

To Know All Things

T255 The Inner Teachings 29th April 1958 St Mary Abbot's Place, London

Invocation:

We enter the sanctuary of prayer, worship, adoration of the Most High—our Creator; Great Spirit of Love, from Whom cometh the light, we would open our hearts and minds to Thy infinite blessing and would thank Thee for the inestimable gift of spiritual and eternal life. May all present in this temple open their inner vision to see the Lord Christ enthroned.

Amen.

We are speaking from spiritual heights. We bring you all love and peace. We would raise your thoughts, your aspirations to the plane of spirit and to the celestial world, so that you may not only hear with your physical ears in the language of earth but you will hear with your spiritual hearing. Your feelings will be stirred and you will feel and know that all around you are beings of light, of divine intelligence, who are waiting to use you for the upliftment of this earth. Try to respond, dear children of earth, to their help, their guidance, for the time has come for their message to be given to the earth people.

This means that the illumined beings who are gathered here tonight would use you (however small your capacity or however large) to be a messenger to tell men* about the way of the spirit, the power of the spirit. You may think that we are talking obscurely. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!

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

You all know that within you are the two aspects of life, positive and negative, wisdom and ignorance, light and darkness, spirit and body. The body wars with the spirit, particularly the earthly mind, which comes to you in many disguises to try to turn you from your true purpose in life. That purpose is to develop the Son of God within your soul. Our message to you from the White* Brethren, who enfold you now, is therefore this: Make use of every channel which you are shown in order to demonstrate spiritual truths, to bring into operation the ways of the spirit. Men and women are fundamentally sons and daughters of the living God, and must live and act as children of God. We understand the conflict which ever rages in the hearts of men. We do not blame; we do not condemn. We see instead a process of spiritual unfoldment taking place. We see that we who come to you may help, may strengthen your desire to live by the spirit, and to do your best to interpret the laws of the spirit to others. 'Behold the sower goes forth to sow!' Now, the seed is given to you, here. Sow that seed on the earth and you will be worthy brethren of the Great White Light. Do not be side-tracked by fear, by doubt sown by the earthly mind, but go out into the world with courage and sow divine truth.

*[*Refers to light, not colour or race]*

We have spoken before about the Age of Aquarius, the age of the development of the feelings, of the intuition. Development of intuition does not mean to encourage your self-will, mistaking it for intuition. The way to discriminate, the way to understand the true nature of divine intuition is to rule the lower self and its stormy emotions. Remember the beautiful

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demonstration which was given by Jesus when the disciples were storm-tossed in the boat in which the Master slept (the boat being the symbol of the soul). They were overcome with terror, and cried out: 'Master, Master, save us or we perish!' How many others of you in your storm-tossed souls, in your unruly emotions, cry out: 'Oh my God, my God, help me in my trial!' Those who truly pray feel the incoming of the word of command: 'Be still!' and the storm subsides.

Those who want to develop this sixth sense of true intuition in order to work for the Master must rule their emotions. Sometimes the soul needs pain and suffering both to develop the deeper emotions as well as to learn to control them. But the middle way is the way for the disciple—a ready response in the feelings to the sufferings of others, and to the spiritual influences which come to help the soul. Unruly emotions are a hindrance to the one who is seeking the development of the intuition. The emotions are always symbolised by water. When water is turbulent, you get a false reflection. If the water is calm, clear and pure, you get perfect reflections from above. So when the soul has trained itself to be still and peaceful, it is receptive to true impressions, true feelings from spiritual worlds.

The greatest power to help man is heavenly power, God power, and the spirit messengers or angels are sent to you for that purpose by the will of God. Do not shut them out. Be calm! Be still! Do one thing at a time quietly, tranquilly, and you will make way in your soul for a great inflowing of spiritual power. It will be as the Master who comforted the disciples when they were sore afraid on the storm-tossed waters. The water initiation is meant to bring control of the emotions to the soul. The Elder Brethren are unable to work with you if your emotions are like a turbulent sea. Lack of mental control is the greatest hindrance in the Masters' service. Peace is the achievement of controlled and wisely directed emotion. We spoke to you at our last talk about the development of the sixth sense, the sense of feeling; perhaps you will now see the razor edge upon which the disciple has to walk: he has to develop feeling, but also to control it.

We would describe here on the central altar of the temple a lovely pink rose which is opening its petals to the sun. A rose is the symbol of a human heart, fragrant with love. You may not often see hearts like this, but we do. We see many human hearts open to us and can inhale the perfume of sweet human love. Give out that same perfume yourselves. Withhold judgment and criticism. The human way is to judge in haste the actions of others, but the divine way is to remain quiet and loving. You are divine as well as human and are here on earth in a school to learn the lesson of divinity.

With this symbol in your midst be very still, be at peace. At this celestial level of consciousness you should develop the power to receive truth, the power of feeling and imagination. If you feel the beauty of the heaven worlds, you are receiving divine truth intuitively. This is how you can discriminate between God's will and self-will. The disciple leaves all earthly things—mind, body, possessions, desires—to follow Him. 'Leave all and follow me,' said Jesus. Having reached this understanding you can safely rely upon your intuition. It all comes to these few simple words: 'Be still (in love) and know that I am God.'

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This is what we of the spirit would convey to you earnest students and aspirants on the path of spiritual enlightenment and unfoldment. Remember that we all are spirits, you in a fleshly body, we in a different kind; we are all spirits in a body, all with a personality which has to be sweetened, trained and perfected by the Master Spirit, Christ.

We do not come to talk to you this night about the development of psychic power, or how to hold communication with those who have passed out of the physical body. We come to show you a higher way which, if you will follow, will obliterate all separation, will throw aside, tear down the veil of darkness between you and all life; and when we say 'all life' we mean the life of all creation, every kingdom of nature, animal, human, angelic. Whereas in the past you looked through a glass darkly, when you have entered that spiritual life you know all things; you know the meaning of the love of God, the brotherhood of all life and the saving power of Christ the Lord.

Benediction:

Breathe in the fragrance of the rose. Breathe in the light of God. Breathe out the love of God. Be still and know God! Peace, peace, be still!

