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"YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND
THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

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"Ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free". These words were spoken by Jesus to the Jews who were questioning his authority, and doubting it; and he preceded that statement with this: "You who believe on me, through your word shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free".

This question of knowing the Truth is one of more, is more far-reaching than we have thought. When Pilate asked Jesus, "What is the Truth", He answered him not a word. I presume that He didn't have time to give him a course of lessons on the Science of Truth; because there is a Science based upon Truth. Jesus said, "When He, the Spirit of Truth, shall come, He will lead you into all Truth". So, there must be a science which is the basis of all sciences, and that universal science is pre-empted by an informing, instructing Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

Our men of science are discovering through experiments and guess work some of the pebbles of Truth. As Sir Isaac Newton said that, "the truth, so far as he had been able to discern it, was known to men as a few pebbles on the beach, with the great ocean lying beyond". If we, then, would know the real truth, the science of Truth, which is the foundation of all sciences, we must believe that it is; then, through our word, conform to what we believe in, and then we shall know the truth.

In this science which we call Divine, there has been gradually unfolded some of the Truth to man, probably much

more than we appreciate. It is a little difficult at first to think or believe that there is a truth, a creative truth, in every thought; that our attitude or thought about God creates, so far as we are concerned, that kind of a God. We are told that "Every man creates a God after his own idea". Well, that is true. Then, the starting point of truth is to know or understand what God is.

Now, we could give thousands of lessons on that one subject, the Character of God, and yet not exhaust it. God and man, we are told, are one; and yet, we are striving to understand God. Why is this? If we are one, we ought to know all about God! Our explanation is that man is an attitude of Mind in the Divine Mind, and each attitude, or each ego in Divine Mind must comprehend all of that mind; but we always found our doctrine upon the understanding, first, of the Character of God. That is absolutely necessary before you can go on with your exposition of Truth.

The reason that the world doesn't receive the Spirit of Truth is that they don't understand God. Next, they don't understand themselves; and they don't know the creative power.

Jesus said that those who believed in him, and in the word - God's word is truth. Now, that doesn't mean this book, this scripture, but that universal Creative Word. Those who believe in this word, and use it in Divine Understanding, the Truth comes to them - comes first hand. You don't have to get it out of any book; it is not told or taught in the schools. You can't get the Truth about God in the Theological

Seminary; you can't get it from any of the popular churches. They don't understand the Truth, because they haven't believed in their own words.

Now then, here is the key to the whole situation: do you know about the creative power of the word, of your words, of each word that you speak? You are to be held accountable for your lightest word. Now, that is the key that unlocks the door to Truth, and just the moment that you begin to school your thought and make it conform to the standard which is Truth, why, that moment Truth begins to open to you and it unfolds. You find the Truth is everywhere. The universe is full of Truth, and it reveals itself to you just as fast as you are receptive and true. Now, if your mind runs off into untruth along any of these lines, the Character of God, the character of man, and your relation to God, why, you can see that you couldn't get the pure Truth. Your mind is manufacturing untrue thoughts, and untrue relations result.

What must we do? Why, you must know the Truth, and think true thoughts! What is the true Character of God? Jesus laid down that character when he said, "God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth". There we have the Truth again. God, then, is Spirit, not a material form; not personality, but Spirit. And God is Principle; God is Law; God is Will unchangeable; God is Truth.

Now, these, to the outer ear, are mere words; but when you think at first hands about these propositions, all

at once the Spirit of Truth throws the light into your mind, and you know what it is to be taught of the Spirit. This truth about man - what is man? Is man flesh and blood; is he what you see with the eye of sense? You know that isn't true. What is the truth? Why, man is Spirit. Man couldn't worship God in Spirit and in Truth unless man himself was Spirit. "But", you say, "isn't man mental and isn't he physical"? No. These are the manifestations of man, but man is Spirit, and there is but one Spirit. Then, in the real status of man, we have that same essence, that same Spirit that God is; and here is the unity. The reason that we can understand Truth; the reason that we can understand God, is that we are like Him.

So, the Scripture is correct when it says: "God made man in His own image and likeness"; He made him just like Himself; just like God. Now, that is a pretty big proposition; that is a large thought to think, that I am just like God in my real spiritual nature. If you put these two together in your mind and think about them constantly, and put out all thoughts that detract from this true proposition, you have paved the way for the inflow, for the grand influx of the Spirit of Truth, and It will come to you and instruct you in the details of Truth. Now, these details are the words of God made manifest in flesh, and in the universe.

~~We are told that this Spirit of Truth over-shadowed~~
the soul of Mary, and there was born in her consciousness Jesus; and in this way the word became flesh and dwelt among men.

Now, you can see that this is all a metaphysical fact. It has to be worked out in the mind. John Ruskin says that no great architect ever lived who was not also a great metaphysician; that metaphysics and architecture go together. Someone has said that there never was a great musician without a great soul; that is, a great mind. The fact is, that there never was a great man of any kind without a great spirit. It is the spirit that makes you great. It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profits nothing. You can, through your outer thought, make things from things, and they seem to be real; but they are not eternal; they are perishable, and they go the way of flesh. We have found that we can, through our intellectual thinking, take the substance and the Life and the Intelligence of this Universal Principle, and make what we call a body. We think these bodies into expression; but not putting them together according to the Principle; not putting them together in Truth, they dissolve, they pass away. They are not created through the power of the Spiritual Word. They are created in thought, and that isn't permanent.

So, if you read, the First Chapter of John, you will see "that things are made that are not made, but all things that are really made are made by the word". That is, this word of Spirit. Now, we can every one of us know that Spiritual Word, and we can become permanent creators under the law. We can make things that are eternal. That is our work, to make eternal Truth manifest. When we do that, every thought that flits through our minds will make a permanent thing. The fact is that all things are now created in mind. Our work is

through denial and affirmation of themselves as Spirit, had done away with the pain and prevented the blister rising, without the application of anything. Now, probably there are many here that have had that experience.

Now, supposing that you carry that on into every department of your life, what would be the result? Why, you would be masters of all sensations, and that mastery would come through a realization of the Truth. The Truth sets you free from this sensitiveness to conditions, to surroundings. Now, matter is a sympathetic vibration in the Universal Ether. That is what science, material science says; and metaphysicians find that this holds good in thought. The realm of matter is not a place in which the mind does its free spiritual work. Matter is an outer crust; it is an external something that we have built up through our thought about matter, about flesh, about the earth, the air, the water; all of these things that surround us; looked upon in our minds as being substantial and real, and they have gradually been precipitated and we say these things are real. We live in a material world; we are really material beings. We grow out of the ground, and we evolved from a single cell, and we are growing.

Well, is that true of Spirit? Not at all. If you think those thoughts you become more and more attached to your body, to the world in which you live. If you think that this sympathetic condition of matter affects your mind, you will become more and more sensitive. Everybody you meet will af-

to manifest them, to form them, to bring them into expression; and we do this through the eternal word of God. When we use that word in its right relation, according to the Principle, we are expressing the Truth, we know the Truth, and the Truth sets us free.

Now, we each one of us want to be free from certain limitations, bands of thought that bind us; we want to be free from, first, to bondage; to materiality, to material conditions. This bondage is so interlaced with our every-day thought, that it is almost impossible to tell you where to begin. I can say, though, that you begin thinking about the absolute freedom of Spirit. It is strange how the introduction into the mind of Spirit will produce the unlimited quality of Spirit in consciousness. Those old metaphysicians in India found that law thousands and thousands of years ago, and they think about themselves as Spirit until they put out of consciousness all the sensations of the flesh. The Hindoo fakir will make a bed of spikes and sharpen them as sharp as needle, stretch himself on that bed and quietly go to sleep, with all those thousands of spikes penetrating his flesh. How does he do it? Why, he has trained himself to deny pain. What was the foundation? Why, he heard that in Spirit there is no sensation, in Spirit there is no pain, and "I am Spirit".

Now, to concentrate your mind upon those three simple propositions will transform your sensations, your feelings; transform the relation of your soul to your body. You have heard people again and again testify in these meetings that they had been scalded and burned on stoves, and yet,

fect you. You will become what we call a psychic, and a psychic is a pitiable soul; one who believes in the mind side of matter. Now, matter has its mortal mind; it is held in place by a realm of consciousness, but that isn't Spirit. Spirit is not affected in any way by vibrations that come from matter. Spirit isn't affected by the sympathetic vibrations of its surrounds; Spirit isn't affected by people; Spirit isn't affected by personality. If you believe in personality, if you believe that there are people separate from God, why you will be affected by those you meet. Some people with large personality, that is, large self-esteem, will just now you down when you come into their presence. They will absorb all the air in the atmosphere; they will absorb all the substance in the room; and some people become so subject to the material side of life that they are starved out of their bodies, while others rob them, take away from them this vital principle which belongs to them, because they don't know this law, and they are bound.

Now, you must know the Truth to be free; and the only way to know the Truth is to seek the Truth. Seek it as a Spiritual proposition, and get away just as fast as you can from material things in the mind. Create a new world. Now, the Spirit of Truth, Jesus Christ said, would come in his name and lead us into all Truth, all Truth. We are, through the Spirit of Truth to know the relation of all that appears in this World, multitudinous world, of things. That means that the underlying principle back of every science, every

art, every act that we come in contact with, could be fully explained. We will know just how to do the most intricate problems of life, and we will understand why we do them. Our children will become wise from their birth. They will be born wise; and when we get into the highest Truth, there will be a new way of bringing forth the human family.

The Truth, then, will set us free from the flesh, to the point of making us spiritual beings here and now. We shall be set free from these material bodies, not by casting them away as a worn garment; not by getting rid of them, but by transforming them by new thoughts about them; and as you think some new thoughts about them, your body will be renewed, be transformed by the renewing of your mind. We are not told to renew your bodies. That is a secondary consideration that follows when you renew your mind. We are here this evening for the purpose of discerning the Truth and living it.

Now, you must live the Truth. If it is through your word that you open the way into the Truth, why begin thinking right now along right lines. Get this Word of God to go on in your mind, and keep it going along the Truth avenue. Think the Truth, and the Truth will make you free.

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MR. FILLMORE: Now, an important part of this doctrine is to demonstrate. Put it into actual living, every-day thought lessons; but remember that it comes so much easier when you know the law of right-thinking. Right thinking leads to right acting naturally, without any effort.

Now, for a little time, I am going to ask you to give us, every one of you, a little talk, not over three minutes in length, and everybody is expected to say something. You can say, "Thank God I am here;" or, "Praise the Lord", or something a little more extended than that; but say something. Say something. Now, you are all expected to give zest to these meetings. That is what we are here for. These are prayer meetings, praise meetings, talking meetings.

Now, the meeting is yours. I will be seated, and ask you to every one say something for the good "of the order", as they say in secret societies. Now, a very short talk, please.

MR. WILSON: Mr. Fillmore has given us a lesson in the power of mind over the body. I just thought I would relate a little circumstance that took up in my knowledge some time during the War, the Civilized War:

The man was a soldier in the Union Army, was a prisoner in Andersonville prison, who contracted a disease that they called Scurvy, and his feet, they got rotten; and he asked the surgeon in charge there, sent there by the Southern Confederacy Government - asked him to cut them off. He looked at them. He says, "No, no I won't bother with them", he says,

"you will die anyway, whether they are cut off or not - not worth while to bother with them". So he wouldn't do anything with them.

This man, - John January, his name was - had an old razor in his possession, and he got hold of a couple of old steel case knives, and took them and just hacked them together like that (indicating), the edges of them - cut notches in them, and got an old file and dressed them up a little with a file. Made two saws out of this, these knives; and with those two old case-knife saws and that old razor, he cut off his own feet and sewed them up - sewed the flesh over the wounds, and he got well. He came home to Minuck(?), Illinois where I lived, after the War, and he wrote a book, a history of Andersonville Prison, and traveled all over the United States and sold that book. Now that was, I think, a great demonstration of the power of mind over the body.

Then, in, I think in '66, I myself went down into the county where I was born, in Illinois, Edgar County. I had the Ague there, for I had several chills - went to my uncle's house and he brought out a bottle of Ague medicine and wanted me to take some. I says, "No, I don't want it"! "Why," he says, you will have the Ague all Fall, if you don't take it". "Why", I says, "I am just going to have one more chill, and I am going to quit". The next day I shook for an hour and a half. I had an awful hard chill, but that is the last. I never had any more from that time on till about the year '67, I had several more chills. I was then engaged in the marble business at Jacksonville, Illinois, and I had sev-

eral hard chills. Went into Jacksonville one day, went to the marble shop where I worked. The proprietor, the man I worked for, brought out a bottle of Ague medicine and wanted me to take some. I said, "No, I don 't want it". He says, "What are you going to do? You will have the ague all Summer if you don't take it". I says, "I guess not. I am just going to have one more chill, and I am going to quit"! The next day I had one more chill, and that was the last. I never had any more from that time on till here a year ago, and I had two; and the first one I made up my mind that I would have one more and quit, and that is the last.

MR. FILLMORE: That is a good demonstration; but only I would have quit before I had that one.

MR. FILLMORE: Now, someone else. The power of the word is without limit, if Mr. Wilson had said, "I am not going to have any more at all, he would have made that law; it would have come to pass. He would have saved himself a lot of shivering; -he said he shook for an hour and a half- if he had made that law the first time. (Laughter).

MRS. _____: It seems that sometimes the power of the word acts even though we don't understand the law, like that; and the reason of this is that the Christ in us knows every word of Truth and understands and answers and works with it.

MR. FILLMORE: We received a letter to-day from a man who said that he had been taking our literature, and, off and on, our treatments, for nine years, and he hadn't got very much result until this year. He said, "Everything is coming my

way, and all the old diseases that I had are disappearing".
So, you can't tell how, when the word is going to begin to
work on you. Just be faithful. I wouldn't say to you-you
don't have to wait nine years. You don't have to wait nine
minutes if you really get hold of the proposition.

Now, someone else. Don't all speak at once!

MRS. _____:

Words are great forces in the realm of Life:
Who talks of evil, but conjures into shape
The formless thing and gives it Life and scope.

When Love, Health, Happiness and Plenty hear
Their names repeated over day by day,
They wing their way like answering fairies near;
They nestle down within our homes to stay.

The Spirit of Truth shall guide you into all Truth.

MR. FILLMORE: Very beautiful.

MR. _____: I didn't have to wait nine years, I am thank-
ful for that. The breath I drew here made no provision.
I came here a year ago, but under the treatment of your So-
ciety and their members, I am on the road to recovery.

MR. FILLMORE: That is good. "Acknowledge me in all thy
ways, and I will pour thee out a blessing". You have no idea
what a great help it is toward realization to just make an
acknowledgment. You know in Revival meetings they get the
sinners to get up and make a confession. It is good for
them, open confession. It is good for the soul. You know
if you get up and acknowledge God, you have to stand by that
God.

MRS. _____: Two weeks ago I came here with a very sore
throat, and held the healing word for my throat, and it was

cured instantly here.

MR. FILLMORE: That is good. Anyone else? Our time is just a little more than up.

MRS. _____: I want to tell you of a little demonstration in prosperity I had a few weeks ago. There was a bill I wanted to meet. It wasn't very much. It was two dollars; and I knew I would have this two dollars, and I wanted to use it for a certain purpose. I had the rent and several bills to pay. I held the thought that I had it. We have a lady that comes to clean. There was a dresser scarf that hadn't been cleaned for some time, so I started to clean that dresser scarf that time. I did, and when I did why I found \$3.00 there; and in place of \$2.00 I found \$3.00; and I can't even now remember of having put the \$3.00 there.

MR. FILLMORE: Several people have told me that money had absolutely grown in their pocket for weeks. They couldn't account for it in any way. They wouldn't get up here in public meeting and tell a thing of that kind, but I would tell it. One of our members told me that money had grown to the amount of Two hundred dollars in his pocket; back in the last three years, and he couldn't account for it. He kept a memorandum of the money he had in his pocket book, that he couldn't account for it. The only thing that he could account for was it was grown there.

I have had some little experience along that line, and the way I account for this is that the air is full of the images of money. Every bill that is printed, and every

piece of silver that is made has a mental image back of it. Supposing that their material part is burned up? Do you burn up the mental image? You say no! Well, why, under the law of thought, these images floating around here, that would come into my atmosphere, clothed with the old material, and they get into my pocketbook. That is a reasonable way to figure it out.

MRS. _____: Madame _____ made the letters to come out on her handkerchief when she wanted initials to come out on her handkerchief; and she brought money out also apparently out of the air.

MR. FILLMORE: Yes, I remember of reading how she transported notes. She dematerialized the note, she transported the note, and it would disappear and appear in the hands of the one she wanted it sent to. I think that is reasonable. All things are possible to man, remember that. Whatever proposition is presented to you, don't scout it, don't doubt it away. That is possible. There may be a shorter way.

MR. FILLMORE: Anybody a short word? (No response).

Let us be still now. Everybody get just as still as you possibly can. That means, still your minds; still your muscles; still everything and relax. Let go, let go of all tens thought. If you find yourself leaning forward like that, trying to listen, catch a thought, sit back and relax.

Give yourself up to the Spirit. Now the Spirit of Truth is here. The Spirit of Truth is everywhere. Let us realize that. The Spirit of Truth is here; the Spirit of Truth is everywhere. The Spirit of Truth is speaking to me. Say that.

The Spirit of Truth is now speaking in my mind, in my Spirit - speaking to my Spirit. I believe in being, the all-informing Spirit of Truth. I believe that you are leading me; I believe that my Spirit and your Spirit are in unison. That there is an interchange of ideas now going on. I believe that this interchange is among every one of us here. I feel, I know, I realize the inflow, the descent, Pentecostal shower of fire of the Spirit of Truth. We are lifted up by the Spirit; we are illumined by the Spirit; we are made new; we are healed right now by the Spirit of Truth. Let us say now, "I am made whole by the Spirit of Truth". "I give thanks to the Spirit of Truth for this healing which Thou art now pouring out on me, and all people".

Now then, let us say to everybody, "now the Spirit of Truth makes you free". Realize that, "The Spirit of Truth is interpenetrating everywhere in the minds of all people", shining there, but they don't see it nor realize it, because it hasn't dawned upon them. The word hasn't been spoken to them. The Spirit of Truth now sets you free.

Now, we can give this freeing word to people wherever they may be, and they will come into a higher realization; they will be freed from their ills, from their sorrows, from their poverty, by the Spirit of Truth. The Spirit of Truth makes you free. That will be the word: "The Spirit of Truth makes you free. Now we will with one accord say that:

(Repeated)

MR. FILLMORE: Let us all hold it now for yourself: say,
"The Spirit of truth makes me free". (Repeated silently).

Now you can say silently what you wish to be freed from,
whatever it is. (Silence).

Now, most of us want to be freed from old habits, of
thoughts, talking about error, sin, sickness and death; carry-
ing along with you that old, old stuff that we want to be freed
from. "The Spirit of Truth sets me free from the recollect-
ions of the past". "The Spirit of Truth sets me free from the
materiality of my body; The Spirit of Truth sets me free from
the lustful passions and sensual appetites; the Spirit of Truth
sets me free from thoughts about poverty and lack and insuf-
ficiency; the Spirit of Truth sets me free from sickness;
from the condemnation of sin; the Spirit of Truth sets me free
from the limitations of human ignorance - my own thoughts
about myself.

PRAYER: We thank Thee, Almighty Father, for this con-
sciousness that we are Thy Image and Thy Likeness. In Thee
we have all Good, all Power, all Spirit, All Truth, in the
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER: Father, we thank Thee for the Spirit of
Truth. That Thou art bringing to our consciousness, by the
Lord Jesus Christ, a fuller realization that the Spirit of
Truth is in the world, through the Spirit of Truth we are
instructed in Thy Law.

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