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Lecture No. 4

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"THE INFINITE LIFE IS FULFILLED IN MAN AS
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

THE Creative Power is inherent in our consciousness whereby we create thought. This is the invisible nature of the effects which become visible.

It will be seen by all that we need much instruction in the nature of our own amazing possibilities, and as yet vaguely realized.

The Bible is a book that gives us instruction on this subject as well as directing us to the recognition of our true "Being."

The whole world needs this instruction although at present it is hardly ready for it, yet it is moving in that direction and millions are seeking the truth. The thousands of books on the subject are in answer to the demand, and although many are vague and inaccurate they are fulfilling a want.

In my last lecture I revealed to you the great promise of Abraham, showing that when we realize the truth of our Being we are above Law. Yet through Law we manifest on all planes. The Law is the means, not the end or the beginning, for a little consideration of the evolutionary process explained in the Bible reveals this truth.

The Bible shows us clearly that the individual Life Consciousness, which is the essential "Being" we call man, can be none other than the concentration of the Universal Life Consciousness into individual Consciousness.

Therefore, my mind and your mind is a miniature reproduction of Divine Mind, and it is on this fact that the Bible fixes our attention. It reveals that if the interior realm of consciousness

maintains a harmonious order the external realm of effects is certain to exhibit correspondingly.

Thus we see how health, happiness and beauty can be obtained through the recognition of our own Being as the concentration of Universal Being into individuality. My livingness is my personal contact with the Father, and my living also proves that "my Father" is with me always and that it is He who doeth the work.

Therefore, according to my realization of this truth within myself, so shall the external be. No matter what others may think or say or do, does not alter the case; what they think and say or do, they alone have to account for.

When we know that the Father is always with us and when we co-operate with Him, we give expression to that Divine design that is always there as the foundation of our Being.

Another great truth we must become conscious of is, the human mind being the exact image and likeness of the Divine Mind, then the Creative Power must be equally unlimited. This becomes evident too, when we realize that we cannot set any limit to consciousness or thought. Only by creating conceptions of ourselves do we limit our creative ability.

Faith is the instrument we use, and we know what faith means when we become aware of our livingness. Whatever we ask in His name so shall it be done unto us.

Here I want to point out to you a truth that few of you have recognized. We cannot think of something that we cannot conceive. Therefore the more limited our conceptions the more limited is our Creative Power.

Our Creative Power is according to our realization of the fact that the form and the formless are one. No one has ever seen the formless; we only see form, yet form has no power of its own. Then how can we conceive of something that we have never seen? I have never seen Life, yet I am alive. A conception is something that we have perceived, but we have never perceived life, yet *Life is*.

I can only explain to you from the relative, and from the relative we become aware of Reality; when this knowing comes then there are no doubts. This faith is not gained in one day but is a continuous movement which becomes greater and greater as

we become truly "aware."

It is for this purpose that the prophet's instructions lead us into that Divine Light which is spoken of in Genesis where God said, "Let there be Light and there was Light," this was the involution. This Light does not mean the light of the sun or moon. It is the expression of Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power that creates the perfect in man. This Light created in the second day is not visible except through man's translation of this Light into his daily living. Therefore, we must not be confused with the light created on the fourth day, as this was the light that gave the physical light of the sun and the moon, and as there was no physical light till the fourth day, the Light created in the second day must be that inner Light, that is the Light of the World.

The inner was created in His own image and likeness. The senses were formed when physical light began to reflect its own rays from the objects it struck, the individual not knowing what it all meant. But as the gradual unfoldment took place the inner was revealed, and this unfoldment or evolution is still going on, and will continue until man becomes truly aware of himself.

This is why I am so sure that everything is moving in the right direction. We may judge things in the light of our own experiences, yet when we begin to understand, we will see that it is the dawning of morning out of night. The Divine Day has opened and there can be no more darkness for the Divine never descends into shades of night again.

This is the Light of man that never can be extinguished, for it is ever unfolding into greater splendour of Itself. "I am that Light." When you can say this with conviction you enter into that freedom where the darkness does not overcome the Light, and further, it comprehendeth not the Light for it does not understand it. The senses do not know the Light of man.

Evening came and morning came. It is always now, for the Light of man has entered the world. When all recognize this the whole world will change.

This perfect state can never cease for it is our foundation, our salvation, "I am the Salvation of the world."

Heaven and earth are the two states of consciousness; Heaven the Spiritual state "I am the Light of the world," and earth is where man is in bondage because he is not yet aware that he is

the Light of the world, so he reacts to his own negative creations.

Mankind lighteth his own consciousness by the awareness of his Divine consciousness as the only Real. Here he creates pure action. He gets what he wants, because he consciously acts upon the Law and the Law responds. The Law becomes his servant and not his master; only when he reacts to his own negative cognition in ignorance is the Law master and he the slave.

Thus man creates his own prison walls through his ignorance of the Truth that "the Law is for the Lord." Jesus said in other words, "I am not subject unto the Law, for the son of man is above Law," and this was the promise of Abraham of which we spoke previously.

The wondrous work of Truth will never cease but will go on expanding into more radiant expression of Itself in Love, Wisdom and Power.

The days of Creation are germinating, and the new Heaven and the new earth the Bible promises are already maturing in the Heavens and earth, "that are now only waiting for the Sons of God to follow up the principle of evolution to still further expansion into the glory that shall be revealed," Paul said.

We become our own evolution as we realize the truth of our "Being," first in the self, then in the race. We are no exception to the rule for we are included in the whole Cosmic scheme, and we are the means by which the great Creator is unfolding His Love, Wisdom and Power in the manifestation of the Reality of Himself.

First we are told of the Creation in the realm of the invisible, the involving of the Divine Spirit, and afterwards we are told of Creation on the plane of the concrete or material. This can only mean the unfolding, the evolving of the Divine Spirit after it has individualized Itself in Its own creation. It is the inner we have to realize so that we can then understand the outer. With this knowledge we acquire the faith that acts upon the Law, this is pure action. We will understand that our thought is subject to Law but the creator of thought is above Law.

Involution is the cause and creator of evolution and law. One is the cause, the other is the effect and the Bible observes this order in the account of the Creation of the world and of man. Thus the new Heaven and the new earth will reveal itself as the

individual realizes his true Spiritual nature and begins to express himself as the Light of the world.

Our physical bodies serve as a means for our advancement along the plane of mind and Spirit. The man Adam, the earth man, does not limit the Spiritual man except when man believes that he is but flesh and blood. But it is said in the Scriptures, "Call no man your father on earth for one is your Father who is in Heaven." "The flesh has no say in the matter."

The development of the physical man is the spontaneous operation of Nature, but the development of the Spiritual man can only result from his own recognition of the self-expression of the Spirit operating as the core of his own being, unfolding the Light of the world through him.

The suffering that man has in this plane is enjoyed in the Light of the Truth that as man takes on the burden of the world he raises it up to where it becomes light. Therefore it is not by transcending the world that we play our part but by living in the world and raising it up by our own thoughts and actions, in co-operation with our Divine Spirit which is the Light of the world. "It is the Father who ever remaineth in me is performing His own deeds."

Our attention is rigidly drawn to the fact that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Now this likeness is not the outward form, for the Father, "Spirit," in which all things subsist, cannot be limited in shape. Spirit is that formless permeating Life that gives birth to the form from within Itself.

The Bible tells us that in the beginning there was no form, only Spirit-God. Therefore the only Creative Power there is must be the Spirit, and Spirit is not subject to Law, but Law and form are subject to Spirit.

Therefore, we must develop intelligent co-operation with the Creative Power that is the core of our being. "As the Father has Life in Himself so He grants the son to have life in himself."

This truth sets us free when we become "aware" of it. I am the Life, undifferentiated even when in differentiation. I am not separated from the whole but am the expression of the whole. Life is God and God is Life. I am Life, I am Love.

Life alone has consciousness. Thus God has personified Himself in the "I am the Son of God even while I am the son of

man."

"As the Father raises the dead and makes them alive, so the son makes anyone alive whom he chooses. He who does not honour the son does not honour the Father who sent him. He who listens to my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal Life."

— John 5:21, 23, 24.



A PERFECT DAY

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EVERY day was meant to be a perfect day, for God made it so. He could not have done otherwise because He is Truth. Having created us in His own spiritual image and likeness, we too were made with all the potentialities of perfection. The Spirit of Truth is within every one of us; and is ever ready to safeguard us from all that is false. When we listen to it we are shown how to live. Teachers and studies help to awaken within us a consciousness of the Spirit of Truth — an awareness of it. But eventually we must come to the stage on the path where we need these props no longer, and where the saintliest of masters and leaders recede before the greater Teacher who is the Holy Spirit within ourselves. The wilderness and the Red Sea are before us, and the way seems all unknown, but, though unseen, no guide could be to us what this inner Guide is when we place trust in it. For how can I know God's way for you, and how can you know God's way for me?

Up to a certain stage we can show each the way, but beyond it we walk alone by faith. Christ, the great Wayshower, could place before His hearers, as He did in the Sermon on the Mount, a perfect way to follow, but He did not force them to take it. He offered it to them, demonstrating by His own life

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"THE TREES THAT GROW IN THE GARDEN
OF THE SOUL"

In following up the inner meaning revealed in the Bible the following is of great significance:

The first was God alone, no other but Him. This shows us that He is the first and only Cause and is still the only Cause. In Him and by Him all things are created for there can be no other Source, and the Bible tells us this in plain words.

The inner Light created in the Second day, as we saw in our last lecture, existed before any other manifestation came into being, and it was through this inner Light that everything was afterwards created. In John we read that the Word was with God and this very Word was God, and then the statement goes on to say that the Word was created flesh and was the Light of the World.

In Genesis we are told how heaven and earth was created, then we come to the most vital portion of the statement, after all was complete, "Let us make man in our own image and likeness." This was the expression in the physical of the man called Adam, the Word becoming flesh.

Science shows us that there is only one substance in the Universe, a substance that acts intelligently, has definite laws and only acts in accordance with these laws. No matter how we try to make it act otherwise, the Law refuses resolutely to be changed.

Therefore man has to find out the law of operation, and this leads us into the field of investigation of the unfolding of the Law of the Universe, and the more we know about the Law the more

we begin to become aware of something that is beyond law.

We read that the man Adam was created and that Adam was asleep, and God took from him a rib and made him a mate and called the mate "woman." This indicates that the two are one, because out of one the twain is made.

The word "sleep" means the inner realm, something that is not on the surface, and we find in nature that both man and woman are both male and female; a slight surgical alteration will alter the sex, as in cases we have read of. In gestation the sex is not determined until about between the 4th and 6th months.

The Father-Mother-God shows us that in our Spiritual state we are both male and female, just as the Creation must be both male and female, for Life could not be otherwise. It is through our ignorance of this Truth that the Deity has been made to resemble the male side of His nature, ignoring entirely the female side. But we are shown very plainly that nothing can come into being except the Infinite Himself, therefore He becomes what He makes, male and female.

Now the Word that was in the beginning is none other than the Spirit, which is both male and female, as it manifests Itself in either way. The why of all this is beyond our comprehension, but the working operation of the Law is easily comprehended when we begin to get more light on the subject, that the dual nature exists in all creation from the atom to the Universe.

Another statement which many do not understand is, "And God saw all that He had made was very good." Now this statement brings us to realize two things, that God was aware of His creation, and also that He knew that it was good.

Therefore everything is good, yet man sees evil. But only man saw evil, for it is said that "evil does not exist in the sight of God." It is also stated that man has been given power over all things on earth, to rule over them. That is to say to learn to make all things subservient unto Him. But Spiritual man *is* when he becomes aware of his birthright, born not of the flesh but of the Spirit, he has power over all things in heaven and on earth.

Man made like unto God, means that the fundamental principles must be the same, the physical being the Spiritual in modification, which becomes the vehicle of expression through which man masters all things. Without this form man could not

be master of the things in the physical, and this mastery comes through his realization of his Divine inheritance.

When man is in the Garden of Eden he realizes his true Spiritual self, made in the likeness of God. But we are told that man has been expelled from the Garden of Eden, so the great question arises, *"How did man fall from his true Spiritual state — and has he the power to rise again?"*

This is much more than we can deal with in one lecture and we will continue what we have not dealt with in the next.

We are all aware by now that the Creative Power that gives rise to the thought is unlimited. But the thought is only limited by the conception which it is sent forth to embody. That is to say, that thought fulfills its function by manifesting accordingly, by taking on its own form.

We cannot conceive Truth in a conception, for Truth is the creativeness in us. If we have a conception of our Creativeness then our creativeness is limited to our conception. Therefore we cannot conceive the whole Truth because it is beyond our conception. We know that Truth is, but not what It is. This can be proved by trying to analyze your own consciousness. You will soon arrive at the fact that it is the consciousness that is analyzing, always external to itself, while the consciousness remains unanalyzable, forever remote but always present.

Truth is God Infinite and the consciousness which dwells upon the unlimited nature of Truth will produce corresponding results, and we enter our highest riches through our realization of our oneness with Truth. When we fix our attention on this simple explanation we will find the key to the whole mystery of man's power of self-evolution, and with this key we unlock the mysteries of the Bible.

We must get beyond our ideas and concepts, for if we try to find ourselves in any idea or concept we will be caught up in our idea, and this is not Truth. Truth is not an idea, concept or an image; I have so often told you this plain truth.

Here is man's world of cause and effect:

I. The Creator, First Cause — the Thinker — the only real and substantial that exists; all other things including thought are secondary. Form is the effect of thought but the Thinker is the cause of thought.

II. The image or thought created is secondary cause and is relative to its creator — the Thinker.

III. The expression or manifestation of thought is the effect of the secondary Cause — Thought, which takes on form. Man is in his thought or creation and his thought or creation is in man. Yet he is distinct from it. As the Father so is the Son.

IV. If man is not aware of his own creation as the effect, he reacts negatively and is caught up in his own creation until he realizes the Truth. This is the fall and rise of man.

The mastery and power of Life is revealed in the Bible to those who understand Creative thought. But for those who do not understand this great power the meaning is hidden, and it is well that it is so, for ignorant man to wield this power would be disastrous.

The story of the Garden of Eden is an allegory; this is shown by the nature of the two Trees that grow in the centre of the Garden. The meaning is: the Garden is the soul, and the two Trees are different, one is the Tree of Life and the other is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The Tree of Life is the innermost perception of Reality, of Life Itself; this Jesus spoke of as the Well of Living Water springing up to Everlasting Life to all those who realize it. "If you listen to my words and believe, you have already passed from death across to Life."

The Garden is that in which man works, call it "soul" if you like, and the plants man tends and cultivates are high thoughts and ideas. If man cultivates the "Divine Idea," he clings to the Tree of Life. If he cultivates his own ideas he cultivates the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. These Trees are represented as being in the centre of the Garden, and from this centre all other ideas must flow outwards, taking their life and colour.

Human life has an action on three planes, Spiritual, intellectual and physical. The Spiritual is that which is perfect in Itself; this Creation is seen by God as good. The Divine eye could see no flaw and we should note very carefully that this Creation includes man.

But as soon as we descend into the intellectual plane, which is man's conception of things, it is quite different. Man's conception is a misconception which results from his ignorance of the

true Spiritual nature of things, resulting in the misdirection of his creative thought which produces corresponding results and distorted ideas of Reality.

Man sees a power of evil in the world opposing good and makes God the balancing power between the two. The intellect is blinded by the appearance of things and man fails to see that evil is of his own making.

There can be no substantial power of evil in an absolute Power of good, and man does not realize this until he takes hold of the Tree of Life as he is directed to do, and this is his salvation. Man finds that he no longer creates for himself negative conditions, therefore he does not eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. If he does create negative conditions he knows how they come about and is able to deal with them.

"You do not get what you want, you only get what you think deeply." This means that whatever is deepest in our minds we produce because of the Creative Power within ourselves.

Man being the creator, in the likeness of God, must have the same nature to create. Therefore the nature of the one Tree, the Tree of Life, is true and produces Its kind, the nature of the other Tree is the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and is *not* true, but still it also brings forth its kind, to the discomfort of mankind and *this is his ignorance*, because he eats of the fruit of it.

Man is told not to partake of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, for by doing so he would die in his ignorance. But man continued to eat of the fruit, and both Adam and Eve fell.

Now Adam and Eve are represented as a wedded pair, the two Principles in man, the soul and body. Eve represented the soul and Adam, the body. As Paul says, "It was not Adam that was deceived but Eve," and the deception of the Soul was materially expressed upon the body. One was capable of being deceived but the other was not, for the body has no sense. So both fell as the result and were divorced from the Garden of Eden because of the soul's misconception of things.

Man is divorced from the Garden by the power of his own creative thought, but yet had the power to become the son of God by seeing that he was not born of flesh and blood, but of the Spirit of God, and this Spirit is in him as the Tree of Life. This Tree he

can take hold of now, at this very moment and he would be free.

Man born Spiritual is still Spiritual, this is our true nature. Man makes this a reality in his life and when he takes hold of this Tree of Life and tends it, so It will grow in him.

No matter how small the realization is, like the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, it grows into the largest of trees with branches spreading in all directions, and fills the Life full with the Truth that sets all free.

"Let us know the Eternal, let us make haste to know him, for he will come to us like winter rain, like spring rain watering the Land," Hosea 1:6.

"(The Lord means the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is open freedom.) But we all mirror the glory of the Lord with faces unveiled, and so we are being transformed into the same likeness as Himself, passing from one glory to another — for this comes of the Lord the Spirit."

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— Cor. III:17, 18.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

— Ps. 46:1.

**I turn to God in my Sorrow and in my Joy
and He inspires me with His Love**

Do you, when you are in trouble, talk to all your friends and acquaintances about it? Do you go about looking for sympathy from all and sundry? If so, and you receive it, you probably feel much worse than you did originally. Sympathy, unless it is constructive, does not necessarily help us.

We encounter difficulties as we go through life. As Spurgeon said: "Trials teach us what we are. They dig up the soil, and let us see what we are made of." But with the trial, if our faith is in God and if we face it boldly, comes the strength to overcome. All His Power is ours to draw upon when we need it. Why, then, must we talk of our troubles to everyone we meet? Have they not enough of their own, without our burdening them with ours?

Thomas Paine said: "I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection."

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AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS,
SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP

Most people in the world will not take the trouble to think for themselves. They follow a leader blindly, with the result that their power to think is subjugated and directed into false beliefs.

The only power man has is his power to think, yet he throws this onto the dustheap of ignorance because he will not think for himself. The practice of this power will make man the perfect man or woman because it leads us into perfection.

It cannot do otherwise for the simple reason that when we begin to think for ourselves we ask ourselves all sorts of questions and we continue to ask till we find the answer that satisfies our true reason.

We saw in our last lecture how Eve was deceived, Eve representing the soul, which is the builder of the body. So the deception which caused wrong thinking on the part of the intellectual man reproduced itself in the physical imperfection and in adverse circumstances.

The soul only was capable of being deceived, the body is not capable of thinking for itself and falls with the soul that is deceived.

The story proves one thing, that the intellect is wrong because it believes in evil. It is not the Spiritual man that rules the world today but the intellectual man. These leaders we follow blindly which results in ill-health, depression, war and misery, mentally and physically. Yet man's salvation is at hand if he will take hold of the Tree of Life.

The Church has failed miserably to fulfil its task of enlight-

enment. It has aided and abetted the evils of our political, social and economic systems instead of exposing them. It has glorified war as a crusade in the name of the Man of Peace and Love.

The "New Order" we heard so much about some time ago is dead. Why? Because it was just lip-service. If the teaching of the Master was understood there would be no need for any new order. Any new order just becomes an old order with the same falsehoods.

Further, we read in the Bible that the serpent was the cause of the fall of Eve.

Now the symbol of the Life Principle in its external manifestation is represented by a serpent coiled up. This is represented to be the form of the deceiving element.

It was this outward manifestation in the senses (not understanding its true nature) which became the serpent that Moses lifted up in the wilderness. The wilderness means a barren place and this barren place is Man's mind. So this serpent had to have that true light shed upon it by Moses, the man of wisdom.

The Master gives us the key to this truth when he says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

The Son of Man can only be lifted up by realizing that he is the Son of God, and it was this that the Master proved beyond a doubt.

The Yogi also gives us the key to the serpent coiled up. He calls it the Kundalini, and by special exercises he makes this Life Principle, which is coiled up in the body, rise to the top of the head, so that it can be controlled by the will of the "I am," and not allowed to run rampant to cause all sorts of difficulties, which it does through the psychic or soul, through ignorance of its true power of manifestation.

I am not going into a discourse on the ways and means of the Yogi in this lecture, only to say that the Yogi knows that the Divine centre is above the head, free from all entanglements in the body, and from there he controls the body in any way he chooses. There is enough evidence of this in the many feats which he does which are authentically recorded from time to time.

The Life Principle in the physical must be raised up into the

Spiritual state where man's Spiritual understanding enables him to control everything beneath him. This is why the Master said, "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth." But first man must master himself through Love and understanding by taking hold of this Tree of Life and understanding It, while living in the flesh.

But without this understanding this Life Principle, as the ultimate mode of Divine Spirit which is all in all, becomes the deadly serpent, not lifted up, but crawling upon its belly.

This is the ignorant conception of Spiritual realities. Ignorant of the Divine Law of Creation, man does not look beyond secondary causes and, therefore, creates thoughts that are continually externalizing conditions representing his conception of things.

Therefore the soul, "Eve," believes the serpent, the ignorant conception of Life, which is nothing but secondary cause created by itself, seeing nothing beyond secondary cause. Consequently, the soul accepts the "knowledge of evil" as being necessary with the knowledge of good. So the soul eats of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is this dual aspect of knowledge that is deadly to the soul.

The more we dwell on evil as a power in itself the more we fear it, the more evil is produced.

It is quite evident to all that the more we dwell upon conditions we ourselves create, the more powerful they appear to us and naturally we are affected accordingly. But this is entirely a conflict in the mind through lack of understanding and the Bible goes on to tell us how this can be removed.

All energy is some mode of manifestation of the "One," and is always making something, though in doing so is unmaking something else. This is the Cosmic Law of Transition. Nature is always working, making and undoing to make something else.

As man does not understand the Law of Transition he thinks it evil and by his inherent power he brings more "evil" into operation relatively to himself.

Now above the Law of Transition there is the Higher Law, and the Bible's one object is to lead us through to this realization of the Law of the "individual," where the individual becomes "aware," to select and create what he wants to manifest in his

life, with power over all things. This does not do away with the Law of Transition for without it man could not create, nor could there be any evolution.

The glory of the Eternal Life is that It is continuously unfolding greater splendour of Itself.

It is this living Law of liberty of the Divine Spirit that makes us more and more our true selves. That is why the Bible insists on the mathematical statement that God is "one," and there is no one else, and in fact makes it the basis of all it says from beginning to end.

Now the serpent represents the Principle of Error which results in death and can never be reconciled with the Divine Spirit which is "Truth." Therefore the pronouncement upon the serpent is a curse. That is a sentence of destruction and the Bible goes on to show how this sentence is ultimately worked out.

The final deliverance and restoration from the Fall is promised through the instrumentality of the woman "Eve." Her seed shall crush the serpent's head. It shall utterly destroy the false Principle that the serpent represents.

Since Eve is the soul of the individual consciousness her progeny must be thought. Truth is not brought forth easily, it is the result of painful experience and long mental labour, so the text illustrates the birth of Truth into the world.

This is the enmity between the seed of the woman, or the enlightened conception of the Life Principle and the seed of the Serpent, the unenlightened conception.

During the process of the struggle the serpent bruises the heel of the Divine seed, that is to say retards the progress of Truth on the earth. But the Truth conquers at last and crushes the serpent's head forever so that it shall never rise up again.

The seed of the woman is the fruit of the Spiritually enlightened mind and must at last achieve final victory in the Supreme Truth of man's Divine Sonship.

The Truth is that we are the image and likeness of our Creator. For in Him all things began and without Him nothing exists. Therefore there is no authority outside man himself. He is the creation of his own world. He can make it a heaven or a hell. So the final analysis of this all-important subject of the fall of man

and his rise again is:

1. The great truth concerning man is that he is made in the image and likeness of God with mastery over everything.
2. Man is first ignorant of this truth, and this ignorance is his fall. By his own creative power he creates his self-imposed condition for which he suffers, because he falls into the error of seeing a negative power as having distinctive power of its own outside the Infinite.
3. Man at last comes to the perfect understanding of the Truth of his oneness with God; and this understanding is his rising again and enables him, as he is instructed to do, to overcome and master all things by taking hold of the Tree of Life.

For your benefit as a study, here is the full summary of the Allegory of the rise and fall of man:

THE BEGINNING	SUMMARY OF THE ALLEGORY
The Garden of Eden	ONE LIFE
The Plants	The Garden of the Soul or the Mind
The Tree of Life	Man's thoughts and Ideas of Life
The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil	The Innermost Perception of Spirit
Adam	Man's erroneous conception of; recognises evil as a power opposing good, with God as a balancing point between both
Eve	Symbol of the material or physical. The Earth Man — the Body
The Serpent	Symbol of the psychic — The Soul of the Individual Consciousness
The Serpent crawling on the Ground (the deception)	The Life-Principle in its external manifestation or the Life in the body
The Serpent lifted up	The ignorant conception of spiritual realities. Unenlightened man, deceived by his own limited intellect
	The Life-Principle in enlightened man, raised to spiritual understanding — entirely under the control of the will of the "I AM."

The Seed of the Woman	The Birth of New Ideas into the World
Seed of the Serpent	Unenlightened conceptions which retard the progress of Truth
Man expelled from the Garden	Conflict with a world of sorrows and difficulties — a world of illusion, for the purpose of learning the Law of Causation
Man in the Garden of Eden	Realisation and recognition of his true Spiritual state — his Divine Sonship
THE END (which is one with the beginning)	ONE LIFE

AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP.

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The Creative Power

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Soul must align itself with Spirit more than flesh. When Soul serves flesh more than Spirit, man's spirit dies from malnutrition. The vitalizing power of Life withdraws to more productive fields of operation.

Spirit is the Creative power of Infinite Intelligence ever flowing into new forms of expression. If the form inhibits the Spirit, thinking to control and use it for its own ends, Spirit takes its leave and form disintegrates to dust from whence it came, to await the Potter's will to mold it yet again into a nobler base which honors its Creator.

At Spirit's first recession, disease sets in and takes its toll, though years may pass and intervene, giving to Soul the opportunity while life shall last, to realign itself to Spirit's vitalizing power of Life and Love, that ever gives itself unstintingly to all who recognize its all-sufficient power. Long suffering does the Spirit wait to be recalled as builder and sustainer of the house it planned for life's supreme endeavour.