

(Excerpt from *How God's Love Meets Practical Needs* by Dr. Irwin E. Gregg  
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“Divine Love may be thought of as the redeeming principle of Life  
that puts man in orbit with his good.  
It is gentle in its omnipotence and totally without violence in its demonstrations.  
It is the wholesome freeing action of the Creator and,  
therefore, the universal solvent of strife and disharmony.  
It renews. It builds, It creates.  
Divine Love is that quality within the omnipresence of God  
which holds all the other qualities in right relation with each other.  
It may be thought of as the Holy Spirit, which is always with us, always in our midst.  
It is “magic” in its ministry.”

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### **THE MARVELOUS POWER of the SILENCE** **Joseph Murphy**

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True Silence is the resting of the mind in God. ... Communion with God nourishes, sustains, and revitalizes man. ... The Silence consists of withdrawing your attention and the appearance of the senses from the external world and focusing your attention on your ideal, goal, or objective, knowing that the Infinite Intelligence within you will respond and reveal the answer. ... The greatest power is characterized by quietness; the greatest prayer is the contemplation of God, the only Presence and the only Power.

**Part II**

The Silence is simply the reordering of your mind, wherein you withdraw your attention from the diversity of sense opinion and commune with the indwelling God filling your soul with His love. If you want to succeed in life, reject the race mind and accept only the sovereignty of the Spirit within as the supreme Power and recognize the power of your own thought. This will free you from countless fears and false beliefs.

All your organs, tissues, hair, etc., grow in the silence. The trees, flowers, herbs, and all the growing processes of nature are silent. The ancient Chinese mystics said that they could hear the music and

song of the flower as it opened its petals to the morning sun. Today, modern science, with the eyes and ears of modern instruments which magnify sounds exceedingly, informs us that we are not dealing with mass and mechanics but with music and resonance. When the vibrations of an atom from your nail are magnified, scientists hear music transcending your fondest dreams. Actually they are saying that the whole universe is a song of God.

“Closer is he than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.”  
---Tennyson

In God we live, move, and have our being, and God lives, moves, and has His being in us. Feel your oneness with God---this will be the fuel that fires your imagination, lights the torch of inspiration, and gives vitality to your thought. You are a visualizing entity, and your imagination is the workshop of God. Back up your images with faith and confidence and you will experience them on the screen of space.

If you are constantly fed by the avalanche of sights, sounds, news, and propaganda of the world, you will become a prisoner of your five senses. Periodically withdraw, shut the door of your senses, and claim that God guides you, directs you, vitalizes you, and inspires you. Then begin to think, speak, and act from the divine Center, and you will be replenished and recharged spiritually, mentally, and physically. The best way in the world to recharge your batteries is to get in tune with the Infinite and feel His power, love, and wisdom flowing through you.

A young doctor once told me that as he studied the pathology of diseases, he contracted several of the conditions he had studied. He realized that he was constantly involved in the disease images and that his mind created what he feared. On realizing the cause of his predicament, however, he reversed the situation and contemplated that all diseases were due to distorted mental patterns on the part of patients. He began to contemplate the perfect pattern of harmony, health, and peace. As he looked at the negative condition, he contemplated wholeness, beauty, and perfection. He began to see the presence of God in all patients. He received the divine antibody and now is

completely immune to the so-called contagious diseases of his patients.

Practice the Silence daily by removing your attention from your problems, and by focusing all your attention, love, and devotion on what you do want. As you do this, all the power of the God-head will flow to that focal point of attention. This is touching “the hem of the garment.”

A certain woman claimed that she could not practice the Silence unless she listened to music and burned incense. She also erected an altar in her home, adopted certain postures, set candles, and faced the East. This woman spent half an hour a day in her so-called silence. She was completely involved in only the periphery of life and externalities. Her life was chaotic; she was ill, frustrated, lonesome, bored, and suffered from various mental aberrations. This woman was not praying at all. It was all a masquerade. She was simply impregnating her mind with sights, sounds, and externals, which resulted in a sort of auto hypnotic trance.

In the wise Silence one turns away from the world and the evidence of the senses and contemplates the Divine Presence, the Reality. Believe that you have the good now and you shall receive it. Your good desire is as real as your hand or heart. It has form, shape, and substance in another dimension. Give it your attention, exalt it, and know that infinite Intelligence, which gave you the idea, will reveal the perfect plan for its unfoldment. Sustain this attitude and you will experience the joy of answered prayer. This is the wise Silence.

A patient with (the symptoms of) glaucoma had been given eye-drops by her doctor, who then suggested that she relax and pray. She went home, opened her Bible and came to a passage which read, “... absent from the body and present with the Lord.” Consequently she became still, closed her eyes, and said, “I am dwelling with God now. I am in the Presence of God and His healing power flows through me now. His love indwells every cell. My eyes are God’s eyes and He is looking out through me now.” After a week she returned to her ophthalmologist and he informed her that all tensions apparently had subsided and that her eyes were normal. She was absent from the 2

problem when she focused her attention on her Lord.

Attention is the key to life and whatever you give attention to grows, expands, and magnifies. She became engrossed and absorbed in the belief that the Healing Presence which made her eyes could heal them also, and it happened. She was truly absent from the body (the limited state) and present with the Lord (the Healing Power, the Supreme Wisdom).

When you think of God and focus your love and attention on the divine Presence within you, you are entering into all the power, love, majesty, glory, and healing radiance of God. Become alert and alive, quickened with great expectancy, interest, and vital attention. Affirm quietly and lovingly, "Into the holy Omnipresence of God I give myself, my plans, my ideas, and all the affairs of my life. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and His overshadowing Presence watches over me, my family, by business, and all things pertaining to me. God walks and talks in me, and wherever I go, God and His love accompany me. I bear a charmed life and it is wonderful."

True Silence consists in allowing the mind to contemplate the nature of God, His power, His love, His wisdom, and His substance, out of which all things are made, and the instant availability of the God-Presence at all times, everywhere. As you expose yourself to the warm rays of the sun, you become conscious of the light and the heat. Likewise, as you turn to God, you receive inspiration, new ideas, wisdom, strength, and power from the divine Center within you. Realize that what is true of God is also true of you. God is omnipresent; therefore, everything that is true of God is true at every point in the world. And it is likewise true of every man. Truth is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

When someone says, "Three plus three equals seven," you doubtless would immediately affirm, "Three plus three equals six." You would speak with authority based on your knowledge of the principle of mathematics, and you would know in your heart that you were expressing the underlying truth. Your realization of the truth causes a rearrangement of the figures in the mind of the other. Likewise,

if a thing is true of God, it is the real truth about you regardless of appearances. This is why, when you affirm harmony where discord is, harmony must prevail, and all external conditions must yield to the eternal truth.

"Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace." Acquaintance comes through association, and this means mutual exchange of ideas, feelings, and beliefs. You get acquainted with God as you begin to dwell mentally on His attributes, and qualities. Pray as follows: "God's love, harmony, peace, beauty, joy, and inspiration flow through me now. I know that as I think on these qualities of God, all these powers become manifest in my life. I am acquainted with His peace because my mind is at peace, and there is peace in my home, in my heart, and in my business. I am acquainted with His love because I am full of love and good will to all men. I am acquainted with His joy because I am joyous, happy, and outgoing. I am acquainted with His beauty because I express symmetry, order, beauty, and proportion in all my undertakings. I am acquainted with His healing Presence because I am always healthy, vital, energetic, and bubbling over with enthusiasm. I know God because I walk with the praise of God forever on my lips."

"Let us then labor for an inward stillness--- an inward stillness and an inward healing; that perfect Silence where the lips and heart are still, and we no longer entertain our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions, but God alone speaks in us and we wait in singleness of heart that we may know His will, and in the silence of our spirits, that we may do His will and do that only." ---Longfellow

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As we begin consciously to desire a spiritual unfoldment, we find that our attitude toward the whole of life has undergone a change. It is this changed attitude that shows most clearly our growth.

Until you learn to have faith in your own divine promptings you are a follower and not a leader. The voice from within will guide you in all matters.

---Mrs. C. L. Baum

God blesses you  
as you travel the pathways of life.

## What is a Parable?

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by Ervin Seale

(an excerpt)

A certain man's business was dying. He could see nothing but ruin ahead. One day, in his despair, he got into his car and drove out into the country, aimlessly. It was the spring of the year and freshets were running. The river had over-flown its banks and had left little pools of water in the meadows in which schools of glittering fish were stranded, unaware of the fate in store for them.

The pools of fish caught the man's eye and he stopped his car to examine them more closely. It was sad to think that these bright little fish would die as soon as the pools of water dried up. The man got down on his hands and knees and began digging little ditches whereby the fish could swim back to the main stream.

While he was absorbed in this benevolent work for the fish, the thought suddenly occurred to him, "Why, I am God to these fish. Without me they would surely perish. I am their savior, I am their God."

And then came a second great realization to this man. "There must be," he thought, "a greater power and wisdom which is God to me and which will save me from perishing. Of course there is. I will go back." Renewed confidence surged through him, and he did go back, and in time recouped his fortunes.

I have just related to you a modern parable. Let us analyze it for a minute. First of all, it indicates very plainly and very dramatically that a change of the individual mind is the only difference between misery and happiness, success and failure. Whenever a constructive influence enters into a person's mind, that person will see a way out of his trouble and will thenceforth make progress speedily. This (book) is to help you to find certain truths which will so influence your mind that you, too, can renew your confidence and find the way to a good life. A parable is a story especially designed and written to accomplish this change in your mind, and, consequently, in you.

In the story just related about the business man, there are two dominant ideas. The first one is the man's kindness toward the fish. The second one is the idea of the providence of a greater wisdom and power working toward man's welfare. The first idea induced the other. A parable is a form of writing that tells a story about common everyday things within the range of every individual's experience, and at the same time draws a subtle analogy between the ordinary facts of the story and the deeper meaning which lies parallel to the facts. Literally, the word parable means, "a comparison." It is from the Latin, *parabola*, which in turn is from the Greek word which means "placing beside, to compare; similitude." Every parable is, therefore, two stories placed side by side, or two means thrown beside each other for comparison. There is a similitude between them, and the Bible reader will recall the frequent expression in the teachings of Jesus: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto" or "To what shall I liken it" and "It is like."

Thus, in every real parable, you have two stories; one is literal; the other is figurative. They lie right alongside each other, and one suggests the other. One is evident and obvious; the other is induced by thinking upon the first.

All outer facts are parables implying inner facts. Misery and happiness are not of this material world alone, but have their counterparts which are generated in the mind. We speak of coincidence, that is, two like things happening at the same time but in different places, as though it were a rare occurrence and the exceptional thing. But two things are always happening together in this life. Thought and act are always side by side, as are mood and experience. Life is a parable, for it has its two sides always parallel. ...

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"(Each) century must produce its own literature, as it raises its own corn, fabricates its own garments ... the intellectual and spiritual treasures of the past should indeed be reverently preserved and used; but they should be used as seed ... we should cast them into the ground and get the product fresh every season--- old yet ever new." ---Arnot 4

## **Creative Meditation**

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Meditation is something we hear a great deal about nowadays. To meditate, as I am sure we all know, means “to engage in thought or contemplation; to plan, to ponder, to muse, to cogitate, to reflect.” And so “Meditation” is “a *continued* thought, contemplation, or reflection.”

Do you know that most of us meditate more than we realize? That is true--- but it is not always creative or constructive meditation.

As we in Truth know, thought can create for us, either good or bad conditions or experiences. The more we think about illness, for instance, the more we produce it, because thought is creative.

Meditation creates according to the type of thinking that we entertain. We all move in the direction of our thought. We are all unfolding in consciousness at various levels of development, seeking to experience a spiritual power within that will maintain us in a high level of consciousness. This will in turn produce good experiences for us. Spiritual creative meditation can be a stepping stone to something finer for us, a better life.

We often think that meditation is sitting quietly in a certain chair, in a certain room, at a certain time. Actually, this is a good way to consciously learn to meditate. Choose a quiet place, a time when you don't expect to be interrupted, and choose the subject of your meditation. Do not try to meditate too long at a time at first, and do not be concerned that your thoughts wander from your chosen subject. Just go back to it and start over. And spend much of your meditation time in listening, because God does speak to us in the silence. Do this consistently, and you will find that eventually you will be able to meditate more often and in many different places under various conditions, some of which will not be quiet. Some people think true meditation requires a certain attitude or posture. This may be good for many persons, especially in the beginning, while in training, but actually we can

meditate creatively very quickly and easily when we have established the habit, wherever we are, and whatever the position we may be in. Creative meditation requires inner quiet, inner peace, but after we become used to meditating, we can do it even amidst noise and confusion on the outside. The quiet comes from within.

As previously stated sometimes we are meditating whether we realize it or not. Simple meditation can be destructive as well as creative. If you should have your feelings hurt, for instance, and keep thinking about it, going over and over the hurt, you are actually meditating-- but on something that will produce another hurt. If we discover ourselves quarreling mentally within about a person or a condition, we are indulging in first-class meditation--- for a poor result. If you find that a resentment or any negative thing comes into your thought, what should you do? Stop! Stop right there, and take the opposite view. Start doing some “creative” meditation.

In learning creative meditation, let us have enthusiasm, let us know that it is God in us that rings a bell in our own heart and mind and becomes a vital activity in our lives. We have to learn to let go, to relax, and commune with God. We become aware, and blend with our divine nature. As Paul Brunton, a pioneer in metaphysics once said: “When intense meditation melts the personality into the universal One-Soul, benign grace descends and creative inspiration comes.”

In planning to meditate creatively, we must decide what to meditate upon. Paul has given us some valuable overall advice as to what to do, in Philippians 4:8:

Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true,  
                  whosoever things are honest,  
                  whosoever things are just,  
                  whosoever things are pure,  
                  whosoever things are lovely,  
                  whosoever things are of good report;  
                  if there be any virtue,  
                  and if there be any praise,  
                  think on these things.

Meditating consciously, we develop our own consciousness toward the acceptance of nothing but the good. We are seeking to realize that if God is all there is, and God is good, 5

then everything must be good--- providing we can understand it and see it and recognize it. Meditation helps us to understand this goodness. This thought might be helpful: "The life of God within me urges me to express creatively and to bring more good into my world." This is what each of us is here for--- to express more good in our world, more beauty, order and harmony, more joy and freedom, certainly health and prosperity.

*If we can manage our own lives by our own thinking, by this much are we helping the whole world to rise in consciousness.*

So, precisely what do we take as our subject of meditation on different occasions? What shall we use as our seed thought? We might take just one word, or one affirmation, or one Bible verse, or some quality that we want to develop in ourselves that we feel is lacking. These are merely suggestions, of course. You will choose your own.

For instance, if we take one word to meditate upon, we might try the word "peace." We can live with the word indefinitely and expand our consciousness regarding the meaning and value of it in our own experience. I remember one of my students at one time worked with the word "light" and another one chose "joy." They both reported favorable spiritual results, a real raise in consciousness, and a growing sense of these qualities in their own lives.

We might take such an affirmation as "God is greater than any problem I ever have to face" or "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." A great favorite is "Be still and know that I am God." In fact, some of my students have told me that meditating on this particular thought really seems to bring them into the very Presence of God.

Suppose I need more patience, more wisdom, more courage, or more faith in my life? I could meditate upon the word itself, and much understanding and help would be given to me in my meditation. Or I could find a Bible verse that would help me, using the entire verse for my meditation.

For Wisdom: *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.*

*James 1:5*

For Courage: *Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.* *Psalms 27:14*

For Faith: *If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

*Matthew 17:20*

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*Hebrews 11:1*

In fact, for faith, use the entire 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews, and your faith can never waiver.

If we meditate upon these qualities and express them as much as we can, we will definitely grow into them more and more.

We want to rise up out of the human mind into a degree of the Christ mind, which is what we are seeking. Someone has wisely said, "An ounce of practical power in using the Truth that we know is worth a ton of theory." We can know the Truth only as we practice it. Growth comes by applying what we know. Our ability to practice Truth is the only valid evidence that we really understand it. So we meditate upon whatever phase of Truth we need to learn more about at the time, and we put it into practice in our experiences every day.

When we practice creative meditation, we learn to love God more, to love and forgive ourselves and any others who have hurt us. I've known some persons to meditate upon the word "Love," others who take the phrase "Love of God" or "God loves me." In fact, through spiritual meditation we learn to love every human being, because we can't help it. We love every expression of God on the earth: the animals and plants as well as all human beings. It is part of our own being to make our unity with all good.

Let us watch what we do, what we say, and what we think. In our every day life, when we are just conversing with our friends, are we giving attention to the good, the true, and the beautiful? Are we emphasizing that which is really worthwhile and uplifting and strengthening? We do not usually know what other people are going through. Sometimes we get upset by what they say or do, and yet we do not know what great problem they may be experiencing. We need to have compassion and love and understanding in all our

relationships. And we can become loving and kind and gentle and helpful and more compassionate through meditating regularly in a spiritually constructive way.

I knew a woman once who was a great sculptress. She became interested in Truth and spent much time in meditation as to her mission in life. As time went by, she gave up her art and began lecturing in metaphysics. A friend said to her, "What a shame that you have given up your beautiful skill as a sculptress." And the woman answered, "Why, I haven't given it up at all. I am using the power of mind to resculpt the bodies of the people I meet through the action of mind. They are becoming more perfect every day as they know the truth of themselves."

This is a lovely thing to realize--- that there is a way whereby we may mold and rebuild our own lives and renew our consciousness by the type of meditation we practice. And when we have learned how to rebuild our own lives, we can help others.

A certain Hindu once told me, "The spiritual life does not demand spectacular success; our sincere and sustained effort to become better individuals in all areas of life is what we are seeking. This then is the supreme task of modern man--- to move forward with invincible faith, and use failures as the pillars of progress. Turn the daily life into a continuous growth and transform empty time into lasting values and experiences."

The phrase "empty time" is most expressive. We do not want any of our time to be "empty." We can transform empty time by consciously meditating on Truth. We often quote Paul's suggestion: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of the mind." We can say this in a slightly different way, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your meditations." They will transform us.

The more aware we become of the value of meditation, the more we will be transformed. Great good is always in store for all of us if we can train ourselves to know that nothing but good can come into our lives if we are surrounded and consciously aware of the presence of God. And being aware of the Presence is the ultimate kind of creative meditation. We all know the story of Brother

Lawrence, who was meditating continuously as he went about all his tasks. Even when he was scrubbing the floor, he was glorifying God in meditation.

Our aim is to know God and to feel His Presence as closely as did Brother Lawrence. The best way to do that is to practice creative meditation.

I am the Light of the world.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

I am one with the Father.

I am immersed in the Spirit of Infinite Love.

I know the Truth:  
that God made me, and  
that God loves and cares for me.

I know that I can be transformed  
by the lifting of my thought  
into the level of the Spirit of the Christ.

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(a continuation from  
the Divine Science Bible Text Book  
by A. B. Fay)

1. "Our Father which art in heaven."

Our Source is our Father, or Feeder, that which sustains all life is Infinite, it is Divine. "In heaven," in my spiritual consciousness.

Thus I am given to eat, to be fed or sustained by the Tree of Life, in the midst of the paradise of God.

"*I Am* the tree of Life," for Christ says, "I am the life, and my environment is the heaven or paradise of God."

My source, my Life, which sustains and strengthens my thought and body *every day*, is the *I am that I am* as perceived in spiritual consciousness.

2. "Hallowed is thy name."

Thy name is Life, and wherever thy word is spoken, thy perfect Life is manifest.

Thy name of Life is holy, it is wholeness, it is unity, whether invisible or visible. Infinite Truth holds all Life in oneness. Thy name, nature, whether in God or man, is hallowed by that consciousness which understands. "I will give *him* a white stone and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."

“Thou hast not denied my name, I will write upon *you* the name of my God. I will confess *your* name before my Father.”

3. “Thy kingdom is come, thy will is done on earth as it is in heaven.”

“I will give him power over the nations to rule them with a rod of iron.”

Divine consciousness in me rules and breaks every mortal claim.

4. “Thou givest us each day our daily bread.”

“I will give him to eat of the hidden manna.”

“I am that bread which came down from heaven of which if *any* man eat he shall never hunger; if any man drink of the water that I shall give him, he shall never thirst, for it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.”

The “daily bread” is now the “hidden manna,” or it is that substance which I now am able to draw from *within myself*. I am the Source, in oneness with God.

5. “Thou forgivest our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

While we see anyone as sinful, we cannot receive consciousness of our forgiveness of sin. While we see anyone else as sick, as a reality, we cannot be conscious of our wholeness.

Until we die to all beliefs of evil or ignorance, we cannot be free from such claims.

As soon as we come up over (overcome) all that claims separation anywhere, we forgive those who have trespassed against us and are forgiven and now we see that no hurt can come near our dwelling.

“He that overcometh (forgiveth first) shall not be hurt of the second death”--- shall be forgiven all--- shall be able to put out all without “hurt.”

6. “Thou leadest us not into temptation but dost deliver us from all evil.”

“I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation. I will make thee a pillar (firm consciousness) in the temple of my God, and thou shalt go no more out.”

7. “For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever.”

By him that overcometh, personality is surrendered. The One (God) is known as all power and glory forever.

“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne.” Are we ready to sit upon this throne? Not until we are ready to ascribe to the One that is Universal all in all--- the Christ--- Divine Truth that rules the world.

There are seven divisions in the “Lord’s Prayer,” as there are seven promises to the churches.

Upon giving modestly, praying likewise.

Matthew 6

Get not by striving; learn to acknowledge that which is. Matthew 6:19-21 That which is can never be taken from you as may that which is acquired. Have satisfaction in Truth invisible rather than in appearances.

The single eye sees but one--- the Good.

Matthew 6:22-23

Acknowledge *one power*. Matthew 6:24

Drop questionings. Truth is; acknowledge it, for it is fullness now. Seek to know only God and in finding God you shall find all else. Matthew 6:25-33

Seeing faults in others is because our vision is faulty. Matthew 7:1-5

Do not force your perception of Truth upon unwilling ears. Matthew 7:6

Ask, seek, knock--- open to; since God is omnipresent, you shall receive. Matthew 7:7-8

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 7:12

Conceptions are many; all shall go the way of destruction. Consciousness of Truth, only goes in the way of life. Matthew 7:13-14

Deeds, not words, testify to true consciousness.

Matthew 7:15-20

Iniquity is separation. That thing accomplished, this belief of personal power, is not acknowledged in truth. Matthew 7:22-23

Founded upon the basis of Truth, all is enduring. Words and deeds are sacred expressions of the Eternal. That which is done from a personal standpoint is temporal only and will not long endure the tests of the Spirit. Matthew 7:24-27

He who *knows* speaks authoritatively because he is aware that not he personally speaks or teaches, but the spirit in him that is the Spirit in all.

Matthew 7:29

Jesus’ answer to the disciples sent by John with the question, “Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”

Matthew 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35

Jesus upbraids the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not. Matthew 11:20-30

A woman anointeth Jesus’ feet. “Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.” Luke 7:36-50

During Jesus’ second visit in Galilee he heals a demoniac and the Scribes and Pharisees will not accept his teaching. Matthew 9:35 & 12: 22-37

Mark 6:6 & 3:20-30; Luke 8: 1-3 & 11:14-23

“Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme. But he that shall 8

blaspheme against the Holy Ghost (the consciousness of the whole Truth) hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”

Mark 3:28-30

The individual who rejects the light of understanding, who chooses to walk in darkness, literally damns, impedes his unfoldment into the consciousness of his own being, the truth of his divinity, of his divine possibilities by virtue of his being a child of God. We see things by our attitude. Truth is passing by us now. Are we going to see it or let another see it for us--- our choice is to receive it or reject it. The will is the soul's power of choice. Jesus *claimed* his divinity.

Is the second sermon of importance that Jesus gave? Read carefully.

John 6:25-65

From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. They did not understand his message--- the bread is the substance, the blood is the Life. The *I Am* he claimed for himself is the same *I Am* that you know as yourself. It was because they thought he was speaking from the personal standpoint that they were unable to understand his words. Never did this divine man refer to his personality.

John 6:66

“Why callest thou me good, there is none good but one, God.”

Mark 10:18

The third of his three principal sermons is found within John, chapters 14, 15, 16, and 17.

“Many mansions” in the “Father's House.”

John 14:2

In infinite consciousness there are many stages of unfoldment, but each soul's consciousness has place in or belongs to the Infinite.

Every pure life “goes before” and “prepares the way” (John 14:3) by opening itself to this perfect consciousness. Thus it proves to others what each may do.

If anyone considers this a literal, visible “way” and “place,” (John 14:5) listen to Jesus answer in verses six and seven.

If he still insists upon knowing a God apart, let him understand Jesus' words, (John 14:8) “He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father.” Christ's Spirit is born in us, child embodiment of meaning.

Isaiah 9:6

God and man are one. Man's work or accomplishment in Truth is God's activity and fruit.

John 14:9

God is no respecter of persons. Jesus' personality was no more to God than yours.

John 14:12

God has respect only to consciousness.

1 Corinthians 12:9-11

In the name Divine, not in the personal name Jesus. (John 14:13-14) The Divine name is the Divine Nature; it is yours and mine as it was Jesus' name or nature.

Ephesians 1:21

Philippians 2:9-10

Luke 10:20

Revelations 3:5

The Divine Nature of which each of us is a partaker asks what it will, because it already inherits all.

Proof of love is in deeds, not in words.

John 14:15 and 21

The Comforter is Divine Understanding. Jesus prayed that his followers might open their vision to it.

John 14:16-17

Assurance that they shall understand him.

John 14:18

What he did we may do when we see him as he is, one with his Source, as we are too.

John 14:19-20

God is manifest to us, or clearly seen and felt as all Presence, only through love, conscious unity. Love keeps the sayings of Truth. “The sheep hear my voice.”

John 14:22-24

The personal voice speaks so long as the outer ear must be satisfied. When the inner hearing is opened, the voice of Spirit teaches the higher meanings of the spoken word. Happy are we when we can hear every word translated into spiritual meaning.

John 14:25-26

Not as the world giveth, not uncertainly, not sparingly, not demanding return, giveth Divine Love unto us. But giving because it loves to give; because it has everything to give; giving because we are its offspring. Divine Love gives fully, freely, saying, “All mine is thine.” God is love. John 14:27

“My Father is greater than I.” (John 14:28) The Universal is greater than the individual, though the individual is just like the Universal, is of its very substance, has received of its Life, Intelligence and Power. (to be continued next month)

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### **The Law of Indirection (an excerpt)**

**Henry Victor Morgan (from *Soul Powers and Privileges*)**

A letter was received from one who had previously written to me for help, saying: "I cannot say the specific trouble for which I asked help has been overcome, but a marvelous peace that lifts me above fear is now mine, and I can see life in the light of the Spirit."

The same day a man who had previously come to me for (prayer, for) restoration of eyesight, said: "I cannot see yet, but I am free from nervousness and far more agreeable around the house than formerly, and have actually been able to help some who were afflicted with the flu."

I might go on citing case after case, similar in nature and result that have come under my observation during the years I have been associated with metaphysical healing. Suffice it the data collected has been sufficient to convince me of the existence of a law of healing that is too often ignored and which, for convenience of expression, I have termed "The Law of Indirection."

I do not believe we will ever arrive at perfect peace of mind and consequent satisfaction of soul until we realize, in spite of all appearance, that in the economy of God every sincere prayer is answered, and that no honest effort is, nor can be, lost.

Emerson said no man ever prayed sincerely but he gained something. When we remember that we are but a part of the whole and therefore of necessity we can but know in part, our attitude toward the Mind of the Whole should be that of willful obedience and glad acceptance. Certain it is that we can never have our own way in this world until we have first let God have His way in us. ...

In the light of this truth, who would dare to speak of failure, or lack of demonstration? Often when we ... hear wonderful stories of direct and immediate answers to prayer we feel that the highest testimony has not been given; that perhaps maybe some who have worked for years to deepen their consciousness of God without any apparent manifestation, yet all the while have been taking root in the invisible and laying the foundation "deep on the base of things."...

And here again comes the paradox. The Law of Indirection leads not to a heaven in the distance, but to an eternal harmony in the Now. While we are looking for direct results we are forever baffled. When we abandon ourselves to "The Mind of the Whole" we no longer take anxious thought knowing that simple faith and childlike trusting bring us to that secret place where our spirits see the Father face to face.