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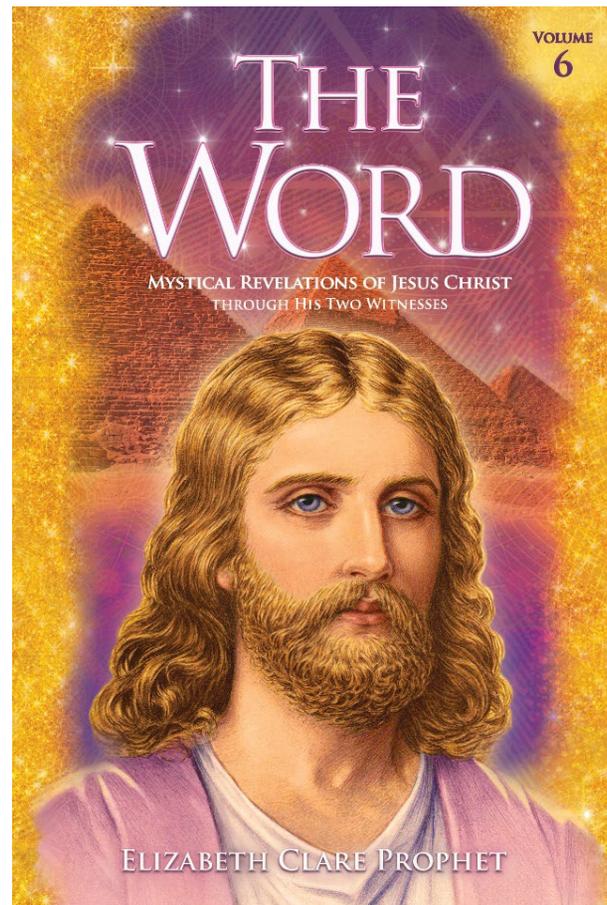
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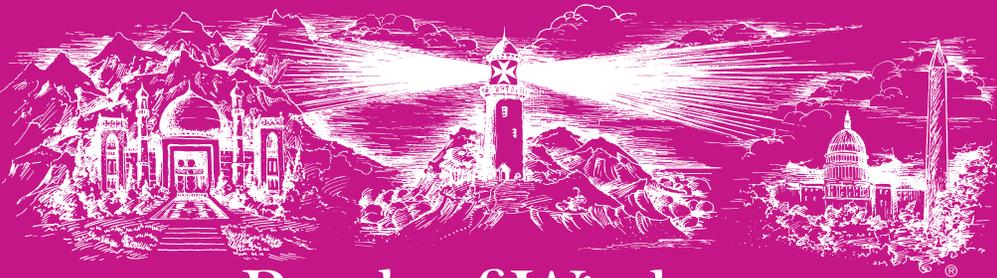
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Let your heart absorb his message
to fear not, come what may
and to move forward,
for he has promised that he will
clear the way and prepare your soul.

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Grateful Are We

Grateful are we for those who have heard our voice and recognized it. Grateful are we for those who diligently seek that they may serve our cause. Grateful are we for those who, when the coarse epithet comes to their lips, a word of crassness to another, do still that vibratory action, stop the word before it is spoken, and in humbleness call unto us, unto the eternal Presence above, to the everlasting Father, expressing gratitude for the staying hand that prevents the coarse word from being spoken and replaces it by the angelic blessing of the word of love.

Many are tempted, even as many are called. But few choose to abort the temptation, and many do fall into the pitfalls and disturbing vibratory actions of outer conditions, whose very age should long ago have rendered them tired and unfit for habitation. Yet individuals continue to slip into these temptations as though they were a comfortably fitting glove, when in reality they bring pain and the manifestation of shame to all who dwell therein.

Not so, do we say of the comfortable manifestations of the gifts of righteousness. For righteousness is of our Father's kingdom. And as we are grateful for all that you do—because you make it possible to amplify our radiation, to amplify and extend the karmic grants for the planetary body, to produce the miracles of the rose and the lily and all of natural manifestations, and to blunt the thorns of life—we are grateful.

We are grateful because those who hear the voices of heaven, the pleadings of heaven, understand their own role as a humble one whereby heaven can set before mankind the beauty of example.

**Divine Love Spans the Ages with Hope
and Is Born in Each Moment as Opportunity**

Ye see us with the inward eye. Ye behold us in the heart. But mankind—who having eyes, see not, and having hearts, understand not and know us not—look to you who are outer manifestations visible to their eyes, claiming to support us and to represent us. For as the manifestation of the example of spiritual beauty, donning the garments of humility, you expound the Word unto mankind, even as we did.

For the torch that has been passed to this generation is also a torch of gratitude, in addition to one of heritage. The heritage of good example we have set before you. We have guided this nation and the nations of the earth toward honor and toward integrity and toward renewed hope.

We continue today, on this Thanksgiving Day, to send to earth, with a gentleness of falling snow, the manifestation of our love. Our love as a mantle will cover the multitude of imperfections that lie beneath. And then perchance, as the consciousness of mankind gazes no longer on the hidden imperfections of the self, mankind will look upward toward the great heavens of light and the energy therein to behold God as Image Immaculate. And seeing God, they will draw him down as a tangible manifestation of light-energy into the frame of mortal being.

Immortality flowing into mortality creates change, and transmutative effort on behalf of heaven for mankind renders man changed from glory unto glory,¹ *even as by the Spirit of God!*

Render therefore unto God those things that are God's,² and understand that heaven exacts no toll of mankind but seeks to render them more acceptable to divine purpose, that they may more speedily enter into the blessing of their inheritance divine.

Mankind today often fear to reach the end of the road of an individual embodiment, fearing to put off the garments of flesh and to enter into the realm of Spirit, where they feel certain that some judgment of their imperfections and errors awaits them. They ought now, rather, in connection with their manifestations of gratitude and hope, to consider the putting off of the body of flesh, when at that shedding there is an entering into spiritual perfection—the greatest blessing possible. And they ought to understand that God waits to bestow upon man the blessings of his immortal inheritance.

The only and sole reason why mankind feel the weight of condemnation is because they lack faith in the infinite will of God to work in them that which is perfect and to produce the miracle of perfection within the city of self.

Let man understand that divine love spans the ages with hope—that the divine love that spans the ages with hope is born in each moment as opportunity.

**Gratitude Is the Means by Which Man Is Transported
unto a Higher State of Heavenly Consciousness**

And so today, when you take stock of the blessings that God has rendered unto you, understand that there is no greater blessing than the opportunity to change that which requires change, to shed the dusty garments of earth for the garments of heaven, and to understand that one can do this right while one walks in the garment of flesh, being changed as the eye perceives the latent divinity unfolding because the heart is open—not only open to worldly knowledge and worldly momentums, not only open to worldly habit patterns and patterns of the past, but also open to the great beauty of the future, when the descending radiance shall be the radiance of the Cosmic Christ, when initiation on behalf of heaven for the creature shall raise the creature into the

domain of the Creator,³ and the created one shall inherit the Creator's immortal treasures. And above all, the created one shall understand that gratitude is the means by which man is transported from the heavenly state of consciousness unto a higher state of heavenly consciousness.

Step-by-step, man, then, is raised, first entering into the idea in the mind, the contemplated idea of his fulfilling his divine mission, and then perceiving that mission as it gradually enfolds him round about, day after day, each opportunity for service being the renewal of hope for each lifestream.

For in service is born the fullness of love, in service is born the fullness of Christhood, and in service is born the great regenerative impulses of God that actually change the face of nature, not only in the domain of the individual monad but upon the planetary body. For if the world today is covered with the dust of decaying substance, it is because the consciousness of mankind dwells in the horror of absence, vacuum, self-deceit, and fear.

We Seek an Awakening of Mankind All Over the Planetary Body

I am come quite suddenly now to the temple of manifestation, just at the point of stepping through the veil. I am come to restore the old boundaries of that perfect love for God that casts out all fear,⁴ that perfect love and faith that are the legacy of childlike trust—that perfect faith that understands that there is a master plan for every individual upon the planetary body and that causes that one to have faith in the destiny of his individual lifestream, which creates each opportunity and causes the door of that opportunity to open wide so that the individual may step through victoriously to Christ-accomplishment, not only in outer action but in inner thought and inner feeling.

Let all understand, then, that to reach this state of consciousness, to obtain this resurrection spirit, one *must* put off the old man and his deeds, one must consent to being changed in the twinkling of God's Eye, which is the laughing moment when one sees that all of one's fears are but vanity of mortal thought—fears that have no means to hold back the soul in its great flight toward light-reality and the pulse of true identity.

We seek an awakening of mankind all over the planetary body, and therefore as we express our thanks to you, one and all—those who are our auditors this day (in the sense of hearing our words and those who subsequently shall read them)—understand that the pulse of the cosmic nation, the cosmic nation that inhabits cosmos—the company of saints, the company of the just, the sons of light and the children of the One Father, whose faces do shine as the sun—desire to invite this day the people of this planet Terra to open their eyes so that they may now see a new and living way through the consciousness of Christ-radiance, the individualized consciousness of Christ-radiance, the Holy Christ Self of each individual monad, so that the militant Christ triumphant⁵ may be born in consciousness and contacted.

When you contact your Holy Christ Self, and by the sweet clasping of hands feel the joy of surrender, you are preparing the way to take advantage of each new strand of hope as it is lowered into the physical octave to connect with your own blessed lifestream.

How Magnificent It Is to Express the Light by Saying “Thank You”

Thanksgiving—what a passion of divine joy is expressed in gratitude. How magnificent it is that each spiritual being can express the light of his heart toward another spiritual being by saying “Thank you.”

For it is God within you who has arisen and pulsed out his energy, who has radiated out his light in service or in activity, in thought or in communion, yet not alone in communion but in communion for a purpose, in meditation for a purpose, in prayer for a purpose, in decree for a purpose, and in all things for a purpose—purpose to do thy will, purpose to perceive light, purpose to overcome the night and the darkness that each one seems to hold around themselves in this world of form, the darkness that in a relative sense opaques the shining radiance of the faces of the sons of God so that mankind do not truly perceive them.

It is in one sense, then, a unique experience when first the eyes are opened and the radiance of heaven gleams through. What a passion of longing floods the soul as it realizes that it has for far too long been enmeshed in the cords of mortal bondage. What a passion fills the soul as it realizes at last *now* God wills it free. And what a passion fills the soul as the soul knows that God has *always* willed it free.

The Holy Spirit—gentle, kind, evocative of noble effort, directing man to integrity and to constancy, pleading with consciousness to come up and sip the nectar of heaven—how gracious, how beautiful, how lovely is thy consciousness, O God.

The Light of the Eternal Presence Brings Feelings of Hope and Gratitude

O eternal Father, render now unto these thy children the blessing of this day, that the streaming light-radiance from thy heart may encourage them in those moments of separation, which are not of thy doing or fashioning, nor are they of necessity the desire of the individuals who have been caught in the web of mortal thoughts and feelings. Extricate them now! Flash forth thy light, and by thy angelic messengers, set the captives free!

I AM come! I AM come! I AM come that ye might feel the pulsations of my love, that you might understand in your heart the need to heal that which is turned out of the way and to make straight paths for the feet of the children of mankind, that they may divorce themselves from those concepts that have not brought them peace, that have not brought them the fullness of the truth, that have not kept them in the center of the will of heaven.

Oh, the calm center of the will of heaven, what a mirrored pool it is into which man may see the reality of himself. Reflected back, the shining radiance portrays the renewal of hope, and the old covenants come once again into remembrance, when the souls in descent [to earth] did pledge to God the fervor of that descent, saying, “We go to do thy will, O God.”

Forgotten, then, were those great covenants as man became immersed in the density and passions of outer-world clang and clash. But now comes the calmness of manifestation, when in the light of the eternal Presence hope is renewed and burns through the veils of mortal fashioning and brings to man such a feeling of hope and gratitude as has never before filled their hearts.

As Gratitude Mounts, So Outer Conditions and Irritations Seem to Fade Away

O transcendent angels of the band of ministration and cosmic service, I invoke thy descent now upon the great continents of the air and thy descent through the consciousness of man. Help mankind to feel the great mellowness of heaven that is the sound as of a trumpet coming over the waves at dawn, that speaks of a promise, that commands life to obey the sovereign will of God, to render unto all the infinite capacity to receive that which heaven is so willing to give.

And what a great boon gratitude is to bring to every heart

the understanding that as gratitude mounts, so mounts aspiration. As gratitude mounts, so mounts service. As gratitude mounts, so outer conditions and irritations seem to fade away in the relativity of heaven's graces and man's weaknesses.

Out of weakness is born strength. Out of life in peril of death is born courage and the plan. And as the plan unfolds and the souls grow bold to seize it, we shall see a golden age manifest right before your eyes. And you shall be a part of it and know that from the skies, the very heart of it, is your Presence's heart—the heart of God, the heart of love, the heart descending from above.

It is a grail to keep the flame. It is a grail of hope divine. It speaks to mankind of other times, when their souls were pulsing with greater hope than now because they were closer to the flame divine. Yet the flame divine descends and renews its covenant of hope without end, manifest as a rainbow, an arch between heart and Heart, between heart and the Presence's heart, between earthly heart of flesh and the heart of God.

And as the rainbow rays pulse out their sevenfold radiance, they remind mankind of the white light, the splendid light, the light that gleams through the darkest night, the light that renews and never fails, the light of God that reminds all of the covenant of being, I AM.

Understand, then, that in the thought of being, I AM, man is able to realize that because he is, heaven is possible unto him. For if this moment lives in you, then other moments can, and God is filled with foreverness and there is no end of his kingdom. And as you enter into it and its consciousness, you abide forever in the company of the just.

The Crown of Life Is before Ye All

Now, then, as your elder brother this Thanksgiving Day, affirming the covenant of salvation to mankind, I say:

The crown of life is before ye all. And the cup is beneath the crown. As ye drink of it, even as I did, ye shall find your overcoming. For the cup precedes the cross, and the cross lifts man up until before heaven and earth he trembles at the point of manifestation.

Man, then, at the crossroads of identity, poised between man and God, is tested again and again ere he obtain the crown. But when he obtains it, he has *all things* and can say, as I did, "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me,⁶ and I will give it unto whomsoever I will."

And I take the ēmanna* from heaven and I break it with ye this day and I say, take your portion of this eternal substance, the substance of Emmanuel, God with us. Take it. Assimilate it. Use it. It is my body, which was broken for you,⁷ and by it ye shall have a fragment of God within you that has overcome in flesh. Made a little lower than the angels yet crowned with more glory,⁸ ye shall have a fragrant fragment of myself, a petal from the Rose of Sharon,⁹ a portion of your elder brother's triumph.

Take it and use it. Let it flow through your veins! Let it flow through your consciousness! Let it pulse day after day!

"I AM, O God, Because Thou Art!"

Every moment when you are tempted, and tempted to deny your God, affirm it and affirm the covenant of life, saying, "I AM, O God, because thou art!" And understand that in that affirmation, life will renew itself moment by moment forever and will be without end a flame that will not go out, a fire that cannot be quenched.

And you shall be where I AM—*right* where I AM, deep in the heart of eternal gratitude unto God for his first thought of Creation; deep in the heart of God, where he is, right

*Said *ee manna*; Jesus may be suggesting a correlation between the words "manna" (bread of life) and "Emmanuel" (God is with us).

where you are; deep in the heart of God, where hope exchanges itself for faith, and faith for charity and triumph.

I thank you in God's name for your devotion, and I pledge to you my undying love for and on behalf of your immortal Victory and the freedom of all mankind.

The peace of my Divine Mother, Mary, rests upon you.
And the peace of Joseph as Saint Germain rests upon you.
And my peace and gratitude I give unto you.

[Jesus chants:] *ee Purusha.*

It is done.

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This previously unpublished dictation by **Jesus the Christ** was delivered by the Messenger of the Great White Brotherhood Mark L. Prophet on **Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1967**, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. [N.B. Bracketed words have been added for clarity in the written word.] (1) II Cor. 3:18. (2) Luke 20:25. (3) I John 4:18. (4) Rom. 8:19, 21. (5) **The militant Christ triumphant.** On July 12, 1980, the messenger explained the use of the term *militant*, saying, "Although . . . the term is rather strange to me and to all of us, we understand that we are engaged in Armageddon and moving with Sanat Kumara, who in ancient Hindu prophecy is the leader of the armies of heaven. He is the Faithful and True of the Book of Revelation. He leads all the hosts of heaven in the warfare against evil. And so under him, all the sons of God are our saviours, our saints, our brothers and sisters, our sponsors, and we know that we must go out and fight this battle against evil, daring to challenge it so that we can draw these lambs into the fold of the mystical body of Christ." (6) Matt. 28:18. (7) Matt. 26:26; Mark 14:22; I Cor. 11:24. (8) Heb. 2:7. (9) Song of Sol. 2:1.

Gratitude

Gratitude to thee, I AM, God Self in all
Gratitude for answering our every call
Gratitude for mercy more than we deserve
Gratitude for opportunity to serve!

Refrain:

Gratitude, gratitude, open door to grace
Gratitude reveals Love's presence face-to-face!

Gratitude to Jesus for his love supreme
Loving adoration from each dear lifestream
Now from earth arising, blesses him all ways
Reverence, laud, and honor to his name in praise!

Gratitude to Saint Germain, our gracious king
Joyously thanksgiving for his flame we sing
All mankind shall love him and his name adore
Freedom flame, the singing flame forevermore.

Gratitude from all on earth, Obedience dear
Open door to Freedom's love and blessings here
Through your willingness to serve and show the way
Earth is now arising to eternal day!

Gratitude to you, Pelleur, our friend so true
All on earth now send their deepest love to you
Dear God-parents from whose blazing heart we came
Central Sun now bless him in the I AM name!

Gratitude to you, ascended hosts of light
For your patience, all-forgiving love, and might
Call we heaven's blessings from the Central Sun
Thanking you forever for earth's vict'ry won.

Gratitude to Helios and Vesta, too
All on earth now send their deepest love to you
Dear God-parents from whose blazing heart we came
Central Sun now bless them in the I AM name!*

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