

LESSON XI

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SUBJECT: LOVE

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As we develop spiritual understanding we find that we analyze not only ourselves but our source. We seek to know more about the character of man and God and ^{as} we really think for ourselves about these things we find that they begin to assume a different character

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entirely. They are not what we originally thought they were. We have been in personal consciousness and we have looked upon all things from the personal viewpoint. Now that we are getting into a larger range of thought and vision we see things in a larger way. God gets larger. I think it was Bob Ingersol said that "an honest God was the noblest work of man." That is true. A dishonest man always makes

a dishonest God and the man looking through a knot hole always sees God just that large. Now as we begin to get these trammels away from our thoughts and minds, God assumes such large proportions that we sometimes take more of the God consciousness than we can analyze and we get our God metaphysically mixed. We have heard people say that God is love and love is everything. Love includes life, substance, intelligence, power; everything that you can think of is included in

the love of God. Now that isn't correct. That isn't a close analysis of Being. God is spirit and out of spirit comes all these attributes that are manifested in what we call our world and in ourselves. God is. Let us use this illustration that we have had before, the white light which differentiated on the screen in the visible world becomes seven colors. And they have found now that from the white light comes

tones, and everything really comes out of an invisible one principle.

There is merely differentiation. In man the white light is I am. I am is back of Being, something that we cannot describe in words, but we know that I am is the ray, and that is the Christ. You remember when the story Ben Hur was dramatized that the author Lew Wallace refused to let any personality represent Christ. He said Christ was beyond man's

comprehension and he just wanted a white ray of light reflected on the stage to represent Christ. That was the spiritual interpretation and that white ray represents the Christ or the I am of God in everyone and when we realize that, we know at once that we are differentiating or expressing all of that white ray in its twelve fold combinations. So we make a distinction between life and love. Love is the great

attractive power. It is the unifying, cementing power. Life is energy; it is force, and power — that is another quality, is the controlling power. Will is the executive power of God and so you could go on with all these attributes and you could see that everyone of them has just a little different quality from the other and this would straighten out a good many of the contradictory ^{things} that you see

in the manifest world. We say, "God is love." And we see that love associated with hate and jealousy and we are in a maze of contradictions because we haven't sufficiently discriminated. Now you can take love from the white ray and use it in any way you wish through your free will. If you understand that you can see why love is simply trodden under foot again and again. Love is used with selfishness. We have all kinds of manifestations of love. Is there more than one love? Not at all. There is just one

love but it is used in these various ways. We have life. Man can take his inheritance of life and separate it from the one source, use it in any manner/^{he} desires and he may have a good time and be filled with the sensations of the flesh and have a wonderful expression of life. Is that God? Certainly it comes from God. It is God life. There is only one life but it is the way you use it. So we find ~~with~~ wisdom.

We have all kinds of expressions of wisdom and if wisdom is God and from God, why everybody must be wise. There cannot be any such thing as ignorance where there is absolute wisdom. If it were absolute, if you were getting into the white light of wisdom in yourself, there wouldn't be any such thing as ignorance, but are you using it in that way? Has your will taken wisdom and carried its original impulse right out in

all your thoughts? Are you holding for the one white light? In other words, as given in the allegory, are you listening to the word of your Lord God, or eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? This tree of the knowledge of good and evil is in man and he is commanded not to eat of that tree of the knowledge of good and evil. We have never really understood that until we have analyzed our minds,

until we analyze what God is and then we find that this tree is that growing realization of the great inner life and substance. That is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is the relation of life and substance in consciousness, and it produces. Now the action of the substance of your body with this thrilling energy that goes through it produces sensation, and that is pleasant. Now if you eat of that sensation, that is if you take sensation as the object of your existence and lose yourself in the pleasure of sensation,

you consume the finer essences. The seminal fluid of your body is consumed and the faculties of the mind are drained of this necessary fluid. The fluid of this tree is constantly flowing up to the eyes and ears and every part of the organism if you follow the guidance of your inner spiritual consciousness. Now you can see why man has lost out, you can see why he is starving his body. Judas is life. That is the generative center in man, and in the symbology of Jesus Christ

and his disciples we are told Judas was the treasurer. He carried the bag and he was a thief. There is the symbology of the generative function. The sex life in the human family today is a thief; it is selfish and draining all the other disciples and taking away their avenue of expression. Now that is the secret of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and when you come into the understanding of this, what do you do? You begin to conserve;

you say: "I will not waste my substance in riotous living, I will not give up to sensation that kills; I will not have this action and reaction which is good and evil, which is pain and pleasure." No, you want constant pleasure and satisfaction in life, and that is accomplished by not only believing in God but taking God as your source, as your great life-giving, controlling principle. At the moment when you begin to make up your mind to serve God, you will begin

to purify your consciousness. Now purity is one of the principles of being. You can hold in your mind that this pure spiritual life is now lifting you up. Jesus Christ said that this son of man which is the animal man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. The children of Israel are symbolically spoken of as dying because they were stung by serpents. That is exactly what we go through every day that we dis-

obey these laws, but as you begin to conserve these forces instead of going down to the life center and being wasted in sensation they turn straight around and go up and you feel that flow in your body as you begin to think about conservation, purity, life, and as I say, you will feel the life forces flowing up instead of down. The great majority of people living in flesh generation, all the life currents flow down. There are two currents, one from the earth and

one from heaven, but the heavenly currents have little chance to express because men think too much of sensation, the pleasures of sensation, and they get the result in death of the body. As I say, when we understand these things and begin to think about this life force in us coming from the one infinite mind, why we get to be masters, that is we take our seat upon the throne of dominion. Jesus Christ said those who followed him should and overcame

as he overcame should sit with him upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Again he said, "To him that overcometh will I give to him to eat of the hidden manna," and that is the inner life, the fine substance. As you begin to think about that and go within yourself and ask the guidance of God, you will have a new consciousness of what you are and a new consciousness of life, but you must also love that life; you must love God. Now love is the

attribute of Being called attraction. Repulsion is hate. It throws things apart, but love draws everything together. Love is gravity so far as this planet is concerned. It is that thing which draws your body to its central core. Love is God's Spirit of attraction. God is the great balm, the healing balm universal. I might say it is symbolized by oil. You know how quickly a piece of machinery goes to pieces if it isn't oiled, and so does our machinery go

to pieces if we do not oil it with love. When Mary poured upon the head of Jesus that alabaster box of oil, she gave him her love, the oil of divine love. That is what that means, and you will find as you come into a consciousness of love and begin to open up the love of God in you that there will be a quickening of the love center. Now the love center is the upper part of the solar plexus, the thorax center, and you center your attention there in thinking about love,

and if you keep thinking about God's love: "I am the love of God; God's love is expressed in me, and I radiate love to everybody and everything," you will begin to feel a great love consciousness. Now that is part of the kingdom of God within man. A lady told me just the other day an experience that she had. She said she was thinking about the love of God, and the love of Christ

and she had a great ecstasy come to her and she dwelt in that for months and didn't know what it meant, and she went to her minister and he gave her to understand that she was in delusion and there was nothing to it. Now that is the kingdom of God within you, and when we awaken this kingdom of love in our souls, it is the spirit back of the soul, and when you awaken that, you will find that you will dwell in a world of love, the whole world will take on a different complexion.

You won't see the evil. Now we are told that evil exists, it is in the world whether we believe in it or not, we build our evil in mortal mind and if you are not careful you will build up in mortal mind a devil, and it will be just as real to you as the old line personal devil, and we have to be careful to put away all thought of evil because what you think about you create and you form, and it becomes to you just as real as if it were real. Your world

is yours and whatever you form in that world is part of your dominion.

It is part of your world. And if we think about the reality of evil, it will begin to create or form this universal substance. Now there is a universal substance; that is God substance. It came out of divine mind, but we live in it like fishes in the sea, and with every thought that substance takes form. We put into the substance, ordinarily, about three things. We have faith in it, and use a certain amount of intelligence and we love it. We love this

substance. That is the reason that we have this kind of bodies, because we love substance. We love the things of the world, and I do not know but that in our present state of development it is part of the divine plan. As I say every thought you have takes hold of substance. It puts a certain amount of intelligence into that substance and gives it energy.

Edison says he finds in every cell energy and substance and attractive power.

The cells seem to know what they want to do. Man has the power to put all

of the twelve qualities in that, and the powers of man are a great mystery.

What is that mystery? Why it is the Christ in you is the hope of your glory.

Christ in you the hope of glory. Just think of that. You can be glorified

through this I am Christ, I am power, I am the I am of God. If you want

life think, "I am life;" if you want love, "I am love," and immediately this

little center in your solar plexus will begin to thrill with new love. People

say, "I cannot love; I cannot forgive my enemies because they have done me

evil." Jesus Christ laid down that law, "Love your enemies; do good to those

that hate you and serve those that spitefully use you." In the old law it

says, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." Revenge is the old

law but when you come into the regeneration, you begin to quicken the powers of the real man. We have had to defend ourselves in a muscular way but now we have a new line of defense. We find we have mental powers that will bring about results. We have all longed for peace and harmony and righteousness and good-fellowship. We do not want to fight. Nobody wants to fight another because we know what fighting brings. We say we can't help

it. These people are imposing on us and we have no means of defense. I tell you there is a means of defense and that defense is love. Supposing the people of Europe today would begin to use this law of love, love one another, love your neighbor as yourself. Wouldn't it solve all their problems very quickly? Certainly you say, but you can't get them to do it. If you could show them their hate was going to lead to destruction. That

they would have to fight without because the law of cause and effect is good. They are eating of the tree of good and evil. They are building it up and putting it into the substance and this universal akasha will blow up sure if you put dynamite into it. It will blow you up if you put hate in it; if you explode with anger you are blowing up the cells of your organism every time you do it. The doctors tell us when we get angry

we send a scorching fire through our bodies and there is a consumption of the cells. People wonder why they have diseases. They are the result of these thoughts in the mind. Now if you know God is love and God is peace and God is harmony and God is all and there is no opposition to God and no reality in evil, and if you know that you have within you a dynamic motor, because these centers that I am telling you about, so far as their

material consistency is concerned, are like a dynamo, and by thinking about love and giving it attention -- wherever you center your mind there you throw a force, -- throw your mind into the ends of your fingers. I can bring sensation and feeling into the ends of my fingers at any time by thinking of the ends of my fingers. You can think about your stomach until it will be quickened if you think the right thought. Everybody can do that. You

don't practice it. But you have a little pain somewhere in your body and you begin to think about the pain and it increases and increases. There is where the Δ -CM power leads you into delusion. Some people say, "Forget it, let us change your mind let us go to some other country to get rid of your tribulations and surroundings." You cannot do that because they are in your mind and acting through your body, but you can get away from them

if you have this I am dominion. If you know your Christ power and begin to use it, you can handle any of these propositions, handle them easily.

I know that. I had all kinds of delusions when I took up this I am thought.

I thought I had catarrah from childhood. I was vaccinated at ten years

and at that time they didn't have quite the science they have today about

these serums and I suppose they vaccinated me with syphilis, I do not know.

I had a pretty serious time and had hip disease the next spring. From

that time I was an invalid. I was deaf in my right ear and had paralysis

on my right side. Here I am describing a lot of those things that do not

exist. But I am at least telling you what I came out of. When I got

up out of bed my right leg was four and a half inches short and for twenty

years I walked on an iron frame and part of the time on a crutch and again I

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had abscesses in my body and the nerves and tendons of my right leg were decayed with tuberculosis. I had three crooks in my spine and more in my mind. The doctor came to me and said, "You would make a fine stiff to dissect." I had all the diseases a man could have, the doctors like that kind of a stiff to give to their students. He said I would have made a fine one. You can see what my condition was when I took up this I am

proposition. I have come out. My right leg is only one inch shorter than the other and the tendons and muscles and nerves are coming back. I can feel this power growing in me. I have invited you all to come back next year and I am going to have that leg in place. It is still out of place. Now you all hold that thought for me. If we would all get together and really believe that we were perfectly healthy, this God

substance and God life and love would so work in us that we would be healthy. Nothing could keep it from us. That is a most wonderful law.

All we need is to get together in that upper room, in that high place, the very tongues of Pentecostal fire/^{would}begin to flash here and we would find we are right in the presence of the infinite all powerful spiritual force, a force and life that would bring to bear in our bodies, in our

minds, harmony. And we would be just, like those followers of Jesus Christ on the day of Pentecost. They were given power that was so far beyond their ordinary capacity that people thought they had been drinking. I have seen people almost intoxicated with spiritual power and I have felt it myself until I was all aglow with new life and energy. I know things now I didn't know yesterday. I know the spirit has been with us in this wonderful series