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OF CHRIST

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of the sayings of
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“The light of the body is the eye; therefore
when thine eye is single, thy whole body
shall be full of light.” (Luke 11:34)

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May Paramhansa Yogananda’s interpretations of the Holy Scriptures reveal the Universal Christ to each Truth-seeker.
PUBLISHER’S NOTE

Paramhansa Yogananda was born on January 5, 1893 in Gorakhpur in northeastern India near the Himalaya Mountains. From the earliest years of his life, he longed to know God, to taste the thirst-quenching waters of Spirit.

His search for the Infinite led him to Sri Yukteswar, his Preceptor. Under the guidance of this God-realized teacher, he attained Supreme Realization and was given the revered title of Paramhansa\* by his Preceptor in 1935. Paramhansa Yogananda\* later brought the special Techniques of Concentration and Meditation to the Western World, including Kriya Yoga which is the scientific method to accelerate the devotee’s spiritual unfoldment.

In addition to bringing the Techniques of Concentration and Meditation to the West, Paramhansaji’s great spiritual mission included imparting his intuitively-perceived interpretations of the Christian Bible. Throughout the text of *The Second Coming of Christ*, Paramhansa Yogananda uses capitalization to place emphasis on a specific truth to aid the reader. In the instances where there is redundancy of material, he includes it because it relates and clarifies the new material introduced.

\* Paramhansa – literally, param, highest; hansa, swan. The hansa is represented in scriptural lore as the vehicle of Brahma, Supreme Spirit; as the symbol of discrimination, the white hansa swan is thought of as able to separate the true soma nectar from a mixture of milk and water.
\+ Yogananda means “Bliss (ananda) through divine union (yoga)”.
PREFACE

These spiritual interpretations, received and interpreted through Christ Consciousness, are the methods which the Masters have taken to show the world the common, scientific platform of intuitive perception, where the Christian Bible, the Hindu Bhagavad Gita, (Hindu Old and New Testaments), and true Scriptures of all true religions, can find unity. The Spiritual interpretation of the Christian Bible reveals and liberates the Truth hidden in the dark caves of theoretical and theological studies.

Jesus Christ was crucified once, but His Christian teaching has been, and is now being crucified by ignorant people. The understanding and application of these intuitively-perceived teachings are attempting to show how the Christ Consciousness of Jesus, free from theological crucifixion, can be brought back a second time into the souls of men.

These spiritual interpretations are born of intuition, and will be found to be universally true if they are meditated upon with intuitive perception.

PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA wrote:

“O Christ – Thou Rarest Flower of Hearts.”

“O Thou Great Lover of error-torn brothers – as unseen monument of the mightiest miracle of love was established in each heart when the magic wand of Thy Voice uttered: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

“O Shepherd of Souls, wandering hearts are of themselves seeking the one fold of divine devotion. We have heard the ever-calling music of Thy infinite kindness. Our one desire is to be at home with Thee, to receive the Cosmic Father with joyous, open eyes of wisdom, and to know that we are all sons of our own One God.”

(Excerpts from the original 1929 edition of Whispers From Eternity).
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THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God.”

(John 1:12)

As a small cup cannot hold an ocean within it, no matter how willing it may be to do so, likewise the cup of material human consciousness cannot grasp the universal Christ Consciousness, no matter how desirous it is, but when the student, by the Praecepta’s method of Concentration and Meditation, enlarges the caliber of his consciousness in all atoms (Christ Consciousness) within his own. This is what is meant by “received Him”. Thus, according to Jesus, all souls who can actually find their souls one with Christ Consciousness, by intuitive Self-Realization, can be called the “Sons of God”.

All Scriptures, such as the Bhagavad Gita, or the Hindu Bible, and the Christian Bible, have a three-fold meaning. In other words, the Scriptures deal with three factors of human beings, namely, the material, the mental, and the spiritual. Hence, all true Scriptures have been so written that they serve to be beneficial to the body, mind, and soul of man. True Scriptures are like the wells of Divine waters, which can quench the three-fold material, mental, and spiritual thirsts of man. In addition, the Scriptures, in order to be worth-while, should really help the businessman, the mental man, and the spiritual man. Although both the material and the psychological interpretations of the Scriptures are necessary, it should be remembered that the scriptural authors undertook with great pains to point out to man that the spiritual interpretations are of supreme importance to him.

A materially or intellectually successful man may not be truly, scientifically successful man who makes a perfect success of life; whereas, a spiritual man is the happy “all-round” man, who is healthy, intellectual, contented, and truly prosperous, with all-satisfying wisdom. Since by intuition the spiritual authors first sought to make man primarily spiritual, I give the spiritual interpretation with the psychological and material interpretations interwoven. These interpretations will help alike the spiritual aspirant, the intellectual man, and the businessman.

These intuitively-perceived spiritual interpretations of the words spoken by Jesus Christ are to be studied every day conscientiously and meditated upon by true Christian and all true devotees of God.

Universal Christ Consciousness appeared in the vehicle of Jesus, and now through the specific techniques of concentration and meditation as taught in the original Praecepta Lessons, and these intuitionally-received interpretations of the Scriptures, the Christ Consciousness is coming a second time to manifest through the consciousness of every true devotee of God.

PARAMHANSA YOGANANDA

*Initially the organizational name and the written teachings in America of Paramhansa Yogananda were known as Yogoda Sat-Sanga Society and Yogoda Course, respectively. He later enlarged his written teachings and changed the name of them to the Praecepta. The Techniques of Concentration and Meditation and Kriya Yoga as taught in the original Praecepta Lessons are available from Amrita Foundation, Inc.
When Paramhansa Yogananda began writing his intuitively-perceived interpretations of the sayings of Jesus, he prayed for Christ to guide him in divining the true meaning in his words.

Paramhansaji was blessed with the presence and vision of Jesus Christ many times during his life. On one such occasion, in later years, he asked a question of Jesus pertaining to these writings.

It was a time of silent prayer and his room became filled with an opal-blue light, and Christ appeared – radiant and about him a glow of golden light. Looking into his wondrously beautiful eyes, he asked Christ if he had pleased him in the way he had interpreted his teachings.

At once a Chalice appeared at Christ's lips, and then came over to touch his own, and Christ answered:

"Your lips have quaffed the same LIVING WATERS from which I drink."

Words of matchless assurance! This holy response was sacredly cherished within his heart.
DID JESUS BELIEVE IN REBIRTH? – HIS TEACHING ON REINCARNATION

“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, 'IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOSOEVER WILL SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT: AND WHOSOEVER WILL LOSE HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE SHALL FIND IT. FOR WHAT IS A MAN PROFITED, IF HE SHALL GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? OR WHAT SHALL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?’”

(Matthew 16:24-26)

“Let any devotee who wants to attain me or my Christ Consciousness rise by meditation above the consciousness of his physical self and let him keep his attention constantly focused in his Christ peace even though he is daily crucified by restlessness and other trials and distractions. For whosoever will keep his life identified with the body and foolishly protect his body from the trials and restlessness felt in the struggle to meditate shall find that ultimately he will lose all the temporary joys of mundane life; but the devotee who is prepared to give up the pleasures of his physical life for the superior ever-new bliss of Christ Consciousness felt in deep meditation will certainly find his life saved or endowed with eternal happiness of Spirit.”

Preaches by His Life

“Any devotee who lives the Christ life and preaches about it through the vibrations of his divine perceptions and not through book reading and who foregoes all physical pleasures of life or the body itself will attain immortality. If a man gains the whole world it is of little profit to him, for he cannot use all the comforts of the world in one life and he has to lose the kingdom of the earth at death.

“Thus it is foolishness for a man to strive to gain the temporary joys of mundane life. A man who lives identified with material riches finds at the end of his life that he is without riches as well as without God Consciousness. A man, by the intoxication of his unspiritual life, loses the soul in the mires of ignorance. No earthly pleasures, however great, are good enough to buy back the lost immortal happiness of soul consciousness or superconsciousness felt in meditation. Therefore, no one should give up the joys of superconsciousness felt in meditation in preference to the joys of sense pleasures.”
"FOR THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH HIS ANGELS; AND THEN HE SHALL REWARD EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

(Matthew 16:27-28)

“When, to the Son of man, or in the body, the Cosmic Consciousness of the Father and the glory of its angelic joys and wisdom are revealed, then the devotee knows that everyone is rewarded according to his labors of meditation in reaping the plenteous harvest of God Consciousness. Every devotee according to the depth of his meditation finds the angels of different states of Self-realization revealed in his human consciousness (Son-of-man) through the ecstatic communion of Cosmic Consciousness.”

Devotees See Angels

“Every devotee according to the law of cause and effect or the law of karma which governs his various degrees of meditation and all his actions finds himself farther or nearer to God. Advanced devotees through the light of Cosmic Consciousness perceive disembodied advanced souls in the shape of luminous angels. Any devotee who is ashamed to express the joys of Christ Consciousness and the words of wisdom springing from it to the body-identified, divine-bliss-deserting souls, will find a deterioration of his state of Christ Consciousness which he had contacted within his body due to the ecstatic revelations of Cosmic Consciousness and of the sacred angels of inspirations springing from it.

“Any devotee who forgets to be courageous and unselfish and does not try to share his ecstatic joys with body-identified souls will find his consciousness becoming limited within the confinement of his own ego. He who tries to transmit his ecstasy to other souls will find himself expanding. A soul who feels his joy in other souls gradually feels himself as the Self of all and ultimately becomes identified with the omnipresent consciousness of God the Father.

“All devotees who contact Christ Consciousness in earth life but for fear of persecution or ridicule do not try to transmit their consciousness to their ignorant brothers will find, after death, a deterioration of their Christ Consciousness. Such selfish souls visiting Christ Consciousness in the after-death state are again sent back to earth to learn to share their spiritual attainments with body-identified souls who are the sleeping children of God.”

“Shall Not Taste Death”

“Verily I truthfully reveal unto you there are some devotees who are standing around me who shall first feel the all-powerful Cosmic Consciousness within their human consciousness before they make a transition from their present bodily existence to another plane.”
“AND AFTER SIX DAYS JESUS TAKETH PETER, JAMES, AND JOHN HIS BROTHER, AND BRINGETH THEM UP INTO AN HIGH MOUNTAIN APART, AND WAS TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THEM: AND HIS FACE DID SHINE AS THE SUN, AND HIS RAIMENT WAS WHITE AS THE LIGHT. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.'

"WHILE HE YET SPAKE, BEHOLD, A BRIGHT CLOUD OVERSHADOWED THEM: AND BEHOLD A VOICE OUT OF THE CLOUD, WHICH SAID, 'THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM.' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, 'Arise, and be not afraid.' And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only."

(Matthew 17:1-8)

It is extremely important to know the way by which Jesus transfigured himself, and how Elias and Moses materialized themselves and came to Jesus.

When a person is intently watching a picture being played in a motion picture house, he might be so engrossed as to think all the actors and players in the picture to be real. When he arouses himself and watches the pictures closely, he realizes they are caused by a ray of electrical light falling on the screen. Thus he beholds their true electrical nature and their unlikeness to real earthly forms and figures.

Likewise, most human beings are so busy watching the earthly motion picture playing on the screen of their consciousness and space, that they overlook their real nature. A Master, one who has tuned his consciousness with God, realizes that the earth, with all its solids, liquids, gaseous substances, human beings, sky and stars, is nothing but the different forms of vibrations of electro-protonic rays playing on the screen of space.

Electrical Nature of the Universe

Jesus was a great Master who had realized the electrical nature of his own body and the universe. When he was praying on the mountain top, consciously communing with Cosmic Consciousness, the delusive human consciousness in him and his disciples, which made the universe appear as matter, completely vanished. That is why the body of Jesus was shorn of the mask of delusion and the consciousness of solidity, and appeared luminous and ethereal.

Intensified prayer produces ecstasy or oneness with Cosmic Consciousness. A Master who has experienced highest ecstasy with God Consciousness actually sees his body and all the worldly forms as made of light. Such a one, also, can make his very advanced disciples behold all forms of matter as made of electrical energy. All liberated Masters, even though they
merge in Cosmic Consciousness, retain their individuality so that by the mere willing they can come out of the Cosmic Ocean and materialize their forms in any way they want. Thus it is that Elias and Moses, being liberated souls, remained in Spirit, but materialized their forms and appeared on the mountain top with Jesus according to divine ordinance.

Elias Was Jesus' Guru in a Former Incarnation

It must be especially noted that the appearance of Elias on the mountain top with Jesus Christ was very significant. I have pointed out before that Elias or Elijah was no other than the Guru-Preceptor of Jesus in Jesus' former incarnation as Elisha (Eleseus). Jesus, himself, acknowledged that Elias had come already as John the Baptist. Thus it is significant and easily understood why Jesus asked the reincarnated Elijah or John the Baptist to baptize him, for it is the Guru who gives spiritual baptism to the disciple. When Jesus came to John for baptism, Jesus said, "SUFFER IT TO BE SO; FOR THUS IT BECOMETH US TO FULFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS" (Matt. 3:15), that is, it is the divine law that all righteous individuals find liberation through divine union of souls, between Guru-Preceptor and disciple.

Liberated After Ordeal

It must be also carefully noted that the appearance of Elias (Elijah) on the mountain top where Jesus was transfigured, happened after John the Baptist was beheaded and by this ordeal found his complete liberation. The soul of Elias, after leaving the body of Elias, reincarnated in the body of John the Baptist. When the body of John the Baptist was beheaded, the soul of Elias became completely liberated in spirit. That is why Elias appeared as Elias and not as John the Baptist on the mount where Jesus experienced his transfiguration.

Moses and Jesus Together
On the Mount of Transfiguration

It has been described before that the Guru-Preceptor is the highest messenger chosen by God to liberate a true devotee. The Guru-Preceptor and the true devotee form a pact of unconditional love and try to help each other through incarnations until the final liberation is reached. Elias and Jesus, both being highly spiritually advanced, had been in touch with each other in many incarnations, not known to man. That is why Elias appeared to Jesus Christ to give him his spiritual strength that he might without difficulty overcome the greatest ordeal of death on the cross.

Moses appeared with Jesus to show that both of them were inseparably connected in the spiritual path and had been connected in divine work in many incarnations. The modern Jews, therefore, should find and establish their brotherhood with Christians. Moses, the Master of the Jews, and Jesus, the
Master of the Christians, having appeared together on the Mount of Transfiguration in divine glory, ought to be the inspiration of the Christian and Jewish people alike.

Moses and Jesus, being present in heaven now, with grief consciously watch the clannish differences that have arisen between the Jewish and Christian children of God. Jesus Christ's body came from the Jewish race. The entire Jewish people are not to blame because a few wicked Jews were instruments in the crucifixion of Jesus. Jewish people should acknowledge the greatness of Moses because he appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

Great Ones Unite

The united presence of Moses and Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration was a divine beacon light installed in the dark past by God that it might shine through future Ages to dissolve the dark differences of denominationalism which exist between His Jewish and Christian children.

The vibrating voice of the Father and the celestial cloud which enveloped the three Masters and the disciples of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration distinctly reveals that the Heavenly Father had a special message for the world through the united liberated lives of Jesus, Moses and Elias.

The appearance of Elias with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration also establishes the fact that all truth-seeking souls, including great Masters like Jesus, cannot find liberation through themselves or by following a blind teacher, but by tuning in with a God-sent Guru-Preceptor. Jesus said: “None can come unto me, unless the Heavenly Father draweth him.” That is, only when a devotee intensely prays to God to know truth can he be sent a true Guru-Preceptor for guidance.

Every devotee should remember that in order to find a true Guru-Preceptor, he must constantly pray to God. And if the devotee thoroughly believes and continuously prays, then God will surely send him a true Guru-Preceptor. God, Himself, teaches the eager devotee through the words, thoughts, wisdom, and intuitions of a true Guru-Preceptor.

Jesus Explains That John the Baptist Was Formerly Elias

“And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, ‘Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.’ And his disciples asked him, saying, ‘Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?’

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, ‘Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.’

“Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.”

(Matthew 17:9-13)
The disciples did not understand what Jesus meant about “rising again from the dead”. The last paragraph of the Jewish Scriptures, the Old Testament, said that “ELIAS SHALL TRULY FIRST COME AND RESTORE ALL THINGS” (Malachi 4:5), and it was about this prophecy that the disciples questioned Jesus.

That John the Baptist was the incarnation of Elias (Elijah) is explained in the first chapter of Luke, where the angel appeared to Zacarias to foretell the birth of a son, “AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JOHN” (verse 13); “AND HE SHALL GO BEFORE HIM IN THE SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIAS … TO MAKE READY A PEOPLE PREPARED FOR THE LORD” (verse 17).

Jesus said: “It has also been written in the Scriptures how the son of man or my physical self would suffer many trials and find resistance from the people he would teach. By the Christ Consciousness in me I know and declare unto you that Elias has already come before me, reborn as John the Baptist, who has already been beheaded and received back into heaven in the state of final liberation as Elias whom you saw with me on the mount where I was transfigured. So Elias has already come in the body of John the Baptist but the people did not recognize him and they have already killed him. I prophesy that my body also will suffer like John the Baptist's at the hands of the ignorant people.”

In the above words of Jesus is the great answer to all Christians as to whether Jesus believed in reincarnation or not. Some of the prophets of the Old Testament who predicted the reincarnation of Elias knew and not merely believed that reincarnation was based on the law of cause and effect governing all lives.

It must be remembered that the doctrine of reincarnation is very ancient. Two hundred million people of India, five hundred million Buddhists in China and Japan and India, the ancient Druid priests and eminent philosophers of the East and West have believed and do believe in the doctrine of reincarnation.

Without the law of reincarnation no one can explain why some people are born blind or why some are born rich and some are born poor and others are born wicked and some are born good. The premature death of people also shows that when they die in an imperfect state they could not find liberation; necessarily they must reincarnate on earth in order to get an opportunity to perfect themselves. If this life is the beginning and the end then it clearly reveals the injustice and partiality of nature and God in making some people good and well and in making others evil and sick.

Jesus said before, “For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.” All souls after death, on their arrival in the astral world according to the cosmic law emanating from Christ Consciousness, find themselves judged according to their works or karma while they lived on earth.

**Karma – Cosmic Law**

Thus the cosmic law liberates the very advanced souls into God. They, having overcome material desires, become pillars, or immortal entities in the
omnipresent mansion of God, and they need go out no more through
reincarnation on earth.

“HIM THAT OVERCOMETH WILL I MAKE A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE OF
MY GOD, AND HE SHALL GO NO MORE OUT” (Revelation 3:12).

But other souls, according to their various material desires and good or
evil activities, are born into various kinds of good or bad families on earth. If we
are the tools of destiny and if we have to live according to the predestined laws
of God then the endowment of freedom of will becomes meaningless to us. We
are endowed with free will and act as we like, thus accumulating good or bad
seeds of actions which govern all our future lives. Having free will we are the
architects of our own destiny.

Lack of prenatal memory does not prove that a man did not reincarnate
before, for a man does not remember his life at birth or the first year of his
existence. Great saints who can keep their consciousness and memory intact
during death and after, remember who they were before they died, and
remember their former lives after they are reborn. Since Jesus knew who John
the Baptist was before – Elias (Elijah) – so he also knew that he himself was
Eleseus (Elisha), the disciple of Elias.

An earthly judge has sense enough to pronounce the term of imprisonment
of a criminal according to the nature of his crime. So also the greatest of all
judges, the Cosmic Law, helps people to reap their rewards or punishments
according to their karmas or actions on the earth plane. A million incarnations of
sin committed by a soul could attract a million years of vile incarnations but no
more. A soul, being primarily and essentially made in the image of God, even if
responsible for a million years of sin, could not attract eternal damnation. Finite
acts could not reap infinite results.

Man Is the Image of God

Then comes the question, how can a man by virtuous actions of one or
more incarnation, become eternally liberated? It must be remembered that man
being made in the image of God is always eternally good, and becomes only
temporarily deluded. This temporary delusion leads man to think he is mortal. So
long as he thinks he is mortal so long must he suffer.

This mortal consciousness in a soul may extend to few or many
incarnations, but through self-effort and law of God the prodigal soul finds
wisdom. As soon as a prodigal soul is illumined he remembers the eternal image
of God within him and returns to his home of Cosmic Consciousness. Then the
Father serves him with the fatted calf or eternal wisdom and liberates him
forever.

Delusion Is Temporary

Man, being made primarily in the image of God may misuse his free will for
a time and consider himself mortal, but that temporary delusion can never erase
from within him the mark of immortality and God's image of perfection. Hence,
souls being made in the image of God can never by means of temporary delusion be essentially changed into eternally evil entities.

A baby who was never baptized and prematurely dies cannot possibly have used his free will to be either virtuous enough to be liberated or vicious enough to be damned. Nature must bring the baby back to earth to give it a chance to use its free will to work out the past karma for which it met death, and to perform enough good actions to liberate itself. So all souls made in the image of God, after a number of incarnations of delusive earthly living, by self-effort and awakening of wisdom ultimately merge in their eternal abode in Spirit.

If an immortal soul does not work out his delusion in one school of life he has to have another or more schoolings before he returns home in Cosmic Consciousness by remembering his immortality. Ordinary souls usually reincarnate being compelled by their earth-bound desires; great souls come on earth partially to work out their karma but principally to act as noble sons of God to show lost children the way to their heavenly Father's all-liberating home.

Great Souls Can Take On the Karma of Others

“And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, 'Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.'

Then Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.'”

(Matthew 17:14-17)

“O, ye generation of people filled with ignorance and without self-realization of Spirit, I have been so long with you and you have not appreciated me, and how long shall I suffer beholding your agonies and also for taking your evil karmas on myself? Anyway, bring your son to me.”

In the above words Jesus expressed sorrow for constantly overburdening himself with the evil karma of others. Great souls by their will power can work out the suffering of others in their own souls and thus relive them, as a rich man might save a criminal from imprisonment by paying his fine. But it must be remembered that this happens only to repentant souls who, by their good karma, happen to meet a Master who can partially minimize their sufferings. The forgiving of sins and working out of karmas by another will be discussed more fully later on.

Jesus knew that by accumulating the evil karmas or sinful actions of others he would ultimately have to pay in the shape of the crucifixion of his body. Jesus gave up man's dearest possession, his body, for working out the karmas of others by his crucifixion.

While Jesus let his body be crucified through the sins of others yet by superior soul force he resurrected his body and proved his victory over all karma of himself and of others. Realizing the terrible ordeal which he would have to go
through for taking on the karma of others, he said, “How long shall I suffer for you and stand for the impositions of your karma on my soul?” Even though Jesus realized he would have to carry much evil karma by healing the possessed son of the man still, due to his infinite compassion, he agreed to heal the boy.

“And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, ‘How long is it ago since this came unto him?’ And he said, ‘Of a child. And oftimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.’ Jesus said unto him, ‘IF THOU CANST BELIEVE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH.’ And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, ‘LORD, I BELIEVE; HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF.’ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, ‘Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.’

“And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, ‘He is dead.’ But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, ‘Why could not we cast him out?’ And he said unto them, ‘THIS KIND CAN COME FORTH BY NOTHING, BUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING.”

(Mark 9:20-29)

A person who believes in his own power and in the power of God continuously without doubt can accomplish everything, spiritual or material, whatever he wants. It must be remembered that people must not expect to accomplish all results by a moment’s belief.

How To Cultivate Faith

There is a way to cultivate belief until it becomes faith or absolute conviction. Belief is the initial recipient attitude of the mind necessary for the seed of a desire to be planted. When the soil of belief is continuously watered with belief in Self and a Master then it sprouts into faith or absolute conviction that the desired result will be accomplished.

As a person learns the laws of planting for a good harvest so a truth-seeking individual must learn how to cultivate belief so that it may yield the desired result. Jesus knew the laws of truth; he was equipped with all-mighty God-consciousness and knew that any one who believed in his words would create a channel through which the Christ-Consciousness could easily be transferred to him. All spiritual teachers could not say what Jesus said because they themselves are not always convinced of the all-accomplishing power of divine will and intuition-born faith or conviction.

Jesus said: “O thou wicked, disembodied soul, thou hast been deaf and dumb in the astral world because of thy evil karma. Instead of working out thy evil actions why art thou piling more evil actions in your soul by possessing this
child before me? O evil spirit, because you have been deaf and dumb that is why your obsession has caused the loss of speech and hearing in the child before me. I command you to come out of his body and do not possess him any more."

In the above Jesus evidently hints that there are deaf and dumb spirits who try to possess earthly souls in order that they might hear or speak but due to their evil karmas, even whey they unlawfully possess an individual, they are still unable to hear or speak and in that way destroy the vocal chords and the auditory nerves of the possessed individual. Such spirits, being condemned by their own karmas to be deaf and dumb cannot hear or speak even when they possess other bodies. Such is the immutable law of karma or cause and effect which governs all life.

**Charged By Cosmic Energy**

Due to this boy being possessed by the evil spirit since childhood his nervous system was completely exhausted. Thus, even when the evil spirit left him, the boy appeared as dead. But Jesus took him by the hand and charged Cosmic Energy in it and lifted him up. From that hour the boy was cured.

Jesus said to his disciples: “To cast out the evil spirit long lodged in that boy required steady faith. When you failed to heal him by one or two attempts you disbelieved and because of your unbelief he was not healed. I declare unto you through my Christ Consciousness that if you have meditation-born intuitive conviction, even as little as a mustard seed, then you can tell the mountain of difficulties to disappear and it will do so. It is the cosmic conviction of God which is all-powerful and has created stars, planets, human beings. God knows that He is all-powerful; He intuitively feels He can do anything so whatever He thinks He can do, He does.

“So souls by deeper and deeper meditation can ultimately acquire the almighty intuitive conviction of God. When souls possess this intuitive conviction they will understand that all cosmic vibrations of matter and its manifestations are controlled and guided by God’s intuitive conviction. Realizing that, a soul can transfer a mountain from one place to another. When advanced souls find their convictions in tune with God’s convictions then they realize the relation of intuition and matter. Thus an advanced soul by the power of his intuitive conviction can create anything in matter.

“All the figures and forms in a dream are controlled and manifested by the imagination of the dreamer. The imagination of the dreamer can create any changes in the dream he perceives. So a person who can dream at will realizes he can create anything or any changes in the dreamland. Likewise the cosmic dream is sustained by God’s consciousness and I, Christ, being in tune with that consciousness can create any changes in the cosmic dream-manifestations. That is how I healed the obsessed son of that father.

“But remember, I am not telling you that if you mentally imagine a mountain to go from one place to another, it will. It is only when you have developed your faith by God-contact that you can accomplish anything. When you have acquired this God-consciousness which controls all the dream forms in the cosmos, then through that consciousness you can create any changes in the universe. But I strongly warn you again that this power to accomplish anything by
faith cannot come by doing nothing or by mere belief. It comes by constant demand for Cosmic Consciousness in meditation (prayer) and by remaining away and aloof from the body-consciousness by occasional fasting."

Not By Imagination

It is inspiring how Jesus says that people cannot achieve wonderful results by imagination but must commune with Cosmic Consciousness in prayer and by not stimulating the body-consciousness by constant eating. Those who meditate deeply, fast often and stay away from the body-consciousness ultimately develop their intuition and all-accomplishing power of conviction or faith. Jesus says that even a little intuitive-power can accomplish wonders, more than great power of imagination. He emphasizes that this power of faith or intuitive conviction does not come by a mental belief or intellectual conviction but by regular, deep prayer or meditation and by subjecting the body to the discipline involved in fasting and moral living. Thus as the consciousness of the devotee is finally united to Cosmic Consciousness, he realizes that he can create any changes in the cosmic dream which is sustained by that Cosmic Consciousness.
WHY JESUS SAID ALL MEN MUST BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN TO ENTER HEAVEN – WHY GOD IS HUMBLE

“And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, 'Doth not your master pay tribute?' He saith, 'Yes.' And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, 'What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?'

Peter saith unto him, 'Of strangers.' Jesus saith unto him, 'Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; that take, and give unto them for me and thee.'”

(Matthew 17:24-27)

Jesus said: “The kings of the earth do not gather tribute from their own children. They go free. Likewise, those that are materially-minded and worldly needs must give taxes to earthly kings, but we, being the children of God, consider all things in the world belong to God. Being the children of God who owns the cosmos, we also own it.

“However, though we know in our minds we are the children of God, still, lest we offend the order of the world, let us do our part in paying taxes. Dear Simon, that you may know I am the child of God, you shall see His glory, that He will free me from the earthly obligations of paying taxes by miraculously sending me some money through a fish in the sea.”

“And he came to Capernaum: and being in the house he asked them, 'What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?' But they held their peace: for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, 'IF ANY MAN DESIRE TO BE FIRST, THE SAME SHALL BE LAST OF ALL, AND SERVANT OF ALL.'”

(Mark 9:33-35)

“If any devotee wants to be foremost in God's eyes, he should desire to be least in the world's estimation. He should be the humblest and serve all with love and humility in utter forgetfulness of egoism or selfishness. A person who desires to be the greatest in heaven, must endeavor, as long as he lives, to contact Christ Consciousness in meditation, and must outwardly keep his consciousness ready to serve all. It is not the person who wishes to be foremost that is the greatest, but the person who is in tune, to the end of his days, with Christ Consciousness and is ready to be the servant of all. His consciousness
becomes one with the Great Spirit – Cosmic Consciousness – and consequently he would be considered greatest in heaven.”

In these words of Jesus we find wonderful hints as to who can be the greatest in the cosmos. God never wants to be foremost, therefore He silently serves all creation and all creatures to the end of eternity, without asking anything in return. God, being in love with all, feels His oneness with all things and creatures. Thus, He is the greatest. There can be no one greater than God. Anyone who wants to be the greatest in the universe must be humble like God and be in eternal tune with Him.

Child Is Not Egotistical

“And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, ’VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, EXCEPT YE BE CONVERTED, AND BECOME AS LITTLE CHILDREN, YE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL HUMBLE HIMSELF AS THIS LITTLE CHILD, THE SAME IS GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.’”

(Matthew 18:2-4)

“So, through the verification of my divine knowledge, I declare unto you that unless, by meditation and a proper guru-preceptor's help, you change your ego-guided worldly nature into the soul-guided childlike nature, you will never be able to rise above your body-consciousness and let your inner Self enter into the ever-new bliss state of Christ Consciousness. On the mountain peak of ego-consciousness the raindrops of divine mercy do not remain. But in the vast valley of childlike humbleness (unegotistical mentality) the mercy-drops of divinity ever gather into a vast lake of wisdom.

“An egotistical person identifies his unlimited soul consciousness with certain physical, mental or astral powers and thus creates around himself a hedge of limitation which shuts out the greater part of Cosmic Consciousness. My Heavenly Father, being all-powerful, does not identify His consciousness with any one power, and thus limit Himself by egotism. My Father in Heaven does not separate Himself from His powers by being conscious of them. He keeps His infinite qualities infinitely dissolved in the fathomless ocean of His humbleness. All good and beautiful children made after the pure image of the Father are humble and unaware of their priceless qualities. So any devotee who rises above ego-consciousness by identifying himself with the childlike humble qualities of God is the greatest in His kingdom.

“God is the greatest in His heavenly kingdom of bliss, so the humble devotee being one with Him is also the greatest, possessing all God's powers because he does not claim any one of them. Any devotee who by divine communion and ecstasy absorbs in his cosmic-vibration-saturated consciousness the divine childlike qualities, receives Me or gradually manifests my omnipresent Christ Consciousness. But any wicked person who by egotism and love for his physical body deliberately disturbs and offends any inner
childlike divine quality which manifests my Christ Consciousness, will feel the millstone of misery heavy in his life, drowning him in the depths of the sea of ignorance."

Physical Child Not Meant

In the above words of Christ, it must be strictly noted what Jesus means by the humble little child being the greatest in heaven. A humble, little ignorant child on earth may be dear to all, but he is not considered as the greatest soul on earth. But a wise man who contacts God in meditation manifests the childlike humble quality of God.

The Hindu Scriptures say the one who knows Brahman or Spirit is Spirit Himself, so the wise man who is one with God is God Himself. Egotism is the surest sign of an ignorant man. A childlike humble nature in a wise man is the surest sign that he contacts God. There is a proverb that a few fish in a small bowl make a lot of noise, but the whales and big denizens moving in the ocean do not create much commotion. So egotists with their little powers brag about them, but great Masters who in divine vision can see the whole cosmos in the twinkling of an eye hardly speak of their powers. God has every power conceivable in the universe, yet He never uses them for the sake of display. That is how far He is humble.

Humbleness does not signify an assumed meekness; a pretense of humbleness does not make one humble. A person who is continuously busy developing great powers within him is so absorbed in so doing that he never speaks of it. Thus, when a person is so absorbed in doing great things that he has no time to talk about it, he is really humble. But a person who remains mentally and physically idle imagining that he is doing great things, spends all his time telling how great he is. The egotistical person talks all the time about his powers.

The most humble person being completely busy with the Great God has no time to talk about himself. A wonderful child blooms like a flower, unable to talk or advertise about its fragrance or beauty. So a divine man must be, absorbed in the beauty of God, unaware like a child of his own qualities. To love children is to worship some of the most beautiful of God's qualities on the altar of love.

Deep Christ Saying

Any person who thinks it is all a simple matter, that if he receives a child in his home in the name of Jesus Christ he will know Him, is mistaken. Only when a devotee develops childlike qualities in meditation does he gradually manifest Christ Consciousness.

All the great master minds that I have seen are childlike. The masters display all the qualities of sincerity, frankness, nonattachment, universality, uniformity of action, thought and speech, forgiveness, truthfulness, calmness, sweetness, laughter and worrilessness, belonging to a child, minus the latter's ignorance.
A person who does not cultivate the above-mentioned childlike qualities latent in the soul is constantly tortured by selfishness, suspicion, worries, fear and attachment which drown his peace in the ocean of misery. Just as a child lives happily, confidently secure in the protecting power of parents, so a divine man relinquishes fear, worldliness and egotistical living, by becoming a divine child, completely depending on the all-protecting power of God.

All divine masters who are liberated in God preserve their individuality throughout eternity even though they all become one with God. In other words, the liberated divine masters all know they come out of God and then merge in Him. Thus knowing God, they understand that He became their many selves, as Christ, Christna, Babaji, Lahiri Mahasaya, Sriyukteswarji and other saints of God.

"WHOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ONE OF SUCH CHILDREN; IN MY NAME, RECEIVETH ME; AND WHOEVER SHALL RECEIVE ME, RECEIVETH NOT ME, BUT HIM THAT SENT ME."

(Mark 9:37)

Jesus said: “Any devotee who is in tune with my Christ Consciousness and with a childlike spirit loves a child and his heavenly qualities will feel my presence in his guileless mentality. Any devotee who expands his consciousness by deep meditation and thus can receive or be in tune with my Christ Consciousness shall not find his consciousness limited by the Christ Intelligence present in all vibratory creation, but shall rise through his Christ Consciousness to the Cosmic Consciousness which exists even beyond all creative vibrations.”

Soul Becomes Released

“The devotee who is in tune with Christ Consciousness does not remain confined there but gets in tune with Cosmic Consciousness through me (Christ Consciousness), which is the reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness. The soul of any devotee who has banished his ego-consciousness or body-consciousness becomes released to be one with the omnipresent great Cosmic Consciousness. Hence the devotee who has little or no body-consciousness, being one with God, is considered greatest in the eyes of the metaphysical law.”

Jesus did not mean that anybody who loves children will have Christ Consciousness, but anyone who with wisdom and Christ Spirit loves children will feel Christ Consciousness in them. Jesus emphasizes the fact that devotees should receive and absorb the best qualities of children (lack of egotism, body-consciousness, selfishness and attachment, and presence of purity, guilelessness, innocence, obedience, humbleness, meekness, love, trust and joy).

In children lies the manifestation of some of the best qualities of Christ Consciousness, therefore Jesus points out that if a devotee is in tune with some of the best qualities of children, he will easily know how to contact Christ
Consciousness. To love the best in children is the easiest way to practice tangible Christ qualities in daily life.

Jesus also meant that he who is egotistical and considers himself great is thrown down from the temple of others' hearts and set at the lowest point of their estimation. But the person who loves and serves all without a selfish motive becomes the great emperor sitting on the throne of all hearts.
THE REAL MEANING OF “HELL-FIRE”
AS USED BY JESUS IN THE BIBLE –
THE “HELL” OF DESIRE,
WHERE THE “FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED”

“And John answered him, saying, 'Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbade him, because he followeth not us.' But Jesus said, 'FORBID HIM NOT: FOR THERE IS NO MAN WHICH SHALL DO A MIRACLE IN MY NAME, THAT CAN LIGHTLY SPEAK EVIL OF ME. FOR HE THAT IS NOT AGAINST US IS ON OUR PART. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.'

‘And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. AND IF THY HAND OFFEND THEE, CUT IT OFF: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.'

‘AND IF THY FOOT OFFEND THEE, CUT IT OFF: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. AND IF THINE EYE OFFEND THEE, PLUCK IT OUT: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.’”

(Mark 9:38-48)

“Beloved disciples, do not cast out any man who is working healings in my name (through my Christ Consciousness). It does not matter whether a man has outward connections with us or not; so long as he is in tune with the Christ Consciousness, he is one with me and all of us and is justified to perform divine healings, which cannot be monopolized by anyone.

“Anyone who works the divine law is justified to administer divine healings to stricken children of God. Any person who works the miracle of divine healing through the vibration of my Christ Consciousness cannot in any way talk against me, in whom Christ Consciousness is fully manifested.”

Expansion of Consciousness

“Any devotee who does not practice anything against our principles is naturally in tune with us. Any person who shall help you even with a cup of water when you are thirsty will be rewarded because of the manifestation of Christ Consciousness in the consciousness of all. Anyone who is in sympathy with you all is in tune with the Christ Consciousness present in you all and will be
rewarded by expansion of consciousness. A person in tune with you all will automatically and sympathetically attract the qualities of Christ Consciousness.

“Anyone who shall persecute in any way any disciple who is in tune with me and manifests the divine qualities of little children, will attract evil to himself, being used by the evil force. Anyone who would persecute disciples with Christ Consciousness would attract to himself great spiritual and physical misery, far greater than if he hung a millstone around his neck and cast himself into the sea.

“Physical misery ends with death but spiritual misery born of ignorant actions continues after death, in the astral world on to postnatal existence, according to the law of karma.

“If financial greed (hand) offends the divine law and keeps you from attaining spirituality, destroy your greed. It is better that you maim your unspiritual qualities or even your body in the attempt to reach eternal happiness. It is better to have everlasting happiness in preference to bodily happiness which has to be thrown into the fire of death, misery and the unquenchable fires of earthly desires.

“Those who do not forsake their evil mortal habits during their earth-life carry those torturing worms of evil tendencies into the astral world and their next incarnation and are continuously burnt by the inextinguishable fires of ever-increasing evil desires.”

Foot Symbol of Activity

“And if the foot, symbol of material activity, prevents you from meditating and attaining the kingdom of every-new joy felt in meditation, then by all means drop most of your obstructing material activities. It is better to have the joy of eternal life than the temporary pleasure through material activities which will end in the ever-increasing fire of material desires, spreading from one incarnation to another.

“Anyone who does not attain heavenly happiness but remains engrossed in material activities will find, after death, the worms of worries chasing him from one incarnation to another, and the insatiable fires of material desires torturing him through many incarnations.

“If any devotee finds his eye or material understanding conflicting with his spiritual aspirations, he should modify it or give it up. It is better to enter by meditation into the kingdom of eternal joy with one intuitional eye of wisdom than, with two material eyes of duality and relativity, to remain burning in a hell-fire of miserable unsatisfying material consciousness and bodily pleasures.

“Any person who remains identified with material desires and passes out in that state will find the worms of material understanding bothering him in the astral world and from incarnation to incarnation with continuous tendencies of distraction and desire for sense-pleasures. Such a person who has no divine wisdom finds himself continuously burning with the fire of material desires.”

In the above words, when Jesus speaks of doing away with hand, foot or eye for attaining the kingdom of God, he has a threefold message – one for the Christlike martyr, one for the moralist and one for the yogi who scientifically tries to unite his soul with Spirit. This threefold message is explained as follows:
Divine Bravery

(1) After Cranmer, 16th Century martyr, wrote with his right hand something against his religious convictions because he was going to be burnt at the stake with Latimer, he cried, “Latimer, my unworthy hand shall burn first. We will light such a candle (of Protestantism) as shall never be put out.” Cranmer smilingly burnt his right hand first and then consecrated his whole body and its temporary pleasures to the flames, consciously ascending into the heavenly region of Spirit.

Jesus gave up the temporary pleasures of his body on the cross to attain eternal happiness, but if he had chosen bodily happiness in preference to eternal happiness of Cosmic Consciousness, today perhaps through twenty centuries his soul might be still roaming, afflicted with desires, suffering from the bites of the worms of worries through many incarnations.

When Jesus saw that his hand, foot, eyes and his whole body were being tempted by satanic ignorance, he gave them up so that even though physically maimed, he gained everlasting life and also resurrection of the maimed body.

Jesus was wise to do that, for by sacrificing a temporal body, he inherited eternal life. Those people who for complete pleasure of a healthy body, give up the desire to meditate and be in God Consciousness are foolish, for they forsake eternal happiness and immortality in order to enjoy the short-lasting physical happiness of a few years of bodily existence on earth.

(2) The moral individual must give up his hand or love of money, his foot or attachment to material activities of life, and his eye or worldly understanding, for the eternal happiness of a moral spiritual life.

(3) To the yogi, Jesus, through his above words, gives the following message: “Any devotee who tries to scientifically unite his soul with Spirit must know that meditation is the only way to attain the eternal happiness of divine ecstatic contact. The devotee or yogi during meditation often finds the sensations in his hands, feet and eyes in the shape of sense-temptations or optical temptations of beauty and scenery trying to invade his brain and distract his attention from marching toward the ecstatic union with God Consciousness and ever-new joy of meditation. He should overcome by deep meditation, mental concentration and the art of switching off the life force from the optical and auditory and tactual sensory nerves, as is done unconsciously during the state of sleep.

“When the yogi by deep meditation enjoys the eternal happiness of God-contact, he realizes that it is far better for him to enter the kingdom of ever-new joy of meditation by maiming himself (silencing his physical self) or switching off his attention from the consciousness of sensations of touch, hearing, sight, taste and smell.”

When the yogi by technique of meditation learns to switch off the life force from the five sense telephones of sight, sound, smell, taste and touch, then he finds that his attention becomes disconnected with the body and united with God Consciousness. When a yogi, by switching off his attention from sensations, can enjoy ecstatic communion with God, then he realizes that he will never again crave to indulge in physical happiness and thereby remain continuously burning with material desires, love of sense-pleasures and worries.
Hell-Fire of Desire

So to the yogi Jesus says: “If bodily sensation and sense-pleasures prevent thee from uniting your consciousness with the eternal ever-new happiness of meditation, then cut them off by switching off your attention from the sensations. It is better to be united with the eternal happiness found in meditation than to remain conscious of the body constantly burning with the hell-fires of desires born of insatiable love of sense-pleasures and bitten continuously by the worms of worries.”

“Woe unto the world because of offences; for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”

(Matthew 18:7)

Cosmic Delusion

“Physical, mental and soul sufferings and woes ensue in the world because of the delusions and evils created by Satan or cosmic delusion. Because of the rebellion of the cosmic delusion against God’s words, the presence of evils or offences in the world is unavoidable. Man did not create anger, greed, selfishness, sex consciousness; they were implanted in him by Satan or cosmic delusion, along with the godly qualities implanted in him by God.

“It is man who by the use of his free will and direction of inner wisdom can choose to cultivate the goodness planted in him by God, and become forever happy and liberated. But woe and threefold misery visit that physical man who identifies himself with the evil passions planted within him by cosmic delusion. A man who acts according to the urge of delusion brings the offences or evils from within him and lets them flow into his actions and poison them.

“That is why you should disconnect the consciousness, attention and energy from the hand or foot when it is used, or about to be used, as the instrument of evil. For physical cutting of the hand or foot or the bodily organs does not destroy the evil in them. Destroying the tongue does not destroy its greed. Greed must be destroyed from within.

“By will power you should cut off the currents and evil consciousness from the hands and feet when they are about to become instruments of evil. After switching off the evil impulses which engage your hands and feet to do evil, forever cast them off from you and your consciousness.

Physical Cutting Off
Of Hands Not Meant

“I am not telling you to cut off your hands or feet if they have been the instruments of evil, or to cast them off, for by doing so you destroy only the instruments of evil but not the evil tendencies themselves, which are the real forces which urge your innocent hands and feet to commit evil. Cutting off hands and feet may disable you from doing physical evil but
it will not prevent you from doing mental evil which is the real cause of physical evil and the downfall of the soul.

“It is better for you to enter into the consciousness of divine pleasure and eternal life by halting or maiming or forever destroying your inclinations for temporal sense-pleasures. It is better for you to relinquish temporary pleasures for the eternal bliss-God of meditation rather than allowing the sense organs and nervous system to be continuously used to burn with the insatiable fire of physical lust. If you are identified with your sense-pleasures, they will inevitably make you aware that sensuality is everlastingly insatiable and productive of fire-like burning misery.

“Pluck out the impulse in the optic nerves by disconnecting it by the power of concentration when you are led to see evil or to act according to evil. After doing that forever destroy the impulse of greed in your eyes. It is better for you to enter into Christ Consciousness by opening the all-seeing eye of wisdom and meditative intuition rather than use your two eyes of relativity and sense consciousness and thus remain bound in the misery-making hell-fire of insatiable sensations.”

“‘Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.’”

(Matthew 18:10)

“Be careful that you do not hate the consciousness of children, or their little selves. The cosmic vibration which I feel within me and the cosmic heavenly light which I behold within me reveal that the angels or astral bodies of children who passed on from the earth without a chance to acquire wisdom get a chance between incarnations to behold the materialized form of any being or saint in whose face shines the consciousness of God the Father. Christ Consciousness appeared in my body named Jesus so that through my consciousness and teachings the souls who have lost themselves in the jungles of material desires and earthly lives could find their way home back to the Father.”

“‘FOR EVERYONE SHALL BE SALTED WITH FIRE, AND EVERY SACRIFICE SHALL BE SALTED WITH SALT. SALT IS GOOD: BUT IF THE SALT HAVE LOST HIS SALTINESS, WHERewith will ye season it? HAVE SALT IN YOURSELVES, AND HAVE PEACE ONE WITH ANOTHER.’”

(Mark 9:49-50)

“Every soul by meditation must salt himself or saturate himself with the fire or realization that he may be acceptable to God in the astral world. Everyone who sacrifices material pleasure will find his soul salted or saturated with the fire of divine realization. Salt is good, – that is, when the fire of divine realization or the divine taste saturates human consciousness it is saved from the decay of death and becomes immortal. This salt of divine realization is good for the soul and bestows immortality. But if by concentrating on material pleasures and egotism to be materially great, you lose the flavor of the divine salt, then how can you awaken your divine memory and season your soul with it except by acquiring the fresh salt of Self-realization within your souls by daily meditation and by absorbing the mutual divine Self-realization of peace through attentive good fellowship?”
In the above, Jesus hints about the deterioration of the divine realization of some of his disciples brought about by their desire to be materially great. This fact was evidenced in that the disciples could not heal the son of the man who was possessed of an evil spirit from childhood. Jesus hints that the disciples would regain their new Self-realization by cutting out all material pleasures and by meditation. And with the new-found salt of Self-realization they could saturate their souls and make them immortal in Christ Consciousness.

The God of Love
Never Created Eternal Punishment

It must be plain that by hell-fire, Jesus did not mean that the great God of love has created leaping tongues of hell-fire in some point of space to burn the disembodied souls of sinners with bad karma. The Heavenly Spirit who is the Father of all human children could not possibly roast them alive forever because they made some temporary mistakes during their sojourn on earth. Souls by the misuse of their God-given independence suffer through karma or the results of their own evil actions, and they reward themselves through their own good karma or virtuous deeds.

Those humans who act evilly create evil tendencies which remain concealed in the brain ready to pour out fiery suffering at a suitable time. These hidden misery-making fiery tendencies or hell-fires are carried into the astral world at death by a soul with bad karma.

The word “hell” is from the Anglo-Saxon root helan, to conceal. The Greek root is helos, sun or fire. Therefore, the word hell-fire is very appropriate to depict the concealed fire of agony which stored-up tendencies can produce in the earthy life or in the astral world. A soul with evil conscience suffers from hell-fire or agony in this life and when dead suffers the effects of bad karma like a fiery nightmare in the astral world.

Whenever a man has evil tendencies, he has willed it, and suffers both in this life and in the astral body after death. Just as a murderer burns with evil conscience during wakefulness and with subconscious terror during sleep, so a soul suffers from fiery evils in the wakeful state of human life and in the sleep state of death. The hell-fire of hidden evil tendencies is created by the wrongs perpetuated by a man.

A benign father could never eternally burn a soul, made in His own image, for its temporary mistakes on earth. God, as a just Judge, could not infinitely punish a child soul for a finite period of sin. The idea of eternal punishment is illogical. A soul through eternity is made after the image of God. Even a million years of sin could not change its essential eternal divine character. Man's unforgiving wrath against the evil actions of his brethren has created this misconception of hell-fire.

My Experience With
An Orthodox Believer in Hell-Fire

Once I met old man near Seattle. I had been sitting near the sea, much inspired by its vastness of divinity. After that inspiration fled, I felt hungry, and went to the farmhouse of this man, seeking some cherries. He, with rosy cheeks, looked very happy, and showed me kind hospitality. A divine impulse came over me and I asked him, "Dear
man, you look very happy, but there is a hidden suffering in your life." He said, “Are you a fortune-teller?” I said, “No; I tell people how to correct their lives.” He said, “You know, we are all sinners and the Lord is going to burn our souls in brimstone and hell-fire.” I replied, “How could a man, losing his body at death and becoming an invisible soul, be burned by the fire created by material brimstones?” He was very angry and went on repeating, “We certainly will burn in hell-fire.” Then I said, “Did you get a radiogram about this from God, that He would burn us with hell-fire?” At this the old man became more and more excited.

To mollify him I changed the subject and said, “What about your unhappiness and your wicked son?” He was surprised at my words and acknowledged that he was constantly burning with misery about an incorrigible son. He explained that he was helpless to correct his son and his sorrows remained as a burning fire in the background of his mind. Suddenly I said, “I have a remedy for the absolute cure of your son.” The old man's eyes gleamed with joy and he smiled.

With a whispering mysterious attitude, as if about to reveal something very grand to reform his son, I asked him, “Have you got a very big stove with a broiler?” He said “Why, yes.” Then I said, “Please heat it to red-hot temperature. Have you two trusted friends who would not tell anything against you?” He again said, “Why yes.” The I said, “All the better for you. Have you got some strong ropes? Get your friends and the ropes in your cellar and call your son there and bind him hand and foot and slip him in the red-hot oven.”

Human Love Is From God

The old man was furious and shook his fist at me and shouted, “You blunthead, who ever heard of a father burning a son, no matter how wicked?” I said, “That is exactly what I wanted to tell you. Please find out who is a blunthead, you or I. You who are human, where did you get this instinct of love, except from the Divine Father's love? Even a human father cannot stand the cruel thought of roasting his son alive to put him out of his misery. Then how could you think of the ever-loving Divine Father, who has infinitely greater love than you and who makes parents love their children by the gift of His love, as one who burns His own created children with brimstone and hell-fire?” The old man's eyes were filled with tears of repentance as he said, “I know now that the Heavenly Father is a God of love. We punish ourselves by our own evil actions, and reward ourselves by our own good deeds.”

Souls in the after-death state have no physical sensations and therefore cannot suffer from burns resulting from the contact of fire. A bodiless man could not be burned by physical fire. But souls with bad karma can suffer mental agonies, worse than fiery burns.

“IN HEAVEN THEIR ANGELS DO ALWAYS BEHELD THE FACE OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."

(Matthew 18:10)

The word angels refers to the astral bodies or luminous forms of nineteen elements in which disembodied souls with good and bad karma are encased. The “Father which is in heaven” signifies that a physical man who is identified with his body cannot be conscious of the presence of God in matter, but a divine soul by meditation can awaken the superconsciousness by which he can see that all the different forms of matter are nothing but the dream vibrations of God's light and consciousness.
The “Father in Heaven" signifies that unless a man sees the whole world as light and not matter he cannot feel the presence of God hidden behind astral light and the light of wisdom.

“Face of My Father”

“Face of my Father” does not signify that God carries a body with a face. The omnipresent Spirit could not be limited by a materialized human form, but just as cold can freeze invisible hydrogen-oxygen gas into an iceberg, so by the materializing power of God’s will and the devotee’s devotion, the Heavenly Father can materialize Himself into any form. The souls of children, because of their premature going to an astral sphere, see the Heavenly Father materialized into an angelic form, but after this, the children, blessed by God’s power, reincarnate on earth to work out their karmas and ultimately return to Him. The “face of my Father” signifies that the omnipresent God Consciousness can reflect in the face of any angel or saint or in the face of any materialized form. But the omnipresent consciousness of God in no circumstances could make itself so limited that it enters a human form and remains there. This is impossible, for if God withdrew His omnipresence from all space and remained confined within one form, all the planetary systems would fall apart.

God who created the first man and woman could likewise materialize Himself into any form he wishes, but God never remains materialized in one form. God can reflect His omnipresence in one or more forms but He can never limit Himself to one form.

God is often depicted as an Old Man with a hoary beard sitting on a golden throne in a point of space called heaven. It is mistakenly supposed that all good souls who reach this heavenly region see God as this benevolent elder.

A devotee by his devotion can see God in any form he likes, as Jesus, Krishna or any other saint. To make it clearer – God never created a special form for Himself in which He invariably appears to souls in the astral world or to saints in this world when they can penetrate their consciousness into the astral world.

Sin Cannot Change a Soul

A soul, being potentially the image of God, can be lost in the jungles of evil environment for awhile, but no amount of sin can change its eternal nature of divinity. Sin is a crust which hides the perfect soul made in the image of God. When the crust is dissolved by meditation, the perfection of the soul is revealed.

“FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST:’

“How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. EVEN SO IT IS NOT THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, THAT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD PERISH.’”

(Matthew 18:11-14)
“God has many virtuous souls on earth who remain within the fold of His attention but when He sees that a soul, by the misuse of free will and bad company, has lost itself in the forest of egotism and extreme body consciousness by forgetting to meditate, God becomes very much concerned for that soul. Due to previous good karma of the man, God sends unto him some guru-preceptor or some form of spiritual aid to bring him back into His fold of divine virtuous life.

Therefore, souls who are little, that is, who have little wisdom, as well as souls of little children who did not get a chance to work out their karmas on earth, when they are lost in the forest of material tendencies and mountains of ego-consciousness in the astral world, God wills to help them out of their karmic miseries. He aids them to reincarnate in places where they can work out their karmas by His divinely arranged help and liberate their souls by meditation and wisdom. All souls of the earth belong to the fold of God; the Invisible Shepherd looks after them. When a soul goes astray, lost in the thickets of ignorance, God does not like that soul to perish, and is always watchful that the sinner somehow returns to His fold of virtuous life.”

“"MOREOVER IF THY BROTHER SHALL TRESPASS AGAINST THEE, GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT BETWEEN THEE AND HIM ALONE: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.""

(Matthew 18:15-17)

“If thy brother in any way acts wrongly against you, take him aside and tell him his faults quietly. If he listens to you, then you have regained the good will and love of your brother. If you tell the faults of your brother in public, you will make him angry and will forfeit his trust in you, thus turning him into a permanent enemy. If you tell your brother his faults in secret, he will know you are trying to correct him with love and not ridicule.”

How To Treat An Erring Brother

“If he will not listen to you alone, then take with you one or two trusted friends and with good intentions try to reform your brother. This will establish in the minds of two or three witnesses your honest intention to reform your unreasonable brother. If your wicked brother does not listen to you, then pray for him in the church and in the temple of your divine consciousness. Also bring his actions to notice before the religious teachers of your church who may help to settle the differences between you and your brother. But if your brother neglects the advice of your church teachers, then let him remain unto you a disbeliever in truth or a heathen, and as a sinner before the tribunal of his own conscience (or publican).”

In the above, Jesus especially emphasized that a brother should use the influence of good intentions of himself and the good intentions of virtuous people and religious teachers to awaken the sleeping conscience of any error-stricken brother, that he might reform. If he does not reform, at least the erroneous one would remain convicted by his own conscience, stimulated by the loving pleading thoughts of the brother, good people and religious
teachers. But when the wicked brother refuses to be awakened by any good method, it is better to let him alone with his conscience.

"VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, WHATSOEVER YE SHALL BIND ON EARTH SHALL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN; AND WHATSOEVER YE SHALL LOOSE ON EARTH SHALL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I IN THE MIDST OF THEM." (Matthew 18:18-20)

"By the testimony of cosmic vibration and truth within me, I declare unto you that whatever bad tendencies you create on earth will limit your earth life, and after death those tendencies will also limit your soul in the astral world. Whatever good tendencies you will loosen within your soul, the same vibration of your good tendencies will also expand your soul after death in the astral world. This is the law of karma or cause and effect, which is true of souls in earth and in the astral world."

Carried to the Astral World

"Evil actions performed in the earth will be carried within your souls into the astral world and thereby you will reincarnate in evil environments. Good actions done on earth will ultimately give you freedom and you will be with God. Your earthly good qualities in the astral world after death will give you the opportunity of reincarnation in a good earthly environment.

"Again I declare unto you if two of you shall agree or unite your concentration during your earth life and very deeply pray for the realization of any wholesome desire, the Heavenly Father will know of it and by His Will will grant your wish on earth. But remember your united concentration must be strong and continuous to reach the Father, before you can expect Him to grant your good wish. Wherever two or three devotees gather together and by meditation listen to the cosmic vibration within them, there in that vibration they shall feel my Christ Consciousness."

In the above, Jesus is explaining the law of karma which governs human life on earth and human souls in the astral world after death. When Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree" he emphasizes that when the human will is reinforced by another will it becomes stronger. When the united strong will of two or more people deeply meditates on God, their will becomes changed into the all-powerful, all-accomplishing Divine Will.

Isolates By Egotism

Every soul is a child of God and a reflection of God's will, but by egotism man isolates his will from the Divine Will and thus limits it. But when by deep concentration and union with other wills a devotee transforms his will into God's will he remembers his identity with God and thus recovers His divine heritage, possessing all material or spiritual power even as God possesses them. Therefore, every devotee must not expect the realization of his will and prayer until he has strengthened them by divine company and God's contact.
When Jesus said “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I,” he meant that when two or three people get together to concentrate upon God, the stronger divine concentration of one person strengthens the weaker concentration of another. But if people gather together in the name of God and then chatter or think of something else while outwardly praying, or go through a series of mechanical actions without communing with God, they will not be able to feel the consciousness of Christ. What Christ meant is that when two or more people unite the depths of their meditation and hear the Name or Cosmic Vibratory Sound, Om, emanating from Christ Consciousness, they can feel the Christ Intelligence within the Cosmic Vibration.

St. John in his *Revelation* said that when he approached Spirit he heard a great vibration or cosmic sound of all atoms when the consciousness of the Lord or Christ dawned on him. That is why St. John said, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet.” The “trumpet” signified the cosmic vibration which the devotee hears in meditation. The “Lord’s day” signified the day or time when the Christ Consciousness, lord of all vibratory creation, dawns upon the consciousness of the devotee in deep meditation.

Power of United Minds

Vast congregations with heterogeneous minds have changed the temple of God into a lecture hall. The huge congregations with their restless thoughts want to be entertained by the posturings and intellectual expositions of an aristocratic minister. It is better that two or three or a small number of souls gather together, uniting their will in meditation in quiet places, and listening to the cosmic sound vibrating behind the throbs of the heart, thus awakening their intuition to perceive the universal consciousness of Christ, instead of vast congregations being held together by music and the personality of a minister. A few people, earnest seekers, should gather together, deeply meditate and listen to the voice of God within, feeling Christ Consciousness and keeping themselves bound together by their own Self-realization.

Instead of big costly churches with an intellectually-trained minister advertising for more religious customers, there should be started small non-sectarian meditation centers in quiet places where a divine minister will remain communing with God, permitting a few truth-seekers to come and meditate with him and learn the way to commune with God in the company of a few deeply earnest and deeply meditating souls.

By the pure vibrations of a true minister the small meditation centers will draw the few devotees who really seek God. Such souls by their own realization will keep united to a living minister who communes with God. A true minister must hear the voice of God within and not run to a library every week to prepare his undigested Sunday sermons. Jesus preached to the people, and when he was through, he retired to the mountain tops to commune with God. After doing that he came back to give his reinforced God Consciousness to the true seekers. He talked in parables to the crowds, and selected true seekers from among them who understood the hidden meaning of his parables.
CAN PRAYER WIN FORGIVENESS FOR MAN FROM SUFFERING THE LAWFUL EFFECTS OF HIS EVIL DEEDS?

"Then came Peter to him, and said, 'LORD, HOW OFT SHALL MY BROTHER SIN AGAINST ME, AND I FORGIVE HIM? TILL SEVEN TIMES?' Jesus saith unto him, 'I SAY NOT UNTO THEE, UNTIL SEVEN TIMES: BUT, UNTIL SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN'.

"Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.'

"But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.'

"So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.'

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.'"

(Matthew 18:21-35)

"I say unto you, that you should forgive your brother's sin against you not only seven times but seventy times seven. You should forgive your brother not only because he is a human brother but because he is a divine brother. You must remember that the astral kingdom which is governed by cosmic intelligence dispenses everything and everybody according to the law of cause and effect, or karma. If you have many times forgiven your brother who has many times offended you then your kind heart softened through forgiveness will attract forgiveness to you on earth while you live and in the astral world after death, from the cosmic law. That is why you should forgive your sinful brother, that you also might find forgiveness for your sins against others and the cosmic law."

Jesus emphasizes that even as God unceasingly forgives the sins of His own children so man should follow the example of his Heavenly Father. The above story of the master and his servants illustrates the operation of the law of karma or cause and effect which governs all human life on earth and all souls in the astral world. Jesus points out that the effects of already performed evil actions can be modified by prayer and by performing good actions, which are the antidotes of evil actions. He also says that a person who by
prayer has found divine help and forgiveness from the necessity of suffering all the results of his karma, should also learn to forgive the sins of his repentant brothers against him.

Prayer Can Change Karma

Jesus clearly points out that even though the law of karma which governs human lives is almost unchangeable, still it can be modified by divine prayer. Human beings, according to earthly law, must necessarily suffer for all their evil actions, but when they tune themselves to God by deep prayer and remember the perfect image within them, then, realizing their divinity, they need not suffer for their past human errors. But if these human beings, after remembering the divine image within them and thus finding freedom from their karma, again become human by not forgiving the sins of their brothers against them, then they again subject themselves to be governed by the exacting law of karma.

The only way that human beings can get away from reaping the results of their past actions is to change their status from a human being to that of a divine child. A soul identified with the body may do certain evil actions and according to the law of karma will have to suffer punishment. But if the soul, by meditation, does away with its identification of the body and beholds itself as a pure image of Spirit, it is no longer subject to punishment for any mistakes it performed in its human state.

Escape Punishment

Once upon a time a powerful emperor of a country got drunk. Disguised, he went into a tavern belonging to his estate and in a quarrel there, broke another man's leg. The innkeepers took him to a judge, appointed to his post by the king. As the judge was about to sentence the king, he suddenly threw off his disguise and exclaimed: "I am the king who appointed thee as the judge and I have the power to throw thee into prison. How darest thou convict me?" Similarly, the soul, which is the perfect image of Spirit, during its identification with the body may commit an evil and may be adjudged guilty according to the judge or law of karma, but when that soul identifies its consciousness with God, the Creator of the judge or law or karma, that royal soul cannot be punished by that judging law.

Jesus says that one can escape the law of karma by identifying himself with God. Once he is able to do that he should get divine forgiveness by forgiving his brothers who sin against him. But if that soul, finding divine forgiveness from his own karma by meditation, again becomes human by practicing unforgiveness against his sinning brothers, then he again identifies himself with human life and becomes governed by the inscrutable laws of limiting karma. Therefore Jesus says to every soul to remain divine by being continuously forgiving and loving like God.

When Jesus says that a man should forgive his brother's trespasses, he means that man should exempt his guilty brother from suffering the consequences of his evil actions. According to the legal laws of a country, a judge may sentence a young criminal to three years in a reformatory school. But the judge usually has the privilege to pardon the young offender if he repents and promises good behavior. So, according to the law of karma, a person who acts evilly must reap the consequences of his actions. But if that evil-doer by intense prayer and meditation appeals to God for pardon, then God, being the Maker of the Law of karma, can grant him amnesty from punishment.
Involved Moral Problem

The question arises – if a man performs an evil action against his brother and is forgiven by him, then is the man free also from the operation of the law of karma? The answer is very complicated. If the guilty man, being forgiven, repents and does not repeat his evil actions, then he may eventually be free from acting erroneously again through the influence of subconscious traces left by the evil activity.

It is evident that if a man finds forgiveness for his evil actions from his fellow being, he may not necessarily find amnesty from suffering from the law of karma which governs all lives. Therefore, the sure way for a person to find freedom from the effects of his bad actions is to cauterize his brain cells and mind by will power and divine energy and thus erase all traces left by evil activities.

Attention and Life Energy
Are Inseparable Forces

Meditation is the surest way of burning up traces of all past evil actions. In meditation the mind becomes interiorized and contacts superconscious peace that stimulates all traces of good actions stored up in the brain and counteracts the traces of evil actions there.

Likewise, brooding on evil thought stimulates the traces of evil actions left in the brain. Attention and life energy are inseparable forces working in the brain and the nervous system during all physical and mental activities of man. When the attention is centralized on a particular sense-attachment, then energy goes outward and becomes identified with that specific sense-pleasure. But by deep concentration on a good or evil thought the attention becomes interiorized. When a good thought becomes interiorized by meditation, it stimulates all good traces left in the brain.

When the mind becomes interiorized, it withdraws life force from the nervous system and centralizes it in the brain cells. The life force centralized in the brain by the good thoughts of deep meditation has a peaceful character and thus stimulates the harmonious traces of good actions and burns up the inharmonious traces of evil actions left in the roots of the brain. Likewise, the life force focused on the brain by deep concentrated evil thought stimulates the traces of evil actions and destroys the traces left by good thoughts.

Three Methods To Overcome
Effects of Past Evil

There are three methods of overcoming the effects of past evil actions:

1. Divine meditation is the surest way of burning up the prenatal and postnatal traces of all evil actions and of stimulating the traces of good actions.

2. There is another very great metaphysical technique by which great masters and yogis do away with the accumulated traces of bad actions of many, many lives. When a
man by deep meditation and ecstasy identifies his consciousness with God, he changes his
status from a human being with karma to a perfect image of God or divine soul. Then the
law of karma with its inscrutable ways comes to bring punishment to the changed individual.
But that individual says to the intelligent law of karma: “You can’t punish me for the faults of
a human being who through delusion I dreamed I was before. Now, by wisdom I have
regained consciousness of my true Self, and I am now a perfect image of God already free
from the chains of all karma.” But the law of karma insists: “Whether you are a master now
or were an ordinary human being before, you are the same soul and therefore must pay for
your bad karma.”

Masters Can Create Bodies
By Power of Vision

Then the master, finding himself confronted with this law, devises an ingenious
method to “pay up” and satisfy all karmic debt against himself. The master or yogi who has
scientifically united his soul with God finds out exactly all the evil traces of his actions and
tries to work them out in one or two or many bodies which he creates in a vision. For
example, if the yogi led a worldly life for five incarnations, in his vision he creates five
bodies which undergo the experiences and play out the parts of five different lives in a few
hours. Then the master says to the law of karma: “There in the vision by the intensity of my
concentration and divine consciousness, I have experienced all results of my bad karma in
the materialized vision of five lives; now I am free.”

It must be remembered that this vision-method of working out karma or traces of
past actions can only be performed by advanced masters who are in tune with the Cosmic
Consciousness and thus have complete control over the all-creative Cosmic Energy and
can materialize visions or copies of actualities by the power of will. Ignorant souls do not
learn the right lesson of an experience even by repeating the experience several times
during many years. But the wise man by deep concentration can learn the truth in an
experience in a few minutes.

(3) There is a third way by which great masters can work out the traces of their
actions and the actions of others. The crucifixion of Jesus informs us how he worked out
his own karma and the karma of his disciples. Jesus was not crucified by the will of God but
due to some of his own actions and the evil actions of the disciples. Jesus knew that his
preaching the truth and defying the Pharisees would attract the karma of death and he also
knew he had to pay for forgiving the evil actions of his disciples and others by suffering in
his own body. So Jesus consciously, for the sake of highest gain of God-contact for himself
and others and for working out karmas of himself and others, permitted his body to be
crucified.

Achieved Immortality

Jesus gave up his body to achieve immortality for himself and others. He was wise in
doing so, for by undergoing crucifixion he not only regained immortality for himself and
others, but also resurrected his body. Masters like Jesus can offer their bodies to
experience their own karmas and the karmas of others and thus gain freedom for
themselves and others from the inscrutable laws of karma. Likewise, great masters and
yogis as told above can offer their advanced consciousness to work out the karmas or
traces of actions of themselves or others in a short time. As soon as an individual experiences the results of his evil actions, whether in a self-created dream or vision in a few minutes, or in the ordinary events of life in a number of years, the karmic law has been satisfied and the man is free.

Whether one goes on horseback in a few months to New York, or in a few hours by airplane, on his arrival he enjoys the grandeur of that city. Similarly, the time element does not count in the attainment of freedom from the laws of karma. Though God is the Creator of man and has ordained the law of cause and effect or karma to govern his life, still man is the judge of his own actions. When he chooses to act evilly, it is then according to his own decree and invitation to the law of karma that he creates his own suffering. Likewise, by good action he compels the law of karma to award him.

The above explanation proves how much is involved in connection with forgiving of sins by God and by the advanced consciousness of man.

It is especially interesting to know that man has absolute surety about his final emancipation if he tries hard. Man is essentially and eternally made in the image of God and the sins of a million lives cannot erase the perfection of his soul. There is no reason why he should continue a life of ignorance and suffering. By the methods of advanced meditation he can quickly work out the errors of his many lives and become free, regaining the lost and forgotten perfection of his soul.

Fatalism Is Not Good

The law of karma should not make people fatalists, but should enable them to scientifically diagnose all the hidden seeds of self-created miseries, that they may be properly destroyed in time. Seeds of evil actions, when destroyed, cannot suddenly germinate to cause suffering through unpreparedness.

Value of Jesus' Time

"After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, 'Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.' For neither did his brethren believe in him.

"Then Jesus said unto them, 'My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come.' When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

"But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, 'Where is he?' And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, 'He is a good man:' others said, 'Nay: but he deceiveth the people.' Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews."

(John 7:1-13)
Some of the many curiosity-seekers who followed Jesus but did not believe in his divine mission sought to persuade him to go openly to the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. They claimed that he should do his work, not secretly among a few, but openly before the world. Jesus replied:

“My life is guided by God. The time for His commandment to me to go to the feast has not arrived yet, but you all, being guided by worldly desires, can do anything you please at any time. My time is precious and divinely planned, but your time is unimportant to you and is always ready to be spent according to your material desires. You are not interested in taking the responsibility of pointing out the defects of the world, so it will not hurt you or bother you. Because I love the world and want it to be saved, I mind not what penalties I shall pay for lovingly but daringly pointing out its faults.”

In the above words, Jesus points out that all minute actions of his life were governed by the will of God. Jesus did not mechanically obey God, but had found the best thing to do was to let his will be guided by the wisdom-guided will of the Father. Jesus pointed out that all people who lead rudderless existences do not plan their life according to divine wisdom.

Jesus not only guided his will according to the will of God, but also performed all actions according to the ordination of the law of cause and effect, the cosmic law which governed his life and the world in general. Jesus by his divine wisdom knew the best time to attend the feast. Ordinary people who are identified with the body do not know that their lives are governed by the law of cause and effect, and need divine planning.

Beyond Astrology

Some people study astrology to ascertain the influence of their karma through the medium of planets, thus trying to counteract evil influences by astrological foreknowledge. But masters go beyond astrology. They govern their lives and all their actions by divine wisdom. Jesus meekly but wisely answered his disbelieving brothers that whatever he did, even though not ordinarily understood, was performed according to divine guidance.
“Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, 'How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, 'MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MINE, BUT HIS THAT SENT ME. IF ANY MAN WILL DO HIS WILL, HE SHALL KNOW OF THE DOCTRINE, WHETHER IT BE OF GOD, OR WHETHER I SPEAK OF MYSELF. HE THAT SPEAKETH OF HIMSELF SEEKETH HIS OWN GLORY: BUT HE THAT SEEKETH HIS GLORY THAT SENT HIM, THE SAME IS TRUE, AND NO UNRIGHTEOUSNESS IS IN HIM.'

"Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?"

"The people answered and said, 'Thou hast a devil; who goeth about to kill thee?'"

(John 7:14-20)

Jesus Christ did not wish to publicly demonstrate his miracles like a salesman advertising his material good, but acted according to divine dignity and divine commandment.

“I did not prepare anything as a concoction of my own intelligence and imagination. My teachings are not mine just because I utter them through my mouth.

“My words, my mind, my intelligence, my intuition, my consciousness in all creation are all inspired by the consciousness of the Father through whose will I am here on earth in order to declare His message. Any person who is in tune with God's will, will know I am tuned with His will and that I preach the truth as desired by Him, and that I do not speak through myself or my ego-consciousness."

Egotists Are Far From God

“He who speaks actuated by his ego-consciousness always seeks fame and glory for his little ego. But he who feels the presence of Cosmic Consciousness behind his own consciousness seeks only to glorify and declare God as his Creator. He is a real prophet who declares God and thus is loyal to Him. He who is true to God and feels Him constantly, continuously demonstrating His consciousness through his life, cannot do anything wrong. Didn't Moses give you the law not to kill? Yet none of you obey the law of divine commandments as is demonstrated by your desire to kill me. I know this desire is in your mind, though you deny it.”

Jesus did not learn from any ordinary school of life. His training and wisdom came from God Consciousness which he acquired in previous lives. Jesus emphasized the fact that his entire life was guided by God and that he was trying to declare Him and not
himself. He pointed out because he was trying to do the will of God he could not have any unrighteous thoughts within him, but that the Jewish people who were egotist did not obey the divine law as given by Moses and it was they who were harboring unrighteous thoughts.

“Jesus answered and said unto them, “I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision: (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken, are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? JUDGE NOT ACCORDING TO THE APPEARANCE, BUT JUDGE RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT.”

(John 7:21-24)

Jesus, referring here to his having “done one work”, meant the healing of the impotent man at the pool of Bethesda, on the Sabbath, which had provoked the murderous wrath of the Pharisees against him. (John 5:1-18)

Healing on the Sabbath

Though the Mosaic law forbade servile work on the Sabbath, circumcision was permitted on that day. Jesus points out the inconsistency of his critics in allowing the lesser purification symbolized by the rite of circumcision, while opposing the total physical and spiritual rejuvenation accomplished on the Sabbath by the Lord for the man who had “had an infirmity thirty and eight years.”

“Judge not actions of others from a hasty, superficial standpoint, but judge according to the inner motive behind them.”

“Then said some of them of Jerusalem, 'Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.'

“Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, 'Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him; for I am from him, and he hath sent me.'”

(John 7:25-29)

The people, knowing that the Pharisees sought Jesus’ life, wondered why he was openly teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles. Had the rulers become convinced that Jesus was the Messiah? Many wondered, but others, referring to some traditional belief that the family origin of the Messiah would be mysterious (“no man knoweth whence he is”), refused to believe in Jesus as Christ, since they were acquainted with his family at Nazareth.
Jesus said: “You all know me as the son of Joseph and you know the place of my earthly home, but you don’t know that I did not come on earth because of my own will, or exclusively due to the compelling influence of my past karma. My desire to come on earth was to act as a message-bearer of my Father.

“My Father truly exists in all space even though you don't feel Him in your life or understanding. But my Christ Consciousness is a reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness of my Father, therefore I know Him. My universal consciousness also came from Him.”

Divine Message-Bearer

In the above words Jesus was emphasizing His divine origin and the fact that He came as a message-bearer of the Lord. Because Jesus said that he came from the Father and was sent by Him does not mean that Jesus through many lives had not made conscious effort to know God. After attaining a high state of consciousness, Jesus was chosen as a message-bearer of the Infinite.

With the advanced state of his consciousness Jesus knew that he and all beings originally were sent to the earth through the will of God. Those beings who do not realize this truth misuse their God-given free will by identifying themselves with mortal desires, reincarnating again and again in this misery-making world. All souls who come on earth according to the will of God and live a life guided by divine will and wisdom go back to God after fulfilling their divine purposes on earth.

When Jesus said, “I am not come of myself,” he meant that he had not come compelled by his reincarnation-making earthly desires. Jesus, being very spiritually advanced, did not come just to work out seeds of actions that might have been left from some past lives; he came distinctly to fulfill the mission of God.

Advanced masters can work out their seeds of past actions by visions in the earth or in the astral world. Jesus could have worked out all his seeds of actions in the astral world and did not need to return to this earth at all. Jesus was very highly advanced in spirit; he had very little karma to work out, so that it was not at all necessary for him to be born on earth. Therefore Jesus said: “I come on earth being chosen by the Spirit, and not because of the karma of my self or my ego.”

“Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on him, and said, 'When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?' The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.

“Then said Jesus unto them, 'YET A LITTLE WHILE AM I WITH YOU, AND THEN I GO UNTO HIM THAT SENT ME. YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND SHALL NOT FIND ME; AND WHERE I AM, THITHER YE CANNOT COME'.

“Then said the Jews among themselves, 'Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? Will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What manner of saying is this that he said, 'Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come'?”

(John 7:30-36)
“It is now only a little while that my body will be on earth with all of you. Then my soul and the Christ Consciousness in it will mingle in the Cosmic Consciousness from which it came. Then some of you will realize the importance of my life and will seek me but it will be too late. I will be gone by that time to the abode of my Father in Cosmic Consciousness where your consciousness cannot reach. Even in the present moment, I feel my Christ Consciousness as the Eternal Now that your consciousness cannot comprehend. When my body will be gone through crucifixion, my Christ Consciousness will remain the same, knowing the Eternal Now. All this is beyond the grasp of your material consciousness.”

Unique Opportunity

In the above Jesus points out the unique opportunity the people there had in him as the embodiment of Christ Consciousness. Ordinary people are ignorant of Christ Consciousness. But even ignorant people in the time of Jesus had the opportunity to behold with their eyes Christ Consciousness manifested in the body of Jesus. But due to their perversity they did not utilize this grand opportunity to follow Jesus and become redeemed.

He said that many would awaken after he was gone and they would seek him and not find him. Jesus specially speaks of the state of the universal consciousness present in him. He describes his state as the consciousness of the Eternal Now. In Spirit there is no past nor future but only the consciousness of the present. Jesus expressed that consciousness by saying “WHERE I AM.”

The Eternal Now

Jesus knew whether he was in the body or in the Spirit after crucifixion he would always feel the Eternal Now. This consciousness of the Eternal Presence can be reached, not by ordinary mortals, but by great devotees. When the advanced devotee feels God as eternal, the consciousness of past and future vanishes from within him. He always feels he is forever and not that he was nor will be existing forever. That is why Jesus said, “Where my consciousness is, experiencing the Eternal Now, that state your consciousness has not realized.”

The Jews, not understanding the inner meaning of the above sayings of Jesus, began to misinterpret them in many ways. They thought, “Where will he go that we may not be able to find him?”

“\textit{In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, `IF ANY MAN THIRST, LET HIM COME UNTO ME, AND DRINK. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HATH SAID, OUT OF HIS BELLY SHALL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.' (But this spake he of the spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)}”

\textit{(John 7:37-39)}
“If any man is maddened with desires and has not found peace; if any man is thirsty for the kingdom of God Consciousness and everlasting bliss, let him tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness within me; let him drink the immortal waters of bliss flowing from there. The Scriptures have prophesied (for example, Isaiah 58:11) that any person who will tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness by attentive concentration and devotion will find that out of his belly or solar plexus in the lumbar regions, many rivers of light or life forces relaxed from the sense regions by meditation will flow and float his consciousness towards the Spirit in the brain.”

Christ Gives Deep Yoga Instructions

In the above words Jesus describes how devotees like the great Hindu yogis could satisfy the thirst of mortal desires by controlling them, by renunciation and by uniting them in meditation with everlasting, ever-new bliss of God. To the ordinary person the saying of Jesus, “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water,” may be meaningless, but these words are very dear to the yogi who scientifically tries to unite his consciousness with the inner consciousness.

Any devotee who knows the technique of yoga concentration knows that when concentration becomes interiorized he finds his life force and attention withdrawn from the motor nerves and heart and accumulated in the coccygeal region. Then during deep meditation the accumulated life force and consciousness in the coccygeal region begin to travel through the sacral, lumbar, dorsal, cervical and medullary plexuses to the Spirit in the brain.

“Rivers of Light”

The yogi devotee in deep meditation finds his consciousness and life force in the form of luminous rivers of light flowing from coccygeal, sacral and lumbar regions to the ocean of light of Spirit in the brain. These rivers of light are nothing but life forces and consciousness withdrawn from the sense regions by meditation and reversed through the plexuses to the Spirit.

Anyone who cannot understand this technical metaphysical experience should reflect that consciousness flowing through the five rivers of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch makes man conscious of matter. But by meditation when consciousness and life force are really withdrawn from the five senses they look like several rivers of light or life force (with consciousness and many other forces in the spine) flowing upward toward the ocean of light of Spirit in the brain.

In the above words Jesus signified that not only those who believe intellectually in him but who were in tune with his Christ Consciousness and the Holy Ghost or Creative Vibrations would understand the meaning of his deep sayings about “river of living water” flowing from the inward parts of the devotee.

“Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, 'Of a truth this is the Prophet.' Others said, 'This is the Christ.' But some said, 'Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of
the town of Bethlehem, where David was?’ So there was a division among the people because of him.

“And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, ‘Why have ye not brought him?’

The officers answered, ‘Never man spake like this man.’ Then answered them the Pharisees, ‘Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed.’

“Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) ‘Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?’ They answered and said unto him, ‘Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.’ And every man went unto his own house.”

(John 7:40-53)

That Christ would come from the house of David was predicted in the Jewish Scriptures (2 Samuel 7:12), and out of the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). Thus Jesus, born to the house of David at Bethlehem, fulfilled the Messiah expectations of the Jews, though his accusers did not stop to investigate the matter and considered him as only from Galilee.

Nicodemus the Pharisee ventures a mild defense of the Lord, whom he worshipped in secret (John 3:2) but cannot influence those who were determined to kill Jesus.
“GO AND SIN NO MORE” –
WHY CHRIST FORGAVE THE WOMAN
TAKEN IN ADULTERY

“Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, 'Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?' This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

“So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.' And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, 'WOMAN, WHERE ARE THOSE THINE ACCUSERS? HATH NO MAN CONDEMNED THEE?' She said, 'NO MAN, LORD.' And Jesus said unto her, 'NEITHER DO I CONDEMN THEE: GO, AND SIN NO MORE.’”

(John 8:1-11)

In these words Jesus displays highest wisdom, compassion and spiritual skill in handling a most difficult situation. He threw a bombshell amidst the sanctimonious hypocrites who hid their own sins and came to condemn the guilty woman and also implicate Jesus in lawbreaking if he dared to show compassion to her and thus ignore the law of Moses. Jesus implied, “You all, being sinners, ought to cast stones and aspersions first at yourselves.”

Practical Applications

This saying of Jesus is applicable to various departments of life, and can be used in the following ways: (1) Only the spiritual man who is free from sin is justified in casting the stone of criticism at the materially-minded man in order to awaken him. (2) Any person without sin may cast a stone of warning at a sinful individual. (3) Do not criticize anyone for any fault if you yourself are not free from it. One who is not free from ignorance has no right to criticize another about his spiritual ignorance. If one is not free from any specific sense attachment he ought not to criticize others who happen to possess that weakness. He who does not make social mistakes himself is justified to pass remarks about others’ errors in regard to social conduct. He who is without business mistakes alone can rightfully criticize business errors in others.
Jesus said, “I, with my divine understanding and divine wisdom, also do not condemn you before God even though you have ignorantly sinned. Henceforth, follow the path of life in righteousness. The Christ Consciousness in me has saved you from reaping the consequences of your adulterous actions. That is why no man nor myself condemns you any more for your past sinful actions. Do not identify your mind with temporary pleasure-producing but soul-joy-devastating, insatiable habits. For if you repeat your sinful or true joy-killing actions they will grow into a fast habit and you will be compelled to act sinfully against your will. The more you become a sense-slave, the more you will suffer from social, mental, moral, spiritual and physical condemnation. Being caught in the toils of an evil habit, it will be very difficult for you to be forgiven or freed through your own help or the help of others.”

“Then Jesus spake again unto them, saying, 'I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.'”

(John 8:12)

“The Christ Intelligence which I behold within me emanates the light or Cosmic Energy out of which the world of matter or the physical cosmos has been evolved. The devotee who follows the path of meditation and leads his consciousness through the blissful state of subconsciousness and superconsciousness ultimately arrives at the blessed state of Christ Consciousness. The devotee who succeeds in attaining Christ Consciousness and thus becomes conscious of the presence of his consciousness in all matter and vibratory creation, no longer walks or moves in the darkness or limitations of human consciousness and ignorance, but finds his life force united to the Cosmic Light or Cosmic Energy which is the source of all living creatures and objects in which life is potentially present.”

Definition of Spirit

In the above words Jesus again gives a scientific statement and definition of the Spirit within him. Cosmic Consciousness or God the Father projected cosmic vibration and energy. Then God the Father projected Himself as Christ Consciousness in all vibratory creation and energy. An ordinary soul is conscious of his consciousness and life force as limited by the body; Jesus and devotees spiritually advanced like Jesus find their bodies as the physical cosmos and their lives as the Cosmic Energy which sustains the physical cosmos. They also realize the Christ Consciousness present in all creation as their own consciousness. The words, “I AM” in the above words refer to Christ Consciousness. The “light of the world” refers to the Cosmic Energy which materializes and appears as the physical cosmos.

Many so-called Christians who believe that Jesus was the “light of the world” and follow the intellectually interpreted, theological Christian doctrines, and never meditate, can never truly understand why Jesus called himself the “light of the world,” nor do they know what kind of following and spiritual seeking would lead them to achieve the state of Christ Consciousness.
Jesus already said, “Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come.” Thus Jesus prophesied about the theology-intoxicated modern Christians who seek Christ in the wrong theological way and do not find him. Because they do not, by meditation, lift their consciousness from the physical plane to the plane of Christ Consciousness, they never reach there.

Theological Christians picture Jesus Christ as limited by a form and the beauties of a human figure, but souls who have identified their consciousness by meditation with the universal, omnipresent consciousness which was manifest in Jesus Christ behold the cosmos as the body of Christ and the energy in it as his life and the secret Intelligence in it as his Christ Consciousness.

It is by worshipping Christ in the self-erected temple of meditation and Self-Realization that one can be a true Christian, and be able to bring the Christ Consciousness which was in Jesus to a “second coming” within the devotee's own soul.

"The Pharisees therefore said unto him, 'Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'THOUGH I BEAR RECORD OF MYSELF; YET MY RECORD IS TRUE: FOR I KNOW WHENCE I CAME, AND WHITHER I GO; BUT YE CANNOT TELL WHENCE I COME, AND WHITHER I GO. YE JUDGE AFTER THE FLESH; I JUDGE NO MAN.'

"And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."

(John 8:13-18)

"Because I know through divine memory how the consciousness in my body came from the omnipresent Christ Consciousness and that ultimately my consciousness will merge in it, therefore my mind is not limited by the body-identified ego, and I can testify all about my self or the nature of my Christ Consciousness without distorting it by the limitations of the physical ego. Egotistical persons often exaggerate when they talk about themselves. But my Self, being the true Christ Consciousness manifest through my consciousness, cannot exaggerate or speak untruth when it talks about itself. Because you do not know how Christ Consciousness descended in my bodily form, called Jesus, or where that consciousness in it will vanish after the crucifixion, therefore you are judging after the manner of flesh or worldly judgment and bodily limitations."

Not Physical Judgment

“The Christ Consciousness in me behold every man made after the image of the Infinite, therefore I do not judge or measure man according to his physical or mental appearance. Yet, if I use my omniscient Christ Intelligence, I can see how much a soul is identified with its physical, human appearance. Whatever my Christ Intelligence judges
about the physical nature of man is true: If my consciousness were alone or isolated from God Consciousness, then my judgment would be limited and subject to error. But since my consciousness is charged with divine wisdom, therefore my judgment about everything is true.

“It is also described in your human law that the testimony of two individuals is held as true. I or my human consciousness manifests the consciousness of my Self or Christ Consciousness present in all vibratory creation. And the Christ Consciousness in me is the manifestation of the Cosmic Consciousness which exists beyond all vibratory creation.”

Egotistical persons should not speak about themselves and their merits as they usually exaggerate their virtues. But Jesus said that since he was one with the Father, whenever he talked about himself he would only talk about his Heavenly Father. Therefore, it was entirely proper for Jesus to talk about himself through his unegotistical divine wisdom.

“Then said they unto him, 'Where is thy Father?' Jesus answered, 'YE NEITHER KNOW ME, NOR MY FATHER: IF YE HAD KNOWN ME, YE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN MY FATHER ALSO.'

'These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.’

(John 8:19-20)

“You have not communed with the Christ Consciousness behind my consciousness, nor with the Cosmic Consciousness, my originator and Father. If you had communed by meditation with the Christ Consciousness within me then you would have known also the Cosmic Consciousness whose only reflection in creation is the Christ Consciousness.”

In Tune With Creation

Jesus points out that if a devotee could be in tune with Christ Consciousness in all vibratory creation he would automatically perceive the Cosmic Consciousness existent beyond all vibratory creation.

“Then said Jesus again unto them, 'I GO MY WAY, AND YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS; WHITHER I GO, YE CANNOT COME.'”

(John 8:21)

“I follow the way as is directed by the Christ Consciousness in me, and some day when I am gone from the earth, you shall try to follow me, but not finding me, you will die with your bad karma and be subject to reincarnation. Unless you meditate deeply in the present state of your consciousness you cannot comprehend the Christ Consciousness wherein my human consciousness has merged.”

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“Then said the Jews, ’Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come.’ And he said unto them, ’YE ARE FROM BENEATH; I AM FROM ABOVE: YE ARE OF THIS WORLD; I AM NOT OF THIS WORLD. I SAID THEREFORE UNTO YOU, THAT YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS FOR IF YE BELIEVE NOT THAT I AM HE, YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS.’”

(John 8:22-24)

“You souls, being earth-bound, and entangled in material desires, reincarnate in this world of gross vibration from one place to another. My soul came from the finer regions of the astral world of good vibration. Your souls are tied to this world by earthly desires, but my Spirit, although encased in a body, moving on this earth, still does not belong to this earthly sphere of gross vibrations.

“Therefore, I told you that your souls, although immortal, still will experience several deaths through the law of karma and reincarnation. Your spiritual lives will be dead, buried beneath the sepulchre of your erroneous sinful actions. Because you do not believe that the Christ Consciousness in me is the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness, therefore you will not make the effort to find Christ Consciousness in your own souls. This sin of ignorance in not trying to know the presence of the Universal Christ Consciousness within you will keep your souls buried beneath self-created sins of ignorance.”

In these words, Jesus speaks of ordinary people coming from beneath; that is, worldly people, due to their material karmas, remain reincarnating from one place to another beneath or under the influence of earthly vibrations.

Under Earthly Vibrations

The word “above” in “I am from above” means that Jesus came from finer regions of vibration. By saying, “I am not of this world,” Jesus signifies that his Christ Consciousness was omnipresent in the whole cosmos and not tied to one point of space called “the world.” “Die in your sins” signifies that their spiritual life lay buried beneath the sins of ignorance.

When Christ uses the words, “I AM HE,” he is using the words which have been used by master minds of India who have lived before and after the time of Jesus.

Swami Shankara (Shankaracharya) uses the word, Soham, often in his writings to signify “I am He.”

Materially-minded people often uttering, “I am He”, may develop egotism instead of God-consciousness. In reality all souls can say, “I am He” but it is better to say, “I am He,” when one has consciously re-established his identity with God. The ocean can exist without surface waves but the waves cannot exist without the ocean. God can exist without creation or the living creatures in it, but they cannot exist without Him. It is an error for the wave to think, “I am the ocean.” It is better for ordinary people to say, “God is myself” that, “I am He.” Souls who have attained Christhood can say, “I am He.” What Jesus meant by “I am He” was that the Christ Consciousness which he felt within himself was one with Cosmic Consciousness. Jesus felt, “My consciousness in all vibratory creation is one with Cosmic Consciousness beyond all creation.”

When Jesus said, “For if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins,” he meant that those that are identified with their bodies and do not meditate cannot know that the soul is the reflection of the Spirit (I am He). Divine souls who live on earth identified with
Cosmic Consciousness create no human desires or karma and thus, at death, become one with Spirit. But souls who live on earth unaware of the Divine Image in them create earthly karma or sins. When they die with those unfulfilled earthly desires they must reincarnate again to fulfill them.

“Then said they unto him, 'Who art thou?' And Jesus saith unto them, 'EVEN THE SAME THAT I SAID UNTO YOU FROM THE BEGINNING. I HAVE MANY THINGS TO SAY AND TO JUDGE OF YOU: BUT HE THAT SENT ME IS TRUE; AND I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM.' They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.”

(John 8:25-27)

“I told you from the beginning that 'I am He' and of truth I am that. I have many truths to declare unto you and according to the standard of my intuitive wisdom, I have to pass judgment about your conduct and life in general. And I declare unto you that the great God who appears invisible and thus unreal to you all truly exists. He is untrue to you because you cannot perceive Him through your sensation. But through the testimony of the infallible intuition within me I know He exists. Sense perceptions and the senses give you the knowledge of the appearance of things, but the intuition within you can give you the knowledge of the Substance behind all appearances. All the words of wisdom which I utter are the emanations of Cosmic Vibration which come from the Infinite.”

(John 8:28-30)

“When by deep meditation you will lift your consciousness from the son of man or physical body, then you will be able to realize the universal Christ Consciousness which is present within you and me. Realizing that, you will further perceive that Christ Consciousness within you and me as the reflection of the Cosmic Consciousness. And when you realize the Christ Consciousness within yourself and myself then you will know that you and I perform no bodily nor mental actions actuated by the ego or human consciousness. As my Father or Cosmic Consciousness has transmitted His wisdom to the Christ Consciousness in me, so my consciousness reveals that wisdom alone.

“The Cosmic Consciousness which projected and materialized my body is with me just as the ocean which projects the wave sustains it by remaining behind it. Just as the wave cannot remain by itself but is maintained by the ocean which remains behind it, so the Heavenly Father has not isolated my body from Him but always remains behind my consciousness sustaining it. Those that are tuned to their human desires guide their bodies and minds according to the dictates of those impulses. But my consciousness is continuously aware of the presence of the Father in me, thus my human consciousness always manifests those actions which please the Father and are in tune with His wishes.”

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“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, 'IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN ARE YE MY DISCIPLES INDEED; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.'”

(John 8:31-32)

“If you will continue to meditate on the Cosmic Vibration (as heard in meditation with closed ears) and the Christ Consciousness in it, then indeed you can consider yourselves my disciples, disciplined and guided by my word or Christ Consciousness within you. And it is by keeping your consciousness tuned with the Cosmic Vibratory Sound and Christ Consciousness within you that you will be able to know the truth about yourself, all life and the cosmos. When you will be able to keep your consciousness tuned to Christ Consciousness, you will no longer identify yourselves with human desires and human karma, thus freeing your soul from delusion and reincarnations.”

By “continue in my word,” Jesus advised his listeners to continuously meditate on the words of his wisdom about the technique of contacting Cosmic Vibratory Sound and the Christ Consciousness in it, thus becoming his real disciples.

Jesus talked to the populace in parables to awaken their curiosity for truth, but to the disciples he taught plain truths and technique of meditation. St. John, in Revelation 1:10 distinctly speaks of the technique by which he contacted the Spirit as the Cosmic Sound (“I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.”) The trumpet refers to the Cosmic Sound emanating from the Cosmic Vibration.

Hence it is evident that ignorantly believing in the words of Christ does not make one a Christian. Anyone who aspires to manifest the Christ Consciousness which was present in the mind of Jesus must be a true disciple. A true disciple is he who continues to feel Christ Consciousness in his daily life. One who feels Christ Consciousness is in tune with all creation and knows the truth about himself and all life; knowing that, he is no longer guided by ignorance, and becomes free from the law of karma and reincarnations.

“They answered him, 'We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man; how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WHOSOEVER COMMITTETH SIN IS THE SERVANT OF SIN. AND THE SERVANT ABIDETH NOT IN THE HOUSE FOR EVER: BUT THE SON ABIDETH EVER. IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.'”

(John 8:33-38)

“With the certainty of the truth which I intuitively feel within myself, I declare unto you that anyone who performs erroneous or sinful actions against the happiness of his soul creates sinful habits. Any individual working under the influence of a strong, sinful habit becomes its servant, dwelling in the bodily house.

“But even if an individual remains the servant of a sinful habit in his bodily house, still he should remember that the servant of sinful consciousness cannot forever occupy the mansion of the soul (body). Sinful habits, no matter how strong, can only temporarily occupy the mansion of the soul. Every individual enslaved by sinful habits must remember that the Son or Christ Consciousness is the real Master-Creator who remains forever in the
temple of the soul. Any devotee who knows that Christ Consciousness or the Son (and not sin) occupies the temple of the soul and tunes his consciousness with Christ Consciousness becomes free from all human karmas. Therefore, if you know me as the Christ Consciousness present in you, that consciousness will free you from all human bondage, and through the exercise of your own volition you will indeed find freedom from cosmic delusion.

“I know that you are the descendants of Abraham and also made after the image of my Father, but because you do not tune in with the words of my all-seeing wisdom, you have become the servant of sin through your desire to kill me. Therefore, temporarily, being the servant of sinful thought, you are in bondage. If you would only be in tune with my word or Cosmic Vibration, you could be free, no longer the servant of sin. My words are inspired by the wisdom of the Heavenly Father which I intuitively feel within myself, whereas you speak and act according to the limited understanding and behavior of your earthly parents.”

Good Birth Is Not Enough

In the above words Jesus points out to the descendants of Abraham that they had lost the quality of their good birth by ignorance, sinful thoughts, and by following tradition and family habits instead of God’s laws.

Some sinful Brahmins of India also boast of their divine parentage, as the descendants of Abraham did to Jesus. But Jesus points out that physical good birth is not enough. Each soul, though an image of God and born of good parents, can temporarily become the servant of sinful habits. So Jesus tells the descendants of Abraham that they had eclipsed their divine birth and divine consciousness by sinful actions. But while Jesus speaks of the degradation of Abraham’s descendants, he tells them that they could not be servants of sin forever, but should realize that they are eternally made in the image of God.
"BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM" –  
JESUS EXPLAINS  
THE OMNIPRESENT CHRIST CONSCIOUSNESS  
BY WHICH ALL TIME AND SPACE  
ARE ANNIHILATED

"They answered and said unto him, 'Abraham is our father.' Jesus saith unto them, 'If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.'  
"'Ye do the deeds of your father.' Then said they to him, 'We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.' Jesus said unto them, 'If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.'  
"'Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? HE THAT IS OF GOD HEARETH GOD'S WORDS: YE THEREFORE HEAR THEM NOT, BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF GOD.'"  
(John 8:39-47)

"If by meditation you knew God as your Father, you would love me, for the Christ Consciousness in me is the reflection of God the Father, and my body in which that consciousness is encased also came from Him. I was not born of myself; He has sent my body to the earth that the Christ Consciousness reflected in me might remind other sleeping souls of the Christ Consciousness present in them."

His Inspired Speech

"Do you realize why you cannot understand my speech? It is because your consciousness is not tuned to the Cosmic Vibration or the Word, therefore you do not understand my speech which is inspired by Christ Consciousness vibrating within the Cosmic Vibration or the Word. You have forgotten the Spirit within you, and by creating evil habits you are possessed by satanic ignorance which acts as your guiding advising father. The lustful tendencies implanted within you by your pseudo-father, satanic habit, will be the guiding force of your actions. Satan and satanic habits are the murderers of soul happiness from the beginning of creation; they do not manifest truth because they shut it out of their nature. Satan speaks a lie or works delusion because of the misuse of his own free choice. Satan is the father of all cosmic delusion which lies about the nature of God and truth.  
"Through your evil habits you have invited Satan or cosmic delusion to guide you – that is why you do not believe the truth in God which Satan always tries to hide. None of
you can convince me of any value or truth in your sinful ways; why should you not be convinced of the real truth and believe in it when I present it before you?

“All those great ones, like Abraham, that are the true devotees of God, tuned their consciousness by meditation to the Cosmic Vibration or God's word within them. You never meditated; therefore you have not heard the Cosmic Vibration and the presence of God in it.”

Jesus points out that lust or evil tendencies are implanted in souls by Satan, and anyone who acts according to the dictates of lustful impulses invites Satan to be his guiding force. Jesus describes Satan as a liar who by cosmic delusion makes God appear as gross matter to man. The true devotee who feels the presence of God within himself is not guided by the prevaricating cosmic delusion and thus perceives God as the Only Existing Substance in nature and space.

Jesus also says that though all men are created in the image of God, still some by meditation perceive the presence of God within them as Cosmic Vibration or the Word, whereas others, being identified with their satanic habits, are oblivious to the presence of God within them.

“Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, 'Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil'? Jesus answered, 'I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, IF A MAN KEEP MY SAYING, HE SHALL NEVER SEE DEATH.'”

(John 8:48-51)

“I, being aware of the Christ Consciousness within me, am not deluded by cosmic delusion or Satan. I, Christ Consciousness, honor God the Father whose reflection I am. My human consciousness does not seek human glory but is glorified with the Christ Consciousness within me. There is one Cosmic Law which seeks to glorify the Father and this is the law which judges people according to their good or bad karmas.

“Verily by the truth I feel within me, I declare to you all that if a devotee keeps my saying – that is, if by daily meditation he contacts the Cosmic Vibration which I feel within me and follows my teachings and becomes fixed in the Absolute Changeless – he shall never find his inner vision distracted by the law of change which otherwise immutably rules the body and matter.”

In the above words Jesus emphasizes that his inner eye of wisdom was open and that is why he could not behold the darkness of evil anywhere. Beholding God within him, he could not extol his ego consciousness.

Most people, considering themselves in terms of their own mental acquisitions and family relations, glorify their material egos. But when a devotee finds his mind detached from his body and its relationships, he beholds within him nothing but God and seeks to glorify naught else but God. Thus Jesus says he did not seek to glorify himself.

Cosmic Law Is the Judge

It is the Cosmic Law which seeks the virtues of men and glory of God and declares its judgment about them. When Jesus uses the words “keep my saying,” he distinctly
mentions that one has to daily live his teachings and methods of contacting the Cosmic Vibration. When a man is tossing on a few waves, he has no time to see the whole ocean, but if he gets out of the waves and stands on the shore, he can have a clear perspective of the whole ocean. Similarly, an ordinary individual who is busy identifying himself with the changes in his body and his environment cannot perceive the changeless Infinite within him. But when the devotee, by meditation, tunes his consciousness with Cosmic Vibration and the Christ Consciousness within him he beholds the Infinite and becomes free from the visions of change affecting his body and environment.

"Then said the Jews unto him, 'Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, 'If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.' Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, 'If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. YOUR FATHER ABRAHAM REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY: AND HE SAW IT, AND WAS GLAD.'"

(John 8:52-56)

"If I honor my ego and my bodily connections, it is of little value to the world or God. It is the Heavenly Father within me, who has been pleased to accept my life and actions, who has made my life of value to the world. It is the same God whom you declare as your own God who recognizes the truth in me and therefore wants you all to recognize that truth in me that you might be benefited.

"You speak of your God about whom you know nothing, but I know Him; if I should say my human consciousness is not cognizant of the Cosmic Consciousness within it, I would be speaking untruth as you are used to doing. But I know the Heavenly Consciousness within me and I practice all the divine rules in my life which I receive from its inner vibrations."

Abraham Was Emancipated

"Your enlightened father, Abraham, being tuned to Christ Consciousness within, was filled with divine bliss beholding "my day" or the light of the same Christ Consciousness which was within him and which is now within me. Abraham "saw it" or the wisdom in Christ Consciousness (which I and all liberated souls behold) and was filled with divine delight – the same joy which I feel within myself."

In the above words, when Jesus says, "Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad," he expounds some deep truths. Jesus with his Christ Consciousness and inner vision could distinctly see all past, present and future in his Eternal Now consciousness. Ordinarily mortals have their consciousness cut off or interrupted by death but Jesus, having attained the Absolute, could feel exactly what the liberated soul of Abraham felt centuries ago. Jesus emphasized that Abraham felt the same Christ Consciousness that he felt within himself. Jesus knew that the joy of Christ Consciousness is uniformly the same as felt by him or Abraham or any liberated soul.

When Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day," he meant that Abraham rejoiced to feel the same eternal Christ Consciousness which he felt within his mind and
body, but not the body which was called Jesus. Jesus does not say whether he lived in another form in the time of Abraham, but he distinctly says that with his eternal Christ Consciousness he could feel exactly what Abraham felt long before the body of Jesus was born on earth. Such are the remarkable powers of Christ Consciousness by which Jesus could feel the perceptions of the long-dead Abraham.

No Past, Present or Future

“Then said the Jews unto him, ‘Thou are not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?’ Jesus said unto them, ‘Verily, verily, I say unto you, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, I AM.’ Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.”

(John 8:57-59

“Verily, by the eternal, ever-present Christ Consciousness which I feel within me, I behold no division of past, present or future in my consciousness which, being ever-present and continuous, is only conscious of the Eternal Now. Therefore, the ever-present consciousness of the Eternal Now is aware of all the happenings before the time of Abraham and all the happenings after him and all the happenings yet to come through eternity.”

In the above words, Jesus describes that in his Christ Consciousness all the divisions of past, present, and future were annihilated. There was no time nor space in his consciousness. Whatever he felt, he felt within himself. He felt his oneness with God and thus realized naught existed but God. Therefore, Jesus saw all things happening within himself and God. All happenings and all things are God. Jesus, being one with God, realized His presence in everything; therefore, he said: “Before Abraham was, I am.”

Since nothing can exist without the consciousness of God, all liberated devotees realize that all things are happening in God in their ever-present, ever-now, eternal consciousness. An advanced devotee like Jesus finds his consciousness tuned to the universal Christ Consciousness. Any Christlike devotee who suddenly attains the omnipresent Christ Consciousness suddenly realizes that the light of his consciousness simultaneously illumines and reveals the chambers of past, present, and future and all space. Such an illuminated soul suddenly finds his consciousness evenly present in the past, present and future and every point of space, so he says: “I am present in the chamber of the past, present, and future evenly, simultaneously at all times.” That is why Jesus could say: “I am present before Abraham was, I am present now and, being-pervading, I am conscious of my presence in the future.”

The ordinary individual being subject to delusion beholds all things as occupying space and events as happening in time. But Christlike souls find their consciousness equally distributed in all space and simultaneously present in all past, present and future categories of time; they find the consciousness of time and space annihilated within themselves. The ordinary individual beholding the different sizes of things existing in relation to one another conceives the idea of a space in which all things exist. The divine individual, finding his consciousness omnipresent sees his Spirit-identified Self existing through eternity. Such a soul has no room for time and space within his consciousness. When a man is in the sphere of a dream, he might make a world tour by bicycle in a few
years but on waking, he discovers that he accomplished his dream world-tour in a few seconds.

When a man dreams he is making a world tour by bicycle in several years, he creates the consciousness of space and time which he finds does not exist when he awakes. This dreamer on waking analyzes his dream world-tour and finds that the space and time which he required in making that dream-tour were creations of his own imagination. Jesus and great masters who have awakened in God and forsaken the cosmic dream and find space and time and all things have been created in the imagination of God and thus, though temporarily real, are essentially unreal.

“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, ‘MASTER, WHO DID SIN, THIS MAN OR HIS PARENTS, THAT HE WAS BORN BLIND?’ JESUS ANSWERED, ‘NEITHER HATH THIS MAN SINNED, NOR HIS PARENTS: BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM. I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM THAT SENT ME, WHILE IT IS DAY: THE NIGHT COMETH, WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK. AS LONG AS I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.’”

(John 9:1-5)

“The blindness of this man from birth is not due to his sins of this life or due to the sins of his parents, but to the hidden sins of a past life. Because this blind man does not know that he has sinned in a past life he wonders why he is blind, since neither he nor his parents have committed any sin in their present life. This blind man being good in this life and coming from virtuous parents has been enabled through some good past karma to come in contact with me now; thus he will find the miracle of divine healing manifest in his life.”

“Day” Is Creation

“So long as it is day (i.e., all creation is in manifestation and not dissolved in God), so long my Christ Intelligence must carry on the work of ordered creation. But when the night or cosmic dissolution of all creation arrives, my reflected Christ Consciousness, devoid of its receptacle of vibratory creation in which it is reflected, will be withdrawn in the transcendental God the Father. Then my Christ Consciousness will have nothing to work through due to the dissolution of all creation of God.

“So long as the world or cosmic creation exists, so long my Christ Consciousness shall remain as its guiding light or intelligent principle. But when all vibratory creation is dissolved in God in Maha Pralaya or complete cosmic dissolution (as distinguished from partial dissolutions or Khanda Pralaya in which a part of the earth is dissolved as happened during the flood experienced by Noah), then my Christ Consciousness is automatically withdrawn from the cosmos and becomes united with the Father even as the reflection of the moon becomes united with the moon at the destruction of the mirror.”

In the above words, when Jesus says that the man was born blind not because of his sin or the sin of his parents, many became bewildered to think that God arbitrarily made
the man blind in order that His miraculous divine powers might be manifested through Jesus. God would not make a man suffer blindness for years in order to demonstrate divine healing through Jesus. Jesus simply meant that though neither the man nor his parents sinned in one life, the blindness of the man was caused by hidden sin of a past life. Jesus implied that the blind man had some good karma by which he was enabled to contact Jesus and experience the divine healing.

In this connection, Jesus implies two things – first, that the Christ Consciousness was manifest in the body of Jesus only for a little while on earth and that he must utilize all his time on earth to do the will of God. Jesus realized that when his body would be dissolved in Spirit in the great nocturnal state of dissolution and Cosmic Consciousness, he could not manifest divine healing to the afflicted people of this earth. That is why Jesus wanted to do all the good he could so long as his body lasted on earth.

Guide of All Creation

Secondly, Jesus signified that Christ Consciousness was the light of intelligence which guided the cosmos. When the cosmos disappears during cosmic dissolution, the Christ Consciousness within him would be united with the transcendental Cosmic Consciousness of God the Father.

"When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, 'Go wash in the pool of Siloam' (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, 'Is not this he that sat and begged?' Some said, 'This is he:' others said, 'He is like him:' but he said, 'I am he.'

"Therefore said they unto him, 'How were thine eyes opened?' He answered and said, 'A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash:' and I went and washed, and I received sight.' Then said they unto him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I know not.' They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

"Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, 'He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.' Therefore said some of the Pharisees, 'This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day.' Others said, 'How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?' And there was a division among them. They say unto the blind man again, 'What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, 'Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?'

"His parents answered them and said, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.' These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his
parents, 'He is of age; ask him.' Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, 'Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.'

"He answered and said, 'Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.' Then said they to him again, 'What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?' Then they reviled him, and said, 'Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.'

"The man answered and said unto them, 'Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.' They answered and said unto him, 'Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?' And they cast him out."

(John 9:6-34)

Though Jesus asked the blind man to go to the pool of Siloam and there wash his eyes which were anointed by the clay made of spittle, Jesus could have healed him without the spittle or the waters of the pool of Siloam; he did this in order to create faith in the blind man. He made the blind man realize that he charged his life force into the clay ointment which he made with the spittle.

Reinforcing His Faith

In order to reinforce the faith of the blind man, Jesus asked him to go into the pool of Siloam which was popular for its healing waters. All places of pilgrimage wherein many people gather and concentrate on divine thoughts possess divine healing vibrations and also help to create faith in persons desirous of divine healing.

Jesus knew that in all divine healings, the seed of divine power and the proper soil of faith of the person to be healed were necessary to produce a plant of divine healing. Jesus was sure of the seed of divine healing power within him, but he was not sure of the proper divine soil of faith of the blind man in which he wanted to grow the plant of healing. That is why Jesus went through the outward procedure of creating the clay ointment and asking the blind man to wash his anointed eyes in the pool of Siloam.

"Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, 'Dost thou believe on the Son of God?"

(John 9:35)

"Dost thou believe in the Christ Consciousness within me which is the only begotten reflection, or Son, present in all vibratory creation, and within my body, emanating from God the Father?"

In the above words of Jesus, the word "Son" signifies the Christ Consciousness which is the only or sole reflection of God the Father present in all vibratory creation. The
The word “God” signifies God the Father or the Cosmic Consciousness which is present beyond all vibratory creation.

It must be strictly remembered that Jesus never claimed his body to be the only begotten Son of God but meant the Christ Consciousness within him. Orthodox Christians think that the body of Jesus was the only Son of God. All orthodox Christians must rectify their mistaken idea by admitting the truth of the following saying of Jesus: “ALL THOSE THAT RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM HE GAVE THE POWER TO BE THE SONS OF GOD.”

Any soul who can tune his consciousness with the Christ Consciousness within him can become the Son of God. Ignorant souls do not realize the presence of God within them, but divine souls, by meditation, learn to receive or feel the presence of Christ Consciousness within them. Just as the sun equally shines on pieces of diamond and charcoal, so God is equally present in the wise man and the ignorant man steeped in dark delusion. But as the diamond by its own quality receives and reflects the light of the sun, so the wise man by his meditations receives and reflects the light of God. As the charcoal by its own darkness shuts out the rays of the sun, so the ignorant man by his own dark delusion shuts out the light of God. Jesus himself said that all people who realized by wisdom and meditation the presence of God within them can become Sons of God. In fact, all people are potential Sons of God. Liberated souls are awakened Sons of God.
“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVETH HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP”

“He answered and said, 'Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?' And Jesus said unto him, 'THOU HAS BOTH SEEN HIM, AND IT IS HE THAT TALKETH WITH THEE'. And he said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him.”

(John 9:36-38)

“Thou hast seen the body in which is encased the Christ Consciousness. It is the Christ Consciousness, the Son of God, who is behind the speech of the man called Jesus.”

In the above words, the natural humbleness of Jesus is manifest. Jesus never spoke of his ego as the Christ, but referred to his own reflection of God as the Christ Consciousness.

“And Jesus said, 'FOR JUDGMENT I AM COME INTO THIS WORLD, THAT THEY WHICH SEE NOT MIGHT SEE; AND THAT THEY WHICH SEE MIGHT BE MADE BLIND.'”

(John 9:39)

“I am the Christ Consciousness present in the cosmos to give it judgment and guide it intelligently. Also, the same Christ Consciousness is manifest in my body that I may give discriminating wisdom to those who, spiritually ignorant, yet confess their ignorance that they see not and try their utmost to see the truth. The wisdom manifest in my life will help to awaken those who think they know truth but are actually ignorant. By my wisdom the humble, spiritually blind aspirant will see truth, and the light of my wisdom will reveal the blindness of worldly-wise, spiritually ignorant people who think they see truth and do not.”

Spiritually Blind

“And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, 'Are we blind also.' Jesus said unto them, 'If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.'”

(John 9:40-41)

“If you acknowledged your spiritually blind mentalities, then you would have no sin, but would be helped by me to be free from all ignorance; but as you say in your ignorance: 'We see,' while you do not know the truth, therefore the sin of ignorance abides with you.”
In these words, Jesus points out that those who acknowledge their spiritual blindness and try to heal themselves with the help of a proper Guru-Preceptor are on the road to freedom from sin. But those who think they have spiritual vision and do not have it will find themselves entangled in the net of sin or ignorance.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, 'HE THAT ENTERETH NOT BY THE DOOR INTO THE SHEEPFOLD, BUT CLIMBETH UP SOME OTHER WAY, THE SAME IS A THIEF AND A ROBBER. BUT HE THAT ENTERETH IN BY THE DOOR IS THE SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP. TO HIM THE PORTER OPENS; AND THE SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE, AND HE CALLETH HIS OWN SHEEP BY NAME, AND LEADETH THEM OUT. AND WHEN HE PUTTETH FORTH HIS OWN SHEEP, HE GOETH BEFORE THEM, AND THE SHEEP FOLLOW HIM: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS.' This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them."

(John 10:1-6)

"With the assurance of the intuitive truth which I feel within me, I declare unto you that any so-called spiritual teacher who has not taken his consciousness through the door of Cosmic Consciousness, but by pretension, false personality, animal magnetism, assumed spirituality and insincere oratory seeks to guard the sheepfold of sincere truth-seekers is a metaphysical thief who by false representations steal the devotion of seekers."

Devotion Is For God

"Any false spiritual teacher who by pretense diverts the devotion of his devotees to himself is a robber and a thief. The true Guru-Preceptor relays all the devotion of his disciples to God. The false teacher revels in the adoration of his blind followers and therefore is a psychological thief. But the spiritual teacher who has attained Christ Consciousness is the true Guru-Shepherd or guide of the obedient, truth-seeking, meek, lamblike followers.

"To a true Guru-Preceptor, the Heavenly Father opens the door to all divine secrecies. The true devotees who are in the tune with the Guru-Preceptor's voice or vibration and are consciously drawn to him are successful in following his leadership until they reach the heaven of Cosmic Consciousness. When the spiritual teacher leads the consciousness of his devotees toward God in meditation he himself goes ahead of them towards Cosmic Consciousness through deep ecstasy.

"All the sincere devotees, meditating with their ecstasy-tuned advanced Guru-Preceptor, gradually learn to follow his consciousness to the abode of Cosmic Consciousness. The devotees, being in tune with their advanced Guru-Preceptor, intuitively feel his voice or vibrations and try to follow him and be like him. True devotees will not follow a stranger or a teacher not recognized by God. True devotees will avoid and are not in tune with self-elected, so-called spiritual teachers."

In the above words Jesus speaks of "the door"; he signifies that every spiritual teacher must enter the door of Christ Consciousness before he can be a spiritual shepherd leading his devotees to God. By "climbeth up some other way," Jesus signifies that many
so-called spiritual teachers attract the attention of devotees by a false, material way of oratory, animal magnetism, and so forth.

When Jesus says, “He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep”, he signifies that only those teachers that have attained Christ Consciousness or Cosmic Consciousness can be the true spiritual shepherd or Guru-Preceptor able to guide devotees into the kingdom of God. When Jesus says, “A stranger will they not follow,” he signifies that God sends to true seekers a spiritual teacher or Guru ordained by Him. It has been said before when a soul seeks God very deeply, He sends him a Guru-Preceptor through whose voice and intelligence God teaches the devotee.

Sign of a True Teacher

In the above words, Jesus specially signifies that it is God who brings true spiritual teachers and true devotees together in contra-distinction to self-elected lecturers gathering a host of followers by animal magnetism, oratory, and other unspiritual means. Jesus said before: “None can come unto me unless the heavenly Father draweth him.” Therefore, it is evident according to Jesus that true devotees never follow popular self-elected spiritual teachers. When a so-called spiritual teacher draws a large following by personal magnetism and not by Self-realization he is spiritually blind himself, leading other spiritually blind seekers into the ditch of ignorance.

"Then said Jesus unto them again, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I AM THE DOOR: BY ME IF ANY MAN ENTER IN, HE SHALL BE SAVED, AND SHALL GO IN AND OUT, AND FIND PASTURE. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.'

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD, AND KNOW MY SHEEP, AND AM KNOWN OF MINE. AS THE FATHER KNOWETH ME, EVEN SO KNOW I THE FATHER: AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.'

"AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, WHICH ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD: THEM ALSO I MUST BRING, AND THEY SHALL HEAR MY VOICE; AND THERE SHALL BE ONE FOLD, AND ONE SHEPHERD. THEREFORE DOOTH MY FATHER LOVE ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE, THAT I MIGHT TAKE IT AGAIN. NO MAN TAKETH IT FROM ME, BUT I LAY IT DOWN MYSELF. I HAVE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN, AND I HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN. THIS COMMAND HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER.'"

(John 10:7-18)

"With my divine intuitions I declare unto you, the Christ Consciousness in me as in other great liberated souls is the only door through which all devotees can enter into
Cosmic Consciousness. All so-called spiritual teachers who try to exalt and put forth their consciousness before or ahead of Christ Consciousness are metaphysical thieves and robbers who steal the devotion of devotees for themselves and not for God."

**Christ Consciousness Is the “Only Door”**

“All great teachers who realize that the Christ Consciousness in me is the only door to God, are real; but all those so-called spiritual teachers who came before me – that is, presented their consciousness and personality to their devotees ahead of the Christ Consciousness – are metaphysical thieves and robbers. Those teachers who exalted their ego consciousness and not the Christ Consciousness in them could not get my sheep or the true devotees to listen to them.

“The Christ Consciousness in me and all liberated souls is the only door through which all true devotees will enter into Cosmic Consciousness. If any devotee by meditation realizes the Christ Consciousness present in me and him, he will be saved from the misery of reincarnations and will have the privilege of consciously going into Cosmic Consciousness or of being born in the world again to help mankind; he will find the pasture of eternal happiness.

“So-called spiritual teachers who are metaphysical thieves come into the world not to know God or to give His consciousness to others but just to steal the devotion of truth-seekers for themselves. Such false spiritual teachers destroy their own wisdom and the wisdom of their followers.

“The Christ Consciousness has appeared in my body, called Jesus, that true souls may find eternal life and its abundant wisdom and freedom. The Christ Consciousness in me is the shepherd of all true seekers and is the receptacle of all goodness, able to guide all deeply meditating devotees to Cosmic Consciousness. The shepherd or true spiritual teacher transmits his eternal life to his obedient humble devotees and is ready to sacrifice anything necessary for them.

“Any so-called spiritual teacher who is not a real spiritual shepherd does not know how to tune the consciousness of his devotees with the unperceived Christ Consciousness within him. All false teachers are helpless and fly away when they find their devotees attacked by the wolf of ignorance and of material and spiritual difficulties. All blind followers of ignorant spiritual teachers are caught by the wolf of ignorance and are scattered in the sphere of rebirths. The hired minister who holds the clerical position only for his living goes about preaching from one place to another as a matter of routine, not caring what happens to the souls of his followers."

**Devotees of Other Lives**

“The Christ Consciousness in me is a real shepherd who recognizes true spiritual seekers as distinct from curiosity seekers, and the true seekers recognize the Spirit in me. Cosmic Consciousness knows the Christ Consciousness in me and the Christ Consciousness in me knows the Cosmic Consciousness; the Christ Consciousness in me surrenders the eternal life in it for all true devotees.

“There are other devotees of other incarnations whom I know from the past but who do not belong to the fold or group of disciples of this life. Them also I must bring through my
voice or Cosmic Vibration to the Heavenly Father or Cosmic Consciousness. All true devotees belong to the one fold of truth and they shall have one shepherd of Christ Consciousness in me.

“The Heavenly Father loves me because I serve true devotees with eternal life through the body called Jesus and also after that body will be taken away from the earth. No human being can destroy the eternal life in my Christ Consciousness or destroy the life in my body except that I am voluntarily surrendering it for the service of all. The Heavenly Father has given me the power to surrender the life in the body called Jesus and also materialize the life in it after it is once gone from it. I received this commandment and power from my Heavenly Father.”

There are some very important things to be clearly understood in the above sayings of Jesus. When Jesus says: “All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them,” he does not mean that Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Buddha, John the Baptist and great Masters who came before him were all thieves and robbers, but he meant that all false teachers who tried to exalt their human consciousness by eclipsing the Christ Consciousness in them were thieves or false prophets who stole the devotion of devotees for themselves.

By the words “all that ever came before me,” Jesus signifies all ignorant teachers who put forth their personality before the people and keep their Christ Consciousness hidden. It is a shame that so many orthodox followers of Churchianity misunderstand the above words of Jesus and think he meant that all masters who came before Jesus on earth were thieves and robbers.

Other Great Teachers
Came Before Jesus

Buddha was a great Master born in India and had many liberated disciples in the 5th Century B.C. Also Elijah, who came long before Jesus, was a great prophet and had true followers, including Elisha who was Jesus in a former incarnation. Therefore, Jesus could never have meant that all prophets and seers who came before him were metaphysical thieves who stole the devotion of true seekers for themselves.

When Jesus says, “I am the door,” he does not speak of his physical personality but of the eternal Christ Consciousness within himself. When Jesus speaks of hirelings, he speaks of a type of professional minister who is more interested in the collection from his followers than their real emancipation by meditation. Such a hireling is never interested about the real emancipation of the souls of his followers.

Jesus, in order to differentiate himself from false teachers, declared that, being empowered by God and through his Self-realization, he was able not only to take care of souls during their earth life but in their after-death state. That is why he says: “Other sheep I have which are not of this fold.” “This fold” refers to the disciples who lived in the time of Jesus.

When Jesus says: “I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again,” he signifies that through the commandment of God and his own Self-realization, he had the power to get his body crucified on the cross and to resurrect it again at will.
“There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, 'He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?' Others said, 'These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?'

“And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, 'How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.'

“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.”

(John 10:19-30)

“I told you who I am and you believed me not. The miraculous works of healing bodies and souls which I have performed in the name of my Heavenly Father bear testimony to the Christ Consciousness in me. But you do not believe in me because you are not devoted and awakened like my disciples. My disciples, by meditation, hear the Cosmic Vibration and feel the Christ Consciousness within them. The Christ Consciousness in me is in tune with my true devotees who strictly follow me.”

“They Shall Never Perish”

“When my devotees fully contact the Christ Consciousness in me, they will never experience death but will recognize the eternal life within them. Those devotees will never feel themselves to be dead like the ordinary human souls. Neither shall any man, nor any material desire, be able to pluck them away from my Christ Consciousness when they are once established there. All true devotees once fixed in Christ Consciousness by continuous deep meditation and ecstasy never have to reincarnate unwillingly again.

“My Father, the Cosmic Consciousness, who emanated the Christ Consciousness in me as felt by all deep devotees, is greater than all things. Once the devotees reach the domain of Cosmic Consciousness, they cannot be compelled to reincarnate on earth through the power of any possible material desires of past incarnations. The Christ Consciousness present in my body and in all vibratory creation is one with and the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness present beyond all creation, just as the moon reflected in a lake is the same moon which shines in the sky.”

When Jesus said, “Ye are not of my sheep,” he meant that the Jews who doubted him were not worthy to receive divine grace and be redeemed through Jesus. Jesus again and again emphasizes that no one can find God unless he is a true seeker and is permitted by God to meet a real Guru-Preceptor. When Jesus says, “Neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand,” he signifies that neither any man nor material desire shall be able to take the true devotees away from his hand or the Christ Consciousness in him.
"Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, 'Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?' The Jews answered him, saying, 'For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.'

"Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken: Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him.'

"Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand, And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized ; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, 'John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.' And many believed on him there."

(John 10:31-42)

"Is it now written in your spiritual books exactly what I said? – not only I but all of you are gods? If the Scripture call all people gods because they are born of the Cosmic Vibration emanating from God the Father, then that truth cannot be nullified by your disbelief. How can you speak of blasphemy to me who am a perfect image of God and who has been sanctified and sent by Him as a spiritual example to the world?

"Believe in My Divine Work"

"Because I truthfully made a statement that Christ Consciousness in me is the Son or the only reflection of God the Father, you erroneously imagine that I am indulging in blasphemy. If I do not manifest the divine actions as inspired by the Cosmic Consciousness reflected in my Christ Consciousness, then do not believe me. But if I manifest the works as inspired by Cosmic Consciousness, even though you do not believe me, believe in the Divine manifested in my works. By believing and concentrating on divine work it is quite possible that you may know and believe that Cosmic Consciousness is reflected in the Christ Consciousness within me and that my Christ Consciousness is the reflection of Cosmic Consciousness."

In the above words, when Jesus quotes the Scripture (Psalms 82:6) that "ye are gods," he signifies that all pure souls are potentially made in the image of God, the Father. It can be said that ten people with their eyes wide open, and ninety people with their eyes closed sunbathing on the beach are all revealed by the sun. But the ninety who have their eyes closed do not see the sun like the ten who have their eyes open. Similarly, some souls with open eyes of wisdom behold themselves as emanations of God, while other souls, even though they are emanations of God, do not realize it because their eyes of
wisdom are closed. That is why even though all souls are potentially made in the image of God, there is a difference among them according to the degree of their Self-realization.

Jesus, who truly realized the presence of God within him, did not speak of his human nature as God, so he was justified in saying, “I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE.” But people who have not consciously realized the God in them should in no way say, “I am God,” even though they are potential gods. Unless one knows and feels the presence of God within him, he should never say, “I am God.” Jesus never said: “I am God.” But he manifested the truth that his consciousness, having emanated from God, was one with Him.

Ocean and the Wave

It has been said before that the wave is made of the same essence as the ocean, but the wave could not say, “I am the ocean,” although the ocean could say, “I am the wave.” So man, being made in the image of God, is a manifestation of God. He could not say, “I am God,” but he could say truthfully, “God has become myself.” As the calm ocean could remain without the wave but the wave could not remain without the ocean, so God the Father could exist without creation and man but they could not exist without Him.

“Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, ‘Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.’ When Jesus heard that, he said, 'This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.' Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was.”

(John 11:1-6)

“This sickness of Lazarus though it may bring death will not end in death. When Lazarus dies of sickness he will be resurrected again that the power of God as manifested in the Son of God might be gloriously revealed to bring the hope of immortal life in death-hounded man.”

In the above words Jesus points out that some sicknesses end in death but Lazarus’ sickness would manifest the glory of divine resurrection. Jesus did not mean that Lazarus was destined to die especially for the manifestation of the divine power of resurrection, but that Jesus by divine power would be able to resurrect Lazarus whom he saw through his prophetic eye was to be the victim of death.

“Then after that saith he to his disciples, 'Let us go into Judaea again.' His disciples say unto him, 'Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? IF ANY MAN WALK IN THE DAY, HE STUMBLETH NOT, BECAUSE HE SEETH THE LIGHT OF THIS WORLD. BUT IF A MAN WALK IN THE NIGHT, HE STUMBLETH, BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN HIM.’”

(John 11:7-10)
“One who walks in the day does not stumble. He who walks at night stumbles. If any soul walks in the light of wisdom, he sees the great light which governs the cosmos and cannot make any errors in his actions. But an ignorant soul walking in the night of ignorance stumbles and commits blunders in his activities, for he beholds no guiding light of wisdom within him.”

“The Light of the World”

When Jesus speaks of “the light of the world,” he signifies Cosmic Energy and the light of wisdom. God the Father is reflected as Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Vibration. Christ Consciousness and “the light of the world” (or the intelligence governing all creation) are one and the same thing. The light of the world also signifies Cosmic Energy. Cosmic Vibration manifests itself as Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Energy. Devotees can hear the Cosmic Sound and see the Cosmic Energy pervading all creation, and can feel the light of wisdom or Christ Consciousness latent in Cosmic Vibration manifested as Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Energy.

“These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, ‘Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.’ Then said his disciples, ‘Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.’ Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.”

(John 11:11-13)

“Our friend Lazarus is sleeping the sleep of delusive death but I am going to him that the Christ Consciousness in me can make him forsake his delusion.”

Sleep is a temporary death and death is a prolonged sleep. Both the ordinary state of slumber and the state of death are a part of cosmic dream delusion. As in a dream a person can walk or sleep or die, so human beings under the influence of a cosmic dream behold themselves sleeping the sleep of death or waking in the after-death state. Christ knew the universe as a cosmic dream, so he said: “I see the soul of Lazarus is dreaming the sleep of death. I am going to make him dream he is living instead. Having realized the cosmos to be a dream, I will make the soul of Lazarus dream life, instead of death.”

“Then said Jesus unto them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.’ Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’ Then when Jesus came, he found that he had lain in the grave four days already.

“Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, ‘Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee.’

“Jesus saith unto her, ‘Thy brother shall rise again.’ Martha saith unto him, ‘I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’”

(John 11:14-24)
“The soul of Lazarus has left his physical body and I am glad for your sake that I was not there to prevent his death for then you would not be able to witness the miracle of divine resurrection. My intention is that when you witness the miracle of divine resurrection of Lazarus through the will of God you will then understand His glory and power.”

In the above words, Jesus hints that if he had been with Lazarus during his sickness, Lazarus would not have died and consequently the disciples would not have had the opportunity to see his resurrection and thus behold the miracle-working power of God.

Meaning of “Resurrection”

“Resurrection at the last day” means that after good and bad souls depart from this earth and enter the astral world, they stay there for a time enjoying the after-death or rest – a pension from the hard work of life. Then after that period of rest, all souls are judged according to the accumulated good and bad actions of their past lives or the law of karma to be resurrected in a higher sphere or in a lower sphere or in the earth plane.

Resurrection refers to the transition of a soul from one body to another, as Elias was reborn as John the Baptist. Resurrection also means the revival of life a second time in a dead body as illustrated in the case of Lazarus. Resurrection also signifies the rising of souls from the after-death state of sleep or rest to the wakefulness in higher or lower spheres.

The last day is not a fixed day in time when all souls will reappear in their dead bodies by the sound of a trumpet. That idea of resurrection is absurd, for God in His wisdom is not keeping souls waiting thousands of years to be resurrected on a certain day which has never arrived. If Gabriel happens to sound his trumpet tomorrow, then souls that died and were buried today would be resurrected tomorrow, while souls buried twenty centuries ago would wake up after waiting twenty centuries. God could not allow such an erratic arrangement. Intelligent souls after death could never remain guarding their crumbling bones through thousands of years waiting for a trumpet-call.

Gabriel's trumpet refers to the sound of Cosmic Vibration which all souls hear who are resurrected from the after-death state of sleep to higher spheres. The last day refers to the particular time when any soul after enjoying the sleep of death is judged by the cosmic law of action to go into other spheres.

“Jesus said unto her, ’I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. Believest thou this?’ She saith unto him, ’Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.’

“And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, ’The Master is come, and calleth for thee.’ As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto him. Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

“The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, ’She goeth unto the grave to weep there.’ Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, ’Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.’
When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.

(John 11:25-33)

“My soul, not being identified with the bodily life, is not limited by the I Am or Ego Consciousness. The soul identified with the body and its limitations is the I Am or Ego Consciousness. But I (my Spirit) am the resurrection and the life. My soul is one with the Christ Consciousness and the Cosmic Life in it in which I witness that souls are resurrected in various ways from the after-death state of sleep to the wakefulness in higher or lower spheres or in the earth plane.

No Forced Reincarnation

“That devotee who by meditation learns to commune with the Christ Consciousness and Cosmic Life learns also to believe in the Christ Consciousness in me. Even if he is physically or spiritually dead he may resurrect his life in his dead body or resurrect his soul from the sleep of death to the sphere of Cosmic Consciousness. Any advanced soul who learns to permanently feel the eternal life in me and believes or communes with the Christ Consciousness in me shall never be forced to reincarnate into a physical body and witness the change of death which befalls it. Dost thou believe all this I say?”

In the above words of Jesus it must be understood what he means by “I AM”. Whenever Jesus speaks of “I Am”, he speaks of his soul being one with Christ Consciousness. But when the ordinary person speaks of “I Am” he refers to his body, or physical possessions or intellectual acquisitions; as for example, a man may say, “I am strong,” or, “I am rich,” or, “I am a specialist in literature or philosophy.” Whenever an ordinary man says, “I am full of vitality,” he speaks of the youthful life limited by the frame of his body.

But when Jesus says, “I am the resurrection,” he means, “I am Christ Consciousness in which all souls rise from a lower state of consciousness to a higher state of inner development.” When Jesus says, “I am the life,” he cannot be accused of egotism, since he meant, “My life is one with the cosmic life in everything. That is why I feel all living creatures are born out of me and sleep in me.”

Meaning of “Belief”

His words, “He that believeth in me,” refers not to those who believe Jesus lived physically, but to those advanced devotees who have practically convinced themselves of their consciousness’ expansion to the Christ Consciousness in everything.

“Though he were dead” refers to both physical death and spiritual death. One who is in tune with Christ Consciousness can reappear in his dead body if he wishes. One who is temporarily spiritually dead can regain his Christ Consciousness. “Yet shall he live” refers to the resurrection of life in the physical body or the resurrection of a soul from a lower sphere to a higher sphere of consciousness.

“Whosoever liveth in me and believeth in me” refers to anyone who permanently communes with Christ Consciousness within him and hence believeth or is convinced of the immortal Christ Consciousness equally present in him and Christ.
“Shall never die” refers both to spiritual and physical death. All souls who can permanently commune with Christ Consciousness will never witness spiritual death through ignorance or physical death through forced reincarnations. Souls who live on earth identified with their bodies create human desires which bring them back there many times until their earthly desires are worked out and they return to God. Souls who overcome material desires become pillars in the mansion of God and “go no more out.” Liberated souls do not have to incarnate and consequently do not experience the death of the physical body. Souls who are one with Christ Consciousness will also never experience the death of wisdom through ignorance.

Martha, being an advanced disciple of Jesus, understood what he meant when he said, “I am the resurrection and the life,” and thus with realization and justification she spoke, unlike the ordinary blind believer, “Yes, Lord, I believe that thou art the Christ, the son of God manifest in this body named Jesus.”

“And said, 'Where have ye laid him?' They said unto him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, 'Behold how he loved him!'

“And some of them said, 'Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?' Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.”

(John 11:34-38)

His Universal Sympathy

When Jesus, human and divine as he was, saw Mary and the Jews weeping he felt the vibrations of their sorrow within his great spirit through his universal sympathy. Jesus wept not because he was overwhelmed with grief but because with his tender divinely sensitive heart he felt the overwhelming grief of his beloved disciples, Mary and Martha, and their friends.

“Jesus said, 'Take ye away the stone.' Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, 'Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.'

“Jesus saith unto her, 'Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?'

(John 11:39-40)

“Did not I tell you and make you feel my vibrations that if you are convinced of the all-powerful Christ Consciousness in me you will be able to behold the power and glory of Cosmic Consciousness, to be manifested shortly?”

The above words, “GLORY OF GOD,” signifies, not that God seeks glory or the recognition of man, but that advanced devotees are privileged to behold the glory or active manifestation of the power of God on earth.
“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, ‘FATHER, I THANK THEE THAT THOU HAST HEARD ME. AND I KNEW THAT THOU HEAREST ME ALWAYS: BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHICH STAND BY I SAID IT, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME.’”

(John 11:41-42)

“O ever-conscious, ever-wise, ever-responding Cosmic Consciousness, I thank thee that thou hast vibrated thy absolute power in the Christ Consciousness in me. Without doubt I absolutely and intuitively know that thou dost always vibrate thy absolute power of Cosmic Consciousness in response to the vibrating divine wishes in my Christ Intelligence. But for the benefit of the people around me I declared it (thou hearest me always), that they may know my Christ Consciousness is the reflection of Thy Cosmic Consciousness and has been manifest in my body called Jesus through thy sovereign wish.”

When Jesus said, “Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me,” he teaches all mankind that God is not only a Spirit but through devotion responds like a human father. If the human father’s kindness to the child is the reflection of the Heavenly Father’s kindness then how much more kind is the Heavenly Father to that child and to all his human children. When Jesus says, “I knew that thou hearest me always,” he signifies that through eternity the Christ Intelligence which he felt within himself is able to intelligently direct the work of all creation through power received from Cosmic Consciousness.

“Always” indicates throughout eternity the Christ Consciousness is working the will of Cosmic Consciousness in the universe.

“And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come forth.’ And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, ‘Loose him, and let him go.’”

(John 11:43-44)

“O ye disembodied soul of Lazarus, reappear in the body made whole by the Cosmic Energy of God.”
JESUS EXPLAINS THE MEANING OF SATAN
AND HOW TO OVERCOME HIS WORLD DELUSION –
THE TWOFOLD DUTY OF MAN

"Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, 'What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.'

"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, 'Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.' And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

"Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among themselves, as they stood in the temple, 'What think ye, that he will not come to the feast?' Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where he were, he should shew it, that they might take him."

(John 11:45-57)

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

"And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, 'Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?'

"But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, 'YE KNOW NOT WHAT MANNER OF SPIRIT YE ARE OF. FOR THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM.' And they went to another village."

(Luke 9:51-56)

"You are not aware of what divine nature you are made. Otherwise you would not express the spirit of revenge, thus using the evil force, being influenced by satanic emotions. For the Christ Consciousness is manifest in the body (the Son of Man) not to destroy men's lives by evil forces but to save them from death and delusion by divine power and divine ways."
In the above words, Jesus tells his disciples to differentiate the image of God and divine qualities in them from the satanic forces and evils arising in them through the channel of ignorance. Jesus, clearly remembering his divine mission on earth, points out that he was to use divine force not for working destruction but for saving souls.

Jesus realized that if he used the divine force for evil purposes, he would become the instrument of Satan. He told his disciples that, in order to please God, they ought to bring out the hidden goodness by good actions which is often eclipsed behind satanic thoughts. Jesus told his disciples, further, that the evil force could not be conquered by evil but by the good force of God.

Love Conquers Anger

It is a common blunder for people to try to conquer anger in others by anger, when anger can be conquered only by love. To try to suppress evil people by fire and sword is ineffectual; even if their bodies are conquered by evil power, their souls remain stronger in evil and anger just the same. In order to conquer evil, one must use the divine power of love. Millions of people are doing evil, but they are not dramatically punished by powerful forces sent from heaven, because God wants to conquer them only by love and wisdom, whispered to them through their own conscience. Since God has given men free will to choose between good and evil, He therefore does not interfere with man by stopping his evil actions by use of heavenly powers.

God tries to influence his error-stricken children through the humble forgiving personalities of his true saints and devotees. Christlike souls who commune with God have distinctly declared that anyone who aspires to know Him must behave in a Godlike manner and must learn to conquer evil by good, hate by love, revengeful actions by loving helpful actions, unkindness by kindness, harshness by sweetness, pride by humbleness, cruelty by kindness, unrighteousness by righteousness, falsehood by truth, jealousy by love, temptation by meditation, restlessness by calmness, harsh speech by sweet speech, evil behavior by good behavior, selfishness by unselfish behavior, theological arrogance by Self-realization.

Jesus clearly told his disciples to remember the presence of God and goodness in them and to destroy all parasites of evil which came into them through ignorance. He told his disciples that his mission on earth was to expand human lives into the consciousness of God and not destroy them into the oblivion of death.

“AND ANOTHER ALSO SAID, 'LORD, I WILL FOLLOW THEE; BUT LET ME FIRST GO BID THEM FAREWELL, WHICH ARE AT HOME AT MY HOUSE.'

“AND JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, 'NO MAN, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOUGH, AND LOOKING BACK, IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.'”


Any spiritual man of renunciation who, having renounced the limitations of a material environment and getting ready to plough his consciousness with discipline and wisdom, looks backward to his forsaken material environment, is not fit to concentrate on the attainment of the vast kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness hidden within.
In the above words, Jesus describes very clearly the strict path of the man of renunciation. To renounce all things for the attainment of God Consciousness is wise because nothing can be enjoyed without the consciousness borrowed from God. During death every one is compelled to leave everything instantaneously, without notice. It is wiser to leave everything voluntarily and do away with all material entanglements for the attainment of God, until God is realized. It is better to perform all material duties after realizing God, for then they cannot produce misery. To try to perform material duties with a spiritually untrained human consciousness is to be the victim of greed, anger, selfishness, disease, misery, worry, fear and death. Therefore, saints are justified in thinking that when they perform material duties after attaining God, they can really be happy spiritually and materially.

The Scriptures of India advise that children should leave their material home environment and live in the company of great spiritual teachers for several years. After receiving a thorough spiritual training the children return to lead the lives of householders. They become ideal spiritual examples in society in that they govern their material lives by spiritual discipline and divine happiness. Of course, there are some children in India who become renunciates throughout life. Jesus himself was a man of renunciation, never having married nor identified himself with a single family. He knew his father was God and his kingdom was in all space.

The Bhagavad Gita says, “Forsake all duties in order to think of Me alone,” for no duties can be performed without borrowing the powers of brain and mental energy which come from God alone. “I shall free thee from all sin accruing from the non-performance of small duties and other sins if you sincerely seek Me, who am the giver of life to all.”

In another place the Bhagavad Gita says, “Anyone who outwardly renounces the limitations of a material environment and retires in solitude but inwardly keeps thinking of the temporary joys of that forsaken material environment is a pretender and not fit to understand the importance of forsaking the transitory pleasure of life for the ever-lasting bliss of Spirit.”

Jesus knew that the psychology of renunciation consisted in evacuating all material desires from the mind in order to make it a temple of God Consciousness. Jesus, as in the Bhagavad Gita, pointed out that a person is foolish to outwardly renounce material pleasures while he is inwardly thinking of them. Such a person does not receive the benefit of God-contact. Along with outward renunciation of material pleasures, there must be inward renunciation of them also. When that is accomplished the mind, free from sense-pleasure and material habits begins to be established in the kingdom of bliss in meditation.

Inner Renunciation

It is a psychological and metaphysical impossibility to be free from a bad habit by material renunciation. Evil habits are gone only when they are cast off from the domain of thought as well as actions. Since thought is the spring of action, thinking evil may be as dangerous as acting evil. All devotees must realize that mental renunciation is of primary importance in the attainment of God. It is better to practice inner renunciation in the world than, without preparation, to run away from the world in a forest and remain there, brooding over the forsaken earthy joys. The path of Yoga teaches one to commune with God first by spiritual technique while living in the world, and not merely to outwardly renounce the world and become a social parasite, depending for food on the earnings of hard-working worldly people.
Great teachers who renounce the world and offer high spiritual service are justified in renouncing the smaller duties of a family life for the greater duty to the greater human family. Many people who are afraid to struggle for a living often try to renounce worldly life and live on others. Such people become mentally and physically and spiritually idle and never attain God Consciousness. Only those who leave everything, inwardly impelled by the sincere love of God, are justified in their renunciation. Such renunciates do not care whether they starve or die for the love of God.

“GO YOUR WAYS: BEHOLD, I SEND YOU FORTH AS LAMBS AMONG WOLVES. CARRY NEITHER PURSE, NOR SCRIP, NOR SHOES: AND SALUTE NO MAN BY THE WAY.’

“AND INTO WHATSOEVER HOUSE YE ENTER, FIRST SAY, ‘PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE.’ AND IF THE SON OF PEACE BE THERE, YOUR PEACE SHALL REST UPON IT: IF NOT, IT SHALL TURN TO YOU AGAIN.’

“AND IN THE SAME HOUSE REMAIN, EATING AND DRINKING SUCH THINGS AS THEY GIVE: FOR THE LABOURER IS WORTHY OF HIS HIRE. GO NOT FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. AND INTO WHATSOEVER CITY YE ENTER, AND THEY RECEIVE YOU, EAT SUCH THINGS AS ARE SET BEFORE YOU: AND HEAL THE SICK THAT ARE THEREIN, AND SAY UNTO THEM, ‘THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME NIGH UNTO YOU.’”

(Luke 10:3-9)

“After being true laborers or devotees and having reaped the harvest of wisdom and God-contact, go to the world to share your divine realization with others. In your travels do not burden your consciousness with material things like purses and clothes. Do not salute any man on the way but within your mind keep thinking of God, giving highest respect to Him. When you enter a house give peace unto it. Remain there accepting that hospitality, eat anything given you, heal the sick and tell them the kingdom of heavenly bliss lies hidden very near, just behind their waking consciousness. Teach them by meditation to enter into the kingdom of Cosmic Consciousness and divine bliss.”

“‘HE THAT HEARETH YOU HEARETH ME: AND HE THAT DESPISETH YOU DESPISETH ME: AND HE THAT DESPISETH ME DESPISETH HIM THAT SENT ME.’”

(Luke 10:16)

“Any devotee who listens to your teachings and follows you follows me. O ye disciples, my Christ Consciousness is with you through your devotion and meditation, and anyone who will be in tune with you will be in tune with my Christ Consciousness. Anyone who hates you hates my Christ Consciousness and rebels against it; he is out of tune with the Cosmic Consciousness, whose reflection I am.”

In the above words Jesus emphasizes how truth-seekers can reach Cosmic Consciousness by tuning their consciousness with true guru-preceptors, who in turn have been trained by their Christlike teachers. Through the hierarchy and chain of true guru-preceptors a truth-seeker is properly introduced to God.
“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.'

“And he said unto them, ‘I BEHELD SATAN AS LIGHTNING FALL FROM HEAVEN.’

‘BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO YOU POWER TO TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY: AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.’

‘NOTWITHSTANDING IN THIS REJOICE NOT, THAT THE SPIRITS ARE SUBJECT UNTO YOU; BUT RATHER REJOICE, BECAUSE YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN.’”

(Luke 10:17-20)

“While I was in my omnipresent Christ Consciousness I beheld satanic delusion as a conscious cosmic force and lightning-like energy repulsed out of heavenly Cosmic Consciousness. Behold, I give you divine power by which you will be able to conquer Satan-created serpents and scorpions and all human enemies and animal pests so that nothing shall in any way hurt you physically. Behold, through my Christ Consciousness I will give you the willpower by which you will be able to control the coiled serpent force at the base of the spine which feeds the sex desires and other scorpion-like, tormenting, poisonous, evil instincts. When you know the technique of withdrawing the coiled serpent force from the base of the spine to the heavenly region in the cerebrum, then you will have full self-control over the unruly sex-force and all other tormenting evil desires which obstruct the devotee from attaining heavenly bliss. Be not elated that the evil spirits and evil forces are under your control, but rather rejoice in the positive fact that your souls have attained enough divine Self-realization that they have access to the heavenly region of Cosmic Consciousness.”

Origin of Satan

In these words, Jesus describes the origin of Satan who was originally an archangel or conscious heavenly force endowed with cosmic energy to create only beautiful things in creation. This archangel of God was given the power and freedom to create anything he pleased according to the will of God. But later when all created things reached perfection and began to retire into God again, the archangel was afraid of losing his power of creation after all things were withdrawn into God after a perfect mundane existence. Therefore the archangel rebelled against God and created patterns of evils to counteract the patterns of good created according to the will of God. Ever since Satan has created pain, mortal desires, death, inharmony and warfare in nature and men, so that by imperfection they become tied to the earth plane and cannot retire in God and become dissolved in Him. This is what Jesus meant by Satan falling from heaven.

The archangel, with cosmic energy tuned with heaven, created perfect heavenly things in all creation. But ever since the archangel rebelled against God Consciousness, he was turned into a force fallen from divine grace, not guided by heavenly vibrations of God. All Cosmic Intelligent Energy, working in tune with the vibrations of Cosmic Consciousness or the will of God, is called energy working in tune with God Consciousness. But any energy which is controlled by the conscious cosmic force of Satan is termed satanic energy fallen from heaven. As in space the Cosmic Consciousness is heaven, so that sphere of
space where there is the creation and presence of imperfect creation is the field of the satanic evil force trying to work imperfection in all creation.

Similarly, in the human body there are two distinct regions – the heavenly region and the satanic region. In the human body the heavenly region extends from the dorsal plexus and heart center up to the cerebral plexus. The satanic region and the receptacle of baser instincts extend from below the heart, through the lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal plexuses. When all the energy from the senses in centered in the brain by meditation, the devotee is spoken of as having attained heaven. But most people who do not meditate find their consciousness flowing downwards with the satanic lighting, or life force falling from the heavenly region of the brain down to the region of the senses.

Avoid Sense Delusion

The satanic force in every human being keeps the lightning-like life force continuously falling from the heavenly region towards the senses. That is why the searchlight of the senses reveals to us the attraction of sense objects only. That is what Jesus also found in the bodies of his disciples – the life force falling from the brain downwards. But Jesus taught them by meditation and will power to reverse the life force brainward. This enabled the disciples to enjoy the heavenly consciousness in the brain and become free from the torturing sex forces.

The life force withdrawn into the brain reveals heavenly bliss and heavenly forces and prevents the baser sensations which pervade the lumbar, sacral, and coccygeal plexuses from reaching the brain. This is why Jesus said to his disciples that they should rejoice, not only for being free from devils or evil passions at the base of the spine, but for the power to withdraw the energy through the coiled serpent-like passage at the base of the spine and thus establish their consciousness in the heavenly region in the brain.

When Jesus said, “Your names are written in heaven,” he meant that the disciples had acquired enough spirituality by obedience and meditation to be recalled to the mansion of the Heavenly Father.

“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, 'I THANK THEE, O FATHER, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, THAT THOU HAST HID THESE THINGS FROM THE WISE AND PRUDENT, AND HAST REVEALED THEM UNTO BABES: EVEN SO, FATHER; FOR SO IT SEEMED GOOD IN THY SIGHT.’

“ALL THINGS ARE DELIVERED TO ME OF MY FATHER: AND NO MAN KNOWETH WHO THE SON IS, BUT THE FATHER; AND WHO THE FATHER IS, BUT THE SON, AND HE TO WHOM THE SON WILL REVEAL HIM.”

(Luke 10:21-22)

Hidden From Egotists

“I thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, pervading as Cosmic Consciousness in the vibrationless region beyond creation (heaven), and as Christ Consciousness existing in all vibratory creation (earth), because You have kept the inner wisdom hidden from the egotistically wise and theoretically prudent individuals, and have revealed the mystery of
truth unto simple, childlike sons of Thine who are but babes in wisdom compared to Thy wisdom. Even so, Heavenly Father, for the above procedure of revealing Yourself unto Thy children who are filled with spiritual simplicity and sincerity seems proper in Thy judgment.

“All truth and wisdom in Cosmic Consciousness are transmitted to the Christ Consciousness so that all creation can be intelligently governed by it. No materially-minded man knows who the Christ Consciousness (Son) is except the Cosmic Consciousness which is the Father of Christ Consciousness; no one knows the Cosmic Consciousness unless he tries to know it through Christ Consciousness (Son). Devotees can reach Cosmic Consciousness only by first feeling the Christ Consciousness in meditation.”

Jesus also said elsewhere: “I and my Father are one.” Jesus scientifically realized the unity of the Christ Consciousness within his consciousness and the Cosmic Consciousness. As the reflection of the moon in the lake and the moon in the sky are essentially the same, so Cosmic Consciousness, mirrored in all cosmic vibration as Christ Consciousness, is the same as the Cosmic Consciousness which exists beyond all vibration.

The Higher Ecstasy

The ordinary man is bound by the consciousness of the body and its relations, but by meditation he does away with all bodily attachments and realizes the super-bliss of meditation which lies beyond the subconscious. The subconscious is experienced during sleep or in a semi-conscious state of drowsiness. The deep superconscious state is marked by an unfathomable depth of bliss.

When the devotee goes into ecstasy and becomes one with the superconscious state for many years, then he attains, with the help of his Guru-Preceptor and higher techniques, the higher ecstasy in which he perceives a vast light, and feels an endless consciousness in which he finds all planets, universes, star-rivers and vibratory objects glimmering like glow-worms. When the devotee by his inner eye can see this vast space and see his body as well as all other things in it, he is spoken of as having attained Christ Consciousness. In this state, the devotee feels the whole universe of vibration and everything in it as his own, just as he feels all the cells and the different parts of his own physical body. After attaining Christ Consciousness, the devotee goes further, beyond all vibratory space, into an indescribable state of Cosmic Consciousness where exist pure, ever-new joy, consciousness and existence. Here in this Cosmic Consciousness no eddies of vibration or change can ever disturb the vision of consciousness of the devotee.

After attaining this state in this highest ecstasy or Nirbikalpa Samadhi, the devotee simultaneously beholds and feels both the vibrationless Cosmic Consciousness, and the ocean of vibration with bubbles of created planets, nebulae, comets, stars and universes. Christ attained this state, hence he said, “The Father (Cosmic Consciousness) knows the Son (Christ Consciousness) and the Son knows the Father.”

“And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, 'BLESSED ARE THE EYES WHICH SEE THE THINGS THAT YE SEE:'

“For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear and have not heard them.'

“Blessed are your physical eyes, for your lives are full of good karma by which you see the miracles of the silent God through my life. Many prophets and powerful kings have desired to see those divine demonstration which you see, and they have not been able to see them. Many devotees have tried to hear the words of wisdom from a God-known soul but have not been able to have that privilege.”

The Humility of God

Centuries pass before a divine soul comes on earth who can openly and yet subtly demonstrate the powers and proofs of the presence of the great God, who in His humbleness has vowed Himself to silence. God is so great and so all-knowing and ever-understanding that He silently goes on regulating His vast family of the cosmos without seeking any recognition from man by any show of His power and excellence.

Man, on the other hand, likes to believe in God through some definite proof of His existence and by divine miracles. Great devotees know that God never satisfies by miracles the idle curiosity of doubting Thomases. But God has been working enough miracles in nature and has given man the greatest gift of intelligence so that he should be able to understand that all things including his mind come from Divine Intelligence.

Man should use his God-given intelligence and freedom of will to love and seek God in preference to the objects created by Him in the cosmos. God gave man freedom to choose Him and His Wisdom, or Satan and his delusion. God gave man, made in His own image, His highest gift of freedom of will. If perchance man uses his free will to cast Satan away and seek God, that would please Him most. That is why Jesus said, “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

It is the nature of God to silently and subtly reveal Himself unto His devotees. Jesus, knowing God's will, refused to offer spectacular signs and miracles to prove his divinity and God's presence. Jesus revealed his miracles of healing, raising the dead, walking on the sea, to the true believers, strictly under divine guidance and permission. He always emphasized that he was strictly doing the will of God who sent him. That is why Jesus says that it was very fortunate for the disciples to be able to witness the manifestation of divine powers which are very seldom openly manifested as in the life of Jesus and a few great masters of India.

“And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, 'Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'

“He said unto him, 'What is written in the law? how readest thou?'

“And he answering said, 'THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL THY MIND; AND THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.'

“And he said unto him, 'Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.'”

(Luke 10:25-28)
Twofold Duty of Man

“If you can love God by actual, daily meditation and communion, and show by your actions that you love your neighbor (your divine brother) as you love yourself, then you will rise above the consciousness of delusive change and behold the changeless Spirit everywhere.”

One of the most earnest prayers from Whispers from Eternity is: “Heavenly Father, may Thy love shine forever on the sanctuary of my devotion and may I be able to awaken Thy love in all hearts.” This prayer points out the highest duty of man – to love God and to share that love with his fellow man.

One should share his divine attainment with his neighbors because neighbors live outside the family and yet are nearer than the world at large. Persons through instinct usually give everything to their families in preference to strangers. People neglect the world, thinking it to be far and distant. When a person lives just for himself, from the spiritual standpoint he does not live at all, for he chokes the expansion of his life. But when a person extends his sympathy from his family to his neighbors and to the world, he expands his little life into the greater life of God. This connects man's life to its source, the Eternal Life.

Most people live in a narrow well of selfishness, never feeling the greater life of God. Anyone who lives without knowing that his life comes from the eternal life does not live at all. The souls of those who live a material life, die and reincarnate, forget their past lives and hence may be said not to live at all. Any devotee who by meditation feels the eternal life behind his mortal life lives forever – that is, he is conscious of his existence even after his death, or even if he has to go through several more incarnations on earth.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

“But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

“And Jesus answering said, 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.'

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.'

“And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, 'Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.' Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?' And he said, 'He that shewed mercy on him.' Then said Jesus unto him, 'Go, and do thou likewise.’”

(Luke 10:29-37)

Jesus here marvelously describes the meaning of a neighbor, and every man's duty to his fellow man. Jesus realized that it is not possible for any man to look after all his own
duties and also those of the stricken people of the world. Human life is short and it can do only so much. Even Jesus explained he came mostly for the needs of a certain people.

Who Is Our “Neighbor”?

Even though Jesus and the masters schedule the time of their lives in order to help true devotees, still their teachings can be universally followed through all times. By the above illustration Jesus intimated that though one cannot look after all the afflicted people of the world, he should help any afflicted person who is definitely thrown in his path.

If a man sees somebody meet with an accident, he should consider him as a neighbor or one who is near him and render him every help, as he would like to be helped if he were in the same position. Helping any person who happens to be near you in your own neighborhood or in a foreign land is to love your neighbor as yourself. Anywhere, anyone who comes in close relationship with a person physically, mentally or spiritually, is a neighbor.

There are two ways of knowing God: (1) By loving God by mind, by heart and by soul. To love God “by strength” means to switch off the vitality or life force from the five sense telephones of sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste, and thus free the mind from disturbances of Satan. A man could not inwardly love God and concentrate at the same time on any sense-pleasure. After the mind is interiorized and disconnected from sensations, then the devotee can use that free mind to love God. When the devotee can love God with a free inwardly concentrated mind, then he begins to love God in his heart. After the devotee feels God saturated in his heart, he feels Him in the deepest recess of the soul. After feeling God in the soul, he feels Him everywhere. This is the transcendental way of knowing God by withdrawing the mind from all nature.

(2) As one learns to feel God within, he should also try to share his experience of God with his neighbors. To give physical help to a neighbor is good, to give him mental and moral help is better, and to give him God Consciousness and freedom from ignorance is the best. One should serve his neighbor in accordance with this rule.
ALL DEVOTEES MUST BE
A COMBINATION OF MARTHA AND MARY

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, 'Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.'

“And Jesus answered and said unto her, 'Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER.'”

(Luke 10:38-42)

“Martha, you are careful about material things and material duties; you are worried and your mind is scattered, thinking of many things, but all you need is to carefully do your one highest spiritual duty to God, by thinking of Him all the time during the performance of your various material duties. Mary has chosen that good part of thinking of God alone and cultivating her love for God through the inspiration of my words and wisdom. Thus her desire to listen to me in preference to the distracting material duties of the world shall be granted to her.”

Lesson for All

In these words of Jesus there is a great lesson for all seekers of God, whether they live in a family or a hermitage. Some renunciates in a hermitage think that if they perform the material duties there, that would be sufficient to be spiritual. Other renunciates think they can attain God Consciousness by performing their spiritual duties of meditating with the great teacher and Guru-Preceptor in charge of the hermitage.

Of course the highest purpose of a hermitage is to offer a haven in which to seek God. Renunciates who are so much engrossed in material duties that they forget to meditate upon God are not justified to live in a hermitage. No one can gainsay that the only purpose of a hermitage should be to attain God. If some students there attain God by neglecting material duties, it is all right, but material duties in a hermitage have to be performed by some members of the group. Those that do material duties in a hermitage with the thought of serving God are on the right road and will ultimately receive the grace of God. But those who do material duties in a hermitage by forgetting God do not deserve to stay there, for they receive no spiritual satisfaction.

But it must be remembered it is better to do material duties in a spiritual environment than in a material environment, because the person who is absorbed in material duties in a hermitage has a better chance to think of God there than if he were engrossed in material duties in a material environment. Jesus warned Martha that though she was doing necessary household duties, still her mind was very much distracted from God while she
was performing them, and that she should think of one thing only – God – while she performed all her material duties. Jesus thus upheld the action of Mary to listen to his words and think of God first in preference to all other duties. Mary did not want to shun household work deliberately but her mind was so engrossed in Jesus and God that she could not possibly do any other work.

That is the reason Jesus upheld her action. But Martha was so busy doing housework that she could not keep her mind from being scattered and away from God. That is why Jesus told her that her highest necessity was to think of one thing – God – during the performance of all other duties.

Both Martha and Mary

Duty or no duty, if one tried his utmost to know God first, that is the highest virtue, for no duty can be performed without borrowing the powers of God. To perform the highest duty of trying to know God in preference to performing smaller duties is all right, but to do material duties in a spiritual environment by forgetting God is senseless and unpardonable. But to do material duties in a hermitage by thinking of God all the time is no doubt the highest virtue.

In other words, every spiritual member of a hermitage must possess both the qualities of Martha and Mary in order to reach perfection. That spiritual aspirant who serves God and man equally receives quick enlightenment and divine grace. Martha served Jesus and pleased him, but Mary spiritually served Jesus by listening to his words and thereby she pleased him more. Martha was pleased in serving Jesus, but not absorbing his spirit, but Mary did her utmost to be one with the spirit of Jesus. Jesus did not want Mary to imitate Martha's material ways. Jesus wanted Martha to follow the footsteps of Mary and Jesus would have allowed Mary to help Martha in her household duties if she did those duties with one thought of God and without distraction.

Every one in a hermitage should be able to play the roles of Martha and Mary alternately in order to reach perfection. Any truth-seeker, whether living in a family or a hermitage, should be able to express the dual nature of Martha and Mary, doing material duties with the thought of God, or doing the spiritual duty of meditating on God alone without being distracted by material duties, as the situation calls for. No member of a family or a hermitage, by pretending to meditate, should neglect material duties, as no member should disturb another spiritual member of a family or hermitage, when that individual is really engrossed in God.
THE INNER MEANING OF "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

“And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.'

“And he said unto them, 'When ye pray, say,

"OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME.
THY WILL BE DONE,
AS IN HEAVEN, SO IN EARTH.'
"GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.'
"AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS;
FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE EVERY ONE
THAT IS INDEBTED TO US.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION;
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.'"

(Luke 11:1-4)

“When you pray, say within your mind: O Fountain of all our consciousness, our Father Cosmic Consciousness, which is present in the vibrationless region of heavenly bliss, may the cosmic vibrations (Thy name) emanating from Thee in the earth be consecrated and used for cultivating Thy consciousness and not material consciousness. Let Thy absolute royal consciousness appear in human consciousness. Let Thy wisdom-guided will be the guiding force of deluded earthly people, as Thy will is followed by liberated souls in the astral world.

“Give us our daily bread, food and prosperity for the body, efficiency and power for the mind, wisdom and bliss for our souls. Give us the physical, mental, and spiritual bread which nourishes our bodies, minds, and souls. As we forgive a brother who is indebted to us, forgive us, thy children, for our sins of not remembering our indebtedness to Thee – that we owe our health, life and soul to Thee.

“Lead us not into temptation, even by way of testing our little spiritual power. Leave us not in the pit of temptation wherein we fell through the misuse of Thy given reason, but if it is Thy will to test us when we are stronger, then, Father, make Thyself more tempting than temptation, but help us that by our own effort through Thy spiritual force, we may be free from all misery-making, physical, mental, and spiritual evils.”

In the above words, Jesus says that though this earth came from divine vibration, it is not consecrated by His name or vibrations because of the wickedness of the people. As God's bliss and wisdom are the only kingly powers which exist in Cosmic Consciousness, so Jesus prays that those absolute powers of God may manifest in human consciousness.
which is often steeped in delusion. Jesus also prays that, as angels are guided by God's wisdom-guided will, so also might earthly people willingly be guided by God's wisdom. Jesus prays for the three-fold bread which nourishes the body, mind and soul. Jesus also says that as we ought to forgive those of our brethren who are indebted to us and yet forget their obligation to us, so God should forgive His children even if they have forgotten that they owe their life and everything to Him.

“Save Us From Temptation”

Jesus implies that God could never, like a mischievous schoolboy, lead anyone into evil or temptation. God could only allow Satan to test true devotees by way of proving them. Jesus meant: “God, leave us not in temptation.” Jesus meant “leave us not” and not “lead us not.” Jesus prayed that the Heavenly Father deliver every soul from the enthrallment of Satan and Cosmic Delusion (evil).

“And he said unto them, 'Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?'

“And he from within shall answer and say, 'Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.' I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.’

“And I say unto you, 'ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. FOR EVERY ONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH; AND HE THAT SEEKETH FINDETH; AND TO HIM THAT KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED.’

“If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? IF YE THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM?’

(Luke 11:5-13)

“I declare unto you, if your persistently ask the divine truth from God, you will receive it. If you seek God perseveringly in the dark forest of meditation, you will find Him. By continuously knocking with your prayers at the gate of silence leading to God, it shall be opened unto you and your consciousness will be able to enter into the heavenly region of bliss. Every devotee who persistently asks for God-realization receives divine enlightenment without fail.”

Slums of Matter

“Every prodigal son of God who has run away from the bliss of meditation into the slums of material distraction, will someday come back toward God through the gate of peace, and will be allowed to enter his own home of inner bliss. The devotee, being a child
of God, even though lost in the forest of material desires, persistently seeking a way out, will find his way back to the mansion of bliss. He who knocks at the door of God with the throbs of his heartfelt devotion continuously will certainly find that God will receive him within the open gates of His heart.

"Devotion can force the gate of God's heart to open for the devotee to enter in. If any human son of God asks the Heavenly Father for the bread of eternal life, He will not give him the stone of material ignorance. If the devotee asks of God the food of wisdom, God will not give him the serpent of delusion. If the devotee asks God for divine manna and all-around divine bliss, He will not give him the scorpion of restlessness and mental misery.

"If even deluded human beings know how to give good gifts to their children, how much more will our Heavenly Father, who is a receptacle of all goodness, give the knowledge of cosmic vibration and all power to His human children made after His image? God gives highest wisdom without fail to His own children who demand it. God also surrenders Himself unto the devotee who persistently wants Him."

"And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, 'Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.' But he said, 'Yea, rather, BLESSED ARE THEY THAT HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, AND KEEP IT.'"

(Luke 11:27-28)

"Better than bearing divine children on the physical plane is the knowledge by which an individual can hear in meditation the revealing omniscient word of God or Cosmic Sound of Om (or Amen), knowing how to be in tune continuously with it and discipline (one's) life by its inner intuitive directions."

**Cosmic Sound or Om**

In the above words, Jesus, like Patanjali, the great Oriental yogi (one who scientifically knows how to unite human consciousness with divine consciousness), speaks of God as manifesting as the Cosmic Vibration, which in turn manifests as the Cosmic Sound and Cosmic Light. God is a Spirit, He is ever-existing, ever-conscious, ever-new Bliss. In the transcendental state without creation, God is spoken of as being without any vibration or change. When God wished to create the cosmos, He sent out of Himself a cosmic intelligent vibration. The intelligence of God as working in vibratory creation is called the Christ Intelligence.

The first manifestation of God when He wished to create resulted in cosmic vibration. God has no mouth or vocal chords or lungs or breath that He could be heard by anybody to speak like an ordinary human being. God is Spirit present in all space. His word or vibration in creation is always present as the cosmic sound. This cosmic sound is the Holy Ghost or holy vibration, heard by Saint John as the cosmic "trumpet" of meditation. All true devotees can hear the cosmic sound emanating from the cosmic vibratory manifestation of God. This cosmic sound contains the intelligence of God and intimates all its divine wishes to the devotee through intuitive feelings.
This cosmic sound is the word of God. The Spirit of God speaks to the devotees through the cosmic sound. This cosmic sound or Om, during the devotee's meditation, can vibrate the divine wish into any kind of audible or intelligible language. God can also use this cosmic sound to vibrate into luminous letters of any language, revealed in the meditation of a devotee. The etheric language in sounds or letters emanating from the cosmic sound may be audible or visible to a single devotee or a group of devotees according to the divine wish. Thus, God gives vibrating advice to the devotee through His cosmic sound.

The disciples of Christ on the day of Pentecost were filled with Holy Ghost or cosmic sound and thus could speak in diverse tongues. The cosmic sound is the mother of all human languages and all forms of rays which are in the cosmos. Jesus tells the esoteric devotee that he must know how to receive the guidance of God through the cosmic sound heard in meditation and that he must know how, by regularly contacting this cosmic sound, to discipline his entire life.

“Holy Ghost” or OM

All Oriental Yogis and great devotees who have really advanced in meditation know how to contact God as Cosmic Vibration. Such Yogis are intoxicated with the joy felt in the cosmic sound. The disciples of Christ, under the influence of this comic sound or Holy Ghost, felt exhilarated as if they had indulged in new wine. Jesus spoke of sending the Holy Ghost to his disciples after the inspiration of his bodily presence was taken away from them. When Jesus was resurrected and met his disciples, he also taught them the art of contacting the Holy Ghost. “RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST,” he said.

Every devotee, whether he goes into silence blindly or by a conscious technique, discovers, when his concentration grows deep, the first thing he hears is the cosmic sound. God appears to the devotee who meditates as Cosmic Sound, Cosmic Light, feeling of Cosmic Vibration, Cosmic Ever-New Joy, Cosmic Wisdom, Cosmic Love, Cosmic Devotion. These are the seven manifestations of God as distinctly felt by devotees who go deep in meditation.

Seven Manifestations of God

“It would be well for all devotees to remember about the seven manifestations of God which can be felt in meditation. Many devotees are bewildered about the manifestations of God and thus cannot realize these seven distinct manifestations of God. Any devotee who sees God in meditation not as a little light but as a Cosmic Light has God-contact. Likewise, any devotee who feels God as Cosmic Ever-New Joy or any of the seven manifestations can be certain he is contacting God. The devotee who contacts God as wisdom in meditation need not study books. A true devotee like him receives all wisdom through his intuition.”

In the above words Jesus clearly tells how God talks to the devotees through the Word or Cosmic Vibration. He also cautions his audience that listening once or twice to the cosmic sound was not enough, but that one must keep at it, that is, permanently keep the cosmic sound in his consciousness and be guided by it.

The original Praecepta Lessons for the first time in the Western World teaches its followers one of the greatest techniques of tuning in with God through the cosmic sound or
Holy Ghost. The Praecepta-given technique fulfills the promise of Christ of sending the Holy Ghost after his departure from the earth. Therefore, after twenty centuries, Christ will appear a second time in the consciousness of every devotee and follower of the original Praecepta-given technique of contacting the Holy Ghost, the Great Comforter.

Jesus, by speaking of the Holy Ghost as a Great Comforter, describes God as the Cosmic Vibration (Holy Ghost) and Word or Cosmic Sound or Amen. When Jesus speaks of the Holy Ghost as the Great Comforter, he means that God appears not only as the Cosmic Vibration but as Ever-New Joy in meditation which gives man the greatest comfort and freedom from all sorrows.

Jesus taught the technique of contacting God through the Holy Ghost, but through the centuries, due to strict secrecy, this technique has gone out of Christian living.

“And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, 'This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.’”

(Luke 11:29-32)

“The ordinary people seek a spectacular sign or miracle about the power and presence of God. But God seldom permits such spectacular demonstration of His presence.”

God's Daily Miracles

In the above words, Jesus points out that God is working enough miracles in nature and man that they should testify of Him. The all-powerful Heavenly Father, being endowed with all grace, is humble. He expects all His devotees, who want to be all-powerful like Him and manifest His true image, to be humble and not demonstrate miracles or signs just to satisfy the curiosity of unthinking, disbelieving people. Jesus worked miracles to help people and subtly demonstrate the presence of God. He never used miracles to suppress the wickedness of man by compulsion or brute force.

Jesus came to show the superiority of spiritual force over brute force. That is why He said, “I could borrow twelve legions of angels from my Father, but I will not. Let Thy will be done, O Lord.” The greatest miracle that Jesus performed on the cross was to conquer his enemies with an expression of love. Divine souls like Jesus, even when they use miracles, use them not as a challenge to brute force or wickedness of man but as a benign helping force humbly expressing the secret mightiness of God. Therefore, no devotees who possess miraculous powers should use them to forcibly suppress the wickedness of man or to satisfy his curiosity.
MEANING OF “WHEN THY EYE BE SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY SHALL BE FULL OF LIGHT”

"No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.'

"THE LIGHT OF THE BODY IS THE EYE: THEREFORE WHEN THINE EYE IS SINGLE, THY WHOLE BODY ALSO IS FULL OF LIGHT; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.'

"If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.”

(Luke 11:33-36)

"No true devotee likes to perform miracles or display his divine powers as a challenge to disbelievers. But when a devotee has lighted the candle of wisdom within him he doesn't put it in a secret place of his mind nor hide it under the bushel of indifference. He sets it on the candlestick of open and sincere living, that truth-seekers may see and profit by the light of his wisdom.

“The God-revealing light in the body is the spiritual eye in the middle of the forehead, as seen by devotees when their eyes are closed in meditation. When the devotee with half-closed eyes focuses his vision at the point between the eyebrows the two lights of the two eyes become one and single, visible as the single spiritual eye, the divine telescope with which the kingdom of God can be visioned. When the devotee can perceive through this spiritual eye, his whole body as well as his cosmic body becomes filled with the light emanating from cosmic vibration.

“But when a man's gaze and mind become concentrated on evil motives and actions, his life is filled with the darkness of ignorance and misery-making habits.”

Filled With Astral Light

“Therefore, take care that the cosmic light and wisdom which are in you do not remain hidden behind the darkness of ignorance, spiritual indifference and non-meditating habits. If your whole body is filled with astral light and wisdom, all physical and mental darkness will be gone and the whole cosmos will be seen as filled with cosmic light, cosmic wisdom and joy. Just as a brightly shining candle gives light, so when this light of Self-realization will be fully manifest in you, you will receive indescribable joy and the unending guidance of divine wisdom."

"And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat.

“And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.
“And the Lord said unto him, 'Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.'

“Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.'

“But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.'

“Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.'

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.”

(Luke 11:37-44)

“O ye hypocrites, you are used to display the physical cleanliness of your outer cup of life, but you neglect to clean your inner life which is filled with ravening and wickedness and evil thoughts. You are foolish not to know that God made both the outside and inside of the cup of your life. You should keep your outer life clean by good actions and your inner life clean by good thoughts and meditation. Your body, mind and soul, being made after the perfect image of God, must be kept uniformly perfect, by inner and outer discipline.

“You must not so concentrate on the outer discipline that you forget to cleanse your inner life. After cleaning your inner and outer life with wisdom and meditation, give alms or share your spiritual life with others. You will then find that the whole cosmos is filled with purity. Be pure and make others pure. But O ye hypocrites, you will reap many miseries due to your own evil actions. You prefer to tithe your people with money and spices but forget to teach them the law of karma or the law of cause and effect which divinely judges the actions of all men. You forget to teach them how they can purify their inward life by feeling the love of God in meditation. You ought first to have cleaned your inner life, at the same time not neglecting the cleansing of your outer life.”

Shun Outer Praise

“O ye Pharisees, you will attract misery unto yourselves through your love of man's recognition and not God's recognition. By your desire for human praise you keep your outer life hypocritically disciplined, thus forgetting to pay attention to the spiritualization of your inner life. By forgetting to cultivate the joys of eternal life you attract unto yourself much misery. Ignorantly you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues and the greetings of the people in the markets who feed your vanity, thus increasing your ignorance and aggravating your misery.

“Because of your hypocritical action of being outwardly holy for effect, you will attract much misery through the deepening of your ignorance. As the outward surface of a grave usually looks nice while its inside is filled with a hideous corpse, so, by your veneer of outward holiness you look like beautiful graves while your inside is filled with decaying life and rotting wisdom. People see your outside beauty and forget your inward ugliness.”
“Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, ‘Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.’

“And he said,'Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.’

"'Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.'

"'Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.'

"'Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

"'That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation:

"'From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, 'It shall be required of this generation.'

"'Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.'

"And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things:

"Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.”

(Luke 11:45-54)

“According to the law of karma the wickedness born from shedding the blood of prophets since the foundation of the world vibrates upon this wicked generation, causing them various miseries. The sins accruing from the blood of Abel and of Zacharias which perished before the altar of the temple, and of slain prophets vibrating in the ether, will cause many miseries to this generation.”

Etheric Vibrations

A very prominent honest lawyer of modern times said to his client: “If you want to keep out of trouble, keep away from lawsuits, and law courts, and lawyers, and from me, too, who is a lawyer.” Many wicked lawyers for mercenary gain have obscured truth by their clever arguments and freed criminals while sending the innocent to ruin or death. Many wicked lawyers have fought against truth and have been the cause of suffering to good men. Many wicked people have murdered prophets and saints. The evil effects (karma) resulting from the sins of murderers who go unpunished vibrate in the ether through generations, causing famines, fires, epidemics, pestilence, earthquakes, wars, bloody feuds and strifes, debauchery and wickedness. Just as disease germs spread by an unhygienic clan may persist and remain in a community even after the clansmen migrate away, so the bacteria of sinful vibrating thoughts and tendencies created by the people of one generation in a place persist and continue in the next or many later generations. All the different modern races of people of the earth are composed of the good and evil vibrations of all their forefathers since the earth began.
As an individual is responsible for all the seeds of actions of his past lives, subtly stored up in his subconscious mind and brain, so every individual race is responsible for the past actions of its fathers and forefathers subtly accumulated in the subconsciousness mind of that race. This is what makes racial differences – the Americans, utilitarians; Hindus, spiritual seekers; the English, colonists; the French, liberals; and so forth.

The Hindus love peace because their forefathers loved peace, and some of the Western nations want to fight because of their warlike ancestry. Every generation suffers or prospers more or less according to some of the past actions of its forefathers. That is what Jesus meant when he said: “The blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation.”

“In the meantime, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, ‘BEWARE YE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE PHARISEES, WHICH IS HYPOCRISY.’

‘FOR THERE IS NOTHING COVERED, THAT SHALL NOT BE REVEALED; NEITHER HID, THAT SHALL NOT BE KNOWN.’

‘THEREFORE WHATSOEVER YE HAVE SPOKEN IN DARKNESS SHALL BE HEARD IN THE LIGHT; AND THAT WHICH YE HAVE SPOKEN IN THE EAR IN CLOSETS SHALL BE PROCLAIMED UPON THE HOSETOPS.’”

(Luke 12:1-3)

“As fermentation spoils milk, so the Pharisees use hypocrisy to ferment and destroy their minds and souls. As the leaven secretly works in the bread, so hypocrisy secretly inflates the ego. No matter how people, like Pharisees, keep wickedness hidden beneath the mask of hypocritical goodness, still all hidden wickedness like fire will burn the veil which hides it and makes itself manifest to the world.”

All Will Be Known

“Nothing can be hidden which will not be known. All good and bad things are ultimately revealed. Even all wicked thoughts which people think and speak within themselves in the dark secrecy and privacy of their minds vibrate in the ether and are registered there.

“God, who is omnipresent and omniscient, knows all good and bad things which quietly come and go in the secrecy of human minds. Through the law of vibration, all secrets spoken or whispered in closets may be known in public some time or other. In reality there are no secrets in the world, for even when a man dies with certain secrets in his soul, they are openly read by God who has countless eyes in ether and all space. God, being the Mind of all minds and the Life of all the cosmos, knows everything which arises and dies in human minds and all things which happen in nature and every speck of cosmic space.”

“AND I SAY UNTO YOU MY FRIENDS, BE NOT AFRAID OF THEM THAT KILL THE BODY, AND AFTER THAT HAVE NO MORE THAT THEY CAN DO.
“BUT I WILL FOREWARN YOU WHOM YE SHALL FEAR: FEAR HIM, WHICH AFTER HE HATH KILLED HATH POWER TO CAST INTO HELL; YEA, I SAY UNTO YOU, FEAR HIM.

“ARE NOT FIVE SPARROWS SOLD FOR TWO FARTHINGS, AND NOT ONE OF THEM IS FORGOTTEN BEFORE GOD?

“BUT EVEN THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL NUMBERED. FEAR NOT THEREFORE: YE ARE OF MORE VALUE THAN MANY SPARROWS.”

(Luke 12:4-7)

“I vehemently declare unto you, my friends, (friends elected through the choice of my Father's love in my heart and not imposed upon me as relatives by nature) do not be afraid of those that threaten to kill your body, for even if they can do so, they cannot kill or cause grief to your mind or soul. But I will warn all those that are wicked, that you must learn to respect and love God who has the power, even after the death of your bodies, to make your souls conscious and consciously to make them suffer all their accumulated wickedness of one life or many lives. Therefore, learn more to fear your own wicked actions which can compel the divine law to make you conscious of your evil actions and tendencies even in the after-death state. You must fear to disobey the divine law which can make you conscious of your self-created after-death burning conscience and wicked tendencies (hell).”

Omniscience of God

“God being omniscient and omnipresent does not fail to direct the destiny of insignificant sparrows nor forget to count how many hairs you have on your head.

“All this universe with all its detail is planned by the intelligence of the Cosmic Father. When you will know Him, you will understand the why of all inexplicable circumstances and happenings and you will marvel at the wisdom of the Father which guides everything and tries to foil the inharmonious actions of Satan and Cosmic Delusion. You, being made in the image of God and much more valuable than sparrows, must not be afraid of divine negligence but must be sure that He will help you to retrace your footsteps to His Kingdom of Eternal Bliss, if you make the effort to know Him by deep meditation.”

By the above words, it must be realized that though fire and sword can hurt the body, ignorance hurts the soul after it passes out of the body. The conception of hell as a place where souls are burned with fire and smoke is ridiculous. Material fire can produce sensations of burning on the physical body only. In the after-death state, the soul is disembodied and cannot be conscious of physical sensation. But the soul could be conscious of hellish wicked tendencies acquired in the earth life. These wicked tendencies can create a self-created mental hell or torture which can be worse than a physical fiery hell.

A fiery hell can torture the body only for a little while, for the unconsciousness of death shuts out all physical sensations. But the mental hell of wickedness can persist in the soul in the after-death state indefinitely unless the individual soul repents and prays for release. Each soul by its stubborness and doggedness to be wicked even in the after-death state may make this mental hell everlasting as he desires. This is what is meant by everlasting hell-fire. In earthly life also one can create a mental hell.
“Also I say unto you, WHOSOEVER SHALL CONFESSION ME BEFORE MEN, HIM SHALL THE SON OF MAN ALSO CONFESSION BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD. BUT HE THAT DENIETH ME BEFORE MEN SHALL BE DENIED BEFORE THE ANGELS OF GOD.

“AND WHOSOEVER SHALL SPEAK A WORD AGAINST THE SON OF MAN, IT SHALL BE FORGIVEN HIM: BUT UNTO HIM THAT BLASPHEMETH AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST IT SHALL NOT BE FORGIVEN.

“AND WHEN THEY BRING YOU UNTO THE SYNAGOGUES, AND UNTO MAGISTRATES, AND POWERS, TAKE YE NO THOUGHT HOW OR WHAT THING YE SHALL ANSWER, OR WHAT YE SHALL SAY: FOR THE HOLY GHOST SHALL TEACH YOU IN THE SAME HOUR WHAT YE OUGHT TO SAY.”

(Luke 12:8-12)

“The intelligent Cosmic Vibration, the physical manifestation of God, will drop the specific needed wisdom within your developed intuition at the time you are required to speak something in defense of truth and yourself, living for its cause.”

In the above passages, Jesus tells advanced devotees to use the Cosmic Vibration and its wisdom, and not the ego with its limitations, for general guidance of conduct in critical moments. Most people speak, guided only by their selfishness, fear and limited ego. Hence the outcome of their speech often becomes disastrous to them. Advanced souls find it wise to guide their intelligence and free will and speech by the divine wisdom in the Holy Ghost (OM). All true devotees who have felt this Cosmic Sound or Holy Ghost in meditation can fruitfully guide their intuition and speech in all problems of life, according to the direction of infinite wisdom.

“And one of the company said unto him, 'Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.' And he said unto him, 'Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?'

(Luke 12:13-14)

“Materially-minded man, God and your karma should be the judge to divide the inheritance in question.”

In the above, Jesus signifies that he was principally interested in spiritual matters, therefore, he did not want to bother about the division of properties.

“And he said unto them, 'Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.'

(Luke 12:15)

It is quite usual for people who possess too many things to be unhappy, for their time is spent in worrying about their possessions and not in enjoying what they have. Jesus also points out that those persons who think their lives are secure because of possessions are greatly mistaken. He goes on to illustrate that point by the following parable:
“And he spake a parable unto them, saying, ‘The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?’ And he said, ‘This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.’"

“But God said unto him, ‘Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?’ So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

(Luke 12:16-21)

In the above words, Jesus speaks of the false security which covetousness for material possession imparts to the soul. Many men work so hard in the world for material things, and accumulate vast sums of money, only to die when they are about to enjoy them. Such events distinctly show how foolish it is to spend all one's time in making money for the fleeting body which can die at any moment.

It is better for every person to acquire the riches of lasting bliss of daily meditation, wisdom and divine qualities by serving others. Hard-earned material riches have to be forsaken without notice at the call of death, but all spiritual qualities acquired by meditation, self-denial and self-discipline are lasting treasures of the soul which accompany it to eternity when the body ceases to exist.

Material riches temporarily bring admiration from worldly people, but they are useless at death. Spiritual riches acquired by anyone may not attract admiration of worldly people but they are very useful to the soul in the after-death state. Spiritual riches ensure eternal freedom and the security of lasting happiness to the soul. Therefore, Jesus says, human beings should try their utmost to use the short precious time of life to acquire the harvest of immortality and not disillusionment.

Money and riches do not ensure freedom from sickness or death or accidents or mental sorrows, but the divine bliss acquired in meditation gives unchangeable happiness to the soul in moments of great trials and tribulations and also at the time of death. Jesus in his life demonstrated that. He gave up all material comforts and even the comfort of his flesh to become free and virtuous before the eyes of God.
"And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."

"Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?"

"Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?"

"AND SEEK NOT YE WHAT YE SHALL EAT, OR WHAT YE SHALL DRINK, NEITHER BE YE OF DOUBTFUL MIND. FOR ALL THESE THINGS DO THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD SEEK AFTER: AND YOUR FATHER KNOWETH THAT YE HAVE NEED OF THESE THINGS. BUT RATHER SEEK YE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU."

(Luke 12:22-31)

"Therefore, I say unto you, do not worry all the time as to what kind of food you will eat or how many styles of dress you will put on. It takes eternal life to sustain human life and not meat alone, you must realize that, and the body was made to express soul wisdom and not only to be decorated with dress.

"Look at the ravens – they do not complicate their lives by unnecessary desires or yearnings for unlimited riches and yet God feeds them, though they have no storehouse or barn nor money in the bank. You too – who are more important than ravens – will also be looked after by God, provided you learn to have absolute faith that He is the Life behind your life, and that bread and raiment are not the things that sustain and maintain your life.

"When you cannot add one cubit to your stature by all your struggles and efforts, then why should you worry about your body which is directly maintained by God and the abundance of nature and indirectly by your earning capacity and physical efforts?"

Consider the Lilies

"Look at the lilies, how they are beautiful and fragrant. They maintain themselves without a salary or starting a business! Solomon with all his acquired earthly powers and kingly dresses could not look so graceful and divine as the God-grown lily. God has the power of life and death over all big and small things; He will clothe you who are made in His image and yet have so little faith in the immortal powers within you as a direct descendent of God. Do not spend all your time looking after your bodily needs, and do not be in doubt
that God, who has given you life and created all edible things to sustain it, will remember to support your life.

“All the nations of the earth foolishly spend all their time seeking after food and drink and physical national well-being – that is why they mislead themselves and become involved in industrial selfishness leading to wars and destruction. Let the nations of the earth seek God instead and live beneath the canopy of international spiritual brotherhood. To such brother nations who live in peace and God-consciousness, the Heavenly Father, who knows the needs of all, bestows lasting prosperity, well-earned by international brotherhood, goodwill and international business. The nations of the earth and individuals who seek the kingdom of God by acquiring lasting happiness by daily meditation, will find that along with the acquirement of lasting spiritual happiness and harmony they will automatically attract health, prosperity, and material riches.”

In these words, Jesus gives to the nations of the earth and individuals the greatest recipe for individual and national happiness. The state of the modern man and nation who are money-mad distinctly shows that by selfishness they are wrecking individual and national happiness. Individual selfishness and patriotic selfishness both create disorder and want in the family and in the nation. Modern competitive business life is pernicious because each one tries to take away the possessions of others. Thus in a community of one thousand businessmen each businessman has 999 enemies and competitors. Jesus told each man to share his possessions with all. According to that law, each person in a community of 1000, has 999 helpers. If the dictators of different nations, instead of concentrating on armaments and patriotic selfishness, turned the minds of their followers toward the acquirement of peace, prosperity, international brotherhood and the bliss of meditation, the earth today would be a heaven; prosperity, health and material well-being would be added unto all the spiritual treasures of the nations.

Complications of Civilization

If the nations of the earth did not complicate civilization by industrial selfishness which leads to overproduction, then all peoples would have plenty to eat and to live in prosperity. But since patriotic selfishness and material prosperity are the sole aims of almost all nations, the world is thrown into chaos and confusion resulting in famine and the avoidable miseries of wars.

If all the nations of the earth lived in brotherhood and wanted to please God and Christ, they would exchange food and raiment and would never suffer from lack, famine or poverty. The present economic system of profiteering and exploitation has failed, and a brotherhood of nations and a brotherhood of necessary industries and industrialists can alone bring lasting prosperity to the world.

It is imperative now that individuals and nations forsake industrial selfishness, to feed and clothe the international body. Nations of the earth should learn to acquire wisdom, to meditate and be in tune with the Infinite, so they can feed the national soul with everlasting happiness. Nations who are rich in prosperity but not in wisdom and God-bliss of meditation may lose their unbalanced material prosperity through civil war, fights between capital and labor, and troubles with envious neighbors who may be jealous of their material prosperity. Capital and labor like brain and limbs should cooperate for the happiness of the body and soul of the nation and not fight and run into mutual destruction.

Individuals and nations living in tune with God and His ideals of brotherhood and peace would exist in perpetual prosperity and spiritual happiness. But all nations who
believe in the power of the sword and in industrial and patriotic selfishness sooner or later bring physical, mental and spiritual disaster to themselves and other brother nations.

God, who is the Provider of the cosmos, knows the needs of individuals and nations and if He feeds the raven how much more would He provide everything to the individual and the nation who are in tune with His ideals!

Modern chaotic conditions over the world are the result of living by ungodly ideals. Individuals and nations can be protected from utter destruction if they live by heavenly ideals of brotherhood, industrial cooperation and international exchange of earthly goods and spiritual experiences. Patriotic selfishness has failed to impart national security and prosperity and instead has brought on national disasters, wars, unemployment, fears, insecurity, starvation and natural calamities (such as earthquakes, hurricanes, dust storms which are the indirect results of the accumulated evil actions of individuals and nations).

Material Riches

In the above words, Jesus did not mean that no one should eat or put on clothes, or meet the conditions imperative to life. He meant that people should not spent their lives in just thinking of food and clothing as most of the people of the world do. Great scientists and literary men also eat and dress, but their whole minds are engrossed in the subjects in which they have specialized.

Jesus warns people not to be material and use all their energies in worrying about food and raiment. Jesus tells us to concentrate on eternal life which is the source of all lives, and attain immortality, while casually eating or clothing the body without much worrying. Jesus ate and clothed himself but his whole mind was on God. By this he found the source of life and did not waste time in acquiring the transitory necessities which support the impermanent bodily house of the immortal soul.

Likewise, nations of the earth could be much happier if they advocated plain living and high thinking and concentrated their minds in spiritual development, poetry and philosophy and less on complicated business development and money-madness which leads to the destruction of physical happiness. Business is for the happiness of man and man was not made for business. Only that much business is necessary which does not interfere with the spiritual development of man. Modern business being competitive takes the entire time of man and leaves him ragged and thus makes him unable to concentrate in making his life truly and spiritually happy.

"FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK; FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. SELL THAT YE HAVE, AND GIVE ALMS; PROVIDE YOURSELVES BAGS WHICH WAX NOT OLD, A TREASURE IN THE HEAVENS THAT FAILETH NOT, WHERE NO THIEF APPROACHETH, NEITHER MOTH CORRUPTETH. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO."

(Luke 12:32-34)

“Fear not, little flock of devotees, for through your devotion the Father will feel justified and pleased to give you the kingdom of Omnipresence which belongs to you as you are made in His image.”
“Your only desire being to know God and to follow the path of renunciation, sell all your earthly property and give away the money received to the poor and the needy. Do not concentrate in carrying material bags which rot and decay with use but carry with you the undecaying receptacle of intuition developed by deep meditation. Store there the treasures of wisdom, ever-new bliss, consciousness of Omnipresence, which will never fail or be taken away from you. Such heavenly treasures acquired by meditation cannot be taken away by the thief of death or destroyed by the moth of time. Worldly people concentrate on the insecurity of material pleasures, but let your heart be concentrated on your acquired everlasting pleasures of God-realization.”

In the above words, Jesus points out that prodigal children of God must remember the divine image in them and thus merit spiritual emancipation. No one can wrest the spiritual kingdom from God by following the spiritual law alone, for the Heavenly Father reserves the right to give salvation when He thinks fit. But it must also be remembered that God already made man in His image and therefore man is bound to recover his divinity even though he is deeply buried beneath the debris of incarnations of delusion. It has been the good pleasure of the Heavenly Father to stamp His perfect image in all His human children and when they forsake their identification with their human nature and bring out their perfect divine image, then and then only the Heavenly Father is pleased to receive them back in His home of immortality.

In the above words, Jesus enunciates the duty of the man of absolute renunciation who wants to know God alone by forsaking everything else. That is why Jesus says all renunciates who have any possessions should sell them and give alms, and concentrate only on acquirement of the bag of intuition full of the heavenly treasures of imperishable divine qualities.

"’Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS, WHOM THE LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND WATCHING: VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT HE SHALL GIRD HIMSELF, AND MAKE THEM TO SIT DOWN TO MEAT, AND WILL COME FORTH AND SERVE THEM.

‘And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. BE YE THEREFORE READY ALSO: FOR THE SON OF MAN COMETH AT AN HOUR WHEN YE THINK NOT.’

‘Then Peter said unto him, ’Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?’ And the Lord said, ’Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?’

‘Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, ’My lord delayeth his coming;’ and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidsens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.’
‘And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.’

‘But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. FOR UNTO WHOMSOEVER MUCH IS GIVEN, OF HIM SHALL BE MUCH REQUIRED: AND TO WHOM MEN HAVE COMMITTED MUCH, OF HIM THEY WILL ASK THE MORE.’”

(Luke 12:35-48)

“Keep your spiritual will ready and concentrated within, beholding the different lights or stars in the spinal cord by which you can lead your consciousness from the finite body to the infinite by sending your consciousness and life force through them into Spirit. You should be like true devotees waiting for the divine cosmic consciousness to be manifest in your bodily house, after that cosmic consciousness returns from its wedded unity with all nature and thus distinctly makes itself manifest through the consciousness of the devotee without the hidden covering of nature's manifestations.”

Cosmic Consciousness

“When the cosmic consciousness comes and knocks at the gates of the devotee’s intuition it must be received with devotion. Those servants and devotees of God are blessed with eternal emancipation when the cosmic consciousness arrives in their consciousness and finds them alive with wisdom and watching to receive God and disband ignorance.

“Verily I declare by the truth which I feel within me, God shall come to the true devotee and serve him with the meat of true wisdom and divine communion. And when God comes, once or twice or thrice, in the watchful consciousness of the devotees, they will be blessed by spiritual freedom for having passed all the tests of divine communion. That devotee is good who keeps his bodily and mental house well guarded with wisdom so that the thief of ignorance cannot come in suddenly and break through his consciousness, stealing his spiritual qualities. Just as the thief enter suddenly and stealthily in a house, so remember that Christ Consciousness comes to the devotee suddenly and stealthily to see if he is ready to receive him.”

Delay is Dangerous

“The true devotee is always watchful and receives the Christ Consciousness no matter when it comes, but the fitfully wise devotee often misses the manifestation of Christ Consciousness. That servant who is unceasingly faithful and constantly wise and ever-watchful, is made master by the Lord God of his bodily and mental house, and is given enough meat or wisdom to control all his servant senses. When the Christ Consciousness suddenly visits the devotee and finds him alive with wisdom, then truly that devotee finds complete self-mastery over himself by the permanent contact of Christ Consciousness.

“But the careless and whimsical devotee who thinks that he will not meditate every day because the manifestation of God Consciousness is delayed, and thus goes on to ill-treat his servant senses and insult and misuse the maidens of his fine feelings and to enjoy sense objects and be drunk with delusion, will find that the Christ Consciousness will be
consciously manifested to him some day when he will not be looking for it, at a time when he will not be spiritually watchful and, finding him spiritually negligent, will separate and go away from the careless devotee's consciousness.

“Such a negligent devotee due to his devotion receives a temporary contact of God but through negligence loses Him again and becomes classed with the unbelievers who never have the contact of God. That devotee who intuitively felt God's will and did not prepare himself to meet the divine testes or obey the divine will shall find himself lashed by worries and the acute sorrow of losing God after finding Him. But that devotee who is unconsciously neglectful of God's coming will not suffer so much. Much watchfulness and spiritual sanity is required of devotees with wisdom, just as men expect much from responsible social leaders.”

In the above, Jesus speaks of advanced devotees who should never concentrate on the body but on the seven receptacles of energy in the spine and divine consciousness so that ignorance may never invade them and they be always ready to receive the manifestation of God who is hidden behind His consort, nature. The returning of the Lord from the wedding signifies that God is hidden and busy in nature, but He disbands all the delusions of natural manifestations and reveals Himself as cosmic consciousness and light to the true devotee.

God may come, due to the careless devotee's devotion, but goes away because he is negligent and indulges in sense enjoyment. Those devotees who consciously know that God can manifest in them and yet neglect to renounce sense pleasure, find the sudden manifestation of God in them and His sudden departure. Such devotees then realize the acuteness of mental suffering for having found God, the Emancipator of the universe, and then suddenly losing Him.

The Purpose of God

The purpose of God visiting the devotee is that He always responds to the devotee's devotion, but if the devotee happens to lead an unspiritual life He goes away after manifesting Himself in a glimpses to the devotee. While the disappearance of God from such careless devotees seems to bring suffering to them, still the devotees should be encouraged to seek God permanently. Thousands believe that the contact of God is impossible but the careless devotee knows differently even if for only a little while. Even in his suffering he realizes that he will be able to know God permanently by forsaking his careless unspiritual habits.

Then Jesus speaks of the third class of devotees who follow spiritual rules mechanically. If by chance they contact God for a trice in meditation, they don't suffer much for losing Him, because of lack of depth in their spiritual feeling for God.

God never beats the devotees with stripes but they feel the pangs of suffering through their own folly of losing God after once finding Him. When the devotee's devotion is ripe, God manifests Himself unto him, even though he may not be looking for divine manifestations. But to contact God permanently, the devotee must be ever-watchful of his divine consciousness in the states of sleep, dream and wakefulness. Any devotee who emphasizes any bodily or mental act other than concentrating wholly on God cannot retain Him permanently.
"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three.'

"The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.' And he said also to the people, 'When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower;' and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, 'There will be heat;' and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?'"

(Luke 12:49-57)

"I am come on earth to spread the fire of wisdom which will mercilessly burn all barriers of ignorance. Now that fire is already kindled with the fire of ignorance-burning wisdom and how can I feel satisfied until that is accomplished? Some of you who think that I came on earth only to give peace, are mistaken, for my wisdom is going to create also division, between the good and the bad. All my followers who follow me in truth and understanding will separate themselves from those who live in darkness. Peace cannot reign in a family where the father may follow my teachings and the son may follow satanic delusions."

In the above words, Jesus is speaking about the fiery nature of wisdom. Wisdom gives peace to those who are in tune with it and burns those who are against it. Truth is like a fire which handled properly gives warmth and light, but anyone who tries to get into it and wrestle with it, gets burned.

Truth has a fiery vibration. True devotees tune themselves with truth by raising their vibration by spiritual discipline, but ignorant people who fight truth by ignorance find themselves miserable.

"When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.'"


"Any devotee who in his introspection finds that his adversary – the karmic law – has arrayed him before the magistrate of cosmic law, must pray that he be delivered from reaping the results of his bad actions, for most people condemned by the judge of cosmic law are delivered into the prison of suffering by the officers of karmic tendencies (tendencies arising from evil actions.) I tell you that you cannot get away from the tribunal of the cosmic law and law of karma governing all human actions until you have paid up by working out your evil karmas, by suffering and prayer."
In the above words, Jesus is speaking of the inscrutable law of cause and effect governing all actions (law of karma), so that when a person has already performed good or evil actions, he must reap their good and bad results. The law of evil karma is the great adversary of man for it brings numerous sufferings. Man can be partially and in time wholly free from the effects of evil karma if he continuously prays for pardon to the divine magistrate, the maker of the cosmic law, which governs all lives and all actions.

“There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, ‘Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?’

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?’ I tell you, ‘Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.’”

(Luke 13:1-5)

In the above words, Jesus is speaking of the law of karma (cause and effect which governs all human actions). Jesus is correcting an error in the minds of those who thought they were virtuous because they were living while those that were killed by Pilate or the falling of the tower were great sinners.

It is ridiculous for escaped murderers to pity those murderers who have paid the penalty with death. For the escaped murderers will meet the same fate whenever they happen to be caught. Likewise Jesus explained that the people around him were actual sinners for whom lawful punishment awaited. It was ridiculous for them to think that the slain Galileans and the eighteen perished by the tower were greater sinners. Jesus meant that death by legal law or accident did not always show that persons dead were great sinners. Some people living might be much greater sinners than those who were dead. Death is not always the result of sins, neither does God send death because of one’s sinful actions.

Sin certainly brings spiritual death, loss of immortal joy which is greater than physical death. Sin brings torture of conscience and corroding inner mental punishment which sometimes are greater than physical death. So Jesus says, “Don’t think that the slain people were greater sinners, for among you are sinners greater than them. Unless you mend your ways and forsake your evil actions, your spiritual life will perish which will be greater than physical death.” Jesus warns against the practice of some people who never analyze themselves, thinking they are more virtuous than others who have suffered disease or death.