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Faith and Obedience.

We are teaching here that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, that the kingdom of heaven is within you, and that the kingdom of heaven is prepared already for you, and that you may enter into the kingdom of heaven right away,-- not ~~with~~ without a change of mind it is true, but by a change of environment in the omnipresent, through the change of mind. The questions that we are asked are various, but the principle one is: "How may I attain an understanding

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and a realization of this kingdom of ^{the} heavens and tonight I thought that I would touch upon a few of the principle points in which the mind is moved to a realization, a consciousness of this kingdom that we talk so much about. Now the first and most important step, of course, in everything is the understanding. We must get a certain understanding about the character of a thing before you appreciate it in any way. So we as we in our meditations think about heaven, we almost unconsciously begin to formulate the condition of heaven, what it

would be like, how it would differ from the earth; we would have to measure up our ideal heaven upon, well the measuring stick we will say of what we have here before us in the earth. So the people who have described heaven have told about its golden streets and its length and breadth. They have given it a material limitation because they didn't have anything else to base their estimate on except material things. That has always limited them to time and space and condition. Now you would, as you thought about heaven, you would have

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certain visions of heaven. You would have day dreams, but you threw those aside. You say, "That is all my imagination," but I assure you this imagination is more real and consistent with things than your practical figuring on heaven because if you begin to think about heaven and earth in terms of the three dimensions, before you know it, you have got both your heaven and your earth over-populated. I had a letter from a man just the other day and he said,

"Why if you people are going to stop generation and let all the people that have ever died come into expression, you will over populate the earth; we won't have room to live. You see that man wanted everything on the old basis. He wanted us to be physical, corporal three-dimension people, and of course that would crowd us a little, because if you go over history you will find that man has existed ---we have historical records carrying us back six thousand

years and some genius has figured that if all the people that have lived and died on the earth in the six thousand years of history, and that isn't very long compared to the time that man has lived here, if we had the bones of all the people and piled them up on the earth, it would make a crust all the way around the earth eighteen miles high. Suppose those bones were all people, we would be a little crowded wouldn't we? That is where you land when you

figure these things from a physical standpoint. But supposing now we would let our minds drift back to -- well they found a man that they say lived on the earth eighteen millions of years ago. They found the remains of another man that a certain scientist said lived here five hundred millions of years ago. You say you don't have anything to do with those people. They were our predecessors. Now know that we are those people now. Don't let

your imagination run away with you there. ^{all} We are/the people that have ever lived here. We have lived here in all kinds of forms and all sorts of experiences, and there is no doubt we have been living here probably millions of years together, and we will continue to live here until we overcome our limitations. So let us get down to solid work. How long have we lived here and how long are we going to live here, and how are we going to live. Now

Jesus Christ plainly said that he was going to prepare a place for you in the kingdom of the heavens. Well, we are told by a certain school that at one time this earth had belts around it like Saturn, seven belts, one on top of the other, and that those have been precipitated on to the earth and that the earth many millions of years ago was very much lighter than it is now. In other words the atomic part of us was farther separated from one another and

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everything on the earth weighed less. Suppose we go back into that period and we all live here, where would we live? You say we would be astral or we would live in a higher and freer element. Gradually we have, through our thinking, condensed things. We have condensed our bodies and ^{we have} ~~that has~~ condensed the earth, and we have settled down to a hard substance. ~~Microscopic~~ But what are we doing now? We are getting back again, we are coming back into that

etherial state and it is all through our realization that the ether is right here present and we can live in the ether. We lived in the ether in the past. I know we did. We will find some of those old houses probably that we lived in right here floating around some day and we will enter into them. But Jesus Christ said he was going to prepare a new place for us so we wouldn't have to go back into those old houses if we followed him. I believe that, and that we

are beginning to appreciate that there is room enough for all of us here. Probably there are only two or three millions created for this planet. The hairs of your head are numbered, and that means that we are all numbered. You and I have been together again and again, and we will continue to come together, but let us raise our consciousness to this place where we can see that God has in his infinite wisdom prepared a million places for us. We

do not have to worry about our material possessions, our homes here in the earth. We have got homes in the heavens, not some far away place that we are going after we are dead. You have got to get there alive. We have been preparing all these years under the old idea for a heaven after death. Now that means we have been preparing for death, and yet we are plainly told in our religion that death came into the world through sin and that the last

enemy to be overcome is death. Who is making the preparation to overcome death? Where do you find the people? They are all preparing for death instead of preparing to live. Jesus Christ was the first one to see the proposition, and he lived and overcame death, and we are following him. He prepared a place for us and we must come into that place through faith, obedience and understanding, and we can see that proposition and begin to prepare right now to

enter into the kingdom of heaven or the promised land, and we do that through faith. Do you have faith in an omnipresent ether, do you have faith in an omnipresent substance that you can enter into through the quickening of your soul here and now? Do you have faith in that; do you believe that? Well then, be obedient to the infinite mind, the omnipresent mind and you will enter into it right here and now. Now we are not telling you something

that is a theory because these people who have obediently followed this infinite mind and squared their lives with it are beginning to get flashes of this infinite omnipresent locality, if you will, because it is a locality to those who believe in it, and we can and must enter into it. Let us quit looking to some other place or some other state to enter into the kingdom of heaven, and as I say we must believe in life, and we must like Abraham --

Abraham was a type of faith and obedience. He represented that state of mind which landed men into the kingdom of heavens or in the promised land. He was the first that started this back journey. We came down from this ether into this kingdom of heaven, into our earthly estate, and through our own volition. We didn't follow the guidance of the cosmic mind, the Jehovah God. We decided we could carry on this work alone, and here is where

we are, but now some of us have decided that we will be obedient and that we will follow God and recognize God and recognize ourselves as spiritual beings, and we are beginning to open up this place this kingdom of the heavens that Jesus talked so much about, and we are finding that it is a real, tangible place, and that it is within us and we can live in this kingdom right here and now. But as I say, we must have faith in it and we

must really believe in it and then we must be obedient to the laws of mind that will lead us into this place, so it will give us a fuller consciousness of it, and to do that you can study the life of Abram. He was obedient unto God. The Jehovah mind said, "Now get up and get out of this country. You have lived in this country long enough. Leave your kindred, leave everything and get over into this other land that I am going to show you, and there I will

make you a great people. You will be the Father of multitudes; you will have great possessions. The stars of the heavens are symbolical of the increase and multiplication that will come into the world through you, and that means this faith, this obedience which we every one should exercise, and we would gradually come into the consciousness that we live right now in this omnipresent ether or heaven that the scientific world is proving to

us on every side, ^{من} just pushing in upon us, proves that there is an omnipresent life, that the things that we call matter are not real at all. They are simply electrons, that every so-called atom of matter is but an electron, a living point of force, and through our material minds we have clothed it with that substance that we call matter. That must all pass away. The Bible teaches that also. This material earth must be rolled up

as a scroll and disappear, and we say: "Well, the end of the world is coming is it then; everything will go up in smoke?" If you are in the Spirit and have this realization of the omnipresent substance, and that that substance is spiritual and that your body is a spiritual body you will never know when the earth disappears. It is disappearing now I tell you. It is disappearing very fast, but don't think it will disappear so fast that

we will lose our hold upon it if we believe in the one infinite spiritual substance and to do that you get that into your consciousness through affirming that your dreams are real, that your ideal which you have longed for is now to be fulfilled here, right here and now. Now is the day of salvation. Now is the fulfillment of our ~~gird~~ kingdom, now is the time that we are to rejoice that we are satisfied in this great spiritual up lift that we have.

and don't let go of your spiritual uplift. Don't let go of that spiritual consciousness that you had when you were converted. That is yours right now if you have had a realization of God and life and love; try to get that again. It exists within you. It is your consciousness, your soul awakening, waking up from the sleep of the ages in which you have evolved. "Awake thou that sleepest," said Paul, "and Christ shall give you life." This Christ mind is

within you. Now we are here tonight to get a fuller realization of this omnipresent kingdom in which is all good, all harmony, all health, all power, all of everything that you have asked and longed for. You have thought you were going to get it through hard work. You don't have to work at all. It isn't work, but it is the quiet realization of the truth that these things are true right now in spirit, and that you have but to

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acknowledge their truth. Say: "I have that thing right now." Just a few nights ago I seemed to be counting the collection that I get here Sundays. I took that collection, and I suppose like an old miser I gloated over it and I said, "Now this is going to help pay the expenses out at the house, and this goes to my mother at the farm, and if the collection don't come up to that I think, well, I don't know how we are going to get along without this collection." Don't you know, it may be God will go back on us if I

don't get more money. I dreamed this and I was counting it over and it didn't come out. It was a rainy day I expect or somebody forgot to put the money in and I woke up in that worried state, and I heard a voice say: "Enlarge your consciousness of God's abundance." That is what I heard.

People say, "Why it can't be that you would get so miserly and forgetful of God's abundance. Would you get that way?" Well, we are all in the habit of

falling into these pitfalls that the devil has prepared for us, and I fell in. But since that I haven't paid any attention to that old collection. I don't care whether you give anything or not. I am not going to worry my head. I am going to fill my life with this infinite supply of God, and I will have all I want. I am not going to count that collection any more. Let somebody else count it. Count over your money and your mind will get filled with

those little images and those nickels and dimes and sometimes people put in pennies, God bless them. But as I say we must be on the alert, I don't care who we are or how much we know about spiritual things, we are just as apt to get into error as other people. I don't know but what people who have got an inkling of this power within them are on more dangerous ground than people of the world, because they don't reach out in their minds for these

potencies that we do. And if I get a high voltage of nothings in my mind it will work out quicker than the people who don't have that voltage. We find that is true and that people who have a realization of this inner power of man and use it in adverse ways the result or reaction comes upon them more swiftly than it does on other people, so you should be very considerate of our shortcomings, of our sins, because as I say, we are testing out some

new powers of the infinite mind, and in this testing out process some of us get shocked. We turn on the positive pole of the battery when we think we are only touching the negative pole, and we have to be quite careful sometimes. But don't be afraid of the power of God. When the Lord told Joshua and Caleb to go into the promised land, all the other spies said, "There are giants over there, and we in their sight are as grasshoppers," and

they were afraid, but Joshua and Caleb had the courage to go over and so we find that when we screw ourselves up to the sticking point we have the courage to do these things and we are like pioneers going out into the great forest and making a way for a civilization that is to follow, and don't be scared about it or fearful because we have every one got to go this road. We cannot live in this old material way any longer. We must come up higher

we must go forward.

Now this meeting tonight is for the purpose of having a fuller expression of those who have had experiences in this kingdom of the heavens.