

Spiritual Power

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Invocation:

We leave aside the material plane and physical world and bid you rise in spirit into the spheres of light. Create in your hearts the image of the heavenly worlds and the form of the Perfect One, Christ the Lord of the Sun. We pray that Thy light may shine in and through our being; and may we learn, O Great Spirit, from Thy life as it is known to us on earth through the love and beauty of the personality of Christ. We reach higher to our Creator Father-Mother, the dual principle of life. O Great Being, we would learn to worship Thee and to comprehend Thy universe and Thy laws of life; and in Thy holy name we call upon the angels of wisdom, love and power to protect, to guide and to inspire the servants of the Son of God.

Amen.

You are increasingly aware of the desire amongst men* for knowledge of spiritual worlds. You are also aware that there is a power within man that can open for him the gates of heaven.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

We spoke at the last meeting on healing and gave a description of the construction of the etheric body of man and of the seven chakras used in the process of spiritual healing. We emphasised spiritual healing because all physical disease is due to lack of ease and has its origin in the soul, not in the physical organism. It can be brought over in the pre-consciousness of man as the outcome of some former incarnation, although many resent this idea because having no memory of past misdeeds they do not see why they should suffer. But this is the law, and children cannot either understand or reason: they must accept these things, and so it is with the soul of man. It accepts subconsciously the divine order and the divine plan for the final absolution or regeneration of the soul through pain and suffering.

We are not here to dwell upon pain and suffering tonight. We speak about the power which is within all children of God, which is known by various names. We shall call it the spiritual power or the divine light, a term which will suffice for the moment. That same force or power can be felt by all. You can feel it impinging upon your aura from another's aura or from the discarnate and other invisible companions of your journey, or from the hierarchies who come to minister to men.

These great ones work under the guidance and stimulation of the Lord of the Sun, whom in your western world you worship as the Christ spirit. These great ones of the Christ Circle who descend to the earth stimulate in man and in the earth itself his divine light. We would have you get a more universal idea of this force, this light, this life. You are so limited and cramped in your conceptions. You sincerely strive to realise this spiritual power, but it is at present like pouring a volume of pure water through a very small channel. Much of this life force does not succeed in entering the human channel. It overflows but it is never wasted, for it returns again in due course to the centre from which it flows. Thus there is a continual outpouring, continual return of this life, this light and power.

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We would have you realise that you have within yourself a centre of light and power, but for the masses* this centre lies closed and dormant. It will remain so until man has reached that point on the path of spiritual evolution when of his own freewill and accord he humbly seeks entrance into the temple of initiation. In every man there lies power not only to enter that temple but to create himself the temple of the spirit. This is the destiny of the Christ child within the cave of man's own innermost being. The Christ child is born of the two divine principles of life: the Mother-aspect, the love-wisdom, the feminine aspect—we will also call it the 'negative' aspect, and the Father-principle, representative of power as well as wisdom. Through the impregnation of these two forces the Christ child is created. These two first principles of life are also recognised as the soul (the feminine) and the spirit (the masculine) principle. With perfect union of these two, known to the ancient ones and to the Illuminati as the mystical marriage, the only-begotten son is born.

*[*That is, the greater part of humanity – the term is not derogatory.]*

You feel that you have a long way to go before you begin to comprehend this profound spiritual truth but you cannot judge. You may feel at this moment very remote but you know not the hour when the Son of Man cometh. You have been bidden by the Lord Christ to watch and pray, to be ready, to be simple in life, to be loving, to be watchful of your thoughts, your actions. Never cease to aspire. True prayer is aspiration. Watch and pray. Be watchful of life and be aspiring towards God.

Beloved ones, you know without repetition on our part that within you all lies opportunity to grow in spirit, to grow in stature until you too become as the Master, for did He not say, 'What I do, ye shall do also.*' We would hold this ideal ever before you. Do not be cast down. It is good to recognise shortcomings, for humility is a true companion of the aspirant on the path. Humility and love are the two deacons who receive you at the door, and who conduct you step by step in steady perambulation around the temple of the Christ. Golden light floods this structure; it is also constructed of golden light. Perhaps we are taking you a little too far away. Nevertheless try to open your mind to the glory of the heavenly life and do not think that because you are caged in the flesh you must necessarily keep your nose to the ground. Keep your feet on the earth but lift your faces towards the heavens, for the light which floods into you from on high will steady your feet and guide them in the right path. Have confidence in this divine light. Surrender with a tranquil mind and a heart full of love to this infinite wisdom. We are not speaking of some nebulous force that you do not understand and you feel is very distant. This divine fire is within your very being, and as you raise your faces to the sun, the rays of the sun stimulate this individual spark. You need to work to bring this life into manifestation, not in haste but with a mind and heart fixed steadily upon the one source and the truth of life—God the Father—God the Mother—and God the Son, the Saviour of earth's humanity.

*[*Actually 'The works that I do shall he do also' John 14 : 12]*

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We commenced by saying that at the present time you are seeing a stimulation of this divine light in mankind. There was a like stimulation of the spirit in man nearly two thousand years ago—at the beginning of the age of Pisces. With the age of Pisces now passing away, we enter into Aquarius, which is the age of the mind and the spirit. Much work has to be done and much which is unwanted has to be cleaned away. Sometimes the cleansing process is painful, for it means a breaking up of old, outworn conditions. All have to go. You must be prepared for the incoming of this new age and welcome new ways of life, new religions, new methods in healing, new ideas in literature, art and music. You will notice that in art and in music already the breaking up of the old has begun. You may think that art has become unbeautiful, but look at the colours which are being introduced—the richness of the colouring in modern art, which may appear crude, but in course of time there will come purification of these colours, and shades not yet known are to be given to mankind. The same applies to music. The stimulating nature of certain sounds and harmonies all tend to rouse in man this desire for beauty. This beauty sleeps until she is ready to awaken and blaze forth in all her glory through men and women.

You will find in development of clairvoyance and clairaudience, which you yourselves are now experiencing, that in the early stages you see wonderful colours which you think due to imagination. You may hear strains and imagine you are hearing heavenly music, not realising that these manifestations are coming from within your own innermost being, and are due to the stirring of divine life, divine power. The Lord Christ came not only to stimulate this power in mankind but to give also the knowledge of the true way, the true path to take. Love comes first. Love one another. Be brothers to each other. This brings balance, unification, and unification and balance together bring strength. First must come individual strength and self-mastery, then the unification of the whole. This not only applies individually but also nationally and internationally. The various nations are all feeling this stimulation and are struggling for self-government, not realising that they are really struggling for self-expression and manifestation of this divine spirit nationally.

All nations must go through this process of self-realisation, or of what they are pleased to call their independence. The answer is that it is all part of the divine plan—first individual self-realisation, then national self-realisation, and then unification. So we proceed on the evolutionary path until we come to that state of life which will be one government, one supreme head over all nations, in which there will be operating initiates, masters who have attained complete mastery over their weaknesses, and then this one great universal brotherhood when all nations will be as one and every nation will be as an individual, but with a perfect harmonisation of all.

This is no dream beyond realisation, for we are approaching what is known in the heavens as a golden age. Already you can see if you use your eyes and minds the dawn of this spiritual force and the tendency today for mankind to tap the secrets of the spiritual worlds.

Remember, my children, that this same spiritual power can also reveal the secrets of nature. Mother Earth opens her arms and looks up to the heavens towards her lord the Sun, and the sun pours forth its rays which stimulate life in Mother Nature.

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Would that we could continue this theme, for there is much we would say about the womanhood of the race and the place of women in the new age, but this must be left for a further talk.

One more point we would touch upon: We would speak of those whom you call masters. Who are these people, these beings, these great ones? Are they very remote? Or are you in contact with them? How many masters are there in the heavens? We will answer that question first. Their numbers are legion. Masters are those souls who have through love and self-discipline attained mastery over themselves. Because they have gained self-mastery they have a degree of mastery over the elements, over physical matter. Having won a degree of freedom they can live and manifest on more than one plane, in more than one place at a time. They are unlimited by time and space. This power within them has grown and has risen into the head and they have received divine illumination. Compared with the limitation of the masses of mankind they are free. Not all of them pass beyond the earth, for it is their joy to return sometimes to live in the physical body—or very nearly the physical body—in order to help the younger souls and those who need love and guidance. They walk by their side. They do not waste time or power but live to serve God and mankind.

There are many, many such beings. They are messengers to men, and every one of you is entitled to receive communication with such as these. They do not wish to be worshipped. They are humble and gentle brethren. In the past ages countless souls have withdrawn from mortal life to seek the glories of the spiritual state and to study and to learn self-discipline. They have learned the inner secrets of self-development, self-unfoldment. They have learned the secrets of the awakening of the sleeping beauty of the soul. These secrets are sacred and cannot be forced. They can only be discovered by the individual in the process of self-discipline, self-mastery, and through living the life as exemplified by Jesus the Christ, by the Lord Buddha, by the Lord Sri Krishna, Osiris, Mohammed, by all the world's avatars, by the Indian masters and their disciples—the path of selfless, loving service, the path of humility and gentleness, the path of knowledge. This path is your path, and they who come to minister unto you come with love and patience. Open your hearts, my children, to this truth and this divine love. God bless you; God bless you, Christ children.

You do not need to voice gratitude. We see and feel the impulses of your hearts. We are happy and grateful to have the opportunity to reach you. If you only knew the happiness you give to your loved ones in spirit when you truly open the door of your souls, when you open your minds and your hearts to their presence! Never forget this. The power of the spirit is great with us tonight. We have received on this day an unusual outpouring of the rays of the sun, for we are close to the summer solstice, always a great day for the Brotherhood of the Light, and we in company with you have shared this summer baptism of spiritual light.

Let us raise our hearts and minds until we reach the very throne, the blazing altar. We worship; we worship; we adore the source of light, beauty and happiness. O Gracious Spirit, we would come into Thy presence and raise all earth's people into Thy light, so that they may

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know how to live in glory of the spirit, in beauty, harmony and peace. May we retain this picture as our goal.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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