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*... come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live;
and I will make an everlasting covenant with you ... Isaiah 55:3*

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Lesson XXXIV: Good and Evil

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. (Job 1:6)

The doctrine of monism is clearly articulated throughout the Edgar Cayce readings, which frequently call our attention to the necessity of examining and remembering this first premise: the oneness of all force. There is only one force, which is called the Spirit or God. It is not a neutral force; it is good. It is life. With the premise of the oneness of all force we affirm that *God is*, that He is *all that is*, and *all that is* is God.

Now, when we come to the question of evil, there are typically three ways we may deal with it: (1) elevate it to a primary premise and thus become dualistic; that is, affirm two realities; (2) deny its existence, calling it the misperception of a lower state of awareness; or (3) affirm its reality, but assume it to be contained or allowed *within* the far greater Reality of one God. The text from Job, “the sons of God came ... before the Lord, and Satan came also among them,” (Job 1:6) suggests just that and implies that Satan was one of the sons of God. The same principle is indicated in the Scripture in which the word Lucifer appears: “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!” (Isaiah 14:12)

A summary sketch from the readings of man's origin will enable us to put this event of the fall and evil into perspective. *Before* the beginning, because we as souls are citizens not of just temporality but of eternity, we – as spiritual beings – were perfect and in one accord with the Father. Some of us, in a spirit of rebellion, wanted to be gods apart from God and went astray. With our qualities as co-creators with the Divine and with our free wills, we began to use the one force to create manifestations which were out of accord with the Whole. We turned away from the light and in our own shadows experienced the darkness. What followed is a very complex story, from which much misunderstanding regarding the nature of good and evil has resulted.

One of the problems has been in defining our experiences in consciousness and where they occur. Simplistically, we have thought in terms of three or four places or loci at the most: heaven, hell, earth and perhaps purgatory. A more adequate understanding requires us to consider that there may be many dimensions of consciousness.

Another overly simplistic view encompasses that of a God in heaven, His fallen children on earth, and perhaps a host of angels – some of whom reside in heaven while the rest, led by Satan, live in hell. With the understanding that there are many dimensions of consciousness, we may also consider that the group of souls who fell out of accord

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with the Whole may have experienced many of these different levels of consciousness and became entrapped in aspects of the experiences related to those dimensions.

Even if we are comfortable with the concept of angels, we may be disinclined to think extensively of the various types of angels and their assignments, of the planes of consciousness in which they work, or of the extent to which they may be *in* or *out of* accord with the one Spirit. These considerations imply a kind of hierarchy in the spirit world. The Bible also implies it, the Cayce readings confirm it, and many reputable esoteric sources have developed the same concept.

A careful study of the following reading will reveal a very subtle and instructive attitude regarding the question of hierarchies:

But as has been given as respecting individuals, “He hath given His angels charge concerning thee, lest at any time ye dash your foot against a stone.” It’s just as applicable in any group organization as it is in an individual entity. Yet there becomes in the practical application more of a confusion unless the *ideals* and the purposes that are of a spiritual nature are held to.

This is not intended to indicate there are individual souls or entities that have been set aside or appointed by a hierarchy of another realm to look after the affairs, as some would have others believe. Not that they do not, or cannot, but is that thy ideal? Is that *thy* purpose, that it shall become a personal thing? Or is it rather that it shall be a channel through which only the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the universal Christ Consciousness may be applied in the lives and the affairs of individuals in every way and manner? 254-92

This reading suggests that there *is* a hierarchy, and yet, such an attitude toward it should not be our ideal nor reflect our purpose in making that belief a personal thing. Nor should we try to communicate with even the beneficent guardians. Our orientation and trust should be in God. If He sends a messenger, that is good. Hierarchies of helpful beings need not be in our consciousness. Rather each of us should seek to become a channel through which may be applied the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the universal Christ Consciousness.

Nevertheless, to understand the information in the readings on the nature of good and evil, it is also necessary to consider what this information discloses about angels and their hierarchical work. On one occasion those gathered about Edgar Cayce asked for a discourse on the subject of angels and archangels and how they help humanity. He began by saying:

Yes. With the bringing into creation the manifested forms, there came that which has been, is, and ever will be, the spirit realm and its attributes – designated as angels and archangels. They are the spiritual manifestations in the spirit world of those attributes that the developing forces accredit to the One Source, that may be seen in material planes through the influences that may aid in development of the mental and spiritual forces through an experience-or in the acquiring of knowledge that may aid in the intercourse one with another. 5749-3

Now if we can entertain the possibility that there are other dimensions of reality, each with inhabitants – some of whom may be referred to as angels and archangels – then we may question to what extent these beings are in accord with the One Force. Such a

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question is implied in the beginning verse of the well-known discourse on love in I Corinthians 13: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity...” It may be that many speak with the tongues of angels and have not love. One man was told:

Hence, seek to know *His* ways with thee. Not alone by denying that sin or error exists. *True*, sin and error is not of *God* – save through *His* sons that *brought* error, through selfishness, into the experience of the souls of men, the body by which angels and archangels are separate from the fullness of the Father.... For, those that have turned their face *from* the light of God can only see shadow or darkness – and that light is only for those far away. Yet, if the soul will but turn to the Father of love as manifested in the earth through the Christ, in this life also may there be seen the light and the glory of a *new* birth. 479-1

Here the expression, “error, through ... which angels and archangels are separate from the fullness of the Father,” makes it clear that some of these, as aspects of God, are not in full accord with the light of God.

An eleven-year-old girl asked, “Do I have a guide, or guides, in the spirit world or plane?” She was told, “There are ever, for every soul, those that may be termed the guides or guardian angels that stand before the throne of grace and mercy.” (405-1) This notion that each of us has guides or guardian angels is confirmed in a statement of Jesus in which He says, “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)

Now many new age thinkers have come to accept a notion of other dimensions, of other spirit beings and of each individual having his own spirit guide. However, some of these thinkers still have great difficulty in contemplating a hierarchy whose purposes are *not* constructive, in the same way that there may be a hierarchy of those whose purposes *are* in accord with the One Force. Many may be, like most of us, neither entirely good *nor* entirely bad.

In questioning the reality of angelic or spirit plane beings whose purposes are out of accord, it may again be worthwhile to study very carefully the exact wording of the Cayce readings.

Q-2. In relation to the oneness of all force, explain the popular concept of the devil, seemingly substantiated in the Bible by many passages of Scripture.

A-2. In the beginning, celestial beings. We have first the Son, then the other sons or celestial beings that are given their force and power. Hence that force which rebelled in the unseen forces (or in spirit), that came into activity, was that influence which has been called Satan, the devil, the serpent; they are One. That of *rebellion!*

Hence, when man in any activity rebels against the influences of good he harkens to the influence of evil rather than the influence of good....

Evil is rebellion. Good is the Son of life, of light, of truth; and the Son of light, of life, of truth, came into physical being to demonstrate and show and lead the way for man's ascent to the power of good over evil in a material world.

As there is, then, a personal savior, there is the personal devil. 262-52

What about this influence referred to as the spirit of rebellion and variously called Satan, the devil, the serpent? Is this only a quality of spirit or does it represent a specific

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individual? For the same group asking the above question, the following information was given at a later date.

It has been understood by most of those who have attained to a consciousness of the various presentations of good and evil in manifested forms, as we have indicated, that the prince of this world, Satan, Lucifer, the devil – as a soul – made those necessities, as it were, of the consciousness in materiality; that man might – or that the soul might – become aware of its separation from the God-force.

Hence the continued warring that is ever present in materiality or in the flesh, or the warring – as is termed – between the flesh and the devil, or the warring between those influences of good and evil.

As the soul is then a portion of the Divine, it must eventually return to that source from which, of which, it is a part. Will *thy* name be written there? 262-89

In this passage we see that the one referred to as Satan, Lucifer, the devil, is also referred to “as a soul.” Let us return now to the introductory text and re-examine it: “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.” (Job 1:6) The personal identity of this being is referred to many times in the readings as follows: “For the law of the Lord is perfect and ye as a child of the Divine may apply it to the works of thy Lord and Savior, or to His wayward son, Satan.” (3541-1)

Again, let us remember that in the Isaiah text referring to Lucifer as “son of the morning,” we are told that apparently, when we see him as he truly is, we will say, “Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof...?” (Isaiah 14:16-17)

Now how shall we summarize these intimations about the relationship of the spirit of evil and fallen angelic beings with that one whom we know as Satan or Lucifer? We are told that “. . . man's rebellion and consorting with others for aggrandizing of *selfish* motives *first* brought Satan, or the serpent, into the Eden.” (3976-9) Did Satan cause the desire or did the desire invite Satan's entrance?

It is clear in the story of Job that God permitted Satan to tempt Job regarding his faith in God. Thus the cosmic scenario might go something like this: In the beginning all beings were created perfect and were in perfect accord with God. A portion of these, *only a portion*, went astray and became involved in various dimensions of reality. Because souls are co-creators with God, their very thoughts become creations. Those souls who strayed created thought forms out of accord with the Whole. These thought forms became so enmeshed in themselves that the souls did not even know they were cut off from an awareness of their oneness with the Whole. Thus it became God's quest to bring these souls back into a remembrance of their divine heritage and into full accord with Him. To do so required the arranging of experiences in consciousness so that they could become aware of their separation.

As Satan is permitted a role in the story of Job, so some souls out of accord with the Whole began to play a role in this awakening. Though this work brought to some souls a consciousness of pain and separation, it was nevertheless a work of rebellion and self-aggrandizement and thus out of accord with the full nature of the love of God. So we may understand the expression, “It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!” (Luke 17:1)

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We can see in our experience in the earth plane that many set about deliberately to do evil or injury to their fellow man, by deception, theft or assault. We also see that on occasion those with such intents and purposes band together as a group and attack other individuals or groups. Some of those bands form an extraordinary power structure and a hierarchy of leadership. (Hitler in Germany was one example; the Mafia is another.)

Edgar Cayce said that when we die we are like a tree that lies where it falls. With the transition through God's other door comes little change in consciousness or motivation. If there is an organized hierarchy of those bent on evil in the earth plane, why would there not be one in the spirit plane? We in this country with a population of more than 200 million have set a single individual, our president, as a hierarchical leader with the ability to make decisions that affect the lives of us all. There is not a country in the world in which this is not so; and thus the world population of more than four billion has invested power in just a few leaders who have a great effect on every soul in the earth. If this be so on the material plane, why might it not be so in the spirit plane?

Now what power do these influences have over us? *None*, except what we in our own thoughts, desires and indiscretions open ourselves to. We make ourselves vulnerable by getting out of attunement physically, mentally and spiritually. As we seek expressions or activities that are out of accord, we attune our vibrations to lower consciousnesses much as we would tune a radio to a certain station. By physical imbalances we sometimes open ourselves to other influences, some of which may be from other entities. But more frequently these influences are our own energized thought forms. What is important, though, is that there is One, our Brother, the Christ, who has overcome all and in His overcoming, "All power is given unto (him) in heaven and in earth." (Matthew 28:18)

What determines the sources that affect us, whether from a physical, mental or spirit plane? That which opens us to the influence is our purpose, our motive force, our intent and desire. Out of our desire we can be in attunement with the Infinite. Out of our desire we can invoke the presence of Jesus. Out of our desire, if it be of selfishness or self-aggrandizement, we may open ourselves to influences that are motivated by that same lower quality of intention. The readings indicate that there are countless entities in the spirit plane who, not taking cognizance of their present state, still want to have a say in the affairs of the world.

Once again it is the ideal being held by the individual that sets the vibration. Again we stress and underline the challenge from the readings that the most important experience for any entity is to know what is the *ideal* spiritually. A man asked, "Is it through the guardian angel that God speaks to the individual?" The Cayce source replied:

Ever through that influence or force as He has given, "Ye abide in me and I in thee, as the Father abideth in me, so may we make our abode with thee."

Then as the guardian influence or angel is ever before the face of the Father, through same may that influence ever speak – but only by the command of or attunement to that which is thy ideal.

What then is thy ideal? In *whom* have ye believed, as well as in what have ye believed? Is that in which thou hast believed able to keep ever before thee that thou committest unto Him?

Yes – through thy angel, through thy *self* that is the angel – does the self speak with thy Ideal! 1646-1

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Now concerning the question of heaven and hell, it is clear from the readings that they refer primarily to states of consciousness; for example, “For heaven is that place, that awareness where the soul – with all its attributes, its mind, its body – becomes aware of being in the presence of the Creative Forces, or one with same. That is heaven.” (262-88)

Heaven is an awareness of our oneness with the Father; thus, we do not go to heaven, we *grow* to heaven – for each soul grows to the awareness within the temple of its own body. And without spirituality the earth is indeed a hell. In the subconscious all our acts, deeds and thoughts are ever-present before us. Then we may consider what a hell has been dug by some and what a heaven has been builded by others. To the extent we experience separation from the at-oneness, we are in the state called hell. Nevertheless, there are also realms of consciousness in which many groups with a collective consciousness may reside.

The question of heaven and hell relates to the concept of reincarnation. Some feel that reincarnation eliminates notions of heaven and hell, since the soul through successive experiences grows in greater awareness of its oneness with God. However, a spatial dimension to these movements also exists in consciousness, a dimension related not only to planets but also to solar systems. Those living exemplary lives in terms of purposes and actions of helpfulness and selflessness toward their fellow man may indeed free themselves of desires that would attract them again to the earth. Others may express the desire never again to incarnate without having purified their desires in such a way as to be truly free from the carnal influences. Thus the readings say, “though a soul may will itself *never* to reincarnate, but must burn and burn and burn – or suffer and suffer and suffer! For, the heaven and hell is built by the soul!” (5753-1)

We see that even if the entity does not incarnate again, there may be elements of desire remaining. As those desires are unfulfilled, they give the discarnate soul the experience of burning.

The real evil is the spirit of rebellion. When we entertain that spirit within ourselves, we open ourselves to influences with similar motives. Do we not say, “Speak of the devil and he will appear”? What does this mean? It means that if we have the consciousness of evil, then evil is present with us.

We say we *believe* in God. Then let us put our *trust* in God. Why entertain others when He is so near? This is the answer: Claim the promise of John 14:1 – “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.”

Study Psalm 91: “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.... There shall no evil befall thee.... For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.” (Verses 1-2, 10-11)

Affirm Romans 8: “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?... For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Verses 31, 38-39)

“See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil... therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. ...” (Deuteronomy 30:15, 19)

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All that is Good is of God

For, know: All influence and force of GOOD only arises from one source. All that exists then in the material world of GOOD, applied in that direction, is from that ONE SOURCE. [1600-1, Male Adult, 12/2/38]

Know then the influences that are about thee, that are good, that are constructive, that are creative in their nature, can have ONLY ONE SOURCE of emanation - GOOD, which is God! [1167-1, Female 40, 5/14/36]

For only good, or purposefulness, lives on; for it is a part of the eternal oneness - or at-onement with the purposes of Creative Energies or Forces. [1007-3, Female 67, 7/26/38]

For all force, all manifestations in materiality are the expressions of spirit, and are PROMPTED by same. Are these influences of the divine, or dost thou cherish those that at times may become questioned? Know in what, in whom, thou hast believed, and know whether it be of a constructive or of a growing influence for the spirit of truth or not. For the promise is given to all, "My spirit beareth witness with thy spirit as to whether thou art choosing good or evil in all of thy ways." [816-3, Male 51, 2/17/35]

Know that life and mind are eternal. Regardless of whether the choice is to act in this or that manner in relationships to same because of the expedience of this or that, these are FACTS! Just as the existence is a fact; for it IS!

Thus every condition must be met in its own sphere of activity.

Know in what ye believe, then, as thy ideal. Know WHO is the author of that ideal. Not merely an idealistic ideal that may not be attained, either mentally or materially; but know that each ideal is constructive and is of a spiritual concept.

For AS the mind and the life are a part of the eternal consciousness, then ONLY constructive thought AND activity may MAKE for the better physical as well as MENTAL development!

The body is physical, mental and spiritual. These are one, and they manifest in materiality through the activities of the body-mental and the body-physical. But if the body is fed only upon that which is temporal in its concept, in its activity, then it MUST of itself become a burden sooner or later. (continued on next page)

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For only that which is good, that which is constructive, that which is true, that which is spiritual, CAN live - or DOES live ON and ON!

[1691-1, Male 18, 9/26/38]

For what is bad? Good gone wrong, or something else? It is good MISAPPLIED, misconstrued, or used in a SELFISH manner - for the satisfying of a desire within self.

And so is sin, so is illness; a lack of at-onement with a COORDINANT, COOPERATIVE force of a LIVING influence that may - through THIS entity - become such a marvellous force for good, for a channel of manifestation of GOOD among its fellow man.

[1089-5, Male 20, 1/31/36]

Then, as we have the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, we have - in the awareness in materiality - Body, Mind, Soul. The soul is the real self, the continuous self. The mind is the builder, continuous to the extent that it is constructive, taking hold upon spirituality in such a manner and way as to become constructive - and that which is constructive and good is continuous.

Hence we find the body - physical - subject to the laws of the physical being, or the temperaments, the environments, the disappointments, the activities throughout; and all of these act both physically and mentally.

Then, in the physical being, we find there are those conditions that are of the physical nature that have become subject to the purely material influences through the allowing of the creating of poisons through the system, through the poor assimilation, poor elimination.

Thus the system has gradually been poisoned.

Just in the same manner that the body is subject to that which is destructive to same, it becomes as a servant of that thing; rather than controlling same.

So, as the mind is the builder with those things that are of hate, dislikes, grudges, selfishness, dirty and dark, dingy things that are a portion of every experience - and not with the sunlight of happiness, joy, hopefulness, patience, brotherly love; it, too, becomes besmirched and subject to those things to which it, the mind, becomes enslaved.

Thus we may have a mental disturbance, a physical disturbance - and these may coordinate or they may work one against another.

[1620-1, Female 44, 6/21/38]

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So, the physical relationships - as also the mental - are to be founded in the spiritual or creative influence and force. For that which is not wholly good in its concept must bring disintegration, or disappointment, or disorder.

[1885-2, Male 32, 3/26/40]

...Mind is the Builder, and that the spirit forces is that which is the active force from which, of which, man may use same for material gains or material detriments; for the SPIRIT is willing, the FLESH is often weak, and guided awry must bring for consternations - as they have in the past. Show self friendly, would self have FRIENDS. Seek through channels that there has been service rendered; not as an eyeservice, that one may become beholden to another; and do not pat another on the back simply to be patted; but speak gently, affectionately, one with another; with brotherly love PREFERRING one another, and keep self unspotted from TAINTED things, QUESTIONABLE positions, QUESTIONABLE conditions. So act, as to look every man in the face and to be able to tell them that, that I have committed is an open book, and he who runs may read; that I have done may all do likewise. ACT in THAT manner, and the sureness of self may be found in the material, in the mental things - for God is not a respecter of persons; neither is He short armed, either in giving that as will mete out for the keeping of the will one with another; neither is He short sighted in that as is committed in willful negligence, or willful disobedience, for he that abhorreth good loveth evil, and he that buildeth contention shall suddenly be destroyed - and that without mercy. Show mercy and loving kindness, then, would same be had.

[1726-1, Male 44, 9/2/30]

For, to philosophize for the moment - and as is known by the entity: Man IS, and he is one - as body, mind and soul yet these coordinate.

The influences from astrological sojourns work through the mental self - mind being ever the builder in the earth plane materializations; though the forces of the mind are active in spiritual as well as material directions. And only that which is founded in the spiritual is eternal.

Hence in every direction - whether for associations, for activities materially or mentally or for spiritual developments - the ideals must be founded in that which is constructive or spiritual, that they may grow.

Good, honesty, integrity, patience, longsuffering, brotherly love are eternal; just as hate, dislike, contention make for destructive forces in the experiences of all.

[1539-2, Male 60, 4/19/38]

For, we are joint heirs with that universal force we call God - if we seek to do His biddings. If our purposes are not in keeping with that Creative Force, or God, then we may be a hindrance. And, as it has been indicated (continued on next page)

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of old, it has not appeared nor even entered into the heart of man to know the glories the Father has prepared for those that love Him. Neither may men conceive of destruction, even though he is in the earth a three-dimensional awareness. Neither may he conceive of horror, nor of suffering, nor even of what it means to be in outer darkness where the worm dieth not. [5755-2, 6/19/41]

Know, rather, that the unseen influences in the experience of every soul are greater than those that are seen.

Hence these are not to be passed over lightly; neither are they to be allowed to become as individual experiences the key to the whole situation.

For the experiences may be the lessons, as well as encouraging experiences that the promises that are within thine inner self may be assured of thy oneness with the Creative Forces that supply all of the influences that become constructive in the experience.

But ye being the co-creator with these forces, make with thy will and thy application of thy ideals the choices that bring about in the fruit of thy activities the good or bad deeds - or good and bad influences or manifestations.

These then are the judgements of individuals. For there is little within thyself that is bad, but according to its RELATIVE relationships to that which is thy ideal.

Ask of self, then, "What is my ideal?"

If it is founded in spirituality, if it is founded in those influences and forces that are constructive, then hold fast to same. Know in WHOM ye have believed, know WHO is the Author of thy belief of thy thought, and that He is able to keep that ye may commit unto Him against ANY experience that may arise in thy activities through any sphere of experience; whether within the mental self, the physical self, the spiritual self.

For thy body is the temple of thy soul, and as the soul is spirit so may the spirit of constructive forces meet thee there.

Then present thy body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Him who is the author and the finisher of thy faith. [1531-1, Female 45, 2/9/38]

For it is, - it was, it is, - thine own self from the beginning, working with - and in coordination with - the divine that is the gift of the Creative Forces in making manifest in a material world those attributes which are of the creative nature. These are the children, the seed, the property of LIGHT, - that is, hope, patience, longsuffering, brotherly love, kindness, gentleness. (continued)

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Hate, jealousy, despair, ANY that take hold of darkness, are the children of Darkness. These ye would put away.

Know, as He hath given, "If ye will love me, IF ye will love me, keep my commandments; for my commandments are not grievous." They are only hope, joy, love, patience, understanding! They are the commandments of Him, - who is able to sustain thee in every trial mentally or physically; and to keep them in the way as to manifest joy, love, hope, in thy dealings with thy fellow men.

[2205-2, Female 40, 8/10/41]

...the better relations of self toward good for GOOD'S sake, and that that good may be turned into, that condition of making each entity One with the Creative Energy from which all come and all go, unless through self's OWN will becomes separated from Him.

[369-3, Female 22, 11/3/27]

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Only Good Lives On

For, know that life is continuous, as is good. All temporal desire or purpose MUST pass away. Only the good, the true, the spiritually beautiful, live on.

[2594-1, Female 19, 9/28/41]

What is good? How is such defined in thy life - of awakening to all the possibilities that exist in thy intake of life and its phases? To do good is to think constructively, to think creatively. What is creative, what is constructive, ye may ask? That which never hinders, which never makes for the bringing of any harm to others.

Then that companionship in mind, in spirit, of all that is creative, brings that necessary, that constant opportunity then that is the most beautiful of all. And these are thy possibilities, these are thy opportunities. For, as has been indicated oft in thy experiences in the earth, the beauty of the Lord, the beauty of love, the beauty of grace, the beauty of that which would bring joy, hope, love in the lives of others, by the little things, has been a part of thee. Not by some great deed to be accomplished. For thy smile can make the whole day GLAD for many. [1206-13, Female 16, 11/23/41]

For, good lives on. Only evil dies and withers as it is left uncultivated. Good that is cultivated grows and yields some thirty, some sixty, some an hundredfold. For, it is ever that to which each soul would attain. [3268-1, Female 53, 10/6/43]

The stress should be upon the spiritual purposes, the spiritual intent. For, remember, only good, only the spiritual lives on. Temporal things perish with the body. [2612-1, Female 64, 10/31/41]

It is never beyond the arm of the Lord to say to those who will open their minds, and hearts, and purposes and know that as ye mete out to others, ye are meting to thy Lord, thy Savior, thy Christ. Even as He meteth out to others good for evil; even as He gave cheer, comfort, yea, life itself to those who would take His life.

Thus may ye in thy activities about thy home. For whatever ye determine to do, ye can do in thy trust in Him who serves to the uttermost. [5231-1, Female 64, 6/5/44]

But know that the Lord is GOOD - to those that do good with His biddings!
[1066-1, Male 25, 11/25/35]

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Study, then, to know first thy own ideal - its author, as well as its ultimate end - in man. For, to be sure it must be creative, to live on and on. For good alone lives on. Evil perisheth with the day. Good is of God, and thus is eternal. [1662-2, Male 63, 3/28/41]

For as of truth, as of life, as of light, as ye give so do ye have. Only that which is good becomes better by being shed abroad. Only that which is evil is dissipated in its distribution. Good, truth, light, life, expands in its giving forth.

[832-1, Female 56, 2/18/35]

How far, then, is ungodliness from godliness? Just under, that's all!

[254-68, 9/7/33]

For, good alone lives on; for it IS creative in its nature.

[2489-1, Male 48, 4/23/41]

Let thy yeas be yea and thy nays nay. But know in Whom as well as in What ye believe. Let thy ideals - though they be material, mental and spiritual - founded upon a spiritual basis. For without same there is no continuity or life.

And so live thine own life, and create in the experience and minds of others, that whereunto will develop something that may be carried on into eternity. For only good lives on.

[1731-1, Male 35, 11/3/38]

Know the first principles: There is good in all that is alive. That which is constructive in each influence, each tenet, each truth, is either a living truth or a part of a truth; that may be kept alive by its natural influence, or by those who may give of themselves and thus have the shadow of a living truth - yet egotistical in the life.

Truth and life emanate only from one source. Man - the offspring of the Creator - may diffuse, disseminate or alter same as to cause half a truth to appear a living truth.

But analyze all. Know the author of what ye believe, and let that author be that living truth which fadeth not, - who is able to keep EVERY purpose, every hope, every desire against ANY disturbance that may arise in thy experience, - mentally, spiritually, materially.

For, as ye find, - thy body, thy mind and thy soul are each in their sphere of awareness ONE. Hence the ideal must be one.

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Thus He that came into the earth as an example, as a way, is an ideal - is THE ideal. They that climb up some other way become robbers of that peace, that harmony which may be theirs - by BEING at-one with that He manifested in the earth.

In giving the urges, and in the interpretation of these records, - these are chosen that ye may magnify the virtues - in self, in others; that ye may minimize the faults - in self, in others. For as ye do unto the least of thy brethren ye do unto thy Maker. And thy purpose in the earth is that ye may so magnify virtue in EVERY phase - beauty, harmony; symmetrically, rhythmically, in every form - as to glorify that creative influence. Not unto glory of self but into the glory of Him that giveth thee the abilities....

Do not allow that to grow that is of a selfish nature. DO cultivate ALL that bespeaks of love, beauty, rhythm, harmony, and the glorifying of good in human experience and in human relationships....

Keep thy faith in that which is good. For good alone lives, ever.

[2537-1, Female 33, 7/17/41]

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The Purpose of Expressing Good

In the first premise, - know what was the cause of indifference, or sin, entering material manifestations. Was it the purpose by God that such should be, or by the Godhead? or was it that this force or power seeking expression found - with the expression - that there came the forces of positive and negative?

And with same the awareness of one influence or force, taking certain courses or directions, became negative.

The others became the greater positive.

Thus in the experience of souls through their evolution in the material things of the earth, there has been brought just that same effect in the material affairs of the souls active in expressing or manifesting at this particular period or sphere of development.
[1602-5, Female 41, 11/28/39]

For the purpose of each soul's entrance into materiality is to be a channel of blessings to others. Not for self, but losing sight of self and giving that which is the greater concept of the relationships that souls bear to the Creative Forces - and the MANNER in which these may be expressed, manifested or experienced by individuals in their dealings with their fellow men.

Hence may the entity's abilities, in the manners as indicated, live on and on. For the good that each soul does in any experience is that body AND mind with which it is clothed in the next experience.
[1604-1, Female 70, 6/2/38]

In the life there are those experiences magnified and manifested in which there are diversions from or attunements to the universal, cosmic or divine law. Those in which there is a faltering in keeping the law become manifested in the individual as faults; and those in which there is the expression in keeping with the divine law as virtues.

For, remember, - the good lives on; and it is up to the individual to so correct, so manifest the experience that it may be of a creative, purposeful nature.
[2420-1, Male 42, 12/14/40]

For it is not by chance but through the purposes of a divine source, that each soul may become aware of its relationships to the Creator, and through the relationships with the individuals put into the growth of the soul that as may make it worthy of living, dwelling, abiding within the presence of that which is holy. (continued on the next page)

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For, as the flesh and blood may not of itself inherit eternal life, neither may the desires or the weaknesses, nor the impulses of same, be a part of the experience; but the purpose, the aims, the desires must be in keeping with those intents and desires that make for the greater creative influences in the experience of each and every soul.

Thus are the lessons gained by an entity through its sojourns in material experiences, and thus are the lessons pointed out in giving the interpretations as to the application of self in the material plane, as well as the urges that remain from the interims of planetary sojourn between the earthly sojourns.

Remember then those purposes, - these are given that the experience may be helpful. For, being forewarned, be forearmed and thus allow not thine own house, thine inner self, thy temple of the living God to be broken up, neglected, torn down or cast away; but build that which is eternal in the strength, the power, the might of the promises that are in His word, in His relationships with man.

For He hath not willed that any soul should perish, but has with each temptation given a way, a manner, a means through which a soul may know in patience, in time, in space, its closer relationships to those Creative Forces. [1965-1, Male 57, 7/24/39]

Thy appearances in the earth have contributed, do contribute to those conditions which confront thee in the shaping of thy life, thy affairs, thy purposes, thy desires. For as given, life is one; for Life is the manifestation of that influence or force called God - and hence is eternal.

What, then, will ye present in thy body, in thy mind, as ye grow, as the growth of thy soul, that ye must present before thy Lord, thy God?

This, then, is that ye shall live in peace, in harmony first with God's laws, and then ye will find that man's laws are patterned after His laws in such measures that there is not to be found but GOOD in thy relationships to others. [1977-1, Male 33, 8/18/39]

For the material, at best, is only temporal, or temporary, while that which may be builded from spiritual desire, spiritual purposes, is eternal.

Only good lives on. Evil, bad and indifference must be met in their OWN environ, their OWN experience; and thus one grows in grace, in knowledge, in understanding.

For, though there may be those experiences that bring harsh reverberations, these may be tempered in such a way and manner - through the grace that is granted or given to which each soul is heir in the love which has been manifested in the Ideal - that the peace as He gives may be the individual experience. (continued on the next page)

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Thus we find how patience is as the gateway to the more perfect law of love that is shown in Him. [1971-1, Female 40, 7/29/39]

Know thyself first. Look within thine own heart. What is it ye would purpose to do? Satisfy thine own appetites? Satisfy thine own desire for power or glory, for fame or fortune? These, as ye have experienced and as ye know within thy deeper self, easily take wings and fly away. Only those things that are just, those things that are beautiful, those things that are harmonious, that arise from brotherly kindness, brotherly love, patience, hope and graciousness, LIVE. These are the fruits of those UNSEEN forces that ye recognize as being the powers that rule this universe, - yea, this heterogeneous mass of human emotions and human souls; that power which arises from GOOD, - not from hate nor malice nor greed nor covetousness. For these take hold upon the gates of hell and are the torments to man's soul!...

Hold rather to those things in which, in thy dealings with thy fellowman, ye may see only the pure, the GOOD! For until ye are able to see within the life and activities of those ye have come to hate the most, SOMETHING ye would worship in thy Creator, ye haven't begun to think straight.

Look for good and ye will find it. Search for it, for it is as a pearl of great price. For there is so much good in the WORST, that ye may never judge another by thine own short standards. Condemn not if ye would not be condemned.

[1776-1, Male 28, 1/1/39]

As is experienced in materiality, one may never stand still. For, there is continuous growth, continuous passing of opportunities, - for good, for bad. Only good lives on. Bad disintegrates, for it is not of the eternal - but has been and is the application of that which is temporal in materiality. So this, too, will pass away. And as ye grow in grace, in knowledge and in understanding, the truths that may become realities of that being given thee will live WITH thee, constantly. [2650-1, Female 34, 1/16/42]

For as is the purpose of the entity's experience in the present, as to others, that their lessons may be learned. For it is continually self being met, and what ye have done about it, and only the promises, the faith, the activity in those things for whom and from whom there has been obtained an advocate with the Father may mercies be shown. For only as ye show mercy may it be shown to thee. Only as ye show patience, longsuffering, brotherly kindness, may these be shown to thee. For thou art indeed a god in its making, for He would have thee as one with Him; yet the choices must be made by thee, or else ye become only as an automaton, only capable of doing that to which ye have been set as unchangeable. For while the law of the Lord is ever the same, the abilities to show forth same are according to the individual application. Good is good. There is not better good than GOOD. Be not then merely good, but be good for something - in HIS name!

[1440-1, Female 44, 9/1/37]

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We too, as individuals, must learn those lessons through making application of those things which demonstrate His power and force through all the varied manners of application that are indicated in the material world; learning the true lesson that He is indeed one God. He is the good then in every element, (continued on next page) in every form of wish, desire, hope, as well as in every form of the transition of spirit through the gaseous stages to matter. The good in same is one. In every form of good, all element, all power in the material, all the chemical, or the mechanical world, there is the manifestation of the good which is God. And these are manifestations that we too, each soul, may take cognizance of the same. In patience, in time, in application, we may learn of Him. [3143-1, Male 1, 8/9/43]

That in the experience of each entity is purposeful, and not by chance. For, the Giver of all good and perfect gifts has not willed that any soul should perish, nor that any soul should see corruption, or to be sorrowful or in tears in the material experience. These are the results of individual application of tenets or truths that are set as ideals by an entity.

For, the experience of consciousness or awareness in the material plane should be an awakening to the fact that the Giver of life, God, is aware of the individual entity; and the awareness is to bless the entity if the entity will but keep those ideals that are set in Him, who is the way, the truth and the light.

Thus, as promised by Him in His word recorded by the beloved, let not thy heart be troubled nor let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in Him who is able to bring that peace as He promised, that "If ye love me ye will keep my commandments, and I will come and abide with thee, and will guide in ALL things," - whereunto there may be brought the greater peace, the greater harmony in any material experience. [2624-1, Female 41, 11/26/41]

Know in self that in giving a helpful influence, the magnifying of virtues in others and the minimizing of faults is the beginning of wisdom in dealing with others. Not that the evil influence is denied, but rather that force within self is stressed which when called upon is so powerful that those influences about self may never hinder. For, each step, each opportunity may be made a stepping-stone, not a stumbling-stone, in dealing with problems, with conditions, with individuals. [2630-1, Female 52, 11/29/41]

(Q) Why is it that at times I seem to lose the ability of attunement, such - as example - when I try to gain things myself or follow Mrs. [3734]?

(A) In faith one seeks, and in SELF alone may the full knowledge and full understanding come. Trust not in powers made with hands, but rather in that BUILDED in the LIFE of Him ABLE to KEEP that committed unto Him. Faltering is only a PROOF OF the ABILITIES; for who would gain heaven and the whole (continued)

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of the knowledge of same, must KNOW there are the opposites, or a way FROM. Trust in that given thee, and in USE of that given, understanding comes.

[137-127, Male 31, 2/16/30]

The faults we would minimize, the virtues we would magnify. And these are the principles upon which this entity may gain an insight as to the purposes of individuals' lives, associations, contacts, of things and circumstance. All have their place, their purpose in the experience of each entity. The good must be sifted from the bad.

As has been indicated from the beginning of time, there is set before the mind of the individual entity good and bad, life and death. The individual chooses. For this is the birthright of each soul, given by or through the Creative Forces, that the individual entity or soul may become aware of itself and its relationships with those things, conditions and other entities or souls about it. Thus may the entity find its true relationships to the whole.

For this entity, as others, there are those relationships borne with things - as it becomes a part of them, or as certain activities at certain periods in the varied environs become a part of the individual entity, through that called mind in the material world.

Hence mind is the builder. The body, the mind, the soul; each bears its relationships to those realms of its dwelling. Thus in the material experience time or place has its influence. In the realms of the spirit, or in other degrees or phases of consciousness - sometimes termed the astrological aspects, an influence is indicated that becomes latent or manifested in the activity of the entity itself. Not merely because an entity is born under a certain phase of sun or moon or any of the astrological aspects, or any phases of the zodiac (yet all of these bear relationships one to another), but because of sojourn or experience in those phases of consciousness. Just as in the material certain developments, certain studies or applications fit an individual to apply itself in certain directions. Just as the dwelling of an entity in a certain sphere or rate of consciousness may bear relationships to activities of the entity.

[2747-1, Male 56, 5/12/42]

Thus the purpose of each experience is that the entity may magnify and glorify that which is good. For, good is of the one source, God, and is eternal.

Then as an individual entity magnifies that which is good, and minimizes that which is false, it grows in grace, in knowledge, in understanding.

Know that in the manner ye mete, or do to thy fellow man, so ye do unto thy Maker.

[2599-1, Male 39, 10/7/41]

Find the good, not the bad in every experience. Cultivate the finding of beauty, grace, loveliness in every experience.... (continued on the next page)

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Know that each soul enters for the making of itself one with Creative Forces, or God. Life is continuous. The individual is free to use those God-given forces for creative purposes. When these are turned to that of self, or self-aggrandizement, they may easily sour and become shot through with the darts of the devil.

[2706-1, Male 42, 3/24/42]

Keep - in the present - ever close to that as ye so oft sought through that experience; to go aside and to put self - as it were - in the place of those from whom ye heard, and by and through whom ye experienced that ability to bring harmony into the hearts and minds of those disturbed from any cause.

And hold fast to that faith as ye expressed oft - so much good in all, none may bear to speak evil of any!

[2390-3, Female 30, 3/8/41]

“MERCY, Father-God, NOT sacrifice!” For He hath no joy in sacrifice, He hath no joy in suffering, He hath no joy in disease and sorrow; but ye in thy disturbing influence for the moment forget to thank Him for His mercy, His love, that endureth even when we mock Him.

[1440-2, Female 44, 9/11/37]

Keep in that thought, in that purpose, in that way of aiding where and when the opportunity presents itself, by the kindnesses, by the encouraging and, as has ever been the principle, find the good and not the evil in the life of every individual.

[4065-1, Female 60, 4/3/44]

Hold to that as given; first, know thy ideals, and the author of them - and whether they are able to keep that ye may commit unto them in any condition. This brings the greater assurance and must be, as has been indicated, of SPIRITUAL inception.

For, good alone lives.

[1574-1, Male 27, 4/19/38]

For ever is a soul, an entity, meeting itself; in its shortcomings, in that wherein it has missed or chosen in the improper direction.

For remember, the good lives on - and ON - and is magnified. The errors become then as stumbling-stones, as to be kept or to be turned into stepping-stones - into those directions and ways as to be the more perfect way, - or as expressed, “a more excellent way.”

As to the application of self in the present from such influences, - we find the needs for knowing then thy ideal, mentally, spiritually, materially, and not as to what you would desire others to be, but be THAT ye would desire if conditions were reversed for the other one to be to thee! For this becomes then “the more excellent way.”...

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(Q) For what purpose did I make my present appearance and how can I more successfully carry out that purpose?

(A) To make thy paths straight!

Remember as has just been indicated, the good lives on. And how oft was that injunction by he that was the forerunner, as well as the early teachings of the Master, "Make thy paths straight!" -, that is; to undo those things ye have BOUND in thyself and in the experiences of others, that one may be free indeed in the love and the service of the Master.

[843-9, Male 55, 10/19/38]

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About Right And Wrong

... For the right is right, and not right to do wrong that right might appear to succeed. [106-8, Female 48, 5/21/25]

...To do wrong never will make good come of it, though it may make money and means and false promises may induce; but the end thereof is DEATH! Death not only to a successful business, death to the better self, death to all the influences and forces. For how has it been reckoned? Good is like a leaven that eventually leaveneth the whole lump. How is evil? Usually smeared on as some kinds of paints that cover and yet - How did He put it? - are as a whitened sepulchre, beautiful to look at but inwardly full of dead men's bones! So are the relationships with individuals. You cannot whitewash that which is in import and intent evil and have good come from same.

[257-182, Male 44, 5/4/37]

Then, in the present, - forget not the Lord and all His benefits. In thy interpretation of the spirituality of thy successes, forget not the source from whence life, consciousness, awareness, comes. [2834-1, Male 36, 10/27/42]

Hence the entity having left God out of consideration with the thought of material duty, and with that desire to fulfill that which is - to be sure - the material manifestation of good. Yet ye cannot gain good by doing that which condemns thine own self. Ye cannot do good through evil channels. Ye cannot do evil and expect good to continually come from same.

These are as attempting to gather figs from thistles, or grapes from bramble briars. These are not the natural forces. Neither are they such that have prompted and do prompt that expression, the desire to do good and to be good. That is not man's problem alone to be good, but to be good FOR SOMETHING, to be good as a purposefulness! And these cannot be gained by the evil associations nor evil communications that make for the moments of satisfying either the material or the physical-mental desires in monetary gains.

Better that there be the crust alone of bread than the mansions of the millions with that of a condemning heart, a condemning spirit within self that there is a question mark after any activity, or any associations. For these are not God's ways, and thou hast KNOWN and thou dost know in thine heart of hearts the ways of good! Not that of long-facedness, not that of the saintly sinner, not that of the cynic; but doing good for Good's sake, doing good because it brings contentment, it brings harmony, it brings peace, it brings associations that create in the hearts of the associates JOY and HOPE and the LONGING for the greater knowledge of the SOURCE of good. Not just good but BEING, acting, thinking in terms of that honest, (continued on next page)

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due consideration for each and every individual, and not the advantage by chance, not the advantage by foreknowledge, not the advantage in any way or manner over thy fellow man. [417-8, Male 42, 12/2/36]

(Q) Why am I still so nervous and all on edge? upset in the office, etc?

(A) Just as we have given. The tendency for pressures in the physical system to make inclinations in that direction.

Then the unstableness of self as to what is to be accomplished by the body, in its relation with either the office or other influences.

In this connection, as we have given, first the body should analyze self - as to its desires, and that it (the body) hopes and desires to accomplish in this experience; not considering for self alone, for when considered in this light (no matter what the results are, or the position obtained) it becomes as a tinkling cymbal; it may blaze for a while, yet this will soon fade - and loneliness will be the result, with being forced to look into self and find self not satisfied.

For, desire that builds only for aggrandizing of that which will bring for self only fame, or position, or even power - without a purposefulness in same that may be accomplished for another, is but as hollow; and leaves one broken.

Look about self. Count those that have abilities in certain directions, who outwardly now - in their declining years - WOULD do good if there were the opportunity; yet these falter, stumble; they blame others for themselves not having a "break", for not having the opportunity. What was the basis of that desire, that impelled?

What has brought in SELF the moments of the greatest pleasure, doing that self would be exalted or that another might receive some notice, some benefit?

That self is not always appreciated is a symptom of self-exaltation, and is bad.

For, good - as virtue - must be its own reward.

For, good IS - as God IS - and IS a law unto itself.

No one may BUY goodness. No one may sell goodness. Goodness - as godliness - is LIVED, and is first the basis of thought in an individual's inner self; and goodness does not beget self-indulgences in self in ANY direction, but is that which another - a body a soul - appreciates in whatsoever sphere of activity it may be contacted.

Hence, find self in shaping self's destinies; not fates, but destinies - for "the fates are kind" to those who love goodness for Goodness' sake, and not for payment's sake or that self may be exalted. [349-13, Female 29, 6/6/33]

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. . . For, that of any creation of the mind which is to appeal to the animal rather than the spiritual natures, or mental-mindedness, is sin. That which is created within the mind that may present such measures as to laud the virtues, minimize the vices in the experience of human relationships, is good.

Think on these, as ye apply thyself in the applications of thy abilities, in the designs for those in WHATEVER walk of life or of depicting the activities of individuals.

The body-beautiful - there is little or nothing more holy, but THAT exposed or covered in such manners as to arouse ONLY the desire for POSSESSION is evil!...

These are the sources from which there arises that LATENT power, - yea, that latent desire, - for the interpretations of spiritual things. DO NOT smother same! For, the greater abilities lie in this direction. As ye are designing any individual's activity, then, let the expression be a creative, a beautiful experience for each entity; as those experiences were for thee; that all may be creative toward hope and not a menial or a sexual nature, but rather the BEAUTIES of same - that are the gifts to man as he expresses himself in his relationships to others as to the God-GIVEN forces latent and manifested in the life of each individual. [2416-1, Male 48, 12/9/40]

Then, when thine whole body and the purposes of thine mind as to do EVIL, well that they be separated from the channel or the means of bringing offence. [1175-1, Female 61, 5/18/36]

All the beauty, all the love is of the Father. All the selfishness, all the hate, all the spite are of those things that make us aware of our facing the shadows rather than the light.

Then right about face and keep thy face TOWARD the sunlight of truth, as is shown in Him; and the shadows will fall far behind. [1616-1, Female 44, 6/14/38]

Well if there could be given this body the full comprehension that all forces, all power as manifested in materiality, whether as related to the physical body or to those things outside the body, have their inception in Good - or God; and that knowledge that only what is disturbing in a physical body - mentally, physically, spiritually - arises from a misconstruction of good. [1309-1, Female 53, 12/21/36]

. . . For know, there is the constant meeting of self. And as has been given, if the entity will oft take counsel with self, stand aside as it were and watch self pass by, and see what have been the motivative influences that have caused the entity (continued)

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to choose this, that or the other, it will know as to whether or not these have been efforts on the part of self with a constructive influence or dependent upon other forces.

For know, as has been given of old, there is constantly before thee, day by day, good and evil, life and death. And the choice is to be made, by self - good and life representing creative forces, evil and death representing selfish motives, selfish desires, lack of incentive for creative influences.

And as the choice is made, know WHO and what is the author of thy hopes; and know they must be founded in spiritual things. Not longfacedness, nor that in which one sets self up as a goody-goody individual for the effect or for the fear of this or that, or because of what people will say. But KNOW that the Lord is ONE, and that thy manifestation in the material plane is to be a channel of blessings to others, if ye would attain to the consciousness of peace or harmony within thy inner self in thy associations and dealings with thy fellow man! [1575-1, Male 32, 4/21/38]

Hence we find the various consciousnesses, as with this body.

Then, because there may be used those physical attributes that might or may or will be a helpful influence to rid the body of the physical disturbances, do not consider that these are going without the veil of spirituality or of mental science, or of mental cleanliness.

For how does one cleanse the mind? By the pouring out, the forgetting, the laying aside of those things that easily beset and FILLING same with pure, fresh water that is of the eternal life, that is of the eternal goodness as may be found in Him who IS the light, the way, the truth, the vine, the bread of life and the water of life. These things are those influences that purify.

Then the motivative element may be within the attributes of nature itself, whether it be through mechanical applications or medicinal properties or herbs. WHOSE herbs are they? Whose force or power is used? They are ONE!

And what is the first law? Know, O Israel - know, O Self - know, O Seeker of light - that all power and force of good and construction, and of constructive forces, emanates only from the ONE SOURCE! This is only saying the same in those words as convey the meaning, to what? That consciousness of the arousing to the something within, as to the motivative forces that may impel or be acted upon within the self. [1620-1, Female 44, 6/21/38]

If these are helpful experiences for others as well as for self, they bespeak of good. For, as ye do it unto the least of thy brethren ye do unto thy Maker. [967-3, Female 49, 10/14/36]

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About Good And Evil

Know, - there are the dark, as well as the light, sides of every question; as well as in every life. [951-4, Female 24, 10/3/39]

For, each entity, each soul, each activity or expression of God, separated from Him has that of good and bad latent within self. [2409-1, Male 47, 11/26/40]

And bad is only good gone wrong, or going away from God. [1201-2, Female 31, 12/14/36]

That which is temporal passeth away. That which is constructive, creative, lives on. Good grows. Bad decreases as it destroys. [2559-1, Female 40, 5/7/41]

...It would be well for this to be thy policy, thy tenet. For there is none so bad nor yet so good that any can afford to judge or speak evil of the other. Ye may speak evil of evil things, but not of man. For he is in the image of his God and his God is eternal. The man's soul is eternal. Then speak not evil of thy brother, lest ye condemn thine own self. [3509-1, Male 29, 12/14/43]

Be NOT overcome of EVIL, but overcome evil with good! remembering that, as has just been given, in expressing or in manifesting in self, know that whether it be from within or from without, the motivation is active that "A soft word [answer] turneth away wrath; but grievous words stirreth [stir] up anger;"...

(Q) How do "the better forces in the natural elements" become the guiding forces in manifestation of earthly welfare?

(A) Just as has been given, the SPIRIT of each, in their influence - but KNOW, as has ALWAYS, as has ever been, as WILL ever be given, these are one with, for and BY Him, BY the Word. Turned into SELFISHNESS, become dregs, ort [ort: scraps, bits.], leaves. [288-27, Female 26, 9/25/31]

...NEVER has there been given that evil should even be courted that good may come of same! It may EVENTUALLY. Work to the good of all, NOT in the immediate future!...

(Q) Any other advice that would be helpful to this entity at this time?

(A) Study to show thyself approved unto GOD, AVOIDING the APPEARANCES of evil. [943-12, Male 40, 8/12/31]

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Think not to do evil that GOOD may arise from same and that the evil will not rise within thine own heart. [257-20, Male 34, 7/29/27]

For, know (not as preaching), all of the good, all of God, all of bad, all of evil that ye may know, is within thine own self. Thus it depends upon what spirit, what purpose, what hope ye entertain as to whether that ye desire to accomplish in thy experience is to be accomplished or not. [5164-1, Female 32, 5/25/44]

For evil may not be done that good may come; whether it is in what may be termed a karmic force or not. For these continue to make for barriers that must be brought to not sacrifice but mercy, not justice as upon the law but grace that ye may have and ye may make in the experience of all those influences that may bring the better forces for constructive increase in the experiences of others. [1397-1, Female 58, 7/4/37]

To be sure, the entity recognizes that there are the two great forces manifested in the experience of individuals, just as indicated first by the lawgiver and then by the Master Himself: There is today set before thee good and evil, life and death. There are the manifestations of each of these influences, as expressed in Him who is the life and the light of the world, who gave that these were the works whereby there was manifested unto the world the power of the All Creative Force.

He recognized all those influences in the earth that brought evil, whether manifesting as a dis-ease of body or of mind, or in the form of disease, or in jealousy, hate, malice, backbiting, or all those things that are the fruits of that spirit - as death. These take many forms.

As indicated for the entity, there are those abilities within the self to choose by what spirit or power ye may make manifest thy activities. Whether unto the glory of the material things or the spiritual depends upon the choice made. Ye cannot serve two masters at once, for ye will hate one and love the other.

So long as ye are in the earth, as He gave, there are tribulations to be experienced. But in the ideal - in spirit, in mind, in activity - we find that He overcame the world. [967-3, Female 49, 4/14/43]

... If there is the incapacity of an individual to KNOW within self as to whether it has chosen good or evil, ask within self, "What is the DESIRE that is being gratified by the attributes of that relationship sought?" If it is the answer for those things (continued) that are an aggrandizement of self and self's own physical desires, then it is carnal or material. Is it for the creating of self as a channel for an expression of the spiritual influences that have been impelling and do impel the activities, then it is spiritual. As to the choices, these must ever be in self. For, if freewill or the desire (which is an attribute

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or an expression of will) were taken from man, or from the human soul, it would then become rather the automaton, rather the animal, or rather the spirit of animal activity in a material world; hence not of itself. Rather, when the activity is not of self, let it be not in materiality but in spirituality - and the expressions thereof in self's activities....

...ye cannot gather good from evil. Ye cannot do evil that good may come of same. You cannot submerge thine self that these can be the better. Time has passed, yea. From time to time, under certain circumstances and environs sought, the END was given - yet ever has there been given that ye must pay the price - every whit! For, what ye sow ye must reap. Have ye sown in dishonor, have ye sown in making thine conscience subjugated to that which tells within self that this is not the way; then ye must reap that which comes.

Has the time wholly passed? No. But art thou willing to pay the price? Success may be made in the activities on the stage or in the cinema, for there is continuing to be sought the new faces, the new types, for feeding the bodies of same to what? Indulgencies of one character, nature or another! And while they may build and may draw interest within self that will satisfy an ambition, as we have given, ambition - unless it is tested in God's crucible - is of itself sin. Not that one should not be ambitious, no - but rather ambitious that God should be the guide and not self, or man.

[349-17, Female 30, 5/26/34]

(Q) Are there any evil forces working against us? If so, how can we overcome them?

(A) Through Him. The evil influences, or those conditions that must be met in every experience, are always routed by "in Him," the Christ, the Christ life.

[317-6, Male 43, 10/17/33]

(Q) Were evil forces warring within me, or was it my reasoning mind that caused this depression?

(A) As has been given from the beginning, "There is set before thee good and evil. Choose thou." In the choosing, in the setting of thine will in that direction or the other direction allows those influences to become magnified or lessened by that in the Promises. Else why SHOULD there have been the shedding of blood that there should be an Advocate WITH the Creative Forces? For He overcame the flesh, the death, and evil - the devil. So in choosing thine self in the ways to go, these that are as influences are but as signposts, knowing that thou hast passed this or that test, even as He passed through the garden, the Cross, the grave, hell, and rose in the NEWNESS of all being put UNDER submission; for having overcome He BECAME the way, the light, the SAVIOR. So, in those experiences that would overcome, as He has given, when ye are beset by those forces that would unbalance, unroot thee from that thou hast believed, even as He, "Get thee behind me, satan, for thou savorest of the things that are of the earth." Mind not that as would des- troy the body, rather that as would destroy the soul, the hold upon Him who IS life, light, and immortality!

[288-30, Female 27, 5/10/32]

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Evil only creates fear and hate and sorrow and the lack of tolerance, the lack of faith and the lack of patience, the lack of hope, the lack of love and longsuffering and brotherly kindness. These only have their shadows in the activity of individuals toward their fellow man. DIVINITY blossoms as in the morning sun of light and hope of immortality, bringing to the mind of man that hope springing anew from the experiences of old - as of this entity, bringing with same that longing, that desire for the closer walk with that which if cultivated becomes that which is the purpose of man's advent into the material or dimensional forces in earth. [1298-1, Female 43, 11/27/36]

EVIL only hath its appearance in the mind, in the shadows, in the fears of those that know not the light in its entirety. So, what shalt thou do? Use them as the stepping-stones for the awakening of the higher self to those abilities that thou hast known; for rest thou in this: He that honoreth the aged, he that honoreth his father and mother, his days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou hast used thine self well; yea, thou hast abused thine privileges, yet the mercies of the Lord are sufficient unto those that seek to know His face. Listen not to this, that or the other influence that would wean thee from that thou KNOWEST to do; and as thou doest it the next step is given thee. [689-1, Female 75, 10/11/34]

Know that good alone lives on, as may be manifested in love, hope, kindness, patience, brotherly love, long-suffering. These alone are the fruit of the spirit of truth. Those things that bring doubt, fear, distrust, inharmony, are the seed of sin, and grow - as tares - in the experiences of others. [2505-1, Male 53, 5/21/41]

For, know, - good alone lives on.

That of a nature which causes resentments, distrust, animosity, is already cut from that which is creative. It is true that it may have its place in the experience of others, but it is much like the nail driven in the post. The nail, the hindrance, may be removed, but the scar remaineth. It is weakened by the might or force.

Thus is there experienced by the entity that the creative force, or God, is not in the tempest nor in the storm, nor in the loud noise, nor even in the rumbles or rumors. But that which is helpful, the more oft, is in the still small voice within.

[2051-5, Male 69, 1/31/42]

(Q) Will you give the entity [1265], some manner of surely knowing how to differentiate between God's will and his own?

(A) As has been given, the heart of man as man is to do evil. The heart of God is to do good. This then is the dividing way or influence.

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Know within self that what is constructive is of God, whether it is in self, through self, by self that it may be manifested. It is of God; not of self but of God - self becoming in accord with the Creative Forces.

And then in the light of those forces as has been indicated that are the TRUE laws, ye may know, ye may judge. But to every man it has been set as given of old, "There is today before thee good, evil; life, death - CHOOSE thou.

Again, as has been given, man as man CANNOT serve God but man as he gives himself in all of his purposes, all of his desires, may be USED by the Father, God, to manifest HIS force, His influence in the earth. Not of self, for it is the gift of God. It is the birthright then of every soul, of every man, that he may make himself one with the Creative Forces. How do we know these? "My spirit beareth witness with thy spirit, whether ye be sons of God or not."

Hence the injunction that has been given again and again and to all:

Listen to the STILL SMALL VOICE FROM WITHIN! Study to show thyself approved unto God, rightly dividing the words of truth, and let not thy good be evil spoken of by thine inconsistency with what ye live and what ye preach!

[1265-3, Male 62, 10/14/36]

(Q) In manifesting in the present, just where should I draw the line between being a non-entity and expressing my individuality?

(A) Let the expressing be, as has been given above, the INDIVIDUALITY of the Christ rather than a personality or an individuality of self. Be selfless in Christ.

Ask thine self, "What would the Christ have me do?" Don't be afraid, but be rather ALIVE in that thou doest.

When thou hast acted unseemly, what has been the promise, what is the manner He has taught thee to pray? "As I forgive, may I be forgiven." Ask forgiveness, and He may forgive thee.

For, as has been given, as has been expressly given in this and in many expressions of how there are the manifestations of the Christ: As ye show forth the Lord's death in that ye humble yourselves that ye may approach does not mean, as He showed in His life, that ye set as PASSIVELY good but as ACTIVELY good! For GOOD can only proceed from good. Good may not be done that evil appears. For, like ONLY begets like. This is an irrefutable law, whether in spirit, in mind, or in body. LIKE BEGETS LIKE!

[288-36, Female 29, 2/10/34]

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(Q) Why does one do good for self or God?

(A) That it may know itself to be itself. Sin, evil, hate, destroys - as the entity experiences that discontent brings confusion to anything. Then, good accumulates; good grows. GOD is good.

(Q) What IS good?

(A) GOD is good.

[263-13, Female 29, 12/16/40]

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Analyze Self – Apply the Positive

As is comprehended, the entity is a part of the whole, the universe - all of that with which it has come in contact or may contact. And each individual or group is altered by the entity's application of constructive experience in associations with others.

For only good, as God, continues or is permanent.

The application of self as an entity, then, in relationship to things and conditions, and to other souls, is as the preparation for that which may be accomplished in the entity in fulfilling its purpose for which it entered this material experience.

For it is not by chance that the entity has been or is in this or that awareness of consciousness, but that each soul may become conscious of its relationship to Creative Forces through its application of its IDEAL towards its fellow man.

[1782-1, Female 64, 1/5/39]

Thus, as we find the application of self - first - study to know what is the ideal, - not as to what others would be to you, but what ye would also be to them. What is the ideal relationship of the Maker to the creature? Is it not expressed in the Son?

What is the ideal relationships of a ruler to his people? whether he be king or president?

There IS evidently an ideal, and it is not founded other than in the spiritual approach. For that alone that is ideal is enduring, and only good - as God - is enduring.

[1962-1, Male 29, 7/21/39]

Trust not in those things that so easily take wings and fly away, or those things that may be so easily undermined by just an unkind word! But rather trust in those things that are eternal, giving good even for evil; giving that which is constructive even for that which is set to undermine thine OWN activities!

[1603-1, Male 48, 6/1/38]

First, analyze thyself, thy purposes, thy aims, thy desires. Have ye an ideal that is of a spiritual nature? Or is thy ideal only one that passeth away, being only in the material?

Know that only that which is good and sincere, and purposeful for Creative Force, lives on. Not that which is beautiful only for the gratifying of an emotion of self, or of those influences in thy activity that passeth away, - for the ashes and the husks thereof are indeed bitter.

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Study then to show thyself approved unto thy Maker and ideal; studying to show thyself approved to thy spiritual ideal; rightly dividing the words of truth, keeping self in all good conscience....

But study thine own self. Be true to thine own self, and ye will not be false to others. See the beauty and the good in thine own self. See the beauty and good as in thy worst enemy. For until ye begin to see thyself as others see thee, ye have not begun to practise love, charity nor virtue. [1862-1, Female 49, 4/6/39]

For as is the awareness of the mental self, the Spirit of God - or Good - is never seen by the material man, ever; only the effects and the application of those factors in the experience of the individual are made aware by that it brings into the consciousness through the senses, - yea of the body, the awareness of the mental self and the spiritual self.

And this kept as a part of the development, the growth, the activity of the entity as a whole, becomes then a well-balanced unit; an entity that IS conscious of the influences of infinity through the finite forces that may be given in what has been expressed as of old, "As ye do it unto the least of these thy brethren, ye do it unto thy Maker."...

These meditated upon then, these kept in the ways that ye know. It is not then that ye KNOW as a physical consciousness, but that ye APPLY of good, of that which IS of God, that makes ye know that consciousness of His walks with thee.

For thy physical self may only see the reflection of good, while thy spiritual self may BE that good in the activities of thy fellow man in such measures that ye bring - what? [826-11, Male 36, 1/11/38]

As He has given, it is in patience with self, in patience with thy friend, in patience with thy foe, that ye become aware of thine soul; that it, thy soul, is - in the activities thereof - prompted through the mind of same in accord with or bearing fruit of life or death, good or evil; that THOU hast set as thine ideal.

Then, the first law of knowing self, of understanding self, is to become more and more sincere with that thou doest in the relationships one to another. For the proof of same is the fruit thereof. And when thou hast found the way, thou showest the way to thy brother.

These be the manners; these be the ways in which each entity - THIS entity - may know that there is the access to the Father through the Son IN the self, through that which He has promised. For the maker of that which comes into materiality as a force, as a power that is adverse to Creative Forces or to the generations of what is constructive, is man - or the selfishness in his experience. But the ego turned in the other direction may be and is the constructive force in the experience of each soul; expressed in the I AM being one with the I AM presence. [261-15, Male 47, 8/17/35]

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See the good in all. GOOD, remember, is never a sad, solemn or serious experience for any. For, that which produces a solemnness is as reverberant against self's own desire for self's own way. Remember this in thy activity and in thy judgments especially of others, and it will make the greater abilities to be a good conversationalist, a good associate, to be liked the more by the associates. For, this - companionship - is an experience sought by each entity.

To be sure, it is oft well to be alone. It is true that it is well to so live as to find self a good companion for self to associate with. Yet, that which is creative seeks expression in the growth of activity among others. For, thus came man into conscious experience. [2648-1, Female 11, 1/14/42]

In giving the interpretations of the records as we find them here, written upon the skein of time and space, these are chosen with the desire and purpose that this be a helpful experience for the entity; enabling it to analyze its purposes, its aims, its desires, and to realize the ideal that each soul seeks to attain, - knowing that the ideal in its first or primary concept must be of the spiritual.

For, only truth - spirituality, goodness - lives on, or is continuous. That which is questionable, or detrimental, must change, must waste away, must deteriorate.

Then, in choosing these interpretations, it is well that the entity understand something of how, where or when certain urges latent and manifested arise in the present experience.

For, thus meeting self, as the record is made, the entity may so choose to live as to magnify that which is creative, minimize that which is destructive in the experience; thereby filling that opportunity which is offered through divine providence in this present sojourn. [2381-1, Male 37, 10/14/40]

Not all of the sojourns are indicated as needed in the experience of the entity in the present for a helpful influence, but these are chosen that the entity may arouse more and more to those abilities that are a part of the experience of those virtues, as well as those faults. But in self, as in others, MAGNIFY the virtues, magnify the good, minimizing the faults. Not that good and bad do not exist. Each exists relatively in relationships to the awareness of the individual. Be aware of the good, see and hunt for, search out that which is good in each soul; thus magnifying that, the faults become less and less - this especially in associations in thine own household.

[2620-1, Female 41, 11/24/41]

In entering the present experience, and in applying that which may be given for helpful instruction and counsel to the entity in the present, know that while the influences from astrological sojourns, as well as those of the material or earthly (continued next page)

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indwellings, make for urges and inclinations in the present experience, these are those experiences that make for, in the application of that known innately and manifestedly within self as respecting the constructive or creative forces of the spiritual life, what one does about same as in reference to one's own experience making for the development or the retardment. For true indeed, he that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is evil. He that knoweth not and doeth evil, to him the rather may give countenance; but he that knoweth evil and doeth it, to him it is damnation. [845-1, Female 36, 3/5/35]

There come periods in thine experience when doubts arise as to that which brings material success in thine experience, and thou seest about thee those that disregard law, order, or even the rights of their fellow man - yet from the material angle they APPEAR to succeed in gaining more of this world's goods. And they are apparently entrusted with the activities even among their fellow man that will have to do with the lives and activities of many souls. Then thou, in thine ignorance, proclaim: "What is the use of trying to be good? What is the use of setting a high moral or mental or spiritual standard, when such succeed in entering into the joys of the earth?" They indeed, my son, have their reward in that single experience. But hast thou looked into their hearts and seen the trouble and doubt there? Hast thou looked into their lives, in their associations with themselves, and seen the fear, the doubt, the shame even often that crouches there? [531-3, Male 40, 5/2/34]

In making the application in the present, keep that thou hast found good; not to thy self alone but that others may share same with thee; and thus will the good grow, some forty, some sixty, some an hundredfold, in thine own experience. [537-1, Female 31, 4/18/34]

In Venus we find the love influence, the beauty, the art; expressions of the higher forces and influences in the experiences of others. Yet, as has been indicated, remember that upon the reverse or inverse of an activity, there is the very thin veil - that may exalt, may debase if applied in a selfish or in a manner for self-glorification. [1189-1, Female 22, 4/28/36]

For, as it remains in the present day: That declaration made and those influences entertained, whether for construction or destruction, depend upon that force upon which the declaration by the entity was made, or that spirit with which the declaration was made or the influences entertained.

In other words, with what spirit do ye declare thyself? That in conformity with the universal consciousness, the law of love? Or that of hate, dissension, contention - which brings or produces burdens upon thy fellow associates? [2464-2, Female 24, 11/13/41]

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As has been given, the FRUITS of Life, or of the Spirit, are love, long-suffering, patience, understanding, brotherly love, preference of others before self, and the like; while hate, contention, and the such, are the fruits of those that are destructive in their elements, and all should refrain from such. [538-32, Female 52, 7/19/32]

Then we would magnify the virtues, minimize the faults. For, that as may have hindered may be forgotten; that as may aid needs glorification. For, good alone continues to grow, while the faults or the faulty continue to be left behind. [2571-1, Female 14, 8/10/41]

“ To know to do good and not to do it, is sin.” Thus, we find there are periods of sojourns in the earth when individuals would do good, but evil is present with many. As indicated then, we would magnify virtues, we would minimize the faults. For the very fact that the entity has the consciousness, the awareness of self and of its relationships with the Creative Force, and the manifestations of same towards the Maker is evidence that as ye do unto the least of thy brethren, ye do it unto thy Maker. [5260-1, Female 50, 5/29/44]

Remember ever that as ye do it unto the least of thy brethren, ye do it unto thy maker.

For as He is part and parcel of thy everlasting experience, only that which is growth in a constructive sense and manner lives on. Changes come only in and for temporal things, but good lives on forever - in EVERY phase, in every form. [1745-1, Male 45, 11/12/38]

For only good, only constructive forces may live on. And that which is changeable - as ye find in thy experiences day by day - passeth away. Laws and the general thoughts as of custom change; as do friends; as do foes.

Then, let thy yeas by yea and thy nays be nay in THY expression, THY manifesting of that which would be constructive in thy dealings with thy fellow man day by day. [1582-2, Female 53, 11/14/38]

For as ye measure to others, so will it be measured to thee again. Do GOOD to others; not alone that they may do good to thee, but that GOOD - in all its phases - may BECOME a part of thee! [1113-1, Male 39, 2/4/36]

...To do good is to have the smile of the Father on thee, and to do evil is to rue and regret thine own experiences. [1869-1, Female 46, 5/1/39]

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For it is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little, not some great deed to be done, some great thing to be performed, but ye grow in grace, in knowledge, in understanding. Ye grow in making thyself a good husband, a good father, a good citizen. Not that ye become one suddenly because you've reached a certain age, position or place, because of thy financial or social position. But they are the way, even as He, thy ideal, thy Master is the way, the truth and the light, the word. These ye attain by practice. [3902-2, Male 40, 3/25/44]

For, as the body finds itself as body, mind and soul, all phases, all experiences, all expressions should take this fact into consideration; and that the spirit or purpose alone is eternal.

GOOD lives on. The other becomes dross eventually in the experience of each soul.

For, His laws will not be mocked, and what any individual sows, that it eventually reaps. [2079-1, Male 42, 1/16/40]

In the application of self, then, in either field, passing over those periods when there may be the change in either direction, there may be brought for self an activity worthy of any service, or any cost that may be to self's own physical body for the development mentally, spiritually within self, with the holding to the ideal of that influences that might does not make right; but Right, with the inspired influence of divine favor, grace and truth, may bring - under ALL circumstances - that which makes for true joy, true happiness, true contentment, in the experience of everyone.

[309-1, Male 14, 4/4/33]

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Choose Thou

For, there is ever present before each entity opportunities, and day by day there is indeed set before the entity good and evil, life and death. As to whether an individual soul-entity advances or retards, or just remains stagnant depends upon the manner in which the entity applies choice in relationship to its ideal. [3189-2, Male 79, 9/3/43]

Thy life is not set as one for purely the material things. For, know, the earth and all therein is the Lord's. The silver, the gold, the cattle on a thousand hills are His. He knows thy needs, but thou must CHOOSE as to what ye will do with the talents He hath given thee.

As ye apply, as ye make use of that in hand, more is given thee. For, day unto day is sufficient, if use is made thereof; not to self, not to self alone. Not that self is not to be considered, but losing self in good is the better way to FIND self.
[1206-13, Female 16, 11/23/41]

There are the needs for the having of an IDEAL, - mentally, physically, spiritually; and to realize that only the spiritual values continue. Good lives on. God is Spirit. Man in his creative abilities, in his inner self or soul, is also spirit. Then individually, wherever thy purpose is set, there is thy god. If it is set in self-indulgence, self-glorification, attainment, fame, fortune or what not, it perishes with the passing thereof. Only good continues.
[2476-1, Male 33, 3/9/41]

First it may be said, study - through that known in self of the spiritual and mental forces active in the experience of the body - to show self approved unto an ideal that is set in the Son, the Christ, knowing that in possessing the consciousness of His love, His manifestation, all is well; for, as is known, without that love as He manifested among men, nothing can, nothing did, nothing will come into consciousness of matter. Not that we may deny evil and banish it, but supplanting and rooting out evil in the experience, replacing same with the love that is in the consciousness of the body Jesus, the Christ, we may do all things in His name; and using those opportunities in whatsoever sphere of activity the entity may find to show forth those commands He gave, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." What, ye ask, are His commandments? "A new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another."
[436-2, Male 28, 11/10/33]

In entering the present experience this entity (as others) comes to make more manifested the consciousness or awareness of those influences for good and evil in the experience of the soul; and through the application of that set as the ideal grow towards a unison with that ideal.
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Each individual entity, whether aware of same or not, sets before self an ideal in the material world, in the mental world, in the spiritual world.

The spiritual world is the realm from which all force or power emanates. And through the mind there is built in materiality those things that either make or mar that influence in the experience of the entity in any given activity in the earth.

[1011-1, Male 43, 9/26/35]

There are in the body, as is indicated, a body, a mind, a soul - or the physical body, the mind body, the soul body. Physical manifestations are the result of the activity of the mind and the soul upon relationships that exist between individuals' conditions or circumstance. Choices individuals make in the relationships bring good or bad. Or as given, there is each day set before thee life and death, good and evil - choose thou. The constant thinking, the constant thought of hate, malice, jealousy, brings physical conditions as a result in the physical body as it does in a state or a nation. It is such results that produce warring conditions of nations, disputations in state, physical disturbances in a body.

[3246-2, Female 49, 9/28/43]

For, that upon which the physical body lives, that which it assimilates, that it becomes in essence, in its nature. That upon which the mental man lives, or feeds, or that he digests, that he becomes - in the mental realm. The spiritual is ever aware. And there is only ONE spirit - that of good.

As to the choice, or the application man makes of the spirit, - this is up to the individual.

As to the sojourns in the earth and their influence, - these have gradually become more and more a part of the entity's awareness, consciously and unconsciously. Yet these also are subject to the will of the entity. For, will is that birthright to each soul which makes the difference between man and the rest of creation.

Who and what alone may defy its Maker? Man! For, with the same awareness, the same consciousness, he may bless and he may curse. Each entity all too seldom becomes aware of this in the own consciousness.

[2246-1, Male 70, 6/11/41]

For whosoever would know the Way will bring into the experience, - through the will of self, that which is constantly constructive. For only good lives on. That which is questioned, that which is ugly, that which is in the nature of hate, pessimism, gradually fades. For it is HOPE and purpose, and desire for the better things, that live on - through the manner in which He hath not purposed that any soul should perish, but hath with every temptation prepared a way, a manner, a how of escape from same!

[1632-3, Female 38, 8/9/38]

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The will of the entity is that gift of the Creator, or that portion which makes it an entity, an individual; with the ability to know itself to BE itself yet one with that desired - whether knowledge or truth or good, or bad or evil or what!

For there is ever set before each soul - and body and spirit - or mind, body, soul - good and evil, life and death; will being that factor, the choice, the birthright to every individual as man - or who is attained to the separations as to become so individualized - which in the application makes for developments or retardments.

[1522-1, Female 54, 1/26/38]

The Lord thy God is one. The self - as an individual entity, body, mind and soul - is one. The soul is a child of God, or a thought, a corpuscle in the heart of God. Yet the entity, thine own soul, has been given a will to use the attributes of soul, mind and body to thine own purposes. Thus as the individual entity applies self in relationship to those facts, the entity shows itself to be a true child or a wayward child, or a rebellious child, of the Creative Force or God.

The will then to do, to be one with that Creative Force and thus fulfill the purposes for which the entity entered this present sojourn, is an evidence of the conditions just stated, if one accepts the fact that God is and that the ego, the thought of self is His offspring. This is the accepting of the fact that ye always were, ye always will be; dependent upon the relationship or upon what ye do with thy will.

Will ye make thy will one with the Creative Force? Or will ye be negligent or unmindful of thy opportunities, or will ye rebel and have thine own way?

[3376-2, Female 36, 11/26/43]

For, as He gives, - in grace and mercy magnify the virtues, minimize the faults. For, only good lives on. For it is the will of Him that giveth will to entities, to souls; that they may be companions with Him.

[2520-1, Female 38, 6/23/41]

Hence all influences, all forces, all activities are subject to the will of the individual man.

As to whether these influences are used constructively or destructively makes them error or right in the sight of man.

[1089-7, Male 22, 6/17/37]

... the powers of good and evil depend upon the purpose and the ideal to which one may use them. But there is latent within this entity those abilities to be a power for good, to move communities, states, even nations, or that in which there may be manifested the selfish nature or motive - which may not go much farther than the own present day. But the abilities are there! Apply them, and in thy next appearance ye may be in those positions where many may take orders from thee if ye wish. (continued)

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For, as in every individual entity, there are the abilities arising that are the positive and the negative, dependent upon what an entity has done with the abilities.

[3579-1, Female 57, 1/20/44]

In the experience the entity gained, the entity lost, the entity eventually gained again - though through material suffering, through material hardships.

Thus the entity has chosen those environs in which, as will be seen, circumstance has brought the entity into relationships again with many with whom the entity was associated AS an influence for (mentally called) evil; while spiritually much was and is a cleansing.

Leave aside, then, those things that would easily beset, knowing thy purpose and thy ideal, thy IDEAL, - physically, mentally, spiritually. Know that all that takes place or that takes form in the mind is prompted either by the spirit of truth or the spirit of rebellion. Which WILL YE choose?

[2627-1, Male 26, 11/20/41]

. . . remember, God looketh not on the outward appearance but rather upon the heart and the purpose and desire of each soul.

And He hath not willed that any should perish, but has set that manner of overcoming within thine own hands, - if ye do good it is well; if ye do evil, sin lieth at thy door - or if ye think more highly of thyself than ye ought to think.

[1938-2, Female 78, 6/29/39]

As to saying do THIS, or do THAT - THAT is for an INDIVIDUAL to choose for themselves! for there is continually set before individuals good and bad. EACH chooses, for each is a free-will entity, allowing those things that enter the life - either in the efforts of self or of others - to INFLUENCE; or to INFLUENCE same by self's application of self's own will!

[4405-1, Female 16, 4/4/31]

There is ever set before this entity daily (as each entity), good and evil, life and death. Life is growth. Death is as that separation or turning about, turning away from, or the opposite of growth.

Hence the entity has in itself WILL, that knowledge, that understanding, with which the entity exercises its choice, to which it adds either for the satisfying or gratifying of self's emotions or self's desires, or for the magnifying and glorifying of the spiritual sources or help.

[3420-1, Female 57, 12/17/43]

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. . . know that there is no urge, no emotion, that may not be altered through the WILL of self, either for the good or for the woe; for the will is that gift of the Creator which makes the soul of man equal with the abilities of a creative force, and thus the son of God.

These used aright may and will be unto the glory of Him, who is the Giver of all good and perfect gifts. These same abilities chosen to be used for self, or for self-indulgence or aggrandizement, will be for the magnifying of evil in the earth.

[2301-1, Male 29, 7/6/40]

All of these become expressed or manifested from the urges that lie dormant OR manifested according to that choice taken by the entity as respecting that influence known as life and death, good and evil - choices, - the will of the individual entity.

Knowing itself to be then a child of the Most High, a companion with that it chooses as the manner, the mode, the means of expressing that relationship in its dealings and in its influences with those it may meet.

Not that in materiality there is any good or any evil of itself, save as to the manner in which an individual entity may manifest same in those things that are as the fruits of the spirit or that take hold upon change or death.

As we find, as expressed or manifested in the dealings with others, so ye deal with thy Maker. As ye choose then peace, harmony, longsuffering, brotherly love, kindness, patience, - these take hold as it were to the hand of the living God, as manifest in Him who walked in the earth.

While manifesting hate, jealousy, contention, those of that nature, - one walks in the very valley of the shadow of death, as is so called.

Good, then, is a matter or manner of purpose in which one chooses. For each soul is as precious in the sight, the heart of the Creator as if it were thine own blood in thine own material body. And as such, it is that which makes for the awareness OF the relationship self bears to LIFE - which is the manifestation of that force called God.

[1825-1, Female 54, 2/19/39]

...Then, in taking stock, let this be first and foremost in the mind of the entity, for **THIS IS TRUTH!**

The life is so spent that the conception of same gained by others is the reflection of the body's, the entity's, concept of ITS God!

While fame and fortune has its place in man's, or woman's experience - still, this fame, this fortune, should be rather the **RESULT** of life's expenditure (continued next page)

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than the life expended FOR fame or fortune. Get the difference! for there is vast difference! and on the entity's being able to gain the proper concept of its relation in the sphere chosen depends the real success of the entity.

Those questions, as to how the entity may so govern its affairs of the world as to enable the body, the entity, to carry forward the pursuit of that life, that endeavor chosen, should be rather SECONDARY than first! this, as apparent, is first considered as that as has been said of old, "If thine child ask for bread would you give him stone?" If thine neighbor is hungry would you give him advice?" Meaning, then, that the conditions are to be taken as they NOW exist! [4429-1, Female 31, 2/11/29]

And these are the parts, the principles then that should be studied, if there would be knowledge gained of a nature that becomes a constructive experience in the activities of those in the present; that which is creative GROWS, that which is destructive is already deteriorating.

Thus these live as those influences WITHIN the innate forces of the soul's expression through experiences in the earth, and give rise to that which surrounds the activity of an individual entity.

Thus, as has been indicated, we have continually before us good, evil; life, death - a choice to be made.

And ever is the choice according to the IDEALS of the entity, as it gives expression of the forces and influences in its experience. [1210-3, Male 55, 6/29/37]

Good alone lives on. For, good is of God.

All temporal, all physical, all of the three dimensional passes away. Only that which is of spirit, of mind, that is of the Holy Spirit, of the way, the Son, lives on - for it has then attained in the flesh, in the manifestation.

Thus, as indicated in the beginning, it behooves each soul to so live, to so magnify those influences in the experience that it becomes a growth, the nearer to the more perfect understanding.

In the flesh, or in the experiences, these find reflections in what may be the more often termed the appetites, or the senses of the body, and thus become animate or inanimate, according to the application of such in an entity's experience.

Each soul in its awareness is born into an environ materially, an environ spiritually, an environ that may be of the making or the undoing; dependent upon the will - the birthright, the gift of each soul that it may make itself manifest and one with that Creative Force, and not merely an automaton that would be moved only as it would not.

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The ability is given each soul to make its will one with His.

Hence, as the Way ever prayed, ever acted ever lived through the experience, “Not my will but Thine, O God, be done in and through me.”

This is the way, this is the understanding to which each soul attains as it journeys through those experiences meeting same....

How oft ye find in thy experiences today that there are those same attempts on the part of individuals to tell God how they desire health, position, to be well-spoken of.

Know thou that He knoweth these things. Hath He not been evil spoken of? Hasn't man defied Him to His face? Hasn't man attempted to sneak away in the dark, in the shadow, in that of self-indulgence? [2608-1, Female 56, 10/18/41]

Then, as has been said: There is before thee this day life and death, good and evil. These are the ever present warring influences within materiality.

What then, ye ask, is this entity to do about, to do with, this ability of its own spiritual or psychic development; that may be made creative or may bring creative or destructive forces within the experiences of others?

“My Spirit beareth witness with thy spirit as to whether ye be the children of God or not.” This becomes, then, that force, that influence for comparisons; as the entity meditates upon its own emotions, its own influences, these become very apparent within itself for comparisons.

Do they bespeak of kindness, gentleness, patience, - that threshold upon which godliness appears?

Desire may be godly or ungodly, dependent upon the purpose, the aim, the emotions aroused.

Does it bring, then, self-abstinence? or does it bring self-desire?

Does it bring love? Does it bring longsuffering? Is it gentle? Is it kind?

Then, these be the judgments upon which the entity uses those influences upon the lives of others.

Does it relieve suffering, as the abilities of the entity grow? Does it relieve the mental anguish, the mental disturbances which arise? Does it bring also healing - of body, of mind, to the individual? Is it healed for constructive force, or for that as will bring pain, sorrow, hate and fear into the experience of others? (continued next page)

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These be the judgments upon which the entity makes its choices, as it guides, directs or gives counsel to those who are seeking - seeking - What? That Light - which has become, which is, which ever was the light of the world!

What was that light? The Spirit of God moved, and there WAS light! That Light came - the light of men, yea, dwelt among men as MIND with the ability to choose, the ability to abstain, the ability to put away desire, hate, fear, and to put on the whole armor. All of these are attributes then of those influences and forces which are a part of the entity's experience.

And as these are applied, so may the entity come to apply its psychic abilities, its love, its desire, its hopes, SPIRITUALIZED in self-effacement by placing God's GLORY, God's LOVE, in the place of self; bringing hope, HOPE and FAITH in the minds and hearts, the lives of others.

This is the mission of the entity in this experience; fulfilling much of that sought after, much of that at times lost in self-desire. But often seeking, knowing, applying, ye become closer and closer in an at-onement with Him.

These are the purposes, these are the desires, these are the manners in which the mental may be applied for the soul and spiritual development; and in the manner, "As ye do it to the least of these, thy brethren, ye do it unto me," saith the Lord.

[1947-3, Female 31, 9/4/39]

Know first, as has been given, the choice must be made by the entity.

As to what the conditions are in the experience as for development or retardment, these may be given.

As to what may be a fault, or as to what may be a virtue, WHO is to judge such; other than the entity in its own ideal that is set as its standard for every experience that is a part of the entity in the present?

That at times in the experience of the entity, as well as in the experience of others, there is a very poor consideration of the evaluations in the experience - this is the more often a matter of choice as to what is the standard of the entity.

Naturally the question arises then, what should be the entity's ideal, the entity's standard?

This, as has oft been given, must not be of the earth-earthy; neither must it be so idealistic as to be impractical; but as this: (continued on next page)

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It must be of a constructive nature and its inception must be from the spiritual angle, and not as only a satisfying of an appetite, a desire, a wish, a purpose that is in itself only self-exaltation, or indulgence, or gratifying of self alone.

Hence there are - as has been so oft pointed in the experience of the entity - not only those things that are as tenets, as axioms, but as purposes, in the life, in the teaching of One able to fulfill not only the promises but to give that which is sufficient - efficient and sufficient - for the meeting of any condition or circumstance that may arise in the experience of the entity.

For what purpose, then, did the entity enter the present experience?

What were the warnings of the forerunner? What were the burdens of the teachings of the Way?

MAKE THY PATHS STRAIGHT! Or to make an editing of the failures, to give the good accomplished a bigger, broader meaning.

For as ye do it unto the least of thy fellows ye do it unto thy ideal, ye do it unto the God in thyself.

This then is the purpose.

Then, how?

Study those that have been given as the faults, as the failures, as the weaknesses, as the virtues, as the goodness.

For there is in the experience of every entity SO MUCH good that they who find faults to exalt them, or to rear them up as signs - they that do such make these become as the stumbling-stones for themselves.

This does not proclaim then that one shall live only a passive life, but rather a positive life - in the DOINGS of self! For it is not what one knows that counts but rather what one does about that one knows! For it is line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little. For ye grow in grace and in knowledge and in understanding as ye apply that in thine experience that makes the paths straight, that keeps upon the way that is constructive in the experience. [954-4, Female 39, 7/27/37]

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Comments by Members on the file GOOD AND EVIL

The idea of evil existing in a reality composed only of God, has always puzzled, sometimes even tormented, me. Though in other books etc., I have read explanations of the why of evil which seemed plausible, nothing had lasting meaning. This file took me a long time to read and digest and I feel that I have been through an experience in growth and understanding. Because I have sometimes thought that, logically, evil would be as plausible a path to follow as good, since both evil and good are part of the One, I have never been able to fully commit myself to the Christ. This file has spoken directly to my heart as Truth—I feel that it has given me as deep an understanding of good and evil as I can have at this stage of my development; and I feel an inner necessity for choosing the Good, the Christ, now.

The readings have an unusual (for me) effect on me, because they speak to something way inside me which leaps out in response to the words and has a creative effect on my thought and thus on my actions.

I think this idea of asking for testimony is a good one. I must confess that before you started enclosing these, I returned some files only half-read or even just skimmed through, I guess because I know that each file well-read means applying myself to that which I know I should do, and my selfishness balks at that. Knowing that I'll be enclosing my "testimony", has been a spur to really studying each file, which has helped me—hope my testimony helps others in some way! K.B.

Comment on file, 5/13/79, by R.O.

This file contained many short excerpts, so was not as helpful as files with longer or complete case histories. I like his stress on being good for something rather than just goody-goody. He emphasizes seeing the virtues, not faults in oneself and others—and I agree to a point. But I feel it's necessary to develop a kind of discrimination whereby you can understand what is going on around you! If you're buying a used car from someone, don't just concentrate on his wonderful soul. You have to consider his point of view and what he may be trying to put over on you too. This goes for all life situations. In the ultimate sense, I do feel that there is good in everyone and we all have a chance with God. But in a particular encounter, the more "idealistic" type of person can really be stomped into the ground if he insists on blinding himself to the immediate realities. I don't see why this implies judging the other person—just keeping your eyes open, really trying to see him for what he is.... And not just projecting that he is exactly like you. He brought out the point.... Only God is good; the heart of man is to do evil. But elsewhere he mentions that man has both the spirit of love and the spirit of rebellion, and can choose. To think of oneself as evil is quite depressing; yet humanism (everyone is good at heart) is not quite true either. I vote for his interpretation of people being at a crossroads, having a choice between good and evil, and becoming more of one or the other through their choices.