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All Life Is One!

Outpouring Spirit into Matter



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with the Messenger

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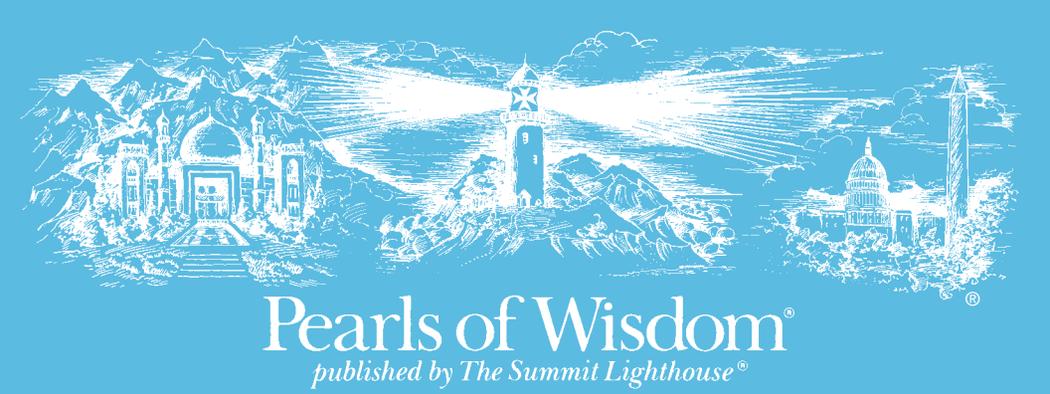
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In God, all life is truly one. Yet, in this oneness, there is no loss of the sense of individuality... even though there is an utter loss of the sense of separateness. Join in darshan with Elizabeth Clare Prophet as she illuminates the truth behind this apparent paradox...and unravels the mysteries of imbuing matter with Spirit.

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Look Only to the Real

Cherished children of my heart, we would ease tension and not create it. Yet we cannot fail to tell you that mankind's appalling waste of time in the pursuit of trivial affairs may one day be regretted. People say that they do not have time to pursue spiritual studies, prayerful intercession on behalf of those in need, meditation and the things of the Spirit. And many shun faith in spiritual endeavors until they themselves come to the place where they are sorely in need of assistance from on high.

Last week Lord Maitreya delved into one of the problems that is currently facing humanity on a world scale¹ which engages their energies not in producing the miracle love of the kingdom of the Christ, but in spreading the blight of division and hatred across the face of the earth. At this time I would like to deal with certain problems that arise in the field of religion which are often most disturbing to the children of men.

Many of you will recall my Son's words to Peter: "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat."²

The phenomenon of sifting the spiritual man or woman as wheat has often been observed, even in your time. This sifting of men's devotions does hurt to the children of God who yearn to pledge their faith not only to him but also to embodied men and women who are about their Father's business.³

When those who are supposedly engaged in the business of serving the spiritual needs of man (whether in the East or in the West) do not uphold the principles of truth and honor, when they manifest a spirit of criticism toward individuals or segments of society, and their own lives afford meager example of Christly virtue, those who look to them to set the example for the age are often keenly disappointed.

Most spiritual seekers have at some time in their lives manifested great idealism. This idealism causes them to yearn to bring into their lives elements of spirituality that will draw them very near to God and to their fellowmen. When they see those who claim to espouse the divine cause, those who profess to be teachers of righteousness (ministers, priests, learned pundits or church officials) engaging in practices that are unkind, unholy, unethical or that compromise in any way the true teachings of the Christ, these idealists are sometimes driven, almost in a spirit of despair, to discontinue their own search for God or to reject the reality of God in themselves and in others.

The damage that is done by these would-be leaders, who go forth in my Son's name but carry not his Spirit, is incalculable. Yet I would speak to those who have suffered the pangs of disillusionment, and I would say to you, one and all: Remember, in order to have disillusionment, you must first have illusion. Look only to the Real, which God has implanted in every man, and then you will not be disappointed in the unreal, which man himself has unwittingly created or accepted in his world.

Strange as it may seem, there are some individuals who have consciously sought to manifest evil. These dark spirits, pursuers of Luciferian tendencies, mistakenly think that the knowledge of the world is the brilliance of reality which they seek. And they look upon the kingdom of God and his wisdom as though they were foolishness.

Observing the great caravan of lives returning to the heart of the Father, we are concerned that the simple beauty of the pure in heart will one day be the goal of every man. If man looks for purity of heart in himself, he will also look for it in others. And if he does not find it, he will want to invoke it. Yet in this strange drama of living, to rise in an ever-ascending spiral of cosmic reality men must also understand the importance of true discrimination. My Son said, "By their fruits ye shall know them. . . . Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?"⁴

Spiritual Discernment

Whereas we have again and again stressed that men ought not to speak ill of one another or to gossip (pointing out the corrosive dangers involved in such activities, which border on condemnation and judgment), we have also said that spiritual people should realize the importance of learning to discern the difference between good and evil. How else shall the follower of the Christ understand the meaning of the words spoken by Paul to the Corinthians: "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?"⁵

Evil deeds are self-declaring, whether they are practiced by saint or sinner. And if the saint be truly all that the name implies and he commit one or more mistakes while his life is filled with good deeds, if he is a saint, if he is truly a child of

God, he will be grateful to have pointed out to him the error of his ways. But if he stand behind the shield of personal egoism, defending himself as one who can do no wrong, he will not retain the purity of heart that will enable him to see clearly the path that lies ahead.

In this connection may I say to all, to those of learning and to those who are struggling to master their worlds, bear in mind that the love of God is tangible and real. You should strive continually to express it.

But you should also realize the difference between the divine character and the character of human creation. It is not wrong to be able to discern the difference between good and evil. In fact, it is absolutely essential that one develop spiritual discernment, for these differences are often most subtle and difficult to perceive.

There is a certain danger even in the statement "All is love." For whereas all *is* love as it exists in the highest consciousness of God, love, in order to be practical in the world below, must be willing to recognize the weeds in the garden that are to be plucked out. Those who are blind to these facts of life and those who lead the blind will personalize the weeds and defend them as though they were their own. For many through pride have fallen from lofty positions. But the pure in heart shall see God⁶ within themselves and within others. They shall be unafraid to name the condition that is acting in their worlds, and they shall be careful to differentiate the Real from the unreal in their discernment of others.

Faith in Oneself and Faith in God

Yet courage is needed, for evil is not personal. It is simply magnetized to the world of men by reason of their own lack of faith in themselves. If men had faith in themselves, they would find it easier to have faith in God. We seek, then,

to generate greater faith in the children of the light and in all men, knowing that in the simplicity of their faith will be born that devotion to service and that understanding which will ultimately create a new sense of worth in the people of the world.

How wonderful it is for individuals to be able to have and to hold a sense of worth about themselves and about their lives. The self is the gateway to God. When God is found, doubt and fear vanish. And if a friend does not measure up to one's ideals or to one's expectations (or even if the self falls short of the mark), faith in God and in his leading, in his ultimate purpose made manifest for all, will strengthen the bond of reality in the consciousness of men and enable each one to realize that the Christ is the true worth and the only measure of a man. Faith will bring peace midst turmoil and spread the balm of healing truth, which in plucking out the thorn of error desires only the manifestation of health and wholeness in the body of God on earth.

The hierarchy warns that there are wolves in sheep's clothing,⁷ that some of these know they are wolves and that some know it not. Notwithstanding, all can rely upon the Christ of their own being, upon that great reservoir of celestial light that pours out the precious nectar of his holy wisdom, the oil of his anointing, and the waters of purification upon all who will receive him.

May I ask that you keep the bond of faith in the midst of turmoil, serene yet actively aware of the need to know the truth that is above persons, places, conditions or things—the truth that alone can make and keep you free.⁸

I remain your benefactress in cosmic diligence, representing the light of the world, Mary.

"The Summit Lighthouse Sheds Its Radiance o'er All the World to Manifest as Pearls of Wisdom." This dictation by **Mother Mary** was previously published by The Summit Lighthouse in *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 12, no. 44, on **November 2, 1969**. The 1969 *Pearls of Wisdom* are currently out of print. **(1) Lord Maitreya delved into one of the problems that is currently facing humanity on a world scale.** In a dictation given by Maitreya that was published in *Pearls of Wisdom*, vol. 12, no. 43, on October 26, 1969, he addressed the issue of economic equality and the abundant life: "We submit herewith our concepts concerning a current problem that is being blown up, out of all proportion to reality, in order to spread abroad violence and confusion. I refer to the principle of the abundant life and to the problem, so-called, of economic inequality. There is a constant din that can be heard in the world, a clamor from those who have not against those who have. An interesting sidelight is that the babel of voices for the have-nots and against the haves is being joined by many among the upper class, who, in effect, are begging their own destruction. Let me hasten to say that all wealth belongs to God, that the earth is his, and that he has asked man to take dominion over it and to share in the practical proof of the principle of the abundant life. This life is, was and always will be for all. Man does not need to create equality; God has already created it. We call it the equality of opportunity. . . . There is never any need whatsoever for humanity to turn against one another, as did Cain against Abel, in the fear that they have not or will not receive an equal share of the Father's love. All activities of criticism and condemnation are destructive, and they lead inevitably toward a violent climax. . . . Those who would rise politically in the world often capitalize on the weaknesses of humanity in order to achieve their ends. Their method is to set one segment of society against another by using both secular and religious issues to divide and conquer the minds of men whose hearts are in reality one. This tactic is often the root and only cause of the underlying social problems that confront individuals and nations today. True faith in God is faith in the abundant life. It should be of no concern to you what your neighbor is able to gain of this world's goods or even how he employs his gain so long as it is done honestly. People should rejoice in the abundance of others as they would rejoice in their own abundance, and they should see that when men are able to produce abundantly and to remain in a calm state of goodwill to all, they not only enjoy life but they also are able to support institutions and activities that will sustain and preserve God's beauty on behalf of all men." **(2)** Luke 22:31. **(3)** Luke 2:49. **(4)** Matt. 7:20, 16. **(5)** II Cor. 6:14, 15. **(6)** Matt. 5:8. **(7)** Matt. 7:15. **(8)** John 8:32.