenly Father sends a self-made spiritual Master to a special race where the spiritual hold is needed most. That is why, although my teachings are universal and will be applicable and useful to all lives on earth at all times, still I am not sent for all present, as I have been especially ordained by the Heavenly Father to act as the spiritual shepherd to the bewildered sheep of spiritual seekers belonging to the house of Israel. The Israelites once were deeply virtuous and stored up prenatal good karmas (past actions) and tendencies in their souls so that their accumulated power of good karmas sent out a silent call to the Heavenly Father. In response to that call the Heavenly Father sent me as the Savior of the Israelites in this cycle.”

The Lord’s Promise

The above words of Jesus distinctly point out the truth of the greatest Hindu Bible, Bhagavad Gita, which declared, centuries before the birth of Christ: “O devotee Bharata, as often as there is decline of virtue on earth, so often I, the Spirit, ordain some form of Mine to incarnate on earth to give everlasting life to the virtuous and show the sinful how to destroy their sins. In order to establish the predominance of virtue on earth, I, the Spirit, appear through the different incarnated souls of Masters from time to time in different cycles.”

Christna, The Prophet

Christna appeared many centuries before Christ to redeem the virtuous Pandava people of India who were oppressed by the wicked Kurus. He was one of the great Masters who was able to fully manifest all the qualities of God in his life, and through the sage Vyasa gave India its greatest Hindu Bible, Bhagavad Gita.

Buddha, The Compassionate

Buddha appeared in India to prevent cruelty to men and animals. He incarnated there when the message of mercy was extremely needed. He emphasized the necessity of developing sympathy for men and animals, in order to feel the presence of God in all. Through Buddha many sacrifices of animals in the temples were stopped.

Jesus, The Christ

Five centuries later Jesus appeared to bring the message of faith and devotion and healing of body, mind and soul.

Philosopher Shankara

In the Seventh Century A.D., Swami Shankara (Shankaracharya) incarnated to bring the positive idea of God as the ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Bliss. The positive conception of God was much needed for the over-intellectualized classes of India, who had developed a doctrine of annihilation as the ultimate end of life. This evil doctrine arose from a misinterpretation of the idea of Nirvana or cessation of rebirths taught by Buddha. He merely had said that desires cause rebirth and any soul who overcame material desires would be free. He did not mean that souls would cease to exist.

A soul who is free from material desire, according to Swami Shankara, became united to the positive state of ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new God of bliss.

Swami Shankara pointed out that God, being ever-new Bliss, was a universal necessity and the highest goal of life which everybody should strive to attain by discrimination and meditation of the inner Self where the Infinite Spirit as the ever-new Bliss could be found secreted.

Later on Sri Chaitanya came in India to spread the true love of God. In modern times Lahiri Mahasaya came to show Christians and Hindus and all other devotees the scientific technique of concentration and meditation by which they could contact God. Lahiri Mahasaya especially emphasized that all religionist should rise above their superficial differences, concentrate on the universal principles of morality, and learn the highest technique for tuning the mind with the Infinite.

Lahiri Mahasaya

Lahiri Mahasaya's doctrine is especially unique in the fact that, apart from advices on moral culture and self-discipline, it gives definite techniques of step-by-step Self-realization by which one, through the attainment of various superconscious, Christ-Conscious and Cosmic-Conscious states, can ultimately merge in the Supreme Being.

Lahiri Mahasaya's teaching is specially suited to the modern age and for people of all religions because it does not ask anyone to believe anything dogmatically, but by definite technique to find out all the truth about himself and God. Lahiri Mahasaya has given to the world different techniques of meditation which produce distinct universal states of Self-realization until Cosmic Consciousness is attained by the highest ecstasy.

Each of the above Masters or Saviors, by their own self-made spiritual effort, manifested different degrees of God's qualities in their lives. All Masters, when they are almost fully spiritually developed, come on earth through the will of God to carry out His special dispensations. These Masters are often called Incarnations of God but it should be strictly remembered that God Himself in His full perfection never comes down on earth through any human body.

If God came as a human being and displayed the limitations of a human being He would be imitating the frailties of human life. All prophets of God who come on earth were tempted and had to overcome certain human frailties in order to attain the final state of Cosmic Consciousness. If God appeared in a human form He could not be tempted and if He were merely playing out the part of overcoming a temptation, being really aloof in His divine consciousness, then that temptation was no temptation to God at all. God can overcome temptation for He has no inclination to be tempted and thus He certainly could not be an example to human beings who are really tempted. But when human beings find that Jesus was tempted but by his divine consciousness overcame his human consciousness then they, too, hope and feel encouraged to overcome their own strong temptations.

Jesus Was a Fit Instrument To Work Out God's Plan

The truth is that Jesus, having attained high self-development by self-discipline, prayer on mountain tops, and meditation through many lives, was chosen by God to be a suitable instrument to show suffering mankind the way by which any soul could spiritually labor and reap the plenteous harvest of divinity.

It must be distinctly remembered that God does not manufactures Christlike souls in heaven and send them on earth to play out divinely-planned parts to inspire weak mortals.

Human Even As We

A God-created Jesus Christ crucified on the cross could not have felt physical

pain; his crying-out: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,” would then be only an utterance of a divine automaton.

Jesus Christ was tempted, he wept, he suffered like any other human being, but through the accumulated development of many incarnations by which he exteriorized the potential image of God Consciousness hidden within him, he became a Christ or one endowed with Christ Consciousness.

Two quotations from St. Paul bear on this point:

For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted. (Hebrews 2:16-18)

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

Because Jesus was human and divine and by spiritual labor reaped the plenteous spiritual harvest of God Consciousness, therefore the Heavenly Father sent him on earth to work out his last efforts for final salvation there. At the same time, while Jesus was striving to attain his finality on earth, he was to serve as a spiritual example to misery-laden people of the earth.

Prophets Knew About Jesus

Prophets who declared the coming of Jesus Christ on earth were spiritually advanced enough to know the inner life of the man Jesus through many incarnations. That is why the ancient seers knew exactly what would happen in the life of Jesus Christ during his incarnation on earth, even as astronomers by mathematical calculations can predict the appearance of comets years before they are visible. There are many Old Testament prophecies concerning the life and death of Jesus Christ.

Equality of Souls

All souls of men are potentially the perfect images of God. Hence there is no difference between the soul of an ordinary individual and the soul of a Master. The difference between an ordinary human being and a Master, however, lies in the fact that the human being by his charcoal mentality does not reflect the sunlight of God, whereas the Master by his own diamond mentality fully reflects the sunlight of God

falling on him.

Great Masters who have fully attained the lost consciousness of God within themselves are all essentially equal; but they are differentiated according to their works on earth. Masters are distinguished according to the number of Christlike souls they have helped to produce on earth and according to the number of people they have inspired during their stay on earth. Jesus created eleven Masters from his twelve disciples. Lahiri Mahasaya created almost as many Masters—one of them was Sriyukteswarji, my own teacher. He had attained the state of Christhood.

Special Dispensation

Now we understand why Jesus said: “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Jesus said this in order to declare his special divine dispensation on earth and not because he was narrow-minded or partial to the Israelites.

Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O WOMAN, GREAT IS THY FAITH: BE IT UNTO THEE EVEN AS THOU WILT. AND HER DAUGHTER WAS MADE WHOLE FROM THAT VERY HOUR. (Matthew 15:25-28)

“Let the divinely ordained children, the Israelites, be first spiritually served by me. According to the will of God my first help during the short period I stay on earth is for them only and it is not proper for me to give the bread of divine consciousness which is now to be given to the divine children of Israel to any of the more materially-minded peoples.”

Short Stay On Earth

It must be remembered that Jesus realized the short period of his stay on earth and that he could not possibly give his divine consciousness to the whole world, which was too unready. He wanted to give his time only to those who were spiritually ready and had good karmas and had thus attracted the attention of God. Jesus was only trying to carry out the divine wishes in his life. But even though Jesus knew that he came principally for the Israelites, he did not refuse to heal the daughter of the foreign woman, who was “a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation,” St. Mark tells us (7:26). To her he said: “O woman, the pulling power of thy will and conviction is great enough to draw the all-healing Cosmic Energy from me, so let thy will be fulfilled. Go your way: you will find the Cosmic Energy, roused by your faith and my will, has dislodge the evil spirit from the life of your daughter.”

The Reality of Satan

Obsession of human beings by evil spirits and healing of such cases are not a primitive superstition. We clearly see this in many of Jesus' healings, as in the case of his woman of Canaan and her daughter, who was "grievously vexed with a devil," and whom Jesus healed through the mother's great faith in him. Jesus, with his perfect integrity and divine knowledge, would not have referred to such cases as obsession by evil spirits if they had only been cases of hysteria or lunacy. He distinctly called forth the obsessing spirit on many occasions, and the victim was then made whole.

The cosmic evil force employs thousands of evil disembodied souls to work mischief in the world. As all good is organized by God and His angels, and as God sends His spiritually advanced children on earth from time to time to eradicate evil, similarly, the mighty evil force, Satan, with a vast horde of evil spirits, is carrying on a campaign of organized wickedness throughout the universe.

Millions of bacteria and all kinds of evil diseases, evil thoughts, evil passions, are all implanted by the evil force into the mind and body of man. Man is essentially made in the image of God. But Satan planted in man greed, selfishness, anger and all evil tendencies which have overclouded the purity of human souls.

It has been elsewhere described how tramp souls possess weak-minded people and torture their brain, causing mental derangements. Cases of such obsession are not wanting in the world. Sex maniacs, possessed by an evil spirit, take joy in attacking and killing women.

In the notorious case of Hickman, who deliberately dismembered a little girl after spending days with her, we realize that he could not do such a heinous act unless he had been possessed by the devil. Normally Hickman was a devout church student and had a good reputation. When he was captured he said that even though he had led a clean life outwardly, he used inwardly to feel possessed of an irresistible impulse to kill innocent girls. He said that he had to kill this girl and had planned to do so for days—that he could never rest until that obsession of killing was satisfied.

The case was distinctly one obsession. An unseen murderous soul entered the body of Hickman, due to the attraction of his past evil karma secretly lodge in his brain as a predominant tendency, hidden behind many other superficial good tendencies.

Satan Tempts Masters

Great masters, when they approach final liberation, can distinctly see Satan and his legions of evil spirits take form to offer a final resistance against the masters' entry into heaven. When Jesus approached complete liberation, he was confronted with Satan who took him to a mountain top, giving him a glimpse of the vast

earthly kingdom he could receive if he forsook the state of God Consciousness.

Buddha was confronted by Marax who appeared to him in the shape of dancing-girls, trying to tempt him to give up his divine bliss for sexual pleasure. When Buddha remained unaffected, final liberation came to him.

Satan tries different masters with difficult temptations. Great devotees of God, as they approach toward Him, are mysteriously tried by various temptations which come into their lives. But when devotees are very near God, Satan then forsakes his hiding place and openly appears to defy them

Is Satan Symbolical?

There was a time when I used to believe Satan was a symbolical force, a metaphysical delusion, but now I know and add my testimony to the testimony of Jesus Christ that Satan is responsible for all the creation of evil on earth and in the minds of men. I have consciously seen Satan many times obstructing me by mysterious misfortunes, and by consciously-taken materialized forms while I was receiving the grace of God.

God is alluring His devotees by all good things to come unto Him, and Satan by the pseudo-allurement of promises of happiness is trying to draw people to his pit of ignorance and misery. Man is free to choose God-made good things or Satan-made evil. Every time a man acts for good he goes toward God; every time he yields to the Satan-established habits of greed, anger, and other evils within him, he goes toward Satan.

Hence man should consider all the whisperings of his conscience and good tendencies as the call of God within him. All human beings must consider the prompting of all evil thoughts as the call of Satan and avoid them.

Voice of Conscience

If man continuously listens to the whisperings of conscience within him and gets used to better ways of living, he ultimately discovers the eternal good within him and that he is made in the image of God, thus becoming liberated. Satan breaks his promises to give lasting happiness through evil to his followers. Ultimately all Satan's followers will turn away from him to God.

Every master, when liberated, feels the obsession of ignorance within him gone. With the disappearance of the obsession of ignorance from an advance devotee, great changes occur within him. All devotees under the influence of cosmic delusion behold matter as matter, and see dualities of good and evil and the relativity of consciousness which reveals matter as different forms of solids, liquids, gaseous and astral substances. But when the influence of Satan is completely terminated in the soul, the liberated devotee finds only the presence of ever-existing, ever-conscious, omnipresent, ever-new, blessed Spirit present in all space. All evil, all discrepancies of nature disappear as forgotten shadows from the

consciousness of the illumined devotee.

And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coast of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, ‘Ephphatha, that is, BE OPENED.’ And straightway his ears were opened and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. (Mark 7:31-35)

“By my sigh I absorb thy evil karma and its resultant sorrow and your sickness within me; I have commanded the all-healing heavenly energy to fall upon thee and thy brain and send the healing vibrations to loosen up the defective auditory and speech nerves. Be healed.”

And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him and when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, **A PROPHET IS NOT WITHOUT HONOUR, BUT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, AND AMONG HIS OWN KIN, AND IN HIS OWN HOUSE.** And he could there do not mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. (Mark 6:1-6)

A street lamp sheds light everywhere except directly under it where there is some shadow. Similarly, a prophet illumined with God sheds light unto all and is widely appreciated except, often, by those of his own family or those belonging to his own country who live near him in a family or racial and not a devotional relationship. The family members and neighbors of a prophet, due to their emphasis on human relations, do not realize the greatness in him.

Familiarity Is A Danger

A judge may be feared or admired in the courtroom but may be only a husband to his wife and subject to admonishment by her. It is a natural psychological fact that familiarity breeds contempt. People who live near a great man often do not realize his greatness because of their lack of attention on him, but the people who live far from a prophet and have no familiarity-consciousness when they hear of his

greatness, come with attention and devotion, not to get used to him, but to appreciate the divine greatness within him.

That is why it is natural for devotees to understand the greatness of their Master. With the telescope vision of devotion the devotees can visualize the vastness of the consciousness of a Master, whereas the family members with their vision clouded by familiarity do not measure the greatness of a Master's soul.

Unrecognized Beauty

It is the same thing with most people who live around the Himalayas. They never recognize its beauty, grandeur, vastness and its lofty peaks because their attention is on their home life and not on the Himalayas. They have lived near the mountains so long that they are used to them. But visitors who come from distant lands with an eager attitude of mind appreciate all the greatness and vastness of the Himalaya Mountains. Similarly, the family members of a prophet, being used to his bodily presence, do not use their attention to see his greatness hidden behind his body. But devotees who come to the prophet with devotion realize his spiritual greatness.

Because of the unbelief of the people of his own country, Jesus did not demonstrate many miracles there, except that he used the positive-negative poles of his hands to utilize the cosmic energy and heal those who had faith in God's power in him.

And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coast of Magdala. The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A WICKED AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKETH AFTER A SIGN; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (Matthew 15:39, and 16:1-4)

Jesus' Divine Signs

“O you hypocrites who can read the evil weather or the good weather on the face of the sky, why can you not read in my life the signs of the times, that is, the divine message of the present age? As ignorant people cannot read the weather in the face of the sky, so this wicked generation has lost its spiritual vision and cannot recognize the divine sign and message in my life, evidenced in the miraculous healings of God performed through me.

“Jonah came back alive after living three days in the whale's belly in a suspended

state of animation, thus proving the immortality of life and body when they are charged with God Consciousness. A similar sign or divine miracle shall be performed by God in connection with my life, when my crucified body will remain buried three days beneath the tomb and after that will be resurrected into immortality.”

Prophecy About Resurrection

Thus Jesus signified that the miracles worked in his life by God were sufficient sign and testimony of His approval of Jesus. He also prophesied, by his reference to Jonah, about his own coming trial and resurrection after death which would prove his immortality and divine heritage for all time and all peoples.

Jesus, being human as well as divine, felt deep sorrow, picturing in his divine vision the misery which his wicked contemporaries would have to go through because of their bad karmas and refusal to be divinely cleansed by him.

And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them. Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Matthew 16:5-12)

No Material Worries

“O beloved disciples, why do you, by confusion and restlessness, make your faith or Self-realization born meditation so little that you fail to understand what I say through your all-seeing intuition, but use the power of reason and become confused? Why do you not feel in your intuition what I say and try to understand that in your reason? Having spiritual eyes of wisdom and intuition you do not use them to see the truth in my sayings; having the ears of spiritual receptivity you do not use them to understand the meaning behind my words. Do you not remember how the Divine in me fed the five thousand with five loaves, and how there were many baskets of bread crumbs left over?

“O beloved disciples, why have you so little divine conviction that you worry about material bread when you have already witnessed how, through God, I fed multitudes with a few loaves? Why should your minds be thinking of bread and

thus fail to understand what I mean about the leaven or poisonous doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Do you do not understand that when you can have all the bread you need from me, why should I be warning you about the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees? Beware of their false doctrines that are not the bread of life which you find in my teachings, but poisonous bread which, when taken by any one, would sicken his spiritual life with ignorance.”

Law of Divine Healing As Practiced by Jesus— His Test of the Disciples' Faith— Peter's Inspired Reply

And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town. (Mark 8:22-26)

Jesus would not heal the man in the town of Bethsaida, nor permit the man to testify to the healing in the town, because Bethsaida had rejected Jesus, and he had said of it (Matthew 11:21) "Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you."

Jesus knew that every particle in his body, including his sputum, was charged with the high voltage of all-healing cosmic energy. He took it and smeared it on the eyes of the blind man and electrified them with the positive-negative current flowing from his hands. Then Jesus asked if he saw clearly. The blind man replied, "I see men as walking trees." Then Jesus gave a second healing to the eyes of the blind man by charging them with all-healing cosmic current and asked him to look up at the point between the two eyebrows where the spiritual eye is located. When the blind man lifted his eyes there he made a contact with cosmic energy and his eyes were healed completely so that he could see every man plainly.

And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into towns of Caesarea Philippi. (Mark 8:27)

In order to reach the final state of emancipation Jesus was praying and communing with God within the solitude of his soul, in the company of his

disciples. It must be understood that if Jesus had reached the state of final emancipation he, being one with God, would not have had to pray or commune with Him. The Hindu Scriptures say, "The flower precedes the fruit." When the fruit appears, the flower withers away. Thus, the flowers of meditation and prayer should blossom in the garden of the devotee's consciousness, but when the fruit of Self-realization comes, his flowers of divine meditation and prayer wither away. The devotee who has already found Self-realization and has arrived at the very last state of Cosmic Consciousness does not have to meditate. Jesus did not reach the final state of emancipation until after his resurrection.

Mind Completely Engrossed

The prophet Christna asked one of his disciples why he did not meditate, saying unless he meditated he would not find God. But the devotee, who realized Christna was the manifestation of God, replied, "O Christna, my mind is day and night so engrossed in you that I cannot take it away from you to mediate on any other spirit other than yourself who is the highest manifestation of the Spirit Himself." To this Christna said nothing and laughed, for he realized that his devotee and himself had reached the final union in Spirit. Of course, those devotees that have not reached the final union must not imagine that they are one with God and thus give up meditating and laboring for the plenteous harvest of God Consciousness.

When Jesus came into the coast of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, BUT WHOM SAY YE THAT I AM? AND SIMON PETER ANSWERED AND SAID, THOU ART THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.

AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO HIM, BLESSED ART THOU, SIMON BAR-JONA: FOR FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT REVEALED IT UNTO THEE, BUT MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (Matthew 16:13-20)

(The knowledge of the law of reincarnation possessed by Jesus and his contemporaries which is implied by Jesus' question and his disciples' reply will be dealt with elsewhere in this series of Bible interpretations.)

Blessed Revelations

Jesus said: "I care not what people in general think of me, but tell me what you realize." Peter answered: "In thee is the manifestation of Christ Consciousness which is the only begotten Son or only reflection in all vibratory creation of God the Father who is beyond creation."

Jesus answered: "Blessed art thou by your own good karma and the blessing of the Father that through your intuition He has revealed unto you the truth about me. Anyone identified with flesh and blood cannot perceive the Christ Consciousness within me. It is the Father omnipresent in his Heavenly Cosmic Consciousness who through your exalted consciousness has revealed to you the nature of Christ Consciousness which is within me. And I say unto thee, O Peter, thou has realized, 'THAT thou art' and thus your consciousness is one with Cosmic Consciousness." (Swami Shankara and the Vedas use the words *tat twam asi*: "That thou art"—thou art one with the Cosmic Father.)

"O, Peter, on the solid rock of your wisdom which is founded on Cosmic Consciousness, I will build my temple of wisdom, church of God-Consciousness, where seeking souls will find God after they reach the altar of meditation within it. And the decorated gates of misery-making, hellish sense pleasures will not be able to lure those seeking souls who once have felt the joy of entering the church of Christ Consciousness built upon the rock of my teachings through you. Through the perception of Christ Consciousness within you you will ultimately find the keys of the knowledge to enter that heavenly region where the King of Cosmic Consciousness or God the Father reigns.

"Through your exalted consciousness, after feeling the Christ Consciousness in all creation, you will know the technique by which to feel the Cosmic Consciousness beyond all creation. And I shall leave these keys (techniques of God-contact) with you so that anybody who can enter the church of your consciousness, that is, is in tune with you, will also get the keys, when he is ready to and deserving of entering the kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness."

Laws of Freedom

"Whatever laws of superconscious living thou shalt give to discipline earthly souls will have the sanction of the Cosmic Consciousness or the Heavenly That-Thou-Art consciousness which you have realized within yourself. And whatever laws of superconscious freedom which you will instill in earth-bound souls or material souls will also be the ones that govern the emancipated souls who possess Cosmic Consciousness."

In the above, the words "flesh and blood" signify body-consciousness which is detrimental to the realization of God Consciousness. A person who is only conscious of the body and not the Spirit within it cannot realize the Christ Consciousness hidden behind it. Jesus explains that it was not the body

consciousness of Peter, but the Christ Consciousness in him, revealed through Cosmic Consciousness, that made it possible for Peter to know the manifestation of Christ Consciousness in Jesus. He further says Peter had attained the “That-Thou-Art” Consciousness or Cosmic Consciousness and, on the rock of that wisdom, Jesus was going to build the church of his inner teachings.

“Gates of Hell”

“Gates of hell” signifies sense pleasures as compared to the pleasures of divine consciousness which one feels on entering the church of meditation. The words “I will give unto thee” refer to the revelations of Christ Consciousness. The word “keys” refer to spiritual techniques. The words “kingdom of heaven” signify Cosmic Consciousness where God the Father reigns as the only King.

From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN: THOU ARE AN OFFENCE UNTO ME: FOR THOU SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, BUT THOSE THAT BE OF MEN. (Matthew 16:21-23)

“O satanic delusion, speaking through the mistaken sympathy of Peter, drop away from my consciousness and remain forsaken behind as I am marching toward the kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness. As I am filled with enthusiasm and thrilled with joy at the prospect of enduring temporary bodily pain on the cross in exchange for everlasting joy in Spirit, I am offended, O satanic delusion, at thy words of sympathy which thou has spoken through Peter. For thy words, O Satan, even though they are garbed with Peter’s voice and sympathy, clearly reveal the consciousness of delusion-possessed worldly men and do not vibrate with the wisdom of Cosmic Consciousness.”

Delusive Sympathy

In the above words, Jesus emphasized that if he yielded to Peter’s sympathy he would actually be embracing delusion, and thus giving up his preparedness to perform the difficult divine duty which had been revealed to his vision. That is why Jesus rejected Peter’s sympathy. Although Peter wanted to banish the thought of any ordeal coming to Jesus, still, in the echo of those words was the temptation of Satan who wanted Jesus to forsake his crucifixion and thus fail to fulfil the plan of God.

Did Jesus Believe in Rebirth?– His Teaching on Reincarnation

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT: AND WHOSOEVER WILL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT. FOR WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED, IF HE SHALL GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL? (Matthew 16:24-26)

“Let any devotee who wants to attain me or my Christ Consciousness rise by meditation above the consciousness of his physical self and let him keep his attention constantly focused in his Christ peace even though he is daily crucified by restlessness and other trials and distractions. For whosoever will keep his life identified with the body and foolishly protect his body from the trials and restlessness felt in the struggle to meditate shall find that ultimately he will lose all the temporary joys of mundane life; but the devotee who is prepared to give up the pleasures of his physical life for the superior ever-new bliss of Christ Consciousness felt in deep meditation will certainly find his life saved or endowed with eternal happiness of Spirit.”

Preaches by His Life

“Any devotee who lives the Christ life and preaches about it through the vibrations of his divine perceptions and not through book reading and who foregoes all physical pleasures of life or the body itself will attain immortality. If a man gains the whole world it is of little profit to him, for he cannot use all the comforts of the world in one life and he has to lose the kingdom of the earth at death.

“Thus it is foolishness for a man to strive to gain the temporary joys of mundane life. A man who lives identified with material riches finds at the end of his life that he is without riches as well as without God Consciousness. A man, by the intoxication of his unspiritual life, loses the soul in the mires of ignorance. No earthly pleasures, however great, are good enough to buy back the lost immortal happiness of soul consciousness or superconsciousness felt in meditation. Therefore, no one should give up the joys of superconsciousness felt in meditation in preference to the joys of sense pleasures.”

FOR THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS ANGELS; AND THEN HE SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. (Matthew 16:27-28)

“When, to the Son of man, or in the body, the Cosmic Consciousness of the Father and the glory of its angelic joys and wisdom are revealed, then the devotee knows that everyone is rewarded according to his labors of meditation in reaping the plenteous harvest of God Consciousness. Every devotee according to the depth of his meditation finds the angels of different states of Self- realization revealed in his human consciousness (Son-of-man) through the ecstatic communion of Cosmic Consciousness.”

Devotees See Angels

“Every devotee according to the law of cause and effect or the law of karma which governs his various degrees of meditation and all his actions finds himself farther or nearer to God. Advanced devotees through the light of Cosmic Consciousness perceive disembodied advanced souls in the shape of luminous angels. Any devotee who is ashamed to express the joys of Christ Consciousness and the words of wisdom springing from it to the body-identified, divine-bliss-deserting souls, will find a deterioration of his state of Christ Consciousness which he had contacted within his body due to the ecstatic revelations of Cosmic Consciousness and of the sacred angels of inspirations springing from it.

“Any devotee who forgets to be courageous and unselfish and does not try to share his ecstatic joys with body-identified souls will find his consciousness becoming limited within the confinement of his own ego. He who tries to transmit his ecstasy to other souls will find himself expanding. A soul who feels his joy in other souls gradually feels himself as the Self of all and ultimately becomes identified with the omnipresent consciousness of God the Father.

“All devotees who contact Christ Consciousness in earth life but for fear of persecution or ridicule do not try to transmit their consciousness to their ignorant brothers will find, after death, a deterioration of their Christ Consciousness. Such selfish souls visiting Christ Consciousness in the after-death state are again sent back to earth to learn to share their spiritual attainments with body-identified souls who are the sleeping children of God.”

“Shall Not Taste Death”

“Verily I truthfully reveal unto you there are some devotees who are standing around me who shall first feel the all-powerful Cosmic Consciousness within their human consciousness before they make a transition from their present bodily

existence to another plane.”

Law of Materialization

AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TAKETH PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND BRINGETH THEM UP INTO AN HIGH MOUNTAIN APART, AND WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM: AND HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AS THE LIGHT. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

WHILE HE YET SPAKE, BEHOLD, A BRIGHT CLOUD OVERSHADOWED THEM: AND BEHOLD A VOICE OUT OF THE CLOUD, WHICH SAID, THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASSED; HEAR YE HIM. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. (Matthew 17:1-8)

It is extremely important to know the way by which Jesus transfigured himself, and how Elias and Moses materialized themselves and came to Jesus.

When a person is intently watching a picture being played in a motion picture house, he might be so engrossed as to think all the actors and players in the picture to be real. When he arouses himself and watches the pictures closely, he realizes they are caused by a ray of electrical light falling on the screen. Thus he beholds their true electrical nature and their unlikeness to real earthly forms and figures.

Likewise, most human beings are so busy watching the earthly motion picture playing on the screen of their consciousness and space, that they overlook their real nature. A Master, one who has tuned his consciousness with God, realizes that the earth, with all its solids, liquids, gaseous substances, human beings, sky and stars, is nothing but the different forms of vibrations of electro-protonic rays playing on the screen of space.

Electrical Nature of the Universe

Jesus was a great Master who had realized the electrical nature of his own body and the universe. When he was praying on the mountain top, consciously communing with Cosmic Consciousness, the delusive human consciousness in him and his disciples, which made the universe appear as matter, completely vanished. That is why the body of Jesus was shorn of the mask of delusion and the consciousness of solidity, and appeared luminous and ethereal.

Intensified prayer produces ecstasy or oneness with Cosmic Consciousness. A

Master who has experienced highest ecstasy with God Consciousness actually sees his body and all the worldly forms as made of light. Such a one, also, can make his very advanced disciples behold all forms of matter as made of electrical energy. All liberated Masters, even though they merge in Cosmic Consciousness, retain their individuality so that by the mere willing they can come out of the Cosmic Ocean and materialize their forms in any way they want. Thus it is that Elias and Moses, being liberated souls, remained in Spirit, but materialized their forms and appeared on the mountain top with Jesus according to divine ordinance.

Elias Was Jesus' Guru in a Former Incarnation

It must be especially noted that the appearance of Elias on the mountain top with Jesus Christ was very significant. I have pointed out before that Elias or Elijah was no other than the Guru-Preceptor of Jesus in Jesus' former incarnation as Elisha (Eleseus). Jesus, himself, acknowledged that Elias had come already as John the Baptist. Thus it is significant and easily understood why Jesus asked the reincarnated Elijah or John the Baptist to baptize him, for it is the Guru who gives spiritual baptism to the disciple. When Jesus came to John for baptism, Jesus said, "SUFFER IT TO BE SO; FOR THUS IT BECOMETH US TO FULFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Matthew 3:15), that is, it is the divine law that all righteous individuals find liberation through divine union of souls, between Guru-Preceptor and disciple.

Liberated After Ordeal

It must be also carefully noted that the appearance of Elias (Elijah) on the mountain top where Jesus was transfigured, happened after John the Baptist was beheaded and by this ordeal found his complete liberation. The soul of Elias, after leaving the body of Elias, reincarnated in the body of John the Baptist. When the body of John the Baptist was beheaded, the soul of Elias became completely liberated in spirit. That is why Elias appeared as Elias and not as John the Baptist on the mount where Jesus experienced his transfiguration.

Moses and Jesus Together On the Mount of Transfiguration

It has been described before that the Guru-Preceptor is the highest messenger chosen by God to liberate a true devotee. The Guru-Preceptor and the true devotee form a pact of unconditional love and try to help each other through incarnations until the final liberation is reached. Elias and Jesus, both being highly spiritually advanced, had been in touch with each other in many incarnations, not known to man. That is why Elias appeared to Jesus Christ to give him his spiritual strength that he might without difficulty overcome the greatest ordeal of death on the cross.

Moses appeared with Jesus to show that both of them were inseparably

connected in the spiritual path and had been connected in divine work in many incarnations. The modern Jews, therefore, should find and establish their brotherhood with Christians. Moses, the Master of the Jews, and Jesus, the Master of the Christians, having appeared together on the Mount of Transfiguration in divine glory, ought to be the inspiration of the Christian and Jewish people alike.

Moses and Jesus, being present in heaven now, with grief consciously watch the clannish differences that have arisen between the Jewish and Christian children of God. Jesus Christ's body came from the Jewish race. The entire Jewish people are not to blame because a few wicked Jews were instruments in the crucifixion of Jesus. Jewish people should acknowledge the greatness of Moses because he appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Great Ones Unite

The united presence of Moses and Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration was a divine beacon light installed in the dark past by God that it might shine through future Ages to dissolve the dark differences of denominationalism which exist between His Jewish and Christian children.

The vibrating voice of the Father and the celestial cloud which enveloped the three Masters and the disciples of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration distinctly reveals that the Heavenly Father had a special message for the world through the united liberated lives of Jesus, Moses and Elias.

The appearance of Elias with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration also establishes the fact that all truth-seeking souls, including great Masters like Jesus, cannot find liberation through themselves or by following a blind teacher, but by tuning in with a God-sent Guru-Preceptor. Jesus said: "None can come unto me, unless the Heavenly Father draweth him." That is, only when a devotee intensely prays to God to know truth can he be sent a true Guru-Preceptor for guidance.

Every devotee should remember that in order to find a true Guru-Preceptor, he must constantly pray to God. And if the devotee thoroughly believes and continuously prays, then God will surely send him a true Guru-Preceptor. God, Himself, teaches the eager devotee through the words, thoughts, wisdom, and intuitions of a true Guru-Preceptor.

Jesus Explains That John the Baptist Was Formerly Elias

And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall

also the Son of man suffer of them.

Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (Matthew 17:9-13)

The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant about “rising again from the dead.” The last paragraph of the Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament, said that “ELIAS SHALL TRULY FIRST COME AND RESTORE ALL THINGS” (Malachi 4:5), and it was about this prophecy that the disciples questioned Jesus.

That John the Baptist was the incarnation of Elias (Elijah) is explained in the first chapter of Luke, where the angel appeared to Zacarias to foretell the birth of a son, “AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JOHN” (verse 13); “AND HE SHALL GO BEFORE HIM IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIAS ... TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD” (verse 17).

Jesus said: “It has also been written in the Scriptures how the son of man or my physical self would suffer many trials and find resistance from the people he would teach. By the Christ Consciousness in me I know and declare unto you that Elias has already come before me, reborn as John the Baptist, who has already been beheaded and received back into heaven in the state of final liberation as Elias whom you saw with me on the mount where I was transfigured. So Elias has already come in the body of John the Baptist but the people did not recognize him and they have already killed him. I prophesy that my body also will suffer like John the Baptist’s at the hands of the ignorant people.”

In the above words of Jesus is the great answer to all Christians as to whether Jesus believed in reincarnation or not. Some of the prophets of the Old Testament who predicted the reincarnation of Elias knew and not merely believed that reincarnation was based on the law of cause and effect governing all lives.

It must be remembered that the doctrine of reincarnation is very ancient. Two hundred million people of India, five hundred million Buddhists in China and Japan and India, the ancient Druid priests and eminent philosophers of the East and West have believed and do believe in the doctrine of reincarnation.

Without the law of reincarnation no one can explain why some people are born blind or why some are born rich and some are born poor and others are born wicked and some are born good. The premature death of people also shows that when they die in an imperfect state they could not find liberation; necessarily they must reincarnate on earth in order to get an opportunity to perfect themselves. If this life is the beginning and the end then it clearly reveals the injustice and partiality of nature and God in making some people good and well and in making others evil and sick.

Jesus said before, “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” All souls after death, on their arrival in the astral world according to the cosmic law emanating from Christ Consciousness, find themselves judged according to their works or karma while they lived on earth.

Karma–Cosmic Law

Thus the cosmic law liberates the very advanced souls into God. They, having overcome material desires, become pillars, or immortal entities in the omnipresent mansion of God, and they need go out no more through reincarnation on earth.

HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I MAKE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF MY GOD, AND HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT (Revelation 3:12).

But other souls, according to their various material desires and good or evil activities, are born into various kinds of good or bad families on earth. If we are the tools of destiny and if we have to live according to the predestined laws of God then the endowment of freedom of will becomes meaningless to us. We are endowed with free will and act as we like, thus accumulating good or bad seeds of actions which govern all our future lives. Having free will we are the architects of our own destiny.

Lack of prenatal memory does not prove that a man did not reincarnate before, for a man does not remember his life at birth or the first year of his existence. Great saints who can keep their consciousness and memory intact during death and after, remember who they were before they died, and remember their former lives after they are reborn. Since Jesus knew who John the Baptist was before–Elias (Elijah)–so he also knew that he himself was Euseus (Elisha), the disciple of Elias.

An earthly judge has sense enough to pronounce the term of imprisonment of a criminal according to the nature of his crime. So also the greatest of all judges, the Cosmic Law, helps people to reap their rewards or punishments according to their karmas or actions on the earth plane. A million incarnations of sin committed by a soul could attract a million years of vile incarnations but no more. A soul, being primarily and essentially made in the image of God, even if responsible for a million years of sin, could not attract eternal damnation. Finite acts could not reap infinite results.

Man Is the Image of God

Then comes the question, how can a man by virtuous actions of one or more incarnation, become eternally liberated? It must be remembered that man being made in the image of God is always eternally good, and becomes only temporarily deluded. This temporary delusion leads man to think he is mortal. So long as he thinks he is mortal so long must he suffer.

This mortal consciousness in a soul may extend to few or many incarnations, but through self-effort and law of God the prodigal soul finds wisdom. As soon as a prodigal soul is illumined he remembers the eternal image of God within him and returns to his home of Cosmic Consciousness. Then the Father serves him with the

fatted calf or eternal wisdom and liberates him forever.

Delusion Is Temporary

Man, being made primarily in the image of God may misuse his free will for a time and consider himself mortal, but that temporary delusion can never erase from within him the mark of immortality and God's image of perfection. Hence, souls being made in the image of God can never by means of temporary delusion be essentially changed into eternally evil entities.

A baby who was never baptized and prematurely dies cannot possibly have used his free will to be either virtuous enough to be liberated or vicious enough to be damned. Nature must bring the baby back to earth to give it a chance to use its free will to work out the past karma for which it met death, and to perform enough good actions to liberate itself. So all souls made in the image of God, after a number of incarnations of delusive earthly living, by self-effort and awakening of wisdom ultimately merge in their eternal abode in Spirit.

If an immortal soul does not work out his delusion in one school of life he has to have another or more schoolings before he returns home in Cosmic Consciousness by remembering his immortality. Ordinary souls usually reincarnate being compelled by their earth-bound desires; great souls come on earth partially to work out their karma but principally to act as noble sons of God to show lost children the way to their heavenly Father's all-liberating home.

Great Souls Can Take On the Karma of Others

And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. (Matthew 17:14-17)

“O, ye generation of people filled with ignorance and without self-realization of Spirit, I have been so long with you and you have not appreciated me, and how long shall I suffer beholding your agonies and also for taking your evil karmas on myself? Anyway, bring your son to me.”

In the above words Jesus expressed sorrow for constantly overburdening himself with the evil karma of others. Great souls by their will power can work out the suffering of others in their own souls and thus relive them, as a rich man might save a criminal from imprisonment by paying his fine. But it must be remembered that this happens only to repentant souls who, by their good karma, happen to meet a Master who can partially minimize their sufferings. The forgiving of sins and

working out of karmas by another will be discussed more fully later on.

Jesus knew that by accumulating the evil karmas or sinful actions of others he would ultimately have to pay in the shape of the crucifixion of his body. Jesus gave up man's dearest possession, his body, for working out the karmas of others by his crucifixion.

While Jesus let his body be crucified through the sins of others yet by superior soul force he resurrected his body and proved his victory over all karma of himself and of others. Realizing the terrible ordeal which he would have to go through for taking on the karma of others, he said, "How long shall I suffer for you and stand for the impositions of your karma on my soul?" Even though Jesus realized he would have to carry much evil karma by healing the possessed son of the man still, due to his infinite compassion, he agreed to heal the boy.

And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child. And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, LORD, I BELIEVE; HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, THIS KIND CAN COME FORTH BY NOTHING, BUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING. (Mark 9:20-29)

A person who believes in his own power and in the power of God continuously without doubt can accomplish everything, spiritual or material, whatever he wants. It must be remembered that people must not expect to accomplish all results by a moment's belief.

How To Cultivate Faith

There is a way to cultivate belief until it becomes faith or absolute conviction. Belief is the initial recipient attitude of the mind necessary for the seed of a desire to be planted. When the soil of belief is continuously watered with belief in Self and a Master then it sprouts into faith or absolute conviction that the desired result will be accomplished.

As a person learns the laws of planting for a good harvest so a truth-seeking individual must learn how to cultivate belief so that it may yield the desired result. Jesus knew the laws of truth; he was equipped with all-mighty God-consciousness and knew that any one who believed in his words would create a channel through which the Christ-Consciousness could easily be transferred to him. All spiritual teachers could not say what Jesus said because they themselves are not always convinced of the all-accomplishing power of divine will and intuition-born faith or conviction.

Jesus said: “O thou wicked, disembodied soul, thou hast been deaf and dumb in the astral world because of thy evil karma. Instead of working out thy evil actions why art thou piling more evil actions in your soul by possessing this child before me? O evil spirit, because you have been deaf and dumb that is why your obsession has caused the loss of speech and hearing in the child before me. I command you to come out of his body and do not possess him any more.”

In the above Jesus evidently hints that there are deaf and dumb spirits who try to possess earthly souls in order that they might hear or speak but due to their evil karmas, even when they unlawfully possess an individual, they are still unable to hear or speak and in that way destroy the vocal chords and the auditory nerves of the possessed individual. Such spirits, being condemned by their own karmas to be deaf and dumb cannot hear or speak even when they possess other bodies. Such is the immutable law of karma or cause and effect which governs all life.

Charged By Cosmic Energy

Due to this boy being possessed by the evil spirit since childhood his nervous system was completely exhausted. Thus, even when the evil spirit left him, the boy appeared as dead. But Jesus took him by the hand and charged Cosmic Energy in it and lifted him up. From that hour the boy was cured.

Jesus said to his disciples: “To cast out the evil spirit long lodged in that boy required steady faith. When you failed to heal him by one or two attempts you disbelieved and because of your unbelief he was not healed. I declare unto you through my Christ Consciousness that if you have meditation-born intuitive conviction, even as little as a mustard seed, then you can tell the mountain of difficulties to disappear and it will do so. It is the cosmic conviction of God which is all-powerful and has created stars, planets, human beings. God knows that He is all-powerful; He intuitively feels He can do anything so whatever He thinks He can do, He does.

“So souls by deeper and deeper meditation can ultimately acquire the almighty intuitive conviction of God. When souls possess this intuitive conviction they will understand that all cosmic vibrations of matter and its manifestations are controlled and guided by God’s intuitive conviction. Realizing that, a soul can transfer a mountain from one place to another. When advanced souls find their convictions in tune with God’s convictions then they realize the relation of intuition and matter.

Thus an advanced soul by the power of his intuitive conviction can create anything in matter.

“All the figures and forms in a dream are controlled and manifested by the imagination of the dreamer. The imagination of the dreamer can create any changes in the dream he perceives. So a person who can dream at will realizes he can create anything or any changes in the dreamland. Likewise the cosmic dream is sustained by God’s consciousness and I, Christ, being in tune with that consciousness can create any changes in the cosmic dream-manifestations. That is how I healed the obsessed son of that father.

“But remember, I am not telling you that if you mentally imagine a mountain to go from one place to another, it will. It is only when you have developed your faith by God-contact that you can accomplish anything. When you have acquired this God-consciousness which controls all the dream forms in the cosmos, then through that consciousness you can create any changes in the universe. But I strongly warn you again that this power to accomplish anything by faith cannot come by doing nothing or by mere belief. It comes by constant demand for Cosmic Consciousness in meditation (prayer) and by remaining away and aloof from the body-consciousness by occasional fasting.”

Not By Imagination

It is inspiring how Jesus says that people cannot achieve wonderful results by imagination but must commune with Cosmic Consciousness in prayer and by not stimulating the body-consciousness by constant eating. Those who meditate deeply, fast often and stay away from the body-consciousness ultimately develop their intuition and all-accomplishing power of conviction or faith. Jesus says that even a little intuitive-power can accomplish wonders, more than great power of imagination. He emphasizes that this power of faith or intuitive conviction does not come by a mental belief or intellectual conviction but by regular, deep prayer or meditation and by subjecting the body to the discipline involved in fasting and moral living. Thus as the consciousness of the devotee is finally united to Cosmic Consciousness, he realizes that he can create any changes in the cosmic dream which is sustained by that Cosmic Consciousness.

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Why Jesus Said All Men Must Become as Little Children to Enter Heaven— Why God is Humble

And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?

Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; that take, and give unto them for me and thee. (Matthew 17:24-27)

Jesus said: “The kings of the earth do not gather tribute from their own children. They go free. Likewise, those that are materially-minded and worldly needs must give taxes to earthly kings, but we, being the children of God, consider all things in the world belong to God. Being the children of God who owns the cosmos, we also own it.

“However, though we know in our minds we are the children of God, still, lest we offend the order of the world, let us do our part in paying taxes. Dear Simon, that you may know I am the child of God, you shall see His glory, that He will free me from the earthly obligations of paying taxes by miraculously sending me some money through a fish in the sea.”

And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, IF ANY MAN DESIRE TO BE FIRST, THE SAME SHALL BE LAST OF ALL, AND SERVANT OF ALL. (Mark 9:33-35)

“If any devotee wants to be foremost in God’s eyes, he should desire to be least in the world’s estimation. He should be the humblest and serve all with love and humility in utter forgetfulness of egoism or selfishness. A person who desires to be the greatest in heaven, must endeavor, as long as he lives, to contact Christ

Consciousness in meditation, and must outwardly keep his consciousness ready to serve all. It is not the person who wishes to be foremost that is the greatest, but the person who is in tune, to the end of his days, with Christ Consciousness and is ready to be the servant of all. His consciousness becomes one with the Great Spirit–Cosmic Consciousness—and consequently he would be considered greatest in heaven.”

In these words of Jesus we find wonderful hints as to who can be the greatest in the cosmos. God never wants to be foremost, therefore He silently serves all creation and all creatures to the end of eternity, without asking anything in return. God, being in love with all, feels His oneness with all things and creatures. Thus, He is the greatest. There can be no one greater than God. Anyone who wants to be the greatest in the universe must be humble like God and be in eternal tune with Him.

Child Is Not Egotistical

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, AND BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN, YE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF AS THIS LITTLE CHILD, THE SAME IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. (Matthew 18:2-4)

“Through the verification of my divine knowledge, I declare unto you that unless, by meditation and a proper guru-preceptor’s help, you change your ego-guided worldly nature into the soul-guided childlike nature, you will never be able to rise above your body-consciousness and let your inner Self enter into the ever-new bliss state of Christ Consciousness. On the mountain peak of ego-consciousness the raindrops of divine mercy do not remain. But in the vast valley of childlike humbleness (unegotistical mentality) the mercy-drops of divinity ever gather into a vast lake of wisdom.

“An egotistical person identifies his unlimited soul consciousness with certain physical, mental or astral powers and thus creates around himself a hedge of limitation which shuts out the greater part of Cosmic Consciousness. My Heavenly Father, being all-powerful, does not identify His consciousness with any one power, and thus limit Himself by egotism. My Father in Heaven does not separate Himself from His powers by being conscious of them. He keeps His infinite qualities infinitely dissolved in the fathomless ocean of His humbleness. All good and beautiful children made after the pure image of the Father are humble and unaware of their priceless qualities. So any devotee who rises above ego-consciousness by identifying himself with the childlike humble qualities of God is the greatest in His kingdom.

“God is the greatest in His heavenly kingdom of bliss, so the humble devotee

being one with Him is also the greatest, possessing all God's powers because he does not claim any one of them. Any devotee who by divine communion and ecstasy absorbs in his cosmic-vibration-saturated consciousness the divine childlike qualities, receives Me or gradually manifests my omnipresent Christ Consciousness. But any wicked person who by egotism and love for his physical body deliberately disturbs and offends any inner childlike divine quality which manifests my Christ Consciousness, will feel the millstone of misery heavy in his life, drowning him in the depths of the sea of ignorance."

Physical Child Not Meant

In the above words of Christ, it must be strictly noted what Jesus means by the humble little child being the greatest in heaven. A humble, little ignorant child on earth may be dear to all, but he is not considered as the greatest soul on earth. But a wise man who contacts God in meditation manifests the childlike humble quality of God.

The Hindu Scriptures say the one who knows Brahman or Spirit is Spirit Himself, so the wise man who is one with God is God Himself. Egotism is the surest sign of an ignorant man. A childlike humble nature in a wise man is the surest sign that he contacts God. There is a proverb that a few fish in a small bowl make a lot of noise, but the whales and big denizens moving in the ocean do not create much commotion. So egotists with their little powers brag about them, but great Masters who in divine vision can see the whole cosmos in the twinkling of an eye hardly speak of their powers. God has every power conceivable in the universe, yet He never uses them for the sake of display. That is how far He is humble.

Humbleness does not signify an assumed meekness; a pretense of humbleness does not make one humble. A person who is continuously busy developing great powers within him is so absorbed in so doing that he never speaks of it. Thus, when a person is so absorbed in doing great things that he has no time to talk about it, he is really humble. But a person who remains mentally and physically idle imagining that he is doing great things, spends all his time telling how great he is. The egotistical person talks all the time about his powers.

The most humble person being completely busy with the Great God has no time to talk about himself. A wonderful child blooms like a flower, unable to talk or advertise about its fragrance or beauty. So a divine man must be, absorbed in the beauty of God, unaware like a child of his own qualities. To love children is to worship some of the most beautiful of God's qualities on the altar of love.

Deep Christ Saying

Any person who thinks it is all a simple matter, that if he receives a child in his home in the name of Jesus Christ he will know Him, is mistaken. Only when a devotee develops childlike qualities in meditation does he gradually manifest Christ

Consciousness.

All the great master minds that I have seen are childlike. The masters display all the qualities of sincerity, frankness, nonattachment, universality, uniformity of action, thought and speech, forgiveness, truthfulness, calmness, sweetness, laughter and worrilessness, belonging to a child, minus the latter's ignorance.

A person who does not cultivate the above-mentioned childlike qualities latent in the soul is constantly tortured by selfishness, suspicion, worries, fear and attachment which drown his peace in the ocean of misery. Just as a child lives happily, confidently secure in the protecting power of parents, so a divine man relinquishes fear, worldliness and egotistical living, by becoming a divine child, completely depending on the all-protecting power of God.

All divine masters who are liberated in God preserve their individuality throughout eternity even though they all become one with God. In other words, the liberated divine masters all know they come out of God and then merge in Him. Thus knowing God, they understand that He became their many selves, as Christ, Christna, Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Sriyukteswarji and other saints of God.

WHOSOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ONE OF SUCH CHILDREN; IN MY NAME, RECEIVETH ME; AND WHOSOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ME, RECEIVETH NOT ME, BUT HIM THAT SENT ME. (Mark 9:37)

Jesus said: "Any devotee who is in tune with my Christ Consciousness and with a childlike spirit loves a child and his heavenly qualities will feel my presence in his guileless mentality. Any devotee who expands his consciousness by deep meditation and thus can receive or be in tune with my Christ Consciousness shall not find his consciousness limited by the Christ Intelligence present in all vibratory creation, but shall rise through his Christ Consciousness to the Cosmic Consciousness which exists even beyond all creative vibrations."

Soul Becomes Released

"The devotee who is in tune with Christ Consciousness does not remain confined there but gets in tune with Cosmic Consciousness through me (Christ Consciousness), which is the reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness. The soul of any devotee who has banished his ego-consciousness or body-consciousness becomes released to be one with the omnipresent great Cosmic Consciousness. Hence the devotee who has little or no body-consciousness, being one with God, is considered greatest in the eyes of the metaphysical law."

Jesus did not mean that anybody who loves children will have Christ Consciousness, but anyone who with wisdom and Christ Spirit loves children will feel Christ Consciousness in them. Jesus emphasizes the fact that devotees should receive and absorb the best qualities of children (lack of egotism, body-consciousness, selfishness and attachment, and presence of purity, guilelessness,

innocence, obedience, humbleness, meekness, love, trust and joy).

In children lies the manifestation of some of the best qualities of Christ Consciousness, therefore Jesus points out that if a devotee is in tune with some of the best qualities of children, he will easily know how to contact Christ Consciousness. To love the best in children is the easiest way to practice tangible Christ qualities in daily life.

Jesus also meant that he who is egotistical and considers himself great is thrown down from the temple of others' hearts and set at the lowest point of their estimation. But the person who loves and serves all without a selfish motive becomes the great emperor sitting on the throne of all hearts.

The Real Meaning of “Hell-Fire” as Used by Jesus in the Bible— The “Hell” of Desire, Where the “Fire is not Quenched”

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, **FORBID HIM NOT: FOR THERE IS NO MAN WHICH SHALL DO A MIRACLE IN MY NAME, THAT CAN LIGHTLY SPEAK EVIL OF ME. FOR HE THAT IS NOT AGAINST US IS ON OUR PART.** For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.

And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. **AND IF THY HAND OFFEND THEE, CUT IT OFF:** it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

AND IF THY FOOT OFFEND THEE, CUT IT OFF: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. **AND IF THINE EYE OFFEND THEE, PLUCK IT OUT:** it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9:38-48)

“Beloved disciples, do not cast out any man who is working healings in my name (through my Christ Consciousness). It does not matter whether a man has outward connections with us or not; so long as he is in tune with the Christ Consciousness, he is one with me and all of us and is justified to perform divine healings, which cannot be monopolized by anyone.

“Anyone who works the divine law is justified to administer divine healings to stricken children of God. Any person who works the miracle of divine healing through the vibration of my Christ Consciousness cannot in any way talk against me, in whom Christ Consciousness is fully manifested.”

Expansion of Consciousness

“Any devotee who does not practice anything against our principles is naturally in tune with us. Any person who shall help you even with a cup of water when you are thirsty will be rewarded because of the manifestation of Christ Consciousness in the consciousness of all. Anyone who is in sympathy with you all is in tune with the Christ Consciousness present in you all and will be rewarded by expansion of consciousness. A person in tune with you all will automatically and sympathetically attract the qualities of Christ Consciousness.

“Anyone who shall persecute in any way any disciple who is in tune with me and manifests the divine qualities of little children, will attract evil to himself, being used by the evil force. Anyone who would persecute disciples with Christ Consciousness would attract to himself great spiritual and physical misery, far greater than if he hung a millstone around his neck and cast himself into the sea.

“Physical misery ends with death but spiritual misery born of ignorant actions continues after death, in the astral world on to postnatal existence, according to the law of karma.

“If financial greed (hand) offends the divine law and keeps you from attaining spirituality, destroy your greed. It is better that you maim your unspiritual qualities or even your body in the attempt to reach eternal happiness. It is better to have everlasting happiness in preference to bodily happiness which has to be thrown into the fire of death, misery and the unquenchable fires of earthly desires.

“Those who do not forsake their evil mortal habits during their earth-life carry those torturing worms of evil tendencies into the astral world and their next incarnation and are continuously burnt by the inextinguishable fires of ever-increasing evil desires.”

Foot Symbol of Activity

“And if the foot, symbol of material activity, prevents you from meditating and attaining the kingdom of every-new joy felt in meditation, then by all means drop most of your obstructing material activities. It is better to have the joy of eternal life than the temporary pleasure through material activities which will end in the ever-increasing fire of material desires, spreading from one incarnation to another.

“Anyone who does not attain heavenly happiness but remains engrossed in material activities will find, after death, the worms of worries chasing him from one incarnation to another, and the insatiable fires of material desires torturing him through many incarnations.

“If any devotee finds his eye or material understanding conflicting with his spiritual aspirations, he should modify it or give it up. It is better to enter by meditation into the kingdom of eternal joy with one intuitional eye of wisdom than, with two material eyes of duality and relativity, to remain burning in a hell-fire of miserable unsatisfying material consciousness and bodily pleasures.

“Any person who remains identified with material desires and passes out in that state will find the worms of material understanding bothering him in the astral world and from incarnation to incarnation with continuous tendencies of distraction and desire for sense- pleasures. Such a person who has no divine wisdom finds himself continuously burning with the fire of material desires.”

In the above words, when Jesus speaks of doing away with hand, foot or eye for attaining the kingdom of God, he has a threefold message—one for the Christlike martyr, one for the moralist and one for the yogi who scientifically tries to unite his soul with Spirit. This threefold message is explained as follows:

Divine Bravery

(1) After Cranmer, 16th Century martyr, wrote with his right hand something against his religious convictions because he was going to be burnt at the stake with Latimer, he cried, “Latimer, my unworthy hand shall burn first. We will light such a candle (of Protestantism) as shall never be put out.” Cranmer smilingly burnt his right hand first and then consecrated his whole body and its temporary pleasures to the flames, consciously ascending into the heavenly region of Spirit.

Jesus gave up the temporary pleasures of his body on the cross to attain eternal happiness, but if he had chosen bodily happiness in preference to eternal happiness of Cosmic Consciousness, today perhaps through twenty centuries his soul might be still roaming, afflicted with desires, suffering from the bites of the worms of worries through many incarnations.

When Jesus saw that his hand, foot, eyes and his whole body were being tempted by satanic ignorance, he gave them up so that even though physically maimed, he gained everlasting life and also resurrection of the maimed body.

Jesus was wise to do that, for by sacrificing a temporal body, he inherited eternal life. Those people who for complete pleasure of a healthy body, give up the desire to meditate and be in God Consciousness are foolish, for they forsake eternal happiness and immortality in order to enjoy the short-lasting physical happiness of a few years of bodily existence on earth.

(2) The moral individual must give up his hand or love of money, his foot or attachment to material activities of life, and his eye or worldly understanding, for the eternal happiness of a moral spiritual life.

(3) To the yogi, Jesus, through his above words, gives the following message: “Any devotee who tries to scientifically unite his soul with Spirit must know that meditation is the only way to attain the eternal happiness of divine ecstatic contact. The devotee or yogi during meditation often finds the sensations in his hands, feet and eyes in the shape of sense-temptations or optical temptations of beauty and scenery trying to invade his brain and distract his attention from marching toward the ecstatic union with God Consciousness and ever-new joy of meditation. He should overcome by deep meditation, mental concentration and the art of switching off the life force from the optical and auditory and tactual sensory nerves, as is done

unconsciously during the state of sleep.

“When the yogi by deep meditation enjoys the eternal happiness of God-contact, he realizes that it is far better for him to enter the kingdom of ever-new joy of meditation by maiming himself (silencing his physical self) or switching off his attention from the consciousness of sensations of touch, hearing, sight, taste and smell.”

When the yogi by technique of meditation learns to switch off the life force from the five sense telephones of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch, then he finds that his attention becomes disconnected with the body and united with God Consciousness. When a yogi, by switching off his attention from sensations, can enjoy ecstatic communion with God, then he realizes that he will never again crave to indulge in physical happiness and thereby remain continuously burning with material desires, love of sense-pleasures and worries.

Hell-Fire of Desire

So to the yogi Jesus says: “If bodily sensation and sense-pleasures prevent thee from uniting your consciousness with the eternal ever-new happiness of meditation, then cut them off by switching off your attention from the sensations. It is better to be united with the eternal happiness found in meditation than to remain conscious of the body constantly burning with the hell-fires of desires born of insatiable love of sense-pleasures and bitten continuously by the worms of worries.”

Woe unto the world because of offences; for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! (Matthew 18:7)

Cosmic Delusion

“Physical, mental and soul sufferings and woes ensue in the world because of the delusions and evils created by Satan or cosmic delusion. Because of the rebellion of the cosmic delusion against God’s words, the presence of evils or offences in the world is unavoidable. Man did not create anger, greed, selfishness, sex consciousness; they were implanted in him by Satan or cosmic delusion, along with the godly qualities implanted in him by God.

“It is man who by the use of his free will and direction of inner wisdom can choose to cultivate the goodness planted in him by God, and become forever happy and liberated. But woe and threefold misery visit that physical man who identifies himself with the evil passions planted within him by cosmic delusion. A man who acts according to the urge of delusion brings the offences or evils from within him and lets them flow into his actions and poison them.

“That is why you should disconnect the consciousness, attention and energy from the hand or foot when it is used, or about to be used, as the instrument of evil. For physical cutting of the hand or foot or the bodily organs does not destroy

the evil in them. Destroying the tongue does not destroy its greed. Greed must be destroyed from within.

“By will power you should cut off the currents and evil consciousness from the hands and feet when they are about to become instruments of evil. After switching off the evil impulses which engage your hands and feet to do evil, forever cast them off from you and your consciousness.

Physical Cutting Off Of Hands Not Meant

“I am not telling you to cut off your hands or feet if they have been the instruments of evil, or to cast them off, for by doing so you destroy only the instruments of evil but not the evil tendencies themselves, which are the real forces which urge your innocent hands and feet to commit evil. Cutting off hands and feet may disable you from doing physical evil but it will not prevent you from doing mental evil which is the real cause of physical evil and the downfall of the soul.

“It is better for you to enter into the consciousness of divine pleasure and eternal life by halting or maiming or forever destroying your inclinations for temporal sense-pleasures. It is better for you to relinquish temporary pleasures for the eternal bliss-God of meditation rather than allowing the sense organs and nervous system to be continuously used to burn with the insatiable fire of physical lust. If you are identified with your sense-pleasures, they will inevitably make you aware that sensuality is everlastingly insatiable and productive of fire-like burning misery.

“Pluck out the impulse in the optic nerves by disconnecting it by the power of concentration when you are led to see evil or to act according to evil. After doing that forever destroy the impulse of greed in your eyes. It is better for you to enter into Christ Consciousness by opening the all-seeing eye of wisdom and meditative intuition rather than use your two eyes of relativity and sense consciousness and thus remain bound in the misery-making hell-fire of insatiable sensations.”

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 18:10)

“Be careful that you do not hate the consciousness of children, or their little selves. The cosmic vibration which I feel within me and the cosmic heavenly light which I behold within me reveal that the angels or astral bodies of children who passed on from the earth without a chance to acquire wisdom get a chance between incarnations to behold the materialized form of any being or saint in whose face shines the consciousness of God the Father. Christ Consciousness appeared in my body named Jesus so that through my consciousness and teachings the souls who have lost themselves in the jungles of material desires and earthly lives could find their way home back to the Father.”

FOR EVERYONE SHALL BE SALTED WITH FIRE, AND EVERY SACRIFICE SHALL BE SALTED WITH SALT. SALT IS GOOD: BUT IF THE SALT HAVE LOST HIS SALTNESS, WHEREWITH WILL YE SEASON IT? HAVE SALT IN YOURSELVES, AND HAVE PEACE ONE WITH ANOTHER. (Mark 9:49-50)

“Every soul by meditation must salt himself or saturate himself with the fire or realization that he may be acceptable to God in the astral world. Everyone who sacrifices material pleasure will find his soul salted or saturated with the fire of divine realization. Salt is good,—that is, when the fire of divine realization or the divine taste saturates human consciousness it is saved from the decay of death and becomes immortal. This salt of divine realization is good for the soul and bestows immortality. But if by concentrating on material pleasures and egotism to be materially great, you lose the flavor of the divine salt, then how can you awaken your divine memory and season your soul with it except by acquiring the fresh salt of Self-realization within your souls by daily meditation and by absorbing the mutual divine Self-realization of peace through attentive good fellowship?”

In the above, Jesus hints about the deterioration of the divine realization of some of his disciples brought about by their desire to be materially great. This fact was evidenced in that the disciples could not heal the son of the man who was possessed of an evil spirit from childhood. Jesus hints that the disciples would regain their new Self-realization by cutting out all material pleasures and by meditation. And with the new-found salt of Self-realization they could saturate their souls and make them immortal in Christ Consciousness.

The God of Love Never Created Eternal Punishment

It must be plain that by hell-fire, Jesus did not mean that the great God of love has created leaping tongues of hell-fire in some point of space to burn the disembodied souls of sinners with bad karma. The Heavenly Spirit who is the Father of all human children could not possibly roast them alive forever because they made some temporary mistakes during their sojourn on earth. Souls by the misuse of their God-given independence suffer through karma or the results of their own evil actions, and they reward themselves through their own good karma or virtuous deeds.

Those humans who act evilly create evil tendencies which remain concealed in the brain ready to pour out fiery suffering at a suitable time. These hidden misery-making fiery tendencies or hell-fires are carried into the astral world at death by a soul with bad karma.

The word “hell” is from the Anglo-Saxon root helan, to conceal. The Greek root is helos, sun or fire. Therefore, the word hell-fire is very appropriate to depict the concealed fire of agony which stored-up tendencies can produce in the earthy life or

in the astral world. A soul with evil conscience suffers from hell-fire or agony in this life and when dead suffers the effects of bad karma like a fiery nightmare in the astral world.

Whenever a man has evil tendencies, he has willed it, and suffers both in this life and in the astral body after death. Just as a murderer burns with evil conscience during wakefulness and with subconscious terror during sleep, so a soul suffers from fiery evils in the wakeful state of human life and in the sleep state of death. The hell-fire of hidden evil tendencies is created by the wrongs perpetuated by a man.

A benign father could never eternally burn a soul, made in His own image, for its temporary mistakes on earth. God, as a just Judge, could not infinitely punish a child soul for a finite period of sin. The idea of eternal punishment is illogical. A soul through eternity is made after the image of God. Even a million years of sin could not change its essential eternal divine character. Man's unforgiving wrath against the evil actions of his brethren has created this misconception of hell-fire.

My Experience With An Orthodox Believer in Hell-Fire

Once I met an old man near Seattle. I had been sitting near the sea, much inspired by its vastness of divinity. After that inspiration fled, I felt hungry, and went to the farmhouse of this man, seeking some cherries. He, with rosy cheeks, looked very happy, and showed me kind hospitality. A divine impulse came over me and I asked him, "Dear man, you look very happy, but there is a hidden suffering in your life." He said, "Are you a fortune-teller?" I said, "No; I tell people how to correct their lives." He said, "You know, we are all sinners and the Lord is going to burn our souls in brimstone and hell-fire." I replied, "How could a man, losing his body at death and becoming an invisible soul, be burned by the fire created by material brimstones?" He was very angry and went on repeating, "We certainly will burn in hell-fire." Then I said, "Did you get a radiogram about this from God, that He would burn us with hell-fire?" At this the old man became more and more excited.

To mollify him I changed the subject and said, "What about your unhappiness and your wicked son?" He was surprised at my words and acknowledged that he was constantly burning with misery about an incorrigible son. He explained that he was helpless to correct his son and his sorrows remained as a burning fire in the background of his mind. Suddenly I said, "I have a remedy for the absolute cure of your son." The old man's eyes gleamed with joy and he smiled.

With a whispering mysterious attitude, as if about to reveal something very grand to reform his son, I asked him, "Have you got a very big stove with a broiler?" He said "Why, yes." Then I said, "Please heat it to red-hot temperature. Have you two trusted friends who would not tell anything against you?" He again said, "Why yes." Then I said, "All the better for you. Have you got some strong ropes? Get your friends and the ropes in your cellar and call your son there and bind him hand and

foot and slip him in the red-hot oven.”

Human Love Is From God

The old man was furious and shook his fist at me and shouted, “You blunthead, who ever heard of a father burning a son, no matter how wicked?” I said, “That is exactly what I wanted to tell you. Please find out who is a blunthead, you or I. You who are human, where did you get this instinct of love, except from the Divine Father’s love? Even a human father cannot stand the cruel thought of roasting his son alive to put him out of his misery. Then how could you think of the ever-loving Divine Father, who has infinitely greater love than you and who makes parents love their children by the gift of His love, as one who burns His own created children with brimstone and hell-fire?” The old man’s eyes were filled with tears of repentance as he said, “I know now that the Heavenly Father is a God of love. We punish ourselves by our own evil actions, and reward ourselves by our own good deeds.”

Souls in the after-death state have no physical sensations and therefore cannot suffer from burns resulting from the contact of fire. A bodiless man could not be burned by physical fire. But souls with bad karma can suffer mental agonies, worse than fiery burns.

IN HEAVEN THEIR ANGELS DO ALWAYS BEHOLD THE FACE OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. (Matthew 18:10)

The word angels refers to the astral bodies or luminous forms of nineteen elements in which disembodied souls with good and bad karma are encased. The “Father which is in heaven” signifies that a physical man who is identified with his body cannot be conscious of the presence of God in matter, but a divine soul by meditation can awaken the superconsciousness by which he can see that all the different forms of matter are nothing but the dream vibrations of God’s light and consciousness.

The “Father in Heaven” signifies that unless a man sees the whole world as light and not matter he cannot feel the presence of God hidden behind astral light and the light of wisdom.

“Face of My Father”

“Face of my Father” does not signify that God carries a body with a face. The omnipresent Spirit could not be limited by a materialized human form, but just as cold can freeze invisible hydrogen-oxygen gas into an iceberg, so by the materializing power of God’s will and the devotee’s devotion, the Heavenly Father can materialize Himself into any form. The souls of children, because of their premature going to an astral sphere, see the Heavenly Father materialized into an

angelic form, but after this, the children, blessed by God's power, reincarnate on earth to work out their karmas and ultimately return to Him. The "face of my Father" signifies that the omnipresent God Consciousness can reflect in the face of any angel or saint or in the face of any materialized form. But the omnipresent consciousness of God in no circumstances could make itself so limited that it enters a human form and remains there. This is impossible, for if God withdrew His omnipresence from all space and remained confined within one form, all the planetary systems would fall apart.

God who created the first man and woman could likewise materialize Himself into any form he wishes, but God never remains materialized in one form. God can reflect His omnipresence in one or more forms but He can never limit Himself to one form.

God is often depicted as an Old Man with a hoary beard sitting on a golden throne in a point of space called heaven. It is mistakenly supposed that all good souls who reach this heavenly region see God as this benevolent elder.

A devotee by his devotion can see God in any form he likes, as Jesus, Krishna or any other saint. To make it clearer—God never created a special form for Himself in which He invariably appears to souls in the astral world or to saints in this world when they can penetrate their consciousness into the astral world.

Sin Cannot Change a Soul

A soul, being potentially the image of God, can be lost in the jungles of evil environment for awhile, but no amount of sin can change its eternal nature of divinity. Sin is a crust which hides the perfect soul made in the image of God. When the crust is dissolved by meditation, the perfection of the soul is revealed.

FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST:

How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. EVEN SO IT IS NOT THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, THAT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD PERISH. (Matthew 18:11-14)

"God has many virtuous souls on earth who remain within the fold of His attention but when He sees that a soul, by the misuse of free will and bad company, has lost itself in the forest of egotism and extreme body consciousness by forgetting to meditate, God becomes very much concerned for that soul. Due to previous good karma of the man, God sends unto him some guru-preceptor or some form of spiritual aid to bring him back into His fold of divine virtuous life.

"Therefore, souls who are little, that is, who have little wisdom, as well as souls

of little children who did not get a chance to work out their karmas on earth, when they are lost in the forest of material tendencies and mountains of ego-consciousness in the astral world, God wills to help them out of their karmic miseries. He aids them to reincarnate in places where they can work out their karmas by His divinely arranged help and liberate their souls by meditation and wisdom. All souls of the earth belong to the fold of God; the Invisible Shepherd looks after them. When a soul goes astray, lost in the thickets of ignorance, God does not like that soul to perish, and is always watchful that the sinner somehow returns to His fold of virtuous life.”

MOREOVER IF THY BROTHER SHALL TRESPASS AGAINST THEE, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN THEE AND HIM ALONE: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. (Matthew 18:15-17)

“If thy brother in any way acts wrongly against you, take him aside and tell him his faults quietly. If he listens to you, then you have regained the good will and love of your brother. If you tell the faults of your brother in public, you will make him angry and will forfeit his trust in you, thus turning him into a permanent enemy. If you tell your brother his faults in secret, he will know you are trying to correct him with love and not ridicule.”

How To Treat An Erring Brother

“If he will not listen to you alone, then take with you one or two trusted friends and with good intentions try to reform your brother. This will establish in the minds of two or three witnesses your honest intention to reform your unreasonable brother. If your wicked brother does not listen to you, then pray for him in the church and in the temple of your divine consciousness. Also bring his actions to notice before the religious teachers of your church who may help to settle the differences between you and your brother. But if your brother neglects the advice of your church teachers, then let him remain unto you a disbeliever in truth or a heathen, and as a sinner before the tribunal of his own conscience (or publican).”

In the above, Jesus especially emphasized that a brother should use the influence of good intentions of himself and the good intentions of virtuous people and religious teachers to awaken the sleeping conscience of any error-stricken brother, that he might reform. If he does not reform, at least the erroneous one would remain convicted by his own conscience, stimulated by the loving pleading thoughts of the brother, good people and religious teachers. But when the wicked brother refuses to be awakened by any good method, it is better to let him alone

with his conscience.

VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, WHATSOEVER YE SHALL BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATSOEVER YE SHALL LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM. (Matthew 18:18-20)

“By the testimony of cosmic vibration and truth within me, I declare unto you that whatever bad tendencies you create on earth will limit your earth life, and after death those tendencies will also limit your soul in the astral world. Whatever good tendencies you will loosen within your soul, the same vibration of your good tendencies will also expand your soul after death in the astral world. This is the law of karma or cause and effect, which is true of souls in earth and in the astral world.”

Carried to the Astral World

“Evil actions performed in the earth will be carried within your souls into the astral world and thereby you will reincarnate in evil environments. Good actions done on earth will ultimately give you freedom and you will be with God. Your earthly good qualities in the astral world after death will give you the opportunity of reincarnation in a good earthly environment.

“Again I declare unto you if two of you shall agree or unite your concentration during your earth life and very deeply pray for the realization of any wholesome desire, the Heavenly Father will know of it and by His Will will grant your wish on earth. But remember your united concentration must be strong and continuous to reach the Father, before you can expect Him to grant your good wish. Wherever two or three devotees gather together and by meditation listen to the cosmic vibration within them, there in that vibration they shall feel my Christ Consciousness.”

In the above, Jesus is explaining the law of karma which governs human life on earth and human souls in the astral world after death. When Jesus said, “If two of you shall agree” he emphasizes that when the human will is reinforced by another will it becomes stronger. When the united strong will of two or more people deeply meditates on God, their will becomes changed into the all-powerful, all-accomplishing Divine Will.

Isolates By Egotism

Every soul is a child of God and a reflection of God’s will, but by egotism man isolates his will from the Divine Will and thus limits it. But when by deep concentration and union with other wills a devotee transforms his will into God’s

will he remembers his identity with God and thus recovers His divine heritage, possessing all material or spiritual power even as God possesses them. Therefore, every devotee must not expect the realization of his will and prayer until he has strengthened them by divine company and God's contact.

When Jesus said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I," he meant that when two or three people get together to concentrate upon God, the stronger divine concentration of one person strengthens the weaker concentration of another. But if people gather together in the name of God and then chatter or think of something else while outwardly praying, or go through a series of mechanical actions without communing with God, they will not be able to feel the consciousness of Christ. What Christ meant is that when two or more people unite the depths of their meditation and hear the Name or Cosmic Vibratory Sound, Om, emanating from Christ Consciousness, they can feel the Christ Intelligence within the Cosmic Vibration.

St. John in his Revelation said that when he approached Spirit he heard a great vibration or cosmic sound of all atoms when the consciousness of the Lord or Christ dawned on him. That is why St. John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet." The "trumpet" signified the cosmic vibration which the devotee hears in meditation. The "Lord's day" signified the day or time when the Christ Consciousness, lord of all vibratory creation, dawns upon the consciousness of the devotee in deep meditation.

Power of United Minds

Vast congregations with heterogeneous minds have changed the temple of God into a lecture hall. The huge congregations with their restless thoughts want to be entertained by the posturings and intellectual expositions of an aristocratic minister. It is better that two or three or a small number of souls gather together, uniting their will in meditation in quiet places, and listening to the cosmic sound vibrating behind the throbs of the heart, thus awakening their intuition to perceive the universal consciousness of Christ, instead of vast congregations being held together by music and the personality of a minister. A few people, earnest seekers, should gather together, deeply meditate and listen to the voice of God within, feeling Christ Consciousness and keeping themselves bound together by their own Self-realization.

Instead of big costly churches with an intellectually-trained minister advertising for more religious customers, there should be started small non-sectarian meditation centers in quiet places where a divine minister will remain communing with God, permitting a few truth-seekers to come and meditate with him and learn the way to commune with God in the company of a few deeply earnest and deeply meditating souls.

By the pure vibrations of a true minister the small meditation centers will draw the few devotees who really seek God. Such souls by their own realization will keep

united to a living minister who communes with God. A true minister must hear the voice of God within and not run to a library every week to prepare his undigested Sunday sermons. Jesus preached to the people, and when he was through, he retired to the mountain tops to commune with God. After doing that he came back to give his reinforced God Consciousness to the true seekers. He talked in parables to the crowds, and selected true seekers from among them who understood the hidden meaning of his parables.

Can Prayer Win Forgiveness for Man from Suffering the Lawful Effects of His Evil Deeds?

Then came Peter to him, and said, LORD, HOW OFT SHALL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM? TILL SEVEN TIMES? Jesus saith unto him, I SAY NOT UNTO THEE, UNTIL SEVEN TIMES: BUT, UNTIL SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN.

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (Matthew 18:21-35)

“I say unto you, that you should forgive your brother’s sin against you not only seven times but seventy times seven. You should forgive your brother not only because he is a human brother but because he is a divine brother. You must remember that the astral kingdom which is governed by cosmic intelligence dispenses everything and everybody according to the law of cause and effect, or

karma. If you have many times forgiven your brother who has many times offended you then your kind heart softened through forgiveness will attract forgiveness to you on earth while you live and in the astral world after death, from the cosmic law. That is why you should forgive your sinful brother, that you also might find forgiveness for your sins against others and the cosmic law.”

Jesus emphasizes that even as God unceasingly forgives the sins of His own children so man should follow the example of his Heavenly Father. The above story of the master and his servants illustrates the operation of the law of karma or cause and effect which governs all human life on earth and all souls in the astral world. Jesus points out that the effects of already performed evil actions can be modified by prayer and by performing good actions, which are the antidotes of evil actions. He also says that a person who by prayer has found divine help and forgiveness from the necessity of suffering all the results of his karma, should also learn to forgive the sins of his repentant brothers against him.

Prayer Can Change Karma

Jesus clearly points out that even though the law of karma which governs human lives is almost unchangeable, still it can be modified by divine prayer. Human beings, according to earthly law, must necessarily suffer for all their evil actions, but when they tune themselves to God by deep prayer and remember the perfect image within them, then, realizing their divinity, they need not suffer for their past human errors. But if these human beings, after remembering the divine image within them and thus finding freedom from their karma, again become human by not forgiving the sins of their brothers against them, then they again subject themselves to be governed by the exacting law of karma.

The only way that human beings can get away from reaping the results of their past actions is to change their status from a human being to that of a divine child. A soul identified with the body may do certain evil actions and according to the law of karma will have to suffer punishment. But if the soul, by meditation, does away with its identification of the body and beholds itself as a pure image of Spirit, it is no longer subject to punishment for any mistakes it performed in its human state.

Escape Punishment

Once upon a time a powerful emperor of a country got drunk. Disguised, he went into a tavern belonging to his estate and in a quarrel there, broke another man's leg. The innkeepers took him to a judge, appointed to his post by the king. As the judge was about to sentence the king, he suddenly threw off his disguise and exclaimed: “I am the king who appointed thee as the judge and I have the power to throw thee into prison. How darest thou convict me?” Similarly, the soul, which is the perfect image of Spirit, during its identification with the body may commit an evil and may be adjudged guilty according to the judge or law of karma, but when

that soul identifies its consciousness with God, the Creator of the judge or law or karma, that royal soul cannot be punished by that judging law.

Jesus says that one can escape the law of karma by identifying himself with God. Once he is able to do that he should get divine forgiveness by forgiving his brothers who sin against him. But if that soul, finding divine forgiveness from his own karma by meditation, again becomes human by practicing unforgiveness against his sinning brothers, then he again identifies himself with human life and becomes governed by the inscrutable laws of limiting karma. Therefore Jesus says to every soul to remain divine by being continuously forgiving and loving like God.

When Jesus says that a man should forgive his brother's trespasses, he means that man should exempt his guilty brother from suffering the consequences of his evil actions. According to the legal laws of a country, a judge may sentence a young criminal to three years in a reformatory school. But the judge usually has the privilege to pardon the young offender if he repents and promises good behavior. So, according to the law of karma, a person who acts evilly must reap the consequences of his actions. But if that evil-doer by intense prayer and meditation appeals to God for pardon, then God, being the Maker of the Law of karma, can grant him amnesty from punishment.

Involved Moral Problem

The question arises—if a man performs an evil action against his brother and is forgiven by him, then is the man free also from the operation of the law of karma? The answer is very complicated. If the guilty man, being forgiven, repents and does not repeat his evil actions, then he may eventually be free from acting erroneously again through the influence of subconscious traces left by the evil activity.

It is evident that if a man finds forgiveness for his evil actions from his fellow being, he may not necessarily find amnesty from suffering from the law of karma which governs all lives. Therefore, the sure way for a person to find freedom from the effects of his bad actions is to cauterize his brain cells and mind by will power and divine energy and thus erase all traces left by evil activities.

Attention and Life Energy Are Inseparable Forces

Meditation is the surest way of burning up traces of all past evil actions. In meditation the mind becomes interiorized and contacts superconscious peace that stimulates all traces of good actions stored up in the brain and counteracts the traces of evil actions there.

Likewise, brooding on evil thought stimulates the traces of evil actions left in the brain. Attention and life energy are inseparable forces working in the brain and the nervous system during all physical and mental activities of man. When the attention is centralized on a particular sense-attachment, then energy goes outward and becomes identified with that specific sense-pleasure. But by deep concentration

on a good or evil thought the attention becomes interiorized. When a good thought becomes interiorized by meditation, it stimulates all good traces left in the brain.

When the mind becomes interiorized, it withdraws life force from the nervous system and centralizes it in the brain cells. The life force centralized in the brain by the good thoughts of deep meditation has a peaceful character and thus stimulates the harmonious traces of good actions and burns up the inharmonious traces of evil actions left in the roots of the brain. Likewise, the life force focused on the brain by deep concentrated evil thought stimulates the traces of evil actions and destroys the traces left by good thoughts.

Three Methods To Overcome Effects of Past Evil

There are three methods of overcoming the effects of past evil actions:

(1) Divine meditation is the surest way of burning up the prenatal and postnatal traces of all evil actions and of stimulating the traces of good actions.

(2) There is another very great metaphysical technique by which great masters and yogis do away with the accumulated traces of bad actions of many, many lives. When a man by deep meditation and ecstasy identifies his consciousness with God, he changes his status from a human being with karma to a perfect image of God or divine soul. Then the law of karma with its inscrutable ways comes to bring punishment to the changed individual. But that individual says to the intelligent law of karma: "You can't punish me for the faults of a human being who through delusion I dreamed I was before. Now, by wisdom I have regained consciousness of my true Self, and I am now a perfect image of God already free from the chains of all karma." But the law of karma insists: "Whether you are a master now or were an ordinary human being before, you are the same soul and therefore must pay for your bad karma."

Masters Can Create Bodies By Power of Vision

Then the master, finding himself confronted with this law, devises an ingenious method to "pay up" and satisfy all karmic debt against himself. The master or yogi who has scientifically united his soul with God finds out exactly all the evil traces of his actions and tries to work them out in one or two or many bodies which he creates in a vision. For example, if the yogi led a worldly life for five incarnations, in his vision he creates five bodies which undergo the experiences and play out the parts of five different lives in a few hours. Then the master says to the law of karma: "There in the vision by the intensity of my concentration and divine consciousness, I have experienced all results of my bad karma in the materialized vision of five lives; now I am free."

It must be remembered that this vision-method of working out karma or traces of past actions can only be performed by advanced masters who are in tune with the Cosmic Consciousness and thus have complete control over the all-creative Cosmic

Energy and can materialize visions or copies of actualities by the power of will. Ignorant souls do not learn the right lesson of an experience even by repeating the experience several times during many years. But the wise man by deep concentration can learn the truth in an experience in a few minutes.

(3) There is a third way by which great masters can work out the traces of their actions and the actions of others. The crucifixion of Jesus informs us how he worked out his own karma and the karma of his disciples. Jesus was not crucified by the will of God but due to some of his own actions and the evil actions of the disciples. Jesus knew that his preaching the truth and defying the Pharisees would attract the karma of death and he also knew he had to pay for forgiving the evil actions of his disciples and others by suffering in his own body. So Jesus consciously, for the sake of highest gain of God-contact for himself and others and for working out karmas of himself and others, permitted his body to be crucified.

Achieved Immortality

Jesus gave up his body to achieve immortality for himself and others. He was wise in doing so, for by undergoing crucifixion he not only regained immortality for himself and others, but also resurrected his body. Masters like Jesus can offer their bodies to experience their own karmas and the karmas of others and thus gain freedom for themselves and others from the inscrutable laws of karma. Likewise, great masters and yogis as told above can offer their advanced consciousness to work out the karmas or traces of actions of themselves or others in a short time. As soon as an individual experiences the results of his evil actions, whether in a self-created dream or vision in a few minutes, or in the ordinary events of life in a number of years, the karmic law has been satisfied and the man is free.

Whether one goes on horseback in a few months to New York, or in a few hours by airplane, on his arrival he enjoys the grandeur of that city. Similarly, the time element does not count in the attainment of freedom from the laws of karma. Though God is the Creator of man and has ordained the law of cause and effect or karma to govern his life, still man is the judge of his own actions. When he chooses to act evilly, it is then according to his own decree and invitation to the law of karma that he creates his own suffering. Likewise, by good action he compels the law of karma to award him.

The above explanation proves how much is involved in connection with forgiving of sins by God and by the advanced consciousness of man.

It is especially interesting to know that man has absolute surety about his final emancipation if he tries hard. Man is essentially and eternally made in the image of God and the sins of a million lives cannot erase the perfection of his soul. There is no reason why he should continue a life of ignorance and suffering. By the methods of advanced meditation he can quickly work out the errors of his many lives and become free, regaining the lost and forgotten perfection of his soul.

Fatalism Is Not Good

The law of karma should not make people fatalists, but should enable them to scientifically diagnose all the hidden seeds of self-created miseries, that they may be properly destroyed in time. Seeds of evil actions, when destroyed, cannot suddenly germinate to cause suffering through unpreparedness.

Value of Jesus' Time

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him.

Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. (John 7:1-13)

Some of the many curiosity-seekers who followed Jesus but did not believe in his divine mission sought to persuade him to go openly to the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. They claimed that he should do his work, not secretly among a few, but openly before the world. Jesus replied:

“My life is guided by God. The time for His commandment to me to go to the feast has not arrived yet, but you all, being guided by worldly desires, can do anything you please at any time. My time is precious and divinely planned, but your time is unimportant to you and is always ready to be spent according to your material desires. You are not interested in taking the responsibility of pointing out the defects of the world, so it will not hurt you or bother you. Because I love the world and want it to be saved, I mind not what penalties I shall pay for lovingly but daringly pointing out its faults.”

In the above words, Jesus points out that all minute actions of his life were governed by the will of God. Jesus did not mechanically obey God, but had found the best thing to do was to let his will be guided by the wisdom-guided will of the

Father. Jesus pointed out that all people who lead rudderless existences do not plan their life according to divine wisdom.

Jesus not only guided his will according to the will of God, but also performed all actions according to the ordination of the law of cause and effect, the cosmic law which governed his life and the world in general. Jesus by his divine wisdom knew the best time to attend the feast. Ordinary people who are identified with the body do not know that their lives are governed by the law of cause and effect, and need divine planning.

Beyond Astrology

Some people study astrology to ascertain the influence of their karma through the medium of planets, thus trying to counteract evil influences by astrological foreknowledge. But masters go beyond astrology. They govern their lives and all their actions by divine wisdom. Jesus meekly but wisely answered his disbelieving brothers that whatever he did, even though not ordinarily understood, was performed according to divine guidance.

“Never Man Spake Like This Man”– Jesus Confounds His Critics The Eternal Now

Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS THAT SENT ME. IF ANY MAN WILL DO HIS WILL, HE SHALL KNOW OF THE DOCTRINE, WHETHER IT BE OF GOD, OR WHETHER I SPEAK OF MYSELF. HE THAT SPEAKETH OF HIMSELF SEEKETH HIS OWN GLORY: BUT HE THAT SEEKETH HIS GLORY THAT SENT HIM, THE SAME IS TRUE, AND NO UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS IN HIM.

Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

The people answered and said, ‘Thou hast a devil; who goeth about to kill thee? (John 7:14-20)

Jesus Christ did not wish to publicly demonstrate his miracles like a salesman advertising his material good, but acted according to divine dignity and divine commandment.

“I did not prepare anything as a concoction of my own intelligence and imagination. My teachings are not mine just because I utter them through my mouth.

“My words, my mind, my intelligence, my intuition, my consciousness in all creation are all inspired by the consciousness of the Father through whose will I am here on earth in order to declare His message. Any person who is in tune with God’s will, will know I am tuned with His will and that I preach the truth as desired by Him, and that I do not speak through myself or my ego-consciousness.”

Egotists Are Far From God

“He who speaks actuated by his ego-consciousness always seeks fame and glory for his little ego. But he who feels the presence of Cosmic Consciousness behind his own consciousness seeks only to glorify and declare God as his Creator. He is a real prophet who declares God and thus is loyal to Him. He who is true to God and feels Him constantly, continuously demonstrating His consciousness through his life,

cannot do anything wrong. Didn't Moses give you the law not to kill? Yet none of you obey the law of divine commandments as is demonstrated by your desire to kill me. I know this desire is in your mind, though you deny it."

Jesus did not learn from any ordinary school of life. His training and wisdom came from God Consciousness which he acquired in previous lives. Jesus emphasized the fact that his entire life was guided by God and that he was trying to declare Him and not himself. He pointed out because he was trying to do the will of God he could not have any unrighteous thoughts within him, but that the Jewish people who were egotist did not obey the divine law as given by Moses and it was they who were harboring unrighteous thoughts.

Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision: (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken, are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? JUDGE NOT ACCORDING TO THE APPEARANCE, BUT JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT. (John 7:21-24)

Jesus, referring here to his having "done one work", meant the healing of the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda, on the Sabbath, which had provoked the murderous wrath of the Pharisees against him. (John 5:1-18)

Healing on the Sabbath

Though the Mosaic law forbade servile work on the Sabbath, circumcision was permitted on that day. Jesus points out the inconsistency of his critics in allowing the lesser purification symbolized by the rite of circumcision, while opposing the total physical and spiritual rejuvenation accomplished on the Sabbath by the Lord for the man who had "had an infirmity thirty and eight years."

"Judge not actions of others from a hasty, superficial standpoint, but judge according to the inner motive behind them."

Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him; for I am from him, and he hath sent me. (John 7:25-29)

The people, knowing that the Pharisees sought Jesus' life, wondered why he was

openly teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles. Had the rulers become convinced that Jesus was the Messiah? Many wondered, but others, referring to some traditional belief that the family origin of the Messiah would be mysterious (“no man knoweth whence he is”), refused to believe in Jesus as Christ, since they were acquainted with his family at Nazareth.

Jesus said: “You all know me as the son of Joseph and you know the place of my earthly home, but you don’t know that I did not come on earth because of my own will, or exclusively due to the compelling influence of my past karma. My desire to come on earth was to act as a message-bearer of my Father.

“My Father truly exists in all space even though you don’t feel Him in your life or understanding. But my Christ Consciousness is a reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness of my Father, therefore I know Him. My universal consciousness also came from Him.”

Divine Message-Bearer

In the above words Jesus was emphasizing His divine origin and the fact that He came as a message-bearer of the Lord. Because Jesus said that he came from the Father and was sent by Him does not mean that Jesus through many lives had not made conscious effort to know God. After attaining a high state of consciousness, Jesus was chosen as a message-bearer of the Infinite.

With the advanced state of his consciousness Jesus knew that he and all beings originally were sent to the earth through the will of God. Those beings who do not realize this truth misuse their God-given free will by identifying themselves with mortal desires, reincarnating again and again in this misery-making world. All souls who come on earth according to the will of God and live a life guided by divine will and wisdom go back to God after fulfilling their divine purposes on earth.

When Jesus said, “I am not come of myself,” he meant that he had not come compelled by his reincarnation-making earthly desires. Jesus, being very spiritually advanced, did not come just to work out seeds of actions that might have been left from some past lives; he came distinctly to fulfill the mission of God.

Advanced masters can work out their seeds of past actions by visions in the earth or in the astral world. Jesus could have worked out all his seeds of actions in the astral world and did not need to return to this earth at all. Jesus was very highly advanced in spirit; he had very little karma to work out, so that it was not at all necessary for him to be born on earth. Therefore Jesus said: “I come on earth being chosen by the Spirit, and not because of the karma of my self or my ego.”

Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done? The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take

him.

Then said Jesus unto them, YET A LITTLE WHILE AM I WITH YOU, AND THEN I GO UNTO HIM THAT SENT ME. YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND SHALL NOT FIND ME; AND WHERE I AM, THITHER YE CANNOT COME.

Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come? (John 7:30-36)

“It is now only a little while that my body will be on earth with all of you. Then my soul and the Christ Consciousness in it will mingle in the Cosmic Consciousness from which it came. Then some of you will realize the importance of my life and will seek me but it will be too late. I will be gone by that time to the abode of my Father in Cosmic Consciousness where your consciousness cannot reach. Even in the present moment, I feel my Christ Consciousness as the Eternal Now that your consciousness cannot comprehend. When my body will be gone through crucifixion, my Christ Consciousness will remain the same, knowing the Eternal Now. All this is beyond the grasp of your material consciousness.”

Unique Opportunity

In the above Jesus points out the unique opportunity the people there had in him as the embodiment of Christ Consciousness. Ordinary people are ignorant of Christ Consciousness. But even ignorant people in the time of Jesus had the opportunity to behold with their eyes Christ Consciousness manifested in the body of Jesus. But due to their perversity they did not utilize this grand opportunity to follow Jesus and become redeemed.

He said that many would awaken after he was gone and they would seek him and not find him. Jesus specially speaks of the state of the universal consciousness present in him. He describes his state as the consciousness of the Eternal Now. In Spirit there is no past nor future but only the consciousness of the present. Jesus expressed that consciousness by saying “WHERE I AM.”

The Eternal Now

Jesus knew whether he was in the body or in the Spirit after crucifixion he would always feel the Eternal Now. This consciousness of the Eternal Presence can be reached, not by ordinary mortals, but by great devotees. When the advanced devotee feels God as eternal, the consciousness of past and future vanishes from within him. He always feels he is forever and not that he was nor will be existing forever. That is why Jesus said, “Where my consciousness is, experiencing the Eternal Now, that state your consciousness has not realized.”

The Jews, not understanding the inner meaning of the above sayings of Jesus,

began to misinterpret them in many ways. They thought, “Where will he go that we may not be able to find him?”

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME, AND DRINK. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER. (But this spake he of the spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:37-39)

“If any man is maddened with desires and has not found peace; if any man is thirsty for the kingdom of God Consciousness and everlasting bliss, let him tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness within me; let him drink the immortal waters of bliss flowing from there. The Scriptures have prophesied (for example, Isaiah 58:11) that any person who will tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness by attentive concentration and devotion will find that out of his belly or solar plexus in the lumbar regions, many rivers of light or life forces relaxed from the sense regions by meditation will flow and float his consciousness towards the Spirit in the brain.”

Christ Gives Deep Yoga Instructions

In the above words Jesus describes how devotees like the great Hindu yogis could satisfy the thirst of mortal desires by controlling them, by renunciation and by uniting them in meditation with everlasting, ever-new bliss of God. To the ordinary person the saying of Jesus, “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water,” may be meaningless, but these words are very dear to the yogi who scientifically tries to unite his consciousness with the inner consciousness.

Any devotee who knows the technique of yoga concentration knows that when concentration becomes interiorized he finds his life force and attention withdrawn from the motor nerves and heart and accumulated in the coccygeal region. Then during deep meditation the accumulated life force and consciousness in the coccygeal region begin to travel through the sacral, lumbar, dorsal, cervical and medullary plexuses to the Spirit in the brain.

“Rivers of Light”

The yogi devotee in deep meditation finds his consciousness and life force in the form of luminous rivers of light flowing from coccygeal, sacral and lumbar regions to the ocean of light of Spirit in the brain. These rivers of light are nothing but life forces and consciousness withdrawn from the sense regions by meditation and reversed through the plexuses to the Spirit.

Anyone who cannot understand this technical metaphysical experience should reflect that consciousness flowing through the five rivers of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch makes man conscious of matter. But by meditation when consciousness and life force are really withdrawn from the five senses they look like several rivers of light or life force (with consciousness and many other forces in the spine) flowing upward toward the ocean of light of Spirit in the brain.

In the above words Jesus signified that not only those who believe intellectually in him but who were in tune with his Christ Consciousness and the Holy Ghost or Creative Vibrations would understand the meaning of his deep sayings about “river of living water” flowing from the inward parts of the devotee.

Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him.

And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him?

The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.

Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. And every man went unto his own house. (John 7:40-53)

That Christ would come from the house of David was predicted in the Jewish Scriptures (2 Samuel 7:12), and out of the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Thus Jesus, born to the house of David at Bethlehem, fulfilled the Messiah expectations of the Jews, though his accusers did not stop to investigate the matter and considered him as only from Galilee.

Nicodemus the Pharisee ventures a mild defense of the Lord, whom he worshipped in secret (John 3:2) but cannot influence those who were determined to kill Jesus.

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“Go and Sin No More”– Why Christ Forgave the Woman Taken in Adultery

Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, **WOMAN, WHERE ARE THOSE THINE ACCUSERS? HATH NO MAN CONDEMNED THEE?** She said, **NO MAN, LORD.** And Jesus said unto her, **NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE: GO, AND SIN NO MORE.** (John 8:1-11)

In these words Jesus displays highest wisdom, compassion and spiritual skill in handling a most difficult situation. He threw a bombshell amidst the sanctimonious hypocrites who hid their own sins and came to condemn the guilty woman and also implicate Jesus in lawbreaking if he dared to show compassion to her and thus ignore the law of Moses. Jesus implied, “You all, being sinners, ought to cast stones and aspersions first at yourselves.”

Practical Applications

This saying of Jesus is applicable to various departments of life, and can be used in the following ways: (1) Only the spiritual man who is free from sin is justified in casting the stone of criticism at the materially-minded man in order to awaken him.

(2) Any person without sin may cast a stone of warning at a sinful individual. (3) Do not criticize anyone for any fault if you yourself are not free from it. One who is not free from ignorance has no right to criticize another about his spiritual ignorance. If one is not free from any specific sense attachment he ought not to criticize others who happen to possess that weakness. He who does not make social mistakes himself is justified to pass remarks about others' errors in regard to social conduct. He who is without business mistakes alone can rightfully criticize business errors in others.

Jesus said, "I, with my divine understanding and divine wisdom, also do not condemn you before God even though you have ignorantly sinned. Henceforth, follow the path of life in righteousness. The Christ Consciousness in me has saved you from reaping the consequences of your adulterous actions. That is why no man nor myself condemns you any more for your past sinful actions. Do not identify your mind with temporary pleasure-producing but soul-joy-devastating, insatiable habits. For if you repeat your sinful or true joy-killing actions they will grow into a fast habit and you will be compelled to act sinfully against your will. The more you become a sense-slave, the more you will suffer from social, mental, moral, spiritual and physical condemnation. Being caught in the toils of an evil habit, it will be very difficult for you to be forgiven or freed through your own help or the help of others."

Then Jesus spake again unto them, saying, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE. (John 8:12)

"The Christ Intelligence which I behold within me emanates the light or Cosmic Energy out of which the world of matter or the physical cosmos has been evolved. The devotee who follows the path of meditation and leads his consciousness through the blissful state of subconsciousness and superconsciousness ultimately arrives at the blessed state of Christ Consciousness. The devotee who succeeds in attaining Christ Consciousness and thus becomes conscious of the presence of his consciousness in all matter and vibratory creation, no longer walks or moves in the darkness or limitations of human consciousness and ignorance, but finds his life force united to the Cosmic Light or Cosmic Energy which is the source of all living creatures and objects in which life is potentially present."

Definition of Spirit

In the above words Jesus again gives a scientific statement and definition of the Spirit within him. Cosmic Consciousness or God the Father projected cosmic vibration and energy. Then God the Father projected Himself as Christ Consciousness in all vibratory creation and energy. An ordinary soul is conscious of his consciousness and life force as limited by the body; Jesus and devotees

spiritually advanced like Jesus find their bodies as the physical cosmos and their lives as the Cosmic Energy which sustains the physical cosmos. They also realize the Christ Consciousness present in all creation as their own consciousness. The words, “I AM” in the above words refer to Christ Consciousness. The “light of the world” refers to the Cosmic Energy which materializes and appears as the physical cosmos.

Many so-called Christians who believe that Jesus was the “light of the world” and follow the intellectually interpreted, theological Christian doctrines, and never meditate, can never truly understand why Jesus called himself the “light of the world,” nor do they know what kind of following and spiritual seeking would lead them to achieve the state of Christ Consciousness.

Secret Intelligence

Jesus already said, “Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come.” Thus Jesus prophesied about the theology-intoxicated modern Christians who seek Christ in the wrong theological way and do not find him. Because they do not, by meditation, lift their consciousness from the physical plane to the plane of Christ Consciousness, they never reach there.

Theological Christians picture Jesus Christ as limited by a form and the beauties of a human figure, but souls who have identified their consciousness by meditation with the universal, omnipresent consciousness which was manifest in Jesus Christ behold the cosmos as the body of Christ and the energy in it as his life and the secret Intelligence in it as his Christ Consciousness.

It is by worshipping Christ in the self-erected temple of meditation and Self-Realization that one can be a true Christian, and be able to bring the Christ Consciousness which was in Jesus to a “second coming” within the devotee’s own soul.

The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, THOUGH I BEAR RECORD OF MYSELF; YET MY RECORD IS TRUE: FOR I KNOW WHENCE I CAME, AND WHITHER I GO; BUT YE CANNOT TELL WHENCE I COME, AND WHITHER I GO. YE JUDGE AFTER THE FLESH; I JUDGE NO MAN.

And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. (John 8:13-18)

“Because I know through divine memory how the consciousness in my body came from the omnipresent Christ Consciousness and that ultimately my consciousness will merge in it, therefore my mind is not limited by the body-identified ego, and I can testify all about my self or the nature of my Christ

Consciousness without distorting it by the limitations of the physical ego. Egotistical persons often exaggerate when they talk about themselves. But my Self, being the true Christ Consciousness manifest through my consciousness, cannot exaggerate or speak untruth when it talks about itself. Because you do not know how Christ Consciousness descended in my bodily form, called Jesus, or where that consciousness in it will vanish after the crucifixion, therefore you are judging after the manner of flesh or worldly judgment and bodily limitations.”

Not Physical Judgment

“The Christ Consciousness in me beholds every man made after the image of the Infinite, therefore I do not judge or measure man according to his physical or mental appearance. Yet, if I use my omniscient Christ Intelligence, I can see how much a soul is identified with its physical, human appearance. Whatever my Christ Intelligence judges about the physical nature of man is true: If my consciousness were alone or isolated from God Consciousness, then my judgment would be limited and subject to error. But since my consciousness is charged with divine wisdom, therefore my judgment about everything is true.

“It is also described in your human law that the testimony of two individuals is held as true. I or my human consciousness manifests the consciousness of my Self or Christ Consciousness present in all vibratory creation. And the Christ Consciousness in me is the manifestation of the Cosmic Consciousness which exists beyond all vibratory creation.”

Egotistical persons should not speak about themselves and their merits as they usually exaggerate their virtues. But Jesus said that since he was one with the Father, whenever he talked about himself he would only talk about his Heavenly Father. Therefore, it was entirely proper for Jesus to talk about himself through his unegotistical divine wisdom.

Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, YE NEITHER KNOW ME, NOR MY FATHER: IF YE HAD KNOWN ME, YE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MY FATHER ALSO.

These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. (John 8:19-20)

“You have not communed with the Christ Consciousness behind my consciousness, nor with the Cosmic Consciousness, my originator and Father. If you had communed by meditation with the Christ Consciousness within me then you would have known also the Cosmic Consciousness whose only reflection in creation is the Christ Consciousness.”

In Tune With Creation

Jesus points out that if a devotee could be in tune with Christ Consciousness in all vibratory creation he would automatically perceive the Cosmic Consciousness existent beyond all vibratory creation.

Then said Jesus again unto them, I GO MY WAY, AND YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS; WHITHER I GO, YE CANNOT COME. (John 8:21)

“I follow the way as is directed by the Christ Consciousness in me, and some day when I am gone from the earth, you shall try to follow me, but not finding me, you will die with your bad karma and be subject to reincarnation. Unless you meditate deeply in the present state of your consciousness you cannot comprehend the Christ Consciousness wherein my human consciousness has merged.”

Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, YE ARE FROM BENEATH; I AM FROM ABOVE: YE ARE OF THIS WORLD; I AM NOT OF THIS WORLD. I SAID THEREFORE UNTO YOU, THAT YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS FOR IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE, YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS. (John 8:22-24)

“You souls, being earth-bound, and entangled in material desires, reincarnate in this world of gross vibration from one place to another. My soul came from the finer regions of the astral world of good vibration. Your souls are tied to this world by earthly desires, but my Spirit, although encased in a body, moving on this earth, still does not belong to this earthly sphere of gross vibrations.

“Therefore, I told you that your souls, although immortal, still will experience several deaths through the law of karma and reincarnation. Your spiritual lives will be dead, buried beneath the sepulchre of your erroneous sinful actions. Because you do not believe that the Christ Consciousness in me is the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness, therefore you will not make the effort to find Christ Consciousness in your own souls. This sin of ignorance in not trying to know the presence of the Universal Christ Consciousness within you will keep your souls buried beneath self-created sins of ignorance.”

In these words, Jesus speaks of ordinary people coming from beneath; that is, worldly people, due to their material karmas, remain reincarnating from one place to another beneath or under the influence of earthly vibrations.

Under Earthly Vibrations

The word “above” in “I am from above” means that Jesus came from finer regions of vibration. By saying, “I am not of this world,” Jesus signifies that his Christ Consciousness was omnipresent in the whole cosmos and not tied to one

point of space called “the world.” “Die in your sins” signifies that their spiritual life lay buried beneath the sins of ignorance.

When Christ uses the words, “I AM HE,” he is using the words which have been used by master minds of India who have lived before and after the time of Jesus.

Swami Shankara (Shankaracharya) uses the word, Soham, often in his writings to signify “I am He.”

Materially-minded people often uttering, “I am He”, may develop egotism instead of God-consciousness. In reality all souls can say, “I am He” but it is better to say, “I am He,” when one has consciously re-established his identity with God. The ocean can exist without surface waves but the waves cannot exist without the ocean. God can exist without creation or the living creatures in it, but they cannot exist without Him. It is an error for the wave to think, “I am the ocean.” It is better for ordinary people to say, “God is myself” that, “I am He.” Souls who have attained Christhood can say, “I am He.” What Jesus meant by “I am He” was that the Christ Consciousness which he felt within himself was one with Cosmic Consciousness. Jesus felt, “My consciousness in all vibratory creation is one with Cosmic Consciousness beyond all creation.”

When Jesus said, “For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins,” he meant that those that are identified with their bodies and do not meditate cannot know that the soul is the reflection of the Spirit (I am He). Divine souls who live on earth identified with Cosmic Consciousness create no human desires or karma and thus, at death, become one with Spirit. But souls who live on earth unaware of the Divine Image in them create earthly karma or sins. When they die with those unfulfilled earthly desires they must reincarnate again to fulfill them.

Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, EVEN THE SAME THAT I SAID UNTO YOU FROM THE BEGINNING. I HAVE MANY THINGS TO SAY AND TO JUDGE OF YOU: BUT HE THAT SENT ME IS TRUE; AND I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. (John 8:25-27)

“I told you from the beginning that ‘I am He’ and of truth I am that. I have many truths to declare unto you and according to the standard of my intuitive wisdom, I have to pass judgment about your conduct and life in general. And I declare unto you that the great God who appears invisible and thus unreal to you all truly exists. He is untrue to you because you cannot perceive Him through your sensation. But through the testimony of the infallible intuition within me I know He exists. Sense perceptions and the senses give you the knowledge of the appearance of things, but the intuition within you can give you the knowledge of the Substance behind all appearances. All the words of wisdom which I utter are the emanations of Cosmic Vibration which come from the Infinite.”

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. As he spake these words, many believed on him. (John 8:28-30)

“When by deep meditation you will lift your consciousness from the son of man or physical body, then you will be able to realize the universal Christ Consciousness which is present within you and me. Realizing that, you will further perceive that Christ Consciousness within you and me as the reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness. And when you realize the Christ Consciousness within yourself and myself then you will know that you and I perform no bodily nor mental actions actuated by the ego or human consciousness. As my Father or Cosmic Consciousness has transmitted His wisdom to the Christ Consciousness in me, so my consciousness reveals that wisdom alone.

“The Cosmic Consciousness which projected and materialized my body is with me just as the ocean which projects the wave sustains it by remaining behind it. Just as the wave cannot remain by itself but is maintained by the ocean which remains behind it, so the Heavenly Father has not isolated my body from Him but always remains behind my consciousness sustaining it. Those that are tuned to their human desires guide their bodies and minds according to the dictates of those impulses. But my consciousness is continuously aware of the presence of the Father in me, thus my human consciousness always manifests those actions which please the Father and are in tune with His wishes.”

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. (John 8:31-32)

“If you will continue to meditate on the Cosmic Vibration (as heard in meditation with closed ears) and the Christ Consciousness in it, then indeed you can consider yourselves my disciples, disciplined and guided by my word or Christ Consciousness within you. And it is by keeping your consciousness tuned with the Cosmic Vibratory Sound and Christ Consciousness within you that you will be able to know the truth about yourself, all life and the cosmos. When you will be able to keep your consciousness tuned to Christ Consciousness, you will no longer identify yourselves with human desires and human karma, thus freeing your soul from delusion and reincarnations.”

By “continue in my word,” Jesus advised his listeners to continuously meditate on the words of his wisdom about the technique of contacting Cosmic Vibratory Sound and the Christ Consciousness in it, thus becoming his real disciples.

Jesus talked to the populace in parables to awaken their curiosity for truth, but

to the disciples he taught plain truths and technique of meditation. St. John, in Revelation 1:10 distinctly speaks of the technique by which he contacted the Spirit as the Cosmic Sound (“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.”) The trumpet refers to the Cosmic Sound emanating from the Cosmic Vibration.

Hence it is evident that ignorantly believing in the words of Christ does not make one a Christian. Anyone who aspires to manifest the Christ Consciousness which was present in the mind of Jesus must be a true disciple. A true disciple is he who continues to feel Christ Consciousness in his daily life. One who feels Christ Consciousness is in tune with all creation and knows the truth about himself and all life; knowing that, he is no longer guided by ignorance, and becomes free from the law of karma and reincarnations.

They answered him, We be Abraham’s seed, and were never in bondage to any man; how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WHOSOEVER COMMITTETH SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN. AND THE SERVANT ABIDETH NOT IN THE HOUSE FOR EVER: BUT THE SON ABIDETH EVER. IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED. I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. (John 8:33-38)

“With the certainty of the truth which I intuitively feel within myself, I declare unto you that anyone who performs erroneous or sinful actions against the happiness of his soul creates sinful habits. Any individual working under the influence of a strong, sinful habit becomes its servant, dwelling in the bodily house.

“But even if an individual remains the servant of a sinful habit in his bodily house, still he should remember that the servant of sinful consciousness cannot forever occupy the mansion of the soul (body). Sinful habits, no matter how strong, can only temporarily occupy the mansion of the soul. Every individual enslaved by sinful habits must remember that the Son or Christ Consciousness is the real Master-Creator who remains forever in the temple of the soul. Any devotee who knows that Christ Consciousness or the Son (and not sin) occupies the temple of the soul and tunes his consciousness with Christ Consciousness becomes free from all human karmas. Therefore, if you know me as the Christ Consciousness present in you, that consciousness will free you from all human bondage, and through the exercise of your own volition you will indeed find freedom from cosmic delusion.

“I know that you are the descendants of Abraham and also made after the image of my Father, but because you do not tune in with the words of my all-seeing wisdom, you have become the servant of sin through your desire to kill me. Therefore, temporarily, being the servant of sinful thought, you are in bondage. If you would only be in tune with my word or Cosmic Vibration, you could be free, no

longer the servant of sin. My words are inspired by the wisdom of the Heavenly Father which I intuitively feel within myself, whereas you speak and act according to the limited understanding and behavior of your earthly parents.”

Good Birth Is Not Enough

In the above words Jesus points out to the descendants of Abraham that they had lost the quality of their good birth by ignorance, sinful thoughts, and by following tradition and family habits instead of God’s laws.

Some sinful Brahmins of India also boast of their divine parentage, as the descendants of Abraham did to Jesus. But Jesus points out that physical good birth is not enough. Each soul, though an image of God and born of good parents, can temporarily become the servant of sinful habits. So Jesus tells the descendants of Abraham that they had eclipsed their divine birth and divine consciousness by sinful actions. But while Jesus speaks of the degradation of Abraham’s descendants, he tells them that they could not be servants of sin forever, but should realize that they are eternally made in the image of God.

“Before Abraham Was, I Am”–
 Jesus Explains
 the Omnipresent Christ Consciousness
 by Which All Time and Space
 are Annihilated

They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? **HE THAT IS OF GOD HEARETH GOD’S WORDS: YE THEREFORE HEAR THEM NOT, BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF GOD. (John 8:39-47)**

“If by meditation you knew God as your Father, you would love me, for the Christ Consciousness in me is the reflection of God the Father, and my body in which that consciousness is encased also came from Him. I was not born of myself; He has sent my body to the earth that the Christ Consciousness reflected in me might remind other sleeping souls of the Christ Consciousness present in them.”

His Inspired Speech

“Do you realize why you cannot understand my speech? It is because your consciousness is not tuned to the Cosmic Vibration or the Word, therefore you do not understand my speech which is inspired by Christ Consciousness vibrating within the Cosmic Vibration or the Word. You have forgotten the Spirit within you, and by creating evil habits you are possessed by satanic ignorance which acts as your guiding advising father. The lustful tendencies implanted within you by your pseudo-father, satanic habit, will be the guiding force of your actions. Satan and satanic habits are the murderers of soul happiness from the beginning of creation; they do not manifest truth because they shut it out of their nature. Satan speaks a lie or works delusion because of the misuse of his own free choice. Satan is the father of all cosmic delusion which lies about the nature of God and truth.

“Through your evil habits you have invited Satan or cosmic delusion to guide you—that is why you do not believe the truth in God which Satan always tries to hide. None of you can convince me of any value or truth in your sinful ways; why should you not be convinced of the real truth and believe in it when I present it before you?

“All those great ones, like Abraham, that are the true devotees of God, tuned their consciousness by meditation to the Cosmic Vibration or God’s word within them. You never meditated; therefore you have not heard the Cosmic Vibration and the presence of God in it.”

Jesus points out that lust or evil tendencies are implanted in souls by Satan, and anyone who acts according to the dictates of lustful impulses invites Satan to be his guiding force. Jesus describes Satan as a liar who by cosmic delusion makes God appear as gross matter to man. The true devotee who feels the presence of God within himself is not guided by the prevaricating cosmic delusion and thus perceives God as the Only Existing Substance in nature and space.

Jesus also says that though all men are created in the image of God, still some by meditation perceive the presence of God within them as Cosmic Vibration or the Word, whereas others, being identified with their satanic habits, are oblivious to the presence of God within them.

Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, IF A MAN KEEP MY SAYING, HE SHALL NEVER SEE DEATH. (John 8:48-51)

“I, being aware of the Christ Consciousness within me, am not deluded by

cosmic delusion or Satan. I, Christ Consciousness, honor God the Father whose reflection I am. My human consciousness does not seek human glory but is glorified with the Christ Consciousness within me. There is one Cosmic Law which seeks to glorify the Father and this is the law which judges people according to their good or bad karmas.

“Verily by the truth I feel within me, I declare to you all that if a devotee keeps my saying—that is, if by daily meditation he contacts the Cosmic Vibration which I feel within me and follows my teachings and becomes fixed in the Absolute Changeless—he shall never find his inner vision distracted by the law of change which otherwise immutably rules the body and matter.”

In the above words Jesus emphasizes that his inner eye of wisdom was open and that is why he could not behold the darkness of evil anywhere. Beholding God within him, he could not extol his ego consciousness.

Most people, considering themselves in terms of their own mental acquisitions and family relations, glorify their material egos. But when a devotee finds his mind detached from his body and its relationships, he beholds within him nothing but God and seeks to glorify naught else but God. Thus Jesus says he did not seek to glorify himself.

Cosmic Law Is the Judge

It is the Cosmic Law which seeks the virtues of men and glory of God and declares its judgment about them. When Jesus uses the words “keep my saying,” he distinctly mentions that one has to daily live his teachings and methods of contacting the Cosmic Vibration. When a man is tossing on a few waves, he has no time to see the whole ocean, but if he gets out of the waves and stands on the shore, he can have a clear perspective of the whole ocean. Similarly, an ordinary individual who is busy identifying himself with the changes in his body and his environment cannot perceive the changeless Infinite within him. But when the devotee, by meditation, tunes his consciousness with Cosmic Vibration and the Christ Consciousness within him he beholds the Infinite and becomes free from the visions of change affecting his body and environment.

Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him

not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY: AND HE SAW IT, AND WAS GLAD. (John 8:52-56)

“If I honor my ego and my bodily connections, it is of little value to the world or God. It is the Heavenly Father within me, who has been pleased to accept my life and actions, who has made my life of value to the world. It is the same God whom you declare as your own God who recognizes the truth in me and therefore wants you all to recognize that truth in me that you might be benefited.

“You speak of your God about whom you know nothing, but I know Him; if I should say my human consciousness is not cognizant of the Cosmic Consciousness within it, I would be speaking untruth as you are used to doing. But I know the Heavenly Consciousness within me and I practice all the divine rules in my life which I receive from its inner vibrations.”

Abraham Was Emancipated

“Your enlightened father, Abraham, being tuned to Christ Consciousness within, was filled with divine bliss beholding “my day” or the light of the same Christ Consciousness which was within him and which is now within me. Abraham “saw it” or the wisdom in Christ Consciousness (which I and all liberated souls behold) and was filled with divine delight—the same joy which I feel within myself.”

In the above words, when Jesus says, “Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad,” he expounds some deep truths. Jesus with his Christ Consciousness and inner vision could distinctly see all past, present and future in his Eternal Now consciousness. Ordinarily mortals have their consciousness cut off or interrupted by death but Jesus, having attained the Absolute, could feel exactly what the liberated soul of Abraham felt centuries ago. Jesus emphasized that Abraham felt the same Christ Consciousness that he felt within himself. Jesus knew that the joy of Christ Consciousness is uniformly the same as felt by him or Abraham or any liberated soul.

When Jesus said, “Abraham rejoiced to see my day,” he meant that Abraham rejoiced to feel the same eternal Christ Consciousness which he felt within his mind and body, but not the body which was called Jesus. Jesus does not say whether he lived in another form in the time of Abraham, but he distinctly says that with his eternal Christ Consciousness he could feel exactly what Abraham felt long before the body of Jesus was born on earth. Such are the remarkable powers of Christ Consciousness by which Jesus

could feel the perceptions of the long-dead Abraham.

No Past, Present or Future

Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. (John 8:57-59)

“Verily, by the eternal, ever-present Christ Consciousness which I feel within me, I behold no division of past, present or future in my consciousness which, being ever-present and continuous, is only conscious of the Eternal Now. Therefore, the ever-present consciousness of the Eternal Now is aware of all the happenings before the time of Abraham and all the happenings after him and all the happenings yet to come through eternity.”

In the above words, Jesus describes that in his Christ Consciousness all the divisions of past, present, and future were annihilated. There was no time nor space in his consciousness. Whatever he felt, he felt within himself. He felt his oneness with God and thus realized naught existed but God. Therefore, Jesus saw all things happening within himself and God. All happenings and all things are God. Jesus, being one with God, realized His presence in everything; therefore, he said: “Before Abraham was, I am.”

Since nothing can exist without the consciousness of God, all liberated devotees realize that all things are happening in God in their ever-present, ever-now, eternal consciousness. An advanced devotee like Jesus finds his consciousness tuned to the universal Christ Consciousness. Any Christlike devotee who suddenly attains the omnipresent Christ Consciousness suddenly realizes that the light of his consciousness simultaneously illumines and reveals the chambers of past, present, and future and all space. Such an illuminated soul suddenly finds his consciousness evenly present in the past, present and future and every point of space, so he says: “I am present in the chamber of the past, present, and future evenly, simultaneously at all times.” That is why Jesus could say: “I am present before Abraham was, I am present now and, being-pervading, I am conscious of my presence in the future.”

The ordinary individual being subject to delusion beholds all things as occupying space and events as happening in time. But Christlike souls find their consciousness equally distributed in all space and simultaneously present in all past, present and future categories of time; they find the consciousness of time and space annihilated within themselves. The ordinary individual beholding the different sizes of things existing in relation to one

another conceives the idea of a space in which all things exist. The divine individual, finding his consciousness omnipresent sees his Spirit-identified Self existing through eternity. Such a soul has no room for time and space within his consciousness. When a man is in the sphere of a dream, he might make a world tour by bicycle in a few years but on waking, he discovers that he accomplished his dream world-tour in a few seconds.

When a man dreams he is making a world tour by bicycle in several years, he creates the consciousness of space and time which he finds does not exist when he awakes. This dreamer on waking analyzes his dream world-tour and finds that the space and time which he required in making that dream-tour were creations of his own imagination. Jesus and great masters who have awakened in God and forsaken the cosmic dream and find space and time and all things have been created in the imagination of God and thus, though temporarily real, are essentially unreal.

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, MASTER, WHO DID SIN, THIS MAN OR HIS PARENTS, THAT HE WAS BORN BLIND? JESUS ANSWERED, NEITHER HATH THIS MAN SINNED, NOR HIS PARENTS: BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM. I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY: THE NIGHT COMETH, WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK. AS LONG AS I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. (John 9:1-5)

“The blindness of this man from birth is not due to his sins of this life or due to the sins of his parents, but to the hidden sins of a past life. Because this blind man does not know that he has sinned in a past life he wonders why he is blind, since neither he nor his parents have committed any sin in their present life. This blind man being good in this life and coming from virtuous parents has been enabled through some good past karma to come in contact with me now; thus he will find the miracle of divine healing manifest in his life.”

“Day” Is Creation

“So long as it is day (i.e., all creation is in manifestation and not dissolved in God), so long my Christ Intelligence must carry on the work of ordered creation. But when the night or cosmic dissolution of all creation arrives, my reflected Christ Consciousness, devoid of its receptacle of vibratory creation in which it is reflected, will be withdrawn in the transcendental God the

Father. Then my Christ Consciousness will have nothing to work through due to the dissolution of all creation of God.

“So long as the world or cosmic creation exists, so long my Christ Consciousness shall remain as its guiding light or intelligent principle. But when all vibratory creation is dissolved in God in Maha Pralaya or complete cosmic dissolution (as distinguished from partial dissolutions or Khanda Pralaya in which a part of the earth is dissolved as happened during the flood experienced by Noah), then my Christ Consciousness is automatically withdrawn from the cosmos and becomes united with the Father even as the reflection of the moon becomes united with the moon at the destruction of the mirror.”

In the above words, when Jesus says that the man was born blind not because of his sin or the sin of his parents, many became bewildered to think that God arbitrarily made the man blind in order that His miraculous divine powers might be manifested through Jesus. God would not make a man suffer blindness for years in order to demonstrate divine healing through Jesus. Jesus simply meant that though neither the man nor his parents sinned in one life, the blindness of the man was caused by hidden sin of a past life. Jesus implied that the blind man had some good karma by which he was enabled to contact Jesus and experience the divine healing.

In this connection, Jesus implies two things—first, that the Christ Consciousness was manifest in the body of Jesus only for a little while on earth and that he must utilize all his time on earth to do the will of God. Jesus realized that when his body would be dissolved in Spirit in the great nocturnal state of dissolution and Cosmic Consciousness, he could not manifest divine healing to the afflicted people of this earth. That is why Jesus wanted to do all the good he could so long as his body lasted on earth.

Guide of All Creation

Secondly, Jesus signified that Christ Consciousness was the light of intelligence which guided the cosmos. When the cosmos disappears during cosmic dissolution, the Christ Consciousness within him would be united with the transcendental Cosmic Consciousness of God the Father.

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said,

This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that

was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. (John 9:6-34)

Though Jesus asked the blind man to go to the pool of Siloam and there wash his eyes which were anointed by the clay made of spittle, Jesus could have healed him without the spittle or the waters of the pool of Siloam; he did this in order to create faith in the blind man. He made the blind man realize that he charged his life force into the clay ointment which he made with the spittle.

Reinforcing His Faith

In order to reinforce the faith of the blind man, Jesus asked him to go into the pool of Siloam which was popular for its healing waters. All places of pilgrimage wherein many people gather and concentrate on divine thoughts possess divine healing vibrations and also help to create faith in persons desirous of divine healing.

Jesus knew that in all divine healings, the seed of divine power and the proper soil of faith of the person to be healed were necessary to produce a plant of divine healing. Jesus was sure of the seed of divine healing power within him, but he was not sure of the proper divine soil of faith of the blind man in which he wanted to grow the plant of healing. That is why Jesus went through the outward procedure of creating the clay ointment and asking the blind man to wash his anointed eyes in the pool of Siloam.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? (John 9:35)

“Dost thou believe in the Christ Consciousness within me which is the only begotten reflection, or Son, present in all vibratory creation, and within my body, emanating from God the Father?”

In the above words of Jesus, the word “Son” signifies the Christ Consciousness which is the only or sole reflection of God the Father present in all vibratory creation. The word “God” signifies God the Father or the Cosmic Consciousness which is present beyond all vibratory creation.

It must be strictly remembered that Jesus never claimed his body to be the only begotten Son of God but meant the Christ Consciousness within him. Orthodox Christians think that the body of Jesus was the only Son of God. All orthodox Christians must rectify their mistaken idea by admitting the truth of the following saying of Jesus: **“ALL THOSE THAT RECEIVED HIM,**

TO THEM HE GAVE THE POWER TO BE THE SONS OF GOD.”

Any soul who can tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness within him can become the Son of God. Ignorant souls do not realize the presence of God within them, but divine souls, by meditation, learn to receive or feel the presence of Christ Consciousness within them. Just as the sun equally shines on pieces of diamond and charcoal, so God is equally present in the wise man and the ignorant man steeped in dark delusion. But as the diamond by its own quality receives and reflects the light of the sun, so the wise man by his meditations receives and reflects the light of God. As the charcoal by its own darkness shuts out the rays of the sun, so the ignorant man by his own dark delusion shuts out the light of God. Jesus himself said that all people who realized by wisdom and meditation the presence of God within them can become Sons of God. In fact, all people are potential Sons of God. Liberated souls are awakened Sons of God.

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“I Am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd Giveth His life for the Sheep”

He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, **THOU HAS BOTH SEEN HIM, AND IT IS HE THAT TALKETH WITH THEE.** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. (John 9:36-38)

“Thou hast seen the body in which is encased the Christ Consciousness. It is the Christ Consciousness, the Son of God, who is behind the speech of the man called Jesus.”

In the above words, the natural humbleness of Jesus is manifest. Jesus never spoke of his ego as the Christ, but referred to his own reflection of God as the Christ Consciousness.

And Jesus said, FOR JUDGMENT I AM COME INTO THIS WORLD, THAT THEY WHICH SEE NOT MIGHT SEE; AND THAT THEY WHICH SEE MIGHT BE MADE BLIND. (John 9:39)

“I am the Christ Consciousness present in the cosmos to give it judgment and guide it intelligently. Also, the same Christ Consciousness is manifest in my body that I may give discriminating wisdom to those who, spiritually ignorant, yet confess their ignorance that they see not and try their utmost to see the truth. The wisdom manifest in my life will help to awaken those who think they know truth but are actually ignorant. By my wisdom the humble, spiritually blind aspirant will see truth, and the light of my wisdom will reveal the blindness of worldly-wise, spiritually ignorant people who think they see truth and do not.”

Spiritually Blind

And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also. Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth. (John 9:40-41)

“If you acknowledged your spiritually blind mentalities, then you would have no

sin, but would be helped by me to be free from all ignorance; but as you say in your ignorance: 'We see,' while you do not know the truth, therefore the sin of ignorance abides with you."

In these words, Jesus points out that those who acknowledge their spiritual blindness and try to heal themselves with the help of a proper Guru-Preceptor are on the road to freedom from sin. But those who think they have spiritual vision and do not have it will find themselves entangled in the net of sin or ignorance.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. TO HIM THE PORTER OPENETH; AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AND HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADETH THEM OUT. AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS. This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. (John 10:1-6)

"With the assurance of the intuitive truth which I feel within me, I declare unto you that any so-called spiritual teacher who has not taken his consciousness through the door of Cosmic Consciousness, but by pretension, false personality, animal magnetism, assumed spirituality and insincere oratory seeks to guard the sheepfold of sincere truth-seekers is a metaphysical thief who by false representations steal the devotion of seekers."

Devotion Is For God

"Any false spiritual teacher who by pretense diverts the devotion of his devotees to himself is a robber and a thief. The true Guru-Preceptor relays all the devotion of his disciples to God. The false teacher revels in the adoration of his blind followers and therefore is a psychological thief. But the spiritual teacher who has attained Christ Consciousness is the true Guru-Shepherd or guide of the obedient, truth-seeking, meek, lamblike followers.

"To a true Guru-Preceptor, the Heavenly Father opens the door to all divine secrecies. The true devotees who are in the tune with the Guru-Preceptor's voice or vibration and are consciously drawn to him are successful in following his leadership until they reach the heaven of Cosmic Consciousness. When the spiritual teacher leads the consciousness of his devotees toward God in meditation he himself goes ahead of them towards Cosmic Consciousness through deep ecstasy.

“All the sincere devotees, meditating with their ecstasy-tuned advanced Guru-Preceptor, gradually learn to follow his consciousness to the abode of Cosmic Consciousness. The devotees, being in tune with their advanced Guru-Preceptor, intuitively feel his voice or vibrations and try to follow him and be like him. True devotees will not follow a stranger or a teacher not recognized by God. True devotees will avoid and are not in tune with self-elected, so-called spiritual teachers.”

In the above words Jesus speaks of “the door”; he signifies that every spiritual teacher must enter the door of Christ Consciousness before he can be a spiritual shepherd leading his devotees to God. By “climbeth up some other way,” Jesus signifies that many so-called spiritual teachers attract the attention of devotees by a false, material way of oratory, animal magnetism, and so forth.

When Jesus says, “He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep”, he signifies that only those teachers that have attained Christ Consciousness or Cosmic Consciousness can be the true spiritual shepherd or Guru-Preceptor able to guide devotees into the kingdom of God. When Jesus says, “A stranger will they not follow,” he signifies that God sends to true seekers a spiritual teacher or Guru ordained by Him. It has been said before when a soul seeks God very deeply, He sends him a Guru-Preceptor through whose voice and intelligence God teaches the devotee.

Sign of a True Teacher

In the above words, Jesus specially signifies that it is God who brings true spiritual teachers and true devotees together in contra-distinction to self-elected lecturers gathering a host of followers by animal magnetism, oratory, and other unspiritual means. Jesus said before: “None can come unto me unless the heavenly Father draweth him.” Therefore, it is evident according to Jesus that true devotees never follow popular self-elected spiritual teachers. When a so-called spiritual teacher draws a large following by personal magnetism and not by Self-realization he is spiritually blind himself, leading other spiritually blind seekers into the ditch of ignorance.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf

catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND KNOW MY SHEEP, AND AM KNOWN OF MINE. AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME, EVEN SO KNOW I THE FATHER: AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD: THEM ALSO I MUST BRING, AND THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE; AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD, AND ONE SHEPHERD. THEREFORE DOTH MY FATHER LOVE ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE, THAT I MIGHT TAKE IT AGAIN. NO MAN TAKETH IT FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN MYSELF. I HAVE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN, AND I HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN. THIS COMMAND HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER. (John 10:7-18)

“With my divine intuitions I declare unto you, the Christ Consciousness in me as in other great liberated souls is the only door through which all devotees can enter into Cosmic Consciousness. All so-called spiritual teachers who try to exalt and put forth their consciousness before or ahead of Christ Consciousness are metaphysical thieves and robbers who steal the devotion of devotees for themselves and not for God.”

Christ Consciousness Is the “Only Door”

“All great teachers who realize that the Christ Consciousness in me is the only door to God, are real; but all those so-called spiritual teachers who came before me—that is, presented their consciousness and personality to their devotees ahead of the Christ Consciousness—are metaphysical thieves and robbers. Those teachers who exalted their ego consciousness and not the Christ Consciousness in them could not get my sheep or the true devotees to listen to them.

“The Christ Consciousness in me and all liberated souls is the only door through which all true devotees will enter into Cosmic Consciousness. If any devotee by meditation realizes the Christ Consciousness present in me and him, he will be saved from the misery of reincarnations and will have the privilege of consciously going into Cosmic Consciousness or of being born in the world again to help mankind; he will find the pasture of eternal happiness.

“So-called spiritual teachers who are metaphysical thieves come into the world not to know God or to give His consciousness to others but just to steal the devotion of truth-seekers for themselves. Such false spiritual teachers destroy their own wisdom and the wisdom of their followers.

“The Christ Consciousness has appeared in my body, called Jesus, that true souls may find eternal life and its abundant wisdom and freedom. The Christ Consciousness in me is the shepherd of all true seekers and is the receptacle of all goodness, able to guide all deeply meditating devotees to Cosmic Consciousness.

The shepherd or true spiritual teacher transmits his eternal life to his obedient humble devotees and is ready to sacrifice anything necessary for them.

“Any so-called spiritual teacher who is not a real spiritual shepherd does not know how to tune the consciousness of his devotees with the unperceived Christ Consciousness within him. All false teachers are helpless and fly away when they find their devotees attacked by the wolf of ignorance and of material and spiritual difficulties. All blind followers of ignorant spiritual teachers are caught by the wolf of ignorance and are scattered in the sphere of rebirths. The hired minister who holds the clerical position only for his living goes about preaching from one place to another as a matter of routine, not caring what happens to the souls of his followers.”

Devotees of Other Lives

“The Christ Consciousness in me is a real shepherd who recognizes true spiritual seekers as distinct from curiosity seekers, and the true seekers recognize the Spirit in me. Cosmic Consciousness knows the Christ Consciousness in me and the Christ Consciousness in me knows the Cosmic Consciousness; the Christ Consciousness in me surrenders the eternal life in it for all true devotees.

“There are other devotees of other incarnations whom I know from the past but who do not belong to the fold or group of disciples of this life. Them also I must bring through my voice or Cosmic Vibration to the Heavenly Father or Cosmic Consciousness. All true devotees belong to the one fold of truth and they shall have one shepherd of Christ Consciousness in me.

“The Heavenly Father loves me because I serve true devotees with eternal life through the body called Jesus and also after that body will be taken away from the earth. No human being can destroy the eternal life in my Christ Consciousness or destroy the life in my body except that I am voluntarily surrendering it for the service of all. The Heavenly Father has given me the power to surrender the life in the body called Jesus and also materialize the life in it after it is once gone from it. I received this commandment and power from my Heavenly Father.”

There are some very important things to be clearly understood in the above sayings of Jesus. When Jesus says: “All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them,” he does not mean that Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Buddha, John the Baptist and great Masters who came before him were all thieves and robbers, but he meant that all false teachers who tried to exalt their human consciousness by eclipsing the Christ Consciousness in them were thieves or false prophets who stole the devotion of devotees for themselves.

By the words “all that ever came before me,” Jesus signifies all ignorant teachers who put forth their personality before the people and keep their Christ Consciousness hidden. It is a shame that so many orthodox followers of Churchianity misunderstand the above words of Jesus and think he meant that all masters who came before Jesus on earth were thieves and robbers.

Other Great Teachers Came Before Jesus

Buddha was a great Master born in India and had many liberated disciples in the 5th Century B.C. Also Elijah, who came long before Jesus, was a great prophet and had true followers, including Elisha who was Jesus in a former incarnation. Therefore, Jesus could never have meant that all prophets and seers who came before him were metaphysical thieves who stole the devotion of true seekers for themselves.

When Jesus says, "I am the door," he does not speak of his physical personality but of the eternal Christ Consciousness within himself. When Jesus speaks of hirelings, he speaks of a type of professional minister who is more interested in the collection from his followers than their real emancipation by meditation. Such a hireling is never interested about the real emancipation of the souls of his followers.

Jesus, in order to differentiate himself from false teachers, declared that, being empowered by God and through his Self-realization, he was able not only to take care of souls during their earth life but in their after-death state. That is why he says: "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." "This fold" refers to the disciples who lived in the time of Jesus.

When Jesus says: "I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again," he signifies that through the commandment of God and his own Self-realization, he had the power to get his body crucified on the cross and to resurrect it again at will.

There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND. MY FATHER, WHICH GAVE THEM ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER'S HAND. I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE. (John 10:19-30)

"I told you who I am and you believed me not. The miraculous works of healing

bodies and souls which I have performed in the name of my Heavenly Father bear testimony to the Christ Consciousness in me. But you do not believe in me because you are not devoted and awakened like my disciples. My disciples, by meditation, hear the Cosmic Vibration and feel the Christ Consciousness within them. The Christ Consciousness in me is in tune with my true devotees who strictly follow me.”

“They Shall Never Perish”

“When my devotees fully contact the Christ Consciousness in me, they will never experience death but will recognize the eternal life within them. Those devotees will never feel themselves to be dead like the ordinary human souls. Neither shall any man, nor any material desire, be able to pluck them away from my Christ Consciousness when they are once established there. All true devotees once fixed in Christ Consciousness by continuous deep meditation and ecstasy never have to reincarnate unwillingly again.

“My Father, the Cosmic Consciousness, who emanated the Christ Consciousness in me as felt by all deep devotees, is greater than all things. Once the devotees reach the domain of Cosmic Consciousness, they cannot be compelled to reincarnate on earth through the power of any possible material desires of past incarnations. The Christ Consciousness present in my body and in all vibratory creation is one with and the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness present beyond all creation, just as the moon reflected in a lake is the same moon which shines in the sky.”

When Jesus said, “Ye are not of my sheep,” he meant that the Jews who doubted him were not worthy to receive divine grace and be redeemed through Jesus. Jesus again and again emphasizes that no one can find God unless he is a true seeker and is permitted by God to meet a real Guru-Preceptor. When Jesus says, “Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand,” he signifies that neither any man nor material desire shall be able to take the true devotees away from his hand or the Christ Consciousness in him.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Grave— “I Am The Resurrection And The Life”

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? IF I DO NOT THE WORKS OF MY FATHER, BELIEVE ME NOT. BUT IF I DO, THOUGH YE BELIEVE NOT ME, BELIEVE THE WORKS: THAT YE MAY KNOW, AND BELIEVE, THAT THE FATHER IS IN ME, AND I IN HIM.

Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized ; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.’ And many believed on him there. (John 10:31-42)

“Is it now written in your spiritual books exactly what I said?—not only I but all of you are gods? If the Scripture call all people gods because they are born of the Cosmic Vibration emanating from God the Father, then that truth cannot be nullified by your disbelief. How can you speak of blasphemy to me who am a perfect image of God and who has been sanctified and sent by Him as a spiritual example to the world?

“Believe in My Divine Work”

“Because I truthfully made a statement that Christ Consciousness in me is the Son or the only reflection of God the Father, you erroneously imagine that I am indulging in blasphemy. If I do not manifest the divine actions as inspired by the Cosmic Consciousness reflected in my Christ Consciousness, then do not believe me. But if I manifest the works as inspired by Cosmic Consciousness, even though you do not believe me, believe in the Divine manifested in my works. By believing and concentrating on divine work it is quite possible that you may know and believe that Cosmic Consciousness is reflected in the Christ Consciousness within me and

that my Christ Consciousness is the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness.”

In the above words, when Jesus quotes the Scripture (Psalms 82:6) that “ye are gods,” he signifies that all pure souls are potentially made in the image of God, the Father. It can be said that ten people with their eyes wide open, and ninety people with their eyes closed sunbathing on the beach are all revealed by the sun. But the ninety who have their eyes closed do not see the sun like the ten who have their eyes open. Similarly, some souls with open eyes of wisdom behold themselves as emanations of God, while other souls, even though they are emanations of God, do not realize it because their eyes of wisdom are closed. That is why even though all souls are potentially made in the image of God, there is a difference among them according to the degree of their Self-realization.

Jesus, who truly realized the presence of God within him, did not speak of his human nature as God, so he was justified in saying, “I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE.” But people who have not consciously realized the God in them should in no way say, “I am God,” even though they are potential gods. Unless one knows and feels the presence of God within him, he should never say, “I am God.” Jesus never said: “I am God.” But he manifested the truth that his consciousness, having emanated from God, was one with Him.

Ocean and the Wave

It has been said before that the wave is made of the same essence as the ocean, but the wave could not say, “I am the ocean,” although the ocean could say, “I am the wave.” So man, being made in the image of God, is a manifestation of God. He could not say, “I am God,” but he could say truthfully, “God has become myself.” As the calm ocean could remain without the wave but the wave could not remain without the ocean, so God the Father could exist without creation and man but they could not exist without Him.

Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. (John 11:1-6)

“This sickness of Lazarus though it may bring death will not end in death. When Lazarus dies of sickness he will be resurrected again that the power of God as manifested in the Son of God might be gloriously revealed to bring the hope of immortal life in death- hounded man.”

In the above words Jesus points out that some sicknesses end in death but Lazarus' sickness would manifest the glory of divine resurrection. Jesus did not mean that Lazarus was destined to die especially for the manifestation of the divine power of resurrection, but that Jesus by divine power would be able to resurrect Lazarus whom he saw through his prophetic eye was to be the victim of death.

Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? IF ANY MAN WALK IN THE DAY, HE STUMBLETH NOT, BECAUSE HE SEETH THE LIGHT OF THIS WORLD. BUT IF A MAN WALK IN THE NIGHT, HE STUMBLETH, BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN HIM. (John 11:7-10)

“One who walks in the day does not stumble. He who walks at night stumbles. If any soul walks in the light of wisdom, he sees the great light which governs the cosmos and cannot make any errors in his actions. But an ignorant soul walking in the night of ignorance stumbles and commits blunders in his activities, for he beholds no guiding light of wisdom within him.”

“The Light of the World”

When Jesus speaks of “the light of the world,” he signifies Cosmic Energy and the light of wisdom. God the Father is reflected as Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Vibration. Christ Consciousness and “the light of the world” (or the intelligence governing all creation) are one and the same thing. The light of the world also signifies Cosmic Energy. Cosmic Vibration manifests itself as Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Energy. Devotees can hear the Cosmic Sound and see the Cosmic Energy pervading all creation, and can feel the light of wisdom or Christ Consciousness latent in Cosmic Vibration manifested as Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Energy.

These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. (John 11:11-13)

“Our friend Lazarus is sleeping the sleep of delusive death but I am going to him that the Christ Consciousness in me can make him forsake his delusion.”

Sleep is a temporary death and death is a prolonged sleep. Both the ordinary state of slumber and the state of death are a part of cosmic dream delusion. As in a dream a person can walk or sleep or die, so human beings under the influence of a cosmic dream behold themselves sleeping the sleep of death or waking in the after-

death state. Christ knew the universe as a cosmic dream, so he said: “I see the soul of Lazarus is dreaming the sleep of death. I am going to make him dream he is living instead. Having realized the cosmos to be a dream, I will make the soul of Lazarus dream life, instead of death.”

Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him. Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.

Jesus saith unto her, ‘Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. (John 11:14-24)

“The soul of Lazarus has left his physical body and I am glad for your sake that I was not there to prevent his death for then you would not be able to witness the miracle of divine resurrection. My intention is that when you witness the miracle of divine resurrection of Lazarus through the will of God you will then understand His glory and power.”

In the above words, Jesus hints that if he had been with Lazarus during his sickness, Lazarus would not have died and consequently the disciples would not have had the opportunity to see his resurrection and thus behold the miracle-working power of God.

Meaning of “Resurrection”

“Resurrection at the last day” means that after good and bad souls depart from this earth and enter the astral world, they stay there for a time enjoying the after-death or rest—a pension from the hard work of life. Then after that period of rest, all souls are judged according to the accumulated good and bad actions of their past lives or the law of karma to be resurrected in a higher sphere or in a lower sphere or in the earth plane.

Resurrection refers to the transition of a soul from one body to another, as Elias was reborn as John the Baptist. Resurrection also means the revival of life a second time in a dead body as illustrated in the case of Lazarus. Resurrection also signifies the rising of souls from the after-death state of sleep or rest to the wakefulness in higher or lower spheres.

The last day is not a fixed day in time when all souls will reappear in their dead bodies by the sound of a trumpet. That idea of resurrection is absurd, for God in His wisdom is not keeping souls waiting thousands of years to be resurrected on a certain day which has never arrived. If Gabriel happens to sound his trumpet tomorrow, then souls that died and were buried today would be resurrected tomorrow, while souls buried twenty centuries ago would wake up after waiting twenty centuries. God could not allow such an erratic arrangement. Intelligent souls after death could never remain guarding their crumbling bones through thousands of years waiting for a trumpet-call.

Gabriel's trumpet refers to the sound of Cosmic Vibration which all souls hear who are resurrected from the after-death state of sleep to higher spheres. The last day refers to the particular time when any soul after enjoying the sleep of death is judged by the cosmic law of action to go into other spheres.

Jesus said unto her, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. (John 11:25-33)

“My soul, not being identified with the bodily life, is not limited by the I Am or Ego Consciousness. The soul identified with the body and its limitations is the I Am or Ego Consciousness. But I (my Spirit) am the resurrection and the life. My soul is one with the Christ Consciousness and the Cosmic Life in it in which I witness that souls are resurrected in various ways from the after-death state of sleep to the wakefulness in higher or lower spheres or in the earth plane.

No Forced Reincarnation

“That devotee who by meditation learns to commune with the Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Life learns also to believe in the Christ Consciousness in me. Even if he is physically or spiritually dead he may resurrect his life in his

dead body or resurrect his soul from the sleep of death to the sphere of Cosmic Consciousness. Any advanced soul who learns to permanently feel the eternal life in me and believes or communes with the Christ Consciousness in me shall never be forced to reincarnate into a physical body and witness the change of death which befalls it. Dost thou believe all this I say?"

In the above words of Jesus it must be understood what he means by "I AM." Whenever Jesus speaks of "I Am", he speaks of his soul being one with Christ Consciousness. But when the ordinary person speaks of "I Am" he refers to his body, or physical possessions or intellectual acquisitions; as for example, a man may say, "I am strong," or, "I am rich," or, "I am a specialist in literature or philosophy." Whenever an ordinary man says, "I am full of vitality," he speaks of the youthful life limited by the frame of his body.

But when Jesus says, "I am the resurrection," he means, "I am Christ Consciousness in which all souls rise from a lower state of consciousness to a higher state of inner development." When Jesus says, "I am the life," he cannot be accused of egotism, since he meant, "My life is one with the cosmic life in everything. That is why I feel all living creatures are born out of me and sleep in me."

Meaning of "Belief"

His words, "He that believeth in me," refers not to those who believe Jesus lived physically, but to those advanced devotees who have practically convinced themselves of their consciousness' expansion to the Christ Consciousness in everything.

"Though he were dead" refers to both physical death and spiritual death. One who is in tune with Christ Consciousness can reappear in his dead body if he wishes. One who is temporarily spiritually dead can regain his Christ Consciousness. "Yet shall he live" refers to the resurrection of life in the physical body or the resurrection of a soul from a lower sphere to a higher sphere of consciousness.

"Whosoever liveth in me and believeth in me" refers to anyone who permanently communes with Christ Consciousness within him and hence believeth or is convinced of the immortal Christ Consciousness equally present in him and Christ.

"Shall never die" refers both to spiritual and physical death. All souls who can permanently commune with Christ Consciousness will never witness spiritual death through ignorance or physical death through forced reincarnations. Souls who live on earth identified with their bodies create human desires which bring them back there many times until their earthly desires are worked out and they return to God. Souls who overcome material desires become pillars in the mansion of God and "go no more out." Liberated souls do not have to incarnate and consequently do not experience the death of the physical body. Souls who are one with Christ

Consciousness will also never experience the death of wisdom through ignorance.

Martha, being an advanced disciple of Jesus, understood what he meant when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and thus with realization and justification she spoke, unlike the ordinary blind believer, "Yes, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the son of God manifest in this body named Jesus."

And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. (John 11:34-38)

His Universal Sympathy

When Jesus, human and divine as he was, saw Mary and the Jews weeping he felt the vibrations of their sorrow within his great spirit through his universal sympathy. Jesus wept not because he was overwhelmed with grief but because with his tender divinely sensitive heart he felt the overwhelming grief of his beloved disciples, Mary and Martha, and their friends.

Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? (John 11:39-40)

"Did not I tell you and make you feel my vibrations that if you are convinced of the all-powerful Christ Consciousness in me you will be able to behold the power and glory of Cosmic Consciousness, to be manifested shortly?"

The above words, "GLORY OF GOD," signifies, not that God seeks glory or the recognition of man, but that advanced devotees are privileged to behold the glory or active manifestation of the power of God on earth.

Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, FATHER, I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME. AND I KNEW THAT THOU HEAREST ME ALWAYS: BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHICH STAND BY I SAID IT, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME. (John 11:41-42)

"O ever-conscious, ever-wise, ever-responding Cosmic Consciousness, I thank thee that thou hast vibrated thy absolute power in the Christ Consciousness in me. Without doubt I absolutely and intuitively know that thou dost always vibrate thy

absolute power of Cosmic Consciousness in response to the vibrating divine wishes in my Christ Intelligence. But for the benefit of the people around me I declared it (thou hearest me always), that they may know my Christ Consciousness is the reflection of Thy Cosmic Consciousness and has been manifest in my body called Jesus through thy sovereign wish.”

When Jesus said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me,” he teaches all mankind that God is not only a Spirit but through devotion responds like a human father. If the human father’s kindness to the child is the reflection of the Heavenly Father’s kindness then how much more kind is the Heavenly Father to that child and to all his human children. When Jesus says, “I knew that thou hearest me always,” he signifies that through eternity the Christ Intelligence which he felt within himself is able to intelligently direct the work of all creation through power received from Cosmic Consciousness.

“Always” indicates throughout eternity the Christ Consciousness is working the will of Cosmic Consciousness in the universe.

And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. (John 11:43-44)

“O ye disembodied soul of Lazarus, reappear in the body made whole by the Cosmic Energy of God.”

Jesus Explains the Meaning of Satan and How to Overcome His World Delusion– The Twofold Duty of Man

Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him. (John 11:45-57)

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, YE KNOW NOT WHAT

MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF. FOR THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village. (Luke 9:51-56)

“You are not aware of what divine nature you are made. Otherwise you would not express the spirit of revenge, thus using the evil force, being influenced by satanic emotions. For the Christ Consciousness is manifest in the body (the Son of Man) not to destroy men's lives by evil forces but to save them from death and delusion by divine power and divine ways.”

In the above words, Jesus tells his disciples to differentiate the image of God and divine qualities in them from the satanic forces and evils arising in them through the channel of ignorance. Jesus, clearly remembering his divine mission on earth, points out that he was to use divine force not for working destruction but for saving souls.

Jesus realized that if he used the divine force for evil purposes, he would become the instrument of Satan. He told his disciples that, in order to please God, they ought to bring out the hidden goodness by good actions which is often eclipsed behind satanic thoughts. Jesus told his disciples, further, that the evil force could not be conquered by evil but by the good force of God.

Love Conquers Anger

It is a common blunder for people to try to conquer anger in others by anger, when anger can be conquered only by love. To try to suppress evil people by fire and sword is ineffectual; even if their bodies are conquered by evil power, their souls remain stronger in evil and anger just the same. In order to conquer evil, one must use the divine power of love. Millions of people are doing evil, but they are not dramatically punished by powerful forces sent from heaven, because God wants to conquer them only by love and wisdom, whispered to them through their own conscience. Since God has given men free will to choose between good and evil, He therefore does not interfere with man by stopping his evil actions by use of heavenly powers.

God tries to influence his error-stricken children through the humble forgiving personalities of his true saints and devotees. Christlike souls who commune with God have distinctly declared that anyone who aspires to know Him must behave in a Godlike manner and must learn to conquer evil by good, hate by love, revengeful actions by loving helpful actions, unkindness by kindness, harshness by sweetness, pride by humbleness, cruelty by kindness, unrighteousness by righteousness, falsehood by truth, jealousy by love, temptation by meditation, restlessness by calmness, harsh speech by sweet speech, evil behavior by good behavior, selfishness by unselfish behavior, theological arrogance by Self-realization.

Jesus clearly told his disciples to remember the presence of God and goodness in them and to destroy all parasites of evil which came into them through ignorance.

He told his disciples that his mission on earth was to expand human lives into the consciousness of God and not destroy them into the oblivion of death.

AND ANOTHER ALSO SAID, LORD, I WILL FOLLOW THEE; BUT LET ME FIRST GO BID THEM FAREWELL, WHICH ARE AT HOME AT MY HOUSE.

AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, NO MAN, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOUGH, AND LOOKING BACK, IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. (Luke 9:61-62)

Any spiritual man of renunciation who, having renounced the limitations of a material environment and getting ready to plough his consciousness with discipline and wisdom, looks backward to his forsaken material environment, is not fit to concentrate on the attainment of the vast kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness hidden within.

In the above words, Jesus describes very clearly the strict path of the man of renunciation. To renounce all things for the attainment of God Consciousness is wise because nothing can be enjoyed without the consciousness borrowed from God. During death every one is compelled to leave everything instantaneously, without notice. It is wiser to leave everything voluntarily and do away with all material entanglements for the attainment of God, until God is realized. It is better to perform all material duties after realizing God, for then they cannot produce misery. To try to perform material duties with a spiritually untrained human consciousness is to be the victim of greed, anger, selfishness, disease, misery, worry, fear and death. Therefore, saints are justified in thinking that when they perform material duties after attaining God, they can really be happy spiritually and materially.

The Scriptures of India advise that children should leave their material home environment and live in the company of great spiritual teachers for several years. After receiving a thorough spiritual training the children return to lead the lives of householders. They become ideal spiritual examples in society in that they govern their material lives by spiritual discipline and divine happiness. Of course, there are some children in India who become renunciates throughout life. Jesus himself was a man of renunciation, never having married nor identified himself with a single family. He knew his father was God and his kingdom was in all space.

The Bhagavad Gita says, "Forsake all duties in order to think of Me alone," for no duties can be performed without borrowing the powers of brain and mental energy which come from God alone. "I shall free thee from all sin accruing from the non-performance of small duties and other sins if you sincerely seek Me, who am the giver of life to all."

In another place the Bhagavad Gita says, "Anyone who outwardly renounces the limitations of a material environment and retires in solitude but inwardly keeps thinking of the temporary joys of that forsaken material environment is a pretender

and not fit to understand the importance of forsaking the transitory pleasure of life for the ever-lasting bliss of Spirit.”

Jesus knew that the psychology of renunciation consisted in evacuating all material desires from the mind in order to make it a temple of God Consciousness. Jesus, as in the Bhagavad Gita, pointed out that a person is foolish to outwardly renounce material pleasures while he is inwardly thinking of them. Such a person does not receive the benefit of God-contact. Along with outward renunciation of material pleasures, there must be inward renunciation of them also. When that is accomplished the mind, free from sense-pleasure and material habits begins to be established in the kingdom of bliss in meditation.

Inner Renunciation

It is a psychological and metaphysical impossibility to be free from a bad habit by material renunciation. Evil habits are gone only when they are cast off from the domain of thought as well as actions. Since thought is the spring of action, thinking evil may be as dangerous as acting evil. All devotees must realize that mental renunciation is of primary importance in the attainment of God. It is better to practice inner renunciation in the world than, without preparation, to run away from the world in a forest and remain there, brooding over the forsaken earthy joys. The path of Yoga teaches one to commune with God first by spiritual technique while living in the world, and not merely to outwardly renounce the world and become a social parasite, depending for food on the earnings of hard-working worldly people.

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Great teachers who renounce the world and offer high spiritual service are justified in renouncing the smaller duties of a family life for the greater duty to the greater human family. Many people who are afraid to struggle for a living often try to renounce worldly life and live on others. Such people become mentally and physically and spiritually idle and never attain God Consciousness. Only those who leave everything, inwardly impelled by the sincere love of God, are justified in their renunciation. Such renunciates do not care whether they starve or die for the love of God.

GO YOUR WAYS: BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS LAMBS AMONG WOLVES. CARRY NEITHER PURSE, NOR SCRIP, NOR SHOES: AND SALUTE NO MAN BY THE WAY.

AND INTO WHATSOEVER HOUSE YE ENTER, FIRST SAY, PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE. AND IF THE SON OF PEACE BE THERE, YOUR PEACE SHALL REST UPON IT: IF NOT, IT SHALL TURN TO YOU AGAIN.

AND IN THE SAME HOUSE REMAIN, EATING AND DRINKING SUCH THINGS AS THEY GIVE: FOR THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE. GO NOT FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. AND INTO WHATSOEVER CITY YE

ENTER, AND THEY RECEIVE YOU, EAT SUCH THINGS AS ARE SET BEFORE YOU: AND HEAL THE SICK THAT ARE THEREIN, AND SAY UNTO THEM, ‘THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME NIGH UNTO YOU. (Luke 10:3-9)

“After being true laborers or devotees and having reaped the harvest of wisdom and God-contact, go to the world to share your divine realization with others. In your travels do not burden your consciousness with material things like purses and clothes. Do not salute any man on the way but within your mind keep thinking of God, giving highest respect to Him. When you enter a house give peace unto it. Remain there accepting that hospitality, eat anything given you, heal the sick and tell them the kingdom of heavenly bliss lies hidden very near, just behind their waking consciousness. Teach them by meditation to enter into the kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness and divine bliss.”

HE THAT HEARETH YOU HEARETH ME: AND HE THAT DESPISETH YOU DESPISETH ME: AND HE THAT DESPISETH ME DESPISETH HIM THAT SENT ME. (Luke 10:16)

“Any devotee who listens to your teachings and follows you follows me. O ye disciples, my Christ Consciousness is with you through your devotion and meditation, and anyone who will be in tune with you will be in tune with my Christ Consciousness. Anyone who hates you hates my Christ Consciousness and rebels against it; he is out of tune with the Cosmic Consciousness, whose reflection I am.”

In the above words Jesus emphasizes how truth-seekers can reach Cosmic Consciousness by tuning their consciousness with true guru-preceptors, who in turn have been trained by their Christlike teachers. Through the hierarchy and chain of true guru- preceptors a truth-seeker is properly introduced to God.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

And he said unto them, I BEHELD SATAN AS LIGHTNING FALL FROM HEAVEN.

BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO YOU POWER TO TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY: AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.

NOTWITHSTANDING IN THIS REJOICE NOT, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT UNTO YOU; BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. (Luke 10:17-20)

“While I was in my omnipresent Christ Consciousness I beheld satanic delusion as a conscious cosmic force and lightning-like energy repulsed out of heavenly Cosmic Consciousness. Behold, I give you divine power by which you will be able to

conquer Satan-created serpents and scorpions and all human enemies and animal pests so that nothing shall in any way hurt you physically. Behold, through my Christ Consciousness I will give you the willpower by which you will be able to control the coiled serpent force at the base of the spine which feeds the sex desires and other scorpion-like, tormenting, poisonous, evil instincts. When you know the technique of withdrawing the coiled serpent force from the base of the spine to the heavenly region in the cerebrum, then you will have full self-control over the unruly sex-force and all other tormenting evil desires which obstruct the devotee from attaining heavenly bliss. Be not elated that the evil spirits and evil forces are under your control, but rather rejoice in the positive fact that your souls have attained enough divine Self-realization that they have access to the heavenly region of Cosmic Consciousness.”

Origin of Satan

In these words, Jesus describes the origin of Satan who was originally an archangel or conscious heavenly force endowed with cosmic energy to create only beautiful things in creation. This archangel of God was given the power and freedom to create anything he pleased according to the will of God. But later when all created things reached perfection and began to retire into God again, the archangel was afraid of losing his power of creation after all things were withdrawn into God after a perfect mundane existence. Therefore the archangel rebelled against God and created patterns of evils to counteract the patterns of good created according to the will of God. Ever since Satan has created pain, mortal desires, death, inharmony and warfare in nature and men, so that by imperfection they become tied to the earth plane and cannot retire in God and become dissolved in Him. This is what Jesus meant by Satan falling from heaven.

The archangel, with cosmic energy tuned with heaven, created perfect heavenly things in all creation. But ever since the archangel rebelled against God Consciousness, he was turned into a force fallen from divine grace, not guided by heavenly vibrations of God. All Cosmic Intelligent Energy, working in tune with the vibrations of Cosmic Consciousness or the will of God, is called energy working in tune with God Consciousness. But any energy which is controlled by the conscious cosmic force of Satan is termed satanic energy fallen from heaven. As in space the Cosmic Consciousness is heaven, so that sphere of space where there is the creation and presence of imperfect creation is the field of the satanic evil force trying to work imperfection in all creation.

Similarly, in the human body there are two distinct regions—the heavenly region and the satanic region. In the human body the heavenly region extends from the dorsal plexus and heart center up to the cerebral plexus. The satanic region and the receptacle of baser instincts extend from below the heart, through the lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal plexuses. When all the energy from the senses is centered in the brain by meditation, the devotee is spoken of as having attained heaven. But

most people who do not meditate find their consciousness flowing downwards with the satanic lightning, or life force falling from the heavenly region of the brain down to the region of the senses.

Avoid Sense Delusion

The satanic force in every human being keeps the lightning-like life force continuously falling from the heavenly region towards the senses. That is why the searchlight of the senses reveals to us the attraction of sense objects only. That is what Jesus also found in the bodies of his disciples—the life force falling from the brain downwards. But Jesus taught them by meditation and will power to reverse the life force brainward. This enabled the disciples to enjoy the heavenly consciousness in the brain and become free from the torturing sex forces.

The life force withdrawn into the brain reveals heavenly bliss and heavenly forces and prevents the baser sensations which pervade the lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal plexuses from reaching the brain. This is why Jesus said to his disciples that they should rejoice, not only for being free from devils or evil passions at the base of the spine, but for the power to withdraw the energy through the coiled serpent-like passage at the base of the spine and thus establish their consciousness in the heavenly region in the brain.

When Jesus said, “Your names are written in heaven,” he meant that the disciples had acquired enough spirituality by obedience and meditation to be recalled to the mansion of the Heavenly Father.

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I THANK THEE, O FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THAT THOU HAST HID THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND PRUDENT, AND HAST REVEALED THEM UNTO BABES: EVEN SO, FATHER; FOR SO IT SEEMED GOOD IN THY SIGHT.

ALL THINGS ARE DELIVERED TO ME OF MY FATHER: AND NO MAN KNOWETH WHO THE SON IS, BUT THE FATHER; AND WHO THE FATHER IS, BUT THE SON, AND HE TO WHOM THE SON WILL REVEAL HIM. (Luke 10:21-22)

Hidden From Egotists

“I thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, pervading as Cosmic Consciousness in the vibrationless region beyond creation (heaven), and as Christ Consciousness existing in all vibratory creation (earth), because You have kept the inner wisdom hidden from the egotistically wise and theoretically prudent individuals, and have revealed the mystery of truth unto simple, childlike sons of Thine who are but babes in wisdom compared to Thy wisdom. Even so, Heavenly Father, for the above procedure of revealing Yourself unto Thy children who are filled with spiritual simplicity and sincerity seems proper in Thy judgment.

“All truth and wisdom in Cosmic Consciousness are transmitted to the Christ Consciousness so that all creation can be intelligently governed by it. No materially-minded man knows who the Christ Consciousness (Son) is except the Cosmic Consciousness which is the Father of Christ Consciousness; no one knows the Cosmic Consciousness unless he tries to know it through Christ Consciousness (Son). Devotees can reach Cosmic Consciousness only by first feeling the Christ Consciousness in meditation.”

Jesus also said elsewhere: “I and my Father are one.” Jesus scientifically realized the unity of the Christ Consciousness within his consciousness and the Cosmic Consciousness. As the reflection of the moon in the lake and the moon in the sky are essentially the same, so Cosmic Consciousness, mirrored in all cosmic vibration as Christ Consciousness, is the same as the Cosmic Consciousness which exists beyond all vibration.

The Higher Ecstasy

The ordinary man is bound by the consciousness of the body and its relations, but by meditation he does away with all bodily attachments and realizes the super-bliss of meditation which lies beyond the subconscious. The subconscious is experienced during sleep or in a semi-conscious state of drowsiness. The deep superconscious state is marked by an unfathomable depth of bliss.

When the devotee goes into ecstasy and becomes one with the superconscious state for many years, then he attains, with the help of his Guru-Preceptor and higher techniques, the higher ecstasy in which he perceives a vast light, and feels an endless consciousness in which he finds all planets, universes, star-rivers and vibratory objects glimmering like glow-worms. When the devotee by his inner eye can see this vast space and see his body as well as all other things in it, he is spoken of as having attained Christ Consciousness. In this state, the devotee feels the whole universe of vibration and everything in it as his own, just as he feels all the cells and the different parts of his own physical body. After attaining Christ Consciousness, the devotee goes further, beyond all vibratory space, into an indescribable state of Cosmic Consciousness where exist pure, ever-new joy, consciousness and existence. Here in this Cosmic Consciousness no eddies of vibration or change can ever disturb the vision of consciousness of the devotee.

After attaining this state in this highest ecstasy or Nirbikalpa Samadhi, the devotee simultaneously beholds and feels both the vibrationless Cosmic Consciousness, and the ocean of vibration with bubbles of created planets, nebulae, comets, stars and universes. Christ attained this state, hence he said, “The Father (Cosmic Consciousness) knows the Son (Christ Consciousness) and the Son knows the Father.”

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS THAT YE SEE:

For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them. (Luke 10:23-24)

“Blessed are your physical eyes, for your lives are full of good karma by which you see the miracles of the silent God through my life. Many prophets and powerful kings have desired to see those divine demonstration which you see, and they have not been able to see them. Many devotees have tried to hear the words of wisdom from a God-known soul but have not been able to have that privilege.”

The Humility of God

Centuries pass before a divine soul comes on earth who can openly and yet subtly demonstrate the powers and proofs of the presence of the great God, who in His humbleness has vowed Himself to silence. God is so great and so all-knowing and ever- understanding that He silently goes on regulating His vast family of the cosmos without seeking any recognition from man by any show of His power and excellence.

Man, on the other hand, likes to believe in God through some definite proof of His existence and by divine miracles. Great devotees know that God never satisfies by miracles the idle curiosity of doubting Thomases. But God has been working enough miracles in nature and has given man the greatest gift of intelligence so that he should be able to understand that all things including his mind come from Divine Intelligence.

Man should use his God-given intelligence and freedom of will to love and seek God in preference to the objects created by Him in the cosmos. God gave man freedom to choose Him and His Wisdom, or Satan and his delusion. God gave man, made in His own image, His highest gift of freedom of will. If perchance man uses his free will to cast Satan away and seek God, that would please Him most. That is why Jesus said, “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

It is the nature of God to silently and subtly reveal Himself unto His devotees. Jesus, knowing God’s will, refused to offer spectacular signs and miracles to prove his divinity and God’s presence. Jesus revealed his miracles of healing, raising the dead, walking on the sea, to the true believers, strictly under divine guidance and permission. He always emphasized that he was strictly doing the will of God who sent him. That is why Jesus says that it was very fortunate for the disciples to be able to witness the manifestation of divine powers which are very seldom openly manifested as in the life of Jesus and a few great masters of India.

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

He said unto him, ‘What is written in the law? how readest thou?’

And he answering said, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL THY MIND; AND THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.

And he said unto him, 'Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. (Luke 10:25-28)

Twofold Duty of Man

"If you can love God by actual, daily meditation and communion, and show by your actions that you love your neighbor (your divine brother) as you love yourself, then you will rise above the consciousness of delusive change and behold the changeless Spirit everywhere."

One of the most earnest prayers from Whispers from Eternity is: "Heavenly Father, may Thy love shine forever on the sanctuary of my devotion and may I be able to awaken Thy love in all hearts." This prayer points out the highest duty of man—to love God and to share that love with his fellow man.

One should share his divine attainment with his neighbors because neighbors live outside the family and yet are nearer than the world at large. Persons through instinct usually give everything to their families in preference to strangers. People neglect the world, thinking it to be far and distant. When a person lives just for himself, from the spiritual standpoint he does not live at all, for he chokes the expansion of his life. But when a person extends his sympathy from his family to his neighbors and to the world, he expands his little life into the greater life of God. This connects man's life to its source, the Eternal Life.

Most people live in a narrow well of selfishness, never feeling the greater life of God. Anyone who lives without knowing that his life comes from the eternal life does not live at all. The souls of those who live a material life, die and reincarnate, forget their past lives and hence may be said not to live at all. Any devotee who by meditation feels the eternal life behind his mortal life lives forever—that is, he is conscious of his existence even after his death, or even if he has to go through several more incarnations on earth.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, 'Go, and do thou likewise. (Luke 10:29-37)

Jesus here marvelously describes the meaning of a neighbor, and every man's duty to his fellow man. Jesus realized that it is not possible for any man to look after all his own duties and also those of the stricken people of the world. Human life is short and it can do only so much. Even Jesus explained he came mostly for the needs of a certain people.

Who Is Our "Neighbor"?

Even though Jesus and the masters schedule the time of their lives in order to help true devotees, still their teachings can be universally followed through all times. By the above illustration Jesus intimated that though one cannot look after all the afflicted people of the world, he should help any afflicted person who is definitely thrown in his path.

If a man sees somebody meet with an accident, he should consider him as a neighbor or one who is near him and render him every help, as he would like to be helped if he were in the same position. Helping any person who happens to be near you in your own neighborhood or in a foreign land is to love your neighbor as yourself. Anywhere, anyone who comes in close relationship with a person physically, mentally or spiritually, is a neighbor.

There are two ways of knowing God: (1) By loving God by mind, by heart and by soul. To love God "by strength" means to switch off the vitality or life force from the five sense telephones of sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste, and thus free the mind from disturbances of Satan. A man could not inwardly love God and concentrate at the same time on any sense-pleasure. After the mind is interiorized and disconnected from sensations, then the devotee can use that free mind to love God. When the devotee can love God with a free inwardly concentrated mind, then he begins to love God in his heart. After the devotee feels God saturated in his heart, he feels Him in the deepest recess of the soul. After feeling God in the soul, he feels Him everywhere. This is the transcendental way of knowing God by withdrawing the mind from all nature.

(2) As one learns to feel God within, he should also try to share his experience of God with his neighbors. To give physical help to a neighbor is good, to give him

mental and moral help is better, and to give him God Consciousness and freedom from ignorance is the best. One should serve his neighbor in accordance with this rule.

All Devotees Must Be a Combination of Martha and Mary

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER. (Luke 10:38-42)

“Martha, you are careful about material things and material duties; you are worried and your mind is scattered, thinking of many things, but all you need is to carefully do your one highest spiritual duty to God, by thinking of Him all the time during the performance of your various material duties. Mary has chosen that good part of thinking of God alone and cultivating her love for God through the inspiration of my words and wisdom. Thus her desire to listen to me in preference to the distracting material duties of the world shall be granted to her.”

Lesson for All

In these words of Jesus there is a great lesson for all seekers of God, whether they live in a family or a hermitage. Some renunciates in a hermitage think that if they perform the material duties there, that would be sufficient to be spiritual. Other renunciates think they can attain God Consciousness by performing their spiritual duties of meditating with the great teacher and Guru-Preceptor in charge of the hermitage.

Of course the highest purpose of a hermitage is to offer a haven in which to seek God. Renunciates who are so much engrossed in material duties that they forget to meditate upon God are not justified to live in a hermitage. No one can gainsay that the only purpose of a hermitage should be to attain God. If some students there attain God by neglecting material duties, it is all right, but material duties in a hermitage have to be performed by some members of the group. Those that do material duties in a hermitage with the thought of serving God are on the right road and will ultimately receive the grace of God. But those who do material duties in a

hermitage by forgetting God do not deserve to stay there, for they receive no spiritual satisfaction.

But it must be remembered it is better to do material duties in a spiritual environment than in a material environment, because the person who is absorbed in material duties in a hermitage has a better chance to think of God there than if he were engrossed in material duties in a material environment. Jesus warned Martha that though she was doing necessary household duties, still her mind was very much distracted from God while she was performing them, and that she should think of one thing only—God—while she performed all her material duties. Jesus thus upheld the action of Mary to listen to his words and think of God first in preference to all other duties. Mary did not want to shun household work deliberately but her mind was so engrossed in Jesus and God that she could not possibly do any other work.

That is the reason Jesus upheld her action. But Martha was so busy doing housework that she could not keep her mind from being scattered and away from God. That is why Jesus told her that her highest necessity was to think of one thing—God—during the performance of all other duties.

Both Martha and Mary

Duty or no duty, if one tried his utmost to know God first, that is the highest virtue, for no duty can be performed without borrowing the powers of God. To perform the highest duty of trying to know God in preference to performing smaller duties is all right, but to do material duties in a spiritual environment by forgetting God is senseless and unpardonable. But to do material duties in a hermitage by thinking of God all the time is no doubt the highest virtue.

In other words, every spiritual member of a hermitage must possess both the qualities of Martha and Mary in order to reach perfection. That spiritual aspirant who serves God and man equally receives quick enlightenment and divine grace. Martha served Jesus and pleased him, but Mary spiritually served Jesus by listening to his words and thereby she pleased him more. Martha was pleased in serving Jesus, but not absorbing his spirit, but Mary did her utmost to be one with the spirit of Jesus. Jesus did not want Mary to imitate Martha's material ways. Jesus wanted Martha to follow the footsteps of Mary and Jesus would have allowed Mary to help Martha in her household duties if she did those duties with one thought of God and without distraction.

Every one in a hermitage should be able to play the roles of Martha and Mary alternately in order to reach perfection. Any truth-seeker, whether living in a family or a hermitage, should be able to express the dual nature of Martha and Mary, doing material duties with the thought of God, or doing the spiritual duty of meditating on God alone without being distracted by material duties, as the situation calls for. No member of a family or a hermitage, by pretending to meditate, should neglect material duties, as no member should disturb another spiritual member of a family

or hermitage, when that individual is really engrossed in God.

The Inner Meaning of “The Lord’s Prayer”

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say,

OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME.
THY WILL BE DONE,
AS IN HEAVEN, SO IN EARTH.
GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS;
FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE EVERY ONE
THAT IS INDEBTED TO US.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION;
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

(Luke 11:1-4)

“When you pray, say within your mind: O Fountain of all our consciousness, our Father Cosmic Consciousness, which is present in the vibrationless region of heavenly bliss, may the cosmic vibrations (Thy name) emanating from Thee in the earth be consecrated and used for cultivating Thy consciousness and not material consciousness. Let Thy absolute royal consciousness appear in human consciousness. Let Thy wisdom-guided will be the guiding force of deluded earthly people, as Thy will is followed by liberated souls in the astral world.

“Give us our daily bread, food and prosperity for the body, efficiency and power for the mind, wisdom and bliss for our souls. Give us the physical, mental, and spiritual bread which nourishes our bodies, minds, and souls. As we forgive a brother who is indebted to us, forgive us, thy children, for our sins of not remembering our indebtedness to Thee—that we owe our health, life and soul to Thee.

“Lead us not into temptation, even by way of testing our little spiritual power. Leave us not in the pit of temptation wherein we fell through the misuse of Thy given reason, but if it is Thy will to test us when we are stronger, then, Father, make Thyself more tempting than temptation, but help us that by our own effort through

Thy spiritual force, we may be free from all misery-making, physical, mental, and spiritual evils.”

In the above words, Jesus says that though this earth came from divine vibration, it is not consecrated by His name or vibrations because of the wickedness of the people. As God’s bliss and wisdom are the only kingly powers which exist in Cosmic Consciousness, so Jesus prays that those absolute powers of God may manifest in human consciousness which is often steeped in delusion. Jesus also prays that, as angels are guided by God’s wisdom-guided will, so also might earthly people willingly be guided by God’s wisdom. Jesus prays for the three-fold bread which nourishes the body, mind and soul. Jesus also says that as we ought to forgive those of our brethren who are indebted to us and yet forget their obligation to us, so God should forgive His children even if they have forgotten that they owe their life and everything to Him.

“Save Us From Temptation”

Jesus implies that God could never, like a mischievous schoolboy, lead anyone into evil or temptation. God could only allow Satan to test true devotees by way of proving them. Jesus meant: “God, leave us not in temptation.” Jesus meant “leave us not” and not “lead us not.” Jesus prayed that the Heavenly Father deliver every soul from the enthrallment of Satan and Cosmic Delusion (evil).

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

And I say unto you, ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. FOR EVERY ONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH; AND HE THAT SEEKETH FINDETH; AND TO HIM THAT KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? IF YE THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM? (Luke 11:5-13)

“I declare unto you, if your persistently ask the divine truth from God, you will receive it. If you seek God perseveringly in the dark forest of meditation, you will find Him. By continuously knocking with your prayers at the gate of silence leading

to God, it shall be opened unto you and your consciousness will be able to enter into the heavenly region of bliss. Every devotee who persistently asks for God-realization receives divine enlightenment without fail.”

Slums of Matter

“Every prodigal son of God who has run away from the bliss of meditation into the slums of material distraction, will someday come back toward God through the gate of peace, and will be allowed to enter his own home of inner bliss. The devotee, being a child of God, even though lost in the forest of material desires, persistently seeking a way out, will find his way back to the mansion of bliss. He who knocks at the door of God with the throbs of his heartfelt devotion continuously will certainly find that God will receive him within the open gates of His heart.

“Devotion can force the gate of God’s heart to open for the devotee to enter in. If any human son of God asks the Heavenly Father for the bread of eternal life, He will not give him the stone of material ignorance. If the devotee asks of God the food of wisdom, God will not give him the serpent of delusion. If the devotee asks God for divine manna and all-around divine bliss, He will not give him the scorpion of restlessness and mental misery.

“If even deluded human beings know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more will our Heavenly Father, who is a receptacle of all goodness, give the knowledge of cosmic vibration and all power to His human children made after His image? God gives highest wisdom without fail to His own children who demand it. God also surrenders Himself unto the devotee who persistently wants Him.”

And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea, rather, BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND KEEP IT. (Luke 11:27-28)

“Better than bearing divine children on the physical plane is the knowledge by which an individual can hear in meditation the revealing omniscient word of God or Cosmic Sound of Om (or Amen), knowing how to be in tune continuously with it and discipline (one’s) life by its inner intuitive directions.”

Cosmic Sound or Om

In the above words, Jesus, like Patanjali, the great Oriental yogi (one who scientifically knows how to unite human consciousness with divine consciousness), speaks of God as manifesting as the Cosmic Vibration, which in turn manifests as

the Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Light. God is a Spirit, He is ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Bliss. In the transcendental state without creation, God is spoken of as being without any vibration or change. When God wished to create the cosmos, He sent out of Himself a cosmic intelligent vibration. The intelligence of God as working in vibratory creation is called the Christ Intelligence.

The first manifestation of God when He wished to create resulted in cosmic vibration. God has no mouth or vocal chords or lungs or breath that He could be heard by anybody to speak like an ordinary human being. God is Spirit present in all space. His word or vibration in creation is always present as the cosmic sound. This cosmic sound is the Holy Ghost or holy vibration, heard by Saint John as the cosmic “trumpet” of meditation. All true devotees can hear the cosmic sound emanating from the cosmic vibratory manifestation of God. This cosmic sound contains the intelligence of God and intimates all its divine wishes to the devotee through intuitive feelings.

This cosmic sound is the word of God. The Spirit of God speaks to the devotees through the cosmic sound. This cosmic sound or Om, during the devotee’s meditation, can vibrate the divine wish into any kind of audible or intelligible language. God can also use this cosmic sound to vibrate into luminous letters of any language, revealed in the meditation of a devotee. The etheric language in sounds or letters emanating from the cosmic sound may be audible or visible to a single devotee or a group of devotees according to the divine wish. Thus, God gives vibrating advice to the devotee through His cosmic sound.

The disciples of Christ on the day of Pentecost were filled with Holy Ghost or cosmic sound and thus could speak in diverse tongues. The cosmic sound is the mother of all human languages and all forms of rays which are in the cosmos. Jesus tells the esoteric devotee that he must know how to receive the guidance of God through the cosmic sound heard in meditation and that he must know how, by regularly contacting this cosmic sound, to discipline his entire life.

“Holy Ghost” or OM

All Oriental Yogis and great devotees who have really advanced in meditation know how to contact God as Cosmic Vibration. Such Yogis are intoxicated with the joy felt in the cosmic sound. The disciples of Christ, under the influence of this comic sound or Holy Ghost, felt exhilarated as if they had indulged in new wine. Jesus spoke of sending the Holy Ghost to his disciples after the inspiration of his bodily presence was taken away from them. When Jesus was resurrected and met his disciples, he also taught them the art of contacting the Holy Ghost. “RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST,” he said.

Every devotee, whether he goes into silence blindly or by a conscious technique, discovers, when his concentration grows deep, the first thing he hears is the cosmic sound. God appears to the devotee who meditates as Cosmic Sound, Cosmic Light, feeling of Cosmic Vibration, Cosmic Ever-New Joy, Cosmic Wisdom, Cosmic Love,

Cosmic Devotion. These are the seven manifestations of God as distinctly felt by devotees who go deep in meditation.

Seven Manifestations of God

“It would be well for all devotees to remember about the seven manifestations of God which can be felt in meditation. Many devotees are bewildered about the manifestations of God and thus cannot realize these seven distinct manifestations of God. Any devotee who sees God in meditation not as a little light but as a Cosmic Light has God- contact. Likewise, any devotee who feels God as Cosmic Ever-New-Joy or any of the seven manifestations can be certain he is contacting God. The devotee who contacts God as wisdom in meditation need not study books. A true devotee like him receives all wisdom through his intuition.”

In the above words Jesus clearly tells how God talks to the devotees through the Word or Cosmic Vibration. He also cautions his audience that listening once or twice to the cosmic sound was not enough, but that one must keep at it, that is, permanently keep the cosmic sound in his consciousness and be guided by it.

The original Praecepta Lessons for the first time in the Western World teaches its followers one of the greatest techniques of turning in with God through the cosmic sound or Holy Ghost. The Praecepta-given technique fulfills the promise of Christ of sending the Holy Ghost after his departure from the earth. Therefore, after twenty centuries, Christ will appear a second time in the consciousness of every devotee and follower of the original Praecepta-given technique of contacting the Holy Ghost, the Great Comforter.

Jesus, by speaking of the Holy Ghost as a Great Comforter, describes God as the Cosmic Vibration (Holy Ghost) and Word or Cosmic Sound or Amen. When Jesus speaks of the Holy Ghost as the Great Comforter, he means that God appears not only as the Cosmic Vibration but as Ever-New Joy in meditation which gives man the greatest comfort and freedom from all sorrows.

Jesus taught the technique of contacting God through the Holy Ghost, but through the centuries, due to strict secrecy, this technique has gone out of Christian living.

And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. (Luke 11:29-32)

“The ordinary people seek a spectacular sign or miracle about the power and presence of God. But God seldom permits such spectacular demonstration of His presence.”

God’s Daily Miracles

In the above words, Jesus points out that God is working enough miracles in nature and man that they should testify of Him. The all-powerful Heavenly Father, being endowed with all grace, is humble. He expects all His devotees, who want to be all-powerful like Him and manifest His true image, to be humble and not demonstrate miracles or signs just to satisfy the curiosity of unthinking, disbelieving people. Jesus worked miracles to help people and subtly demonstrate the presence of God. He never used miracles to suppress the wickedness of man by compulsion or brute force.

Jesus came to show the superiority of spiritual force over brute force. That is why He said, “I could borrow twelve legions of angels from my Father, but I will not. Let Thy will be done, O Lord.” The greatest miracle that Jesus performed on the cross was to conquer his enemies with an expression of love. Divine souls like Jesus, even when they use miracles, use them not as a challenge to brute force or wickedness of man but as a benign helping force humbly expressing the secret mightiness of God. Therefore, no devotees who possess miraculous powers should use them to forcibly suppress the wickedness of man or to satisfy his curiosity.

Meaning of “When Thy Eye be Single, Thy Whole Body Shall be Full of Light”

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE: THEREFORE WHEN THINE EYE IS SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY ALSO IS FULL OF LIGHT; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light. (Luke 11:33-36)

“No true devotee likes to perform miracles or display his divine powers as a challenge to disbelievers. But when a devotee has lighted the candle of wisdom within him he doesn’t put it in a secret place of his mind nor hide it under the bushel of indifference. He sets it on the candlestick of open and sincere living, that truth-seekers may see and profit by the light of his wisdom.

“The God-revealing light in the body is the spiritual eye in the middle of the forehead, as seen by devotees when their eyes are closed in meditation. When the devotee with half- closed eyes focuses his vision at the point between the eyebrows the two lights of the two eyes become one and single, visible as the single spiritual eye, the divine telescope with which the kingdom of God can be visioned. When the devotee can perceive through this spiritual eye, his whole body as well as his cosmic body becomes filled with the light emanating from cosmic vibration.

“But when a man’s gaze and mind become concentrated on evil motives and actions, his life is filled with the darkness of ignorance and misery-making habits.”

Filled With Astral Light

“Therefore, take care that the cosmic light and wisdom which are in you do not remain hidden behind the darkness of ignorance, spiritual indifference and non-meditating habits. If your whole body is filled with astral light and wisdom, all physical and mental darkness will be gone and the whole cosmos will be seen as filled with cosmic light, cosmic wisdom and joy. Just as a brightly shining candle gives light, so when this light of Self- realization will be fully manifest in you, you will receive indescribable joy and the unending guidance of divine wisdom.”

And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them. (Luke 11:37-44)

“O ye hypocrites, you are used to display the physical cleanliness of your outer cup of life, but you neglect to clean your inner life which is filled with ravening and wickedness and evil thoughts. You are foolish not to know that God made both the outside and inside of the cup of your life. You should keep your outer life clean by good actions and your inner life clean by good thoughts and meditation. Your body, mind and soul, being made after the perfect image of God, must be kept uniformly perfect, by inner and outer discipline.

“You must not so concentrate on the outer discipline that you forget to cleanse your inner life. After cleaning your inner and outer life with wisdom and meditation, give alms or share your spiritual life with others. You will then find that the whole cosmos is filled with purity. Be pure and make others pure. But O ye hypocrites, you will reap many miseries due to your own evil actions. You prefer to tithe your people with money and spices but forget to teach them the law of karma or the law of cause and effect which divinely judges the actions of all men. You forget to teach them how they can purify their inward life by feeling the love of God in meditation. You ought first to have cleaned your inner life, at the same time not neglecting the cleansing of your outer life.”

Shun Outer Praise

“O ye Pharisees, you will attract misery unto yourselves through your love of man’s recognition and not God’s recognition. By your desire for human praise you keep your outer life hypocritically disciplined, thus forgetting to pay attention to the

spiritualization of your inner life. By forgetting to cultivate the joys of eternal life you attract unto yourself much misery. Ignorantly you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues and the greetings of the people in the markets who feed your vanity, thus increasing your ignorance and aggravating your misery.

“Because of your hypocritical action of being outwardly holy for effect, you will attract much misery through the deepening of your ignorance. As the outward surface of a grave usually looks nice while its inside is filled with a hideous corpse, so, by your veneer of outward holiness you look like beautiful graves while your inside is filled with decaying life and rotting wisdom. People see your outside beauty and forget your inward ugliness.”

Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.

And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation:

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him. (Luke 11:45-54)

“According to the law of karma the wickedness born from shedding the blood of prophets since the foundation of the world vibrates upon this wicked generation, causing them various miseries. The sins accruing from the blood of Abel and of Zacharias which perished before the altar of the temple, and of slain prophets vibrating in the ether, will cause many miseries to this generation.”

Etheric Vibrations

A very prominent honest lawyer of modern times said to his client: “If you want

to keep out of trouble, keep away from lawsuits, and law courts, and lawyers, and from me, too, who am a lawyer.” Many wicked lawyers for mercenary gain have obscured truth by their clever arguments and freed criminals while sending the innocent to ruin or death. Many wicked lawyers have fought against truth and have been the cause of suffering to good men. Many wicked people have murdered prophets and saints. The evil effects (karma) resulting from the sins of murderers who go unpunished vibrate in the ether through generations, causing famines, fires, epidemics, pestilence, earthquakes, wars, bloody feuds and strifes, debauchery and wickedness. Just as disease germs spread by an unhygienic clan may persist and remain in a community even after the clansmen migrate away, so the bacteria of sinful vibrating thoughts and tendencies created by the people of one generation in a place persist and continue in the next or many later generations. All the different modern races of people of the earth are composed of the good and evil vibrations of all their forefathers since the earth began.

As an individual is responsible for all the seeds of actions of his past lives, subtly stored up in his subconscious mind and brain, so every individual race is responsible for the past actions of its fathers and forefathers subtly accumulated in the subconsciousness mind of that race. This is what makes racial differences—the Americans, utilitarians; Hindus, spiritual seekers; the English, colonists; the French, liberals; and so forth.

The Hindus love peace because their forefathers loved peace, and some of the Western nations want to fight because of their warlike ancestry. Every generation suffers or prospers more or less according to some of the past actions of its forefathers. That is what Jesus meant when he said: “The blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation.”

In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, BEWARE YE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES, WHICH IS HYPOCRISY.

FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED, THAT SHALL NOT BE REVEALED; NEITHER HID, THAT SHALL NOT BE KNOWN.

THEREFORE WHATSOEVER YE HAVE SPOKEN IN DARKNESS SHALL BE HEARD IN THE LIGHT; AND THAT WHICH YE HAVE SPOKEN IN THE EAR IN CLOSETS SHALL BE PROCLAIMED UPON THE HOUSETOPS.
(Luke 12:1-3)

“As fermentation spoils milk, so the Pharisees use hypocrisy to ferment and destroy their minds and souls. As the leaven secretly works in the bread, so hypocrisy secretly inflates the ego. No matter how people, like Pharisees, keep wickedness hidden beneath the mask of hypocritical goodness, still all hidden wickedness like fire will burn the veil which hides it and makes itself manifest to

the world.”

All Will Be Known

“Nothing can be hidden which will not be known. All good and bad things are ultimately revealed. Even all wicked thoughts which people think and speak within themselves in the dark secrecy and privacy of their minds vibrate in the ether and are registered there.

“God, who is omnipresent and omniscient, knows all good and bad things which quietly come and go in the secrecy of human minds. Through the law of vibration, all secrets spoken or whispered in closets may be known in public some time or other. In reality there are no secrets in the world, for even when a man dies with certain secrets in his soul, they are openly read by God who has countless eyes in ether and all space. God, being the Mind of all minds and the Life of all the cosmos, knows everything which arises and dies in human minds and all things which happen in nature and every speck of cosmic space.”

AND I SAY UNTO YOU MY FRIENDS, BE NOT AFRAID OF THEM THAT KILL THE BODY, AND AFTER THAT HAVE NO MORE THAT THEY CAN DO.

BUT I WILL FOREWARN YOU WHOM YE SHALL FEAR: FEAR HIM, WHICH AFTER HE HATH KILLED HATH POWER TO CAST INTO HELL; YEA, I SAY UNTO YOU, FEAR HIM.

ARE NOT FIVE SPARROWS SOLD FOR TWO FARTHINGS, AND NOT ONE OF THEM IS FORGOTTEN BEFORE GOD?

BUT EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. FEAR NOT THEREFORE: YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS. (Luke 12:4-7)

“I vehemently declare unto you, my friends, (friends elected through the choice of my Father’s love in my heart and not imposed upon me as relatives by nature) do not be afraid of those that threaten to kill your body, for even if they can do so, they cannot kill or cause grief to your mind or soul. But I will warn all those that are wicked, that you must learn to respect and love God who has the power, even after the death of your bodies, to make your souls conscious and consciously to make them suffer all their accumulated wickedness of one life or many lives. Therefore, learn more to fear your own wicked actions which can compel the divine law to make you conscious of your evil actions and tendencies even in the after-death state. You must fear to disobey the divine law which can make you conscious of your self-created after-death burning conscience and wicked tendencies (hell).”

Omniscience of God

“God being omniscient and omnipresent does not fail to direct the destiny of insignificant sparrows nor forget to count how many hairs you have on your head.

“All this universe with all its detail is planned by the intelligence of the Cosmic Father. When you will know Him, you will understand the why of all inexplicable circumstances and happenings and you will marvel at the wisdom of the Father which guides everything and tries to foil the inharmonious actions of Satan and Cosmic Delusion. You, being made in the image of God and much more valuable than sparrows, must not be afraid of divine negligence but must be sure that He will help you to retrace your footsteps to His Kingdom of Eternal Bliss, if you make the effort to know Him by deep meditation.”

By the above words, it must be realized that though fire and sword can hurt the body, ignorance hurts the soul after it passes out of the body. The conception of hell as a place where souls are burned with fire and smoke is ridiculous. Material fire can produce sensations of burning on the physical body only. In the after-death state, the soul is disembodied and cannot be conscious of physical sensation. But the soul could be conscious of hellish wicked tendencies acquired in the earth life. These wicked tendencies can create a self-created mental hell or torture which can be worse than a physical fiery hell.

A fiery hell can torture the body only for a little while, for the unconsciousness of death shuts out all physical sensations. But the mental hell of wickedness can persist in the soul in the after-death state indefinitely unless the individual soul repents and prays for release. Each soul by its stubbornness and doggedness to be wicked even in the after-death state may make this mental hell everlasting as he desires. This is what is meant by everlasting hell-fire. In earthly life also one can create a mental hell.

Also I say unto you, WHOSOEVER SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, HIM SHALL THE SON OF MAN ALSO CONFESS BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD. BUT HE THAT DENIETH ME BEFORE MEN SHALL BE DENIED BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD.

AND WHOSOEVER SHALL SPEAK A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN, IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM: BUT UNTO HIM THAT BLASPHEMETH AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST IT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN.

AND WHEN THEY BRING YOU UNTO THE SYNAGOGUES, AND UNTO MAGISTRATES, AND POWERS, TAKE YE NO THOUGHT HOW OR WHAT THING YE SHALL ANSWER, OR WHAT YE SHALL SAY: FOR THE HOLY GHOST SHALL TEACH YOU IN THE SAME HOUR WHAT YE OUGHT TO SAY. (Luke 12:8-12)

“The intelligent Cosmic Vibration, the physical manifestation of God, will drop the specific needed wisdom within your developed intuition at the time you are required to speak something in defense of truth and yourself, living for its cause.”

In the above passages, Jesus tells advanced devotees to use the Cosmic Vibration and its wisdom, and not the ego with its limitations, for general guidance of conduct in critical moments. Most people speak, guided only by their selfishness, fear and limited ego. Hence the outcome of their speech often becomes disastrous to them. Advanced souls find it wise to guide their intelligence and free will and speech by the divine wisdom in the Holy Ghost (OM). All true devotees who have felt this Cosmic Sound or Holy Ghost in meditation can fruitfully guide their intuition and speech in all problems of life, according to the direction of infinite wisdom.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? (Luke 12:13-14)

“Materially-minded man, God and your karma should be the judge to divide the inheritance in question.”

In the above, Jesus signifies that he was principally interested in spiritual matters, therefore, he did not want to bother about the division of properties.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. (Luke 12:15)

It is quite usual for people who possess too many things to be unhappy, for their time is spent in worrying about their possessions and not in enjoying what they have. Jesus also points out that those persons who think their lives are secure because of possessions are greatly mistaken. He goes on to illustrate that point by the following parable:

And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:16-21)

In the above words, Jesus speaks of the false security which covetousness for material possession imparts to the soul. Many men work so hard in the world for material things, and accumulate vast sums of money, only to die when they are

about to enjoy them. Such events distinctly show how foolish it is to spend all one's time in making money for the fleeting body which can die at any moment.

It is better for every person to acquire the riches of lasting bliss of daily meditation, wisdom and divine qualities by serving others. Hard-earned material riches have to be forsaken without notice at the call of death, but all spiritual qualities acquired by meditation, self-denial and self-discipline are lasting treasures of the soul which accompany it to eternity when the body ceases to exist.

Material riches temporarily bring admiration from worldly people, but they are useless at death. Spiritual riches acquired by anyone may not attract admiration of worldly people but they are very useful to the soul in the after-death state. Spiritual riches ensure eternal freedom and the security of lasting happiness to the soul. Therefore, Jesus says, human beings should try their utmost to use the short precious time of life to acquire the harvest of immortality and not disillusionment.

Money and riches do not ensure freedom from sickness or death or accidents or mental sorrows, but the divine bliss acquired in meditation gives unchangeable happiness to the soul in moments of great trials and tribulations and also at the time of death. Jesus in his life demonstrated that. He gave up all material comforts and even the comfort of his flesh to become free and virtuous before the eyes of God.

Jesus' Advice– How to Build a World Free From Wars

And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

AND SEEK NOT YE WHAT YE SHALL EAT, OR WHAT YE SHALL DRINK, NEITHER BE YE OF DOUBTFUL MIND. FOR ALL THESE THINGS DO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SEEK AFTER: AND YOUR FATHER KNOWETH THAT YE HAVE NEED OF THESE THINGS. BUT RATHER SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU. (Luke 12:22-31)

“Therefore, I say unto you, do not worry all the time as to what kind of food you will eat or how many styles of dress you will put on. It takes eternal life to sustain human life and not meat alone, you must realize that, and the body was made to express soul wisdom and not only to be decorated with dress.

“Look at the ravens—they do not complicate their lives by unnecessary desires or yearnings for unlimited riches and yet God feeds them, though they have no storehouse or barn nor money in the bank. You too—who are more important than ravens—will also be looked after by God, provided you learn to have absolute faith that He is the Life behind your life, and that bread and raiment are not the things that sustain and maintain your life.

“When you cannot add one cubit to your stature by all your struggles and efforts, then why should you worry about your body which is directly maintained by God and the abundance of nature and indirectly by your earning capacity and physical efforts?”

Consider the Lilies

“Look at the lilies, how they are beautiful and fragrant. They maintain themselves without a salary or starting a business! Solomon with all his acquired earthly powers and kingly dresses could not look so graceful and divine as the God-grown lily. God has the power of life and death over all big and small things; He will clothe you who are made in His image and yet have so little faith in the immortal powers within you as a direct descendent of God. Do not spend all your time looking after your bodily needs, and do not be in doubt that God, who has given you life and created all edible things to sustain it, will remember to support your life.

“All the nations of the earth foolishly spend all their time seeking after food and drink and physical national well-being—that is why they mislead themselves and become involved in industrial selfishness leading to wars and destruction. Let the nations of the earth seek God instead and live beneath the canopy of international spiritual brotherhood. To such brother nations who live in peace and God-consciousness, the Heavenly Father, who knows the needs of all, bestows lasting prosperity, well-earned by international brotherhood, goodwill and international business. The nations of the earth and individuals who seek the kingdom of God by acquiring lasting happiness by daily meditation, will find that along with the acquirement of lasting spiritual happiness and harmony they will automatically attract health, prosperity, and material riches.”

In these words, Jesus gives to the nations of the earth and individuals the greatest recipe for individual and national happiness. The state of the modern man and nation who are money-mad distinctly shows that by selfishness they are wrecking individual and national happiness. Individual selfishness and patriotic selfishness both create disorder and want in the family and in the nation. Modern competitive business life is pernicious because each one tries to take away the possessions of others. Thus in a community of one thousand businessmen each businessman has 999 enemies and competitors. Jesus told each man to share his possessions with all. According to that law, each person in a community of 1000, has 999 helpers. If the dictators of different nations, instead of concentrating on armaments and patriotic selfishness, turned the minds of their followers toward the acquirement of peace, prosperity, international brotherhood and the bliss of meditation, the earth today would be a heaven; prosperity, health and material well-being would be added unto all the spiritual treasures of the nations.

Complications of Civilization

If the nations of the earth did not complicate civilization by industrial selfishness which leads to overproduction, then all peoples would have plenty to eat and to live in prosperity. But since patriotic selfishness and material prosperity are the sole aims of almost all nations, the world is thrown into chaos and confusion resulting in famine and the avoidable miseries of wars.

If all the nations of the earth lived in brotherhood and wanted to please God and Christ, they would exchange food and raiment and would never suffer from lack, famine or poverty. The present economic system of profiteering and exploitation has failed, and a brotherhood of nations and a brotherhood of necessary industries and industrialists can alone bring lasting prosperity to the world.

It is imperative now that individuals and nations forsake industrial selfishness, to feed and clothe the international body. Nations of the earth should learn to acquire wisdom, to meditate and be in tune with the Infinite, so they can feed the national soul with ever-lasting happiness. Nations who are rich in prosperity but not in wisdom and God-bliss of meditation may lose their unbalanced material prosperity through civil war, fights between capital and labor, and troubles with envious neighbors who may be jealous of their material prosperity. Capital and labor like brain and limbs should cooperate for the happiness of the body and soul of the nation and not fight and run into mutual destruction.

Individuals and nations living in tune with God and His ideals of brotherhood and peace would exist in perpetual prosperity and spiritual happiness. But all nations who believe in the power of the sword and in industrial and patriotic selfishness sooner or later bring physical, mental and spiritual disaster to themselves and other brother nations.

God, who is the Provider of the cosmos, knows the needs of individuals and nations and if He feeds the raven how much more would He provide everything to the individual and the nation who are in tune with His ideals!

Modern chaotic conditions over the world are the result of living by ungodly ideals. Individuals and nations can be protected from utter destruction if they live by heavenly ideals of brotherhood, industrial cooperation and international exchange of earthly goods and spiritual experiences. Patriotic selfishness has failed to impart national security and prosperity and instead has brought on national disasters, wars, unemployment, fears, insecurity, starvation and natural calamities (such as earthquakes, hurricanes, dust storms which are the indirect results of the accumulated evil actions of individuals and nations).

Material Riches

In the above words, Jesus did not mean that no one should eat or put on clothes, or meet the conditions imperative to life. He meant that people should not spend their lives in just thinking of food and clothing as most of the people of the world do. Great scientists and literary men also eat and dress, but their whole minds are engrossed in the subjects in which they have specialized.

Jesus warns people not to be material and use all their energies in worrying about food and raiment. Jesus tells us to concentrate on eternal life which is the source of all lives, and attain immortality, while casually eating or clothing the body without much worrying. Jesus ate and clothed himself but his whole mind was on God. By this he found the source of life and did not waste time in acquiring the

transitory necessities which support the impermanent bodily house of the immortal soul.

Likewise, nations of the earth could be much happier if they advocated plain living and high thinking and concentrated their minds in spiritual development, poetry and philosophy and less on complicated business development and money-madness which leads to the destruction of physical happiness. Business is for the happiness of man and man was not made for business. Only that much business is necessary which does not interfere with the spiritual development of man. Modern business being competitive takes the entire time of man and leaves him ragged and thus makes him unable to concentrate in making his life truly and spiritually happy.

FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK; FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. SELL THAT YE HAVE, AND GIVE ALMS; PROVIDE YOURSELVES BAGS WHICH WAX NOT OLD, A TREASURE IN THE HEAVENS THAT FAILETH NOT, WHERE NO THIEF APPROACHETH, NEITHER MOTH CORRUPTETH. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO. (Luke 12:32-34)

“Fear not, little flock of devotees, for through your devotion the Father will feel justified and pleased to give you the kingdom of Omnipresence which belongs to you as you are made in His image.”

Desire For God Only

“Your only desire being to know God and to follow the path of renunciation, sell all your earthly property and give away the money received to the poor and the needy. Do not concentrate in carrying material bags which rot and decay with use but carry with you the undecaying receptacle of intuition developed by deep meditation. Store there the treasures of wisdom, ever-new bliss, consciousness of Omnipresence, which will never fail or be taken away from you. Such heavenly treasures acquired by meditation cannot be taken away by the thief of death or destroyed by the moth of time. Worldly people concentrate on the insecurity of material pleasures, but let your heart be concentrated on your acquired everlasting pleasures of God-realization.”

In the above words, Jesus points out that prodigal children of God must remember the divine image in them and thus merit spiritual emancipation. No one can wrest the spiritual kingdom from God by following the spiritual law alone, for the Heavenly Father reserves the right to give salvation when He thinks fit. But it must also be remembered that God already made man in His image and therefore man is bound to recover his divinity even though he is deeply buried beneath the debris of incarnations of delusion. It has been the good pleasure of the Heavenly Father to stamp His perfect image in all His human children and when they forsake their identification with their human nature and bring out their perfect divine

image, then and then only the Heavenly Father is pleased to receive them back in His home of immortality.

In the above words, Jesus enunciates the duty of the man of absolute renunciation who wants to know God alone by forsaking everything else. That is why Jesus says all renunciates who have any possessions should sell them and give alms, and concentrate only on acquirement of the bag of intuition full of the heavenly treasures of imperishable divine qualities.

Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS, WHOM THE LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND WATCHING: VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT HE SHALL GIRD HIMSELF, AND MAKE THEM TO SIT DOWN TO MEAT, AND WILL COME FORTH AND SERVE THEM.

And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. **BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO: FOR THE SON OF MAN COMETH AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.**

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. **FOR UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN, OF HIM SHALL BE MUCH REQUIRED: AND TO WHOM MEN HAVE COMMITTED MUCH, OF HIM THEY WILL ASK THE MORE. (Luke 12:35-48)**

“Keep your spiritual will ready and concentrated within, beholding the different lights or stars in the spinal cord by which you can lead your consciousness from the finite body to the infinite by sending your consciousness and life force through

them into Spirit. You should be like true devotees waiting for the divine cosmic consciousness to be manifest in your bodily house, after that cosmic consciousness returns from its wedded unity with all nature and thus distinctly makes itself manifest through the consciousness of the devotee without the hidden covering of nature's manifestations."

Cosmic Consciousness

"When the cosmic consciousness comes and knocks at the gates of the devotee's intuition it must be received with devotion. Those servants and devotees of God are blessed with eternal emancipation when the cosmic consciousness arrives in their consciousness and finds them alive with wisdom and watching to receive God and disband ignorance.

"Verily I declare by the truth which I feel within me, God shall come to the true devotee and serve him with the meat of true wisdom and divine communion. And when God comes, once or twice or thrice, in the watchful consciousness of the devotees, they will be blessed by spiritual freedom for having passed all the tests of divine communion. That devotee is good who keeps his bodily and mental house well guarded with wisdom so that the thief of ignorance cannot come in suddenly and break through his consciousness, stealing his spiritual qualities. Just as the thief enter suddenly and stealthily in a house, so remember that Christ Consciousness comes to the devotee suddenly and stealthily to see if he is ready to receive him."

Delay is Dangerous

"The true devotee is always watchful and receives the Christ Consciousness no matter when it comes, but the fitfully wise devotee often misses the manifestation of Christ Consciousness. That servant who is unceasingly faithful and constantly wise and ever- watchful, is made master by the Lord God of his bodily and mental house, and is given enough meat or wisdom to control all his servant senses. When the Christ Consciousness suddenly visits the devotee and finds him alive with wisdom, then truly that devotee finds complete self-mastery over himself by the permanent contact of Christ Consciousness.

"But the careless and whimsical devotee who thinks that he will not meditate every day because the manifestation of God Consciousness is delayed, and thus goes on to ill- treat his servant senses and insult and misuse the maidens of his fine feelings and to enjoy sense objects and be drunk with delusion, will find that the Christ Consciousness will be consciously manifested to him some day when he will not be looking for it, at a time when he will not be spiritually watchful and, finding him spiritually negligent, will separate and go away from the careless devotee's consciousness.

"Such a negligent devotee due to his devotion receives a temporary contact of

God but through negligence loses Him again and becomes classed with the unbelievers who never have the contact of God. That devotee who intuitively felt God's will and did not prepare himself to meet the divine testes or obey the divine will shall find himself lashed by worries and the acute sorrow of losing God after finding Him. But that devotee who is unconsciously neglectful of God's coming will not suffer so much. Much watchfulness and spiritual sanity is required of devotees with wisdom, just as men expect much from responsible social leaders."

In the above, Jesus speaks of advanced devotees who should never concentrate on the body but on the seven receptacles of energy in the spine and divine consciousness so that ignorance may never invade them and they be always ready to receive the manifestation of God who is hidden behind His consort, nature. The returning of the Lord from the wedding signifies that God is hidden and busy in nature, but He disbands all the delusions of natural manifestations and reveals Himself as cosmic consciousness and light to the true devotee.

God may come, due to the careless devotee's devotion, but goes away because he is negligent and indulges in sense enjoyment. Those devotees who consciously know that God can manifest in them and yet neglect to renounce sense pleasure, find the sudden manifestation of God in them and His sudden departure. Such devotees then realize the acuteness of mental suffering for having found God, the Emancipator of the universe, and then suddenly losing Him.

The Purpose of God

The purpose of God visiting the devotee is that He always responds to the devotee's devotion, but if the devotee happens to lead an unspiritual life He goes away after manifesting Himself in a glimpses to the devotee. While the disappearance of God from such careless devotees seems to bring suffering to them, still the devotees should be encouraged to seek God permanently. Thousands believe that the contact of God is impossible but the careless devotee knows differently even if for only a little while. Even in his suffering he realizes that he will be able to know God permanently by forsaking his careless unspiritual habits.

Then Jesus speaks of the third class of devotees who follow spiritual rules mechanically. If by chance they contact God for a trice in meditation, they don't suffer much for losing Him, because of lack of depth in their spiritual feeling for God.

God never beats the devotees with stripes but they feel the pangs of suffering through their own folly of losing God after once finding Him. When the devotee's devotion is ripe, God manifests Himself unto him, even though he may not be looking for divine manifestations. But to contact God permanently, the devotee must be ever-watchful of his divine consciousness in the states of sleep, dream and wakefulness. Any devotee who emphasizes any bodily or mental act other than concentrating wholly on God cannot retain Him permanently.

I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! SUPPOSE YE THAT I AM COME TO GIVE PEACE ON EARTH? I TELL YOU, NAY; BUT RATHER DIVISION: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.

The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right? (Luke 12:49-57)

“I am come on earth to spread the fire of wisdom which will mercilessly burn all barriers of ignorance. Now that fire is already kindled with the fire of ignorance-burning wisdom and how can I feel satisfied until that is accomplished? Some of you who think that I came on earth only to give peace, are mistaken, for my wisdom is going to create also division, between the good and the bad. All my followers who follow me in truth and understanding will separate themselves from those who live in darkness. Peace cannot reign in a family where the father may follow my teachings and the son may follow satanic delusions.”

In the above words, Jesus is speaking about the fiery nature of wisdom. Wisdom gives peace to those who are in tune with it and burns those who are against it. Truth is like a fire which handled properly gives warmth and light, but anyone who tries to get into it and wrestle with it, gets burned.

Truth has a fiery vibration. True devotees tune themselves with truth by raising their vibration by spiritual discipline, but ignorant people who fight truth by ignorance find themselves miserable.

When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite. (Luke 12:58-59)

“Any devotee who in his introspection finds that his adversary—the karmic law—has arrayed him before the magistrate of cosmic law, must pray that he be delivered from reaping the results of his bad actions, for most people condemned by the judge of cosmic law are delivered into the prison of suffering by the officers of karmic tendencies (tendencies arising from evil actions.) I tell you that you cannot get away

from the tribunal of the cosmic law and law of karma governing all human actions until you have paid up by working out your evil karmas, by suffering and prayer.”

In the above words, Jesus is speaking of the inscrutable law of cause and effect governing all actions (law of karma), so that when a person has already performed good or evil actions, he must reap their good and bad results. The law of evil karma is the great adversary of man for it brings numerous sufferings. Man can be partially and in time wholly free from the effects of evil karma if he continuously prays for pardon to the divine magistrate, the maker of the cosmic law, which governs all lives and all actions.

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:1-5)

In the above words, Jesus is speaking of the law of karma (cause and effect which governs all human actions). Jesus is correcting an error in the minds of those who thought they were virtuous because they were living while those that were killed by Pilate or the falling of the tower were great sinners.

It is ridiculous for escaped murderers to pity those murderers who have paid the penalty with death. For the escaped murderers will meet the same fate whenever they happen to be caught. Likewise Jesus explained that the people around him were actual sinners for whom lawful punishment awaited. It was ridiculous for them to think that the slain Galileans and the eighteen perished by the tower were greater sinners. Jesus meant that death by legal law or accident did not always show that persons dead were great sinners. Some people living might be much greater sinners than those who were dead. Death is not always the result of sins, neither does God send death because of one's sinful actions.

Sin certainly brings spiritual death, loss of immortal joy which is greater than physical death. Sin brings torture of conscience and corroding inner mental punishment which sometimes are greater than physical death. So Jesus says, “Don't think that the slain people were greater sinners, for among you are sinners greater than them. Unless you mend your ways and forsake your evil actions, your spiritual life will perish which will be greater than physical death.” Jesus warns against the practice of some people who never analyze themselves, thinking they are more virtuous than others who have suffered disease or death.