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COLLEGE OF UNIVERSAL SCIENCELecture No. 1

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"HE WILL ENJOY THE LIGHT OF LIFE"

In the past I have purposely repeated truths set in different facets so as to lead you to your own realization of the Truth Itself.

The mind unfolds more easily when different facets of the Truth are shown, and by repetition the mind begins to grasp more fully, and tonight I am going to fulfil the request of many of the students to go into the subject of the teachings of the prophets and the Apostles.

Now most people read the Bible. Some cannot understand it, others say that it contradicts itself at every turn, and others say it is a lot of junk compiled by theologians to confuse the people and so forth. But there is no truth in any of these statements. Such remarks are made by those who do not understand the Truth. Consequently many open their mouths to show their ignorance.

I will make to you all here tonight a profound statement, that is, "That the Bible is a book showing man the way of deliverance from sorrow, sickness, poverty, ignorance, uncertainty and limitation, and finally death itself."

This is a true statement and can be verified by hundreds who have come to know the truth by studying the Bible. Truth is a way of Life that reveals the secret of perfect liberty of action that leads to the green pastures flowing with all good things, and it only remains for us to partake thereof.

In St. John, Chapter 8, we read what the Master said, "I am the Light of the world. He that follows me will never walk in darkness; he will enjoy the Light of Life."

The Master had already found the Light of Life and had followed It, and he wanted all to share in his good fortune. He shall never again walk in darkness but "he shall find for himself the Light of Life" (and will enjoy the Light of Life).

The Light of Life is the truth of our Being, we will find that we ourselves are the true Light of Life, of God Himself, the Eternal Creator. When we become aware of this Truth we can never again walk in darkness but will enjoy the Light of Life.

Here are some other words I want you to consider from John,

Chapter 5: "Truly I tell you, he who listens to my word and believes Him Who sent me has Eternal Life." Could there be any clearer statement than this? And this is further confirmed by the following words: "He has already passed from death across to Life." He has already passed from the ignorant belief in death across to Life Itself to become alive forever in this realization. "For as the Father hath Life in Himself, so too He has granted the son to have Life in himself."

Here we see clearly how the Master impresses his words on our minds, the great truth that it is the Father Himself that is living in the Son. Therefore we *are* that Life coming from Its Source. And as there can only be one Life, that same Life must be "ourselves." The proof that we are alive is proof that God is living in and through us.

This Life is not separated while It is individualized in each one of us, and this is impossible for the fact that no fundamental, underlying structure of the Universe can be separate or divided in any way, and it is the fundamentals that we have to realize so that we can "enjoy the Light of Life."

In Job XXII: 25-27, we find these words, "Make the Almighty Himself your Treasure and the Almighty shall be a joy to you. When you pray He shall answer, whatever you plan shall prosper."

Again we are urged to realize that the only Treasure is the Almighty and with Him we have everything. For this Almighty is not something that is apart from us but the very Life that makes us alive.

Here is another phrase that leads us to the Truth of our Being: "The Almighty in the midst of thee is mighty."

This statement calls us to recognize that which is in the very midst of us is mighty. There is no doubt about what the prophet meant, for immediately we become aware of the Truth of our Being, we are sure of the prophet's words; they spring into Life in ourselves.

In Job we find where man, at one time in ignorance of the truth, is in dire trouble from every side; what he feared came upon him. And when the truth dawned upon him that the Almighty in the midst of him is mighty, and to make Him the great Treasure, and that this great Treasure would be a joy and whatever you ask in prayer so it would be done, there was no fear now, no doubt, no anxiety, no wavering; the prophet had found the truth, and this same truth is for us all so that we "can enjoy the Light of Life."

The picture is the same today. Man's mind is the wilderness of images, ideas, where none is the Truth. Then as we begin to grasp the Truth, sometimes slowly, sometimes through adversity, or through any other avenue, we begin to reflect Reality, we begin to translate the Almighty into our daily living. God becomes the moving power

in human nature. There is no mystery about this, it becomes as clear as day, as we begin to practise enjoying the Light of Life.

Again James gives us a clear picture of his version of the Truth. He definitely shows to us that God is no respecter of persons, and the only way we can enjoy the Light of Life is to follow the infallible law, and this is the law of action: "Greet it with great joy my brothers, when you encounter any sort of trial, sure that the sterling temper of your faith produces endurance, only let your endurance be a finished product so that you may be finished and complete with never a defect."

Here we see the prophet revealing the grand Truth of Life. When we realize that the Almighty in the midst of us is mighty, we know that with Him all is possible, therefore we endure so that this power will be made perfect in and through us.

His next words are even more significant, for he warns us not to be double-minded, not to waver in our knowing of the Truth, for this alone enables us to endure in the end.

So he says in these well-selected words, "Whosoever of you is defective in wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men without question or reproach and the gift will be his." Ask and the gift will be his. God gives to all *without question or reproach*. Can you see the deep meaning in this truth? Think it over well and you will see that the Law fulfils itself because God is with us not apart from us, and it could not be otherwise. If it were so, no fundamental law could ever exist as the establishment of the things seen or unseen.

Further, the Apostle goes on revealing the completeness of the Law. "Only let him ask in faith with never a doubt, for the doubtful man is like the surge of the sea, whirled and swayed by the wind." Here we see how the doubtful person is swayed this way, that way with every wind that blows. He is not sure of himself, there is no stability because he has not fully realized that he can enjoy the Light of Life that can produce all things, this being with him always, and never is he even separated except through his ignorance of Its Presence.

So the final statement of the Apostle strikes at the root of our ignorance, "That man need not imagine he will get anything from the Lord, double-minded creature that he is, wavering at every turn."

I have heard people say that they believed in the Lord, yet they did not believe in themselves. That is easy to understand. It was only a belief they had in some outside God, some God apart from themselves. How could they believe in themselves when this state of consciousness existed?

To become the finished product is to accomplish completely by fulfilling the law of your "Being." The one Life Consciousness

individualized in us is the same Creative Power underlying the Universe. Thus we are made in His image and likeness. Like unto God, having power to create through the same Creative Power. But this must be realized before it becomes active in ourselves, then we can enjoy the Light of Life.

This Life is not limited because it inhabits a body. It is complete and free when realized. The flesh has no say in the matter, the flesh has no power over the Life that created it, and it inhabits it for its own expression, and as this Life is God and God is Life, therefore I am the Life, you are the Life. We see that consciousness of our understanding is the point through which the Almighty God expresses Himself (being the Servant of all), and is the means through which we can express the Almighty, according to our awareness of our consciousness being the way of Life, then so shall this Power be manifested. There can be no other way for the Law fulfills Itself.

We have the liberty of Life to enjoy the Light of Life by being single-minded, "Let your eye be single," aware of our thought action, free from the net of craving, for this only reveals our sense of lack and makes us double-minded.

What we intend to do in this series is to reveal the Truth the prophets and apostles knew. What they said, they meant; as we begin to know the Truth, we recognize the meaning of their words. We are confirmed in the Truth and never again shall we walk in the darkness of ignorance.

The instruction and inspiration we shall get from this vital series will be of little value in itself if we do not use it in our daily living. Jesus tells us in plain words, "All depends on keeping my sayings." By acting on the word and not merely listening to it, and those who have done this have had wonderful results. All of you here can acquire this special knowledge by diligent application to these lessons of instruction. No student should miss even one night, and all should make this a possibility, for what you can gain is greater by far than what is possible in any other way.

As you become aware more and more of your true nature you will gaze upon it and bring it forth. You will say in your heart, "I do the will of my Father and the Father's Will is done in me." *I will enjoy the Light of Life.*



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"THE MIRACLE"

The greatest thing that we can do is to free our thought action from limitation. This is sometimes difficult to do but is by no means impossible, and through it we find ourselves with a power that can overcome all things.

If we are caught up in greed, craving, envy, jealousy, belief in creeds, dogma and the like, we are dependent on people and things, thus we are bound and limited. You will readily see that this is a fact and you will say, "How is it that I did not discern this before?" The reason is that you were caught up in these things and the sorrow and conflict caused by these conditions blinded you to the truth.

We cannot escape our contact with people and things, and we do not want to escape, nor can we no matter how we try. But through our relation to people and things we gain experience, and as long as we do not allow our experiences to rule us, we can discern our reaction to people and things and free ourselves from the entanglements of our reactions.

If we do not become aware of our thought action then we are bound. I hope that you are beginning to see this important point.

The great search in the world today is for immortality. Millions follow one or other religion for this purpose, but you will readily see that no form of religion can give you the satisfaction you so eagerly desire. It is only when you realize that you *are* immortal that the searching ceases.

The story of the creation of the world reveals the secret of immortality, and I am going to relate this to you in my own words gleaned from the story of Creation in the Bible.

The Bible relates how God formed everything and the story can be read by anyone; to repeat it all here would be superfluous. The fact remains that God did form in Himself

everything and every creature that exists on earth as well as mankind.

The statement that concerns us most is that God formed man in His own image and likeness, to rule and have dominion over all His creation on earth, showing that it was the Spirit of God that was the ruling factor in all things, and Spirit is the consciousness in man.

I want to make this statement to you, and you should always remember it. In the beginning there was only God and by Him, in Him and with Him every thing has been created, and nothing came into being except by and through Him. This is the fundamental Law we must take into consideration when reading the Bible.

The next statement that I find proves our inherent power over all things is this, "Let Us make man in Our own likeness to resemble Us, with mastery over the fish in the sea and the birds of the air, the animals, every wild beast of the earth, and every reptile that crawls on earth." *"So God formed man in His own likeness and in the likeness of God He formed him male and female."*

We see here that as God is infinite in nature all creation must be in Him and of Him and there can be nothing outside Him, and the only likeness in which mankind can resemble God is that man has the same power inherent in him as that of God Himself; the only difference is in the degree of this power.

This power only comes into action in mankind when mankind realizes this fact. When man is aware of his God-power he has inherited by Divine right, he can use this Divine Power which has dominion over all things. Man is the master when he is aware of his true Spiritual birthright, born of the Spirit and not of flesh and blood.

The Bible is a statement of Universal Law of that which is in the realm of the invisible as well as that which is in the realm of the visible, and deals with facts of the Spiritual nature as well as facts of the physical nature. It showed how Spirit is involved; this involution precedes evolution and is never lost sight of. The perpetual urge of the Spirit is onward and upward for self-expression in infinite varieties of form.

The Spirit which is continually passing into manifestation is always the same Spirit, in other words the only "One." Then God makes things by becoming the things He makes; all He made He says is good. If this is so, how can man say that God created evil?

The logical conclusion all thinking men and women must

come to is that there cannot be anything but the Infinite, and no matter how we may try to accept the theories of our theologians, we cannot when we see that it is our and their misconception of things that makes things appear as evil because we have not yet come to understand the process of involution and evolution.

Therefore God has involved Himself in all His creation including man. The beginning and the end are one, for God, the Only One being omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, has created within Himself and thus is expressing Himself through all His creation, including mankind. Mankind, having the power to become aware of this Creative Power as the ruling factor in his own life, also has power over all things less aware than himself.

As there can be only one Mind, one Substance, one Power, for there can be no other, otherwise God could not be Infinite, thus man, not cognizant of this fact, creates in himself and by himself by his wrong thinking, through his misconception of the Reality of things.

The Bible is symbolic language and the symbol of Heaven and earth means the inner and the outer. Water is the symbol for the psychic substance where cause ends and effects begin; so with man, his thinking is cause and what is visible is the effect.

Therefore we have to accept the truth that Spirit, "God," being the only One, is Consciousness, Intelligence and Substance, and Its pure action is wisdom, love and power. With these all things are created; this is the Divine Creation in which there can be no flaw.

We are forced to accept, by reason of the fact that it could not be otherwise, that the Infinite, the Eternal One — timeless, limitless, ageless, birthless, deathless, the first and only Cause — has individualized Himself, yet is not separated in any way in Himself, for this is impossible.

I will put it this way to you because I want you to think this out for yourselves.

The Infinite Mind is all there is, in which all is made in Heaven and on earth — the inner and the outer — the one cannot be separated from the other. In this Mind originates the Divine ideas which must include principles and laws to sustain them. *This is the Tree of Life which we must hold onto*, which will be a Spring of Living Water rising up to Eternal Life. We are in the Garden of Eden when this state of consciousness exists in us, when the soul is aware of this, and this only, as the only real.

The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil is where man sees things in manifestation and begins to use his intellect. He creates images and ideas in his human mind, not knowing the truth about things, and by his reaction creates in his own life and circumstances according to what he thinks and fears.

However, Science comes to our aid. It says that form in matter, that which we can see and touch, can be dissolved into its elements and disappears into the substance that fills boundless space, a substance that is without form in itself but is capable of creating form in and of itself. That the greatest potential energy is at point, and point is everywhere or can be everywhere, showing that all form begins at point and ends at point, and that the greatest potential energy is at point. Yet all energy and power must be behind point.

This proves again the great truth that the Father-Mother-God is the cause of all manifestation and that this Creative Power is inherent in us all, and through this inherent power in us so do we create.

This is the Divine Law of action, having all power within itself and there can be no separation in the whole of Created Life. Therefore I will venture to say that man's consciousness is the point where the Infinite Spirit or conscious Creative Power is individualized. Individualization does not mean separation but an eternal unity with the Whole.

The ancient sign of the Cross is symbolic in nature and reveals the same thing, the perpendicular line is the Father and the horizontal line is the Mother; where they meet is point, and this is the Divine Child. The Cross was at first the division of the Circle into four, the circle meaning the whole, and both lines stretching into Infinity, yet where they meet, there is the Divine Creation with the quality of both the Father and Mother; this is the symbol of the Creation of the Christ of God in man. The Sign of the Cross is of great significance to us, when understood in relation to the Universe and created manifestation.

When the Infinite expresses an idea there must be motion in Mind. We understand this because we are made in His image and likeness. An idea in our minds creates motion in our minds. The only difference being, one is Divine and the other is human, but the same law must prevail.

As there is the Principle of Law involved, the Law comes into operation and this we cannot change, being Infinite in nature. The transmission of the energy in the idea into form is the fundamental Law of the Universe. Therefore all form is but the

idea translated from the formless into form, but remains in that formless substance and is the same substance modified.

Science tells us that matter or form viewed separately from energy is nothing at all, and I will go further and say energy viewed separately from Intelligence does not exist; therefore the conclusion we must come to is that all is within the Infinite Mind, and there is nothing outside it, and everything is of it, and nothing exists except it is of this Mind Substance.

Therefore the *how* of the Universe is permissible for us to understand, and as we are made in His image and likeness, so do we create. As we understand more about ourselves, so do we understand more of God.

When we hold an "idea" the Intelligence completes the details and it becomes manifest. This same law we see exists in the Infinite Mind; thus we are created in His image and likeness. The outer is but the expression of the inner, the same law is inherent in all. Thus man is as he thinks he is, this Law being individualized in man.

We cannot question the "why" of God but we can, through understanding ourselves, understand the "how" of God.

The passage in Genesis relating to this Creation does not mean the body or form but the Spirit, the Creative Power, the First Cause that is behind all creation.

The Creation of all form and the whole world's conscious relation is the result of Spirit's one mode of action, and that is thought. First we have the Spirit, the Creative Power; this Creative Power manifests the power of thought or ideas, and this thought, thinking or idea, becomes form.

We are the individualization of the Father-Mother-God, not separate, but one and the same. In this realization God becomes a Reality to us, and not some relative thing apart from us.

Then the greatest miracle we can ever realize is to know that we, you and I, are the thinkers, and in this way we create; that is why the Master said, "Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

The only power our thought has is the power we give it, for *it is our own creation*. To have this perfected, we are directed by the prophet to rest on the Eternal so that He shall reveal His glory and not ours. In this way we will free our thought from limitation and fear.



BENEDICTION

Loving Father, Thou hast created the sun to give me light, and the moon to release me from the darkness, and Thou leadeth me into pastures green. All this Thou hast done for me and more, Thou hast given me Thy Spirit to conquer all things. As Thou art so shall I be.

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"FAITH IS OUR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE
FATHER"

The Bible reveals the power of "Faith" not as commonly understood but with a deeper meaning, and in this lesson we will see what faith really means.

The general idea with most is that we must have faith in a God, and this God we are rather uncertain about. But if we read the Bible correctly we will see that faith is something much more than this.

Faith is a "knowing," and "awareness" that leaves no doubt in the mind.

The faith we read of in the Bible is real and significant, which makes Abraham the Father of us all, not from flesh and blood, but from the "seed" of Abraham who revealed this great truth that we are greater than the Law; this is the seed spoken of in the Bible — the Spirit of God. In Galatians III:6,7, "Just as Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. You must know therefore that those who trust in faith are the children of Abraham."

This faith is greater than law, for law never created Life and in Life lies the Creative Power, not in law. Again this proves that we are above law.

I am not saying that knowledge and law are of no particular benefit; they are, for we must use the Law of Creation to create, yet we are above the Law, because Life created law and not law created Life.

What I want to point out very strongly to you is that knowledge or law is not creative power, therefore the "promise" was revealed by Christ that whoever believed as He did, became the children of his Father, the only living God; and it is this knowing that the Bible calls "faith."

The Supreme Law of the Universe is not Life or Creative Power, but there is the Law of the Creative activity of the all-originating Spirit which operates in us to make new conditions for all.

The Divine "Promise," and the individual knowing (faith) rest on each other, they act with mutual accord, thus a cause within the Cause. If you can comprehend this fully, you have "awareness."

When we begin to understand the connection between cause and effect we see the force of the Master's statements "All things are possible to him that believeth," "Have faith in God and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

If we attribute any authority to the Master's sayings, we are fortified by them in affirming that there is no limit to the power of "faith," and what he says is not mere figure of speech but statements of truth that enable the individual to act upon the Creative Law of the Universe.

Viewed in this light the Bible promise assumes a practical aspect and a personal application of the Creative Power we have, being born in His image and likeness, born of the Spirit and not of flesh and blood. The flesh has no say, the flesh has no Creative Power, the Spirit alone is Life and Creative Power, "I am the Life."

In Galatians, Chapter 4:22-26, 28, 29, we read, "Surely it is written in the Law that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave-woman and one by the free-woman; but while the son of the slave-woman was born by the flesh, the son of the free-woman was born by the promise." Well, this is an allegory. The women are two covenants. One comes from Mount Sinai, bearing children for servitude; that is Hagar, for Mount Sinai is away in Arabia. She corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for the latter is in servitude with her children. "Now you are the children of the Promise, brothers, like Isaac; but just as in days of old the son born by the flesh persecuted the son born by the Spirit, so is it still today."

These then are one, but if we do not understand the relationship and its meaning revealed in the Bible, we are then under duress. The body (Jacob) persecutes the Soul (Isaac), only the Spirit (Abraham) has power to overcome all things. The message of the Master also reveals this truth when he says, "Know ye not I am in the Father and the Father is in me, the flesh having no say in the matter."

Then to be "heirs according to promise," we must be

descendants of Abraham. On another point the Bible is very plain. It is that they are children of Abraham who are of the faith of Abraham, they are his seed according to the promise that they are living by the same principle which is set forth as forming the groundwork of Abraham's life, that is "Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Here is a parable that I want you to take notice of, "God is a big dealer and His best work is done for Love and not from compulsion."

Let us compare ourselves with an artist who has to paint for a living. He paints as many pictures as he can; they are called potboilers. But his true work is done when he is not restricted in any way and paints for love and beauty. His name is made, then the Divine dealer takes a hand in making His art.

Let us take this parable to heart, so that we will do our work diligently, honestly and cheerfully with Love, serving no hard taskmaster, but in the happy confidence that loving Creative Spirit acting in and through us, has all the connection and will open avenues we had never dreamed of. Yes, fresh avenues for us where we saw no way.

He will clear a path in the forest of our experiences when we are the artists of God's creative production. He is also the great appreciative dealer and will place our productions for us in the right market.

That is what is meant by exchanging the burden of the Law for the peaceful liberty of "faith" in the Divine goodness of our all-giving Heavenly Father.

With this understanding faith we will skip the vague rantings of the theologians heard on every side. For if we burden ourselves with Law as a starting point for our Creative action, we will bring the whole burden upon ourselves like a ton of bricks, because of our fear and misunderstanding of the Law, not knowing that Life is above law, "I am the Life."

But if we take the all-giving, all-producing Creative Spirit as our starting point, then everything else will fall into harmonious order, and all we have to do is to receive and use what we receive, asking the Divine guidance to use it rightly.

Take no heed of the morrow, the morrow will take care of itself, acting always in the present, making the Presence a Reality and not something relative by making God law and not Life. Life is creative and is above law, therefore I am above Law as one with the Father, "It is the father who ever remains in me, is performing His own deeds."

This is the faith that the Bible tries to show us, but as man is slow to understand, instead of reading Life into law, man reads law into Life, with the result that he makes God a mere impersonal force and ultimately has nothing to depend upon but his own unaided knowledge and power of the Law.

If on the other hand, through understanding the love and the all-giving of the Father, we regard Him as taking the initiative as the *giver established in ourselves*, not something separate, cold and distant, but with that personal intimate love that a parent has for its offspring, we will find ourselves backed up by the Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power. There must then be a true feeling of comradeship with the Father and the self, united in action, which becomes enthusiastic when our true relationship is realized.

To obtain this "Promise" made to us as revealed in the Bible we must stop arguing about non-essentials. For faith in God is better than vague beliefs. Therefore the most practical thing for us to do is to try it. The Master showed us the way, He made the Father intimate and close at hand. For His Life was the translation of the Love and Wisdom and Power ("God") into action.

We can do the same if we will get His awareness of the Love, Wisdom and Power of the Father in which we live, move and have our being, and knowing that the Father is living, moving and having His being in us. This is the faith that is meant in the Bible and no other. Any other faith is void and has no substance.

Paul makes it plain to us when he says "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Real faith in God is warm, close and snug. This is the feeling that the promise gives us. In Isaiah 43:1-2, "But now, the Eternal promises, he who created you, O Jacob, he who made you, O Israel, 'Fear not, for I redeem you, I claim you, you are mine, I will be with you when you pass through waters, no rivers shall overflow you; when you pass through fire, you shall not be scorched, no flames shall burn you.'"

I would have it written in big letters everywhere, "GOD IS LOVE," "I AM LOVE," then let these words sink into your minds and hearts. For Paul says "Love is greater than talents."

He says, "Set your heart on the higher talents. And yet I will go on to show you a still higher path. Thus I may speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but if I have no love, I am a noisy gong or clanging cymbal; I may prophesy, fathom all mysteries and secret lore, I may have absolute faith that I can move hills from their place, but if I have no love, I count for nothing; I may

distribute all I possess in charity, I may give up my body to be burnt, but if I have no love I make nothing of it. Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient. Love never disappears. As for prophesying, it will be superseded; as for 'tongues', they will cease; as for knowledge, it will be superseded. For we only know bit by bit, and we only prophesy bit by bit; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will be superseded."

All prophets have made Divine Love the dominating factor in life, being the perfect thing that has no flaw. It is the source of our intimacy with the Father, so that His work in us will be exceeding good, and this is the "faith" that makes us whole, and this is the faith that gives us personal contact with the Father.



We wonder how these clods of clay
Can e'er reflect,
The glory of Incarnate God
In Christ perfect.

As sand is molten into glass
By fire and flame,
We too by symbol of the fire
And tongues of flame —

Are changed from common glass
Into a mirror, for
Reflecting God's own Light and Love
In this dark hour.

Quick silver to the glass applied
Gives it new life.
Quickening Spirit from above
Gives us this life!

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