

Abiding Heavenly Peace

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Invocation:

We raise our hearts to the Great Spirit. Thou Who art all Love, Wisdom and Power, we surrender ourselves to Thee, praying that the light of the Sun may shine within our hearts. We pray that Thy power may be felt in this little group; that every heart may be inspired with service to Thee and to all mankind*. And we pray that the wisdom of love may descend upon each one present, so that through love they may become wise in their human relationships, wise in their outlook upon life, wise in their treatment of their instrument, the physical body, which Thou hast provided for man to enable him to learn from experience the pure secrets of love; so that he may return in due time to the heavenly home which is awaiting every true initiate of the pure and holy spiritual state of life. For Thy blessing we thank Thee, O divine, blessed Father—Mother God.

Amen.

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

Brethren, let us rise in consciousness above the darkness of earth, or, as our beloved Lord said: 'Leave all and follow me.' Why did he say this? Because he had the precious secret of life and joy, and indeed of all power, the secret of heaven as well as of life upon earth. Again, remember his words: 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.'

We want to talk for a while, if we may, about the magic word 'love.' The ancients used to say in the temples and mystery schools that within the human heart, which means of course within the lotus of the heart chakra, hangs the key—the only key which will unlock the door of the mysteries of the spiritual life, and the mysteries of the heavens above and the earth beneath. This may seem a bold statement. It may be difficult for some to grasp, particularly for the young, eager minds who try to learn about these mysteries by reading books. There are a few of our beloved young Eaglets* here, as well as older members of the Lodge. The latter may have gained understanding from experience; on the other hand, some are still groping and struggling for understanding, while the young, eager minds are often misled by words, words, words, particularly when they are printed.

*[*The name of the young people's group in the Lodge at that time.]*

Truth is a paradox, and you will notice that we sometimes apparently contradict ourselves. Well now, if you ever think this, be patient, because truth is full of apparent contradictions and there is more than one side to truth. You must be patient and if you hear what you think are contradictory statements, say to yourself: 'Well, I only know the one side; I will wait and I am sure the other side will be shown, and it is only my limited understanding which makes the statements appear contradictory.'

Now, let us go back again to our search, because everyone who comes into the Lodge is seeking something. Indeed, you are all here, children of earth, because you are seeking truth. It may be a long search, but maybe you will find what you are seeking in this day of life,

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which will be a wonderful thing. It is not impossible; the way is always open, but you have to tread the way, and many obstacles lie in your path, as indeed in the path of us all.

One of the greatest obstacles is of course man's mortal, his material mind. This material mind is a great enemy because it is so deceptive, dressing itself up as it does in fine clothes. People, particularly in this day of life, have reached a point where they begin even to adore, to worship the earthly mind and believe the intellect to be supreme and far on the way to finding truth. Do not be hoodwinked, either young or old people, by a lot of modern intellectualism. This has its place, but only so long as its place is known and recognised. Never be misled by a lot of grand words strung together which, when analysed, mean just nothing. Look deeply for truth. 'But oh,' you will exclaim: 'How do we find this truth for which we are all searching and searching?' It is not necessarily to be found in religion, or in the religions of the past. Again do not be misled. You will find much that is erroneous there because the pure truth originally given through the lips of a true master has been taken, altered and twisted to suit the material mind of man. The followers of some of these religions have strayed farther and farther away from pure truth.

Truth is essentially simple, and because of its simplicity people miss it. Another reason why truth is overlooked is because it is not easily found, and indeed cannot be found by the earthly mind, nor put in forms, ceremonies and ritual. At this you may say: 'Oh, but you yourself employ ritual.' Yes. All life is a form of ritual, and it has its place in the scheme of things. Ritual is an orderly way of proceeding which calls into operation harmonies, powers, which will assist man's spirit to advance on the path of spiritual unfoldment. We nevertheless repeat that truth is not found in forms and ceremonies but in something beyond ritual, beyond form and ceremony.

What man is seeking is manifesting in life everywhere. Do not try to separate matter from God, nor yet matter from spirit. Matter is created by spirit, and matter in all forms is the result of the working or the development of the life of spirit, or God. Some people feel closer to God in a garden, on the moors or the mountains. Some will tell you, if they spoke from heart's truth, that they felt nearer to God on a lonely sea. Others feel nearer to God when listening to beautiful music. Others have felt close to God when they gazed upon or painted a beautiful picture. A mother, if she spoke truly, would tell you that she felt God most when she gave birth to her babe, or when she looked into its eyes, in that indescribable spiritual *rapport* that means so much to a mother. Two friends come near to God in the love they feel for each other, spirit to spirit.

These feelings cannot be put into earthly language; it can only be a silent communion and an inner knowing of God—God in man—God in your companion. Are we not getting very close to God now? You see, when man can feel and see the light of spirit in his companion, he is actually seeing God. This is the goal and the ideal human life all are seeking—this moment when man realises in a blinding flash the light; when he becomes at one with God and life, with God and man. Now this, my children, is an experience which comes to man while living in a physical body, and this coming face-to-face with God is finding truth. Man does not recognise it as truth yet, but he has a feeling. Yes, feelings can sometimes be misleading, but

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there is one factor which can never mislead. That is the sight of your spirit. Do you know what we mean? Spiritual vision, the vision which can look out on life and see God in manifestation through form. This is the search that you all follow—a search for God.

You will in due time understand what we mean when we say that the key into the kingdom of heaven is love. The key is to be found in your heart. There are many forms of love, many degrees of love. Perhaps for your easier understanding, it will be better to think in terms of the love of a mother for a child. Then translate that love to the love of Divine Mother for her child. Here is a subject worthy of your meditation. Meditate upon this love. Picture her manifesting not only through physical form, but as the Divine Mother in all nature—as the Mother Earth, producer of all life, beauty, purity and sweetness, and of the food so bountifully given to sustain man. You could not live without the bounty of Divine Mother. Try to feel a sense of thankfulness which will develop into worship and adoration of this supreme love and power. Think often about it.

Jesus gave to humanity the finest, the purest, the most simple teaching. He answered every question put to him simply and accurately, and the basis of every answer that he gave was love. People still think that love is sentimental rubbish—particularly those in the outer world. The material mind of man urges him to gain for himself, to look after himself, to see that he, Number One, is all right. Thus, the material mind urges man to acquire for himself, never minding what his brother does. Thereby he is violating the basic law of life, of happiness, of health. This basic law of blessing to mankind is love. Jesus said, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God,' and secondly, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' 'Upon these two hang all the law and the prophets,' meaning that in these two statements everything, all truth was to be found.

Love, love, love is the creative Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwells within you. Analyse these words, children, 'And the Word was made flesh.' You are that flesh; you live in a body of flesh. Was not your body created out of love? Yes—love is the law. Love brings light, happiness and peace of mind. When you are in torture mentally, when you have lost your way in life, when you feel lonely and cut off, it is because you are out-of-tune, out-of-touch, or have not found love. Shall we call this divine love? No. We prefer tonight to merely use the word 'love.' Love is the key and the only key—we say it without equivocation—the only key which will unlock the gate to heaven, which will unlock the gate of the temple of the holy mysteries. You may read whole libraries; you may study all kinds of physical science but you will not find love. There is only the one way to true wisdom, to true comprehension of yourself, of your life and of the whole universe. The sooner your clever scientists realise this, the quicker will they discover those inner secrets of nature they struggle to learn. Meanwhile they have to be withheld, because man must first learn the true meaning and the vital importance of love.

At the present time you see one country struggling against another, all wanting to gain dominion. You are wondering if this will ever cease; will it cease before man succeeds in destroying the planet. Will he succeed in destroying the planet? No! There are beings,

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guardians of the planet, who have the care of mankind. At the same time the law of karma is ever at work. As the individual or nation sows in karma, so he must reap.

Read the sayings of Jesus carefully, because his teachings are still not understood in the orthodox Christian religion. Instead they are passed over, and misapplied, or not applied at all, exactly as has happened in all religions of the past. Truth only cometh from a true master. A master is a saint. A master is one who has learnt the truth, through experience; he has learnt to put into practice the law which governs all life—the law of love. Love is the fulfilling of the law. And love is God, and God is truth.

Now, how are you personally to find the way to truth? First of all, may we gently and simply repeat that if you will study the simple teachings of Jesus; if you will read with attention the teachings already given from our world, you will find therein simple truth; then, if you will apply the advice, the guidance given to you over the past twenty-five years, you will find truth. The way inward is the way into the kingdom of heaven. Now, you won't find heaven expressed in words outside in the world; you will only find heaven in the inner world of light. We have told you many times that you die every night of your life and do not know the moment you die; as suddenly you wake up in the morning and say: 'I have had a very good night'—or the reverse. When the latter happens it is because your mortal or earthly mind is holding you a prisoner; you are thinking about things subconsciously. You see the conscious mind has many levels of thought; so, if all this earthly stuff is very active you cannot fall into a sweet sleep. The moment will come, however, when all is ready, when you will go to sleep and slip out of your physical body, and when you wake up it will not be in a physical world—but if you are wise now, in a world of light.

The reason we are speaking to you as a living voice through this vehicle is because we have a work to do for humanity. This work is to help all people who are ready to listen to find their way into that world of light in full consciousness, so that they will know about the world they are going to before they drop the physical body. With the development of the power of pure spirit within, you too can learn how to go into the world of light at will, and once there will meet your master—see him as a living being, clothed in a body like your own, but of finer ether; you will receive from him (or possibly her) words of love, comfort, wisdom, understanding of your needs. You will be enveloped in the master's love. But before you can reach that point you will have to train yourself, discipline yourself, and must commence simply. 'Except ye become as a little child, ye cannot enter that kingdom.' A little child is simple, humble and obedient.

Now, the Master asks obedience from his pupil. Obedience! The Master places lessons before you and tells you how to execute them. Therefore you have to be obedient to the instructions of your Master. If you say: 'I know better,' very well then, try. Follow your own devices; go your own way. What will happen will create in you (in time) a very deep humility. Next time, you will say: 'Master, do with me what thou wilt. I am ready to obey.' At that moment your heart will be overflowing with love.

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First of all then, humility; become as a little child. Second, you must learn in all your human relationships to be gentle. Do not argue. Do not let that knotty mind of the earth, or the physical body, argue you out of it. Be gentle, kind and loving. Remember your ideal of the Master, and since you know the gentle spirit of the Master, by the actions of any one of your companions you will know how near he or she is to the Master. The Master is all love, all gentleness, all humility. Only he can take you through the gate into the world of heavenly light and perfect harmony, where you will experience that complete and perfect love for which your spirit longs in this wilderness of the world.

Love ... love one another.

Benediction:

O Great Spirit, Creator of Life, Thou Who are all Love, we pray that Thy servants may not weary in doing Thy work. O Gracious Spirit, stimulate in our hearts the love of Thy Son, Thine only-begotten, first-born Son, Love; and fill these earth children with that heavenly peace which comes from love.

Amen.

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