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for granted by the recipient and therefore there is no real help given. What we are coming round to is that charity that is not received with appreciation by the recipient is actually of no value to him, therefore he would be better off without it. But this is not an excuse for the selfish to withhold charity because his heart is not filled with charity in the beginning. You must help one another. But you must study the situation in question and be sure that the gift is of true value in order that the greatest good may accrue to both the giver and the receiver.

➤ To do for others anything that they can and should do for themselves, is a detriment, not a benefit. To refuse to do for others what we can do and which they need and cannot do for themselves is against the law of the Golden Rule and is wrong. This is the basic point you must look for in your giving. Does this person need this help or is he simply demanding it because he is too indolent to do for himself? If the latter is the case, he will resent you for giving it. If he truly needs it, he will be deeply appreciative and resentment will not appear in the relationship between you at all. If there is resentment in the relationship as the result of help given, it is time to look deeper and reassess the nature of the charity.

○ Of all the people you have known who are handicapped by inadequacy, very few are truly physically handicapped. By that, we mean lacking in having a complete physical body. Many of them are handicapped by symptoms of physical illness that appear to rescue them from the ordeal of undertaking something that is greater than they want to undertake. These

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symptoms are real, very real. They are seldom understood by the individuals. They only know that when the going gets rough the symptoms of illness do appear and they become ill. Sometimes very ill, so that they are released from the need to rise to the occasion and surmount the problem before them. This alone is the key to the lack of progress in many, many souls. They come into life with the intention of doing the things they need to do in order to progress in their spiritual development. They go unerringly into the situations that will give them this development, but when the situation confronts them they fold up with an attack of illness that makes it necessary for someone else to take over the responsibility and relieve them of it.

The result—the benefit accrues to the benefactor instead of the beneficiary, who is the one who got himself into the situation in the first place so that he could have the benefit of the experience for his own development. He is cheated out of it by circumstances beyond his control, so he thinks, and this explains why he is so often resentful of the person who has given him help when it would seem he should be deeply appreciative of the help given. Actually, what he has lost is so much greater than what he has gained that he has been cheated and his spirit will never allow him to show complete appreciation to his benefactor in this type of circumstance.

Whenever you come to grips with this sort of circumstance, work out a solution for the soul who is requiring your help that will give him the minimum of help, not the most, for the objective they are spiritually attempting to achieve is to "do it himself." Remember

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that he will invariably resent the soul who steps in and does it for him, for that soul cheats him out of the accomplishment and then gains the benefit of that accomplishment for himself. Then the cheated soul must turn to other channels for his accomplishment and in so doing he very often treats his benefactor shabbily, if not dishonestly. This sets up a karmic situation that his spirit recognizes and the benefactor becomes the object of resentment, not of appreciation.

This is what happens when you step in to give help where it is asked for but not actually needed as much as it might appear. It is something that must be particularly guarded against by parents. It is so natural for children in a tight spot to yell for "Mama," and so natural for mothers or fathers to fly to the rescue when they hear the call. But before you go too far, weigh the situation in this light and work out the help you give carefully so that the child may be left with his opportunity to go on to his attainment of his own life's objectives. This will relieve a parent's feeling of resentment in reaction to the resentment of the child. This is something that parents the world round have found so hard to understand from the beginning of time on the earth scene.

There is a matter of help that is asked that is not of a material nature. It is the request for advice in the case of trouble. Everyone has trouble. This is a part of earth life. It is the part of earth life that carries the greatest challenge and also the most difficulty. Everyone faces trouble. It is a definite part of the plan in earth life and cannot be avoided. What we do about it is the question.

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The secret of success in life is not necessarily the avoiding of trouble, although to avoid creating more trouble than we need have is very important indeed. But how to cope with the troubles we cannot avoid is the need of every soul. This requires that we acquire wisdom. This we gain from instruction, from study, and from experience. If we acquire sufficient wisdom to deal with the troubles in our own lives, we will find others will come to us seeking help in dealing with their troubles.

No one ever asks for help on a problem to which he already has the solution. He comes because he has trouble and no solution. In order to help constructively we must have wisdom on which to draw. If we do not have the answer ourselves, we need to be able to direct him to the authority who does have it. This is basic wisdom in itself. Go to the teachings of Jesus for the basic principles of universal law that are the ruling forces in our lives. Be sure that the advice you give embraces these principles at all times or the advice is not good and is of no value. Beyond that, try to be specific in imparting any knowledge you may possess to give direction and help to another in solving his problem.

Do not take another's problems and solve them for him unless you are certain that he is unable to cope with them himself. To do that robs him of the experience and creates a karmic imbalance. There are many instances in which you do need to give help, physical help in situations where he cannot handle it himself. But at all times remember the rule: Do not do for another anything he can and should do for himself.

erated in the scheme of life by the Universal Power. Why was the serpent allowed to enter the Garden of Eden? to go back to the Biblical allegory of the creation. Without eyesight can man appreciate a sunset's glory?

The dark forces are among you not only for the purpose of learning for themselves the evil of their ways but also to give all other souls the opportunity of knowing what evil is and how to overcome and avoid it. It is the part of human experience that provides the fire that tempers the steel. You have a saying, "Let the buyer beware," inferring that one who seeks to buy something must look carefully and avoid being cheated. If there were no negative forces in earth life, there could be no development of the positive.

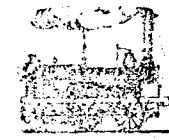
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The dark forces are among you, both in physical life and in life on this side. These forces must be sought out for what they are and dealt with summarily as the human race continues its steady climb toward the goal of eternal life, the return to the perfection of the great Universal Godhead, or divinity of purity of soul.

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Chapter 3

LIFE IS ETERNAL

Just as good will is one of the intangibles of a business, so life is one of the intangibles of the universe.

There is no initial material investment in good will, yet it is the life that can be the deciding factor between success and failure in many a business. So to understand life, we must understand that we cannot see life. We see the effects of life all around us. We see it in ourselves and our fellowmen. As long as they have life in their bodies, they are vibrant, living creatures. The moment life leaves the body, the body becomes a useless hulk that must be disposed of for it will decay and return to dust.

Thus the ancient belief that man was created from dust.

But we are concerned with life, not with dust. What is life? It is the vibrant part of the universe that we mean when we speak of God. We are all a part of God in that life is a part of this vibrant living force that IS God.

What, exactly, is love? It is the feeling of liking and high regard that carries one out of self to the highest possible emotional response to some thing, some place, or some one.

It has been said that "God is love." It has also been said that "Love rules the world." It has also been said that of all man's noble emotions "the greatest is love."

herited kingdoms and have not known the value of their inheritance, who have been insecure and often wicked, and certainly wasteful.

So we say to all parents: "Give to your children a legacy of wisdom." This is the true treasure of the universe and by far the most difficult to acquire and to pass on to others. But the heir who can and will receive it will have no need for material legacies. These things will fall into place in his life as the result of his wisdom. If he lacks wisdom, all the material wealth in the world cannot give him the riches of eternal life. Eternal life he has and cannot dispose of. He must go on to the next rung of the ladder whether he wishes to do so or not. So counsel all parents to grant to their children the right to learn by their own experiences. Teach them the integrity of the Golden Rule. Teach them the truth of the law of cause and effect. To learn by one's own experiences is the inalienable right of every soul. Over-protection by a parent is the greatest unkindness he can show to his child, in truth. Teach him how to deal with problems of life, then let him deal with them himself.

There is no easy path in earth life. It is not intended to be easy. Every soul who comes into earth life comes for the training he can get here. The troubles, the frustrations, the disappointments, the sorrows and the griefs are the highlights of his course. How we learn to deal with and accept them is the true measure of success, not how high we climb on the social and financial ladder. The taking of material responsibility is essential. "We must earn our keep" as we go through life.

In time to come, all great fortunes, as we have known

them in the past, will disappear from the earth scene and in this happening there will be a natural lessening of poverty at the same time. When water that is dammed is released to spread over arid acres, there is an increase of arable land with fruitful results. But this must come about through an over-all change in man's thinking, not through a political revolution. We are not preaching Communism, for all the political isms of the world are but new façades for the old, warmed-over theories of the past ages of darkness that have held mankind in the grip of selfishness and greed. In all that darkness there is a small gleam of light — the truth about the laws of the universe that Jesus came and taught by Galilee.

When these principles are clarified and man realizes he cannot "beat the game" and begins to truly accept the principle of Christ-like integrity in his life the thinking of mankind will change and the world will become the wonderful place it is intended to be. This is happening now and will continue to expand. Be of good cheer.

Chapter 25  
THE GRAIN OF TRUTH IN ALL  
MAJOR PHILOSOPHIES

Tonight we would talk to you of the truth in all philosophies and their similarity in many respects.

At the base of the world's major philosophies there is the grain of truth that is the same in all. It is from this tiny seed that the great religions and philosophies have developed. It has come about by a certain few enlightened souls, who have in one way or another been given that glimpse of the eternal, universal truth that is the ruling force of the universe. There are certain basic truths that are common to all of them.

But it is when the basic truth becomes a matter of concern to the many that the attention becomes diverted from the basic truths to side issues, to matters of dogma and doctrine and manifold issues that have no real bearing on the basic truth but do have great bearing on how some individual, or groups of individuals, are affected by the truth that the whole thing becomes complicated.

The truth of basic law is not complex. It is almost stark in its nakedness. It stands unhidden from anyone, for it has nothing to hide. It can stand to be revealed in its purity. But the receiver is the one who is apt to be complex, especially if his life has already involved him in matters that are not in harmony with the basic natural laws. So he invents this hedge, or that wall, as it

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i → were to provide him protection from the truth rather than to face it squarely and mend his ways. Or he may be involved in some project of iniquitous activity that he knows not how to get out of. So he complicates things with a fast-talking hedge to divert attention away from the center of his life. This is the sort of thing, from the beginning of human life, that has complicated the presentation of truth in its purity.

We tell you that when a man knows the truth and understands it, and accepts it as the standard for his conduct of his life, he needs no shield from the consequences. He can face life with full courage and conviction and complete simplicity. It is when he has things to hide that the way becomes complicated.

The truth is simple. Love thy neighbor as thyself. Live as you would like others to live. Know that the universal law is the most effective law in existence. It is the law that governs all other law. It is a true law of cause and effect. What you give out is what you must expect to receive in return. It cannot be otherwise. So keep to the basic principles of truth and complicate not your lives with devious dealings. Love thy neighbor and in the same spirit love thyself for truth's sake. S

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PRAYER

→ command but to ask for guidance and then LISTEN! ←  
This is true prayer.

When one can and does do this, the results can be amazing for the matters that are of importance as the impetus of prayer seem to work out concisely and so perfectly that even the most callous of unbelievers will wonder how this can be. This has happened over and over to souls in all parts of the world and in all generations. Things have happened that are regarded as miracles and have been recorded as such for all to hear for all time.

○ What has not been recorded is that at the base of the prayer must be the spirit of acquiescence to universal law to say, "Guide me, lead me, show me the way and I will do my part without question." This is successful prayer, the positive side of prayer. ○

At the opposite is the negative prayer in which we fervently beg, command and demand what we think we need and want. This is the prayer that can end in disappointment. It may fall on barren ground and wither and die, or, if answered, prove to be a beginning of complications too numerous to recount. It is a wise man who said, "Be careful what you pray for — you may get it!"

\* The perfect prayer for any soul is for guidance to meet any and all situations within the framework of universal law and carry out our life missions with the best possible success. It is not always what we think we want that is best for us in the end and we will see that it is so when viewed from this side.

To make the best use of the channels of prayer it is not necessary to speak at all unless one finds it more

satisfying to do so. The best way is to be alone and completely quiet. Close the eyes and concentrate on the spirit of complete acquiescence to God's will and silently ask for the guidance that will carry you through all situations — by universal law, the Golden Rule, and the true precepts of the will of God. It is unnecessary to ask more for this covers all situations and conditions that can possibly arise. Then go about your business of life, serene in the faith that the guidance you have sought is yours and that you can know all will be well.

To pray for evil and wrongdoing to work in your behalf is against universal law and cannot be expected to be successful.

Prayer is one of the greatest avenues of communication open to the human spirit, for it is his "hot line" to the Infinite, wherein lies his help.

You ask, "What is required of a soul that he be able to communicate with the Universal Mind through prayer?"

The first step is to know and recognize that power as the power that rules the universe, to recognize that the power is there, that it does exist, that it is all-powerful, all law and order, that this power IS the power that rules the universe yet it is not beyond your reach, for we are a part of that universe and therefore a tiny but very important part of that power ourselves.

The spark that gives our body life is an integral part of universal power. It is not only possible for us to reach out and communicate with that power but without doing so we cannot possibly hope to realize our full potential in life on earth at any time. We can reach that power, we should, and we must.

beds, call out the names of loved ones who have gone ahead. They are actually there and at the moment of transition they see them, although the spirit has not yet left the physical body. They also gasp in wonder at the beauty of the scene into which they are entering. This is because this also is truth. The discarnate world in which we live is a beautiful world for the average and above-average soul. The run-of-the-mill, ordinary person, who does his best in his simple way, is a good soul and will find himself in a world far more lovely than he expects. This happens immediately upon transition. He is met by loved ones of the life he has left and many others he has not remembered in that life but of previous connections.

One thing we must explain as a fact — each particle of life retains its individual identity in the life stream. In eternal life, life on this side, each individual retains individuality. But the soul that comes over at death is a very much altered soul than went from this world into earth life some “three score and ten” earth years before. Whatever the length of that span may have been, he has gained or lost according to the way he has lived his life.

The transition is a natural one and there are no traumatic experiences for him to face. If he has made serious errors in his life, he will have the opportunity to discover all that for himself — and he will. But time in eternity is not measured as it is on earth. Released from the burdens of material and physical life, each individual can view life with an objective view that cannot be possible while in earth life.

This is not a full view we are revealing to you but

Chapter 20

LOVE—ITS NEGATIVE ASPECTS

This morning we bring you knowledge of the negative aspect of love as it exists among mankind and life on the earth scene.

As the opposite of negative is positive, so the opposite of love is hate.

In our discussion on the dark forces we brought you an explanation of how the dark forces operate and why they are allowed among you in earth life. It is necessary, in order to develop the positive in life, that the negative be permitted to operate among you, for it is this opposing force that provides the abrasive upon which the positive gains the fine polish that brings it to perfection. It is the fire that tempers the steel.

It is the selfish and the evil in life that give the example of wickedness and unhappiness that creates the impetus for the attaining of the good and the desirable. Joining forces with the negative will gain no positive results, ever. So it is to progress ever away from the negative in all things that brings progress to the spirit.

In regard to love, there is the matter of its exploitation by the dark forces to the detriment of the spirit that we bring to your attention today. This concerns the matter of attraction between the sexes, which may or may not include the emotion of love. It is possible for a