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# Dedication

*To the members of The Family of LIFE & LIGHT  
and to the scattered strangers of this world . . .*

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## **1 - Constantly I Have Had to Disabuse My Mind of Old Prejudices**

Constantly I have had to disabuse my mind of old prejudices and preconceived ideas, to try to unlearn so that I could learn the better, and I hope that all of you will also attempt this salutary discipline. And certainly I have had certain advantages that you have not had, an acquaintance with I Paul, and an acquaintance with Scripture that came through my own readings and study and my comparison of it with the Message of I Paul which I pursue diligently. Further I have the training as a medium and as a mystic and I have devoted the last three years in pursuit of all the knowledge I could take in and absorb. In short, I have taken the necessary steps to prepare. I have been transported into areas that three years ago I didn't even know existed and I have unswerving faith in the future and I have a splendid vision of the New Worlds and faith in Christ and God through the Spirit to bring them about. No obstacle can daunt me, no infirmity retard me, no fall will drive me to despair. The Spiritual force is too great, my love of God too deep. As a Christian Spiritualist, I must persevere towards the goal, the task and do so for peace, justice, compassion, freedom and charity and all that that word implies.

Even if everyone on earth turns away from me, I have

no choice but to go on and I will go on whether in company or alone. People may be great, the world may be great, but there is a greater power we must all someday face and to face Him we must be prepared. I have found that the way I sought in the mystical and esotericism of The Message and its practices and exercises. The more I go on, the more dangerous it becomes and the more difficult it is to follow the path that leads directly to that place “behind the veil,” that place where the four rabbis penetrated and ended up by one dying, one going out of his mind, one becoming forever confused, and one returning in peace.

The door of being stands ajar not only for what may come out, but for what may enter in. There may be intruders, the unprepared, who were never meant to be admitted. Hard indeed is then the road of recovery and salvation. I am in this world but I am no longer of it. Freely I have received certain things and freely I have given and I need make no apologies. My tasks are many and one of them is to never allow The Message to pass into the limbo of forgetfulness. I have learned many a lesson so that I never could nor would deny the source of my inspiration. I hold fast to belief in the special mission and message with which I have been entrusted and I will contend with all the force of my being for The Message given to me to proclaim it in the face of all, whether foe or friend. Danger and toil and bitter

experience has taught me much, but nothing has taught me more than the perils emanating from false brethren, which has brought home to me time and again that the glory is reserved as a future reward of faithfulness. That is the road that Jesus and I Paul took so I can attempt to walk no other. I want no one to take me for more than they can see in me or make out of me for I am not important – it's The Message – The Message is the important thing, it comes before all other things here.

Like I Paul, I am proud of my weaknesses for it is in my weaknesses that the power of the Spirit is really and fully felt as it rests upon my life. Insults, gossip, vilification do not harm nor weaken me, on the contrary, they make me strong – as I Paul said, “For I am strong just when I am weak” (II Corinthians 12).

Still I find it difficult at times to endure unfairness and injustice, especially in those who are supposed to be my friends and fellow-workers, yet I have profited by it all. I realize that there are millions of people in this world today who use religion as a cloak to spoil the things of the truth but I do not expect any Christian Spiritualist to do this – not with The Message (though incomplete) that lies before them now.

In my zeal for God, for Christ and the task before me, I



have come to know the height and the depths, and having come at last to an inner peace and the reconciliation of my inner conflicts it is easy for me to find joy in the simplest of things and in the revelation of my true destiny. I also realize that my work will bring me bitter and lifelong enemies among the very people I want most to assist in the Way of The Message.

With perfect clarity it stands revealed what role I am to occupy and what message I am to deliver to it, my sense and grasp of my mission is profound and I am prepared to carry it out regardless of the barriers that may be placed in my way. Sooner or later it will become equally obvious to others, as it is to me now, what The Message is saying, what it wants from its adherents, and the “how” of it all. I fully realize that The Message does violence to some very deep-seated and fixed ideas and beliefs, that good men and women will be very provoked by our teaching and extremely angered by our claims, but as we all know, sooner or later the truth will out.

I fully expect to be regarded as an agent of the non-existent Devil and stigmatized as presumptuous, evil, wicked, insane and so forth. So be it, I shall not back down nor fade away and I shall never fall into despair. Furthermore, I am bound to admit that others do hold differing concepts with complete sincerity and equal

tenacity (as I hold mine) and even with such devotion that a contradiction of them, even in God's name, can be dangerous.

I recognize further that the evidence of my calling by I Paul, while valid for me, is not necessarily so for those who have not shared my experiences and become their own witness. I have come to the knowledge that The Message with which I have been entrusted is designed to allow people to become their own witness and is not a Message to be imposed on anyone in any way by any of us.

Every day that passes incidents apparently unconnected are taking place which, afterwards, are seen to blend and interpenetrate, and reveal themselves as elements of a unique and coherent design affecting the destinies of mankind and nations. The process is going on all the time forming new shapes and patterns in the entire Universe, but most rarely recognize it unless it is in some startling fashion brought clearly home to them. This constant change - changing - changed is so subtle that they slip by most usually unnoticed. The preparation phase of The Message is designed to lift the veils from your eyes and open that window in space to allow you to Awake and see through it. The reason you cannot do so yet lies in the truth that you are waiting for a magic wand or a miracle to do it for you. Don't wait for such, please, don't wait.

Truth, you see, is always suffering condemnation. It is truth which is so troublesome to this world. Christians and others affect it while true Christian Spiritualists possess it. We therefore, who have it in possession afford the greater displeasure, because he who affects a thing plays with it, while those who possess it, strive to maintain it.

Dear brothers and sisters let me conclude by making three observations:

- 1) There is a good deal of difference between imputation and a name, between an opinion and the truth. For names were appointed for the express purpose of setting their proper limits between mere designation and actual conditions. How many people are called or call themselves Christian Spiritualists, who for all do not fulfill the law of that movement. All who bear the name do not bear the name in respect of their movement but merely hold the designation without the excellence of the calling and they disgrace the real thing under the shallow pretense of its name. There is no place for people who hate in the Family of I Paul.
- 2) None but a fool believes a rumor, because no wise person puts faith in an uncertainty. In however wide a circle a rumor has been circulated, it has to have originated from one mouth where afterwards it creeps

on somehow to ears and tongues which pass it on and so obscures the humble error in which it began, that no one considers whether the foul mouth which first set it going disseminated a falsehood - a circumstance which usually results either from a temper or rivalry, jealousy, suspicions or the pure pleasure of feigning news. It is, however, well that time reveals all things and the truth will out. There is no place in the Family of I Paul for gossipers or rumor mongers.

- 3) A leader ought to be able to weigh actual conditions and realize the seriousness or foolishness of whatever it is that confronts him. He can inspire a group only if he himself is filled with confidence and hope of success.

It is profoundly true that gloom and despair are powerful foes of any movement, while confidence and hope do much to create the conditions of success. The spiritual person has sources of strength which are not visible on the surface, and while they are not so apparent as the barriers which affect him, they are as real, and must not be neglected in a spiritual view of life. They are "the things that are not seen" but which are eternal. A true leader within the Christian Spiritualist movement remains undaunted by falls and failures and continues on with patience, courage, faith, hope and love. In Peace, Joy, Love and Understanding, F.

## 2 - What the Preparation Phase of the Message is Saying to us All

Greetings:

Now let me - in story form tell you again what the preparation phase is saying to us all - all of it - “once” and “once and for all.”

You need to let the Message speak without restriction. But your mechanically repeating the words is not what is meant. Interpretation of the Message requires that you keep at a distance from your “self” - your own thoughts, valuations, expectations, ideas and listen to those actually in the Message. Only when it becomes clear to you what it is saying do you learn what it is it wants from you, what it promises you and how you are to go about it - IF you choose to!

It condemns “dumb belief,” impossible to fulfill morals, and “enforced discipline” - it throws out “religion and its systems” of laws, traditions, rites, ceremonies and rituals “en masse.”

God- Christ Jesus - Paul et al do not belong to the ecclesiastical nor the social establishment! In fact it is these very establishments that put Jesus and Paul down! Jesus was not a priest - Paul an ex-Pharisee - Jesus was a “layman” -

## Paul an Apostle.

Their followers – all simple folk with Jesus – mixed with Paul. Jesus was not a theologian. Paul's writings in part, turned into theology. Jesus was a villager – a commoner – a Jew. Paul was a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee, a Jew. Jesus stopped working – Paul went to work. Jesus didn't write – Paul did. Both knew the Scriptures – the Old Testament. Jesus was a great story teller – I Paul was not a great speaker. Both recognized only one law – love! Both were rugged and tough – not “domesticated” as the Church Christians have made them. Neither held Hellenistic styles of thought. Both upheld the special election of the Jewish people. Jesus called and taught “radical change” – Paul carried it forward. Both had eyes on the “better future” – of God's rule. Their citizenship was elsewhere – the Kingdom Come was their “eschata”! (the last things) Both had an intense expectation of this “eschata” – Jesus and Paul were not Baptists. John did that – that's why he is called the Baptist! John baptized Jesus – the act was for repentance. All the facts and all the accounts agree that Jesus became aware at that time of being possessed of the Spirit and authorized in his mission! He began by duplicating John's call – Repent – the Kingdom is at Hand. This was the “good news” or gospel. “Repent and believe the good news” was the cry! Signs and wonders were demanded – Jesus did “good works” not as signs and

wonders but to demonstrate God's Will, the well-being of all! Unlike John the Baptist's message so full of sinister threats uttered by this ascetic, Jesus right from the beginning gave a friendly, loving, joyous, free and freeing message of the goodness of God and His New Worlds - worlds of Justice - love - joy - peace! Coming not as a judgment but as a gift - grace for all. It was a liberating message not one of enslavement, oppression, poverty, sickness, and suffering. A message of forgiveness - justice - freedom - fellowship - love! He was against sacrificial worship - hierarchy - asceticism. He ate and drank and partied and rose above the law - so much so he was accused of revolution. He certainly was revolutionary - zealot means enthusiast with a fanatical leaning of a politico-social nature backed by a religious fervor. Galileans were notorious revolutionists. The Jews as a people "hated the Roman Yoke" any yoke in fact. Jesus was crucified as the "King of the Jews" and for political reasons by the Romans. Whether he was guilty or not is not the point - the truth of "why" is the truth here. His "cleaning of the temple" - his "triumphant entry into Jerusalem" - his secret and "armed meeting in the garden," etc. All these as reported as clues! The "Messiah" to the Jews the "anointed one" was to be their King! The King who was to Come!

In 132 A.D. the leader of the Zealots was Barkochba "son

of star” and was believed to be “The Messiah” by the Jews and some very important ones! He died in a battle in Jerusalem when the Jews were defeated and forbidden access to the city for centuries – A terrible blow to the Jews!

Jesus criticized the rulers – the aristocratic and the wealthy land owners. He spoke out against social abuses, miscarriages of justice, rapacity, hard-heartedness, always on behalf of the poor, oppressed, persecuted, wretched, the forgotten. He called Herod a “fox” not exactly a respect – used bitter ironic remarks about other tyrants both in government and temple. He preached a God not on the side of the rulers and established authorities but one of liberation and redemption – true revolutionary principles. He had come to cast fire on earth! The time was at hand when swords would be needed – a time of great distress and danger – there was to be no fear of those who can kill the body but can do no more than this (Luke 12:4. Matthew 10:28, Luke 22:35-38).

Yet he displays no violence in his overthrow of the status quo – no attempt to build an armed army or go storming structures! His is an upheaval all right, but one not activated from below but from above – He waited for God! He exhorted people to prepare and prepare the way! The Kingdom must be sought over all things – and all the other things by which men are preoccupied will be given to it! He



avoids all titles such as Messiah and Son of David. There is no prejudice in his message - nowhere any political motivations - no political or revolutionary tactics or strategy! No coalition with other groups! He welcomed all to God and God's Kingdom! God is not political!

He renounced power and violence and reprisals. Jesus was no political Messiah! No pretender to any earthly throne! He didn't run or fight when they came to arrest him - he gave himself up!

He was an unarmed, itinerant teacher and charismatic physician who does not inflict wounds but rather heals them. He relieves distress and disease and not for political gains. He doesn't proclaim militant conflict but rather God's Will - God's Grace - man's well-being! He doesn't slay men - he raises them to "life"!

Yes, he was a revolutionist but it was of the non-violent type! No white charger did he mount to lead his "army" but a donkey - the mount used by the poor and powerless.

His cleansing of the temple was not to take possession of it - it was a symbolical act - for what the temple stood for - God! Not money lenders and hypocrites and priests who preyed on people!

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but do not give him

what is God's!

All the radicals before him and after him have passed out of sight but not this one strange man! He lingers, he won't go away, he won't die - he haunts us all - he calls us all - he demands we listen - he won't cease demanding - he uses all the tools he has at his disposal - no matter where we turn - where we go - where we look or where we hide - he is there! He is enticing us to come! I Paul guides us to prepare only! He is to give us to Jesus Christ, who will lead us through the gate, not up to it.

Is it worth preparing for? Is it worth your effort - your self-sacrifice - your self-discipline - the hard road - the study - the work - the good works - the love - the devotion - the patience - the perseverance - the falling and rising - the putting the "triers" ahead of even your mother, father, brother, sister, wife, lover, best friend? Are you this motivated - this desirous of your true life - what are you afraid of? What is called for?

What is demanded of you and me is obedience to the Will of God and in that sense obedience consists in becoming free from all ties. You have to learn that - earn that! By preparing - what is condemned is the seeking for a place of honor - the customary order is reversed - the lowly are to be the highest and the highest the servants of All!

Subordination has to be reciprocal - expressed in mutual service!

We will go upward when the leaders lead, teach, preach, work, study and demonstrate God's Will in Action - everyone pulling their weight and more - not procrastinating - waiting for others.

You're trying to reach God by either an ascetic-pious life style or a wasted slovenly life style and this won't work - better you should try the esoteric-active life style of The Message.

You can fool human beings, but you cannot fool those of the higher and highest planes.

The way of life is before you - what you put "before" it are your barriers and only you can dismantle them. You keep looking for a magic wand. You don't realize yet that You are that magic wand! Why don't you use it - what are you afraid of?

There is only one sin - the rejection of forgiveness - God's forgiveness - where there is Justice - Mercy - Peace - Love, there is no sin - it's an illusion like disease!

The only thing that stands between you and God is "self" - it's the only stumbling block - the only barrier - the only restriction - the only blockage between man and Grace!

With Jesus, with Paul, with the Message, there is no question of merit at all – all three speak of reward but do not mean what is earned – not a reward for achievement to which you have a claim in virtue of your merit – but the reward of grace which God by His own Will bestows on us – without any claim on our part. The parable of equal pay for all the laborers in the vineyard vividly displays this truth – even a cup of water which has been forgotten, has its reward. A person who talks of merit is looking to his own achievement! To talk of recompense is to look to God's Fidelity!

Self-satisfied, self-assured, self-righteous people are hypercritical – unjust – harsh and unloving towards others “who are different” – who they label as sinners! Without self-criticism he takes himself far too seriously and his fellows and God way too lightly. People like this know “about forgiveness” but do not know what it is.

The worst enemies of Jesus, of Paul, of the Message, are those who are sure of themselves that they do not need to change – or those who know they need to change but won't.

The people who sealed the fate of Jesus and Paul and who have always distorted the Message are not the so-called “sinners” but the self-professing “highly moral” people who through their own distortion, believed they

were doing God a favor! These are the “separated” who practice “separateness” and “do their own thing” believing it to be God calling when in truth it is “self” calling and “self” following! That Jewish type of “Pharisaism” was “then” and is even “now” what was transferred to Christianity, and is exactly what must be destroyed as was the law! It is contrary to the Spirit – of Jesus, of Paul, of God of the One Message and “the one way” – the better way!

There is a point in all this you may not grasp! Jesus and I Paul after him were “different” – it is this “difference” that the Message is offering You! Not in part – not now and then – not temporarily – but eternally. You can be different, but you can’t dream it into existence – wish it into existence – pretend it into existence. It requires study and work – work and study and the sharing of all in all without let-up!

One man was chosen to lead the Way to the New Worlds and he was rejected – his Inner Circle failed simply because they did not comprehend the Message nor the Way. Another man was called to fulfill the promise in the statement, “I go to the Father – you who remain will do what I have done, even greater things.”

The second man was also rejected and his circle fell – and circles have been falling ever since. Truth can destroy as well as create. Therein lies our way and the necessary steps

to prove the tasks and the mission of the Message! What you need to do is comprehend - discern - translate and transport the truth - “self” cannot do this! Not “then” nor “now.”

In Love, Peace, Unity and difference,

F.

### **3 - Spiritualism is the life of man**

Greetings:

Spiritualism is the life of man in his superhuman relations - that is - in his relation to the Power that produced him - the Authority which is over him - and the unseen Being with whom he is capable of communion through prayer and meditation. The unseen Being - this Authority and this Power are one - in the good God and Father whom it is eternal life to know - but this is a last truth, for man - rather than a first and until this comes, spiritualism is incomplete - one-sided and more or less misleading. But Spiritualism is always the life and experience of man as a being who is dependent upon power - answerable to authority - and adapted to commune with unseen - spiritual reality.

Spiritualism is grounded in the constitution of man - for man possesses a spiritual nature. That is to say - man is a dependent being - related to a Power above him - a responsible being answerable to an Authority above him - and a spirit adapted to acquaintance and fellowship with the Great Spirit. This Spiritual nature bears fruit in human life. It is according with man's constitution that he should be appealing to an unseen Power - bowing to an unseen Authority - or seeking an invisible fellowship - or that he

should have a spiritualism that combines all these forms of action. Spiritualism is natural to man! Being natural to man - spiritualism is universal among men. But so far as spiritualism becomes a vital - vibrant - vigorous and uplifting experience - it becomes such because the living God Himself meets the spiritual nature of man and manifests himself to it - according to man's ability to receive.

Spiritualism is simply a function of the invisible part of man - not of the visible and mortal part - but that of the unseen part in which resides the ability to think - to feel - and to will. It is also a function of the heart - the affectioned nature of mortal man.

Spiritualistic experiences result in the development of the spiritual nature of man - bringing it to the highest quality in affection - aspiration - and Action!

This spiritual nature receives development in the common experiences of life - but the spiritual experience brings it to its true place as the crown of humanity. It is from the best development of this spiritual nature that man obtains his best consciousness of immortality.

Spiritualism includes self-surrender - trust - worship - meditation - prayer - and finds expression in unity and Love because it looks up to a higher power and seeks a



higher fellowship. It includes decency and induces obedience - because it looks to a higher authority. Faith-Hope-duty lie within its domain. But the great vitalizing element that gives power to Faith-Hope-duty is the Living Spirit and the actual possibility of holding and utilizing actual conscious contact with Spirit.

The glory of Spiritualism lies therein!

Spiritualism is a system of thought-feeling acts.

Christian Spiritualism appeals to all the elements in human nature as do religions - but Christian Spiritualism also appeals to all the elements of the nature of spirit - appealing with a fullness of truth and power peculiar to itself only.

All the great religions contain some truth concerning God. But the various religions of the world have not attained to truth - that is - to accordance with reality - in their conception of God and the relations of men to him - and in this fundamental sense they are not true religions! They more or less mislead the spiritual nature of man while they attempt to satisfy it.

Christian Spiritualism differs from religion in a variety of ways but especially in its truth that the spiritual life is derived from a self-revelation of the spirit within. This is

the Christ Spirit working amidst us and hence the title "Christian Spiritualist." One must completely open his mind and his heart to receive.

One must thoroughly examine and interpret correctly the contents of the revelation given in order to learn what it is that has been made known.

One must have a thorough understanding of the revelation in regards to God and man - good and evil - duty - life - destiny - faith - hope - love - unity - sin - salvation - spirit.

Christian Spiritualism is as old as man - it meets all the religious questions of humanity - but meets them with New Light.

This New Light brings help for the old hard places - and new solutions of ancient and current problems - it brings forth fresh experiences and knowledge - richer than any other men have known. The Message of I Paul has a theme of Universal interest.

Though Christian Spiritualism has the best light in the world, it should not be contemptuous of the world's religions - or rule them out as having nothing valuable - they should be treated compassionately - but their old preconceived ideas and untruths should be bared. The

knowledge they do contain is partial – one-sided – and often misleading – as it stands in human apprehension – but it is not of blank ignorance in all cases.

The inestimable advantage of Christian Spiritualism is that it walks in the light – its first fact is that spirit has willed to make itself known. Hence its task is to receive spirit and view the field of truth and spiritualism in the knowledge imparted.

To religions I Paul has said “What therefore ye worship is ignorance, this set I forth unto you.” It declares that where men have groped after a God, a God exists, a real and living God, the Father of All in All. I Paul’s methods of dealing with religions is illustrated in Acts 14 and 17. Few human utterances are richer in wisdom than his speech at the Areopagus.

God is Spirit and God has a spiritual purpose in the universe, I Paul makes this clear. His purpose is to produce spirits and make them perfect. No lower end could satisfy the Perfect Spirit. God is a Free Spirit – greater than the Universe – He is immanent and transcendent at once – a Spirit inhabiting his creation – not limited to what he is doing – able to act beyond his present acting – the personal independent God of All in All.

The Great Spirit has the Power – mysterious to us – of

guiding free beings from above their freedom - without interfering with it. The freedom of man is accompanied by a higher sovereignty of God over spirits. We know ourselves free and yet find evidence of a plan in our life that is not our own. We may seek to explain it by assuming that God predestines our acts - binds our wills - and makes of us mere instruments - but we need not.

Evidence of this higher power meets us whenever we find our lives falling into line - changing - working out a purpose that we did not form or entertain! The "power" - not ourselves - that makes "spiritualism" is no dream - but a glorious reality. Something is going forward in individual life - and in the current movements of mankind at large - that men did not devise - something so truly in the nature of purpose as to be surely the work of mind - something that accords in character with the character of Spirit - something that expresses and represents this higher Authority - Yet the manner of this higher control is above all our observations.

Mystery remains in life - and we cannot fully interpret spirit until we view it from above this sphere. At our present state of knowledge we may hesitate to affirm that everything occurs as God intends - and may equally hesitate to deny it. But the reality of this higher way over spirit we cannot doubt - and God who has long time at his disposal -

will be his own interpreter.

Faith inclines to attribute more and more to the sovereignty of God – for while unbelief tends – as we know – to see no God – Faith tends to see God in All. Christian Spiritualists now stand between these two extremes – and do not know exactly what they are to see here-after. Perhaps Faith will ultimately see that God’s guiding of men from above their freedom is perfect and universal – and that his limiting of himself by creating free wills – though real – has not deprived him of anything of the control to which his perfect goodness is entitled. But a Faith so high – if it is ever to be attained – waits for greater light than the world has yet perceived. Christian Spiritualism needs be that light and the Message of I Paul is the path leading up to it. There is a divine plan as the Message clearly tells us. Sin is never at any moment the outcome of a divine plan – it is nothing but the product of an error or misunderstanding – a material illness which has been ingrained into the minds of mankind by religion. No total light has ever come from any religion or tradition – past-present-nor shall it come from one in the future. It will only come from spiritualism – through spirit. The quest for a new consciousness is the goal and it must spring from our immediate experience in the Now. All of you are in need of someone else’s help but how can you reasonably expect such help unless you yourself are also

helping others?

You see - the spirit of man is conceived as incorporeal and immaterial - inhabiting and acting through the body. The human spirit cannot be analyzed as the body can - and we have no means of defining its essential nature. It is manifested only in Action - and only from its action can we know what it is. May you all discover this, soon. In the Light that streams from Spirit we are permitted to do our work.

Peace, Love, Understanding,  
F.

## 4 - Christian Church Sets a Tragic Example

Greetings:

The Christian Church judges every idea from the point of view of orthodoxy or heresy, and this sets a tragic example of a compulsory collectivist mode of thinking. In demanding compulsory unity of thought the Church has shut out freedom, and where there is no freedom there is no Spirit.

If Christians claim the freedom to oppose all forms of intellectual slavery, they must first of all utterly renounce the collectivistic mode of compulsory thinking in their dogmatic disputes. It will no longer do to brand those who disagree as dangerous heretics or fools. Rather, the sincerity of their dissent must be recognized. The so-called heretical point of view must be regarded as a needful corrective to the doctrines of the Church (which itself is not perfect) - That, indeed, is one of our tasks. Not until the Christian has fought his way through the morasses of prejudice to such a view will he be on The Way to the Truth. Only by acknowledging the value of dissent can Christianity even begin to solve the great task with which it is confronted - to establish universal unity. Universal Unity and collectivity are not the same thing - they are as different as day and night. Collectivism apes universal unity, it is a means of enforcing

a solution from below, whereas universal unity is grace itself descending from the Spiritual Kingdom to earth. This kind of unity alone can solve the perplexing problems of the individual and the whole earthly community.

True Universal Unity can be obtained only by way of freedom, by eliminating all coercion from men's minds and hearts. Only then can a new future for Christianity dawn - Spiritualism. Man, you see, is discoverer, not creator, and the Universe bears witness to another mind than his. Mind indicates thought. It is ignorance, much more than malice, which hinders achievement - it is not good will which is lacking, so much as knowledge.

Viewed in terms of the present then, the essence of Christian Spiritualism is involved in a struggle between rational thinking and spiritual thinking. These two modes of thought are neither mutually inclusive nor mutually exclusive. Rather, each must be assigned its proper level. Reason cannot be excluded from Spiritualism to attempt to do so is to surrender Spiritualism to obscurantism. If the dignity of man consists in his ability to think and act, the Spiritualist is certainly obligated to make diligent use of this great gift of God. We can never have too much of thinking. On the other hand, in the purely spiritual realm rational thinking is destined to perform only the lower labor, for once the work of reason is done, the Spiritualist must pass



up to the kind of thinking that lies on a higher level and embraces mysticism, and must be considered superior to purely critical thought. Such illumined thinking leads to the source of Spiritual Truth, for Spiritual Truth is always a synthesis of cognition and faith. Such thinking, with its supralogic, unlocks the great content of Christian Spiritualism in its true profundity - by it the Spiritual person may attain creative activity.

Only the Spiritualist who understands the differing functions of lower and higher reason and who knows how to use both forms of thinking, has been illuminated by Spirit, which kindles in him that higher Love through which he beholds the divine.

To be successful some things are called for. The changes for instance, in my ideas are always conditioned by outward circumstances and represent completely logical consequences in keeping harmony with the total picture. What is called for is an open mind. Another necessity is ten true people, plus two, to be disciples worthy of the name who will serve as envoys for the Spirit. Twelve, then, who will prepare, follow, come.

Certainly, the Message of I Paul is vast, weighty, complicated, esoteric, spiritual, mystical, practical, logical, vigorous, vibrant, vital, mysterious, secretive and

revealing, all at the same moment. It needs to be perused with a passion of patience and unrelenting zeal, read over and over and dissected, ingested and studied critically and expectantly with an open mind. The Message is the word of good as against evil, of power as against weakness, of comfort as against sorrow, of courage as against cowardice, of hope as against despair, of Spiritualism as against religion, of faith, of love and unity and Spiritual Power coming forth against all human evil.

It is sad, but true, that most humans are not really all that interested in the revelation of the truth – they are quite comfortable with what has been handed down to them, whether true or not. They are not interested in a knowledge of truth.

And what do we mean by knowledge? Certainly not abundance of knowledge which loads upon us a burden of knowing many things with which we can do nothing constructive. We mean “insight” when we speak of knowledge. The knowledge we seek is of inner truth related to the Spirit of man. When we pursue the Message on three levels – the literal – the moral – the mystical – we acquire this “insight.” The foundation of Christian Spiritualism is based on a foundation of Revelation and Philosophy. We endow spiritual revelation with a philosophy. The underlying ideal of Christian Spiritualism is the Unity of the

divine Spirit and the human Spirit.

In conclusion, keep in mind, that Christian Spiritualism is a movement which requires man to surpass himself.

Peace, Love, Understanding,

F.

## **5 - Love - Justice - Mysteries - Knowledge - Unity**

Greetings:

Where does Justice lie? In a community of equalities. A common sky stretches above our heads and covers the entire earth with its immensity, the same night reveals its stars to all without discrimination, the same sun shares its light and warmth for all equally. It is common to all, rich men and poor, wise men and fools, kings and subjects, free men and otherwise. God made it to pour out its light for all in order that it would be of common benefit to all - Does he not administer his justice equally to all? And everything that exists, everything that lives, are they not subject to this law of justice and equality? Certainly. Nourishment was also provided for All living beings without singling out or favoring one species over another. The same is true of procreation. There is not written law concerning it, for such a law would inevitably be false. The Father of All in All gave us eyes to see with, brains to think with, and His only law is that of love, justice, equality, unity, without distinction between male and female, man and woman, reasoning and unreasoning creature. As for the laws of this world, it is they and they alone which have taught us to act against the law. Individual laws fragment and destroy communion with

God's Law. I Paul has said "I had not known evil, but by the law," and how are we to interpret his meaning, if it be not that the words "mine" and "thine" have entered into this world through the laws, and that this made an end of all community? Nevertheless, that which God Created, he created for all to hold in common possession - all the fruits of the earth. But when man forgot that community means equality, and deformed it by his laws, on that day the thief was born. In the same way, God created the pleasure of love equally for all and no law, no custom, nothing in fact can ever banish nor suppress it from the earth because it was God himself who established it. How could he possibly give it and then take it away? He doesn't and those who teach and preach contrariwise are anti-God, for they repudiate community and teach separation.

Today, we live in a world of injustice, violence, massacre, slavery, poverty, famine and horrors patiently borne or savagely resisted. To experience misery, to let oneself be eaten away by these corrosive horrors, is a futile experience. It takes all the bare faced hypocrisy of religious morality to convince the robbed, starved and exploited masses that their trials are a blessing in disguise and will open the gates of a better world to them. That is the height to which Christianity has risen to in two thousand years.

Jesus is alone on earth - not only does no one feel or

share his suffering - but no one even knows of it - he and heaven are alone in the knowledge of it - Jesus will be in agony until the end of the world or until the New Worlds are brought about - until that time comes we must not sleep!

The evil that permeates this world today obviously cannot open any gates nor enrich or awaken any part of man whatsoever since it is, in its very essence, that which alienates all consciousness and which consolidates the false orders of the Anti-Christ.

The Christian teaching of salvation through suffering is a lie - a lie that fails to recognize - or pretends not to recognize the hypocritical absurdity of such a doctrine. It is a religious cancer that must be eliminated from the minds of the ignorant.

Suffering, massacre, starvation, disease, poverty, wars, will not bring about redemption. Evil is never at any moment the outcome of a divine plan and neither is suffering. Such hypocritical nonsense can only come from the minds of ascetics - who are something less than "fully human" and I doubt the spiritual realm has a place for such fanatics who look forward only to their own salvation at the expense of the rest of humanity destroyed in eternal fire. Pseudo-knowledge, believed to be gained through suffering, the fallacious redemption gained through ordeal,

is nothing but a lie, a lie that fails to recognize – or pretends not to recognize – the absurd and alienating nature of evil – evil is never at any moment the outcome of a divine plan – It is a material cancer which has grafted itself onto the human race and has been one of Religion's own tools, (heresiology). During this life we must forge a spirit capable of escaping evil, this need resides in every person's consciousness, yet his materialistic outlook on life is a barrier to overcoming it. Man's thinking is bound by the same constraints as his body – it collides against the same barriers. This entraps and dulls the spirit of man. We know from the Message that this dullness of the spirit – inherent in the matter of which we are composed is expressed by a simple and revealing analogy – that of sleep. Sleep is to consciousness what weight is to the body – a state of death – inertia – a petrification of the psychic forces. We sleep – we spend our lives asleep. And only those who are aware of it can hope to break down those walls of mental inertia, to awaken in themselves the spark which, in spite of all, still glows within us. To awaken, to be alert, to keep vigil, these are the recurring themes in the Message, along with love and solidarity.

The ability to keep one's eyes open, to refuse sleep, is to awaken to a true consciousness of one's real self. This sleep of the spirit is to sleep our whole lives away without

even knowing it - and without being saved from death. At this sleep-evil level a certain kind of vertigo seizes us as we catalogue the ramifications of this cancer that pervades all the earth. Hence the fundamentally corrupt character of humanity and human enterprises and institutions - time - history - powers - states - religions - races - nations - all these ideas - all these systems which man has invented - are tainted with this primary flaw. All one has to do is rationally observe the world past and present and human behavior to see this truth.

Confronted as we are with the agonizing and omnipresent evidence of evil in the world it is necessary for us to oppose something to it. In truth our world is growing into a huge schism rendering the earth. I find myself obligated by the Message to reject all the religious ideologies and live faithfully as a spiritualist, for the demands of truth are paramount, even if they lead to vilification or worse. For when one undertakes such a purging and uprooting of the consciousness, when one snatches away from man the mythological and ideological illusions which justify his choices and more often his fantasies, it is perfectly obvious that one is exposing oneself, first of all, to every kind of misunderstanding and, still more surely, to every kind of retaliation and gossip. Idols cannot be cast down with impunity, and we can see



quite clearly where the tasks of a Christian Spiritualist leads him.

In attacking religion, communism and all other forms of enslavement there is a necessity for great courage if we are to bring about the New Worlds. Christian Spiritualism must not become the end but the means by which the world is changed. The ideologies and religions of the world have had their chances and failed, soon it will be the Christian Spiritualists turn, the last teaching still awaiting its adepts and its enlightened ones. We Christian Spiritualists are citizens of another place as the Message clearly tells us but this does not mean what some of you have believed. A retreat from the world has no meaning unless it implies remaining, in fact, in the world while belonging to it at another level – it must not mean abdicating in fact of its complexity or its malevolence, but elucidating its innate laws. The path of absolute withdrawal is asceticism or suicide – both anti-God.

A Christian Spiritualist has a great love for life at all levels and a quest for a new consciousness, springing from his immediate experience and contingent on the present – the moment is more discovery than it is re-discovery. Our day is future! Only that future cannot materialize until we have dissected our bodies and completely explored our consciousness, for the important thing for us is to prepare

and break down the barriers that confront us so that we may cross over them, as into death, with our eyes wide open.

In closing, let me say this – God made the world for life, he made all terrestrial life for man, and he made man for himself. Man needs make himself for God and he does this through spirit for it is God's chosen way of bringing his intelligent creation to spiritual completion. An effort of the rational mind is called for, in an attempt to reach a logical understanding, in the light of the Message to comprehend the meaning of the world's existence and the destiny (karma) of mankind. The continual cycle that goes on eternally that represents the destiny of the Universe is that which goes from One to the All and comes back from the All to the One. Further keep in mind that nothing prevents our being natural so much as the desire to appear so, and remember that there is a big difference in loving someone and being in love. The essence of God is merciful love. There is no wrath in Him at all. He condemns no one (we do this on our own) God is incomprehensible "Agapé."

Herein we have hinted enough to your understanding – further we must for now be silent.

Peace – Love – Understanding, F.

The narratives of the Message are its cloak. The simple look only on the garment that is upon the narrative of the

work – more they know not. The fully prepared, however, see not merely the cloak, but what the cloak was designed to cover.

## 6 - The Church of the All in All and its Task

The Church of the All in All will rise, and it shall sweep aside as needless all outward preaching, ceremony, sacrament, ban and vocation and move toward an invisible spiritual church in union of spirit and faith assembled among all peoples and guided solely by the eternal invisible word of the Ultimate Spirit without any outward mediation.

The Evangelist of the Church of the All in All must never forget nor let any others forget that the formalization of "Religion" also involves externalization, and thus a tendency to falsify the truth. Therefore Christian Spiritualism must not be formed within rules and we must not fit it into a prescribed law and order, for as soon as this is done it ceases being Spiritualism.

Christian Spiritualists are in the hands of the Great Spirit. The true Gospel is not a book in the Bible, a doctrine, or a law, but the Spirit. Where God's Spirit is, there freedom must be - there Moses must keep silent, all laws withdraw, and let no one be so bold as to prescribe law, rules, order, goals and measures to the Holy Spirit, nor attempt to govern those who belong to Him.

The Evangelist of the Church of the All in All must be more concerned with truths which lie upon a higher plane than can be discerned by common sense. Has it not been said

that the wisdom of the world is called folly in God, so all things are in truth different from what they outwardly appear to be. Thus seeming and being remain opposed and the opposites need to be united.

Men are not the guardians of the Kingdom and can never be such, it must be understood as an aspect of God's Universality, whose vastness most men cannot even conceive. Only such spiritual openness as this can serve as a basis for true understanding of the Message of I Paul. Never claim truth to yourself alone. Never share in the delusion of having a unique claim on God. Never travel the common road nor follow the crowd, dare go where others fear to tread. Never steep in gloom. Every man, must always suffer sometime, die, go to the Kingdom in the Body of Christ himself, and none can suffer, die, believe, for any other, even if they do not believe in him.

Faith is a necessity simply because the sound human intellect does not always hit the mark of Truth. The truth and the Law of Christ is love and freedom. The highest truth and Law is Unity, the Law of God. These laws are made manifest in reason, but has nothing to do with crude rationalism. Reason, here, has spiritual overtones, it is a faculty illuminated by Spirit, the most precious gift, divine light.

You know that the essence of Spiritualism is the love of

God, as a supra-natural, all penetrating force – without which love all things are shallow and useless. Further, you must understand the Message of I Paul as an uprising of Christian Spiritual conscience against the falsification of the true Gospel, where the heartbeat of the Great Spirit may be felt. This is the answer of Faith, for it gives man the sense of the infinite in his finite existence.

Further, always pursue the ideal of incessant self-perfection, though it is true, that the task is of infinite difficulty, but the significant thing is the effort. The important thing is not the saying of, Lord, Lord, but doing the Will of God.

Always strive to break through into Spiritual Reality and never give anyone cause to point the finger and declare, he preaches, but he does not perform. Strive always to raise yourself upward from a rational consciousness to a supra-rational or spiritual consciousness. Remember that where Love is, God is.

Finally, let me tell you an old story. There was this Bishop, as I remember it, that tried to teach them of Religion and to teach them to recite the Lord's Prayer, but when he sailed away they came after him, walking on the water to tell him: "We have forgotten your teaching, servant of God. As long as we kept repeating it, we remembered, but when we stopped saying it for a time, a word dropped out and then

another, and now it is all gone to pieces. We can remember nothing of it. Teach us again.

F.

## 7 - Numerous Reasons for the Rejection of Traditional Beliefs

My mission as a Christian Spiritualist is to set forth the numerous reasons which can be given for the rejection of the traditional beliefs which have constituted what is generally known as religion. That rejection is becoming more and more in evidence as knowledge increases, while in the religions themselves we see the greatest possible differences of opinion regarding the truth of both “facts” and doctrines which have for time immemorial been regarded as the very foundations of “faith” and “worship.” All these various religions claim to be “the Way” and yet they are hopelessly at variance with one another and which causes bloodletting among them periodically in the name of their God!

Let us examine one of these religions and since I am a Christian Spiritualist let us examine Christianity, the religion, that is, of which I am not a member. Within Christianity itself there is no unity. The greatest differences of opinion revolve around the very foundations of the “faith” - miracles, virgin birth, mother of God, original sin, the atonement, the resurrection, the ascension, the second coming, the eucharist, baptism, the creeds, the exclusiveness of Catholicism, the infallible Pope and so



forth.

Very few professing lay Christians are aware to what an extent the commonly received conceptions as to the origin of Christianity, based on the supposed historical veracity of the Gospels, are in question today. The Christian ministries and priesthoods are certainly not enlightening them, they have too much to lose.

At the present moment of my work I am not dealing directly with these controversies outside of our own movement but one cannot ignore them altogether and therefore I will make open references whenever I find it necessary to do so. I am going to go on exposing though that the correspondence of the Bible allegories with those of the earlier mystery cults, such as for example as those of Orpheus and of Mithra and Isis, as also those of more ancient Egyptian, Aryan and Persian sources, implies many historical connections in origins - and although that at times this is difficult to prove owing to the destruction by the early Church creed-makers of every particle of evidence of this connection which they could lay their hands on, many, many still exist to prove conclusively these truths.

My present work, although not for controversial purposes or for the upsetting of the faith of others, will remain controversial no matter what I say or do. Yet, in fact,

in matters of fact I stand open-minded and I am willing to listen to all sides.

But those who have come to some apprehension of the fact that “Religious Christianity” in its traditional form is not merely open to many objections on rational grounds, but also that it is only one of a great number of formulated religions which are just as efficacious as itself for the “salvation” of the individual, I cannot adopt the proselytizing which is such a marked feature of Christianity. Insofar as Religious Christianity is exclusive, dogmatic, ritualistic, I am and shall remain its opponent. When it dares to say that the individual can be “saved” only by believing in what it teaches and in adhering to its Church Laws, I get ill. The truth is that the righteous Jew, Buddhist, Moslem, etc., has just as good a chance of salvation as does any “exclusivist Christian” - No, I believe they have a better chance, for more of the truth is on their side than with millions of professing Christians.

What I, as a Christian Spiritualist, have to offer is something much more Universal than that of any self-proclaiming exclusive religion that is man manufactured. The difference between spiritualism and religion begins here. Religion has made God in its image, while Spiritualism adheres to the truth that God created man, and since both agree that God is Spirit it stands to reason that we are

offspring of Spirit and not made but created. There is, therefore, a physical body, and therefore, a Spiritual body. One, cannot, and one can, enter the Kingdom of God. These, then, are the basic differences between this religion and Spiritualism. Christianity believes in the resurrection of the physical body which its own scriptures deny. Spiritualists know that flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven and that only the Spiritual body is “resurrectable,” redeemable. Humanity was created capable of receiving the Spirit. We were, then, created in the likeness that God willed and in an essentially filial relation to God. Mankind also was God’s sons and daughters, a race of created spirits could not come into existence without having this relationship to the Great Spirit, its creator. God’s relation to man is Spiritual and few really grasp the truth of how alike are God and man. The likeness, of course, is in spiritual composition – the difference is in greatness, range, extent of being. God made thought, love, and volition to be essentially the same in man that they are in him. The life of God is an infinite life of love, and intelligent volition, and so, upon this lower plane of ours is the life of man also to be. The powers that God has expressed in the creation have their counterpart, upon a smaller scale, in the powers by which mankind explores and understands the creation. The virtue that resides in God is possible to man, though in man it can never attain to the

ultimate perfection that is God and God alone. The divine Spirit and the human are essentially more alike than unlike – for likeness in spiritual constitution is deeper and more fundamental than likeness in range of life and action. Even the difference between infinite and finite has no power to annul the reality of the image of God in man and the likeness that resides in kinship between Spirit and spirit. It is by these two factors together, the height of the Infinite above the finite, and the image of the Infinite Spirit in finite man – that Spiritualism is fact and at the same time gloriously true. This relationship between God and man is not such that man, by growing, can become God, nor does God become man. Limits are set to man above, in the very constitution of his nature, and he cannot pass them. “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.” He may even become a “perfect man” but he cannot transcend his nature and become infinite like God. Human nature is finite – limitations are a part of it. Man does not become God and God does not become man – but we find, however, that the higher and more nearly perfect becomes our spirituality, the more we can go out of ourselves and enter into a “life” that is not our own, where we learn to sacrifice, to employ self-abnegation, self-limitation, restraint and so forth for Love’s sake. It is here that we learn to “empty ourselves” of what is natural to us, and take upon our true selves the form

of a servant and live within self-imposed limits for the sake of doing good works. Yet, it is true, that even the man of the highest spiritual type can do this but imperfectly, but all real progress toward “Spiritual perfection” moves toward the attainment of this possibility.

God created the world for life - he made all territorial life for man - and he made man for himself. Man needs make himself for God, and he does this through the Spirit through Spiritualism - for it is God’s chosen way of bringing his intelligent creation to Spiritual Unity - Completion.

Universal salvation is no arbitrary human theory. An all merciful Spirit has revealed it to man. Hope, for the “restitution of all things,” derives from “the Gospel,” although in the New Testament, scripture speaks of the “unquenchable fire” also - so that in the Bible two different concepts of the subject are to be found - to human reason these are contradictory and incompatible. The question is therefore - which of the two antithetical concepts is accepted by the “Church” Christian?

It is hard to understand how the great majority of Christians so easily submit to the idea of an everlasting hell - without seeming to recognize the horrible vindictiveness that underlies such a conception! It really indicates that “satan” triumphs and always will. That makes of their God

something less than God, not quite so all powerful - omnipotent, etc. The world's Church Christians, who believe such untruths, have granted to their Satan a great triumph, a great victory - it is hard to understand how they fail to see this and the obvious falsehood of it all. If there is eternal damnation under the "rule" of "Satan" then God is not all powerful, all loving, all truth, all unity, all intelligence. An endless hell is a fantasy, a superstition of the Christian Religion and it abolishes the entire four Christian gospels, for to abandon the good news, the hope for a single human, for a single region, there remains but an intolerable burden of death! A burden of woe - a burden of night darkness, and in that case "Christ" would not, nor could not, be the light of the world and the savior of mankind.

The Churches may not set limits to God's Love and Mercy! Regardless of this usurpation of God's Will and Grace, His Love and Mercy pursues lost spirits into the darkest dark.

To manufacture a hell, a purgatory, a limbo, etc., in which the Great Spirit itself no longer has any say to all eternity is a Christian Religion ploy - a deceitful, a dishonest, and a deliberate falsehood engineered for self-serving purposes. Christianity may have begun with God, but it has evolved into nothing better than "self." The

progress that the Spirit has called for has been ignored. Even Catholicism has upgraded itself from its original claim for its leader as “vicar of Peter” to “vicar of Christ.” I, for one, would like simply to see him (the Pope) do one thing to support this claim. The truth is, of course, he cannot. Can he give me what I cannot have? Of course not. Can he teach me anything of God, of Spirit? Of course not. There is no unity in Christianity. There is no freedom in Christianity. There is no true love or compassion in Christianity. And I mean here, when I say Christianity, Church Christianity, the Religion of Christianity. Jesus would not recognize it nor support it – I Paul would label it anathema – God must weep because of it. (My words, not I Paul’s)

Spirit and Spiritualism is inseparable, indigenous to all of humanity and without it there would be no humanity. We Spiritualists did not adopt Christianity as the Romans did – God, through the Christs, made us Christian Spiritualists – what else? Could God have conceivably made us religionists, a man made concept? Intolerant religious imperialism is not from God, it is the product of man and his claim to exclusiveness, so exclusive in fact that not even the Spirit knows of it. Catholics still believe there is no salvation outside of the “Church.” Spiritualists are not quite so bigoted. We feel there is no salvation outside of God. We leave such matters in his hands, not the hands of men! Men

fill graveyards! Spirits fill the Kingdom of God.

The Christian Spiritualist sets as his goal the Universal Unity of All in love, in truth, in God. There's nothing "exclusive" about that!

In Religious Christianity there is no social justice - no human nor spiritual equality - no true brotherhood - no true "Christ love," and certainly no peace! Institutional religions are without a doubt the most vulgar drain upon humanity. We, mankind, have never stopped paying the price for the drastic inroads that the many religions have made into our cultures and consciousnesses. Schism after schism has raped our world, with each offshoot claiming to hold "the true word of God" - what a lie - is there anything "narrow" or "exclusive" about God?

True Christianity is not a religion and never has been - it is a "Way of Life" - a "Spiritual Way of Life" - created by, conceived of, and received from the Great Spirit - God of the All in All, through Spirits.

Christian religions are interested in numbers only. Christian Spiritualists are interested in thought and actions. The one glories in its numerical growth, the other asserts with emphasis and deep conviction the result of insight, the education, in truth, of its adherents, the value of heart, mind, Spirit. For the Christian Religionist "time" is proper,



for the Spiritualist space, love, unity, compassion, life, is proper, he owns a deathless love.

I am guided by a conviction that the validity of Spiritualism is attested not by how or whom, but by what is revealed, truth, and that its preservation depends not on my abilities, but on a continuous, progressive unfoldment to meet the changing needs of all humanity, in order to fulfill the promises of the Spirit and bring about the New Worlds for one and all – believers and unbelievers alike.

This movement is to liberate mankind and to establish full contact with the Spiritual worlds. I am thoroughly convinced of one thing – Christian Spiritualism is destined, by its faith and revolutionary character, to change the face of the world. Our day is future, it lies in new frontiers, horizons which all other Families have failed to reach. We shall not fail. We will walk in the Spirit.

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do us Justice? The Message so promises. – Peace, Love, Understanding, – F.

## **8 - An Invisible Church, with a Visible Assembly**

The Church of the All in All in a sense is an invisible Church, yet a Church with a visible assembly, an assembly of those who are called and chosen as a Unity. This immediately involves a social element, a social element which is realized here on earth, for in the world those who are called are the Family of God and have as such common ties with one another.

The Church of the All in All is a purely spiritual entity, the Family of God, the body of Christ. She has her citizenship in heaven, and her home where her Head is. In this Church, however, the redeeming will of God on earth is to be fulfilled in humanity, she therefore, is to become manifest on earth in the form of a Family, and regardless of how incomplete this may be now it will materialize in the future.

Now there are many and varied religions in the world and many forms of spiritualism but there is only one Christian Spiritualism, which is present wherever the Spirit is - it makes no difference whether it be an ecumenical assembly, a local assembly, or a household community, and there is no need to inquire into the origin of this conviction, for it is as old as the saying of Jesus, "Where two or three are

gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” This saying rules absolutely and runs through the whole history of Christianity.

The Spiritual organization of the people of God can only be derived from God Himself and must therefore itself be purely Spiritual, based on Charismata which make their presence felt only in an atmosphere of Love and when they meet with recognition or willing submission.

The power of those with the Spiritual gifts rest solely on Charismata. Since the Charisma, if it is to take effect, must meet with recognition on the part of the general community, those so gifted must be prepared, for it is the Spirit who speaks and acts and not simply the individual. Only those who are prepared are inspired, and those inspired who act.

Faith in possession by the Spirit and the immediate revelations of the Spirit cannot be branded as mere “enthusiasm,” for there will be no abnormal excitement, only “good works,” action then, exclusive of all manifestations of “self” for “self” is the cage of the spirit, cramping all growth.

Now there is a “common law” for all mankind and there is also a “common spiritual law” for all of mankind, the Law of Christ. In following it up a new spirit of critical

inquiry is called for, which involves new developments of great significance in Christian Spiritualism – new outlooks and much wiser interpretations of the Message of I Paul – a new desire, then, to get at the substance and heart of things – to find out the real meaning of the Law of Christ and to secure that the life of all of mankind comes as near to meeting it as possible. It points the Way to a new equality, a new freedom, and a general recognition of the universality of all men and all Spirits.

Jesus gave a philosophical unity to all life in his teachings and I Paul carried it forward, now W-303 must strive to bring it into completion.

Now to comprehend God we must first become God, which is impossible. We can only know God is – we can and do though give God character so that we can find our archetypes in God. God's work is delegated to powers, ideas in action, and this we can follow.

It is the demand of the Message that every adherent shall always aim to be better than he is, that he shall develop his own individuality first, that he shall realize the world in which he lives, and that he shall dedicate himself, his powers, his knowledge, his ideas and above all, his sense, his character and his ideals to the development of the Family, keeping in mind that Christian Spiritualism is

dependent on mind and heart rather than ritual or secret formula.

Now it's a well-known fact that the common life of a visible society of men cannot dispense with some kind of form. The common life cannot do without some form of a legal system, all religious life has its legal systems, but Christian Spiritualists, on the contrary, depend solely on the Spirit and the truth, i.e., the Message.

A Christian Spiritualist can never picture himself as being in the same world as the secular order of the state and therefore always feels that he stands beyond the civil and legal system of the state. His citizenship lies elsewhere, yet he will utilize the secular to advance his spiritualism. Therefore, a Christian Spiritualist accepts the legal system, the secular, with "reservations."

Therefore, our vision must never be limited to this world only but to mankind everywhere, to all races and to all spirits, for the entire universe will, one day, come to learn and follow in The Way of the Great Spirit, the God of the All in All. We believe in the Spirit and in the tasks before us for we are bound in the spirit and dedicated to a mission to benefit All in All.

To know that there is a God and the doing of His will is the proper way of life acceptable to the Great Spirit - is one

thing, the doing is another. It begins by loving God and not fearing Him.

Nowhere is there a vision of the New Worlds in a Universal fellowship of races and nations, reconciled in the Love and Unity of the One Great Spirit, - beating swords into plough shares and learning war no more, and of a spiritual and physical fellowship where each and all has nothing to make them afraid, than Christian Spiritualism which offers freely to mankind the true concept of humanity and the visions of Universal Peace in the New Worlds.

All these high ideals, from the One Great Spirit, to human fellowship and peace and love and unity, freedom and compassion, and the actual manifestation of the New Worlds are what Christian Spiritualists and the Message of I Paul offer to all.

These are not matters of new insights nor new levels of awareness. They have been expounded in the most ancient of days and have remained strange and unaccepted throughout all succeeding ages. Not because they are wrong or because they lack truth, but because they are novel and distinctive and are of such truth that religions shun them and science ignores them for they cannot bend them to their self-serving uses. The Message, therefore, has always fallen into the hands of those unworthy of its truth and who

adapted patterns of thought alien to it. Others simply proved unworthy of their gifts and were stripped of them. Every single time the Message has been sent forth its receivers have allowed it to fall into fusion with other, less truthful, messages and this syncretism has always resulted in its transformation into something quite different from what it truly is.

Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Parseeism, Religious Christianity, have all resolved to go their own way. Christian Spiritualism goes only in the Way of the Spirit.

This “going their own way” by the above stated is simply of an idolization of “self” with no regards to the Spirit nor to Spiritual truth. They have all persuaded themselves that they, and they alone, are the chosen ones of God. In this deliberate, self-serving attitude, any opportunity that was offered to them of realizing their flowering into pure Spiritualism was stultified and its Spiritual future was forfeited. The truth, the origin, the uniqueness of the Spirit stands head and shoulders above that of any concept of religion. Fortunately for mankind, the Christian Spiritualist movement is not momentary and will bring the world to its necessary Spiritual revolution and bury once and for all the world’s superstitions and idolatries. Christian Spiritualism’s contribution to the spiritual progress of mankind may still be a thing of the

future, but that “Future” will come. In the meantime, we must strive, struggle, to preserve, maintain and transmit its revolutionary spiritual ideas and be a power of resistance against any wavering or idolatry against the Message. Let the world marvel at our quality of constancy as much as at the peerless truth of our message.

Therefore, I say to you Christian Spiritualists, whoever and wherever you may be, become aware of the precious prerogatives of the unique spiritual leadership with which you have been gifted. Become cognizant of your role and confident of the moment when the ideals of the Message will fertilize the world. Lay aside all vulgar egoism, chauvinism and imperialistic ideas. You are called, not to glory self, but Spirit. Let us not fail in our preparation! I concede to you that it is a hard challenge to live by faith, hope and love and to carry it into a hostile and intolerant world and in the process to be vilified, despised and rejected by your fellow humans, your neighbors, and to become acquainted by grief.

Each age of Spiritualists has paid its price - we shall not be different, except we are going to conquer where the others have failed.

Do you have Spiritual Pride? Are you aware that you are designated guardians of a precious and eternal truth? You



have been challenged!

May you Spiritually measure up to it! Remain true! Look up and see!

For what shall be said of us, a Family, whose history has raged through long, dark centuries of exile, of outrage, and indignities. Happy are we, how pleasant is our lot, how beautiful our heritage. How happy are we that we are privileged to proclaim this Message. We shall accomplish in the Spirit and the Spirit will vindicate us, one and all.

Therefore, I say to you, be a disciple of the Spirit, loving and pursuing peace and unity, loving all your fellow creatures, even your enemies, and work diligently to draw them nearer to the Spirit.

That is love my fellow spiritualists and it will serve you as well as you serve it. I leave you the practice of kindness. Use it well. Now in conclusion, let me say this: a Christian Spiritualist must live and act always as if his life were tremendously significant, as if his spirit and mind were boundless in their capacity and in their influence, reaching distant shores and extending far into the future. The major interest of Christian Spiritualism is and must always be centered in The Way and its tasks, rather than on its guide.

Yes, we stand in front of the glass, we see darkly the

face of incomplete knowledge, yet we know the burden we carry will be resolved with the coming of the New Worlds. I am left wondering but not skeptical. I have faith, I have hope, I have charity, I have the Spirit.

In Peace, Love, Unity and Understanding,

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## 9 - Interpretation of M-1-80

**(M-1-80: An Invisible Church, with a Visible Assembly)**

Invisible Church - God - Spiritual Church then.

Visible Assembly - Families of I Paul - Christ - Spirit.

Called and chosen - Present members and those to come.

Social element - Common ties, one to another, as brothers and sisters - also the well-being of man - the poor, the sick, the bedridden, the prisoners, the scattered strangers and so forth (including matters for the overall public health and well-being).

The Church as Spiritual entity (covered in 1st sentence).

The Family of God is its assembly, and the assembly is the earthly body of, the army, of Christ.

She - As entity is independent and self-contained - its assembly and itself has its citizenship in heaven, and her home where her head is (Christ is the head).

God is All in All - (Male - Female, etc.).

The Church becomes manifest on earth via those who receive the Spirit – the Family, when prepared – hence the words “regardless of how incomplete this may be now it will materialize (appear suddenly) in the future!”

Wherever the Spirit is, there is freedom and a Spiritualist.

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, etc.,” explains this.

The law of Christ = Love as the rule of life.

Philosophical unity to all life – Jesus gave a general understanding of values and reality – but from wisdom – I Paul broadened it to include all the spheres and activities, also from wisdom – Spiritual Wisdom – as contained in the Message of I Paul.

The common life of a visible society of men (human beings) must have some kind of form – the Family is our form, that’s visible – it has form – but we depend solely on something invisible – Spirit – and something visible – the Message.

Utilize the secular (worldly – temporal) – the “reservations,” pertain to anything that violates the law of love as the rule of life – and God’s will – man’s well-being – wars – rape of the earth’s resources – fratricide (one who kills his own brother or sister) etc.

We believe in a mission to benefit All (add “in All”).

To know there is a God and the doing of His will is the proper way of life, etc. - Love then - the law of love as the rule of life is to automatically fulfill God's will.

But because they are novel and distinctive - Revolutionary!

Fallen into hands unworthy - why? - God won't do for man what man can do for himself - Prepare - Follow - Come!

Prerogative - Right - Power - Privilege!

The Spirit will vindicate us (just as it did Jesus and I Paul).

Be a disciple of Spirit - Love - promote Peace and Unity - everywhere - and proselytize I have the Spirit! The Spirit has me!

## 10 - Mission - Tasks

### Greetings:

The Christian Spiritualist community has a mission and one of the tasks of that mission is to show a higher order of life and a humanity and Spiritualism unattained. As yet there is no such a community but there will be in the future and its work will never be finished. This is not at variance with those conceptions of Spiritualism which regard nurture and permeation of the universe with Christian Spiritualist ideals. The truth is Christian Spiritualism nurture, rightly understood, means transforming a human being who can fight and fight successfully the evils of the world, in whatever form he or she happens to come into collision with them. The only reason for our preparation, or at least one reason, is to train ourselves in the knowledge of Christian Spiritualism so that we can successfully carry out the tasks of the Message. Of course, it begins in the conflict with “self” for personal standards, and a conforming with the teachings of the Spirit. But it can hardly stop there.

As a matter of fact, with a fully matured Christian Spiritualist it never does.

The vast majority of religionists who simply go through the motions of Christian or other type of worship are simply

parasites who live on the labor of the fighting minority who express the real nature of true worship and dedication. They simply enjoy what the few gain and hold in the death struggle in which the genuine Christian Spiritualist of the universe is always engaged. They count for whatever the paper strength of a modern army may mean, as contrasted with its effective strength. The effective strength of Spiritualism is that portion which is actively engaged in creating the forces which can compel the extinction of the things with which true Christianity is at odds with.

It does not follow all this either that Christian Spiritualism means war-likeness or violence or force. We must not use the crude weapons of force. Our war may be a war of the printing press, of our knowledge and ability to use the Message, our use of individual Spiritual gifts. It may mean the agitation of this or that revival crusade or it may mean a scholarly search into original Spiritual manuscripts and the thousands of theological works dealing with Spiritualism and religion in all their phases and at all levels.

But all these are but the forging of the instruments that must mean, in the end, the destruction of something with which Christian Spiritualism is everlastingly at war, namely the evils of the world. Sometimes the relations of these things are not perceived and theological labors become mere pedantic studies and revival crusades become

emotional debauches. But at their best, both are a part of the propaganda which looks for the regeneration of the world, not by compromises, not by modifications of the world's program of life, but by the destruction of the evils of the world and the substitution of righteousness. A proper appreciation of this fact would destroy the peace of mind of many persons and it ought to. The decline of ecclesiastical authority and power, notwithstanding the immense augmentation of the righteous forces of the world shows clearly what happens when the true nature of true Christianity is not understood.

When religious Christianity through its representative institutions become the champions of the existing order, no matter what the order happens to be, and apologizes for it, or merely explains it or in fact does anything but assail and try to destroy it, institutional Christianity properly become themselves the subjects of the attack of the expanding righteous life of the world. At this stage of the world's history, that expanding righteous life is the true Christianity at work - Spiritualism! Sooner or later the institutional religions will adopt the true Christianity which heretofore they have ignored or compromised.

The aggressive character of Christian Spiritualism becomes more accentuated when it is remembered that it is, in the end, a form of collectivism. Perhaps this is the



simplest and most accurate way of stating the fact. But even a casual reading of the Message of I Paul reveals that the Spiritualism of Jesus and I Paul contemplates vast personal improvements and a drastic program of personal self-control and self-improvement and self-development which are but preliminaries to a larger program which is called the creation of the Kingdom of God. Concerning the exact significance of this term it is not now necessary to speak. It is enough to say that it is a form of collectivism and the only purpose of the individual enrichment or growth is for the perfection of the social whole called the Kingdom of God. It is also to be noted that this collective idea is not a federal thing, created by agreement and sustained by statutes, but arising from the nature of humanity and Spiritualism and the necessity of the case. It is therefore, not a voluntary matter at all. Christian Spiritualists are not a voluntary group held together by voluntary association. They are members of the Kingdom because they are organically members one of another and the completion of the life of each is dependent upon the redemption of all.

Here again, we have presented to us the most powerful of reasons why Christian Spiritualism can never be at peace and why in its nature it must forever be in the field of an eternal conflict. Self-realization on the part of the individual means that he must be forever on the search for

the remaining members of the group, who without him cannot become perfect and without whom he cannot become perfect himself. He must, therefore, be forever breaking down the impediments to his union with what is his ultimate life, his own self-completion and self-realization. The other members of the group must be at the same business. The group comprising all humanity makes this task as worldwide as humanity. Hence the individual can no more think of himself apart from the rest of mankind than an arm or foot can think of itself apart from the human body. Indeed the body is the figure employed by I Paul to express the organic union of all Christian Spiritualists. The net result of this conception is merely that it enlarges the area of controversy. What might easily become a clan or race or national conception of Christianity, is thus kept down in the view of a human Christianity which embraces all of mankind. This means war not only with those institutions which separate nations from realizing their own social and human solidarity, but hardly less war with those that separate nations and languages from each other and keep the human race divided into groups more or less alien if not absolutely hostile. The firing line, to continue the military symbolism, is thus far extended. Even supposing peace to have been secured at home, the war must be carried on abroad. It is easy to see from this that there is no end in sight

of this struggle even with the elements of the contest. The war begins with the individual himself struggling for spiritual self-mastery, extends to the group where he happens to be, widens out to the nation and finally to the whole world. And as before stated even then there is no peace, since a perfected world is at the moment unthinkable and every fresh development which requires the readjustment of human relations according to justice and fellowship requires the realignment of the forces throughout the entire world.

The immediate effect, however, of the collectivist conception of Christian Spiritualism is to emphasize its social obligations. The individual hardly recognizes his personal duties and possibilities then he is plunged into the question of social responsibility and this confronts him at the threshold of his Christian Spiritual consciousness of himself. It may almost be said that his Spiritual self-recognition and his recognition of all of his duties are synchronous. At all events for practical purposes they cannot be separated and some thinkers have held that Spiritual self-recognition is itself proved only by the discovery of social duty (the path to becoming fully human). However this may be, there is injected at once by this knowledge into the life of the individual Christian Spiritualist a permanent source of unrest and anxiety for the

future of his fellow creatures. For better or worse, he is launched on a sea that knows no shores. No single human creature is beyond the imperative which is thus forced upon him. All men become classified to this Spiritual consciousness as either expressing and forwarding this quest and anxiety or denying it and refusing to be bound by it. And this classification inaugurates the struggle in which one or the other conception must perish. It is the collective conception of Christian Spiritualism that will finally teach the world the true nature of Christianity.

So long as religious Christianity confines itself to the business of merely producing admirable persons, amiable, attractive and honorable but with no interest or ambition for the subjugation of the rest of the world to the Christian ideal, the existing order will have no particular use for Christianity except as a periodical salve for its most festering wounds. But the moment it becomes imbued with the zeal of its real essence, it will become surgical in its excision of what is repugnant to its collectivist ideal and then the war will begin with vigor.

From all this it must now appear clear that the controversial nature of Christian Spiritualism shows that its struggle is not merely for victory, but for possession. That it is not merely for the right to be in the world unharmed and unhindered, but for the subjugation of the world and all of

it. Nothing can be left untouched. Nothing can be left alone. A new world means exactly that, a new world. It has taken ages for Christianity to get at some things and now Christian Spiritualism will finally take hold of them. There are many things which have not been touched yet, but it may be affirmed absolutely that there is no phase of human life or activity, no possible department of humanity's manifold interests which sooner or later will not be brought into the foreground of the Christian Spiritualist's consciousness and there made subject of the scrutiny, that involves a life or death struggle. Postponed, with reference to any wrong does not mean that it is either forgotten or overlooked. Its day will come. Tardily perhaps but surely, the fight comes on. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. Christian Spiritualism does not contemplate instant peace. It does not contemplate instant contentment. It does not contemplate instant satisfaction. Its ideals of today can vanish overnight into new ones tomorrow!

A controversy that must emerge in the extinction of one of the contestants involves perpetual revolution. In individual behavior and ideals this is perceived clearly enough when confined to simple things. There is no middle ground between truth and falsehood when the issue is simply one of fact. But while Christian Spiritualism's conduct is not a simple matter and is largely based upon

probable reasoning, the question of allegiance to a Spiritualist ideal or not is a simple matter that can be determined with almost mathematical precision. It is equivalent to a civic oath of allegiance or more. Such an oath does not prescribe a standard of citizenship nor define all the duties of a citizen. It merely requires that there shall be loyal adherence to one master only.

In a similar manner Christ's demand for discipleship calls for no specific declarations of policy in personal deportment or relations to mankind. It does indeed declare that men shall be governed by the law of love, but how that law shall be applied and with what variations of force or method must be left to the individual judgment. Every attempt to require uniform standards has failed and will probably always fail, no such requirement therefore is ever likely to be asked. But there is no such lassitude in the question of the acceptance of the law of love itself. The individual accepts it or rejects it. That is a simple and thoroughly intelligible transaction.

Now the acceptance of the law of love as the rule of life is a revolutionary performance. There may be many moments of confusion as to the practical expression of the law, but as to the finality of the law itself there can be no confusion. The earliest and the latest true disciples of Christ have seen this with equal clearness. For the earliest it

frequently meant persecution and death. It could mean these things for their modern equivalents. The person who makes the law of love his rule of life is a revolutionist in modern society. In spite of the vast philanthropies of our modern world he knows that it is possible to have all these things, and be without love.

He knows that vast professional and personal sacrifices are possible without love. He knows that enormous learning is possible without love. His demand penetrates for himself and for all individuals deeper than any philanthropy or any institutional service. He knows that many a person can give his body to be burned and have not love. The demand of love exceeds every one of these things.

He must therefore seem to the mass of men, who point to good works of various kinds to schools, hospitals, libraries, research foundations and the like to be a fanatic who cannot see the Christian Spirit actually at work.

Yet he is right and they are wrong.

There is not a syllable in the gospels which can for one moment justify the substitution of institutional philanthropies however great, or charities however wide and helpful, for the personal self-subjection to the law of love. That the genuine disciple of Christ is a revolutionary is absolutely beyond question. There is nothing in the world so

exacting, so penetrating, so intolerant of any substitution of a spurious thing for the real thing, as the love required for discipleship of Christ.

Nor does this conception involve a pharisaic attitude on the part of the true disciple. He asks nothing for himself having already made the supreme sacrifice. He wants no rewards, he fears no penalties. He has made the revolution successfully in his own heart and will, and cannot profit in the slightest degree by sitting in judgment on his fellow creatures. But he cannot blind himself, being in the light, to the darkness round about him. Seeking righteousness himself under the rule of love he must simply demand from all others what he has done himself. He has lost his life to save it and he sees that there is no other way. There is no truer test of the validity of discipleship than this recognition of the revolutionary effect of genuine Christianity. It is this fact which accounts for the separative nature of Christian Spiritualism! Why? The exactness of righteousness, the obedience to the law of love as a rule of life. On its practical side it is not even required of in most churches. Commonly, the adherence to some church laws and the adherence to some vague theological statement is the most that is required and the candidate would probably highly resent any inquiry into the moral quality of his business relations or professional standards, for instance. It is enough,



ordinarily, that one does not openly violate the statute law.

The meaning of all this is, that for most of the modern religionistic Christianity, the Spiritual teachings of Christ have lost their revolutionary character and are therefore not Christianity at all.

Anybody can be a Christian religionist, from the best of people to the worse. The truth is the New Covenant gives no warrant whatever for the ordinary kind of examination for "Church" membership. It gives though many kinds of authority for the kind suggested. In the very earliest stages of the movement's development, such an examination was made and discipleship involved life itself. The earliest followers could say truthfully, "Lo, we have left all and followed thee." In general, it may be said that when Christianity became identified with the Church or indeed any form of institutionalism, its essential character began to be obscured and corrupted.

Christian Spiritualism doesn't have any of these problems. Of course we too do not reject any one from membership either, we don't have to, because the Spirit itself will do whatever rejecting is absolutely necessary and in its own peculiar way. Christian Spiritualism must help Christianity recover its own conception of itself. It must mean a revolution for every individual who embraces it.

This revolution will take on as many forms as the individuals themselves. But it will be a genuine revolution in each case and it will be decisive enough to make the individual, thus revolutionized, easily distinguishable in his own circle, because of the change which has been wrought. In our modern life, all such distinguishable features in personal behavior have been reduced to the minimum, where they have not been obliterated altogether. The Christian churches and the world are so much alike that they have no line of demarcation.

There is not in this view a plea for any silly asceticism. This is not needful to the accentuation of the difference between the disciple of Christ and the person not so obligated. There is no call here for the regalia of penitence, of humiliation, or indeed any sort of public exhibition of the believer. Such exhibitions even were they proposed would be discredited at the outset. Nobody believes in them any longer and they form, merely, insofar as they exist, the ecclesiastical playthings of immature spirituality. But there are numberless methods by which such differences may be made manifest. For example, the anxiety of a businessman to maintain his credit and to meet his responsibilities, is a vastly more complicated thing, per se, than the effort of a man to emphasize, what his Christian character should be. The latter should not require effort, much more extended or

persistent than the former. But the businessman will not fail of the former, because his credit is a vitally necessary thing, and failure to preserve it leads to bankruptcy. The expression of Christian discipleship, however, not being attended by such immediate results and Christian discipleship itself not being understood as involving a righteous revolution, is neglected and finally disappears. Even this is not the worst result. The very capacity for its expression disappears. The only possible meaning of this is the real Christianity itself disappears and in its place remains a fetish which simply persists, if it persists at all, through custom or want of interest to change!

It is important to note in this personal revolution, which is the only genuine evidence of Spiritual discipleship that it must be in terms which the non-Christian and Church Christian can understand. This is the reason why religious exhortations, public prayers, ecclesiastical exercises and the like, interesting in themselves, have no evidential value with the rest of the world. Do not the hypocrites do the same? Therefore, the revolution must be in forms which unaided human nature can instantly understand and assimilate and which bring with them no interrogations. Feeding a hungry man is an act which admits of no ambiguity as to its nature. It does not indeed betoken the law of love as the rule of life, but hunger and

want of food can be immediately correlated as cause and effect. The same thing is true of most of the Christian virtues. A pledge of a thousand dollars has no such evidential value as the giving of a cup of cold water, in person! One can be understood as a personal relation which the other cannot. Nothing can take the place of this personal relation and this personal expression of the discipleship of love. That is what makes it so revolutionary and so exacting. That is the one thing which modern religious Christianity finds it hardest to secure from the Church. That is the reason why modern Christianity has so few tokens that give it authority in the minds of men throughout the modern world.

Emerson wrote somewhere that an honest man appearing in a drawing room produces an effect like that of a bull in a china shop. The Christian Spiritual disciple being an honest man and something more, produces the same dynamic result in society. As all the shams, frauds and pretenders instantly fear honesty, so all injustice, privilege and wrong fear the advent of the revolutionary, who has made the law of love his firm rule of life and Spiritualism his goal. It used to be said that this country could not persist half slave and half free.

It is even more impossible that some of society should be governed by the law of love and some of it refuse to be so

governed. These two elements are engaged in a war of elimination via the Spirit. Once having triumphed in an individual, the law of love seeks other individuals to conquer and with each conquest endeavors to extend the area of influence and authority. This is the explanation of how the Family of I Paul will grow - collectively. When a group of individuals once sets up this higher standard, the flood gates will open and collect. Resounding contributions and the very success of Christian Spiritualism will be gradual but assured if only we remain loyal and devoted adherents to the law of love as the rule of our lives. Sooner or later we will have to obey the command to go into all the earth! Into all the earth with the truth to undo what the religious missionaries have falsely done, and to conquer other non-believers.

The religious churches have simply refused to look at the failures at their very doors. They forget the corruption of the true message and more and more they are steadily forgetting the cries of the hungry, the wails of the oppressed, the bondage of many, the plight of the poor, and the helplessness of the infirm. Genuine Christianity must rudely wake them up with criticism and assaults. When enlightened Christianity outside of the religious churches begin to pronounce them thieves and despoilers of humanity, the religionists will helplessly look on,

wondering just how it all came about and at that moment they will have gotten no further than looking around rather helplessly and wondering what we are all about.

We must be prepared to tell them and to prove it! But if the churches had simply followed the true message faithfully they would not need then be surprised. Personal revolution ultimately means social revolution, in order to bring about the temporal new world. A bull in a china shop means broken dishes, or it means a bull expelled or slain. An honest man means a fight whenever he comes into collision with dishonesty. Truth can both create and destroy, something the Message of I Paul told us very early in our preparation. A Christian Spiritual disciple in the presence of the evil and misery of the world, who knows, as he must know, that all the misery of the world is directly and inevitably allied with all the evil of the world, has no other alternative, if he is to save his own life, but to inaugurate a fight. It is not a matter of choice. To be himself he must fight. All genuine disciples have to take the attitude "Here I stand, I can do no other. God help me!" And be it understood that this stand is not that commonly called militant. It is an inevitable thing like the battle between light and darkness. Evil and righteousness are mutually exclusive. Only casuists and time servers can find a twilight zone of piety, where evil and righteousness can co-exist. Genuine Christianity

recognizes no such zone, at least not consciously. But the religionists not only have such a zone, but broadly speaking it has no other. The “Peace” of the Church religionists, about which so much praying is done and which means in practice the zealous covering up of so much scandal, dishonesty and double dealing, and which is really the abandonment of true Christianity. True Christianity is therefore not only a personal revolution but also a social and Spiritual revolution, in order to bring about the New Worlds. It can leave nothing alone! Its very nature prohibits it to permit anything which can hinder the individual revolution, which is its primary essence hence it is socially as revolutionary as it is personally transforming. This is not generally denied, but the method is supposed to be one of “gradual permeation” of society by Christian ideals. This would be satisfactory enough, but if you have no Christians illustrating the true Christian Message, if you have religions which make no demands that its members shall submit to the law of love as a rule of life, if your conspicuous religionists are engaged in loathsome industries and despotic monopolies, in which millions of helpless humans are ground to powder and lost to every reasonable conception of happy useful experience, how in the name of all that is true and of good report are you to “permeate society” with genuine Christian truths? Could hypocrisy go

further than that? Is there a greater illusion possible to the human mind than that you can regenerate society, through people who are judged by every ordinary standard of reason and insight, themselves unregenerate?

“By their fruits you shall know them,” is the indignant response to this passionate plea of the man, who is really under the law of love. But what fruits? Hospitals, schools, libraries, art galleries, philanthropies, what do all these signify if not the permeation of society by Christian ideals?

In the first place, it may be said that many of these things, and more, are not on Christian foundations. In the second place, we have arrived at a point in the righteous and Spiritual life of the world where we ask where and how the man who gave a million dollars or indeed any large sum to charity, where and how he got the money. It's simply a question as to whether it was gotten under the rule of love or otherwise. The whole point of this is that it is pretty difficult to call yourself a true Christian - a Spiritualist then - if you cheat, steal, swindle and so forth. How do you reconcile your Christian Spiritualism, your discipleship with membership in a corporation, for instance, that's under indictment for some criminal act?

The truth is that the religious leaders have long since ceased asking such questions of practical righteousness



simply because the Church religions no longer require the personal revolution and hence are totally unprepared for the new worlds, the revolution which is inevitable. But such questions should be asked, the fact is that it is something much more revolutionary than the most revolutionary of all social doctrinaires. It would be Christianity trying to utter itself in the modern world. It would be Christian discipleship trying to get back to its original meaning and intent.

There is no essential difference between the terrorists who blow up innocent people all over the world and the so called Christian stock manipulators who rob the poor of their innocent investments, for they are all of a kind when judged by true, genuine, Christian law, the law of love. The simple truth is, that the law of love as the rule of life is non-existent among them all. The only reason why the condemnation falls with so much greater force upon those who have the wealth, is because these, for the most part, happen to be connected with religion of the Church and profess to be under the law of love. That is what usually makes them the more natural targets of assault. The professional revolutionists have long since abandoned the Church for two reasons, first because they do not themselves wish to be judged by the law of love and secondly, because it is already so heavily mortgaged to their opponents. But the moral difference between these classes

is entirely negligible. From these conditions it may readily be seen why the Church religions have had so difficult a task in finding themselves on the larger questions of righteousness and life and true Spiritualism.

Having lost themselves in the matter of personal revolution, they have nothing by which to measure and recognize the larger problems of life. They have even lost to a great degree the posture to estimate their own condition. This is the reason why Church religion discipline has almost entirely disappeared. A religion of today would probably remove from its membership a person who has committed some flagrant offense which was a matter of public knowledge. But if it did it would not be acting because it felt itself constrained to maintain its attitude toward the personal revolution required and everywhere insisted upon in the New Testament. It would be because it was brought into public disrepute. Its respectability would be endangered and probably its economic status would be injured. But beyond this, there is no Christian religion discipline and the reason is not far to seek. Economics and numbers!

Who, then, shall pronounce upon the Christian discipleship, where the idea has become so obscured that the stock rigger and the industrial despot may not be mentioned without risk of a Church convulsion? Who shall

speaking, where all are afraid? Or who shall speak, where the standard has been so corrupted that no one can read his title clear? The most striking fact in connection with the ecclesiastical life of today is its moral anemia, due to just these causes. But it is not strange. Its demands are no longer Christ's demands. Its requirements are no longer those of the revolutionary Christ.

And if, to these facts are added the moral and financial bondage, often represented by the facts that the very sanctuary itself is built upon the foundation of iniquity and the slaughter of innocents, why should anyone heed what the Church religionists say or be interested in what the Church does? The Christian religionists really have no interest in anyone but themselves and the same can be said of other religions also. But once let them become genuine in the sense in which Christ made it to consist in the law of love as the rule of life and something revolutionary will take place. The old formula will not do. The old practices will not do. The mumblings and prattlings that pass for religious worship will instantly sink to their true level. Then there will be a fight. Peace in the conventional sense will be gone. The restless quest for the law of love as the rule of life begins, and in that search there is no ending.

The family of I Paul must lead that search and we must become prepared to do so, especially you three. You must

provide the leadership and the example for all others. The more visible you become, the more invisible I will become, yet I'll always be there when you need me, to guide, to prod, or whatever and you will always have the protection of the Spirit and the Message of I Paul to guide you. There is a wide spread belief that the earliest disciples of Jesus were also creatures like the fictitious Christ of the dogmatic religionists, persons mooning through the world looking for heavenly visions and miracles and dreaming their lives away in contemplation of other worlds than the one in which they lived and moved and had their beginning.

From the Message of I Paul and indeed from the New Covenant itself we know how untrue this all is. They worked and labored hard for a message. What was it? I give the Message, which is as old as Christianity, and which is true, genuine Christianity, "Civilization must be born again."

What Jesus and the message describe as the regeneration of the individual, civilization must experience now in its collective life. Socially, Spiritually, institutionally as well as individually, we must be born again! Let every rational being bear witness that all of civilization must be born again! And why? Because it has no heart! It has not had in spite of its philanthropies, in spite of its endurance, in spite of its science, in spite of its culture, and in spite of its education, the new heart which Jesus stated to be the basis

of the new world in which righteousness was to prevail. Again the Nicodemus of old stands before the master and is asking once more, "How can a man be born when he is old?" But as relentlessly as of old the reply is, "You must be born again." Civilization must begin anew. It must now be satisfied that it cannot continue to live by the old rallying cries or persist accordingly to the old formulas and survive. We must be lifted to a plane of life and action, ideas and Spiritualism where the knowledge of the world will no longer give their best products to the perfecting of instruments of destruction and leave the worlds civilization back in the barbaric ages. We must first have a civilization which can distinguish between man and the things that pertain to man and his well-being. We must have a civilization which will not utter platitudes to the reason and conscience of mankind while it sharpens its tools for the ever-recurring lapse into savagery and slaughter. Yes, civilization must be born again, it is the way to the New Worlds.

Civilizations new birth must begin with the Church of the All in All. This is the natural, the logical, in fact the only place for the regeneration to begin. It can begin nowhere else because there is no other place where the ideas and ideals of democracy can have their necessary and natural trying out and comparative value ascertained as in the

righteous and Spiritual fellowship of a community which is truly organized on the basis of the law of love as the rule of life and which is genuine Christianity at work, Spiritualism. As it advances it will enlarge instead of destroying life. It will in its advance bring light instead of darkness. It will revive the faith and hope of millions of human beings who now have neither hope nor faith of any kind. It will call into being forces which now are not dreamed of, being impossible in the existing order and useless in the face of prevailing maxims of human life and behavior.

The struggle will, when it begins, purify, cleanse and enlarge instead of destroying life. It will be a movement, not over fields of slaughter, but a microscopic search for every fragment of humanity that is not feeling its divine birthright in order to make it feel its divine possibility and capacity. It will be a campaign, worldwide and minute, for the whole of humanity and for its building up in the proper uses of human life, not to be ministered unto but to minister. The multiple phases will not be wanting even in this humane and worldwide war of love! The dirt, the disease, the shame, the misery, the grief, the greed, the helplessness, the hopelessness of the human world are not to be conquered but to be set free by and in the Spirit. Those persons who imagine that such a task will not afford a sufficient area for the exercise of the more physical and

energetic qualities of the race have little conception of what genuine love demands and what the tasks involve. Let such a person simply try to lift up, and make sweet and wholesome and righteously clean the humblest town of the land and he will have a problem that calls for a Spiritualism which will make the most sublime battlefield seem foolishness.

For, be it known, he will not have to face cannon, but the daily grind of small-minded prejudice, the corroding waste of preconceived ideas and of misunderstanding and petty tyranny, the anger and wrath of insufferable jealousies, and the heart-breaking disappointments, constantly recurring in finding that work supposed to be finished must be done over and over again. He will find that he must do all this with patience and kindness and the love that suffereth long and is kind. He will find that he must overcome not only the enemies in front of him, but, not less, the enemies behind him, in the shape of the blind and passionate friends of his cause who imagine that with violence and without reason of judgment, they can match the lies of the enemy with lies for the truth. How often has the righteous cause been defeated thus by its very friends, who simply seeing what seemed to them the effectiveness of the weapons of the enemy could not resist employing the same weapons for their own cause!



The serious Spiritualized person will guard as the citadel of his own mind and Spirit and the righteousness of his cause the motives of his own heart. He will not stand with fools or liars when they lie for him and his cause. All of this, of course, will call for all his mental, physical and Spiritual energy and it is where his preparation will come shining through.

The Christian Spiritual Families and the Church of the All in All have had to be reborn again many times over the past two thousand years. The righteous element of this movement, which will be the real custodians of its truth and the real bearers of the Message and the true expounders of the genuine gospel, will never be forsaken and never fail to achieve its work in the final reckoning.

When millions begin to ask themselves what the liberty of true, genuine Christianity means and they begin to demand the freedom wherewith Spirit makes them free, then you will know that the rebirth has begun to take place and on every hand the process is making itself felt. These symptoms will be the heralds of the New Worlds and the fulfilling of the Message's promises.

So you see, the world we live in, has long ago lost its virginity and today the components of the universe are submitted to the hands of mankind, which for the moment



remains limited and awaits for man to transform evolution into revolution. This calls for a radical change in the conditions and nature of what we call knowledge.

It calls for man to completely throw out all he calls tradition and to turn his back on all religion, per se, for true knowledge cannot be sought only in the past but must be sought also in the future. Our day is Future! Man's task is therefore more one of discovery than re-discovery!

A Church, a religion, cannot save - God, the Great Spirit saves through our Christ.

The Message of I Paul is a permanent protest against institutionalized religion everywhere in favor of a genuine Spiritualism in and of the Spirit and the spirit of mankind everywhere throughout the Universe. There will come a day when there will be no dividing line between Christian Spiritualists and all others, for the same Spirit over All in All is rich to all that will call upon him, do his will and prepare, follow, come!

Love,

F.

## **11 - A Community Called of Spirit and Ruled by The Spirit**

Greetings:

A true Christian Spiritualist knows that he must live by the law of the Spirit, i.e., love as the rule of life. Further, he realizes, that he must obey God's Will rather than men's and he must also yield unconditional obedience to the promptings of the "Spirit" and the teachings of the Message in unity, one as another.

Further, the Evangelist, the Teacher of Teachers, the First Counsel and the Inner-Circle will eventually become a community practically living together as a Family, Spiritually of course. The true Family of the Spirit in whose midst the Spirit will eventually appear, and to whom all the rights and gifts of the Family of the Spirit belong - a heavenly fellowship which will appear suddenly in this age, only for a short space. I know that right from the beginning all these and many other conceptions have floated confusedly before your minds so now I remove some of the confusion.

Probably never before in the history of the world has a society appeared so suddenly and armed more abundantly and more elaborately equipped Spiritually as will the Family

of I Paul and the Church of the All in All will be.

Further, the transformation of the Family of I Paul into the Family of the Spirit, worldwide, will be an actual fact before the world even comes to recognize it. Further, the Family will, at that time, consist of the following: First the Evangelist, secondly the teachers, thirdly the Counsels, fourthly the Inner-Circle, fifthly the Prophets, then the healers and the general membership. None of the above, of course, is to have absolute authority simply because they will be under the guidance of Spirit. There must be individual freedom, unity and equality. Further, the first six categories listed above will also be known as “disciples” and they will all be charismatic, i.e., their calling rests on a gift of the Spirit, which will be a permanent possession for them. Furthermore, the first six noted above are commissioned to the service of the community and the laying on of the hands and of the giving of the Practical Proof of the Spirit in their midst.

There will be great but gradual transitions in the history of the Family of I Paul and the Church of the All in all – a phenomenon which will be unique in the whole history of Spiritualism – the first which will be the transition from Falmouth.

Further, as factors in the work of the entire

organization, which will become fully operative in the future, we can foretell three separate groups:

- 1) The authority of the inspired, “Speaking the word of the Spirit” (Evangelist - teachers - prophets - First Counsel).
- 2) The authority of the “old” as opposed to the “new.”
- 3) The administrative and executive power of the elected.

The first belong totally and completely to the Spiritual sphere in the strict sense, the second have their function in the field of moral and ethical education and the disciplines (meditations, contemplation, prayer, etc.), and the third in services and administrations.

All of these activities rest on Charismata - but in the proper sense, as persons of the Message who are borne in the Spirit.

All others are the brethren who have received the gift necessary to enable them to render their services for the well-being of All.

The entire Family is subject to the Will of God and the Law of Christ, man’s well-being and Love as one inviolable rule of life. And insofar as the Spirit rules us it must be understood that the Spirit is granted to the Family as a

whole, and as a unity, and leadership and various personages are in the position of members in this Unity, and not above it. We must obey the word of God and not of men. Ideally and from the Spiritual point of view there is therefore no difference at all, however, paradoxical this may seem, between the general community and the individual leadership. The ideal unity of the two lies in the working of the Spirit and is clearly expressed in the Message of I Paul. Of course, when and if a major decision must be made, it will be made by the Evangelist who will, whenever possible, counsel with the Family's earthly Spiritual guide.

The Family of I Paul is a Spiritual democracy and I Paul clearly regards every Christian Spiritualist as a free individual, and as a matter of principle he keeps every one of us before him as a homogeneous whole, the subjects and objects of all doings and dealings.

Development proceeds in the first place from the whole to the part. That is why the Spirit and Evangelist, the teacher, the counsel, the prophet play so important a role, for they belong to the Family as a whole. The Family does not belong to them!

Regarded from this point of view the whole process is a mission - everything therefore has to remain, more or less, in a state of flux until the preparation phase is totally

completed.

Further, we must all begin to think of the earthly societies in terms of being “in the Lord,” as something redeemable, as an abode of God and put into practice such a high and Spiritual view that we can all accept existing circumstances freely and also all prevailing local conditions without frustration or despair, for understand that in the future the Charismata will determine everything! Accordingly as each receives his gift it must be shared among all the Family members for all have a share, each in a definite way, in all the Charismata which will form the base of the entire movement. The Charisma in each instance should lead to discipleship where the most important aspect of such is service and the rendering of aid to those in need, not of constraint, but willingly and never for lucre, but of a ready mind, neither lording it over the charge allotted to you but making yourself an example to all of the Family.

Further, I ask that all of you to know well them that labor among you and are therefore over you in the Spirit and I ask that you esteem them in love for their work’s sake and attempt to imitate them for we will need all the disciples we can get when our day arrives.

Therefore be humble, be kind, be hospitable, be unselfish, be gentle, be studious, be faithful, expectant and

loving, and support and respect your leadership for the sake of their labors.

In conclusion, let me reiterate and condense all of the above: Brothers and sisters of the Family of I Paul, we beg you to respect those who work hard among you, presiding over the Family and maintaining order. Hold them in especial love and affection, if not for themselves, at least for their devotion and work to and of the Message. Be at peace among yourselves. We also ask that you keep a check upon idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, sustain the weak, never lose your temper with one another, see that none pays back evil with evil, but always follows what is kind to one another and to your neighbors. Rejoice at all times in the Spirit - Never cease in your study, practice or prayer, meditation nor contemplation. Think God in all you do - such is His will for you and all of mankind that you be well in Christ. Never quench the fire of the Spirit within you. Never disdain prophetic revelations, but test them all - retaining what is good and abstaining from whatever kind that is evil. Further, understand, that he who is called by the Spirit is also elected once and for all by men. Only he who is called can reject the calling.

Remember, the Spirit cannot make itself understood by the cynical, the proud, the self-satisfied, the patronizing. God is "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity" but

he “dwells with him that is humble in heart” and these will share in that eternity.

With Christian Spiritualism, what counts is a whole new creation – a fresh beginning – a new life – a new world.

As many as will be guided by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, for they are the Family members of the Great Spirit, God of the All in All.

And finally, brothers and sisters, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and joyful, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and read, these things do, and the Spirit of Love, of truth, of peace shall be with you through all your days and nights through all eternity.

In Love and Peace,  
with the Spirit.

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## **12 - For Others Who Have Not Received The Spirit**

It is good you come. I Paul greet you all in Christ and God. May my Spirit be yours, always. Brothers and sisters I implore you, pray for and send your love, without ceasing, for other men and women who have not received the Spirit - for there is hope for them attaining unto the Great Spirit of All in All.

Let them therefore at least be instructed and enlightened by your works, if they will be no other way (i.e., by the Message). Be mild at their anger, humble at their boasting; to their blasphemies, return your prayers; to their error, your firmness of faith, hope and love; when they are cruel, be gentle, not endeavoring to imitate their ways. Be always their brethren in all kindness and moderation, but let you be always, followers first, of the Spirit, for who was ever more unjustly used? See that no root of unrighteousness may be found in you, but that you remain in all righteousness, humble and sane of body, mind and Spirit in Christ. When reviled, revile not again! When struck, strike not again! When cursed, curse not again! When hated, hate not again!

What is necessary is your preparation, your unity, your order, your justice, your common education, your tolerance,

your association for the well-being of man, your spirit of hopefulness and anticipation, your faith and your love, all this, as you shall see, will have a tremendous bearing upon the spread of Christian Spiritualism and the Message, and Christian Spiritualism will finally, in truth, be looked upon as the work of the Great Spirit's Providence, the divine preparation for the New Worlds. When the fullness of the time comes, the Spirit will act. Therefore my dear friends of W-303, listen! A person among you, who being approved by the Spirit unto you, will through the Spirit perform great works and wonders in your very midst. This one you will follow faithfully unto the New Worlds for you will all be witnesses to his truth. He will pour forth the Spirit which you yourselves will see and hear! This will be the first-fruits of the promises of the Spirit as contained in the Message, and out of that mystical experience the Power of the Spirit will distribute itself to the true and faithful disciples of our Christ. Now I Paul cannot explain it to you, you must experience it, for no one can explain the Power and Mystery and ecstasy of that sort to those in the flesh. This outpouring of the Spirit will lead the faithful Christian Spiritualists to the beginning of the path to the Way.

The essential thing, of course, will be the experienced demonstration that the Spirit has come upon you "in Power," in love, in unity, in truth.

The gifts given will be used only to its possessors and it will afford just the kind of proof your world is awaiting and has awaited for so long, that God approves the course of the Christian Spiritualist and that He is actually present with them through His Spirit.

My dear friends it is most wonderful how the Great Spirit accommodates to the limitations and the necessities of His beloved creatures. Yet, you do not need such proofs at the moment, you need to become fully prepared, and on the other hand, you do have other proofs of the presence of the Spirit and its powers before you, although many of you do not sufficiently recognize them nor Him. In fact this is one reason why miracles are so infrequent in your day and age.

My dear friends trust our beloved laborer and remain steadfast in the teaching and fellowship of W-303. Many wonders will be imparted to the faithful. It is good you come.

In Peace and Love,

I Paul.

## **13 - Should You Desire Enlightenment . . . It Shall Be Given.**

It is good you come. I Paul, servant of Christ and the Supreme Spirit, greet you in Peace and Love. Beloved laborer you have said wisely. Space is requisite that you may ponder deeply that which is indeed of vital import. We leave you to think over what we have advanced with a full conviction that you will do what is necessary. Further, I believe that those in leadership positions will, "in time," assimilate the teaching and appreciate its importance. Should you desire enlightenment from us on any points, it shall be given.

I Paul will not force further communications upon you until you have done what you require. Let patience and earnestness have full sway.

Your Family members, in general know not in your cold earth atmosphere, so chilling, so repellent to spirit life, how the magnetic rapport between their spirits and the guides who wait for them, to bear them upwards, is fostered by faithful Prayer, Meditation and Contemplation. It is as though the bond were tightened by frequent use - as though the intimacy ripened by mutual association. They would all utilize these things more did they know how rich a Spiritual blessing prayer, meditation and contemplation bring. Earth's learned sages and religionists have discussed much

of the value of these matters, and have wandered in a maze of opinion, befogged and ignorant of the real issues. They do not know - how should they? - the truth of spirit messengers and guardians who hover round the Christian Spiritualist ready to help the spirit that cries to its maker. They know not the truth of the existence of such for they cannot test their presence by religions or science in their present states, and so they try, with crude effort, to reduce the results of these matters to line and measure and false preaching. They try to gauge its results, and to estimate its effects by compilation of statistics. And still they find themselves in difficulty, for though they grasp the shell, the spirit eludes their ken. Such results, as you well know, are not to be so measured, for they are imperceptible by man's science or man's manufactured religions. They are spiritual, varying in various cases, different as are the agencies at work.

Let me say this about Prayer. Frequently it is unspoken which is not granted that is the cause of richest blessing to the prayer. The very cry of the burdened spirit shot forth into the void - a cry wrung out by bitter sorrow - is an unknown relief, the spirit is lightened, though the prayer is not granted in terms of its petition. You know not why - but could you see, as we see, the guardians and guides laboring to pour into the sorrow-laden person or spirit the balm of

consolation, you would know whence comes that strange peace which steals over the spirit and assures it of a sympathizing and consoling Supreme Spirit. The prayer has done its work, for it is drawn down a friend - and the bursting heart crushed with its load of care and sorrow, is comforted by Spirit Love. This, the magnetic love which we can shed around those with whom we are in close communion, is one of the great effects which can be wrought by the cry of a human being reaching upward to its God. Of course you, beloved laborer are aware of all of this, and you know also that under no other condition can the full force of spirit intercourse be realized. It is the spirit that is most Spiritualized that alone can enter into the secret chambers where the spirits and angels dwell. It is to the spirit that lives in frequent communion with us that we are best able to come nigh. This, dear friend, is invariable - another part of that unchangeable law which governs all our intercourse with your world. To the Spiritual ones come, in richest measure, Spiritual gifts. Nor is it always the answer which man in his ignorance expects that is the truest response to his prayer. Many times to grant a request would be to do him grievous error or harm. He has asked ignorantly, petulantly, foolishly - and his prayer is unheeded in its request - but it has availed to place his spirit in communion with an intelligence which is waiting an

opportunity of approach, and which can minister to him strength and consolation in his necessity.

‘Twere well if men would strive more to live a life around prayer, meditation and contemplation. Not the morbid life of an ascetic, no, nor the morbid life of devotion falsely so called, which consists of neglecting duty and in spending the precious hours of the probation life in morbid self-anatomy - in developing unhealthy self-scrutiny - in idle dreamy contemplation - or in formed and unreal supplication. The life is far other, as we advise it.

Prayer to be real must be the heart-cry, spontaneous and impulsive, to Friends who hover near. The fancy of prayer to the ear of an ever present Supreme Spirit who is willing to alter unalterable laws in response to a capricious request has done much to discredit the idea of prayer altogether. Believe it not! Prayer - the spontaneous movement of the spirit to its God is no matter of formal preparation. It consists not in any act of outward show. It is not necessarily syllabled in utterance - far less is it trammelled by conventional form, or bound up in stereotyped phraseology. True prayer, like meditation and contemplation, is the ready voice of spirit communing with spirit - the cry of the spirit to invisible friends with whom it is used to speaking - the flashing along the ethereal line a message of necessity which brings, swift as thought, its

ready answer back. It needs no words, no attitude, no form. It is truest when these are absent, or at least unstudied. It needs but a recognition and an impulse to communicate. To this end it must be habitual. Else, like the limb long disused, the impulse is paralyzed. Hence, it is those of you who live most in the Spirit who penetrate deepest into the hidden mysteries of my plane. We can come nearest to them, as I Paul am near to you, dear laborer. We can touch hidden chords in your nature which vibrate only to our touch, and of course, are never stirred by your world's influence. 'Tis they who reach highest in their earth-life, for they have learned already to communicate with spirit, and are fed by spiritual food. For them are opened mysteries closed to more material natures and their perpetual devotion has wrought for them that they live above the sufferings and sorrows from which they cannot be exempted due to the nature of your world.

It's sad, but we speak of that which is little known. Were this grand truth better realized, man would live in the atmosphere of the pure and elevated Spirits. His Spiritual attitude would drive him from the base and baleful influences which too often beset those who pry unbidden into mysteries that are too high for them, and which, alas! beset and annoy even the best at times. If it prevailed not to obtain exemption, it would provide protection, and do more



to strengthen us than all else that men could do. It would avail more to sanctify the acts, to purify the motives, and to keep alive the Reality of spirit communication than anything which we know of.

I say to your Family, communicate with us in communion of the spirit. Keep a single eye to the issues of such communication as respect your own spirit. The rest will follow in due course. Leave abstruse and perplexing questions of man's theological controversy, and keep close to the central truths which so intimately affect the well-being of your spirit. The vain bewilderments which man has cast around the simplicity of truth are manifold. Nor is it for you to disentangle them, nor to decide what is or is not essential in that which has hitherto been revealed. You will learn hereafter to view much that you now regard as vitally essential truth, rather as a passing phase of teaching which was absolutely necessary for those to whom it was given. It is a human weakness that impels you to rush forward blindly to the end. You must tarry, friends, tarry long yet in the early searchings before you reach the goal. You have much yet to unlearn before you can penetrate all the mysteries. We have much more to say to you on these subjects but for the present enough has been communicated to you through my beloved laborer. May the Supreme Spirit keep us and you, and enable us to lead and guide you that in

the end truth may shine of you and from you and Love and Peace and Unity and great Joy dwell in your hearts and spirits.

It is good you come.

I Paul.

## **14 - Prepare Always, Spiritually, Mentally and Physically**

It is good you come. I Paul, Spirit guide and teacher greet you all in Love, Peace, Unity in the name of our Christ and the Supreme Spirit, of the All in All.

My dear laborer let me answer your question as to whether your Family is still being too literal in their interpretation of the Message and not lackadaisical in their attempts at communication.

I will acknowledge your request in this Message as you asked.

The overall conditions of your Family and its leadership, though still unfavorable, are better. They would all be advised to prepare themselves always, spiritually, mentally, physically, for communication. As we have said before that we cannot operate when their bodies are overloaded with food, and now we say, that a system depressed and weak is not favorable for our purposes. We do not advocate the depression of the vital powers by neglect of due food, drink, or rest and recreation, any more than we countenance gluttony or drug induced loss of control. When you were drinking you were still able to function and receive, why? Because you are prepared and therefore in

control of your inner and outer senses.

To your Family members we teach the mean in all things where it is knowable and abstinence from drugs of any nature until such time they are prepared. If they cannot demonstrate such patience and effort and abstain, waste as little space on them as possible without violating the law of love and fellowship. Stern love is the way to handle such as these for they demonstrate an unwillingness to assist the Family by becoming prepared. The unprepared cannot possibly become prepared when they are not in control, total control of their consciousnesses. Once totally prepared they can do whatever their fancy pleases as long as they follow the Message positively. Love and do as you please. Both asceticism and self-indulgence among the unprepared are extremes which are evil in their results. Therefore the mean for each is that which leaves the bodily powers in perfect play, while it leaves the mental faculties unclouded and unexcited. A clear, active, undepressed yet unexcited mind we ask for, and a body whose powers are vigorous, vital, vibrant and neither in excess nor defect of their capacity. Each member might do much, by the exercise of a judicious self-control, and also for receiving instruction from those who we send to minister to them. The habits of man's daily life are unwise, and lead to a dis-eased state of body and mind. Change is the key given in the Message

simply because they are all creatures of habit. Yet, we lay down no hard rules at the moment beyond the general one of care and moderation in line with common sense and the teachings within the Message as given. We all can tell what suits individual wants by being brought into personal contact. Each must learn to settle for his or herself what is best for them.

It is part of our mission to teach the well-being of the Spirit as well as of the body. The due care of both is an essential prerequisite to the progress of each individual. So long as spirit is imprisoned in the earth body through the avenues of which it finds its expression on the plane of matter, it is essential that you care intelligently for that body and its brain, lest it react on the spirit within (which is the case now in all of your family members, some more, some less). It is only in rare cases that intelligent discrimination is exercised by all with regard to food, rest, clothing, appearance and the habits of life which have effect on the spirit, whether you are aware of this or not! You now are!

You see, dear friends, the artificial state of existence which prevails, the ignorance with respect to all or nearly all that influences health (well-being) - The vicious habits of excesses that are so nearly universal, these are all bars and hindrances to true Christian Spiritual life!

Teaching the matters on which you question, on behalf of W-303 dear laborer, we remind you that we have many times said personally to you that we take the knowledge (any level of it) already existing within a person, refine and spiritualize it, and assist them to build upon it as a foundation, only rejecting that which is noxious and untrue. We deal with old opinions as Jesus and myself dealt with the Jewish law and its leadership when we were in the flesh. Is it not now apparent to one and all that we abrogated the letter while we gave to the spirit a newer and greater meaning? We do the same now with the opinions of religious Christianity and its dogmas, as we did with the Mosaic law, and the glosses of Pharisaical and Rabbinical orthodoxy. Even as Jesus proclaimed the truth, true for all ages, that the letter might well be dispensed with, so that the Spirit was retained - so do we, in words drawn from your own teachings, say to you that the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life? Rigid adherence to the strict letter of the law (with the one exception, the law of Love) is quite compatible with - No, usually leads to - neglect of the True Spirit. The person who begins by observing scrupulously the minutiae of the Ritual laws of religion ends by becoming the proud, overbearing, arrogant, unloving Sadducee, whose religion is swallowed up by his creeds, dogmas, rituals, sacraments and twisted and bent theology, and yet can thank God that he is not like

other men! What arrogance!

It is against this insidious form of religion that we wage determined war. Better for each struggling spirit that it should grope unaided after its God, trusting in the end to find Him, though after many false wanderings, than it should be cramped and confined by the shackles of an earth-born and earth-bound orthodoxy, which prescribes the God, as well as the way to reach Him - that way being through a maze of which it claims to hold the only key - which cramps all natural aspirations - drowns all soaring thoughts - and condemns the free spirit to mere mechanical action without a particle of true spiritualism in it. Better, we say, anything than this parody on Spiritualism!

Some there are, and they are not the best among you, for whom it is essential that deep subjects of Spiritualism should be thought out ready to their hand. For them free spiritual thought means doubt, indecision, despair, death. They cannot scale the heights, where man must gaze into the hidden mysteries, and face the unclouded radiance of the Sun of truth. Not for them the pinnacles which overhang precipices deep down in which lie hidden the Eternal Verities. (truths!) They cannot gaze lest they fall - they cannot endure the ordeal - they must fall back on safer and more beaten paths - where others have waited before - even though the way be tortuous and uncertain. They must be

hemmed in by high walls over which they dare not look. They must walk warily, picking their way step by step, and avoiding all inequalities, lest they stumble and fall. And so they fall back on the prescribed dogmas of unyielding orthodoxy. So it has been decided by the wisdom of Church religion and not Church Spiritualism, is the answer of their priests.

Doubt is ruin – thought only ends in bewilderment – faith is the only safety. Believe as the religion believes and be saved. Believe not and be damned by God. They are not able to receive these things. How should they?

They have not yet grasped the fragments of truth that lie on the very threshold of knowledge. How, then, should they enter in and dwell in the Penetralia where truth is fullness?

Some there are who are not merely unable, but unwilling, to receive or entertain anything which militates against that ancient and conceived theology which they have learned to consider as the embodiment of divine truth.

It has sufficed the needs of the saints of their religion, they say – it has cheered the martyrs as they burned at the stake, they say – it has consoled the dying in ages long gone by even as now, they claim – it was their father's creed, they say. It was the gospel of salvation which they learned from



their mother's lips, it is that which they have learned as a deposit of truth, and that which they teach their children, that they may in turn may hand it on as the truth undefiled. As so a feeling of heroic determination comes over them so that they will not even touch that which seems to contravene this faith of theirs. They are, as they fancy, staunch defenders of the faith and all of a martyr's zeal burns within them. Because of these predetermined beliefs, old truths and barriers they are very difficult to be reached by the real truth. Sad! To make the attempt, we must need to upset from the very foundation the edifices they have reared. We need to conduct a spiritual war on these false faiths which they love so well, and slowly hew them down, yes your tasks are immense, as are ours for God will not do for man what man can do for himself and his neighbors! Their immutable God and their stereotyped religions and philosophies, changeless and seemingly unchangeable, need to be breached and shown that though the Supreme Spirit changes not, yet the mind of man does, and that what was seemingly sufficient for the past may be, and often is, as you know dear laborer, quite inadequate for the future! They must be shown - what they could never see on their own - the progressiveness of Revelation via the Spirit, the gradual enlightenment of man in proportion to the freedom of his Spirit and his thoughts and the enormous mass of

purely human fiction which they have dignified with various mistaken titles.

The task would be vain - and we are not so foolish as to attempt it if such were true - except that they must gain knowledge from two sources in order that your mission and ours be successful - first from your acts and the actions from another sphere of being, ours!

Religionists are to be your very first opponents. To force them to "think" about religion is going to be most irksome and annoying to them. The subject is distasteful to some, tolerated only in the lightest form from sheer necessity and to others it is a fanatical obsession and you will have to cope with both. To most of these types, it is the priests whose business it is to settle what is right for they take as much as is necessary on trust. To force them not only to see the flaws and the untruths in the old faith, but to admire the excellence of your own Spiritualism, will be a double aggravation, involving double trouble. In the beginning they will have none of it. They will cling to the past and live in it. They hate change and progress. Freedom they know nothing of save in that conventional sense in which it approaches very near to slavery. Free thought to them means skepticism - doubt - loss of members - atheism - and these all are not respectable for a religionist. They are social blunders! Progress means something which

politically and religiously is horrible to them. They not only shrink from it, but they view it with loathing and contempt. The good old times enshrine their ideal – and in the good old times such things were never heard of. Hence they are manifestly wicked, and to be avoided. It is, no doubt, a little plainer now of the great difficulties that you face in your mission and the necessity of being fully prepared becomes clearer to one and all. Hereafter, perhaps your family will learn that it does not rest with them to choose in the matter.

You must strive to inculcate on all that the Way to know the Supreme Spirit is open and free, and that the person who prefers stagnation to progress and change is violating one of the first conditions of his very being! I Paul tell you all that no one has the right to close the Path to God, and to lock up the gate, compelling all to pass through his door.

We say again that rigid orthodoxy, dogmatic faith prescribed in human words, inflexible lines within which he who walks not is therefore lost – these are human figments, bonds of man's making to tie down aspiring Spirits, and pin them to earth.

Better, we reiterate, for each struggling, straggling spirit to wander forth with no guide but its guardian angel to pray for itself, to think for itself, to work for itself till the day – dawn of truth rise upon it, than it should ever

surrender its freedom and accept any religion or dictatorship from any human being. Far, far better that the wanderings should be tortuous and drawn out and unsatisfying in any way, than being fed only with the stones of ancient human creeds, the fossilized imaginings of human ignorance and greed and the grasping for power and mammon.

Better, dear friends, far better that the crudest and yes, the shallowest notions of the Supreme Spirit come to His sons and daughters direct from spirit to spirit, the inbreathing, even weakly at first, of divine truth, than that they should consent to receive the most elaborate theology of man which fits and suits him not, and dream on in drowsy carelessness through the probation life, only to awake to a bitter consciousness of the utter falsity of that which he has heedlessly accepted.

Honesty and fearlessness, as I have repeatedly stated, in the search after truth are the first prerequisites for finding it. Without these no spirit soars. With these none can fail of progress.

Now dear friends, we have yet to show you more of this as exemplified in the life and example of Jesus - now our Christ Jesus.

We have sent to you what to the enlightened mind is the

true attitude of the Spirit. This fearless thinking out of the way to God of the All in All by those who are enabled to attempt it, will, you see, infallibly lead to what we have unceasingly proclaimed, a spiritual, refined, movement, elevated over mere religion and in place of all dogmatic, literal interpretations of the true Message of Jesus. For all utterances of Spirits through man have a spiritual interpretation as well as a material one which meet the eye! And it is this spiritual interpretation which is entirely missed by your materialistic age! Man has gradually built around the teachings of Jesus a wall of deduction, speculation, and material comment, similar to that with which the Pharisee had surround the Mosaic law. (Many of yours, dear laborer, as you are quite aware have done the same with my communications - they ignore them after having heard them read once or twice - it's a shame that the Inner-Circle of W-303 and some of its leadership has, as yet, to even read the all that has been sent to date, never mind an honest and thorough study of it).

The tendency has increasingly been to do this in proportion as man has lost sight of the Spiritual Realm. And so it has come to pass that we find hard, cold materialism deduced from teachings which were intended to breathe spirituality, and to do away with sensuous ritual.

It is our task, yours and ours, to do for Christian

Spiritualism, what Jesus did for Judaism. We must together take the old forms and spiritualize their meaning, and infuse into them new life. Your work beloved laborer, on the true gospel, is part of this spiritualization. Resurrection rather than abolition is what is desired. We say again that we do not abolish one jot or tittle of the true teaching which Jesus and Christ gave to all of mankind on your plane, both then, in the flesh, and now, in the Spirit. We do but wipe away man's material glosses, and show you the hidden spiritual meaning which he has missed. And incidentally what most of the family continues to miss. We strive to raise you in your daily life and preparation more and more from the dominion of the body, and to show you more and more of the mystical matters with which spirit life is permeated. They take but a shallow view of our teaching and guidance who pin themselves absolutely to the letter. We would raise you from the life of the body to that which shall be to you the fit approach to the state disembodied. There is but a glimpse possible to some of you as yet – simply because your minds, bodies and spirits are spaced out on consciousness altering substances which you are not, as yet, prepared to handle nor cope. But the time will come, if you exert the full effort, honestly and fearlessly, when you will be able to see, as we cannot now explain to some of you in your present states and stages and levels, the true dignity of man's higher life

even on the earth sphere, and the semi-hidden mysteries with which that life is teeming (rest - we shall continue).

Now, before any of you can reach so far you must be content to learn that there is a spiritual and esoteric meaning underlying practically everything given over to you - even the true gospel is full of it - man's interpretations, and definitions, and glosses of the modern Bibles are but the material husks which enshrine the kernels of divine truths, therein. Were we now to throw completely away these husks, the tender kernels would wither and die, so we, for now, content ourselves with pointing out, as you can bear and understand, the living verity which underlies the external facts with which you should be familiar. This was the mission of Jesus the man.

He claimed for himself that fulfillment of the law, not its abrogation or abolition in his lifetime. He pointed out the truth which was at the very root of the Mosaic commandment. He stripped off the rags of the Sanhedrin and the Pharisaical Rituals, the glosses of Rabbinical speculation, and laid bare the absolute truth that was beneath all, the great principles and truths to inspire, which man had well-nigh buried. He was not only a spiritual but a social reformer as well! The mission of his life was to elevate the people, spirit, mind, and body, to expose the religious pretenders and to strip off the masks of hypocrisy, to take

the foot of the despot from the back of the struggling slave, and to make man free by virtue of that truth which came from God and he was elected to declare. "Ye shall know the truth" he told the people "and the truth shall make you free . . . [and] ye shall be free indeed" those are the exact words of Jesus the man.

He reasoned of life and death and eternity - of the true greatness and dignity of man's nature - of the Way to progressive knowledge of the Supreme Spirit. He spoke as the great fulfiller of the law - the man who showed, as never man showed before, the end for which the law was given - the amelioration of humanity. He taught men to look into the depths of their minds and hearts, to test their lives, to try their motives, and to weigh all they did by the one ascertained balance - the fruits of life as the test of their spiritualism against religion. He taught men to be humble (a difficult task even for some of his close followers), merciful, truthful, self-denying, honest in heart and intent - and set before them the living example of the life he taught and preached. So must all true Christian Spiritualists. He was a great social and spiritual reformer, whose object was at least as much to benefit man corporeally, and to reveal to him a salvation from bigotry and selfishness, and narrow-mindedness in this life, as it was to reveal glimpses of a better life in the future. He preached the spiritualism of a



daily life, the righteous progress of the spirit within in the path of daily duty upwards to a higher knowledge. Forgiveness for the past, amendment and progress and action in the future summed up most of his teaching. He saw a world buried in ignorance and superstition, at the mercy of an unscrupulous priesthood in manners religious and under the absolute sway of a tyrant in matters political. He taught liberty in both - but liberty without license - the liberty of a responsible spirit with duties to God and to itself - of a spirit corporeally enshrined with a corresponding duty to its brethren in the flesh. He labored to show the true dignity of man. He would elevate him to the dignity of the truth, the truth which would make him free. He was no respecter of persons, he chose his associates and his friends from the mean and the poor. He lived among the common people - of them - with them - in their homes - and on the open road - teaching them simple lessons of truth which they sorely needed and which they could receive. He went but little among those whose eyes were blinded by the mists of orthodoxy - respectability - or so called human wisdom. He fired the minds and hearts of his listeners with a yearning for something greater and better in life than they yet possessed - he told them exactly how to get it!

The gospel of humanity, you see, is the true gospel of Christ Jesus - man's well-being - it is the only gospel that

man needs - the only one that reaches his wants and ministers to his necessities.

We continue to teach the same Message. By commission from the Supreme Spirit - by authority and inspiration from the same source, do we come even now, as spirit guide to you. We declare truths the same as all the Christs have taught. We teach their message, purified from the glosses and falsehoods, and misrepresentations which humans have gathered around it. We would spiritualize that which man has hidden under the heap of materialism.

We bring forth to you the Spirit-truth from the grave in which man has buried it for gain or in ignorance - and we tell to the watchful, alert, awakened spirits of men that it lives still and always shall - eternally! The simple, yet great truth of man's progressive destiny, of God's unceasing care, of Spirit's unslumbering watch over incarnated Spirits.

The burden that a hierarchal and dogmatic priesthood has bound upon men's backs, we fling them to the winds - the dogmas which have hampered the spirits and dragged down their inspirations, we tear them asunder, and bid the Spirit go free. Our mission is the continuation of that teaching which man has so strangely altered - its source identical - its course parallel - its end same.

You see, dear laborer and friends, I Paul derives his

mission and is influenced in his work by a great Spirit who has passed beyond all the spheres of work in the highest realm of the All in All. Our Christ Jesus is now arranging His plans for the gathering of His people, for the further revolution of truth, as well as for the purging away of the erroneous beliefs which have accumulated in the past and are still being taught and adhered to today by the religionists. You may well ask, is this the return of Christ?

I say yes, the Spiritual return - there will be no such physical return as man has taught and dreamed of. I Paul gave you the key to this when I taught that we were to know flesh no longer - even a babe could make proper interpretation from that clue! There will be a return, once again, to His people, by the voice of His Messengers, one earthly and one Spiritual, speaking to those whose ears are open - even as He Himself said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" - "he that is able to receive it, let him receive it."

You may also inquire, is this Message coming to many? Yes, I say, to many it is being made known that the Supreme Spirit is now specially influencing man at this epoch. We may not say more until you are ready. May the Supreme Spirit rest upon all of you and many, many more, through your efforts as well as our own.

We, therefore, desire earnestly to bear conviction upon your minds - but in doing so we must use our own means and at our own moment. It would be to all of us most sad, and most deplorable, that our work should be marred and delayed by the failure on your part to prepare and you cannot prepare unless your consciousnesses are drug free, your minds clear to receive and unless you positively exert the full and honest and fearless effort so necessary for the success of the tasks ahead. You need to overcome your excessive use of food and sleep, clean up your language and your appearances - you are after all to become full-fledged "followers" and "disciples" of our Christ.

You are as yet prepared enough to even receive the full meaning of our words, and we wait in patience, as does your leader, for the moment when they shall find a full entrance into your minds, hearts and Spirits.

Whether what we say unto you in the future seems to you consistent with what we do or have previously said or done is of a very small matter and something you would completely understand if only you knew fully the Message as does our beloved laborer, none other of you are now in the best condition to judge dispassionately on such matters, any more than any one of you are fit to judge whatever our beloved laborer does - he, at least, follows the directives of I Paul faithfully - without whimper - he does nothing

without our approval.

Furthermore, dear friends of W-303, whether the eventual outcome of Christian Spiritualism is what we say, or what you think, is equally beside the point - you won't really know until and unless you become fully prepared and advance through all the levels of man and the beginning two levels of spirit in the flesh! We view all such matters from a more extended viewpoint, one to which but one of you is able to mount. Your visions are circumscribed, and we and he see with clearer eye than yours.

We know that the teaching given will sooner or later be received in the earthly sphere with thankfulness and great joy, whether you accept it or not - whether you desert it or not - whether you receive us or not - and whether you will prepare and aid us in disseminating it. We all sincerely hope that we have found, finally, the proper combinations suited to carry out the mission and its tasks. We know our beloved laborer is qualified and so too, then, his brother. Further the teacher of teachers and the first counsel of the Inner Circle of W-303 are looked upon with great and loving favor as are a handful more of the Family there. It is our fondest hope that all will prove equal to the task. Know, all of you that the phase through which you are now flowing is but a transient one, soon to give place to that assured conviction which proves to you, one and all that you are on the Way.

We would deplore greatly that any one of you, from now onward, should put aside what is a means of enlightenment and progress and success. But over this issue we have no power - freedom is unassailable. Should any one of you, in the freedom of your will, decide to do so, we shall bow to the decision, and regret that your desires and your minds are not sufficiently developed to accept what we have heretofore presented to you through our beloved laborer.

We have no doubts, whatsoever, that what we have sent, will in the end, when fairly and honestly weighed, be held by many to be the absolute truth and The Way! It is to the matter of the Message man must look rather than to the messengers, for we need no recognition nor attention. For God's work and God's truth it is serious and for you and your futures it is of most vital importance. The growth of the Message which has centered around you has been rapid and dazzling. Therefore we will withdraw for a space and allow you to be at peace with your thoughts and your study. We do not leave you alone, totally. Our beloved laborer can contact us when it is necessary and expedient for him to do so. We will be watching all of you to see if precious space and effort has been wasted on some of you and the work need be begun anew. We are responsible in the sight of the Supreme Spirit for so much and we expect that you will also assume honestly and fearlessly much also.

In conclusion, let me reiterate that none of you are to carry on an ascetic or celibate life-style. Further, our beloved laborer has new instructions regarding his own life that we are fully confident he will carry out to the fullest. We urge all of you to refrain from any negative opinions or any judgment of his actions, for in the end you will only be proven vain and foolish. I have further instructed him to refrain from any sittings for the moment. I ask all the rest of you to have patience. Impatient attempts to force any matter do but cause annoyances and distress and they disrupt any possibility of Unity among you. Listen!

When Jesus was at Jerusalem at the Feast of the Dedication, the old question was put by the Jews - "If thou be the Messiah, tell us plainly?" They wished, you see, for a sign as many of you also wish for signs or a magic wand. He referred them, as we have referred all of you, to the works and tenor of his teachings, the Message, as evidence of its origin. Those, he said, who were prepared - His "Father's sheep" - heard and answered his voice. They accepted his mission. The questioners could not accept, because they could not understand and were not prepared to follow. It is only the prepared ones who will follow and come. The prepared ones are the progressers and the happy ones among you. Such is the Supreme Spirit's Will, and no man or woman has power to hinder it.



Therefore dear friends employ yourselves in full usefulness to yourselves, your neighbors, your spirits. Weigh thoroughly and carefully again and again the total outcome of what is before you. Estimate its value and test the righteousness of our words. We do not blame anyone for doubts which have been the natural outcome of your peculiar frame of mind. It is inevitable that you should weigh and test everything in the Message, and let me advise that your impetuous natures hurry you forward too rapidly, while a mind naturally inclined to doubt conflicts the too eager impetuosity, hence your often distracted states of mind. Hence the barriers in your way. We do not blame - we do but point out clearly that such a frame of mind is not that which is best fitted for preparation. It needs that you curb your doubts and your impetuous minds, and resist the tendency to form hasty conclusions on the one hand, while you put aside carping criticism, and allow weight to that which we may call the constructive side of our teaching. At present (listen leaders) you dwell too exclusively on the destructive. And remember, friends, that your doubts and difficulties with your altered consciousnesses - must until they are removed (doubts) and they are freed (consciousnesses), operate as barriers to our further progress. They have already hindered us much and our beloved laborer much and causes us to hold back much, and



keeps our beloved laborer fettered. This is all avoidable – it is up to You! We urge all of you to clear up your minds and bodies, by stern exercise of will, all of the mists which presently becloud your judgments and therefore your preparation.

Further, it is all important, that the Circle to whom we will be communicating with in the future, be in perfect harmony. Rising doubts, fogged up minds, jealousies, anger or hate are to us as fogs of earth which bewilder the traveler, and hinder him on his Way. We shall not operate in the midst of them! They must be removed, and quickly! And we do not doubt that an honest, fearless and unprejudiced survey of each individual's past and present attitudes and character will clear them away.

Be not overly eager. If anything seems new and strange to you, do not therefore reject it. Estimate it according to your light, and if need be, put it aside to wait for further enlightenment. To the honest and true all else will come at the Spirit's discretion.

Those of you who will follow the Message will in "time" arrive at a plane of knowledge, when much that now seems new and strange will be revealed and explained by I Paul and by your earthly spirit guide, our beloved laborer.

Keep firmly before you that there is much that is new

and true of which you now know nothing – many fresh and astounding facts and truths to be learned – many old errors to be dissipated. Wait and study, wait and practice, wait and pray, wait and meditate, wait and contemplate, wait and unite, wait and expect, wait and be faithful, wait and love All in All. It is good you come.

In Peace, Unity and Love,

I Paul.

## 15 - Prevailing Note of the Period in Which We Live

The prevailing note of the period in which we are living is tyranny, terrorism, totalitarianism and so forth. We should, at this day and age, be living in a world of social aspirations and communal happiness and well-being. It is a great hope which longs to see righteousness among men and the Kingdom of God visibly ruling in the minds and hearts and activities of men and women everywhere. It would seem that there is little in the life of the citizens of the world nowadays which is not tinged with this desire. But like all such aspirations, the border line between rational growth and progress and fanatical rage, is not always observed, with the result that what begins by being a perfectly sound protest against onerous conditions and iniquitous principles eventuates often in a mere rage for change which not only is not rational, but defeats the very purpose for which the reform was originally begun, forgetting upon what it rests.

I have endeavored in all cases to state the case for Spiritualism, and the Spiritual revolution, but I have also, in view of the fact, that I see the defeat of many things through a foolish departure from the only sound structure upon which they can possibly succeed, undertaken to give the

underlying Spiritual base, without which, it is to me foolish to expect that enduring progress can be secured.

I make no apology for finding this base in historic Christianity, because in the historic unfolding of our civilization, as it looks to me, the constant factor of genuine progress, is the increasing acceptance of the Spiritual sanctions which Jesus and I Paul taught. This does not of course, mean any narrow or sectarian or theological "Church Christianity." Theological Christianity has been perhaps the most constant foe of genuine advance, social and spiritual, known in history, because theological Christianity has always meant ecclesiasticism, and ecclesiasticism, unqualified by vigorous and vital Spirit control has uniformly corrupted everything it has touched or controlled.

This was inevitable, of course, because no group of men have ever been or ever will be good enough, or wise enough, or Spiritually wise enough in the flesh, to have unrestricted supervision over their fellow creatures. Unqualified power has rarely been wisely administered and unqualified Spiritual Power is hardly ever used wisely and that has been a truth since man first stepped upon the face of the earth. For this same reason Christian Spiritualism, without qualifications, cannot emerge in anything but tyranny or failure. But as an unyielding Christian Spiritualist, I do not

find myself bound to believe that every plebiscite reveals a mandate from the Kingdom of God. I refuse, for instance, to accept any sort of infallibility, even the infallibility of all the spirits!

But I also believe that the qualifications by which Spiritualism is to be saved in order to complete its tasks, must come from the substitution for external authority, of an inner Spirit purpose which is grounded in pure Spiritualism and a conception within like that of Jesus' Kingdom and I Paul's New Worlds.

I do not expect that religionists will be ever satisfied with my position, though I do not think a one of them could claim that the Message of I Paul does not state clearly the evils they complain of so vigorously but do nothing or little about, whereas the Message does give the solutions to them. Further, mere ecclesiastical Christians, of course, will not approve of us. They are, however, of no particular consequences in any case. For I know that the genuine Christian Spiritualists of the world, in the Church of the All in All and out of it, will come to acknowledge that something immense lies in the Message of I Paul and realize that whether living or dying we are the Spirit's and each other's.

Without the Spirit the body is dead! Our only power lies in the Spirit and when the Spirit flows in Love it carries its

power with it. Power is not physical or intellectual strength, it is Spiritual awareness and understanding, that is why a Christian Spiritualist must first learn to listen to his inner-self and hear no other.

To all who would share in the Message hope should rejoice in the privilege and opportunity afforded them to PROVE themselves God's servants by hastening to fulfill His Will. It is an essential evidence of faith and knowledge and if some things seem hard and impose a hardship and a certain amount of restraint, it is all the more praise worthy to undertake them. When one joins any movement they know one accepts in good faith its teachings as others before them have and that one should attempt to faithfully follow its mandates. By this following all persons will know them as one set apart as a Christian Spiritualist in the Family of Christ. The fundamental distinction lays between "those who are within" and "those who are without."

Jesus himself, because of his messianic position, was "on the inside" and employed the precautions of "the inside." And when he was "alone," they that were about him asked him about the parables. And he said to them, it is given to you to know the secret of the Kingdom of God, but to "those who are without" everything expressed is expressed parabolically, that seeing they may see and not perceive.

Whenever such secret and dangerous matters (revolution) were introduced in speech or writing, as they had to be to circulate, they were concealed by parable and cryptic utterance, and those for whom the Message was intended were warned, accordingly, to look beneath the surface by a suitable formula. "He that ears to hear, let him hear," or "Whoever reads, let him understand," or "He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says" or "Here is wisdom," or "Let him that understands count the numbers" or, "Let him who has eyes, see," or "Let he who can, receive."

Also, I Paul was on the inside as well as his elect. They were all brought to be "on the inside" by Spiritualism. He told his Family leaders to treat honestly "those who are without" - "It is not my business to judge, those that are without," but it is yours to judge "those who are within," God will "judge those who are without." (Keep a check on idlers, etc.).

I Paul says that the Evangelist, the Teacher of Teachers and the First Counsel must now strive mightily to move to the "inside" - One prerequisite of this is the keeping of the Message up to date and the faithful practice of the Message in all your acts and especially in your intercourse with your fellow human beings - be not afraid nor ashamed to love. I Paul also wishes you to be reminded that in the end only

humility conquers, and humility alone is in keeping with Christian Spiritualism. As Spiritualists you must never again succumb to the diabolic temptation of Pride. It takes character to avoid the pitfalls of “self.” Further I Paul says to love is not difficult and in fact he has said to me that to love with sternness even is better than to deceive with gentleness.

In fact the essential Christian Spiritualist’s attitude should be like this - If a person is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore that person in a spirit of gentleness and at the same time look to yourself, lest you too be tempted, but do not look upon the person as an enemy, ever, but caution them as a brother or sister, for the person who errs is to be treated with especial love as the parable of the prodigal son makes so clear. Look upon the Message of I Paul as a catalogue of witness to the truth - it may make it easier to study, because that is the longer view and the higher wisdom of it. In closing, this:

I have never imagined, not for a moment, that a new freedom could be attained easily. It requires a rather long, austere, probationary period because human nature, which is in itself unfruitful, must be broken and in all things made subject to the divine will in order to attain perfection and win full freedom, only then can one enter into the state of full spiritual freedom and perfection in which everything is



permitted. It all relies on effort and preparation. To the truly Spiritual person there is no sin and no evil.

And lastly - the Message of I Paul is full of mystical sayings and many are falsely interpreted. Such as Augustine's maxim, "Love and do what you want." The words of all mystics must not be taken only at their face value. Rather they must be studied carefully, subtly, with an eye and ear to all their overtones and undertones.

Fear not for the cause of God's truth!

The moment will come when you all will look back on this Message of I Paul, which as yet, is new and strange to some of you, and wonder how it could have seemed to you so startling!

Life, the totality of your being, is progressive throughout - and its early stages are but preparatory to its later development.

Theology is a necessary phase in your training, and we must, periodically, make theological statements, from a Spiritual point of view, but we are unable to prevent you from taking erroneous views. I say, be content, for now, to pursue your present path. It has been one of our chiefest difficulties to uproot false dogmas and erroneous beliefs - preconceived ideas - from your minds. It has been a steady

work, and now we hope that you may find out much respecting the question of Revelation which will enable us to clear away false opinions and infuse true knowledge. We can do little so long as traditional reverence for any mere words, however venerable in their associations, is implanted in your minds. We must wait till you can appreciate at its real value each utterance made through man, whether that utterance be contained in your bible or not. So long as you reply to our arguments with a silence we cannot teach you. Anyone who cannot question or reply is beyond reach for reasonable teaching.

There are many points to which you may well direct your minds in the life and teachings of Jesus and I Paul, and much in the Message you have as yet even seen, which you must, before we can throw upon it the light which we are prepared to give.

Up to now, your study and interpretations of the Message, in general, has been pitiful, paltry, contemptible, miserable, insignificant, diminutive, trashy, mediocre, shoddy, worthless, sorry, base, vulgar, inferior, imperfect, subnormal, second-rate, defective, deficient, subordinate, minor, secondary, second-hand, beggarly, tawdry, petty, unimportant, bad, cheap, flimsy, threadbare, badly done, unwholesome, lacking in quality and quantity, dowdy, second-class, shabby, squalid, trivial, sleazy, trifling,

insipid, disgusting, inelegant, pretentious, artificial, flaunting, crummy, raunchy, faulty, inadequate and downright disrespectful!

Have you dealt with such matters as incarnation, atonement, miracles, signs, healings, prophecies, resurrection, earth-boundedness, spirit realms and levels and spheres, OOBÉ's, self-abnegation, charity, agapé, the New Worlds, reward and punishment, evils, threats and promises, faith, hope, love, signs, prayer, meditation, contemplation, diaries, lessons - preconceived ideas, ideals and beliefs - truths and untruths, corruption and incorruption, dishonor, glory, weakness, power, natural body, Spirit body, Spirit in you, you in Spirit, as having nothing, and yet possessing all things, as poor, yet making many rich, as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, as dying but yet alive, in righteousness and in knowledge, perplexed, yet not unto despair, falling, yet not failing, weak, but yet the strongest, sleep, food, the sending of energy, of love, of receiving and things temporal and things eternal, and so forth?

On such matters as these are you now prepared to enter honestly? Or have your preconceived ideas already dealt with them?

Dear brothers and sisters weigh carefully the validity of

your thoughts and your true knowledge. And then select which path you choose to follow. Estimate your efforts by calm reasoning, same with your wants and your true needs. Cast aside that which is legend, mythical, tradition, dogmatic, ritualistic, preconceived, untrue and dare to walk alone, in the beginning of the Way, unfettered by any unnecessary bonds and unfettered by dread of any conclusions at which you may arrive! Dare to trust the Supreme Spirit, our Christ and our Spirit guide and teacher, and seek for truth. Dare to think, sanely, calmly and without reservations. Be free!

To such, will come a knowledge of which he little dreams - a comfort which no creed of tradition can afford. Such will know of God and of His truth as none can know who has not trodden the path of personal investigation. Such will know of things Spiritual and divine as the "traveler" knows of the spheres. Round such will center the mission of enlightenment, like guidance of the Spirits whose task it is to proclaim truth and progress to mankind. Old prejudices will fall away - old fallacies will shrink from the new light within into congenial darkness - and the spirit within will stand unbound in the presence of the Truth.

Be of good cheer. For Jesus it was who said, "The truth shall make you free, and you shall be free indeed." Simply follow the yellow brick road. You see, dear friends, we do not

leave you, yet. We help, but we may not save you from personal labor in the perusal of the Message. You must do your part, and soon. When you have labored and exerted the honest effort, we will direct and guide you to knowledge, to mysteries solved, to secrets disclosed – Believe us – it is best that you begin! In no other way will you learn the truth, for if we told you, all we now possess, you would not believe us, nor would or could you understand. There is much within as well as outside – spiritual things and Spirit matters that we all must look to – but not yet!

In Peace, study, practice, discernment,  
joy and Love to one and All.

F.

## 16 – There is a Spiritual World Center

Intelligence is by definition intelligible and language – if words have sense – is the vehicle of communication. Yet there are other vehicles for communication available.

The emotional experience that some people have with the Message of I Paul is not something that can be explained, readily, in a logical, convincing manner, it has a peculiar emanation that can become most powerfully contagious to many.

Of course, since it is a message and a teaching transmitted from antiquity, one must be alert and prepared to expect anything for we have ample proof of forces that cannot be proved nor explained even, by the known laws of physics and biology.

We know now, that there is a Spiritual World Center that is quite new to earth and eventually it will become the Family Center for the carrying out of the tasks before us – the New Worlds.

It is from there that we must convince, absolutely, man that the answers he seeks can only be found in the sphere of man's inner-mentation – his Spirit. You see, dear friends, if you wish to acquire something as your very own, you must first learn to acquire it spiritually! This is the true way for it

transmits a Spiritual power which enables the receiver to do what is quite beyond his own unaided strength. This transmission of a higher energy that can be assimilated to the energy of the receiver is a vital part of the whole process in which we are all now engaged, some more, some less.

You should all ask yourselves how I am able to do what it is I do, day in and day out. If I were not in contact with a higher source and allowed to draw upon this higher source, the work for which I am responsible would not be done! It would not be able to spread and gain strength, and you would know naught of the Message of I Paul.

I am what you might call a “counter-will,” a will acting as a counter to your wills until you become adepts - prepared. I am to assist you to overcome the automatic manifestations of your natures, mercilessly, without any compromise whatsoever, to extirpate from your weak mentations and feelings which are deeply rooted in all of you - your inherent views, beliefs, preconceived ideas and so-called truths which are no truths, about everything existing in this world and beyond. I do this with full knowledge that others will build the New Worlds without me but with the materials that I have produced.

You draw on the well and you will be able to do these things - all things. Each and every one of you, should by

now, know what is required. Of course, knowing and doing, are entirely different matters. There's a big difference in loving someone and being in love, for example!

If you cannot perform the tasks before you, draw on my energy and you will be able to do these "good works."

You see, out of all the Family members, I, and I alone, have taken what we may call a special oath, to live a special kind of life, to which to some of you may not be understood, might seem eccentric, or somewhat licentious at times or even erratic. I may by my acts alarm you or repel you or embarrass you but only because You do not see nor hear nor receive the truth of it all and its necessity. I may simply be attempting to get you to hurdle all the difficulties, while holding fast to your aims and seekings in spite of anything! For if you had the slightest knowledge of matters Spiritual you would know that a spiritual teacher and guide to test his or her strength, courage, determination - their mettle, if you will, as future disciples. The stage you see is set, the curtain is about to rise and I must find my cast, for a director without one has nothing to direct.

Believe me dear friends that whatever I do is done for your sakes and the Spirit's.

I need to see the Pride and arrogance slip silently away from you. I need to see your fears dissipate. I need to see you



in control of “self.” I need to see you really love one another. I need to see you grow up – wake up and I need to see your intelligence and hear your wisdom and watch your gifts at work.

I grow weary of your procrastinations, of your idle talk, your vulgarities, your altered consciousnesses. I need to see real men and real women – true Christian Spiritualist as members of the Family of I Paul and I need to see you as fully human as you can possibly get. I need to see all the pages of the Message of I Paul deteriorate from over-work and crumble into shreds.

I need to teach you all a lesson in “selflessness” along with others and I will. Everything and anything is integral to my methods of teaching, so be alert, keep the watch, listen and hear. I Paul has faith in my resourcefulness to hold this tiny family together and bring it to a size, at the moment, unimaginable, through every conceivable difficulty. I hope that you may acquire the same faith in me also. Faith not reverence or awe or worship! And I will tell you this, forthright and honestly, that real teachings are reserved only for those who can persevere, even to the breaking point of endurance. You were not promised an easy road – you will not walk one here. God will not do for man what man can do for himself – He will only do the impossible things.

Therefore, even if I alienate any of you, remember always that I love you. And I love them best that love best and make it the rule of their life. All things are done or happen for a reason. Never lose sight of this and you won't lose. Fall maybe, but you won't fail!

Further, I must confess to one and all of you that I am becoming, more and more limited, to see beyond the psychic domain and that in itself accounts for some of my peculiarities. Furthermore my eyesight is also failing. I give you this information, not for any silly sympathy but for your edification.

It's strange, but the more one learns the more difficult becomes his work, and one does not seem to gain any greater peace or contentment from the gain. No reward, and of course none sought. You simply become more aware of the opposites such as "good" and "evil" - they don't diminish but rather they intensify. You become totally aware of how true the statement really is that truth can destroy as well as create! You become a person of shattering honesty and strict discipleship, constantly bathed in light, so much light, that you find yourself secretly wishing for a "little" darkness. I am so committed to the Message that I forget at times that I am still a human being, living on earth, as an alien! You learn and then you awaken to the truth that there is no escape anymore. You learn that life is real only

when you are real, acting naturally! My labor ability increases with every new moon and it's eerie at times but beautiful and peace and ecstasy are but a blink away.

As a "seeker of truth" of all the tensions inherent therein have I faced and having faced I have learned how to relax them and this I must one day teach to all of you.

Slowly, I am ever increasing the power over my body, until I reach the point where, if I stop, I will die. Now that may seem ignorant to many of you but I do what I must do and I am free to do it, for from my point of view, whatever the risks may be and however great the price, it is more than worth it.

You see, I have achieved the transformation of being and the same objective expectation exists for all of mankind. You need only learn to use the latent powers in your own bodies and to do this you need to study diligently the Message and put it into daily, and yes, even hourly practice in your life.

The next two years will decide everything. It is the beginning of the New Worlds! Now is the moment for you all to concentrate deeply on your attitudes and your actions or inactions as the case may be! The great experiment is approaching us, one and all, not only here but everywhere - we, of all people, must do nothing to delay it!

You must overcome the arbitrary mechanicalness of the mind and concentrate on the non-possession of “self.” You must actually “learn” to love and “unlearn” hate, anger, violence, bigotry, jealousy and idle chatter! You need to concentrate on destroying your essential weaknesses and “learn” strength, faith and hope. You need to concentrate on the truth of living and thinking and in doing so unlearn the old ideas of them, the illusions you have of them. Concentrate on the new life, the life fittest for the New Worlds. You must also concentrate, and deeply so, on the law of love as the rule in life and on your submission to the Divine Will - man’s well-being - these possessions, as you will discover are priceless - the most edifying and most precious possessions of all, here!

I say, know thyself - Prepare - Follow - Come!

In great love and for unity in the Spirit,

F.

## 17 - For Interpreting M-8-80

(M-8-80: There is a Spiritual World Center)

Christian Spiritualism is strange! - What do I mean?

Strange, that is, unusual - surprising!

Wonder is the first step towards it, and the further we step along the more wonderful it becomes.

For 2,000 years mankind has slumbered on a pillow of familiarity beneath which is concealed a keen two-edged sword. But God has named Himself truth, not familiarity!

You do not stand far enough from the Message, you do not allow it to strike you as though you were reading it for the first time! You seek new answers to old questions, you strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Let us all read it for the thousandth time as though it were for the first time, and wipe the blindness of familiarity from our eyes - seeing and wondering - that is what is needed in studying the Message of I Paul. You see wonder is the first step towards knowledge! The beginning of all knowledge is Wonder!

To give your life for another is a one way ticket to the Spiritual Realm - why? The son of God, who loved me, and gave his life for me - Galatians 2:20.

How do you get to know how Jesus lived?

By living in Him.

In order to see Him, we must hear him!

Who are the scattered strangers? - The multitude born without cause.

An interpretation of the last sentence of M-8-80:

The exhortation - Know thyself - Prepare - Follow - Come - has two poles - on the one hand you are enjoined by spiritual authorities to know your individual self in all its potentialities, pretensions and limitations, and on the other hand you are to know your true SELF, the one real Being sustaining all separate selves behind their illusory independence (the masks you wear). This teaching, is of course universal.

For instance: "Be present at every breath. Do not let your attention wander for the duration of a single breath. Remember yourself always and in all situations. The journey is toward the homeland. Remember that you are traveling from the world of appearance to the world of Reality.

Solitude in the crowd. In all your outward activity remain inwardly free. Learn not to identify yourself with anything whatsoever. Remember your friend. (Spirit) Let

the invocation of your tongue be the invocation of your heart and mind.

Be constantly aware of the quality of the Divine Presence. Become used to recognizing “the Presence of God in you.”

You are born without your soul and you can only acquire it through conscious effort! Once having acquired it you then become a “permanent individuality.”

To achieve this one must die to what one presently is. Yet in order to die, and not just perish, the way ordinary mortals do, you first have to wake-up to the mess you are in - and when that is recognized and admitted, then you are ready to pass through death and birth into “true being.” All of this demands strenuous and honest effort! The first initiation then is “self”-initiation - Amen!!!

## 18 - Memo to (3)

Christ-Jesus as a Spirit roams the Universe while his body is imprisoned in the Church Religions in conventionalized figures. We must find His body in the world and that which is imprisoned in the Church Religions, evilly so, must be set free!

The path of the Family is to the Spirit known.

The path of all religions is to the Spirit unknown.

Now when I begin to teach I shall not fail to include All that I have learned from the Spirits, and well-remembered, vouching for the truth thereof. For, setting aside the majority, I have sought out not those who spoke much, but those who simply taught the truth, recalling not the words of others, but the words of our closest Spirit Guide, words and thoughts spoken and received in faith for the faithful and emanating from Truth itself. That is why, when I received from any other, I questioned them on their sources, just as I consider that what I take from the Bible is of far less worth than that which comes from the living and unsilenced “voice” of the Spirits.

Our day is Future, yes. But before that day and also in the future, we shall be stepping out of the sunlight and “entering in” to that long, long, dark, dark tunnel, which



from out of its opposite end we shall emerge into the Light of the New Worlds.

All this is, right now, very difficult for many to imagine or understand, in fact, well-nigh impossible for many to realize, but unless the Family of I Paul does so, they will never understand, and above all, shall never see what is at the end of the tunnel - the gate to the living Christ - the unknown life of the unknown!

Therefore we must penetrate through the Message via interpretation in order to see - in order to hear the "living unsilenced voice" of the Spirit. What is played on the harp sounds different when played on the drums. For instance, "talitha cumi" does not mean "maiden arise" but "maiden awaken."

How childishly simple, how comprehensible and natural the miracle of resurrection sounds in these simple words when properly translated and interpreted.

The simplicity of the Message is startling, and the more simple it is, the more divine and truthful it is. The simplicity is so limpid, so transparent, that the Message seems to have no atmosphere. In the celestially clear winter mornings the air is purest, the most heavenly, in the world, so transparent that the farthest seems near - between one global point to another there seems to be no distance. There is the same

heavenly atmosphere in the Message.

The two thousand years which separate us from the origins seem non-existent - as it was yesterday, so it is today - it was not, it is. Before Abraham was, and after you have been and after the last man on his earths shall have been, "I am."

Nothing stands between Him and us, we are face to face with Him!

This is, you see, so mind-boggling that even a believer sometimes fears to look honestly and open-mindedly at the Message. They hear it read on a Friday night, they ask hardly a question or make a reply, and when they go home they stop their ears, so as not to hear that voice so closely to them say - "Today I must abide at thy house"!

The Message, so near, so misunderstood, so simple, is the unknown Message and gospel of Jesus and I Paul, coming directly to you from their Spirits, themselves.

This must be borne in mind in order to understand what the Message is - a privilege - a gift!

The facts are, that you can learn very little of the truth, until you learn very much of the Message!

What a strange, what an alarming Message to have, let

alone read and study and practice it, wherein at every step, as though on purpose, are set such enormous pitfalls and stumbling blocks!

However strange and alarming it may seem, one may say that the Message is not a simple “Church meeting” book, (we have the Preaching Book for that purpose) and that, indeed, if we use the term “church” as we have been taught, we may say that this is less a “church-message” than any message ever was, is, or ever will be!

This dread Message should be closed, bound with iron, stone, adamant – lest it’s too free, explosive spirit should destroy all the church and temple religions!

The strength of the Message consists of this – it bases itself solely on the ever restraining but never restrained Spirit, and its life and movements are actuated solely by those internal explosions.

After all this, anyone who doubts, must be a poor and terribly lost one.

Just as the earth needs the Sun, the Message needs freedom. What sort of freedom? We can say frankly, every sort – including freedom of criticism! Criticism is judgment. If the Message is truth, can it be brought to judgment? Truth judges, it is not judged. But, in the first place, considering

the world's manner of life today, which of us dares to say that every word in the Message is truth for him or her?

In the second place, truth battles with falsehood, its opposite, and defends itself. This defense comes by its discernment and ends with its proof. The truth is that the most terrifying Gift of God to man is Freedom, but it is also the most sacred. One realizes this best of all in the Message. That is why all who wish to enslave the Spirit will seize on the Message and its proponents and attempt to silence them. Instead of suppressing man's freedom the Message increases it, thereby adding further burdens on mankind and its followers. To fear freedom, not to believe in it, love it, use it, means not believing in the Supreme Spirit, because freedom is God in the Spirit of All in All. This is a conclusion that your interpretation of the Message will reveal. Further, you will also learn and come to understand what - during two thousand years of Religion - no one has really understood clearly, that the unknown name of Christ is "the Liberator," and that, unless we accept total liberty - freedom - we shall never know him, the unknown.

And that my friends is the real kicker! Total freedom is very dangerous in this day and age, just think about that - total freedom is to put you above everything that now exists on the face of this earth. Listen!

Kiss the earth and love insatiably, search for this rapture and transport and be not ashamed – hold it dear, for it is the gift of God, and a great gift, that is not given to many, only to the chosen ones.

Cana of Galilee, the first great miracle. Human gladness and not grief, was visited by the Lord. It was human joy He helped in performing this first act – let us be joyful, let us drink the wine of a new happiness. In his love for us he became like us, and is glad, changing the water into wine in order that the happiness and joy and merry making of the wedding guests should not be cut short.

He awaits others, He calls them, and look, fresh wine is brought. This is what it means to be intoxicated by the miracle, to understand the act, to perform it, to change the water into wine and to drink it in ecstasy! When you, as Christian Spiritualists are called to drink the wine you had better be prepared to do so! And now I'll leave you with a question: Does the water change into wine in the dead vessels, or in living hearts? This can only be asked by such sober ones as yourselves, but only by those intoxicated with the wine of the Lord!

## **19 - Retaining only the Fragments of that which is Good and True**

Greetings:

When I Paul threw off the yoke of Judaism and destroyed the Law he gave up religion for the truth, Spiritualism!

His most pressing “first task” was to establish as many Family communities as possible and then to “nurture them” (educate - further their development - feed them milk at first and meat later). Milk first, because “insistence provokes resistance” in the uneducated. He rightly perceived that in the beginning they were all more attuned to matters religious than to matters spiritual and he realized that with such as these knowledge is difficult and slow and ignorance rapid and facile. He taught them what religion really was: a form of idiotic consciousness, laced with superstition, preconceived beliefs, outmoded rules, regulations, rituals and he taught that hierarchical religious institutions with its priests and so forth, the clergy, then were merely manifestations of ill-will, combined with ignorance and greed, in a power struggle for control over the minds of men, in both the temporal and sacred realms. In this respect all of I Paul’s teaching was heterodoxical and kerygmatic, based on I Paul’s ethos. He taught to those on

the “inside” that all religions were merely empty echoes of the past – man made and man corrupted.

Neither Jesus nor I Paul came to destroy the law that was Christ’s task and accomplished by the crucifixion and the resurrection. It’s as I Paul clearly states in a “follow” communication:

“Those turbulent and unruly – uncertain – and inconstant motions of emotions and “self”-will that dwells in the minds of humans and tear them asunder from their true being – and which are forever erecting several factions and tumultuous combinations within them against the dominion of reason, logic and wisdom – must be destroyed – retaining only the fragments of that which is good and true.” Such as this are the modes of thought that the Message of I Paul provokes. It is also why, incidentally, that we only want the most dedicated people working for a cause that is bigger than ourselves or anything on the face of this earth. Why? Because a true-dedicated Christian Spiritualist will readily and unquestionably sacrifice his own personal gifts for the glory of the Supreme Spirit and the tasks ahead. Helping the helpless is, for example, true love and the doing of God’s will. Those who do so in “silence” are twice blessed! This requires knowledge. Knowledge, as we know it, is many things. It is material! It has a very definite and unchanging quantity! But “pure” knowledge – wisdom and

truth – being an attribute of the Supreme Spirit, is infinite – inexhaustible and no more partitionable than “Pure Spirit.” It is God’s Wisdom, remember, that “measures the worlds and the Universe and not vice-versa.”

Now an ordinary human being can acquire various levels of knowledge but until a man or woman become responsible beings physically and spiritually, and are their own master, then can they be a true Christian Spiritualist, they are no different than any other mechanical machine. I like to look at a person as a trinity in the physical-material sense first! Vain – conceited – egotistical – and at times as an overbearing know-it-all, when in fact, in regards to matters spiritual he or she are mere babes on a milk diet. When they come to the exact same viewpoint they can then unlearn and empty themselves of such dead weights, for how do you get out of something if you have not, at first, gotten into it?

Most human beings, if they could actually see themselves as the Spirits see them, their true positions and attitudes, they would be thoroughly horrified and unable to remain as they are for a moment longer! They, the sane ones, would begin to search immediately for a way out, and the way out is the way in, but they fail to comprehend this, to see it, to observe it, to recognize it, to look at it, to examine it, to behold it, to inspect it, to pay attention to it,



to heed it or to detect it, even though it is readily available (or it should be and must be made so) and best of all, absolutely free!

I Paul, incidentally, has instructed me to let the Spirit decide in the end, the fate of those who do not know, nor practice the Way, but nevertheless presume to guide others to “the Way” to the gate!

It's a known fact that every man and every woman everywhere has their teacher - Adam had his - Moses had his - Jesus had his - I Paul had his - I have mine - and all of you have yours, so there is no reason one should need lead the blind from a blinded state! All this requires effort and that everyone maintain an active attitude accompanied by a vigorous desire to eliminate the hindering “self” and invigorate the “true self” and be constantly alert for unannounced change! Regardless of where it may instill itself, subtly or otherwise! “Wake-Up” is a watchword as is “keep the watch.” Receive you this datum:

Such matters as study - work - practice - prayer - meditation - contemplation - faith - expectation - diaries - faithful attendance to all functions open to you in the Family - the keeping of such matters as eating and sleeping to a need only level - good works and so forth are all manifestations of the reminder and consciousness factors,

at work. Such matters as non-asceticism are matters involved in the “fully-human” level, which we must all attain to. Further, prayer, meditation, and contemplation are all for the purpose of changing things, and a Christian Spiritualist knows that no change is possible until there is a change in the consciousness. You follow the Law of love as a rule in your life and you pray - meditate and practice the Presence of Spirit to get into another state of consciousness, in fact varying levels of consciousness, if you will!

You must all, by now, at least realize that internal harmony precedes external harmony. Opposites build unity!

Now I give you a secret! Apparent contradictions in the Message which appear as contrasts may be antinomies, the “hidden harmony” in things Spiritual - not things temporal!

Now, again, to asceticism. It can be austere to a simple self-denial of something, such as abstinence. We know that Catholics, for example, are accustomed to pray for the increase of their clergy who are sworn to a vow of celibacy, but that does not mean that sex is sinful or second-best to celibacy, for without sex there would be no priesthood, and I do not consider priests or any clergyman sinful or unclean per se. Celibacy is asceticism and the Message tells us quite clearly what asceticism really is. Clearly the various

religious views on sex, celibacy, marriage, abstinence, abortion and so forth, are often very contradictory, muddled, and in many instances downright archaic, ignorant and in need of much enlightenment and change! Let him who is taught in the Spirit understand and communicate unto them the teaching in all “good things”! For isn’t God’s will the well-being of All in All? Didn’t God make his sons rise over good and evil alike? And didn’t God make his Sun for the same purpose? And all for the purpose of saving them and nourishing them? And to see that no life is wasted! There can only be one answer.

You see evil has no reality, properly speaking, of its own, but emanates out of the good that the Supreme Spirit has created via the manifestation of the free-will. All evil is really the result of the ignorance or deliberate forgetfulness of the Spiritual Law!

I give you all this simply because the preparation and spiritualization of the “leadership” is our most vital priority. For in reality, it will not be the numbers, but the driving force of energetic and determined personalities which will decide in the future the course of events! You must never surrender your leadership to any problem, you must solve them! So, that then, you are no more scattered strangers and sojourners, but are fellow-citizens with the Spirits, and of the Family of Christ in the household of the

Supreme Spirit, being built upon the foundation of the Christian Spiritual Way, Christ being the chief cornerstone, in whom each several building, fitly framed together, grown into a great edifice in the Spiritual Realms!

Therefore what you do, is far more righteous and necessary, than any mere religion has ever done, and which will do far more to revolutionize the worlds of humanity than has been accomplished heretofore!

In the Message I Paul is as the host to a feast. The host acts thusly: He prepares the feast, invites the guests and includes the directions to his house, for them to follow, throws open all the doors to his house and fills the house with much light, and then he leaves without any of his guests therefore seeing their host, to stand by a gate on one of the numerous paths leading away from his home, or up to it. The guests on departing who take the proper path will find their missing host awaiting to escort them through the gate that leads to their home also.

The question has been asked if you have Spiritual Pride. I, for one, have absolutely no relief from my spirit, and that is exactly how it should be for one and All. What now you can only imagine and attempt to visualize, you bring into reality via patient and methodical discernment of the Message, and you do this out of respect for the Spirit. I have been “ready”

and “present” for quite some time to do whatever comes in this life of total service. Unconquerable faith, hope, loyalty, obedience, respect and love are the secrets of Spiritual Pride and success in the tasks ahead.

Ought we not both in public and in private incessantly speak well of the Spirit and rehearse its benefits? For what else can a Christian Spiritualist do better? If I were a dog, I would act the life of a dog – but since I am an unconquerable Christian Spiritualist it is my duty to praise and expound the Spirit. This is my business. I do it, nor will I ever desert this post so long as it is permitted me – and I exhort all of you join in the very same business. Therefore, be not afraid, but speak out, and hold not your peace! For the Spirit is with you and no one shall set upon you for having your say, for we have many in many places, to protect you, where you are unable to protect yourselves. Be fervent in the Spirit, and preach and teach by word of mouth, whenever possible, the Way. Expound, then, the Way of the Spirit, for it is truth, it is Unity, it is love.

So now must come a new enthusiasm, so that the Message can be fully interpreted. The age of the burning Now is close at hand and we shall live, must live, as if the New Age was already present – caught up in the same movement as was Jesus and I Paul. We must all dare to live as they did, being lifted up above ourselves and standing

fast in the face of whatever comes down, for the New Worlds are not to be had apart from courage, perseverance, good works, preparation and so forth!

Anyone who can conquer despair and has faced doubt and won over it, in spite of all that stood opposed to it, will have finally come to the full understanding of belief, longing expectation, and the many meanings of Charity.

Standard-bearers what do we mean by “The Way”? Listen! To be in “The Way” is to be on the “inside” as a true Christian Spiritualist, in faith and practice. So if you are, in truth, in faith and practice (all-inclusive terminology) “in The Way” then you would be described as a fully instructed Christian Spiritualist who has prepared and followed “The Way” from an initiate to an adept – from an adept up to a disciple and a charismatic, a follower of the Spirit in all ways and in all things, come what may in an attitude of fruitful and responsible love! You see, when the First Fruits are harvested, it is clearly a sign that the full-crop is about to be harvested. Christian Spiritualism, then, is essentially a Unity with its center in the Spiritual Realm and the New Worlds center on earth, which the Family of I Paul and the Church of the All in All are but merely the earthly agents of the latter. Be of good cheer – for as will have testified concerning the Spirit to your family, so must you and yours do also in every place you are sent forth.

Now it should be perfectly clear and evident to one and all that I Paul was quite right when he said that the Christian Spiritualist calling included “not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, but that the Supreme Spirit chose the foolish things of the world that he might put to shame the self-entitled wise and the vain, the glory seekers, and hero worshippers, to shame the strong, the base, and the despisers, that no flesh should glory before God. Such was the beginning of the Christ’s mission and such was what the Families of I Paul were constructed. Therefore, such was the beginning begun, among peasants and fishermen of Galilee, despised by the learned priests and scribes and much of the people, even the home-town folk of Jesus, who nevertheless had wrought out his work and planted the seed, among the lowly, the ignorant, the superstitious and poor, the mean and the weak. I Paul spread the good news of Christ-Jesus and the coming new worlds farther and regenerated the Christian Spiritualist movement on its long, long, hard, hard, course of development beset by failure after failure and fall after fall up to the present day and age of W-303! Just as Jesus had known the ingratitude and inattention of his people and just as I Paul learned it also, so must I, and therefore, so must you, but I will, for one, remain as did Jesus and I Paul of good cheer, obedient, prepared for what comes and constantly

endeavoring to keep a clear conscience and an open mind, in faith, hope and love, both toward the Spirit and man.

Love the Spirit and the Fellowship. Be kind and just to one and all, for you cannot expect to be admitted to all the privileges of Christian Spiritualism without first accepting fully the obligations inherent in such a Spiritualism. If you are, in any way lax in you obligations or duties, you will be rightfully disappointed by your “rewards” – the Spiritual gifts!

Let the physical body sleep, then, but keep the Spiritual mind awake, for if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold! all things are become new! Christ-Faith – Christ-devotion – Christ-culture – Christ-love – Christ-unity – Christ-expectation – Christ-following – Christ-mysticism – these are all the I Paul life in Christ and the Christ life in I Paul – the experience and the witness. Yes, we have the Mind of Christ.

Remember, shun nothing “strange” – test it! For all Spiritual experiences lie in an area which in the end results resist all attempts of analysis and pure rational explanations. Therefore seek the great, and the small shall be added – seek the Spiritual and the earthly shall be added, for where there are two, they are not without Him, and where one is alone, He is there with him!



Some of you listen with your heavenly ear, but your earthly ear you close and therefore you hear not!

In the Family where one doesn't hear, others do. Where one forgets, others will remember. Where one makes an error, others will correct it. You are a fellowship, a brother and sisterhood, a blood fellowship if you like, One Spirit, His Spirit - One Truth - His Truth - One Unity - His Unity - One Love - His Love - One Body - His Body.

To the optical and aural Memory also are entrusted the inimitable two-voiced overtone in the Message - a parallel between two-parts - the undertone, not a unison - but that which accord in opposites - for examples: many that are first shall be last - whosoever will save his life shall lose it. In their contrasts we find thesis - antithesis - and finally synthesis - Yes-No, and final affirmative which combines the first two - Such as the Supreme Spirit - the Christ Spirit - the spirit of man.

Now in closing, two things: why is God All in All? Simply because He created All in All, how, therefore can he fail to be in All? Of course, being in All is quite different from having All in All delivered up to Him - remember, the earths are God's footstool. Between all the sounds of the earths and all the sounds of the Spiritual Realm, lies our Faith, our hope, our love and the Message of Truth and Unity!

Truly in the midst of a gloomy, helpless, crooked and perverse and seemingly uncaring world, here we are, a tiny group of inspired and courageous men and women, reliant upon the Spirit in the midst of a world moving knowingly toward self-destruction, a new people, with a future and a new world within our grasp. We must all look clearly within!

It is a fact in the nature of things that the first beginnings of a great movement are obscure and semi-hidden from the eyes of contemporaries. Those immediately concerned are much too wrapped up at the "time," in the marvelous and mysterious matters they are experiencing or attempting, to give any thought to a consecutive account of them - while outside observers, who might provide such an insight, are, as a rule, wholly absent. Only at a later date arises the need to become fully public and only when the movement and its leaders are fully prepared to handle such a gigantic move!

“For he hath weighed the age in balance,  
And by number hath he numbered the Seasons,  
Neither will He move for stir things,  
Till the measure appointed be fulfilled,  
And then the prepared shall follow Him,

And many will cease to be of downcast countenance,  
And they shall be clothed with that glorious body,  
And they shall be garments of life from the Supreme  
Spirit of Spirits,  
And your garments shall not grow old,  
Nor your glory pass away before the Supreme Spirit,  
And you shall Come and enter into the Inner light.”

– The Book of Enoch

With much love, tears of Joy and happiness,

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## 20 - The Supreme Spirit - Truth-Love-Unity

### Its relationship to man and to spirit and to the Church of All in All

Truth is the Law of all Laws that remain constant. The Law of Christ Spirit is the Rule of Love in your life, a law that also remains constant. Truth and love combined produce the third law that remains constant, unity.

The Supreme Spirit is Truth, is Love, is Unity and therefore eternal, no beginning - no end - constant! When we say that the "truth will out" we mean then, that the Power of its constancy (eternal) can create as well as destroy.

What is the meaning of the term "God of the All in All?" "He is the infinite in all that is finite, being itself in all that is, ever was, and ever will be." And more! Therefore the "Church" of the All in All is the "Church" of the Spiritual Resurrection for flesh and blood cannot enter in nor partake of the Light of the Kingdom of the Supreme Spirit of the All in All.

What do we mean by eternal or eternity? Simple! "Duration without beginning or end." The "negation of time." "The negation of space."

What do we mean by “the end of the worlds”? Since this world was not the first created it stands to reason that it will not be the last world – we are less concerned with this world, then, than we are with the new worlds. Therefore the new Eschatology of the Religionists is: Death – Judgment – Heaven – Hell – a physical resurrection. The old Eschatology is: preparation – following – Life in the Spirit – A Spiritual – Resurrection immediately at the death of the flesh. Therefore the old Eschatology is of the Spiritualists. Who are the Religionists? They are those who place their trust in a god or gods which their own hands have made! What are the Christian Religious churches built on? The Religious Churches of Christianity are built on a foundation of:

1. Heresy.
2. Apostates.
3. Teaching of the New Testament.
4. Beliefs inherited from Judaism.
5. The deification of Jesus, the natural man, born of a woman and a man, in the conventional manner.
6. The mythical and philosophical speculations of the Greek and Roman worlds.
7. Schisms.
8. Asceticism and celibacy.

9. Exclusiveness.
10. Rituals, rites, ceremonies, mysteries, magic.
11. Infallibility.
12. Church laws – hierarchical institutionalism.

Such extravagant ritualism, ceremonials, worshipping of idols (statues, saints, virgins, relics, etc.), excessive vanity, blind devotion to preconceived ideas and beliefs and obvious untruths, false claims of Spiritual gifts and Spirit guidance, arrogant claims of infallibility (only God is infallible), are the stigmas of the Christian and other religionists – all such exclusivism is folly and condemned – their way is strewn with barriers and a history of evil and leads only to the spirits of their followers becoming earth bound. Such religionists are not free but shackled by Church laws! It's a known fact that where there is not freedom – total freedom and open mindedness which is alert, awake and present to receive the Spirit and revelation, then there is no Spirit!

And pray tell, what are Christian Spiritualists? For the exact and full description one must read the Message of I Paul in its preparation phase in its entirety, but I shall herein give a short description. First of all a Christian Spiritualist is a man in Christ and Christ in a man!

We have no sacraments as do the religionists – only two

laws - no rituals - no ceremonies - no hierarchical institutionalism - no churches - no temples.

We are non-violent revolutionists! We know nothing of baptism save Christ baptized All, once and once for All eternally - we know nothing of eucharist - of confirmations - of unction - of hell - of purgatory - of limbo - of the resurrection of the flesh-confession.

We do not pray for the dead body - we invoke the Spirit - We know nothing truthful of virgin birth - and we know nothing about a trinity except that one man manufactured it by the Catholic Church, which we see as unfounded, folly, and untrue - we know of no saints, only Spirits - we hold no masses - fasts - feasts - sabbaths - holy days - fast days or feast days - we have no sacred places or shrines and we do not collect relics (the bones and heads of the dead and so forth).

We have no clergy nor priesthood, per se! We are self-supporting - not living off nor supported by the poor or the rich - we do not avoid taxation but willingly pay our full taxes like any other responsible and honest person does. We wear no special uniforms nor colors! Neither did Jesus nor I Paul - that was the Sadducees and the Pharisees ilk as well as John the Baptist's. We know asceticism and celibacy to be anti-God, Faithless - hopeless - loveless, and a waste of life

as God gave it to us as a special gift!

All forms of asceticism are faithless and graceless! All image worship is an abomination and anti-Spirit. We do not celebrate the passing-over of anyone - we do not worship dead flesh - we are not to know such in the flesh any longer - only in the Spirit! We worship and respect the "living spirits."

We have no "accidents" only Realities!

We believe in earning our daily bread, though Charity is one of our watch words, but he who can work and will not, should not eat with us - spiritually or otherwise! We have a leadership of servants, dedicated to serve and we replace such by elections - we are, all of us, equals in every way - we have freedom - we advocate open mindedness - liberty - justice - fraternity - good works on the basis of others' needs, for we believe that God will not do for man what man can do for himself.

We also believe that man is the victim of his own punishment - not the Supreme Spirits - we know of no Satan - except as an idiotic figment of the imagination - If God is good and all powerful how could such things as devils and demons exist? The truth is they do not. Man's free will, a gift of the Great and Supreme Spirit, is where all evil emanates from - the flesh - evil exists only where man is -



no other place. God is the Supreme Spirit and God of All in All is Love, truth, unity, eternity, and in such and of such, and from such no evil emanates nor has its being – look to flesh when you search for a source of evil.

Sin is also a figment of man's imagination, used as a tool, and quite successfully, by Religionists to control the minds of their adherents by unscrupulous clergymen and as a means to power over others, and over their lives and their wealth. Sin is a great source of mammon for institutionalized religions and its religionizers! It is among many of our reasons why we consider all religions a blight on the world.

The only true way, we feel, is the Spiritual Way – God is Supreme Spirit and we are all offspring of Spirit. There is a physical body (vessel – temple) and there is a Spiritual body – that which lives when the body dies and decays.

We hold to the examples and teachings of faith, hope, and love of Jesus and I Paul, where there are no race, nor creeds, nor male or female discrimination in our movement, our way, the way of Supreme Spirit. We live openly in the two laws of “The Way.”

The doing of God's Will which is man's well-being and by the Law of our Christ, which is the Law of Love as the rule of our lives. We have committed ourselves to “good works,”

both on an individual and collective basis, with no expectation of reward or earning merits - we firmly believe in the dignity of man and we believe it anti-spirit and anti-Christ to waste such a precious gift, such as this probationary life we live in the flesh on our spaceship earth! We not only believe, but know, that where there is no freedom, there is no Spirit!

We also realize that New Covenant scripture has been grossly corrupted and dishonestly interpreted, all for self-seeking purposes and we know that the Religionists themselves know but absolutely refuse to make the necessary amends and in doing so they heap lie upon lie and manufacture diversion after diversion, simply to protect their self-serving need and existence.

All such interpretations must be made on a truthful Spiritual basis and never from an ecclesiastical basis.

We hold no personal feelings of antipathy toward anyone or anything but we are, and must always be, defenders of the truth - we are quite well aware that Truth and Love and Unity can destroy as well as create!

A wise one hates no one, not even fools and especially never his enemies. Yet we dispute with all who refute or corrupt "The Way" and its faith, its expectations, its charity, its freedom, its unity, and its agapé of the

fellowship and its creator, the Supreme Spirit of the All in All. We believe in truth, honesty, earnestness and self-discipline, sans asceticism, and we believe in spiritual healing and all the spiritual gifts as outlined in the Message of I Paul and to which were in the possession of Jesus and I Paul and which were lost to all the earth when the Religionizers corrupted the truth and attempted to steal the Spirit from those so gifted, through greed, arrogance, self-serving purposes involving power and gold and silver. We reiterate, that there is no Spirit where there is no freedom - absolute freedom!

The Peace of the Spirit belongs to those of the Spirit for the Spirit, in the Spirit. These are the true “receivers” of the Spirit. Those then who are truly intoxicated by the wine (spirit - ecstasy) of the spirit, in spirit, mind, heart and body - for these are those possessed of and possessing Spirit who thunder against the Apostates and the prideful and schismatics and the disseminators of folly in the name of the Supreme Spirit, the hypocrites then who lead others to the darkness and to despair!

The very first task of all Christian Spiritualists, then, is to live accordingly to “The Way” in order to avoid such pitfalls and to become “fully human” - for if you go into a dark place and secure it and think that you are alone, don’t, for you are never alone for the Spirit is within and your

genius is within, and what need have they of light to see what you are and what you are doing?

As you can see, from the waters of my own thoughts have I opened from my spirit these many things for your own drinking. And from my spirit freely give I. And like precious drops of dew in the desert have I begged these things for you from the keepers of the spiritual well, the spirits who never rest nor sleep.

Now if someone was to come to me and ask of me:

How should I persuade my brother or sister to cease treating me unkindly, I would answer the question thusly: Neither philosophy nor religion can promise to procure for you anything external, otherwise it would be boasting or procuring something for you that they cannot possibly produce, ever – the subject matter of both, you see, is not that of the Spirit nor of an individual being, the subject matter of the questioner is the subject matter of his own life! They may then ask: What, then, is my brother or sister? That, again, I would say, belongs to his own way of living, it is external, like health or like reputation.

Philosophy can guarantee none of these nor can religion.

But what, then, how then, is my brother or sister to lay

aside their anger for me? He may ask. I will tell him: I have nothing to say to you about their anger, but bring them to me, and I will tell them! Require, then, not for things to happen as you wish, but wish them to happen as they do happen, and you will go on well!

If you would be good, first believe that you are not. Then you have a chance to be good.

Never say of anything: I have lost it - but say I shall restore it! If your faith leaves you, it is restored! If a loved one dies, they are restored! If your worth - your wealth - your health - is taken away - well, and is that not likewise restored? But he who took it away is a bad one, you say! What is it to you, by whose hands he who gave it, hath demanded it back again? While he gives to you to possess it, take care of it, but as of something not your own, as a guest in another's home!

Further, let me advise you thusly: instead of enemies, fill your house with friends, for the Supreme Spirit strengthens the hands of his true servants in just such a manner. So come, be instructed as I am, for I was once as you! For as I prepared, so must you. For as I follow, so must you. Since I see and hear, so must you! And if anyone chooses to come to you - you must impart to them the truth, as you understand it, and you shall always instill in one and

all the necessity for an open mind! And remember that no man can save another's spirit nor his soul. It cannot be won for another through prayer nor coin. Wherever the Spirit goes after passing over, it and it alone is responsible to redeem its "full life" in the light just as it was responsible here on earth "in the flesh." There is no limbo, no hell, no purgatory - just Spirit levels beginning with the lowest level, which is earth-boundedness! Therefore, be not concerned with the striving toward perfection, but the attainment of it. For when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away.

Perfectionism has knocked on the gates of true Christianity repeatedly and in various guises, but has never been granted permission - give it! Now in completion this:

The Jews looked for a perpetual earthly kingdom and an earthly messiah King. When Jesus taught a Kingdom not of this world and one ruled by a Spirit King they refused him and in conspiracy with the Romans, the Jewish Sanhedrin assisted in bringing charges of sedition against him.

Yet, you see He is not dead, He lives in the Spirit and we cannot Spiritually deny Him. That is why Christian Spiritualism's love is supernatural Love for it emanates from the Spirits of Love! Our fellowship with each other is founded, and wholly depends on our communion with

Spirit, and on the Spirits love and presence within us. We are, then both possessed and possessors! Spirits have no flesh or blood, therefore we do not “eat” flesh nor drink blood. There is only One Supreme Spirit, God of the All in All, who created All in All, the Heavens and the earths, and all things therein, the Christs, humans, the firmaments of the Universe, of all space, of all infinity and the finite. We will not sacrifice nor worship any man or idol nor will we ever believe in another invisible power called Satan. God is Spirit. He is not body nor person, nor is he sectionalized nor three Spirits in One. God is One! He is our Faith, our hope, our love, our Unity through His Christs and our Christ-Jesus who will place all things at the feet of the Supreme Spirit and take his place beside Him!

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## **21 - The Spirit Pushes you Forward - Why do you Resist?**

Besides this world of ours, which none of you really know much about, only that place in it where you spend most of your time, there is another world. This “other place” is just beyond the veil, a mysterious place, full of secrets and wonders which only the travelers know. One gets to know this “other place” through a combination of Spiritual laws and psychotropic rules.

There is much about the Supreme Spirit which we will never know - much about Reality which we have as yet to come to an understanding - in fact much about our own personal being that is foggy or outright unknown. We spend most of our earthly lives more concerned with other people's lives than our own! Most human beings are totally unaware of the power that is theirs, so close and yet so far, within! This power within is in all and we know it as Spiritual power, when in fact it is a gift. You can use it for many wonderful things and also for the well-being of others. But you must first use it to come to know your true self and to heal yourself, before you can apply it in a good way to help, to heal, to love others. This inner Spiritual Power will teach you to live the truth and follow the Way but you must first master “self” and learn self-discipline,



obedience to the higher Power, patience, perseverance and the maintaining of a constant flow of Love, in and out, and of course free from doubt and despair. It's no easy road. It requires great and constant effort and it requires that you be honest with yourself and following the teaching faithfully regardless of what your progress may be. Faithfully and honestly because every misstep, every "break" in the routine, every step backward demands a "starting over." Most people today want everything in a hurry and all seem to want it without exerting much effort or energy and this simply won't do. Such are the ones who become earth-bound - they are just too involved in this life to think of anything else, too lazy, too wrapped up in "self" procrastinators and "me people." The only conversation they understand is the "me" kind, they simply do not realize that anyone else resides in the world or beyond the veil! Of course, some of these, take a breather from their "me" conversations to gossip and vilify others and both of these types are those who "waste" the precious gift of "life."

The first step to the Way is become two persons at one and the same time - Spiritual and Natural. Then one can unite these split personalities and become spiritualized and therefore "fully human." Yet all this is up to You - you are given the choice, you have a free-will to do as you please and to live as you please. You can choose between Spiritual

power or the power you ignorantly believe an external chemical can give you when ingested - the external is temporary, the inner is eternal! None of, such as these, can be helped spiritually unless they ask, and they must ask from a state of freedom - only those who want to be healed can be healed - only those who want to be Spiritualized can be Spiritualized and you must be prepared before you can Receive the Spiritual gifts! If you truly want to heal, to cure, to prophesy, to “travel” to “receive” then you must desire with all your heart, your mind, your body, your spirit, to do so and then through self-discipline and constant effort you must prepare by following the yellow brick road of the Message, you must be “different” - you must change - you must be faithful - expectant and above all you must understand Charity and become it and understand that it begins within! That, in itself, is a great vision! A marvelous insight! A display of knowledge!

Right now, those of you “in love” with “self” and in need of external substances to give meaning to your life internally are simple, materialistic, humans, afraid, alone, weeping in the shadows of the “true life,” burying your heads in the sand, insecure and empty, existing then - not really living, comprehending or happy. Those who are part of the drug cult and who are unprepared are wasting their lives - naturally and Spiritually. They must prepare on their

own, without any outside influences or chemicals, by their own honest effort for this will afford them the real, the true insight of “self” and the “spirit.”

That which comes by drugs is false and grossly detrimental to the “unprepared.” Once you are prepared, once you have truly experienced the “real thing” you will see clearly that such external potions can never replace it. Further, once prepared, the spirit will guide you to what is correct and good and steer you clear from anything harmful and debilitating.

Without the study and practice of the Message, without the honest and courageous effort, without the barriers of “self” being removed, without the receivings and the visions, without the power then, all the drugs in the world will not make you a Christian Spiritualist, just a junkie, and a junkie or a tripper is not free - and where there is no freedom there is no Spirit! Where there is no freedom there is only loneliness, only you - no Spirit - only you - no Mind - only you - no truth - only you - no faith - only you - no Unity. You must first become your own master and stop sacrificing yourself on the altar of waste - despair - ignorance - darkness! Such as these will probably never know timelessness! Never know the light - never know the ecstasy - never know their true being!

Listen to the Message! It has the power to change your whole life – physically and spiritually – why do you resist? Do you think you are a great Spirit? Do you think yourself intelligent, really? The Message promises many things, one such promise is this: You exert the honest effort, courageously, study and practice it, live it and the day will come, how, you will not know, that you can undertake anything and do it well for you will have the understanding of your inner-self and the unrestricted use of its Powers for doing the will of the Supreme Spirit!

Your attitude to life, your well-being, your future, your understanding are all highly crucial to your development. You need to clear your consciousness and your conscience, and Wake-Up and come to a sense of what it is all about and where it is at!

From “understanding” comes knowledge, from knowledge comes wisdom, from wisdom comes truth, love, unity and the Spiritual gifts, and that’s where it’s at! And keep in mind that all understanding comes from love and respect – of your true being and of the Supreme Spirit – and of your fellow human beings and your brothers and sisters in the Family of I Paul! How much do you love and respect them? How much do you contribute towards the fellowship and its success? It’s certainly not an easy road we walk, do you add to its difficulties? Why?

Don't you realize that "all life is a circle"? Where do you stand within or without? Why? Right now your silence is not golden!

Remember that a human mind can stand only so much bending at a time - you over do it and the day will come when it will refuse to snap back - and you never get advance warning! And it will be too late for the inner-man or the inner-spirit to repair the damage done - it will be unrepairable in this life-cycle. You need to believe - for one day you may need desperately the aid of the spirit - so why do you resist such aid now? Don't you want to KNOW? Doesn't the truth, the Way, excite you anymore, or has all your desire been surrendered to external substances - non-entities? Are you a user or are you being used? Who is your master? Why?

Do you realize that Spiritual Powers can be obtained spontaneously or deliberately when you have an open mind and when you are free? Free, that is, in body, mind and Spirit.

Your goal, as a member of the Family of I Paul is to attain to Spiritual maturity, stop being a student and evolving into a teacher and a Spiritual mystic, and to reach this maturity you must divest your consciousness of all enslavement. What is needed is a complete renewal, a mystical rebirth within! All anxiety, all doubt, all hysteria,

all despair, all negation, all psychological disturbances fade away at this rebirth via Spiritual and psychotropic agents, guided by the Spirit. Those of you, you see, who are sick, and that's what you really are, must become above all a sick one who has been cured and therefore able to cure – Spiritually!

Don't you realize by now (after all it's over three years) that your isolation from the Spirit and its Gifts exists only in your mind and your levels of imagination which you have failed to raise to its highest levels and to have Spiritualized? You are separated because you think, live, act in a separative manner– you must enter in – step up to the inside, Unite! Some of you have as yet to read completely the preparation phase of the Message – that's a barrier to your chances of preparation – it's a lack of honest effort – are you waiting for a miracle? The teacher, dear friends, is not going to come to the students – oh no! The student must always come to the teacher! And the student must comply with the basics before the teacher can begin to upgrade the teaching! How is the teacher to explain to you the way to obtain the experience of divesting yourself of your body and “travelling” in the Spirit via the power derived from the supernatural if you won't spend the effort on the preliminaries?

How am I to lead you to the experience of the sacred over the temporal? Or how to live and think from the

Spiritual “Form” rather than the temporal “Form”? The whole process of “Spiritual Reality” over “material reality” is a learning process, the “forms” taken by the process “differ” immensely. You certainly cannot learn any of these things if, in an unprepared state, you insist on using narcotics. Narcotics are no substitute for “true” Spirituality induced experiences of the “other,” they are not even a fair substitute! You cannot truly reach the inner-world via any substitute for the Spirit! You must obtain access to the Spiritual without external substitutes - in fact, to use anything of its type is to place your spiritual and physical consciousness in dire circumstances, which is dangerous. There is no substitute for a clear and Spiritualized Consciousness in all situations, in which in this life, you may be called upon to face, and further it allows you to attain otherwise inaccessible spiritual levels! It could happen to you! Why do you resist? You still view all things from a materialistic viewpoint, that’s why! That’s the real reason the Message of I Paul is so difficult for you to grasp - it seems awesome, foreign, forbidden, impossible, frightening, simply because you are as yet beholden to preconceived ideas, untruths, material values and “self.”

The attitude of most who become involved with the Message of I Paul is one of “wait and see” and you do not become enlightened by waiting - it’s lonely there, isn’t it?



And do you understand that our claims for wholeness and oneness are sustained by those of you who have closed the gate to the Spirit? The wonder? That you are lonely? That you “experience” only the “material”? The Message and the Way are impossible to you only because you deny them. Once you begin honestly and fearlessly to open yourself to them, you will know their Reality! Their truths! Their love! Their Faith! Their hope! Their eternity and their Unity!

You see, dear friends I know what you are thinking about all this but I tell you that Spiritual Understanding requires a foundation of Faith, expectation and Love and a direct encounter with more than just human material reality and purpose. You all must become far more open minded than you presently are in order to experience a direct spiritual encounter. You need to redirect your course, from a backward one to an upward one. To understand you must look and when you look you must see and you must know where to begin. To understand how to know and how to experience you need only turn to the Message and read - read and study - study and practice - practice and live it in all your words, acts, deeds, and thoughts with an open mind! You must be love and see it as a way of knowing and of doing! The best of knowing is through “Sense” experience! The knowledge will come by Spiritual inspiration and Revelation and by Rationality. Yet the



demand of love exceeds every one of these things for it is the Foundation of The Way! For what can be more absolute than the Law of Love as the rule of all life, everywhere? The sad truth is that this law of love has not been comprehended and where it has been attempted such have been but miserable pretenses that have quickly broken down and gone astray. I too began in this very manner and it was Love that rescued me and led me to the proper path. All the communications I have received from Spirit mark a distinct period of education - enlightenment, in which I underwent a Spiritual development that in its outcome has been a complete regeneration of my mind, body, heart and spirit. I do not try to convey to others more than what I have myself learned and experienced - to do otherwise would not be Love.

It may be borne in upon the consciousnesses of some, who are not ignorant of the dispensations of the Spirit in their own inner-selves, that for me the question of the beneficent action of the external Spirit on my own self was then finally settled. I never have since, even amidst some very skeptical questioning, ever seriously entertained any doubts, nor fail to see its Love for us all! Now this: Dreams are significant for they relate to you of the inner Reality.

We view reality as consisting of outer physical objects, to which we react - but in addition to the realities that come from outer perceptions and inner perception of Memories,

autonomous Spiritual Realities present themselves directly to us via the inner eye – the eye of the dream and by thought transference, trance receivership and automatic writing. We also receive messages of the aural and optic kind by “travelling.” For it is by these methods that you can manifest a direct and consistent encounter with the inner Spiritual world and throw open the gate to the outer and higher Spiritual worlds.

All of you need to withdraw from your solipsism! You need to work toward the most beautiful and most profound experience possible, the sensation of the mystical, for to anyone who is a stranger to this experience, who cannot wonder and stand in awe of it, is as good as dead. To know what is considered impenetrable to man really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can usually only comprehend in the most primitive forms – this knowledge, this feeling is the center of Christian Spiritualism. The Cosmic Spiritual experience is the strongest most absolute proof we can attain to.

In many instances and in many cases, and this is one of the profoundest of human experiences, it is the idea that takes hold of the person rather than the other way around – hence the necessity of cultivating the imagination to its levels! Man, then, becomes overpowered by a relation, an

insight. This, in a word, is Revelation! And mankind depends wholly on Revelation. In all his endeavors, he should always listen, always be intent to hear and see! He should not attempt to super-impose the structures of his own mind, his systems of thought upon Reality. At the beginning of all Spiritual endeavor stands preparation and humility, and he who doesn't have it, or loses it, can achieve no other heights than the heights of disillusionment, or those artificially imposed. Man is a "traveler," it's inherent in him and he has a "compass" if he listens to the Revelations of the Spirit. We are all "traveling pilgrims" of the Supreme Spirit. And the mission of the travelling pilgrim is the New Worlds and the pilgrimage to the Supreme Spirit!

I tell you, one and all, that if man would only learn to channel his emotions, his inner and outer emotions and senses, his imagination and his energies into images he can be healed, will heal others and become Spiritually creative beyond his wildest dreams! What you all fail to see, to realize, is that images and what you label fantasy can often bring you closer to the truth than anything else. It's becoming easier and easier to be skeptical to skepticism!

Many of you are victims of "automatization" in which one learns how to react to the world "automatically." "unconsciously," without questioning the validity of one's

assumptions about the world. You actually create your own world by means of your own “personal constructs.” You “see” what you “know” while you tend to exclude what you don’t know from your vision, and that is why so much that is visible remains invisible!

The real trouble with human beings, the real problem, is that the body is All. Such an attitude always leads to the coldness of despair and causes the guardians to flee in dismay from a scene on which they could not gaze. Faithlessness is the creed of the body – only lovers, and worse! They laugh at the Spirits and deride the Supreme, and live only to eat, drink and wallow in artificial merriment! The Supreme Spirit is giving far more than such of these can comprehend and who are not receptive of further truth, Love only themselves and care not for the future. These “time-servers” know nothing of the Way out!

Meditation is the method used to expose one to the realm of “Timelessness” – the taking of oneself outside the everyday world of opposites, into the “void,” the “still point,” the “cosmic ooze,” where one transcends illusion and enters into the “absoluteness” and the “esoteric” and “mystical” realms.

Therefore meditation is an attempt to alter consciousness, free of drugs, in such a way that other

aspects of Reality can become accessible to the practitioner. Through it, one de-automatizes his perception to the point of rearranging it to allow new perception. In the esoteric realm, the ultimate is the “cosmic ooze” and this is its valid goal. It is one of the means of reaching transcendence, it can be used to unite opposites, it can be used to “clear the field” so that the practitioner may relate to the images which arise.

These images of meditation and those of dreams are important indicators of the direction one should pursue, in their seeking of knowledge and truth, for they are in truth forms of energy that lead to perception. What we are saying, then, is that there exists a realm to which images and dreams introduce us to, as well as a realm of physical sensations and perceptions.

The truth of Spiritualism would seem, then, to be contingent on an individual experience which bears witness to that truth, that there is no question of belief, but only of experience. Spiritual experience is absolute. It is absolutely indisputable.

How do you, the members of the Family of I Paul come to this experiencing? The best approach is to pursue the Message of I Paul with the purpose of including yourself “in it”! And one “in it” asking yourself all the questions possible about every single communication therein - working the Message in this manner will give you a

surprising number of insights heretofore overlooked and allow you to explore your wholeness, your oneness, your true being which are “stirred up” in the process.

I tell you all this: the Truth is going to prove to be very embarrassing for many and especially so for the Religionists and the purveyors of untruths. In conclusion let me say this: Revelation, all of it, that is true is from the Supreme Spirit and his Spirits, and that which has been revealed at one moment cannot contradict that which is revealed at another, seeing that each is, in its kind, a revealing of Truth - but of truth revealed in proportion to man's necessities, and in accordance with his capacities - hence the rapidity and at times the slowness of communications from I Paul! That which seems contradictory is not in the word of the Supreme Spirit, but in the minds of men - man cannot, for various reasons, be content with the simple message. He has adulterated it with his glosses, overlaid it with his deductions and speculations and corrupted it by the interpolations of untruths and the “taking out” of truths contained therein for self-serving reasons. And so, as years go by, it has come to pass that what came from Spirit is in no sense what it was. It has become contradictory, impure, and earthy and has been converted from Spiritualism to Religion - a man manufactured folly of enslavement. Therefore I have the additional task, when a

further Revelation comes, of clearing away all the doubts and superstitions that have been built on the old foundations of preconceived beliefs and blatant untruths. This work of destruction must precede the work of addition - the "Revelations" are not contradictory - but it is necessary to clear away man's rubbish before the Supreme Spirit's truth can be revealed in full. All of us must judge according to the light of reason that resides within us. That is the ultimate standard, and the progressive spirit will receive what the ignorant or prejudiced will reject. A closed mind contains no light! The Supreme Spirit's truth is forced on no one - you could not be free if it were. That is why, for a space, the Message of I Paul is a special revelation to a special group of people! It has ever been so!

Just think and ask yourself, did Moses obtain universal acceptance even among his own people? Did any of the Prophets? Did Jesus? Did I Paul? Did any leader or mystic in any age, amongst any people? The Supreme Spirit changes not! It offers, but, it does not force acceptance! It offers, and they who are prepared receive the full Message, the Spiritual gifts and the Powers therein to do the Will of the Supreme Spirit and carry out the tasks of the Revelations to fruition. The ignorant and unfit will reject it. It must be so - and the dissensions and differences which you deplore are but for the sifting of the false from the truth! You must expect falls

but when they occur cast your eyes beyond the present – look to the day of the future and be of good courage. Put aside your wavering and procrastination – put aside your petty differences and your right to be right until others see the light you see and hear the truths you hear – simply state your case and go on to the next matter for that is exerting the honest effort and the proper sharing of your own enlightenment!

Now be not astonished when I tell you that when a person abandons good and chooses evil as a way of life he also corrupts his true being – his spirit! As the spirit lives in the earth-life, so does it go to spirit-life, hence the reason many, many spirits become earth-bound – simple, isn't it, to understand?

Its tastes, its predilections, its habits, its antipathies, all remain with it. It is not changes save in the accident of being freed from the body. The spirit that on earth has been low in taste and impure in habit does not change its nature by passing from the earth-sphere, any more than the spirit that has been truthful, pure, and progressive becomes base and bad by passing over! Your spirits then are subjected to your individuality, your attitude and your character! The person who has yielded to evil and the lusts of the earth corrupt their spirits. So you see the legions of adversaries are not “evil spirits” as religions teach who are slaves of a



devil but simply the corrupted spirits, the masses of unprogressed, undeveloped spirits, who have banded together at the lowest spirit level and who long to return to the flesh. They can only progress through the forgiveness and teaching and love of the higher intelligences and by gradual and laborious undoing of their “earthly ways.” The idea that there is no such thing as evil except that attributed to demons, evil spirits and the Devil is foolishness. There is no such a Satan or devil as the religionists teach but spirits good and not so good do exist but they are all subject to the rule of commanding intelligences of Love, Truth and Unity and not by an “evil spirit.” It is the true Spiritualist, the person who has the benefit and progress and well-being of all his fellow creatures at heart, is the true person, the true child of Spirit, and those who will assist the earth-bound, here and hereafter with all their strength and knowledge through the Law of Love as the rule of life.

As you all must know by now, nothing is more dangerous than for a spirit to be rudely severed from its bodily habitation, and to be launched unprepared into spirit-life, with angry passions and revengeful feelings dominant. For such as these go no further than the lowest level of the spirit worlds. It is bad that any should be dismissed from earth-life suddenly - i.e., before the bond is severed naturally. It is for this reason that all destruction of

bodily life is foolish, rude and dangerous as betokening a barbaric ignorance of the conditions of life and progress in the hereafter – an undeveloped spirit that is prematurely released becomes earth-bound and faced with many, many problems of which you in the flesh fail to comprehend – you waste your life and you waste your SPIRIT! NOW – you are no longer blind and ignorant of this truth – NOW – you have no excuse for such folly! Vain, and short-sighted and ignorant folly, I may add!

You see, dear friends, you have very much to unlearn, and then very much more to learn. And will learn it, one way or another, hopefully not by the sad and bitter experience of undoing hereafter that which you have wrongly done here. Better that you become a new creature now, here on earth, and follow “The Way” of Love, Truth, and Unity now, than later. You must, in this life come to know of the Supreme Spirit and His Spirits now, and of us and of yourselves, where you can progress and do the Spirits work instead of your own!

Therefore, I ask you all to join with me in prayer for the blind and deaf ones, that when and if their eyes and ears are opened, that they may rejoice at the truth which they shall see and hear.

In love, in and of the Spirit – F.

## 22 - “Be Ye Followers of Me, as I Am of Christ” - I Paul

Jesus went about teaching “the Gospel” of the Kingdom and healing all kinds of sickness and all manner of dis-ease amongst the people. These, very clearly then, were ordinances and exhibitions of Spiritual recovery and of order in nature and not rude interruptions of disorder - Why, then, having been once begun should they have ceased? We are under the dispensation of the Spirit which we hold to be an unchangeable dispensation so long as it shall continue. Jesus, having begun his “good works” at Cana, never permanently suspended them, in fact we are told that before he was delivered into the hands of the Romans and the High Priest, he stretched out his hand and restored the ear to the man who was the victim of Peter’s hasty sword! Why then should the “good works” of the Spirit have ceased? We know that many mighty “good works” were done and that in some places many mighty “good works” did not take place, “because of their unbelief”! If the substance of healing, cures, and miracles remain unchanged, what happened to supersede it?

True Christianity, being a spiritual system, can you believe that the miracles were only the staging employed for the erection of that system, destined to fall away and

disappear as soon as it should be completed? That's what the religionists claim but it won't hold any water, since Jesus did not come forth for the purpose of beginning a new Religion or to build a "Church," a word he was completely unfamiliar with. Jesus was not a Christian! And since true Christianity is a spiritual system such rites of Baptism and the Eucharist are too physical to be perpetuated in connection with a spiritual movement, and are therefore not valid as practiced by today's religionists, but even if they were, they are moot simply because the ceasing of holding the Spiritual gifts, the Charisma, resulted as the loss of freedom in the Ecclesiastical-hierarchy's action of "stealing" the Spirit and locking it up in a "Church"! The very use of the Spiritual gifts before and after the crucifixion argues strongly for the permanency! For if the substance remains the same, unchanged, why should the sign which was originally chosen to exhibit it be superseded?

In the New Covenant, in the Epistle of James, in the letters of I Paul and in the later gospels, we find healing, for example, recognized as an "ordinance" and one that could never lose its significance in "true Christianity" - Spiritualism - for it is the sign of the Spirit working through men - neither Baptism nor Eucharist exhibit such action!

All the authentic "miracles" of Jesus were given to be witnesses to the "restitution of all things" and the well-

being of man. These were the “specimens” and “samples” of the New Worlds that Jesus gave freely to the people as he went forth to teach and preach those Kingdoms! Sickness and dis-ease in the body is the presentment of death, the forerunners of corruption. Dis-ease of every kind is mortality begun. Now, as the Spirit came to destroy sickness and dis-ease and death and to redeem all the bodies from the bondage of all corruption, it stands to reason that if we are to have the first-fruits of these gifts, the power of them, it must be by receiving the gifts of healing and so forth, which are the first-fruits over sickness and dis-ease and earnest of death! Such Spiritual “miracles” are but a shadow of the good things to come, the good things for the spirit body and the physical body, here for one, and here and hereafter for the other! The work of regeneration and daily renewal by the Spirit is the constant reminder and pledge and preparation for such events which become perpetual miracles! Healing by the power of the Spirit is the pledge and forerunner of things to come!

The consequence of the union of the spirit and body is that when the spirit of man is vivified by the Spirit Christ, it exerts upon the person and through the person, so vivified, an influence of marvelous gifts. These Spiritual gifts and Powers are as yet possible! It was possible before and after the crucifixion and resurrection, it was possible in the

Middle Ages and it is still possible NOW! The one important text on this question is I Corinthians 13:8-9-10! “Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” Thus speaks the Spirit! Ironically, the Catholic Religion has attempted to use these verses as an excuse for the “shutting up” of all miracles within the Apostolic era as belonging to the things which were “in part” and therefore destined to “pass away” when the Church became perfect and infallible (which they claimed to be without any visible proof being manifested to prove their claims).

In the first place, let it be noted however, that it is only in prophecies and tongues and knowledge that are specified and not all of the Spiritual gifts that I Paul lists elsewhere, such as “healing” – and in the second place, the bounds set to the exercise of these gifts is “when that which is perfect is come!”

For then there is no need of knowledge for Wisdom will have replaced it – no need of tongues for all will understand – no need of prophecies for they will have all been fulfilled by the visible manifestations of the New Worlds! Something that the Religionists cannot bring about, simply because it

is a Spiritual matter and not a religious one - for that which seems to be no longer possible, is the Spirit Power and Action of the divine Power upon internal and external nature and is therefore not only possible but coming!!

The Spiritual Gifts are not confined to the Beginning only but are the actual forerunners to the manifestation of the New Worlds - the very signs and proofs that the Christian Spiritualist's Way is the one true and better Way! It is reasonable to conclude that the office of the Spiritual Gifts rests on the same example of Jesus and I Paul, and held by the same tenure of divine promise and precept as all the other promises made and were never destined to pass away, or disappear, or to be "stolen" within any single generation. What happened to them then? The Spirit cannot operate where there is not total Freedom to do so! It's that simple!

With the advance in Power and knowledge which was to take place under the administration of the Spirit, is it possible or reasonable to teach and to believe that there was designed to be a retarding of supernatural energy? Is it reasonable to believe that the Spirit has deserted us forever or is less likely to extend to us the touch of Faith and healing and so forth simply because the religionists have denied the Spirit its freedom to operate within and through those who will present it that freedom? With evil and dis-ease still holding sway in this world of ours, is it reasonable to



consider that these matters are entirely beyond the work of the Spirit through free mediums? Of course not, because the Spirit has not left us entirely without the first-fruits of our well-being – we have the gift of them before us! We need only prepare to Receive them!

The true Christian Spiritualist is to be distinguished by the gifts of the Spirit and that is exciting! In fact, Jesus before his departure was very careful to teach that there would be an augmenting rather than a diminishing of supernatural energy. “But you shall receive power after that the Spirit is come upon you.” “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father!” He made no provision for the arrest of the stream of divine manifestations which he had started, either in the next age or in a subsequent age – and this is a resounding indictment of the whole of all the so-called “Christian” Religions and its clergy! The Catholic Church uses a lie for an excuse of its lack of the Spiritual gifts, when they teach that “the Age of miracles ended with the Apostolic Age.”

It was during the “Constantine Age” that the termination of the Spiritual gifts came about, and almost every historian, scholar, exegete and theologian hold that there was a period when the simpler and purer forms of the supernatural manifestation ceased and were ruthlessly



supplanted by the gross and spurious type which characterizes the “Church Religion.” The era of Constantine’s conversion makes a decided transition from the pure to a degenerate and worldly religion! From this period on wherein the Church Religionists enslaved its members’ minds and lives and where the Church Religion itself ceased to depend wholly on the Spirit and instead rested on the patronage and support of earthly rulers – and ceased looking to the coming of the New Worlds, and in its place began to exult in her present triumph and worldly splendor and power which it used for self-serving purposes and was culminated in the withdrawal of the Spirit, fleeing from this abomination and total lack of freedom. The “Church Preachers” even made bold to declare that the Kingdom had come and that the Catholic Church held it! Therefore, as the substances of the real truths faded from the minds of the religiously enslaved, so too, did the Spirit and its gifts!

It isn’t strange or hard to grasp, that when the communities forgot that their “citizenship lay elsewhere,” and instead began to establish themselves in luxury and splendors on earth – corrupt to the core – they ceased to exhibit the supernatural gifts of the Spirit! And there is a grim irony in the fact that after death and the grave had gradually become the goal of the Christian’s hope and Faith,

instead of the personal coming of the Spirit then we should begin to find gifts of healing alleged by means of contact with the bones and skulls of dead “saints” and “martyrs,” instead of miracles of healing through the gift of the Spirit and the Faith in prayer offered to the Supreme Spirit – Such is the change introduced by the age of Constantine and the idolatrous anti-Christ of the Christian Religionists!

How many attempts have been made to overthrow these abominations are unknown to us but certainly the Message of I Paul, the Waldenses, Moravians, Huguenots, Covenanters, Friends, Baptists and Methodists all have attempted to do so. Only one of the above is pure Spiritualism – the rest are all religious in nature as were also the Lutherans and the followers of the doctrines of Wesley!

If any of the above can establish and maintain a Spiritual Faith the Spiritual works will fall upon them! They will be marvels of courage – marvels of Faith – marvels of Unity – marvels of Truth – marvels of prophecy – marvels of healing – marvels of Wisdom, for they shall be the possessors and the possessed of the Christ Spirit and the Mind of Christ!

Sooner or later, a Christian Spiritualist will ask the leaders of all Religions this question: “Are you able and willing to drink the cup that I drank of, and to be

Spiritualized with the Spirit that I am Spiritualized with”? Among those questioned some will not be able nor willing to do so, so be it, for in truth the Spiritual gifts now belong to the planting and watering of the Christian Spiritualist movement for the overcoming of the idolatries of all religions and philosophies that are anti-Spirit! Their own Bible says, “These signs (Spiritual gifts) shall follow them that believe” – and yet, behold, all the “Churches” teaching this faith but which is unfollowed by any demonstration of the signs!

Now one could say, first, that the reason for this is simply that the Bible on this point is untrue, or secondly they could claim that there is a lack of faith within in the Churches. But the real reasons are clearly spelled out, both in the Bible and in the Message of I Paul. The enslaved memberships of these “Church” religions must Wake Up and put off the hierarchical yoke and put on the strength of the Spirit, something these slumbering Churches do not possess in their world-pleasing doctrines and rituals, which know no Spirit! Few are there prepared to be vessels of His Grace! Oh, that you were willing not to do more nor less than the Spirit would have you do, then would you this day be true Christian Spiritualists and displaying the gifts that lie dormant within. Your minds and hearts and spirits are like a motel where the Spirit sometimes comes to visit – they

should be a home where it could always abide! And when the stranger comes knocking on your door and asks, “Who lives here” the answer coming forth from within will state: The Christ Spirit!

For the spirit is the life of the body – Faith is the life of the Spirit – the Spirit Christ is the life of the Faith! And since these things are true, can any say honestly, that we have not the Spirit? I think not, for such is our condition!

Love,

F.

## 23 - We Should Pray Much and Argue Little!

It is when we empty ourselves that we find the key with which to enter in and possess all things which are ours in the spirit!

Faith for healing cannot rise above the level of the Family's Faith! Faith in prayer - Faith in Love, and so forth.

In the Supreme Spirit's school it is no more true than in the Message's, that students can step immediately into the highest attainments with no previous study of diligent mastery of the first principles of Faith. If the conviction and assurance of the Family as a whole should rise to the height of this great argument, we might witness wonderful things - but so long as it does not, we should not be made to doubt because of the meager conquests which we have so far witnessed. It is for us to study and practice and pray that the Spirit would be pleased to restore the primitive gifts, by restoring the primitive endowments of unworldliness and the lack of fear of having nothing in us!

Therefore, we say:

The Religionists have committed a grave error, wherein they have attempted, not only to shut up man's freedom to ask, but even to attempt to limit God's freedom of giving! More than this, indeed, for they seem to have pushed the

sovereignty of the Supreme Spirit almost into an iron-clad fixedness, where even the Supreme Spirit, the Almighty, is not at liberty to work miracles any longer, as though under bonds to restrain this office of his Omnipotence since the Apostolic Age. This we hold to be a very serious error, for it is opening channels of denial respecting the supernatural.

Ah, but it is you, they will claim, who are ministering to unbelief by holding out promises contained in your Message, in which the fulfillment of men will be disappointed, and thereby be led to doubt the word of the Lord. That is an objection that can be urged against the whole principle of prayer, and it is one concerning which we can take no blame. It is for us simply to emphasize every promise which the Spirit has given, and to refrain from encumbering it with any condition of our own. If such assent should promote unbelief in any, that is the Spirit's responsibility who gave the promise. If instead of assent we give denial, that is our responsibility, and the consequences must lie at our door!

Let us then keep the elements of prayer within their proper prospective - believing strongly but asking submissively - holding up in our left hand of our supplication a "thus saith the Spirit" and in the other a "The will of the Supreme Spirit be done." It requires great caution also in this subject that we do not fall into inane fanaticism!

Now fanaticism is not necessarily a sign of error. It is more likely to be a healthful than a fatal symptom. It is often the proud flesh and fever heat which indicate that healing is going on within. Nevertheless, it needs be subdued and kept down lest the truth suffer reproach. Nowhere does zeal require to be so carefully tempered by knowledge as here. Novices, lifted up with pride, will lay hold of this discovery with enthusiasm and parade their faith and begin to make extravagant claims concerning it (i.e., prayer). Nothing needs to be held with such quietness and reserve as this truth, and those who have the most wisdom in such matters will be found speaking in very hushed tones and without assumption or ostentation. One who has the habit of parading this theme on every occasion, gives clear evidence of his unfitness to handle it.

The more careful, therefore, should all be, who desire to see the Spirit's word prevail, to pray much and argue little, that the Spirit who can alone discover the deep things of God may reveal his true Will to all. We are persuaded that there is no school on earth which is competent to graduate one in this divine science - Prayer. Therefore we would commend no books on the subject nor the study of theologians to learn how to pray. We recommend the personal instructions of the spirit, because a single prayer answered, a single case of living contact with the power of

the Spirit, a single exertion of the strength of the Christ Spirit over the weakness that is in us will teach us more on the subject of miracles than all the books and schools in the world could ever hope to.

Bear in mind that this subject is no easy art, no surface-truth to be picked up by any adventurer who may desire to exhibit some novel accomplishment. Unless one is ready for the most absolute self-surrendering and the most implicit obedience and self-discipline let him not even enter this school of inquiry with any hope of learning its secrets.

In fact, we need less praying for the sick rather than more! Only that the less shall be real, and deep, and intelligent and believing! What a revelation is contained in the fact that some of those who deny that healing through Faith in prayer is possible in this age of our world have then added, “of course we ought to pray for them anyway!” All true Spiritualists, in fact all true anything’s should refrain from praying till they have clearly acknowledged their unbelief and forsaken it, once, for once and for all. The strongest and most enlightened Faith is one of Oneness in Body, heart, mind and Spirit.

The Spirit says, “Prove me now herewith” and one way is through true prayer as well as through the other ways spelled out in the Message of I Paul. Prayer, then, is one of



the highest attainments of the Christian Spiritual life and yet it is an attainment which comes from unlearning rather than from learning - from self-abnegation rather than from self-culture - from increase towards Spiritualism rather than from increase towards intellectualism.

To reach down and grasp the secret of simplicity of Faith and implicitness of confidence is far more difficult than to reach up and lay hold of the key of knowledge!

One of the greatest achievements is to learn to pray as the Spirit would have us! And yet it is not by might nor by power that we pray - Wisdom cannot compass it - learning cannot master it! To pray with all the heart and strength - which means with the heart and mind, body and spirit, submerged in the Christ Spirit and with the reason brought into complete captivity to the Cross, with the will surrendered up to the Will of the Supreme Spirit, this is indeed a secret of power!

The simplest faith is an exercise of the heart. The prayer of Faith which saves the sick, for example, is the most exacting - the former is merely receptive, the latter is powerfully self-surrendering!

Do you wish to be saved, the master will only say to you, "Take the road of salvation and call upon the Spirit."

Do you wish to be mighty used of the Spirit in healing, teaching and so forth, then you will hear him asking the searching question, “Can you drink of the cup that I drank, and be Spiritualized with the Spiritualization which I am Spiritualized with?”

For in this Faith we are made “living vessels,” meat for the Spirit’s use and prepared unto every good work, for we give ourselves, spirit - mind - body - heart to the Christ Spirit to do the Will of God! Do this, and you will understand I Paul’s words, “I live, yet not I.”

## **24 - Faith - Spirit- Interpretation - Spiritualism**

### **Religion - Conversion - Experience - Truth!**

**“For to those whom much is given, much is expected”**

I Paul characterizes the nature of Faith thusly: “The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart” - that is to say there is no need of superhuman exertion - what is demanded is something very simple and very easy, you must only give your assent to what is offered to you in the Message, you have only to seize and receive as a gift what the Supreme Spirit willingly gives. Therefore salvation which seems so far away in the heavens simply demands preparation, for in truth, it is already here in Spirit, and it is offered for acceptance and only one thing is necessary is that the one to whom it is offered does not refuse it! I Paul also represents “believing” in exclusive opposition to “having works” or “being concerned with works” - or “doing” which is the true meaning of the Greek word used in Romans 4:5 - “Believing” here appears as the counterpart of that closely related activity, which as I Paul renders it in Galatians 1:14 - Philippians 3:6 - Romans 9:31 - 10:2 forward and 6 forward, is the renunciation of “doing” which would seem to be an attempt to force God into giving a reward or to grant a blessing - there is no reward for

finding Faith.

Occasionally I Paul also calls this the “obedience” of Faith, Romans 1:5 and 16:26, as he conversely calls disbelief also disobedience, Romans 15:31, by this it is indicated that faith is the renunciation of every personal desire and personal determination that stands between a believer and his soul – One should not wish to know better than the Spirit that which serves to our peace, but should subject himself to a new order which he has now, once and for all, established!

I Paul said of himself in Galatians 2:20, “I live in Faith,” and in this meaning he includes an infinitely humble and continually yielding of himself in love “to him who has loved me and given himself for me,” it means to serve him and no longer to live only for oneself, II Corinthians 5:15 and Romans 7:4, to give oneself to his guidance and to requite him with faithfulness, to ally oneself with him from the heart, mind, body, spirit, – this is the Faith in Christ, Galatians 3:26, from which the whole future of Christian Spiritualist life flows – Galatians 5:6 – Romans 14:1, 23.

In all these ways we can see that the word “Faith” has a content which extends far beyond its natural meaning – it is quite enhanced and broadened by I Paul’s esotericism and Spiritualism. Here, one can readily see, how to put new wine into old bottles, which can be more plainly seen in his

concepts of “Righteousness” and “Justification”!

These two words refer to a legal act of declaring right or just, that is to say innocent, acquitted! It is certainly clear that the acquittal of a wrong-doer, Romans 4:5, and I Paul’s words, “We are acquitted without being worthy” or as the Greek has it, “It is a matter of a gift” were crass and blasphemous to a Jewish ear. (Romans 3:24) He meant them to be.

His faith in the Spirit can only be grasped when one can see its unusual many-sidedness and meanings – It means such things as the invisible inner life of man I Corinthians 5:3 – Romans 2:29 – 1:9 – it means “heart and mind,” I Corinthians 16:18, II Corinthians 2:13, 7:13 – it means the self-consciousness of man, I Corinthians 2:11, Romans 8:16 – and also the “disposition,” I Corinthians 4:21. It means that in man which is indestructible by death, I Corinthians 5:5 – it means that this element in man can leave the body and convey itself elsewhere, I Corinthians 5:4, as for example of ecstasy, II Corinthians 12:2-4 – it means Power, Romans 15:19, – it means the faculty of understanding, I Corinthians 7:40, it means the entire being can be ruled by it, Romans 8:4-9 – it is also a gift, Romans 8:9, II Corinthians 1:22, so that it can be called “independent being” beside God and Christ, II Corinthians 13:13, I Corinthians 6:11 – it is the opposite of matter, I Corinthians

15:44-46 - it does not mean the literal body, Romans 4:29, 6:12, 8:13 - Read also I Corinthians 15:50 and Philippians 3:21 and I Corinthians 15:51.

In II Corinthians 4:7 we read, "We (I Paul) have this treasure in earthen vessels," must be interpreted and supplemented by, "according to the will of God," for it was the purpose of God that all the world should know that the spiritual power of I Paul came from God and not from himself!

From all of this it is clear, that to properly interpret I Paul and to gain the treasure of his teaching for our Spiritual well-being, much meditation, thinking, fitting together is required - a difficult task in the beginning but also a very rewarding and thankful task!

Therefore the procedure of drawing out a conclusion from the general to the particular, or from that which is difficult to conceive plays a great role in interpretation. It is what we call the proof from experience and is found in the sayings of Jesus, e.g., Matthew 6:30 and 7:11, it has in the case of primitive Christian Spiritualism a deeply founded pathos - what the Supreme Spirit has already done for the salvation of his own is, in comparison with what is yet to come, so overwhelmingly great, that that which is still lacking can scarcely be compared with it. "He who has not

spared his own son but has given him for all . . . how should he not with him give us all things!” By this type of thought, Romans 5:6-11 receives a peculiar turn - when Jesus died, we were still sinners, but now we are reconciled with the Supreme Spirit, have again come near to the Supreme Spirit - so that we may so much the surer hope for final salvation! Here we touch upon the fundamental I Paul method of thought - proof from experience! Since he writes to Christian Spiritualists in his letters, argumentation concerning that which among them is granted as valid, on the ground of the common spiritual experience, plays a great role! So, the first argument to the Galatians (think of yourselves) who do not yet understand, is a reference to what they have already experienced through the Power of the Spirit - an argument based simply on their Faith - Galatians 3:2-5.

So, the entire section of the resurrection, I Corinthians 15 - rests upon the unquestioned truth of the resurrection of the Spirit Christ-Jesus, which is no way doubted - if this basis should weaken, the whole argument would break down. “If Christ be not risen then is your faith vain, then are you still in your sins” - the conclusion is addressed to the emotions - “then indeed are those who have passed over in Christ perished!” These are the proofs, effective only for the faithful, whom I Paul has in mind - the insiders.

I Paul's whole teaching is borne along by his enthusiasm for the faithful - for it rises directly out of Spiritual experience - it does not, at this point, attempt primarily, either to prove or to justify the wonderful acts of the Spirit - rather, it is based immediately upon them! At heart, it is a teaching of experience! Not a science possessing no presuppositions. Moreover, it has traces of apocalyptic - it is connected with human thoughts and ideas in general - but becomes convincing - in the last instance - only to those who move, think, discern, experience, in the same circle as does I Paul!

In the beginning it is essentially a conversion and teaching mission - a preparation - because Salvation does not appear as a quietly bestowed condition into which a person is born and which takes a deeper root through education - it is a highly dramatic process which is begun at a distinct moment in life - gradually reaches its peak - and after a period of "time" finally reaches its full completion! Let me explain!

In the dark past lies the period of "time" when man did not know the Supreme Spirit (Galatians 4:8) and lived under the rule of supposed demons (Galatians 4:9), and was the slave of evil (Romans 6:21, 7:5, 7:25 - I Corinthians 6:10 on). Then came the "Calling" when men heard the teaching and believed - then the sending of the Spirit, the sign of God's



Love (Galatians 4:6 - Romans 5:5), of Justification and Atonement (Romans 5:1, 10 - I Corinthians 6:11). It is essential for the Christian Spiritualist that he has experienced the "Calling" with all those distinguishing marks and related circumstances that he has accomplished this mighty step from darkness to light. Now most professing Christians are not true Christians at all - they have not passed over from Judaism or heathenism to true Christianity - Spiritualism! They have not heard nor learned the true Gospel - they actually reside in total darkness! They have grown up in so-called Christian communities - been educated by so-called Christian parents and professed Christian schools - but they have never experienced personally, the deep mysteries of true Christianity - they believe because their parents believed, and their parents believed because the "Churches" believed - none of these have experienced the conversion to the truth, that I Paul experienced on the Road to Damascus! So when comes this opportunity to experience "Justification" and "Salvation" - what must a person do to experience the "great moment" and come to believe in "The Way" - "the Truth" - "the Spirit"?

It is usually those who are most honest, most searching, most wanting, most earnest, most in need, who experience their day of Damascus!, and in this endeavor

have sought, earnestly - honestly - diligently - to bring about a crisis which would not appear on its own in order to experience the Spirit! The desire for a “new” life - a change - a yearning - is what opens the gate! Throw off the yoke of the religious teachings - get free - and EXPERIENCE! An open mind - Love, Faith and Hope are prerequisites. These make possible a quiet conscience and a new life! Get out of the realm of the stereotype! Wake up! Throw off the yoke of deceptive religion!

If you're one of those whose entire nature is opposed to the experiencing of anything contrary to what mama and papa taught or your church religion teaches, then You have a serious problem! You are closed minded - bigoted - stubborn - none of these indicate intelligence nor conscious knowledge of things Spiritual! Such as these are lost. They feel themselves to be the children of God, as Jesus taught his disciples (or attempted to) - and such cannot understand that they must still pass through a deep detour of conversion, through the valley of self-extinction, in order to receive again as something entirely new the consciousness of their relationship to the Spirit, as I Paul teaches, in the Message and in Galatians, Chapter Four, verse five.

Whose aim today is to do the will of God? To let themselves be penetrated by the Power from above? There

is today a growth welling up in the Church religions - a modern paganism - we will patiently wait for it to reach the proper proportions, so that we may reap these scattered strangers, alienated from the Spirit. Have patience - You true Christian Spiritualists will reap a great harvest.

Now I have drawn attention, purposely, to some of the difficulties which lie before a Christian Spiritualist, I pray you learn them well and prepare to face them! Yet, if you are a person in Christ, then you are a new creature and on your way - old things, are then, passing away and being made new! Remember, that where the Spirit is, there is life - where the Spirit is, there is freedom - Where the Spirit is there is love - truth - Unity and humility. And it all begins with absolute Faith!

## **25 - A Christian Spiritualist Must Always Strive to Live in the Light**

**Not in Ignorance! It's where the Truth Lies!**

The lesson here is one of realizing, continually, the Presence of God, in us and all around us, everywhere. For that is what we mean by always living in the light!

Now the Real light, full light, the true light is at this moment too strong for you - were it shown to you without your preparation of Spirit, body, Mind and heart, it would be too strong for you to bear and the Spirit exhibits its Wisdom, no less in withholding the illumination than in gifting you with it. The Way is gradual and your eyes and ears need to be opened and made aware day by day until you shall become prepared to receive the Spiritual gifts and complete your tasks. You may not be aware of your inner-progress and it may be much greater than you can imagine - that is, if you do not waver in Faith - in hope - in love - in Unity - if you do not retrogress and fall into despair.

If you will but meditate deeply on the state of the world when Jesus proclaimed to it his truth, you will see many points of similarity to that which now prevails among us. It is not more startling to read the Message of I Paul thoroughly, which we teach alongside that which passes

current among men for religion, than it was to put the Message of Jesus in juxtaposition to the rituals of Pharisaism, or the skeptical indifferentism of the Sadducees! The world then needed a new truth - a new Revelation - even as it does now - and that which it received in Jesus' time was not less startling than the Message of I Paul is - the problem then and now is the same- many love the old and desire not to be stirred from the paths to which they are accustomed - even when they don't really know or understand what it is they are following so blindly!

In those days, even as now, the revelations of God, which had been adapted to the special wants of a special people, had been overlaid with rubbish, until it had become a mass of ritual without a meaning and without life! For many long years now the true voice of the Spirit has not been heard and man had begun to crave, as you crave now, for a renewal of the divine Message and the restoration of the Spiritual Gifts. The old had become dead so the Spirit sought for a new and living medium.

The truth so originated has become debased but the Spirit of the crucified is in it even now - and it needs but the vivifying touch to call it forth into new life. The old rags with which mankind has thought to clothe it may readily be thrown aside, and the truth shine brighter for their loss.

The source from which our revelation comes is not stranger than was the source of that Power wielded by Jesus who was to his generation the despised carpenter of Nazareth. Men sneered at him in the plenitude of their scorn, even as they have sneered at everything new - even as some sneer at us! They were ready to stare at his marvels - they would follow him in crowds to marvel at his wonderful good works which were wrought through him - but they were not sufficiently spiritual to drink in his teachings. They are ready now, once again, to wonder at us and our "good works" when we begin, even as they wondered then. Even as they sought for yet further and further tests, signs, so will their modern counterpart.

Down through the ages mankind has strived by its laws and its materialism to crush out the new message from their land. New it was indeed, but the truth that it enshrined was old, old as the Supreme Spirit that gave it, only new in form. Ours is new now, but the space shall come when men shall see that it is but the eternal truth of ages past, of eternity, rejuvenescent!

The truth which we proclaim is not more strange to you than was the Message of Jesus to his age - the age that often sneeringly asked whether any educated person of position and respectability, had believed in him (such as the Pharisees or rulers). Both were progressive developments of

the same continuous stream of truth, suited to the wants and cravings of those to whom they were vouchsafed. Meditate on the mental condition of Nicodemus, for instance, and contrast it with that of many such in your own day! And be assured that the same Power which availed to stir the dead faith of the Jew and to reveal his God more clearly, is still able to infuse new life into the near lifeless body of the Christian Religionists, and to turn them to the energy and vitality of the truth.

Like Pontius Pilate you may ask, “And what is the truth?” A most difficult question to answer and as far as we are concerned one that can only be answered by reading the total Message of I Paul! Yet to the question, “For what is the real truth?” I can say this: the operations of the Supreme Spirit, God of the All in All, are uniform in it, as in all things else. The evil and the good are mingled. I do not believe that he uses messengers for that work which man himself is capable of doing. He does not send the high and exalted to minister conviction to the undeveloped nor to free the earth-bound spirits. He proportions his causes to the effects which they are intended to produce. He does not produce insignificant results from gigantic causes. He cares little about man’s wants – much about his needs. I do not believe his voice is audible to all. I do not believe he proves himself to all or to state it clearer, not to every spirit is the same

proof made clear. To those who are crude in intellect, and underdeveloped in aspiration, whose spirits do not soar to heights attainable, he has inspired prophets to reach and touch them. Others receive demonstrations, not from angels and so forth, but from people like unto themselves, who know their needs, and wants - their mental habits and attitudes - and who can, because of their spiritual maturity, supply that proof which will come home to and be acceptable by those to whom they offer their "good works."

We must keep in mind that extreme intellectual may co-exist with scarce any true spiritual development - even as a progressive spirit may be hampered by the body in which it is confined, or bound down by imperfect mental culture! Nature is not changed all at once as by a magic wand.

Idiosyncrasy is gradually modified and elevated by slow degrees - so too is Faith - to one who has been born with mental faculties in a high state of development, and who has improved them by perpetual culture, the means employed to reach the uneducated and unrefined must needs seem coarse and rude, even as the issues must seem rough and undesirable. The voice is harsh, and the zeal evoked is not always according to discretion! The nature is being gradually changed from a blank and cheerless materialism, or still more hopeless indifferentism, and there springs



within them an enthusiasm at the new life which they feel growing in their spirit.

The voice is real and that is what we regard. We are not scrupulously nice to mark the exact accents in which the voice is syllabled. To the spiritually underdeveloped the means used to ensure conviction are not the voices of the Angels, for they would cry in vain. Means are used which may lead the spirit to ponder on spiritual things, and guide it to discern them spiritually! Through the agency of material operations the spirit is led up to the Spiritual. For who can deny the wisdom of adapting means to ends – but those who are unwise and narrow in the view they take? For the only danger is in substituting the physical for the spiritual, and resting in it! It is but a means, a valuable and indispensable means to some, which is intended to eventuate in spiritual development. To me that is part of God's truth!

And if God is good – as all religionists and Spirituals preach and teach, where, then, does evil come from? With this question of evil we have dealt before, in the Message of I Paul, and shall deal again. But right here we fearlessly say – that in cases readily discernible – and which bear on their face the marks of their true origin, it is not as you probably fancy! Evil there is enough – sufficient for the day! And sad but true it will not cease, nor go away, until its adversaries

be overthrown - and that is the language of Revolution! So let me say truthfully that we are far from denying or making light of the danger which encompasses us and you! - but it is not as you imagine!

Not everything ill-regulated - uncultured or rude is necessarily bad or evil! While evil may lurk where you least expect it, those struggling spirits, so young in their nascent spiritual life, are learning to know that an existence of infinite progression is before them, and that their progress then depends on their mental, bodily and spiritual development NOW! So they try to care for their bodies. In place of, for example, a partaker of alcohol, they become enthusiastic abstainers, and in their ignorant zeal or fanaticism they would force the habit upon all! They cannot, such as these, discern shades of difference and therefore most usually their zeal outruns their discretion and their intelligence. These are the non-spirituals. The ones who may abstain for the sake of their progress - for their preparation are wise enough to know that no matter what you put into your mouth, it is not going to effect the Spirit - it is what comes out that is important! These are truly the spirits awakening from the lethargy of death! These are those who will pass beyond the alphabet of spiritual agency - and who long to progress upward - further and further into the mysteries which are not penetrable by the "eye of

sense” – to which come teachers and guides, who can relate the deep things of spiritualism and reveal to the aspiring ones views of the New Worlds.

One must keep in mind that Christian Spiritualism is not the Christianity of Mark – Matthew – Luke – John – or of Catholicism or its many seeds, a professedly external revelation, coming from a God who made himself a man and committed suicide, in order to establish a new religion which would leave behind itself a history more bloody – more horrible – more vulgar – than anything recorded in the Old Covenant Bible!

Christian Spiritualism is the assurance of personal expectation of reunion – an individual consolation, of private application first – then it becomes collective – a bridging over of the gulf which separates this world from the world of Spirit. With the disembodied, as with the incarnated, degrees of development differ, to the undeveloped one comes most readily the spirit who is on his own mental plane. Hence it is that manifestations vary in kind and in degree – and enough scum rises to the surface, and prevents you from seeing what is going on beneath – could you see the signs which have attended and followed similar movements in other ages of the world, you would not fall into the error of supposing that these signs are exclusively confined to our mission. They are inherent in all

human nature. Inseparable from anything which deeply stirs the mind, the heart, the spirit of man. It's what stirred Moses and Jesus and I Paul. They have appeared at every fresh epoch in the history of man, and they attend the present development of divine spiritual knowledge! They are no more a sample of our work than in our political history are the ravings of the excited demagogue evidence of real and influential political opinion. You must distinguish - for us, who live in the midst of a great movement it is not always easy to do so! But it becomes easier as we watch the world deteriorate around us.

We Christian Spiritualists have something to say - more important - we have something to do - that we will stand the test is all that remains to be seen! We are not blind nor deaf - we are not bigots - we are not crazy fanatics - we are not irrational nor conditioned devotees to a losing cause. We are open-minded individuals, who are free in mind and spirit - who dare to think, and who dare to carry out the Way, the truth, of the Message of I Paul - our citizenship lies elsewhere and that is a great truth. In that great truth - man never dies - cannot die - however he may wish it - in that great truth rests the key to the future. The immortality of spirit, held not as an article of faith - a clause in a creed - but as a piece of personal knowledge and individual experience - this is the keynote of Christian Spiritualism -

the way of the future. In its trail come all the great truths - all the great conceptions of duty - the great views of destiny - the truest realizations of life.

You may not be able to grasp them now. They may bewilder your spirit, unaccustomed to such a view. But mark well, friend, brief space shall before you recognize in our words, the lineaments of the truth, the aspect of the Great Spirit - for our day is future! Now in conclusion let me say this:

The truth, regardless of what your interpretation may be of it, will always be esoteric, mystical, and spiritual. It must be so - for only to the spirit that is prepared can it be given. Its beauty and profoundment is too precious for common daily use. Man has made it so! Its subtle fragrance is shed only in the inner chamber of the spirit. Remember this - and remember too that violence is done to truth by forcing it on unprepared minds, while harm, great and far reaching, is done to those who cannot receive what is a revelation to you but not to them. Moreover, remember that the pursuit of Truth is the highest aim of spirit here on our earth plane - higher than all of our earthly ambitions - greater than any other we could perform. You really cannot do anything against the truth - the truth is truth - It is something well to teach but better still to learn! Nor is it impossible to do both. Only remember that learning must

precede teaching! The key of knowledge doesn't lie in some professor's mind - it belongs to spirit. As each revelation of the Supreme grows old, it is overlaid by man's errors, and loaded with his inventions. It dies gradually, and loses its hold on men. Bit by bit human error is pared away, unable to stand the shock of criticism, and men's faith is shaken, and they ask with Pilate, "What is truth" and here we are, full circle, to the question! Then comes the answer in the new birth of a higher revelation. The throes of its birth shake the world, and around its cradle the powers of the spiritual world contend. Great is the dust and din of contention.

As the light dawns upon the world, and the clouds lift, the watchers, whose eyes are spiritually opened to discern the signs of the moment, they who stand on the watch-towers, awake - alert - visible - vibrant - present - to catch the first gleams - they are ready and welcome with Joy the break of the truth of the day! God is the Truth! Marvelous it is that so many do not see this! Behold the Love of God! Marvelous it is that so many do not see this!

Gradually the light will break - it is in the ether! Be calm and trustful - a word will come to you from beyond - "Come."

There is one among you who knows!

Peace, Love and Understanding - F.

## 26 - The “Lie” of the Christian Religionists!

Greetings:

Where has the Charismata disappeared to? These Spiritual gifts, the number and variety of which were considerable, simply up and vanished when the religionists wedded themselves to the secular powers of Constantine.

In reading I Corinthians, Chapter twelve, we find them enumerated. The name which is applied to them is common enough to embrace both what we may call the “ordinary” gifts and the extraordinary gifts of the Spirit. In fact, in First Corinthians, twelve-fourteen both classes are brought together under titles of “distinctively gracious” and “distinctively miraculous.” The non-miraculous, gracious gifts are given the preference, and called, “the greatest gifts,” and the search after them is represented as “the more excellent way” - the longing for the highest of them - Faith, hope and Love - being the most excellent way of All. Among the miraculous gifts themselves, a like distinction is given to “prophecy” (that is the gift of exhortation and teaching) and, in general, in favor of those by which the Mind of Christ is edified.

Therefore, in reading First Corinthians, Chapters 12 through 14, we find that the Spiritual Gifts were not limited

to the Apostles and could not possibly have ceased at the end of the Apostolic Age as the Catholic Church so erroneously claimed. Their claim was nothing more than a “face saving” diversion and all the facts point and prove beyond a doubt of this clear truth! Hence, the “lie” of the Christian Religionists! The Spiritual Gifts ceased when the Religionists sold their freedom for the partnership of the Secular Powers and for no other reason!

“What is it, then brethren?” says I Paul in Chapter 14:26 “when you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. This is a pretty good view of the early Family prayer meetings. In Chapter 14:15 we read, “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” And in I Corinthians 12:27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 we read: “Now you are the body of Christ and members in particular. And God has set some in the community, first apostles, secondary prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps (good works) governments (administration-leadership) diversities of tongues (last). Are all Apostles? (of course not) Are all Prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But



covet earnestly the best gifts: And yet I show unto you a better way. “Love” – I Corinthians Chapter thirteen.

In reading these three chapters we can readily see that the exception would be, not a community with these gifts, but a community without them! Everywhere, the Family communities of I Paul were “marked out” as being gifts from the Spirit, by showing forth the possession of the Spirit in appropriate works of the Spirit – miracles of healing and miracles of power, miracles of knowledge, whether in the form of prophecy or of the discerning of spirits, miracles of speech, miracles of teaching, miracles of tongues or their interpretation. Therefore the Family Communities of I Paul prior to the Catholic Church, were characteristically miracle-working Family Communities! They continued as such until the Christian “Church” religion came to be established by the Civil Power, i.e., the time of Constantine. When the nascent Catholic Religion sold out to the human powers it lost the Spiritual gifts and has never since regained them and the claim that they make of being “guided by the Spirit” is false and misleading. The miracles were withdrawn when the empire became Christian, because then the spiritual freedom ceased and a general corruption both of Faith, morals, ethics and freedom infected the “Church” – which St. Jerome himself said: “lost as much of its virtue as it had gained of wealth and power.”

The Catholic Church's claim that the Apostles "were endowed with extraordinary Powers, necessary for the establishment of the "Church" but not necessary for its permanent maintenance is a lie!

The Church's claim that these special powers were committed to the Church only as a means of teaching it the abiding presence of God and were withdrawn when they had served their purpose of indicating the duties to be permanently performed, i.e., to "gifts of tongues" succeeded orderly human teachings; to "gifts of healing" succeeded healing by educated human skills; to supernatural punishment succeeded discipline by orderly human agency, are obviously self-serving and clearly a lie! This "theory" of the Church religionists, that miracles having been given for the purpose of founding the "Church," they continued so long as they were needed for that purpose; growing gradually fewer as they were less needed, and ceasing altogether when the "Church" having, so to speak, been firmly put upon its feet, was then infallible and able to stand on its own, is also a contrived falsehood!

The facts are clearly not in accordance with the Catholic Church claims! Is it not strange then, that the Catholic Church still claims these Spiritual gifts in acts of exorcisms, at the shrine of Lourdes or Fatima, or in the Faith-healing conducted in some of their churches by their priests and

charismatic prayer groups? What say you “Church” to this?

What the “Catholic Church” claim amounts to is this: when the protection of the strongest power on earth was secured (the Roman Empire) – the Power of God was no longer needed. And for certain God did withdraw his Power from the “Church” not because they were now strong, but because they were Apostate and enslaved. No freedom, no truth, no love, no unity, no true Faith – No Spirit!

Therefore, brothers and sisters, concerning the Spiritual Gifts, we would not have you ignorant. You know that you were once ignorant and unknowingly carried away unto dumb idols, even as you were led by false religions. Wherefore we give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed – and that no man can say that Jesus is Lord, but the Spirit. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Christ. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works All in All! But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man, woman, child to profit with all.

Therefore, follow after Charity, and all that that word implies, and desire the Spiritual gifts for they are part of your God given inheritance and no “church” and no religion, and no man who sitteth on a false throne can take

them away from you. If anyone think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things I communicate to you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

Wherefore brothers and sisters covet to hold the Spiritual gifts and do “good works” for the well-being of man, for that is the Will of God.

Sufficient for you are the lies of the religionists – make none of your own!

In Peace Love and Understanding of the Truth,

Fz.

## 27 - Comply to The Message

Greetings:

Since it is seemingly not apparent to all of you that certain conditions must be met and maintained, before we can go upward - progress - I find myself once again - placed in the position - (of where I should not be) of doing your work for you! First!

All Inner-Circle members must be employed, i.e., “Self-supporting”! If not - step down!

All Inner-Circle members must read the entire Message of I Paul, to date - this includes, as you already have been informed, of “I The Alcoholic,” the Preaching - the “Notes” - the Memo’s - the tapes - the communications, and so forth! This applies also to the Standard Bearers! Exert the effort - Please!

All “unprepared” leaders, Inner and Outer Circle members must remain free of conscious altering substances until they are prepared! Or step down!

Disrespect for the Message cannot be tolerated! Such disrespect is again creeping in - the books are sloppily kept - in disarray! We do not support our cause financially - we are not self-supporting except on paper - very few are carrying their own weight.

When I turn to a Church meeting record and find no date, etc., I am pained. When I open a “book” of the Message and pages fall out, I am pained – When I search the “index” and see the almost indecipherable “scratches” made therein, I am truly pained.

Why must we have this disrespect? This disorder? This failure to follow directions and this failure of order?

As Maureen, very wisely informed the Inner-Circle, leadership, that we were still under the threat of disbandment, I draw that truth to your attention!

Love,

F.

## 28 - Message to DL

It is good you come! Greetings, I Paul soldier of Christ, in whose Spirit we come, according to the will of Him, in obedience, Love and Unity, say to you, Peace!

In the investigation to which you have been directed you have arrived at certain conclusions. Is this not so?

We have directed you to it in order that you might see how little reliance is to be placed upon such texts as your bible and other written works. The amount of credence to be placed in any information drawn from such sources no longer depends on your belief of them - you see now their worthlessness? Yet, you now can also see their truth!

It is now possible for you to grasp the Message of which I have had the honor of presenting to you. Yet you still persist in collecting conceptions, the most dissimilar, and which do not adhere even to human reasoning! Why?

It behooves you to see well and understand correctly the hidden meanings which frequently underlie the passages of my Message to you - You fault on the little words. Patience my friend!

Inspiration, you see, is not different in kind, in Ages, only in degrees, and I would have you at the highest degree - Come!

Now I need not say in length – We love you – we watch over you – we send you good intent – we wish you would be more attentive – to the Message – to our beloved laborer – to the Church – to the Family!

The Plane of knowledge is there with you – you must recognize this – utilize this – for if you were to seek for conceptions more sublime – more true – then you would be seeking folly. Let the light shine through dear friend – become alert – let it shine.

What you have been given is not given to many! When you fully appreciate this fact, you will see evidence of it all around you – As teacher of teachers, you are a favored recipient of Spirit power – such is rare – why do you prick against them? You have but to read your way to them.

Have you not had the vision?

It is well that you recognize your own ignorance. It is the first step to progress – don't allow it to become the last! You are but now standing in the out-most court, far away from the temple of truth. You must now begin, in earnest, to walk around and around, until you know the outer precincts, then can you penetrate the inner-courts – and long and laborious efforts must precede and fit you for your eventual entrance into the temple – teach! Be content! Watch over our beloved – Set the course – teach the Message



everywhere and always, so that all may hear of the good news!

It is for you then, as well as the Evangelist and the First Counsel, to accept the individual responsibility, from which none may relieve you, to carry forward the vital tasks set before you.

Ponder our words! And may the All-wise guide us and You.

Love - Peace - Unity,

I Paul.

## 29 - Message to the First Counsel

It is good you come. Greetings, I Paul, soldier of Christ, warrior of Him, say to you thusly:

Cease to be anxious about the minute questions which are of minor importance at the present! Dwell more on the great - the overwhelming - for it will lead you to a clearer revealing of the Supreme Spirit.

Work diligently to overcome the blank and cheerless ignorance of him that prevails among your flock, the flock which belongs to none alone.

Cease to be perplexed by thoughts of others - unite your thoughts with your partner standard-bearers - they must come first!

For through you must come the honest, pure, true interpretation of all I have sent - you three have the responsibility and I expect to see you watching over them and assisting me in directing their footsteps.

Awaits you, a career of progressive knowledge - work closely with my beloved laborer - follow his directions - do not question - he will elevate and enable your way. His affinity for good will influence your probationary period and with your cooperation you will find yourself the guardian of many and the Spiritual guide of masses - Yes, and more!

Hear the Call which summons You - dare go where others fear to tread!

This, briefly is the life of the progressive spirit - "self-sacrifice," whereby "self" is crucified - "self-denial," whereby the world is vanquished - and Spiritual conflict, whereby the adversaries are driven back - it is no stagnation - no hesitance - no rest - no finality - It is a daily breath, out of which springs the risen life. It is a constant fight - out of which is won perpetual progress - and you must be my perpetual progress! Therein lies the struggle - You are to be my high ideal! You must, with the Evangelist and the Teacher of teachers become Me! You must all strive to rise above the material - leave it behind - go forth to be there who will lead - not as any despot - but as one who is also lead - that is his only power! And, that only, as we see fit!

I said long ago that I knew mediumship, if carried out, to be incompatible with your world - the very development of sensitiveness which grows so rapidly is all it takes to alienate others from such a person, his moods and his influences. I expect you First Counsel, as well as the other leaders to be protective of my beloved laborer - trust him to be wise - He is my spokesman there. Must I say more? We have more to say to you on this, but for the present enough has been said.

I urge you to place yourself in open communion with our plane, for your greater development depends on it. Many spirits will endeavor to approach you and sit in your circle. You need fear no evil, but you may experience disturbance – do not become unsettled, all will eventually clarify! Your demeanor will evidence that all is well. Lean on our beloved laborer – he knows us best!

Now I will not chastise you on love. You know well the personal work involved – I expect to see great inroads here.

Further, we will afford you information on points that will arise within your circle and we will meet, will join them occasionally, under certain circumstances, which your leader will tell you of. You will not be left alone, rather you will be doubly guarded.

With my blessing – Love and Unity,

I Paul.

## **30- Spirit Speaks Through The Message - So Listen!**

If the Message is the vehicle through which the spirit speaks, then it is apparent what our relationship to the Message must be. To say that spirit speaks is also to say that man must listen, or should, for it is making itself known for a purpose. Therefore, the spirit can and does make itself known - gives its purpose and discloses itself, making itself open to man's knowledge and entering into a relationship with the listeners. As spirit is the discloser, then man becomes the listener. He must listen to the voice. To become the listener means that he is to be no less involved with the Message than is the spirit itself. Man is summoned by the word of the spirit into a relationship. For him to hear spirit means that he must stand before spirit not passively or as object, but as the thinking deciding, acting creature that he is. All his being now becomes channeled toward one possibility- the hearing of spirit. Yet, how will he hear spirit? Will he hear spirit as he overhears his neighbor across the backyard fence? No - that's gossip. Rather, he must prepare himself for a special kind of listening. A kind of hearing different from any past experience. He who hears the Message speak will be one who has at last learned to listen with the heart, mind, inner spirit, who has bared his very spirit, and then willing to experience God's grace.

Now one does not hear God's word of grace in the scriptures, books, or the Message, or anything else, unless he has decided that this is the world and the word he really needs and wants to hear. He must decide that as he hears, he is prepared to submit to the voice of the Great Spirit. To be judged by it and to have it challenge all that he knows and intends. He must understand that what he hears the Message say, the Bible say, or anything else say, can change his very life. Therefore he cannot come to the Message or to the Bible as a disputer, the wise man, the judge over the word of the Great Spirit. He can come only as the child, who needs to be made wise by the great wisdom of God - and you can find that in I Corinthians 1:18-31.

## **31 - The Spirit we Want is not the Spirit we Need**

Greetings:

All too often, the Spirit we want is not the Spirit we need. It is not Spirit as it is. When Spirit as-it-is begins to reveal and unveil itself to our sensitized prepared consciousness, we are quite likely to be disturbed, if not frightened, and consciousness will automatically close against him as a sensitive plant folds its leaves against the touch of a strange hand.

There is therefore a kind of “Spiritual recklessness” required.

Religion is betting your life that there is a God.

Spiritualism is more than that. It is betting your life that the Supreme Spirit, on His terms and in its real self, is worth more than the whole world, worth more than your own preferences and proprieties and predilections and dreams.

You see, the man or woman who dares to go into the silence to meet God must possess something of this quality of abandon along with faith and humility. For it involves the most extreme act of self-giving which a human being can make. To admit an invader, even if that invader be the

Supreme Spirit, violates the most primitive and deep seated instinct of our human nature, the instinct of self-preservation, the urge to be an individual or a separate thing.

Yet the universal Spiritual testimony is that such abandonment is necessary. One must be reckless in one's openness to the Spirit and obedient.

When the Spirit took my hand I let it lead me where it would - even to places I didn't want to go.

And it's true that one man's experience never exactly parallels another's. But whoever the man, unless there be in him a really great recklessness, the Spirit will be sorely limited in the revelation which he wants to make of himself. There has never yet been an unscarred Christian Spiritualist and there probably never will be.

Another prerequisite of this making one's self available to Spirit is that one's whole self be engaged in the adventure - "the action of the mind and the will, energizing upward under the Supreme impulse of Love."

It simply is not true that reason must be "anesthetized," that it is wisdom to believe the heart and folly to heed the head, that the less a man thinks the more likely he is to become a God-conscious person.



The condition for the discovery of the Spirit is not pious imbecility. It still is true that we must love God “with all our minds.” Of course there does come a time when the intellect reaches the end of its tether, for then little is accomplished by more reading, more reflection, more logic. Then is the time to wait on the Supreme Divine Mind – to await alertly not with drugged intelligence – to wait patiently, humbly – without strain or doubts – to wait with a kind of calm expectancy.

Can you by thinking alone find the Spirit? The answer is NO. But without honest, rugged thinking, the Spirit is not likely to be able to communicate itself to us. Irrationalism and irrelevance will raise a barrier between us and the Spirit. The visions that seem to come will only be hallucinations! The Peace that arrives will be a vanishing euphoria that was only a coincidental phenomenon!

One can never wrestle enough with the Spirit if one does so out of pure regard for truth. If one turns aside, for example, from Christ to go toward the truth, one will not go far before falling into his arms.

God gave us our faculties to use. So do not try to charm them to sleep, but permit them to do their work until you are called to perform on a higher level. Therefore, the best thinking we can do, the greatest doing of which we are

capable, the most resolute dedication of the will we can make - these must unite in opening the consciousness to the immediate awareness of the Spirit. The Way to know the Spirit is not to construct theistic arguments, but to enter into the living struggle between His world and man's.

I submit to you that the great Foundation of the Message of I Paul is to give the beginnings of life to the spiritually dead!

Peace, love and Spiritual vitality,

Ez.

## 32 - Practicing the Presence of God

Greetings:

A conscious vivid awareness of the Supreme Spirit and a continuing communion with this God effects life-making changes in the unconscious.

It must be recognized though, that for most people and in many, many experiences the relationship with the Supreme Spirit is not a conscious experience.

We are not always where the Supreme Spirit is in all the infinitudes of His life. But God is always where we are in our finiteness.

The true Christian Spiritualist prays at least twice daily, at dawn and at sunset (the ideal time). In between the Christian Spiritualist engages, as fully as possible, in Spiritual practice. They study the Message, using allegory, since they know the words of the literal texts are symbols of something hidden whose nature is revealed by studying the underlying meaning.

The basic meaning of allegory is, "to say another thing." In the interpretation of the Christian Spiritual Message of I Paul, allegory is the assertion that such communications are not saying what they are saying, but saying something different. Allegory is the direct opposite

of the literal or implies a different meaning.

As Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

I Paul says, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you feel guilty.”

Now practicing the presence of God is just that, practice. Of course God is present but are You? God is not socially difficult – he is approachable. He is no snob – he is the Supreme Spirit, the Great Democrat. He is not a stickler for etiquette – he only asks of us continuous sincerity. He only wants us to want him enough to make a genuine effort to establish contact with him. He extends a permanent universal invitation. Prepare, Follow, Come, and let us get acquainted. Give me your heart. Give me your mind, too, the very best thinking you can do. Give your feet also, keep me company in lowly paths of service. Give me your hands to help me get the world’s work done. He wants us all.

Now if the Supreme Spirit is still unknown, it is not because He is absent, or because though present, He must remain the unknown and the unknowable – not because He is picky or choosy – nor because only a few gifted persons with unusual native sensitivity are capable of an immediate and self-authenticating consciousness of Him. He will always be, in vast areas of his infinite being, a hidden Spirit.

But He is never a hiding Spirit. We hide, He seeks!

Just what does the Infinite have to do to give the finite even a hint of its reality? Or Omniscience to reach through the wall of our ignorance? Or Perfect Love to convince our selfishness that such perfection can be?

The trouble with Religion today is that there are some very wonderful people who though religious, have never entered into a conscious spiritual relationship with the Supreme Spirit. They worship in churches, they pray, they read the Bible and other works about God, they listen to sermons, that recommend God even though they do not reveal Him, they hear testimony of people who have been in God's presence - but they never reach the secret place and become aware of the Spirit's Presence - simply because they are religious but not spiritual.

Almost all of us are quite often earnest in our exploration of God's Will for our human relationships. But we are very, very reluctant to recognize and practice the disciplines essential for the realization of the Presence!

Now it's true the conscious encounter with the Supreme Spirit is not so much discovery as revelation. It is the Supreme Spirit's self-disclosure. He must come down to us - we cannot - in the flesh, ascend to him. He does come, in many forms. He is at the door. You must open the door

and let him in.

Therefore the consciousness of the Spirit is an event in which the initiative is with the Spirit. But it is not an imposed event, something that happens whether we will or not. We must cooperate, be prepared, or the event will not happen. The Spirit simply makes itself available and accessible to one and all. You prepare and practice the presence in a non-perfunctory manner and you will open the door.

You see, the Spirit commands – man obeys or disobeys. The Spirit plans – man cooperates or contradicts. The Spirit promises – man believes or disbelieves.

Now I Paul has done and is doing all that he can to make us conscious of the presence of the Spirit and to spur us to meet the conditions of a vivid and vitalizing fellowship with it. It is not by the Spirit's will or consent that any of us trudge a lonely way along the road of life. Dismal uncertainty is not the Spirit's plan for our days and nights. He does ask of us faith, hope, love and unity. Faith for mysteries unresolved, faith for darkness not yet dispelled, faith for your spiritual guide here, no matter how dark things appear on the surface – what you don't know nor understand certainly can trouble you, but the answer lies in discipline.

Love for everyone, even your enemies. Hope for a better tomorrow. Unity in the face of all obstacles.

To be sure, the reality of the Spirit and its living presence belong in another category from the reality of one's self or of other selves. But the discovery of the Spirit has the same status as the beginning of Consciousness or the consciousness of self and things and other persons. It is "something that happens to us." We can no more deny that experience when it has happened, and live by our denial of it, than we can deny and live by the denial of ourselves and others and the objective world in which we and our fellows live.

This is the "inner-witness." The "lighting up from within." The "self-evidencing experience." There is a real analogy between the human logos and the divine Logos, but there is also a psychological rapport between Spirit and man to have that immediate and conscious relationship with Spirit which informs faith with a certainty. This is a true "mysticism" which affirms an encounter between Spirit and man as real as any I - thou relationship. It is also a true personalism which nevertheless recognizes a relationship between the Infinite and the finite which transcends mere finite relationships in its immediacy and its intimacy. But while the assurance of Spirit is "something happens to us" we have something to do with the happening. We cannot sit

with idle minds. If we are to become conscious of God, we ourselves must do something with our consciousness.

For example:

If conversation with God is to seem to us even a possibility, we must first of all make and accept as our own the concept of a great God, greater than even the imagination of the most competent minds, infinitely great in wisdom, in power, and in love. Only of such a God can it be true that every thought is a thought in his presence. As far as all other persons are concerned, our thoughts are private. But not as far as God is concerned. With him, every thought in our minds is like a word in our conversation with men. It registers. Even that smile is not adequate. For we often can and do use words to conceal our real selves from each other. We find ourselves confronted with a speaker who has just bored us to tears. We have to say something, so we purr sweetly, "That was a splendid effort." He replies hopefully, "Thank you so much." Neither our word nor his is a means of communication but of concealment. We really mean that the effort did not come off - and he means, "I Don't think it did either." Words can be merely a verbal curtain. But as far as God is concerned, words are no curtain. Neither are they a revelation. Our words are no help to Him, however much they may help us in our approach to Him. Neither are our words a hindrance to Him. He sees right



through them. The moment a thought is in our minds, it is in His. He is the Universal Mind Reader, the Absolute Clairvoyant.

Now we of W-303 can do something that will make our consciousness more conscious than it is. The possibility of doing that is much more real now that it has ever been - we have the Message of I Paul.

It is no strain upon credulity to say that consciousness has ranges far beyond that which most people usually take for granted as the final boundary of the mind - that it is not limited to the media of the five senses - that it is neither "time-bound" nor space imprisoned!

To talk, therefore, of being conscious of Spirit is as rational as it is to talk about consciousness of self or of other people. The senses cannot discover Spirit. It is neither visible nor audible nor tangible. But the Spirit of man, the consciousness of man can be aware of what eyes cannot see or ears hear or hands touch. Its witness to another kind of Reality is not to be treated lightly.

To be sure, the mystic experience is not to be equated with the psychic transcendence of space-time limitations, nor with any drug-induced expansion of consciousness by which the brain and central nervous system are by-passed. The significance, for us, of these experiences is the

indication from other disciplines that consciousness is not the limited reality we so often assume it to be. It gives us a capacity for awareness of that which “hath not entered into the heart of man” through the media of sense experience.

Today, in light of all the parapsychology tests and proofs, in light of all the phenomena recorded around the world, in the very fact of the truth of the Message of I Paul, it becomes less and less intelligent to turn a deaf ear to the witness of those who report a direct and continuing and transforming fellowship with Spirit which has lifted them into a new dimension of existence so that their life has become “existence under Spirit” in the name of God.

The Supreme Spirit is not the “Infinite Silence” – the Message, for one instance, proves that. It speaks in and through many mediums, including nature. The presence of the Infinite is in everything finite. You must begin to practice this presence. The Message of I Paul tells you how!

In Peace, love fellowship and in the presence,

Ez.

## 33 - DREAMS - Etc. - Part 2

It is no secret that the Spirit has great difficulty in keeping up a conscious contact with us and great difficulty in its effort to keep up a creative conversation with us.

So often we do not want to hear what the Spirit has to say! If the Spirit comes too close to our pet prejudices, our phantoms, our misadventures, we change the subject. If, therefore, the Spirit is to communicate with us, it must often find some other approach than that of impressions made on the conscious mind. How can that be done? In the Revised Standard Version, Psalm 127, Verse 2, it states "He gives to his beloved in sleep."

Certainly dreams offer one way for the Spirit to communicate its mind to us in sleep. In them the Spirit can make a detour around our habit-ridden, preoccupied consciousness. It is through the subliminal or unconscious area of our personality that the Spirit does its work. The influence and the energy of the Spirit work in these depths and are not immediately perceived by him in whom the Spirit works. But though not immediately perceived the result appears later in dreams, just as other forces at work in the unconscious reveal themselves thus. What seems like the nonsense of a dream is often the greatest wisdom. It tells us about ourselves things that we have not had the sense to

recognize. It gives clues to what lies deep in the unconscious, to uninterpreted fears, unrecognized desires, buried hatreds, unresolved guilts, moral uneasiness, Spiritual frustrations, etc. All that we have repressed, because it contradicts our cherished concept of our self, finds in dreams an opportunity to express itself in dramatic disguise.

Properly interpreted, therefore, dreams are a revelation which should not be neglected and that is one reason for the faithful keeping of a diary. And keep in mind that I am not herein referring to the “eye of the dream” but dreams in general only.

Just as the inner-self has a chance to express itself in dreams, so does the Spirit who works deep in the subliminal and unconscious areas of our personality, and what it is spelling out there, may be disclosed in dreams. Now if one isn't too proud and self-willed to examine one's dreams, one will become aware of what the Spirit has been trying to say but has been hindered in the saying by one's preoccupation with one's own ideas and desires and habits. We can ignore our dreams but we cannot deny them, nor forbid them! So the Spirit can put something on record without our consent.

This is a familiar assumption even of the Bible. Again

and again we are confronted with the account of dreams which have inspired decisions that were later validated by events as the challenge or the command of the Supreme Spirit.

Further, they were not the so called “lucky shot in the dark,” nor were they merely chance coincidences as impress the credulous as being divinely inspired precognition. They were not like the authentic tidings of what lay deep in the unconscious because the Spirit had been at work there, writing on the waves of the inner-mind, what it had been unable to convey to the “surface mind.” Another way by which the Spirits seem to operate when they cannot make an impression because of firmly fixed preconceptions which screen out everything that does not agree with them, is to drop into the “surface mind” something so casual and apparently so neutral that no resistance is offered – a snatch of a song long forgotten, an old saying out of the latent past, a strangely irrelevant Memory of bygone days, dear faces that are with us no more! Such visitations come uninvited, unbidden, uncontrolled! They can pass away as quickly as they came or they can linger. But if one is really alert for meanings and if one knows that Spirit is forever seeking entrance (to possess and be possessed) into one’s life, he will halt these visitors and ask if God is trying to say something through them that he has not been able to say

otherwise. Nor will he ask in vain. Again and again he will find that, entertaining these strangers, he has “entertained angels, guardians, spirits unawares.” And they have brought him divine warning or guidance or comfort or perhaps a vision of things to come.

Often, the above, takes place in a state which we call “day dreaming” and therefore is proper here under the heading of dreams. All this has difficulty enough for our minds. But it is irrational in the sense that it portrays capricious and meaningless interruptions in the order of nature. The Supreme Spirit is always at work in history. It did not create the world and then run off and leave it. Electrons and electricity, winds and weather, gravitation and plant life, all that lives and moves, are within the orbit of the Spirit’s care and concern. The so called laws of nature are the Spirit’s habitual ways of doing things. We can rely upon them because the Spirit is reliable. But the reliability is not, nor has the rigidity of a formula. It is the reliability of a being, who can be trusted not to follow whims on the one hand nor to be the slave of rules on the other, but to act in accord with his own wise and loving nature.

Rote and red tape are the marks of a little mind - originality and freedom are the characteristics of the great mind. The little man lives with his eye on the rule book, the great man with his eye on the whole situation, past, present,

future. God is not small!

He is in Action all the time - sometimes in cause and effect events which are his habitual way, sometimes in special events which are love-controlled power in operation in emergencies. These actions are a way of conversing to us when the conversation of ideas and impressions is not adequate.

If, therefore, we want to carry on conversation with the Spirit - and who does not - it is necessary to be alert to the meaning of all the events listed herein. What seems like coincidence may be an open door and the Spirit's challenge to enter. What appears to be the operation of evil men may also be an indication that the Spirit is trying to tell us to change our own pattern. The burning bush may have burned with desert heat which are explicable as a natural phenomenon, but for Moses it became an apocalypse that initiated a tremendous adventure. Another good example is this: I Paul landed in Rome, at government expense, because evil men brought charges against him from which only an appeal to Caesar offered any hope of deliverance. But I Paul saw in it the act of Spirit, which brought him where he had long desired to be and which gave him an opportunity to tell the truth of Christ to the royal household. "I want you to know" he wrote to the Family in Philippi, "what has happened to me has really served to advance the true

gospel.”

When we stand before a door which has been slammed in our face, it is well to pause, no matter how passionately we crave what lies behind that door, and ask whether the Spirit wants us to enter, before we summon our wits and employ our finesse to get in. On the other hand, what seems like the chance opening of a door may be the Spirit's invitation to enter, no matter how averse we may be to encounter what lies within. A very ordinary event, dream, thought, Memory, may be the extraordinary Message being sent to you by the Spirit and an alert and eager mind is a necessity if one is to be successful in establishing conscious contact with the Spirits. It can happen suddenly, unexpectedly. Such communication is both crucifixion and resurrection – the crucifixion of one's inadequacies and irrationalities and irrelevances, the resurrection to the larger life communicated in the mutual relationship. Something like that anyway takes place in our conversation with Spirit.

The ordinary rules must be observed. Unless we share some truths and values with Spirit – unless we trust Spirit enough to be completely honest with it – unless rationality is on hand always – unless we are “willing to be told” in ways that do not conform with the usual rules of intelligibility – unless, speaking metaphorically, we can



“forsake mother and father” – unless we realize that with us as with Jesus, a cross is the only way we can keep up a conversation with Spirit – unless we are willing to become what we have not been – then we shall fail of this most exhilarating and illuminating and revolutionary experience.

But if we are ready for this communication of the minds and the heart, we may participate in it, and by it be led by the only adequate leader to the fulfillment of our destiny under the Supreme Spirit.

Therefore, whatever the event, dreams visions, thought pictures, day-dreams, Memories, precognitions, esp, etc., prove all things plays a major part in all this, for in order to prove all things you have to test them in some manner or another, you have to follow them through and your diaries are one method of keeping a record for reference to compare future happenings with messages from the Past. You see, no one who knows himself and has even a tiny conception of the Message of I Paul and the purpose of the Spirits for his or her life will ever cry out confidently, “Christ, we are able.” The cry of the understanding mind and heart is always, “Christ, make us able.”

Prepare, Follow, Come.

Love – F<sub>Z</sub>.

## **34 - Christian Spiritual Wisdom - Part I (for Preaching and Teaching)**

Seek out the secrets of Righteousness - Faith, Hope, Unity, Truth and Love - these are the heritages of the Christian Spiritualist.

The day is coming when the elect shall dwell with the elect - now is the moment to rehearse such and measure such, for in the balance shall our works be weighed.

I have given wisdom unto you and yours so that they may give it to one and all, this wisdom, which has passed their understanding. They shall not sleep but shall listen with the ear that they may learn and use this wisdom - and it shall nurture those who partake of this Spiritual food thereof, better than any good and wholesome food of earth.

The truth of the phenomena of Spiritualism and the psychic and mystical divination of the Spirits consist of the most special Spiritual gifts of prophecy, teaching, preaching, healing, visions, receivings, revelations, tongues, discernment and automatisms. Man incarnate comprises the Spiritual nature and the physical nature of man's dual purpose of creation - the becoming fully human and fully spiritual - leading to the transformation of the Spirit nature and the redemption of the exiled soul. Total

unity is the path to the All in All of eternal life, but it must be a Unity of Love and Truth.

Would you see Christ - purify your eyes by self-examination.

Purify your eye by abstinence from the world and by observing times of tranquil meditation.

Look up to where the lights of your true home are burning.

The Kingdom is found through seeking, hard work, obedience, finding and amazement - Prepare, Follow, Come.

In spite of the present few-ness, believers are bound to hold out and make themselves felt at last becomes firm - built on the very mount of the Spirit.

There are three basic kinds of divine utterance:

One kind is that which the Spirit in its own manner speaks, with the Prophet being its interpreter.

A second is the result of question and answer.

A third is that "spoken" by a psychic or mystic in his own person, when possessed by Spirit and carried away out of himself.

I found all men drunken, said Jesus, but none I found

athirst!

If your home be godless, go forth and find me in the stocks and stones of the desert.

Remember how satiety blinded the world when I came?  
- Jesus.

How dare you call yourself a Christian Spiritualist and still fear?

Habit creates conquest - it works in both directions - for good or for evil - for control or loss of control - for love or for hate - for obedience or disobedience - for unity or disunity, etc. (You can include all the various opposites herein!)

### **ACTS 3:12-26**

An extremely primitive "Christology" in the Community of disciples at Jerusalem, whose essence may be summed up in the proclamation - "We know who the Messiah will be" - this is a view strictly of Jesus as the Prophet of God - He who was to come, the forerunner of the true Messiah! Jesus did, as the Gospels clearly show, go amongst men with the Good News of God and with a final call to repentance - in preparation for the final eschatological event which lay in the not too distant future - imminent in fact, which would inaugurate the messianic

rule of God and vindicate him as the Messiah.

This most certainly accords well with the Messianic ideas of the Old Covenant and of the Apocalyptic literature of the first century B.C., (for examples, Daniel dates from 2nd Century B.C.; Ezra, Enoch and so forth and closing with Malachi.)

The primitive community, in fact all Jews, expected a forerunner, a prophet, to the coming of the Messiah, Elijah - John the Baptist denied he was Elijah - but Gospel writers put such words in the mouth of Jesus) that the Messiah, as Messiah, would appear once and finally. The later Christian view is that there is a second coming of the Messiah, based solely on the assumption that the "ministry" of Jesus was the first coming of the Messiah, as Messiah. This notion that the Messiah was to come, not only once, but twice, was unprecedented in Judaism. So what we have in Acts 3 together with Acts 7 is something which could be described as the original "Christology" of the early community in Jerusalem, the Messianology of the "Prophet" which lies semi-hidden in the book of Acts - waiting its exposure to the light!

A very good truth is that the passage of time has the effect of obscuring as well as illuminating earlier insights! Therefore we must be always Alert and thorough in search for the truth and its proofs!

No being besides God has life free from change and variation. Why should anyone be in doubt? Even Christ did not share God's immortality; for he tasted death for every being!

It is written of John the Baptist, "Behold I send My messenger before thy face" - the Spirits (messengers) of God are so called because of the status of the office they hold, and not called "men" on account of their spirit nature. It confirms that the titles applied to higher powers are not those of species of living physical beings, but those of the Spirit, assigned by God to assist this or that human being.

As I Paul says: "Seek earnestly the best gifts" - these are to I Paul the "Spirit and Wisdom"

Sow to yourselves Righteousness - reap to yourselves the fruit of life - make light for yourselves the light of knowledge for it leads to higher Plane levels.

If we say that we have fellowship with Spirit and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

He that hates his neighbor is in darkness and walks in darkness, and knows not where he goes because darkness has blinded him and he cannot therefore locate the Spirit.

We can only, at the moment, attempt to transfer the "life of Christ" - the son of God and the son of man (Spirit

image and earth man) out of the dead dogmas of the Religions and into a moving Spiritual experience via the TRUTH and nothing else.

I Paul declares Christ to be the Way and the Gate, but clearly He is not the Gate to those to whom He is the Way, and He is no longer the Way to those to whom He is the Gate. All those, then, who are being initiated in the beginning of the oracles of God, and come to the voice of Him who calls out, arrive at the house of preparation. Let them prepare themselves, says the voice, so that they may be in a state to receive the Spiritual truths brought home to them by the enlightenment of the Spirit who cries out: "Make straight the Way of the Lord!"

From Love do we begin - we are His race!

Many are the burdens and heavy are the loads that the Message lays on those who will Follow the Way!

The moral of the ten thousand talents (Matthew 18:24) is quite clear - for all who have obtained forgiveness for their own wrongs and have not forgiven his brothers and sisters, are taught at once that they shall suffer the lot of him who was forgiven but did not see clear to forgive his debtors!

The Message of I Paul is not the fundamental principle but only the secondary - the means by which we prepare and

follow so that we may come to the Ultimate Concern which is the Supreme Spirit, the All in All.

Once you symbolize the Supreme Spirit, Christ, I Paul, the Message, it is an easy step to cease serving what becomes only symbols!

In Romans 2:14-15 I Paul tells us clearly how we obey “a law” without having “a law!”

We are seeking perfect effort - not a perfect performance.

Despair is not just a now and then problem but one of the worst states we can fall into - it is “putting off” “of the Spirit” which is therefore a glaring denial of Christ and the Supreme Spirit and its will for us.

We are devoted to the quest for the truth, the true faith and true Gospel, and our quest must not be hampered by any restrictions that reduce our freedom to search, travel, authenticate and consolidate that which we know exists. We will be given all the details of the search when we are prepared!

The Freedom, given from within the Message of I Paul itself, allowing rewriting, etc., is a right to textual criticism and a necessary freedom to overcome any errors in the transition and transportation of the Message - we must



prove all things and then re-arrange the Message in its truths.

One thing needed to be clear from our very beginning. Faith, followed by brotherhood expanding into open fellowship, the living of the Christian Spiritual life which demands order and discipline, which eventually grows into tradition - we have no oral tradition simply because our "scripture" has grown along with us, in fact it has out-paced us.

The "service of the word" is the hands of ten plus two plus one. The service of the Community is the hands of all of its adherents.

In Reality, the Spirit is an imperious force manifest when, how, and where it pleases. It determines and/or sanctions everything that takes place in the Family - all for a reason!

The Spirit is manifest in more than one form. It affirms its presence in the "receiving" by some of the Family members, in the prophetic announcements of others (usually unrecognized and usually for their edification and not in predictive form), in teachers of "The Way" an enthusiasm for teaching, in preachers an enthusiasm for preaching, in the humblest of the faithful the mysterious healing powers and ecstasy of the highest order whose lives

are rules by inspiration and show a marked change for the better – again, “Preparation” First!

I Paul was Jew, Greek and Roman in thought, but first and foremost a Christian Spiritualist!

Do you know the true facts about I Paul’s conversion? Let me give you a brief outline:

1. He had no choice – Galatians 1:12-17.
2. He was seized by Christ – Philippians 3:12.
3. He now belonged to Him – I Corinthians 9:16.

The event was a miraculous and sudden transformation and even he was not conscious of the mysterious preparation that made it possible – Acts 9:1-9 -22:1-16, 26:4-20.

The inner workings which brought about his conversion are inexplicable and cannot be grasped from the New Covenant.

I Paul attached very little value to the historical prerogatives of the immediate disciples of Jesus – Galatians 1:15-17, and in light of II Corinthians 5:16 this becomes understandable.

There is no before and after involved in eternity – an eternal life then has to be a life that escapes the hold of

“time or space” – it is not a continuation of life or a “going on further” life – it’s new – invisible – imperishable – incomprehensible – it’s not a rebirth but a “new creation.”

Faith is only authentic to the extent that it leads to action. Believing but failing to act accordingly reveals that one evidently does not really believe!

What we give away we keep – for it is in the giving that we receive.

What we keep to ourselves we lose – for in the keeping we cannot share nor reproduce.

When we die, we take with us only that which we have given away.

A mystic can enter into any alien appearance without betraying his inner-self. He may not understand profoundly the alien form which imposes itself upon him yet he can imitate it externally, if need be, for intuitively he can immediately grasp the peculiarity and uniqueness of the alien appearance, if not its essence and enter into whatever relationship is required with it, instinctively and always in a creative manner, preserving his inner, instinctive being absolutely intact.

Life – death – all temporal activities are subordinated to Spiritual ends.

We are concerned simply in making clear that science and religion and the whole adventure of learning and discovering meanings in and setting up of control over experience, is based upon the assumption of an active, dynamic quality at the very core of Spiritual Reality.

Without the illumination of Spiritualistic interpretation scientific methods alone are tragically barren and sooner or later, likely to become dangerously destructive.

All learning is essentially a process of Revelation - learning is a co-operative enterprise - a form of Spirit-human adventure.

Theoretical reason is the mind's instrument for the examination of whatever in the external world, whether perceived or conceived, comes within the field of its consciousness.

The impenetrable muteness of the so-called nature that surrounds us, the chance and shadowy existence of every single thing in "time," the ill fortune and ill fate of nations and individuals, the basic evil, death - thoughts of these things come to us, disquiet us and crowd out all that might assure us God is present. The question will no longer down, but breaks out in flame: Is it true?

## **35 - The Power of a Christian Spiritualist**

The Power of a Christian Spiritualist to stand between abstract truth upon the one side and the concrete facts of life upon the other, comes from the co-existence in his or her nature of two different Powers - without the possession of both of which no Spiritualist possesses a complete humanity. One of these Powers is the power of knowing, and the other is the power of loving - combined they lead to Unity!

I ask you to give to both of the words (knowledge and love) their fullest meaning, and then how rich the nature grows which has them both - this human nature, which is not truly human if either of them be left out.

The Power of knowing, however the knowledge may be sought or won, whether by patient study or quick-leaping intuition, including imagination and all the Power of Faith, hope, trust in Authority, the faculty of getting wisdom by experience, everything by which the human nature comes into direct relationship to truth, and tries to learn, and in any degree, succeeds in knowing - that is one necessary element of manhood or womanhood - And the other is Love, the Power of sympathetic intercourse with things and people, the power to be touched by the personal nature with which we have to do - love therefore, including hate, for

hate is only the reverse utterance of love, the negative expression of the Spirit's affection - to hate anything is vehemently to love its opposite.

Love thus, as the whole element of personal affection and relationship of every sort, this too is necessary, in order that a man or woman may really be a true man or woman, and a true Christian Spiritualist. Without love and knowledge you cannot become fully human! These two together must be in all Christian Spiritualists - not just in the greatest. It is not even a question of greatness but of genuineness and devotion and completeness. And, as we have seen, through the Message, one of the highest functions of a Christian Spiritualist is to stand between the absolute truth and the world's needs, and to transmit the one in such a way that it can really reach and help the other, then it will also follow that the more perfectly the knowing faculty and the loving faculty meet in any man or woman, the more that man's or woman's life will become a transmitter and interpreter of truth to each other and to all of mankind, everywhere - the person who has only the knowing power active, lets truth in, but it finds no one to feed - the person who has only the loving power active, lets man in, but he finds no truth to feed on! The real teacher, the real leader, welcomes both!

The knowledge, the Love, and yes the Unity of the

Family of I Paul must come first from the Standard Bearers - they must set the examples - if they fall I am sure that the Family or the Inner-Circle, or both will suffer the consequences. Whatever your differences you must, for God, Christ, I Paul, and W-303 work them out!

F<sub>z</sub>.

## **36 - Standard Bearers to Adjust their Lives to Freedom**

The standard bearers are now to adjust their lives to their freedom - and their freedom to their lives. Their individual consciences are to be their guides. The Message is always to be their guide - their inspiration - but never their individual dictator. They should "Follow the Message" to the best of their individual ability while at the same time living their life as standard bearers and setting the examples of all in the Church of the All in All, for All.

Love,

F<sub>z</sub>.



## 37 - Subject: Things Discussed

The reasons for Jesus' teachings and the prediction that the Kingdom was at hand - imminent in other words, were:

1. The oppression of the poor by the rich (same today).
2. The misery caused by the exactings of the tax-collectors and the governments (same today).
3. The unequal distribution of happiness and dessert (same today).
4. The evil throughout the earth (same today).
5. The need of true Justice (same today).
6. The need to eliminate world sorrow and pain (same today).
7. The need to unmask the pretense of goodness (same today).
8. The need to bring the existing goodness to light (same today).
9. The proud must be abased - the poor exulted (same today).
10. The morals and ethics of the world were in

shambles (same today).

11. Religious hypocrisy prevailed in the Priesthoods (same today).
12. The general attitude of fear that permeated the world (same today) with all its inherent misery.
13. The need for non-violent revolution, worldwide (same today).

## **38 - Stand on Marriage, Divorce, Abortion**

On such matters as marriage, divorce, abortion and so forth, the Church of the All in All has only one opinion and that opinion is Freedom!

The Church of the All in All in recognition of this freedom must stand ready to accommodate and assist in any way possible the expression of its family members in their individual expressions and needs to exercise their right of freedom.

I “P<sub>z.</sub>”

## **39 - Standard Bearers Always Represent the I AM of "LIFE"**

Greetings:

The four Standard Bearers always represent the Family of "Life" - servants of The "Church" of the All in All, regardless of where they go, what they do, what they say and so forth. Standard Bearers in accepting their positions gave up their right to act independently of the Family or the "Church." Wherever and whenever they are in the public eye so also is the Family and the "Church." This holds true for the Co-evangelists also. If such gatherings of other groups is involved no one in a position of leadership can unilaterally commit the Family or "Church" to anything unless it is approved by the Standard Bearers collectively and okayed by the Board of Directors.

Now, none of the above requires that you go about advertising who you are and what, in fact, you represent. That's strictly an awareness within whenever you speak or act in public. Now, if you're asked to identify yourself you should give your spiritual designation, for example I "P," "T," "DL," "G," or "N." If you are asked the significance of that then you have the obligation to make known who you are and what your leadership title is and what you represent. What are you afraid of our ashamed of anyway? And if you

are afraid or ashamed, pray tell, what are you doing in the way of The Way? You either represent the Family and the “Church” and fully support The Way or you don’t. You have a choice! Make it! Please.

Peace- Grace,

I “P<sub>z</sub>.”

P.S. It’s absolutely amazing how you can allow yourselves to act and react over the littlest of things and totally ignore the big things.

I “P”

## **40 - For the Standard Bearers to do with as they Wish**

Greetings:

Common Sense should tell you that it always takes two to anger, to hate, to resent, to argue and so forth. That two can be another person or a place or a thing. Furthermore, Common Sense ought to tell you all that there is a correct time and a place for all such matters. You shouldn't now have any space for disagreements of the ranting and raving kind, the foolish kind, not after having The Way for such a long space for your individual and collective perusal and meditations and its discernment! You should never attempt constructive criticism of a brother or sister in an open meeting where it may possibly place a barrier in another's way. If a particular matter involves a Standard Bearer or Bearers then the proper place for its resolution is during a Standard Bearer's meeting. If it is a Board problem, then at a Board Meeting. Common Sense again should tell you all that private discussions over disagreements and so forth between the parties involved is always the first step. After that, if the dispute is unresolved it should be channeled through the proper order of the Law of Following, from the bottom up to the top and keep in mind that all of you are servants not masters. If the procedure does not solve the

problem at hand then it should be brought before an open meeting of the Family and the “Church” with members only having a voice and a vote, if necessary.

And now, please, all of you control yourselves and your emotions, this can be learned. Calmness, knowledge and understanding not just of yourselves alone, but of all concerned, is the only true way to approach and settle once and for all such matters and differences. The very root of the differences must be discovered before anything can be settled. Furthermore, The Way has stated in many, many ways that you, none of you, are capable of removing the mote from your brother or sister’s eye unless your own eyes are perfectly clear! None of you can just be blind leaders for who will follow you? You teach and preach only what you do and you believe you understand, and not what you know but do not follow yourself. How can a leader, (other than a tyrant with an armed army to enforce his stupidity) expect others to follow him except by the examples they display? If you sit together calmly and collected, all differences can be mutually worked out simply by using the Message of I Paul. You dig deep enough and you can always find a cause for everything and an answer to it! Yet you all have to clean up your own houses before you can successfully implement what you will find therein. For it is then, and only then, when you are truly qualified to assist another in the cleaning

up of theirs.

The Message, The Way, The True Gospel, tells all of you this – abide it! Abide it or remain on the side-lines until you can abide it. No one can approach another's ignorance if your own is blazing in their eyes. For from those zeroes comes zero. Judge you not another unless you are completely free of being judged for the same matter or reason you are judging. Do only to others that which you would have done unto yourself by others, or to your true-self! Know you not that the spirit within doesn't like its vessel in dis-array or disturbed or upset in any way? It's terribly jealous about such things for it wants only to go home, it wants to be free, free at last. You and you may be opposites but you and You can be partners. What you do you force the spirit to do and you need to reverse that and the subject matter herein would be an excellent place to begin if you are ever going to unite and Unite.

Don't cast the first stone, don't harm or hurt or kill someone else's chances to freedom, unless you are perfect. You want to be perfect, Jesus told you how? "Go and sell everything you have and give it to the poor, the needy, and then, come and follow me." Jesus is the rule by which you will be judged and whether or not You will be "free at last." Jesus is also the rule by how you must judge one another and yourself! Love and Forgive! Say it, Love and Forgive! Shove



that stupid illusion out of your mind and live, truly live, it's in the way of The Way! Christ will judge the would-be heroes and those who would glory there over their own brothers and sisters. Remember! When you judge another you Are judging "Life"! Are you capable! All of you had better talk and walk The Way very, very carefully and sensibly. Common Sense is the first step to Wisdom!

Peace - Grace - Forgiveness,

"J" to I "P<sub>z</sub>" through I "P."

P.S. You know I "P" really believes that all that some of you really know is that what you don't want and that you don't really know anything about what you truly need. Simple common sense tells me that!

I "P."