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We are all called to be apostles. It was on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets that the Christian Church was built, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone.¹

But Jesus was concerned with what would happen to the disciples, to the apostles and to the holy women after his departure. He gave them many teachings. He foretold his passing and explained that he must ascend that the Holy Spirit might come.

As his teacher, John the Baptist had said before him, “He must increase, but I must decrease.”² The teacher always imparts to the disciple the best portion of himself, and the true teacher, the true shepherd, will always lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus said, “Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”³ And so, in Jesus’ laying down his life, we are reborn.

Jesus knew that the New Jerusalem—the City Foursquare,

the concept of the cube, the mystical cube that is the foundation of the Church—could not be precipitated unless the Holy Ghost should come. And the Holy Ghost could not come unless Jesus would fuse with the I AM THAT I AM in the ritual of the ascension. And so he set the pattern for all of us to walk in his footsteps.

The Transfer of Light through the Holy Ghost

Jesus spoke to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Ghost. In the Book of Luke we read, “And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you.” The “promise of my Father” is the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. “But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high.”⁴ It is recorded that just before this, he “opened. . . their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”⁵

Now, we are speaking of disciples, who were well versed in scripture, for their teacher, Jesus, was well versed in scripture. He lived and taught by the code of the Old Testament, and he had been with the disciples and close to them for three years. Did they not think, as many Christians do today, that they understood the scriptures? Nevertheless, he rebuked them. He said, “Search the scriptures, for in them ye *think* ye have eternal life.”⁶ He was saying that unless you have the Holy Ghost, you do not have the true interpretation of scripture.

So in these final moments before he walked up Bethany’s hill, he opened their understanding. He gave them a portion of the Holy Ghost that they might read the Word, the essence of the Logos, and understand the transfer of light from the mind of God to the heart of man through the vehicle of the Holy Ghost. And so then he admonished them to wait—wait in the city of Jerusalem “until ye be endued with power from on high.”

Jerusalem is the mystical concept of the cube of Mater,

Matter, Mother. It is the New Jerusalem, the City Foursquare. *Foursquare* means precipitation. Matter is for the precipitation of Spirit. It is the place where our God flame must be crystallized. And in this crystallization, we are made Christed ones. We are made Christs. We are anointed with the spiritual flame. And so he is saying, “Tarry in Matter. Tarry in the four planes of Matter. Keep the flame of Christ. Keep the flame of my mission until you receive the Holy Ghost.”

In the Book of Acts we read: “But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”⁷ These are his final words before his ascension. Jesus is giving us the key: “Unless I ascend, you cannot be given the energy of the Holy Spirit that will be for this Christ-allization of my light in all humanity.”

Harmony as the Chalice for the Holy Spirit

Now, Paul received that same Holy Ghost when Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. When he received the Holy Ghost, infired with that flame, he went forth to win for Christ and for God.

And so the apostles were obedient. We find them on the day of Pentecost of one accord in one place.⁸ This means that they were in harmony with the Christ flame within, so much in harmony that they were even found in one place in time and space, fusing their heart chalices and their consciousness in Christ.

Harmony is a prerequisite for receiving the Holy Ghost—harmony in the four planes of Matter, which correspond to your four lower bodies, harmony in your soul. It means eliminating even silent resentment or silent irritation, fuming, fretting, reacting to human conditions, or becoming disturbed

or annoyed. It means holding the flow of the sacred Word of God. This is the kind of harmony they had, and so they were the perfect chalice for the dove of the Holy Spirit.

Twin Flames of the Cloven Tongues of Fire

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”⁹

These cloven tongues of fire are twin flames. They are the flames of Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending. They are the flames of the Father-Mother God. One of these flames is the flame of your I AM Presence, and the other is the flame of the I AM Presence of the one who is known as your twin flame. The Father-Mother God always manifests as the Divine Us, as wholeness. But for manifestation in Matter in time and space, souls who came forth from the fiery ovoid came forth either as the masculine counterpart or the feminine counterpart of the whole.

The wholeness of God, of the Father-Mother, was manifest on that day of Pentecost. The word *Pentecost* is derived from a Greek word that means “fiftieth day.” So it is related to five, which is the number of the secret rays. The seven rays are the outer rays of Christ-awareness, and the five secret rays are the inner awareness in the white-fire core of being.

So on Pentecost there were cloven tongues of fire, twin flames of the one Father-Mother God. This gives us the key to understanding what the Holy Spirit brings. It brings integration of consciousness. It brings wholeness. It completes our aloneness and allows us to experience all-oneness. Where we have lack, we are filled with the gifts of the Spirit.

The Gifts of the Spirit Are Contained by the Balanced Threefold Flame

The gifts of the Spirit are nine in number because of the action of the three times three, the action of the squaring of the Trinity. When we have the balanced threefold flame of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and it is squared, it is the power of the nine. Thus the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit can only be contained by the one who has first balanced the love, the wisdom and the power in the Christ consciousness.

Paul the apostle had the balanced threefold flame and yet he complained all his life of a thorn in the flesh. He bore a burden of suffering, and he prayed very hard and very diligently to the Lord to deliver him of this thorn. But the Lord would not. It was for his testing. It was to make him humble. It was to bring him to the place of recognition, perpetual recognition: "I need thee, O my Lord. I need thee, O Holy Spirit. I of mine own self cannot produce wholeness. I must have the completeness of God as a gift of the Holy Spirit."

And so, salvation is not entirely of works, lest any man should boast. And yet faith without works is dead, said James.¹⁰ We find that by working the works of the Lord and by establishing the virtues of Christ and Buddha and other great teachers, we prepare our consciousness as the perfect chalice. And when the Lord is ready, then he fills the chalice with the cloven tongues of fire.

Preparing to Receive the Holy Ghost

This is the age when we are waiting upon the Lord to receive the Holy Ghost. The ascended ones of the Great White Brotherhood, who have gone before us on the path of initiation, have given us the step-by-step teaching whereby we can prepare to receive the Holy Spirit—not only by calling

upon the name of the Lord, but by working the works, by meditation, by exercising the science of the spoken Word, by invoking the flame of Aquarius, which is the flame of freedom, the flame of transmutation, the violet fire. So we are preparing our own Jerusalem—our four lower bodies, the four sides of the temple—for the receipt of the Holy Ghost.

Through the fusion of their light, through the cross of white fire, Alpha and Omega, the Father-Mother God, bring forth the Christ—the only begotten, the One, the immaculate Word incarnate. That One, as the oneness of infinity, is produced over and over and over again as the Christ Self, or the Christ consciousness, of every child of God and every son and daughter of God. That one Christ immaculate is the product of the fusion of the twin flames of God. And every child that is born is the repeating of this process of Alpha and Omega giving birth to the Christ. This is the fusion of fire.

The *infusion* of fire, which we seek when we call for the Holy Ghost, is the manifestation of the cloven tongues, this time not fused but *infused* as wholeness, completing our aloneness, making us in manifestation the fullness of the Father-Mother God.

It is written of John the Baptist and of Jesus that they had the Holy Ghost from their mothers' wombs. They received the Holy Ghost before they were yet born in Matter. Why? Because of prior attainment. Because of having walked the path of initiation and having attained Christhood before their final incarnation.

You can strive to receive the Holy Ghost. You can come to the place in this life where you say, "My temple is the temple of the living God." You can clean the temple. You can exorcise that temple by the authority of Jesus Christ, by the authority of your I AM Presence. You can apply the science of Christ and Buddha and Paul. And you can be prepared to give birth

to the Divine Manchild within you, which is your own Christ Self, and then to have your temple filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then *your* day of Pentecost will come and it will fill all of your house, all of your consciousness. When that day comes—and come it will if you follow the teachings of the ascended masters and diligently apply yourself to the path of initiation—then you will come to the place of being prepared to be sent forth.

Apostolic Succession

The word *apostle* means “one sent forth.” An apostle is an envoy, an ambassador, one who is sent on a special mission. *Apostle* is used in three ways in the New Testament. First of all, it is the title of Jesus Christ; Paul said in Hebrews that Jesus is the apostle and the high priest of the Church.¹¹ Secondly, it was the designation of the twelve apostles. And third, the term is used for evangelists whose ministry was the planting of churches. They were also called apostles.

An apostle speaks and acts with the authority of the one who sends him. Christ was sent by the Father, and the Father spoke and worked through him. The twelve apostles were appointed by Christ and spoke with his authority. His Spirit spoke through them. Those who were apostles in the general sense were also sent by Christ, and he spoke and worked through them.

We come, then, to the concept of apostolic succession, a term used in the Catholic Church. Apostolic succession has been demonstrated in the following: Jesus founding the Church upon the Rock of Christ, whom Peter acknowledged; Peter becoming his first vicar and establishing the Church in Rome; and all those following after him and all those who are ordained by that vicar passing the flame, succeeding the apostles and speaking again in the authority of their predecessors.

Now, we who are called, one and all without exception—called to be ambassadors for Christ, to be apostles—must find the key whereby, tarrying in the city of Jerusalem, we are endued with power from on high and we receive the Holy Ghost. And therefore we have the seal, the sign, the authority of the ascended masters, who, one and all, have realized the Christ consciousness.

When we have the backing of hierarchy, the true hierarchy of the true teachers of mankind, and we are filled with the Holy Ghost, then we go forth in the great spirit of the true apostles and our Christ. Then we find that the gift of the flow of God consciousness upon us is able to convert the multitudes. To what? To their own inner awareness of the Christ, to becoming all that they really are, to realignment with the inner law of being.

We find that through us God will then pass the flame. And as we keep the flame of Christ and of life and pass it one to another, we are then also passing our authority. And this is an electrifying concept because it is the spark that leaps across a world to ignite a world.

Forsake Ambition and Pride and Wait upon the Lord in Humility

In our intellectual pride, we must not think that we can pass the flame of the Christ consciousness merely through a mental appreciation of the teachings. Nor must we think that somehow through an emotional fervor, which is not to be mistaken for the Holy Spirit, we will convert souls. Neither through weeping or wailing nor through intellectual prowess and logic can we transfer the Christ consciousness. It must come by the flame.

How do we get that flame? We come in humility before the living God, as Jesus did. We acknowledge our impoverishment.

We acknowledge ourselves as the lump of clay in the Potter's hand. We acknowledge that all that we have is the gift of flame, of life, that our soul and our body temple were given to us along with free will, which we have used to remold an identity that God first created.

When we stand in the presence of the living flame of God—truly in the flame that rushes with the sound of the rushing mighty wind and the sound of a rushing waterfall until it fairly consumes us—when we stand in that living presence, we can no longer claim any virtue, any quality, any attainment as our own. For we realize that all has come forth from the one Source and that to be the instrument, to be the clear pane of glass, is our calling. It is our all. It is our reason for being.

So the more we stand in the Presence of God and realize our utter helplessness without this flame, the more we become eligible to receive it. The more humble you become, the more God will give you of his power.

Recently I did some investigating into various churches and movements who have as their key calling the getting of the Holy Ghost. And I saw the temptation, almost a competitive spirit which occupies some of these groups, where one of the members has supposedly received the Holy Spirit and others are jealous to receive it too. And therefore by having the desire, the ambition, to get that Spirit before they have paid the price of the sacrifice of the human ego, they leave themselves wide open to spirits that “mutter and peep,”¹² to spirits that are the impostors of the Holy Spirit.

These spirits are very clever. They also speak in tongues. They also have manifestations. They also can enter the temple, not as the Holy Spirit but as discarnates. And they are well versed as the impostors, having been trained by the father of lies. And so we see this silliness in the churches because of a failure to understand the true law of initiation, the true law

of legitimately getting the Spirit of the Lord.

Jesus said, “I AM the open door.”¹³ And he said that we who would get to the Father must go through that door and we cannot get in by any other door. The door is the Christ consciousness, the Mediator.

Each one has a Christ Self. If we try to go around the Christ Self to get the energy of God in order to squander that energy upon our own lusts and desires, we are the thief, the hireling, and not the true shepherd. We, then, are stealing the light of God, taking heaven by force. Just as there are those who would bypass the real Christ to get to God, so there are those who would take a shortcut in getting the Holy Spirit. And because of spiritual pride, because of striking the rock and demanding, “God, you appear now,” they are open prey to the spirits of the fallen ones.¹⁴

Let us, then, forsake ambition in the Church, the ambition to get that which we have not earned. Let us forsake the pride, the spiritual pride which goes before the fall.¹⁵ Let us consign these to the flame of the Holy Spirit and, in humility, love, self-sacrifice and obedience, wait upon the Lord. Waiting upon the Lord means just that—to wait until the Lord himself comes to tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until God chooses to make of us his apostles.

to be continued

¹²“The Summit Lighthouse Sheds Its Radiance o'er All the World to Manifest as Pearls of Wisdom.” This *Pearl of Wisdom* is a compilation of excerpts from the lecture “Apostles All,” delivered by the Messenger of the Great White Brotherhood Elizabeth Clare Prophet on **January 25, 1976**, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Part 2 is published in *Pearls of Wisdom* vol. 58, no. 22. (1) Eph. 2:19, 20. (2) John 3:30. (3) John 12:24. (4) Luke 24:49. (5) Luke 24:45. (6) John 5:39. (7) Acts 1:8. (8) Acts 2:1. (9) Acts 2:2–4. (10) James 2:17. (11) Heb. 3:1. (12) Isa. 8:19. (13) John 10:7, 9; Rev. 3:8. (14) Num. 20:7–12. (15) Prov. 16:18.