

And I said to the man, who stood at the gate of the year,  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than the known way."

---Author Unknown

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### WE WELCOME YOU!

(The following article was written for the earlier daily studies ---*Aspire*---  
the January 1983 issue. I believe you will find it meaningful today. ---Ed.)

### **The Prince of Peace**

*Claude B. Hansen*

***“. . .and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.”***  
*Isaiah 9:6*

The great Way-Shower, whose birthday we just celebrated last month, has probably never been more needed to champion the cause of security and peace in the world than at the present time. As we set out into an unknown 1983 (and most definitely a 2005), I am certain that the fervent wish of people of goodwill everywhere is for a lessening of the blight of economic distress of all kinds and an end to the hostilities and enmity that plague our world today. In the hearts of most of us is a real longing that peace and harmony might bless this island home of ours among the stars, this beautiful blue planet that God has provided for our dwelling place.

Yet, many regrettable and portentous facts are forced upon our attention daily of the grave conditions that threaten the very existence of the world, as we know it, and we recall the warnings given in the past by men of stature.

The paragraphs that follow are intended to awaken to greater vigilance, to encourage awareness of vital concerns that should be faced, not just by all Americans, but by mankind everywhere. For the world seems to be drifting steadily toward what many see as total destruction. Consider that at any moment human error or miscalculation could trigger the start of hostilities between the great powers. It is said that the malfunction of a fifty-six-cent computer part could conceivably start nuclear-armed bombers on their way to an enemy's target.

It is not intended to dwell at length here on such unsettling details of the present global predicament. What we are concerned with here is the development of a pervasive consciousness of peace throughout the world. For when mankind is peaceful within, there will be peace in the outer.

As the Christians that we profess to be, we should not, like the ostrich, hide our heads in the sand and hope that the problem will go away. Wise decisions must be made, spiritually founded. There is no cure for nuclear war, we are told, only prevention. Hence the pressing need for each of us to do what we can to further the cause that was at the heart of Jesus' teaching---peace and brotherhood throughout the world. The great question is, of course, *How are we to ban the proliferation of dangerous weaponry; indeed, how to banish it from the face of the earth, in time?*

Surely, as Divine Scientists, joined by all other New Thought people, with our positive approaches to great challenges, we should be actively engaged in doing our part to help stem the diabolical tide that threatens to engulf our entire civilization. A familiar quotation is, "**All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.**" Apathy may sometimes very well be fatal.

We can write letters to our senators and congressmen voicing our concerns and strongly denouncing whatever we consider to be unwise forthcoming legislature. You may not care to engage in such a task any more than I do, although some people may consider it an opportunity. But after you have made such an effort you will find your shoulders squaring a bit with the realization

that you have done something to help further a cause which is without equal, freighted as it is with immense consequences for the future. Do not think that our senators and congressmen are not concerned about the opinions of their constituents, especially, if there are enough people, like you, voicing their concern about an issue.

Most importantly, we can develop our spiritual consciousness for peace, coupled with "**the withdrawal of energy from all thoughts and actions, which create human separation of each man from his brother.**" Unbelievable wonders are possible through the power of understanding, cooperation, and love. It may well be that from the country's grassroots rather than from the legislative halls that a state of consciousness of such proportions that there will come a resounding "yes" to the ideals of peace and good will---a mighty resolve that the Father will at last have His way with the earth and His children. Sometimes the bringing together of minds in unison for a great cause is discouragingly slow, but to quote Victor Hugo, "**There is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.**"

Ken Keyes, Jr., an extremely dedicated proponent of peace, says, "**Be creative and energetic .... Our survival demands new ways for operating our civilization. War no longer functions for settling disputes between nations.**" A successful writer, Ken Keyes has presented his peace message in a book entitled, *The Hundredth Monkey*, which he considers so important that it is not copyrighted. **He hopes it will be copied.** Nor does he accept any royalties from the book's sales, as he spearheads his one-man crusade to make more than just an ideal, the dove of peace, the hope of the world.

The Hundredth Monkey Phenomenon, which Mr. Keyes first learned about in talks by Marilyn Ferguson and Carl Rogers, illustrates that when enough of us are aware of something, all of us become aware of it. Mr. Keyes relates the story concerning the monkey population living on the Japanese Island of Koshima in 1952. Here scientists were providing monkeys with raw sweet potatoes dropped in the sand. The monkeys liked the taste of the potatoes but they found the dirt unpleasant. One of the monkeys, however, Imo by name, discovered that washing the potatoes in a nearby stream greatly improved their flavor and consistency. Others noticed what Imo was doing,

tried it themselves, and were well impressed with the results of this cultural innovation.

As time went on, the practice spread to other groups of monkeys. The writer of this little tale continues: "Let us suppose that, when the sun rose one morning there were *ninety-nine* monkeys on Koshima Island who had learned to wash their sweet potatoes. Let us further suppose that later that morning the hundredth monkey joined the rest, washing his own sweet potatoes. Then it happened! By that evening almost everyone in the tribe was washing his sweet potatoes before eating them. The added energy of the hundredth monkey somehow created an ideological breakthrough!" This potato-washing practice spontaneously jumped across the sea, and soon colonies of monkeys on other islands were doing it too.

The moral of this story would seem to be: **Never underestimate the power of a single monkey---or of a single person---to affect the lives of others for good.**

Says Ken, in winding up his monkey story, "**The conflicting energies in our world are so great today that perhaps we need 'the millionth monkey' to project the energy of wholeness and cooperation, of friendship and love, of sharing life on this planet together.**" To this he adds that the way to peace lies in altering how we think and feel. We must use the power of our collective consciousness as we learn to focus on human togetherness and on PEACE. "**Be informed, hopeful, and energetic,**" he says. "**Be vigilant with your thoughts of peace and love.**"

I sometimes wonder whether I ever really take very seriously the words often sung in our churches: "**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**" To what extent is the Christian message of peace getting through to us? Does Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, often seem to be far away from today's concerns? He need not be, should not be, if we are to experience the finer values of living and continue to experience this gift of life, that He has given us.

We should all be aware of the influence we have in bringing about change through consciousness and through using these remarkable minds of ours. Again, Ken Keyes states: "**The appreciation and love we have for ourselves and others creates an expanding energy field that can become a growing power in the world. When enough of us**

**are aware of something, all of us will become aware.**"

With as firm a grip as we can muster on the great principle of the omnipresence, let us wish for ourselves and for people everywhere a Happy New Year, and many more to come, which will make us truly co-workers with **the Prince of Peace.**

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**When shall all men's good  
be each man's rule,  
and universal peace lie  
like a shaft of light  
across the land?**

—**Alfred Lord Tennyson**

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EMMET FOX has stated:

"I AM is your true identity,  
I AM is your real name ...  
I AM is Divine Spirit, your real eternal  
self ....

It is the Cosmic Christ which has always existed but which came to its fullest expression in the person of Jesus. When we come to a true understanding of man's relationship to God, then we shall know that *I AM is the presence of God*, then we shall know that *I AM is the presence of God in each one*, and that that presence gives dominion."

(Taken from Emmet Fox's *Diagrams for Living*.)

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**“Then Job answered the Lord: *I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted....I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees thee;*”**

Job 42: 1,2,5

One of the major hurdles coming into Divine Science is changing our understanding of God. In traditional Christianity god is monotheistic that is the belief in the existence of a single God. The form this single god takes is that of an exclusive, personified deity who exists in fact, separate from creation. Christianity, Judaism and Islam are three major monotheistic religions in the world today. Although Divine Science is a Christian Teaching it does not teach monotheism. It teaches, \**“The transcendence and immanence of God as manifest in all created things, yet above and beyond all created things; God the Visible and the Invisible, the Absolute and the Relative, the Universal and the Individual.”*

This definition fits more closely the doctrine of Panentheism in which God is immanent in all things, and also transcends all things, so that every part of all the universes has existence in God; but God is still more. God is the universe *itself*. Therefore it is absolutely real and of the essence of the Absolute. But God being infinite, eternal, unchanging, etc. is also beyond the Universe. That is the paradox of our experience of Reality; it is both the unchanging, infinite, eternal, Absolute and *also* the changing, finite and temporal life we know. This paradox is reconciled through what we call emanation- the One transforms Itself into the Many, while not diminishing its status as the One.

To grasp even the most elemental aspect of Divine Science this shift in understanding must be complete. To understand the Law of Expression one must know that Omnipresence is infinitely creating and becoming that creation. We are that creation; the essence of God in every aspect of our being body, mind and spirit. “In the Beginning,” refers to this primal state, to the truth of our Being, and not to some arbitrary historical time. We live in this paradox of Being Divinely Human. Through right thinking we identify with the eternal infinite truth of our being, bringing our divine inheritance into visible expression. Understanding that every particle of flesh, idea of mind, and intuitive thought is an emanation of God, transforms this experience of life into joyful peace. Divine Science teaches us to practice this understanding in all our affairs. Only those who have eyes to see will be called to this great teaching.

---Mary P. Rezendes, Minister at large

\*Fundamentals of Divine Science, Lesson 1 p.2

## STUDIES IN DIVINE SCIENCE

Mrs. C. L. Baum  
(a continuation)

### IX. Healing.

The subject of this lesson will suggest, perhaps, the curing of ills which man in his ignorance has permitted to hold him in bondage. It has, however, a far wider significance, and while we shall consider it in its relation to curing disease, we will lay greater stress on its deeper and truer meaning. There is a wide difference between healing and curing, between healing the mentality of all conception of evil and curing some external appearance of disease.

In order to fully understand his subject it is necessary, first, to realize just what it is that needs healing. We declare God to be Perfect Mind, universal in its presence and perfect in its attributes. This Perfect Source and Creator knows no imperfection and needs no healing. Man is the creation of this Perfect Creator---God’s perfect and spiritual idea---having been created in God’s image and after His likeness. Man is, therefore, a perfect spiritual creation and needs no healing. The body is the manifested Word of God and needs no healing. We see, therefore, that Universal Mind and its manifestation need no healing or changing, for,

God is the Perfect and Spiritual Creator;  
Man is the perfect and Spiritual Creation, and  
Body is the Perfect and Spiritual Manifestation.

Apparently, then, all that is left which requires enlightenment is man’s ever unfolding consciousness, “The only place in the universe where God may be shut out is in man’s consciousness.” This degree of consciousness believes partly in truth and partly in error. To remove the latter so that there is a consciousness that truth alone is reality, and that appearances are but shadows of ignorance, constitutes true healing.

For ages the world has dealt with appearances, working with shadows of evil as though they were realities to be resisted, and perhaps, ultimately overcome. The body has been regarded as material substance subject to disease, which men have combated in order to acquire health. The net result can scarcely be said to flatter the wisdom which men have assumed they were exercising. Temporary cures have been effected but not healing, for all healing consists simply in one thing, the producing of a change in consciousness. But opinions and thoughts concerning life have gradually changed and we have come into a fuller knowledge of the Truth, which never changes and which truly heals.

We have discovered the fact that disease (lack of ease) has no life, intelligence or substance of itself, and exists wholly through man’s belief in it and the power which he has given it. We have found out that it is not necessary to have a full knowledge of disease in order to heal it, any more than a study of discord would be an aid to a perfect knowledge of harmony, or than a careful study of mathematical errors would be of assistance in solving difficult problems. On the other hand, 4

the more we know of health, the more fully shall we comprehend the fact that it is the truth of the body---its real and eternal state. The surest way to perpetuate disease is to believe in its reality, while the surest means to overcome it is to diagnose health. How apparent, then is the folly of studying evil in order to overcome it when our only true means of overcoming evil is good. Yet the whole world for generations has believed that to acquire perfection we must have a full understanding of all imperfection.

Health is a natural possession, but has not been fully realized because man has centered his thought upon it, or established his faith in it. All disease implies a lack of consciousness of health, and as long as we believe in the reality of disease we are subject to our own belief: we have results according to our faith. As we begin to put faith in the Omnipresence as perfect health, life, and substance, unreal conditions pass away and we are free.

Teaching and healing are truly one and should always be one. To be healed is to attain to such a degree of understanding and realization of the truth that no beliefs contrary thereto can enter into the mentality. The acquisition of truth will be marked by the growth of the soul out of personal ignorance into Divine Knowledge. As the teaching is received, accepted and put into daily practice, healing is accomplished. It comes from the consciousness of the Spirit within and not from without. The acceptance of these teachings will reveal the one thing of which we are otherwise ignorant, viz., the Truth of ourselves. Man is the Word of God, the Divine Idea expressed in a pure and changeless form. When we know ourselves as we are in Truth, we shall know the utter unreality of any that is unlike God.

Progress toward true healing will be marked by the perception of certain truths. To know these will make us free from the law of sin and death. We shall be like God in the external even as we are the image of God in the invisible. These truths which we must learn in order to be healed may be stated as follows:

- The Truth of our Being.
- The Supremacy of Mind.
- The non-entity of evil.
- The Omnipresence of Good.
- The unreality of disease.
- The Unity of all Substance.

To live in sickness, pain, poverty or inharmony, no matter how cheerfully, is not a mark of spirituality. It is a lack of understanding of the real spiritual nature of the universe and of the all-sustaining and infinite abundance of the Omnipresence. Knowledge of the Truth brings deliverance from these conditions which really keeps us out of the kingdom of God. When in our thought we are dwelling on health, abundance, and harmony, we are in accord with the teachings of Jesus expressed in the parable of the vine: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." but when in our inmost center we are dwelling on sickness and pain, and are filled

with fear and anxiety, we are perpetuating the very conditions of unreality which we desire to overcome.

The laws of health are spiritual, ordained of God; they are not of man's making. It is true that man has devised his own rules and has become subject to them. There is, however, nothing that we should be so careful about as the acceptance of man-made conditions. If we believe in the divine law of health and continually think that everything in our world is contributing to that health, we shall be exempt from man-made law. Man continually declares that he is subject to his laws, which he has devised, and this declaration of his faith makes it so. We are subject to that which we fear, and the only way to come into an abiding consciousness of health is to know our unity with God. We are Spirit, governed and controlled by divine Law, and no material concept can touch or harm us. Disease has no power whatever over the eternal health of God and will have no power in our life when we realize this truth. If we or our ancestors or friends have laid down laws regarding food, drink, exercise, clothing, weather, climate, altitude, and inherited diseases, we may release ourselves from the bondage of all beliefs regarding these things by acquiring a knowledge of truth as laid down in this lesson. Understanding the unity of all things overcomes the fear of anything and brings us into that peace which nothing has the power to disturb.

#### STATEMENTS FOR MEDITATION.

God is the source and cause of my health.  
My health does not depend upon external things.  
My health does not depend upon climate, altitude, or weather.  
My health does not depend upon what I eat or drink.  
It is from God, substantial and enduring.  
My health is eternal and changeless.  
Health and harmony are the reality of my world.  
The word of health is now made manifest in my body.  
God is the health of his people.  
God is my health now and forever.

#### PEACE.

Peace beginning to be deep as the sleep of the sea  
When the stars their faces glass in its blue tranquility;  
Hearts of men upon earth,  
Never once still from their birth,  
To rest as the wild waters rest with the colors of heaven  
on their breast.  
Love, which is sunlight of peace,  
Age by age to increase,  
Till angers and hatreds are dead,  
And sorrow and death shall cease:  
"Peace on earth and good-will!"  
Souls that are gentle and still hear the first music of this  
far-off, infinite bliss!

---Edwin Arnold.

## **ALIVE, AWAKE, ALERT, AND ACTUALIZED!**

### **Having a Happy New Year All Year Long!**

Rev. Stan Ousley Jr. – Symphony of Love Ministries

Jesus, a preeminent Master Teacher of Spirituality, asked people seeking wholeness and health "Wilt thou be made whole?" – "Do you want to be healed?" Likewise, do we want to have a "happy" New Year, and can we have it everyday of each new year? Some days may be better than others, but each day can be growthful and enriching. Here's a recipe, but you are the soul chef:

First, there are the actions of Kingdom Living. We make a choice in every moment to honor the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" is a maxim found in many world religions. It is a Universal Truth. The Golden Rule can be placed in a context of other teachings that Jesus emphasized. One is that whatever we do for or to "the least" among us, we do to God. "For I was hungry ... I was thirsty ... I was sick ... I was in prison." We love God, the Universal Good, and we love neighbor, for those actions sum up "the law and the prophets." The Parable of the Good Samaritan illustrates who is our neighbor: often the "least" loveable or likeable among us. The apostle Paul said we are to be kind to "strangers" for in so doing, many have entertained (served) angels unawares. We also forgive seventy times seven. In New Thought, that means we give a Divine Quality or attribute for or in place of a perceived offense. Our actions lead us to our individual soul path in life: the life yoga expressions in Hinduism. The four yoga paths are the paths of devotion, karma-action, intellect, and meditation and contemplation. Jesus said "In my Father's house there are many mansions."

Second, there are the attitudes of Kingdom Living. First, we adopt the attitude fear not, only believe in every passing condition. We can let go of fear or anxiety because we believe, as the apostle Paul taught that "love never fails" and that we can "do all things through Christ [the consciousness of at-one-ment] that strengthens us." Also, we cease to worry – "worry not for the morrow." "Seek first the kingdom of God" and its "righteousness" (the Eightfold Path in Buddhism: right view and right intention concerning wisdom, right speech, right action, and right livelihood concerning ethical conduct, and right effort, mindfulness, and concentration concerning mental development). Then, "all else" shall be added. An adjunct is that comparison thinking, lust, jealousy, covetousness, are the roots of evil – separation from the Father as Sacred Source. Even to think upon such things – described by Jesus as "adultery" and defined metaphysically as that which adulterates or weakens the Divine Harmony – is to act upon them. Why? Because the thoughts shape our attitudes and perceptions, and these lead to actions. Satan, the adversary consciousness that is "adverse" to Harmony and Love, comes upon us "as a thief in the night."

Third, we honor the Law. We respect and use properly the Law of Cause and Effect – we know we shall reap what we sow. We operate under various mental laws and are responsible (responsive) for using them rightly. By the Law of Attraction, we bring into our life and into our experiences people and events and conditions that are congruent with our mental equivalents and subjective feelings. Thus, Jesus said "Seek and you will find; Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you." By the Law of Compensation, we know that as we give, so shall we receive. The Supreme Law is the Law of Love. It is directly related to the Golden Rule and its extension: we also do unto ourselves what we would have others do unto us. Hence, charity begins at home – within us.

Fourth, we carry the Cross. The Way of the Cross is central to the Kingdom Living that Jesus taught. He said those who did not pick up and carry the cross (not just wear one around their necks as a religious trinket) were not worthy to be disciples or followers. In New Thought, this means we undergo a daily "crucifixion" of "sin" or that which keeps us from inner wholeness and harmony, the Divine Intention for each of us. The horizontal or crossbar symbolizes selfish aspects of ego, the world of the senses, the worldly thinking that seldom really practices the Golden Rule. The vertical part of the Cross symbolizes our rising up into the Spiritual Dimension, the "Mind of Christ" or the anointed consciousness of at-one-ment with the Father or Sacred Source. Adverse or selfish ego must be sacrificed and crucified via The Way of the Cross at our inner Golgotha, the mental aspect of ego-based thoughts, or "the place of the skull."

Fifth, we recognize the Eternal Invisible Dimension of Spirit-God Omnipresent in Creation. This was central to the teachings of Nona Brooks. The Eternal is the Invisible Realm. We cannot "see" consciousness or our thoughts or energy beyond its expression in forms. Nor can we "see" Love, which is God. Nona Brooks said our souls (individual personalized expressions of Spirit) were "but feebly cultivated" because we have focused on the visible instead of on the invisible. Such is the ultimate idolatry. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, we read (NRSV): "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen ... By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible."

Sixth, we offer our thanksgiving for Grace and for the Life Opportunity we each have been given. We are "saved" – made whole – by Grace, the unmerited giving of Holy Spirit in Love to Its Creation. In our expression of life we are Life, Itself. We proclaim the Jewish toast L'Chaim! To Life! There is "an attitude of gratitude" and the one "unforgivable sin" that Jesus mentioned was "the sin against the Holy Spirit" – the failure to honor the Gift of Life.

So that's it! Do you truly want to have a "Happy New Year" every day this year and in each following year? **You** have "the Keys to the Kingdom." S.O. 6

*(I was touched deeply by this story, and wanted to share it with you. I found it on my computer my first day back after Christmas. It had been sent to me by a friend named Joseph. I hope you will find the message as meaningful as I did. The cloak that Christ wears can take any form and may even appear distasteful---socially, economically, and culturally---but everything and everyone under, and including, the sun belongs to God. God's love extends to it all. In the words of St. Augustine, so descriptive of divine Love: "He loves us everyone as though there were but one of us to love." As this New Year begins let us look at everything and everyone with an open mind, as God wants us to, and extend our love. ---Editor)*

## A Child Not Blind

[Author Unknown]

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there." He pounded his fat baby hands on the highchair tray. His eyes were wide with excitement and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin. He wriggled and giggled with merriment. I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man with a tattered rag of a coat; dirty, greasy and worn. His pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists.

"Hi there, baby; hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster," the man said to Erik.

My husband and I exchanged looks, "What do we do?" Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there." Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya know patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo."

Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid-row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door. "Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik," I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's "pick-me-up" position.

Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man's. Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love relationship. Erik in an act of total trust, love, and submission laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor - gently, so gently, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms for a moment, and then his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, "You take care of this baby." Somehow I managed, "I will," from a throat that contained a stone. He pried Erik from his chest-unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, "God bless you, ma'am, you've given me my Christmas gift." I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car.

My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me." I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who

was not. I felt it was God asking- "Are you 7  
willing to share your son for a moment?" --  
when He shared His for all eternity.

The ragged old man, unwittingly, (or maybe  
not) had reminded me, "To enter the Kingdom  
of God, we must become as little children."

If this has blessed you, please bless others by  
sending it on...

Christ Love and Peace,  
Joseph

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**God deals with the individual,  
not the crowd.  
He expresses through one soul  
in one way,  
and through another soul  
in another way.  
Each fulfills the pattern  
meant for him alone.  
Each soul is equally precious  
to the Creator,  
as each is meant  
to play a special part.**

***"For the body is not one member,  
but many." 1 Corinthians 12:14***

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**What you think upon grows!**

**Whatever you allow to occupy your mind you magnify in your  
life.**

**Whether the subject of your thought be good or bad, the law  
works and the condition grows.**

**Any subject that you keep out of your mind tends to diminish in  
your life. . . .**

**The more you think about your indigestion or your rheumatism,  
the worse they will become.**

**The more you think of yourself as healthy and well, the better  
will your body be.**

**The more you think about your grievances or the injustices you  
have suffered, the more of such trials you will continue to  
receive; and the more you think of the good fortune you have  
had, the more good fortune will come to you.**

**---Emmet Fox**

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**Grown-up people reconcile themselves, too willingly, to a  
supposed duty of preparing young ones for the time when they  
will regard as illusion what now is an inspiration to heart and  
mind.**

**Deeper experience of life, however, advises their inexperience  
differently. It urges them to hold fast, their whole life through,  
to the thoughts that inspire them.**

**It is through the idealism of youth that man catches sight of  
truth, and in that idealism he possesses a wealth which he must  
never exchange for anything else.**

**---Albert Schweitzer 8**

Excerpts from:

***Become as Little Children by Elsie Mackay***

We all agree that Jesus, though He walked this earth in as troubled times as we know today, was filled with an awareness of a life so good, so beautiful, that no more fitting name could be applied to it than the kingdom of heaven. Surrounded by every conceivable man-made hell, Jesus nevertheless found a way to live in heaven.

He knew that we live in heaven too. His great purpose was to help us awaken to this truth and enjoy it. Through simple illustrations and powerful example, He has led us, as slowly or as rapidly as we have been able to follow, into the good life--the heaven prepared for us by our Father from the beginning.

Heaven includes all the answers to our human problems, the fulfillment of all our God-given desires. But we do not take heaven "by storm"--- we grow day by day, moment by moment, into the awareness of the kingdom of heaven which is "at hand."

Jesus Christ told us of many ways to open our eyes, our hearts, our minds, to the heaven of God's immediate presence as He knew it. One of the simplest ways is so often overlooked probably because it *is* so simple. "Except ye ... become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." . . .

A child accepts his good as easily as a bird accepts his ability to fly. The bird throws himself with faith into the air that surrounds him and lo! --- his wings open wide and bear him up.

We want above all to know the heaven Jesus knew. Are we willing to LET GO? --- to trust implicitly in our Father as Jesus did? We have so many pet theories about life, about our neighbors, our abilities --- about the very temples of God in which we live, our bodies. Are we willing to let go of these theories and enter into each day with childlike trust in the goodness of our Father, of our world? Are we willing to accept His evaluation of life, of our fellowmen, of our talents --- and our bodies? Acceptance is the first step.

We imagine that Jesus was endowed with an extra sense, a special pair of wings, as it were, which lifted Him above the everyday world so that He could see it as God made it. And so He was --- we are all equipped with wings! They are folded within our soul, the gift of God. But we have to earn the privilege of our wings by accepting life at God's evaluation. . . .

It has been said by the wise that there are only two things of lasting value that we can ever hope to pass along to our children; one of these is roots --- and the other, wings. As we exercise our faith in a loving Father, we strengthen the roots of our divine nature. As we raise our standards and let our creative imagination, our

adventurous spirit, lead us into wider perspectives and fields of service, we are trying our wings. . . .

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**The Light by Malinda Elliot Cramer**

**What Am I Doing Here?**

What builder, having called for and accepted tenders for the erection of a house will come, while the workmen are at work, saying, "What are you doing here?" Neither will any of the competent workmen question why he is at work on the house. They why should you, who are the builder of your body, be in any doubt, saying, "What am I doing here?"

But the *house*, which is being built, *is not the builder*. If then you ask "What am I doing here?" under the belief that the building is yourself---the answer to your question should be "*You, who are doing, are not that which is being done. That which is done is your work; but you are the one worker who designs and accomplishes all work.*"  
(*Harmony*, Volume 2, p.193)

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**Incarnation**

The word *incarnate* means  
*to clothe or embody with flesh; to form.*

The theological definition is,  
the act of taking a human body and the nature of man---  
**as the incarnation of the Son of God.**

The basic truth of the declaration made by St. John in his (Biblical) account of creation is that the word that is with God and is God becomes flesh and dwells among us.

As the NOW can never **cease** but continues of all time,  
we know that what has been,  
is **now** and what is **now** will continue to be;  
the first thing to grasp is

**that I am spirit or mind,**  
**the Expressor of bodily existence,**  
for nothing can be expressed that is not.  
Thus is it self evident that I am one with God, the Father;  
I therefore lovingly accept  
the position of source and cause of my expression  
and abide as the consciousness of its perfection ---  
knowing this is the way to include it within myself  
as life and love, with sincerity and faith.

The record of the word that is with God and is God,  
becoming flesh, testifies of self expression;  
Jesus' words were  
infinite mind revealing itself unto itself.  
In true incarnation, we are clothed with spirit  
(not unclothed),  
but clothed upon in the same sense  
that Jesus referred, when he said,  
*That which is begotten of Spirit is spirit;*  
creation is expression.

[Taken from *God Incarnation vs. Personal Incarnation* --- (1898)]

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## **COMMUNION**

by Robert P. Turner - Denver

**From time to time, I talk with the Creator.**  
**The two of us communicate by prayer.**  
**I "dial direct" --- Who needs an operator?**  
**I'm glad that when I call He's always there.**

**Our talks are not long distance --- God is near,**  
**His Love surrounds with absolute perfection,**  
**And, Praise the Lord, His words are always clear,**  
**Thus far we've never had a bad connection!**