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Read and Be Free
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In affliction, disease, or misfortune, read this book. It will remove the dimness of your eyes, free your soul from the shadows of mortality, and bring you the peace, health, and joy of the eternal Kingdom.

Always act in the realization that all things have been eternally done. As long as harmony and peace abide in you, you need fear nothing. Let not the world frighten you, nor the dread of defeat depress your heart. There is no defeat in the Kingdom. That which brings you inner peace and joy is for you to do, because it is the very thing God Almighty wants you to do. Your vision and inspiration find you wherever you place yourself.

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The Mystery of the Kingdom

Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God; but unto those that are without, all these things are done in parables. Mark 4:11

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matt. 6:33.

1. Once a poor woman was anxiously waiting outside my study to see me. Her cheeks were hollow. The dark rings around her eyes told the story of many sleepless nights and much mental strain. Her only boy was lying at death's door. He was slowly slipping away from her. A mother's heart never loses hope, even to the very last. So when she saw me, she asked: "Is there no help for my boy? I feel sure there must be some help. All-merciful God cannot fail to answer a mother's prayer. You—you must help my boy." And she broke down.

2. I saw at a glance that the woman was facing a nervous collapse, and that something must be done to relieve her mental strain. I realized that it would be useless to give her Truth in the terms of an abstract philosophy. She needed something concrete and definite in order to find rest and peace. I told her, therefore, to SEE HER BOY IN THE KINGDOM, FOREVER PERFECT AND WHOLE, and that there was no fear. That was the one concrete idea that I could give her. All of Nature's facts are very concrete, yet there are times when even they fail to make an impression. Therefore, I tried to explain to the poor woman what I meant by the Kingdom.
3. "IN THE DIVINE PLAN OF CREATION EVERYTHING IS PERFECT. Everything in that plan is perfectly manifested; that is, it is manifested as it should be manifested. Without the law of order and harmony, a Plan could not be carried out. Therefore, anything that is manifested by the exact Law of order and harmony is perfectly manifested. Try to see your boy as he is in the Divine Plan and in Divine Manifestation. He is forever perfect and whole. TRY TO SEE THIS PERFECTION IN YOUR MIND AND LET GO OF ALL SEEMING CONDITIONS WHICH YOUR BOY IS APPARENTLY MANIFESTING."

4. She grasped the general idea, but she could not get the knowledge of the thing, the philosophy of it. Even that helped her, however, and she went home much comforted. She held the idea of perfection all that day and night—that her boy was free in the Kingdom forever. Suddenly she felt an uplifted mental state. A heavenly joy flooded her entire being. The same moment the crisis passed, and the boy began to improve very rapidly.

5. Now let us study this phenomenon and see what actually transpired. All of you know that the human being on this manifested plane is a mental being; that is, he mentally enjoys and mentally suffers, mentally lives and mentally dies. All conditions that he experiences are related to his mind. Without a conscious or instinctive recognition, a condition cannot exist to him. You also know that when two minds are en rapport with each other, they automatically affect each other. In the case of the boy this very
thing took place. The mother's uplifted mental state, due to her sublime vision of the eternal perfection of things, affected the boy, because the mother and the son were in close touch with each other's consciousness.

6. Some of you may think that my statement that her boy was perfect in the Kingdom acted as a strong stimulating suggestion, and that apart from that, there is no truth in the statement itself. This is the very point I would make clear. Whatever might have been the suggestive value of my statement, there was an absolute fact back of it. When that fact is realized by anyone, it sets him free from the snare of illusion, death, and darkness. Even when that fact is accepted on blind faith, it gives one a certain mental uplift through repeated impression.

7. Now do you ask: Where is that Kingdom? It is here and now. You are living in it, though you may not be conscious of it. When you are conscious of a thing, it comes to exist to you. Similarly, when you become conscious of the Kingdom, It comes to exist to you—to your mind. Hence, Jesus the Christ said: "The Kingdom of God is within you" (in your conscious recognition). The mystery of the Kingdom is that everything that is Eternal in the Divine Plan is also Eternal in Manifestation. Realize this mystery and become free from poverty, misfortune, and all forms of disease.

8. NOTHING IS EVER LOST. EVERYTHING EVER REMAINS MANIFESTED SOMEWHERE
IN THE VAST SWEEP OF CREATION. To make
mental contact with a thing by realiz-
ing this truth, is to come to possess it.
Your enjoyment of a thing is in your
mental sense of possession. The freer you are from
attachment—due to your limited sense of possession
—the more you will realize and enjoy that thing.

9. THE KNOWLEDGE OF A THING ABIDES
IN YOU, HENCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF FREE-
DOM SETS YOU FREE. In your self-conscious
mental life everything that you realize
becomes manifested to you. That which
you realize in the Kingdom is Eternal and Perfect—
that is, the nature of a thing remains unchangeable
throughout Eternity. In that realm of eternal per-
fection there is no imperfection nor lack of any kind.
That which IS, forever IS. There, everything has
been eternally fulfilled. That very knowledge sets
you free from the nightmare of the world of mortal-
ity, or mental negation of Truth.

10. You must have the true knowledge of things
in order to understand the mystery of the Kingdom
of God. THAT TRUE KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT
COME UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN
True
Knowledge. TRUTH—UNLESS YOU KEEP
YOURSELF IN CLOSE TOUCH
WITH THE SOUL OF THINGS IN YOUR CON-
TEMPLATION. YOU MUST EXTEND YOUR
VISION FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY
FROM YOUR PERSONAL CONCEPT OF LIFE,
UNTIL YOU EMBRACE ALL AND THE VAST
COSMOS COMES TO DWELL IN YOUR MIND.
Then within your own mind you will see all and find
all.
11. By living according to your knowledge of Truth, you learn to live. There is no waiting—there is no tomorrow. From this very moment you must plunge headlong. You cannot make Procrastination. Truth work while you cling to your idea of a few pounds of clay through fear of what will become of you. It cannot be done. You MUST WALK FROM THIS VERY MOMENT IN THE LIGHT WHICH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH HAS GIVEN YOU. THEN, AND ONLY THEN, WILL YOU REALIZE YOUR ETERNAL FREEDOM AND—BE FREE.

12. Do you want adventure, romance, thrills, and the accomplishment of great things? Then be a fatalist. Never for a moment lose sight of the fact that “what will happen will happen,” and it will happen for the best. EVERY RESULT THAT IS POSITIVE, TRUE, AND GOOD IS INEVITABLE. You cannot escape from it. You may be able to put off the ultimate realization of a positive result by worry and fear, but you will never be able to defeat destiny. Then why worry? Then why not cultivate the care-free spirit with the positive assurance of an ever-happy ending of all things?

13. You are here to glorify God—to enjoy your life, free from all negative deeds, imaginations, and thoughts. Live and let everybody live in the healthy atmosphere of ever-free Spirit. Let your thoughts ever bear the message of good-cheer and your voice ring with eternal hope and optimism. Know and realize that you cannot fail—you cannot perish unless that Eter-
nal Foundation, underneath all manifestation, fails and perishes. This Foundation, out of whose Omniscient Bosom your present existence has arisen—like the rest of creation—cannot fail and It cannot perish. You are not separate, but together with this Foundation. The thing that was not, could not be. Out of nothing, something does not come.

14. That you are here is a self-evident, positive fact. You have come from Something into your present self-conscious existence. THIS SOMETHING IS THE UNDERLYING FOUNDATION. This Something could not bring into being even a microscopic life if It did not hold in Its Bosom that possibility and potentiality. AS A SEED OF AN ACORN BRINGS FORTH AN OAK, SO THE INTRINSIC POTENTIALITY OF THE CREATIVE-LIFE BRINGS FORTH THE CREATION.

15. The creation is the Creative-life Self-manifest. If this Creative-life—the Eternal Foundation of all things—is eternal, would It bring into manifestation that which is ephemeral? Eternity of all manifestation. Follow this simple reasoning and see where it leads! It will lead you to the realization of Immortality and the eternity of all manifestation. You are likely to say that that which has a beginning must have an ending. To conceive the beginning of a thing is to admit its ending in point of time. Granting it is true, what reason have you to think that a thing has a beginning? Its eternity is proved in the fact that it eternally existed in Something which has caused its manifestation.
16. The manifestation of a thing does not imply its first appearance in point of existence. It simply means that that which was hidden is now in evidence. The point of difference between a potential form and the form in manifestation is in your perception or in your ability to perceive it.

17. To the Eternal Foundation all things eternally exist together with It. They constitute Its very Nature. The sum total of things in this universe forever remains intact. Nothing can be added to or taken from the sum total of things. This conclusion is based on the fact that that which was not, could not be, and that out of nothing, something could not come.

18. If this part of the philosophy appears to you to be abstract and vague, then take things as you find them. You cannot deny the fact that all manifested things once existed as germinal or potential forms in the Eternal Something, and that they cannot be separated from that Something. Who of you can defeat the Nature of that Eternal Foundation—who of you can separate himself and go his own way? Then why this anxiety and worry about anything?

19. Since happiness is the goal of life, let us be happy. Happiness is a mental state; so is unhappiness. One state is positive and the other negative. The negative negates or denies that which is positive; hence, the positive is true and the negative untrue. One suggests the existence of a thing or a condition, and the other suggests the non-existence of a thing or a con-
dition. The non-existence of happiness is unthinkable unless you have the previous conception of happiness. Hence happiness is a true and a positive fact. Unhappiness is merely an idea of lack or the absence of that positive state. Then why not be happy in your positive, fatalistic conception of life?

20. Keep on moving in your mental realm. Stagnation means death. Give birth to positive ideas, entertain positive thoughts and build up an ever new hope on the ashes of the dead hopes. Rather build an air castle than to remain in your negative mental darkness. Who knows that your air castle is not making you a castle dweller! There is nothing impractical in this idea. After all, are not your joy and happiness a mental state?

21. Your existence is positive, that is, you ARE. How can your destiny be negative? Your positive desires, aspirations, and dreams cannot be in vain. They must be realized, because they are in the Divine order of things. You must not lose faith—you have no reason for losing it. As long as your mind dwells in the positive sphere—the Creative-sphere—and as long as you feel the romantic thrill in your heart—freedom of soul—you recreate and regenerate your body and mind—you remain young.

22. Do not let the fires of your holy altar burn down. This fire is love, all-embracing, and all. Keep it burning in your mental as well as in your outer expression. This fire of life, on the ideal plane, brings you in touch with humanity. It transmutes and resurrects
anything that it touches. It gives you the realization of God in all beings and things.

23. If you want to understand the mystery of the Kingdom, you may begin with small things. In this vast realm of manifested life there are lives which are so small that by your farthest stretch of imagination you can not conceive of their existence. If you take a drop of water from a stagnant pool and place it under an ordinary microscope, you will discover lives which you will fail to see with your naked eye. You may think that you have observed all the lives that the drop of water contains. But just wait and see! Now take the most powerful microscope yet invented and from that drop of water fill the eye of a small needle. To your surprise you will discover still smaller forms of life that are manifesting the Father-Mother Principle of the One Omniscient Life, and living on other forms of organic matter, which are a great deal smaller than they.

24. Our mind staggers when brought face-to-face with the fact that the same Law of Order that regulates those vast ponderous stars in the heavens is also mindful of the inconceivably minute lives which can dwell within the space of the eye of a tiny needle. This opens up a new vista of contemplation and gives us a faint glimpse of the world of lives in which we are living. We come to realize that at the back of it all ONE VAST OMNISCIENT LIFE IS ETERNALLY ACTING WITH ITS OWN INNER URGE, AND THROUGH ITS MYRIADS OF EXPRESSIONS ETERNALLY REVEALING ITS OWN IDENTITY.
25. To speak about the ONE LIFE is to speak about the totality of the things manifest. Then is it not true that the whole of creation is a continuous play of ONE LIFE which is maintaining Its unity and integrity through Its diversity of expressions? Yet you falter and faint when you think of what may become of you if some of your problems are not solved. Your pride and possession, good or ill-fortune, happy or unhappy dream is after all very small compared with the vast Protective Life which is forever holding you close to Its Bosom. To rest your mind on this Eternal Foundation of all things is not only to find comfort and peace, but also to realize all of your dreams and aspirations.

26. Now let us turn to a little plant. Do you understand its divine mystery? Do you hear its wondrous story—the revelation of God’s eternal love? It is telling you a story from Divine mysteries in small things. which you can learn the mystery of this vast universe with its myriads of stars and constellations. It is telling you that it once existed in a tiny seed as a plan. That plan was a Divine Plan and is still a Divine Plan. It is Divine because it is eternal. That plan was hidden in the bosom of the Creative-life, the Final-energy. Were it not for a plan and the eternal Cosmic Urge, a seed could never bring forth a plant of its own kind. A plan is regulated by an exact law. The Urge which brings a plant out of a seed into this field of manifestation is also forever holding that plant in Its Bosom.

27. If you hear with your inner ears, you will hear that little plant saying to you: “I am safe and
secure in the bosom of my Omniscient Father. Nothing will ever be able to destroy or dislodge me from my Infinite Life. If I were not forever in my Father’s Bosom, I could not be here today. Even when I am out of your sight, I remain ever manifested to my Father—somewhere in this vast sweep of creation. On account of your unfolding consciousness your vision is changing. So to your changing vision, I appear and disappear, but to the Eternal Manifestor, I remain ever manifested.

28. “Now from me look at those ponderous stars. They are all telling the same story. They are telling you that the Law of harmony and order is supreme in the universe. Without this Law of harmony and order they would run into one another and soon fall into chaos. In Divine order they are coming and in Divine order they are going. This coming and going is merely eternally moving according to the unvarying Plan and the Law. But they are remaining ever-manifested to the One Creative-Life. To you, there is a thing called a plan, because you see with your limited vision. But in the One Creative-Life there is no plan. You are living in the world of ever-manifested God. This vast universe is God ever-manifest. To you, creation exists as distinct from the Creative-life, because something new is always coming to your vision. But to the illumined soul, this universe is All-God. That which IS, forever IS.

29. “If you do not understand it today, be not disturbed. Just follow this simple fact, that without
a plan nothing could come—even you, as a self-
conscious thinking man, would not be
here. Your coming is as much of a pro-
phetic event as the coming of a grain
of sand. Only you are more marvelous, because you
are consciously expressing more of your cosmic pos-
sibilities. You can know who you are and what you
are, but a grain of sand cannot. You, with your self-
conscious mind, can contact creation and exert a
certain influence over it, but I as a plant cannot do
that. Yet I bless all with the Power of God, and love
all with the Love of God. My every existence here
is my eternal blessing. My life is God's Love mani-
fest.

30. “You can see yourself in the Kingdom, per-
fect as a Divine Plan and Divine Manifestation, or
you can look back and imagine yourself being in the
land of the yet unborn, but I cannot do
that. You can make your heavens and
hells, and break them as it pleases your
whim, but I cannot. You can rise to the sublime
heights of consciousness in your angelic flight, or go
to the very depths of your mental night. This I can-
not do. Yet I have one place to fill, which no one can
take. It is the place which I do occupy in this vast
Cosmos. I have one message to deliver, which I am
eternally delivering. It is the message of the eternal
birth out of the land of the unborn. It is The Mes-
 sage to those who can receive it. It is all about the
birthless birth and deathless death. It is a message
of a realm where sorrow cannot enter, hearts cannot
break, despair and disappointment cannot drink dry
the fountain of happiness and joy. It is the realm
of eternal understanding, where no one can misunderstand you. There your own understanding stands corrected. Therefore, it behooves you to know and realize it.

31. "You have no reason to disbelieve or distrust the Law of Providence. Your very self-conscious life is the living evidence of the Law Everlasting. You are a thinking man. You must think. Your thinking in the right direction will clarify your vision. You will again see with your eye of trust the glorious scheme of creation. Without trust there can be no love. You cannot love your God unless you have trust in Him through understanding. As a thinking man, I call upon you to think. Where was the earth millions of years ago?

32. "It is said that this earth was once a fiery, molten mass. As it gradually became cooler, the outer crust was formed. There was no visible sign of any organic life. It was a long stretch from inorganic substance to organic life. Yet the so-called inorganic substance was all the time pulsating with Life—Life with its birth-carrying message. Through some mysterious process, organic life came. Yet it was a long way from organic life to the human state. However, out of the bare breast of the earth the giant forest rose. Later came the mammoth animals of all descriptions. But man was not yet. After a long night of waiting, the first dawn of self-conscious life—man—broke upon the earth. That man was not the same kind of man you see today. He was a different type, yet the type that God had in Himself. Every type of being and thing is in the likeness of
God, because God Himself in His Finality is all plans, all potentialities, and all manifestations.

33. "But the most remarkable thing is, that as the creature came, so came the necessities of his life. That creature was placed in a suitable environment. In the Divine Plan provision for his every need was made. With the advent of man there came corn, grain, and other vegetables, as though they had accompanied him through the invisible corridor of time. Their footsteps were silent; yet at this point of visibility they appeared together with man. So it is with everything—everything that is related to his self-conscious mental life. His aspiration, inspiration, inventive genius, and his realization are marching together with him. That inner pressure of the Urge which has brought him is also bringing him everything, according to his timely need. When the vision of this Cosmic Scheme opens, man comes to abide in the Kingdom. He no longer hovers around the valley of death—the abode of uncertainty.

34. "He then knows that he is deluded who takes credit to himself for what he does, believing that his personal effort brings about a certain result. Man has nothing of his own—not even the power to lift his fingers. From the consciousness of possession, attachment is formed. From attachment comes the misguided sense of responsibility. Man can give nothing and take nothing which has not been given him to give and take.

35. "Everyone receives according to his measure. Everyone receives what he is capable of receiving
according to his cosmic correspondence, when he abides in the Truth. Everyone draws his own. Your father, mother, brothers, sisters, and friends are all here. They have been sent to you by your heavenly Father. When you are in tune with the Divine Plan, they bring harmony and peace to you. You should meet them in the spirit of harmony and peace. Where there is friction, God’s Truth cannot abide.

36. “Your world’s ways are the ways of your wrong thinking. You plan and figure to make both ends meet, but you do not succeed. There always remains a hitch—something to be adjusted. Anything that causes friction should be abandoned. Any method that drives your mind from God’s way is the wrong method. The thing that is for you, in accordance with the Cosmic Plan, always brings you a blessing and leads you away from the narrow gauge of personality. Always follow the inner inspiration and wisdom, and you will be happy. No outer condition can ever bound your mental horizon. When you are mentally free, you are truly free. Your inner freedom removes all your outer barriers. Know this Truth and live it! Peace and bliss will abide in you forever.”

37. Now from the wonderful story of this little plant turn to yourself. Who are you and whence are you? Have you found any answer to that eternal question? If not, then know that you are from the Creative-life, and you are that Life. It is the Creative-life in you that is expressing Itself as you. Back of you is the Creative-life. It is that Life that animates you to
move, think, and speak. Do you realize this mar-
velous Truth? This Life must be all, or nothing.

38. Your Power to think of this Life must be this
Life. You cannot deny your own being and yet say
that all that you think or believe is true! Your body
and mind have been brought out by the
A logical
question. Creative-life. You as a personality have
brought nothing, because your very
personality depends upon That which sustains it—
the Life Everlasting. Now do you see a Divine Plan
back of your body and mind? Do you realize that,
without a Plan and the Law of harmony and order,
your present self-conscious thinking life would not
be here? This self-conscious life is natural, because
it has been manifested according to the perfect
Divine Plan.

39. Imperfection or disease is merely the mental
reflection of your wrong thinking. The moment you
think rightly, or enter into the Kingdom by behold-
You are
ing the eternally perfect Plan and Mani-
cured.
Manifestation, you are cured. You are cured
of the idea that anything ever needs to
be cured. Where everything has been eternally done,
man simply comes to know. By knowing, he simply
lives—he lives according to that knowledge.

40. Your mind, the thinking instrument, was
essentially in the Divine Plan, and therefore you
can think. In your human state you have the option
Right and
to think of, or view, a thing rightly or
wrong thinking.
wrongly, according to the same Divine
Plan. If it were not in accordance
with the Divine Plan, you could not view a thing in
two ways. But your right or wrong view does not
change the thing itself, nor does it change the Divine
Plan and the universal Law of harmony; but it does change the reaction upon your self-conscious thinking life. For example, if in a bright, cheery place something unpleasant happens to you, that place will no longer look bright and cheery to you. But your mental mood or condition does not change the place itself. Only in your thinking do you find your happiness or misery. Beyond your thinking or conscious realization a condition does not exist to you.

41. You know now that the Master-hand that has guided you so far has not only made provision for your every need, but is also supplying it. Since this is true, does it not stand to reason that your ability to think, to discriminate, to utilize God’s free bounties, has also been given to you by this same Master-hand? Only in your thinking you believe that you think with your own independent power, and that you think the thought which is new and distinct in your individual scheme of life. But when you enter into the Kingdom by right thinking, you find that every thought, no matter in what significance you use it, is the thought of the One Great Master Thinker. This very realization takes away the so-called wrong thinking, because that thinking itself constitutes Right Thinking.

42. In your thinking life you bring upon yourself a pleasant or unpleasant reaction, according to the nature of your thinking. You realize your heaven and hell only in your thinking. In right thinking, according to your natural state of mental unfoldment, you see a thing in the right meaning, no matter how the thing appears. Your right thinking brings you in
the right contact with the Divine Law and Plan of manifestation. Consequently you enjoy happiness and peace. You need not pay attention to the appearance of a thing. It is just as it should be to your state of perception.

43. Some will tell you that you see this creation upside down. Let not this disturb your mind. If you see it upside down, that must be the right way of seeing it, because your seeing faculty itself is in accordance with the Divine Plan. Now suppose you see a man with his feet on the earth and his head hanging down into space. Does that add anything to that man or detract anything from him? Your common sense will tell you that it does not. No; there is nothing in such a philosophy. Science may tell you that you see a thing upside down or reversed, but it does not tell you that you see it wrongly on that account. That which we see in the natural order of things, we see rightly.

44. Then there are some who believe that in thinking lies all trouble—that all falsity can be traced to thinking. Therefore they say: "Quit thinking." In their opinion that is the panacea for all ailments. They advance wonderful logic to prove their philosophy, but their logic is anything but logical. Just see their inconsistencies! If in thinking lies all trouble and falsity, are they not adopting a thinking process to prove their philosophy? If thinking itself is a wrong thing, how can they prove what is right by thinking?

45. Then again, when they think that they have stopped thinking, are they not still thinking that
they are not thinking? Similar logic may be applied to the theory of illusion and mortal mind. If this visible world is illusion, and you yourself are in illusion, how can you determine what is not illusion? Will not the result of your determination be illusion also? Then your idea of liberation from this illusion will also be illusion. If that be the case, why all the discussion about religion, God, man, and salvation? According to your philosophy they all must be the product of illusion. No, that cannot be. *There is something truer than all your thought, imagination, or philosophy. It is That which conceives it.* Without a conceiver or a thinker, who will say this is illusion and that is not illusion? Then illusion is just as much a conception as non-illusion. In this thinking the only thing that is true and an undeniable Truth is the Thinker. This Thinker makes and unmakes every thought true to Itself, according to Its own Inherent Divine Plan.

46. The thought that is positive and true agrees with the true Nature of the Thinker. In this sense some thoughts may be termed correct and some incorrect. *Our mind may be called mortal when it encourages incorrect or negative thought; and Divine, when it is true to the Eternal Harmony and Order, according to the Divine Plan.*

47. Every fact in the Kingdom is a positive fact. The negation of that fact in your wrong thinking is a negative concept. Therefore, that which suggests lack, loss, or absence is a negative concept. *A negative concept does not exist in itself, but exists as a denial of a positive fact.* Everything or condition that eternally
exists in the Divine Plan and Manifestation is a positive fact. It is erroneous to deny a negative concept, because the very denial would make it positive. That which does not exist needs no denial. For instance, when you say the table does not exist, you admit that there is something called a table which does not exist. Therefore, you should not deny a negative concept in order to realize a positive fact. A positive fact is eternal and absolute, and a negative concept is merely a mental negation or denial of that fact.

48. This visible world is not the product of mortal mind. Your ability to see determines what is visible and what is invisible. Only so much is visible as you are able to see. Only so much is invisible as you are unable to see. You are the seer of all that is seen and of all that is to be seen, even of that which is as yet beyond your vision. If, in the last analysis, a solid object is reduced to the point of disappearance, that does not prove the non-existence of the thing, nor does it prove that you had this experience in your mortal mind.

49. If it is admitted that this mortal mind is error, how, then, can any experiment conducted by mortal mind or any experience gained by it prove Truth? One mind. With what mind do you draw the distinction between Truth and error? With what mind do you determine and recognize what is Divine Mind and what is Truth? Your mind is neither mortal nor immortal. It IS. It becomes mortal or immortal to you in the significance in which you use it. Modern science tells us that everything can be resolved into Final Energy. If upon
that conclusion you desire to build your spiritual philosophy, then do not say that all your thinking, analysis, and observation are the product of the mortal mind.

50. As far as the appearance of a thing is concerned, you see it as you should see it according to your unfolding perception. This appearance is changeable, yet it is permanent in its changeableness. Your seeing a thing in any form is in accordance with the Divine Plan. No, you are not in illusion as far as seeing an object is concerned. You are in illusion in your wrong thinking, because in wrong thinking you give a false value to a thing. In your wrong thinking your perspective of life becomes limited, and thus you become greedy and selfish. You forget that things are ever shifting and changing—even your own personality. You can hold nothing. If you do not let go of your attachment for a thing, either it will cause you untold suffering, or it will be taken away from you, or you will in some way be separated from that very thing.

51. In your right thinking you realize that everything is eternal and everything is for your timely use. You use it freely as a gift of Providence. You have no fear of loss, hence you lose nothing. In your wrong thinking you strain every nerve to acquire and accumulate wealth. You subject yourself to constant friction. Thus you lose your faculty of enjoying life. That is called the death of soul life. You live, yet you are dead. You cannot enjoy the things you acquire. What do you profit by them? Nothing. You only take upon yourself worries and cares. In
your misguided sense of success you even lose love and affection for those who once nursed you in their fondest hope.

52. In your mad rush after things you forget that that which is yours by your divine right no one can take away from you. Your very trust and peaceful attitude bring your mind in tune with Nature's scheme of life, and you receive that which belongs to you by the law of correspondence. It does not mean that you remain idle and a thing comes to you out of nowhere, but it means that you follow the inner inspiration and guidance to do the right thing at the right time. When you have perfect peace of mind through trust, you receive inspiration from your Infinite Life, because then your self-conscious mental life corresponds to the Divine Plan and Law of harmony. According to the same Plan you receive the inspiration that you should receive. Before you ask, God has answered! The Divine Plan or Purpose is called the Will of God. When you do the Will of God, you do the right thing. Therefore, you receive the reaction of peace and happiness.

53. Truth is positive, so is your every true desire. Your true desire is the gift of God; hence you should have no fear as to its fulfillment. This very contemplation will detach your mind from fear and worry. Keeping your mind on God, you should forge ahead toward your goal. You have no obstacle to overcome. What you call obstacles are but the stepping stones to a better order of things. If you are not frightened by the world's discouragement and limitation,
you will be able to read the message from God in every obstacle. In the face of defeat or failure keep up your youthful exuberance of spirit by expanding your vision, as the whole world is your field of action. Optimism is but another name for the vision of unlimited opportunity; it is that inward sense of realization that if a thing does not come to pass one way it will come another way. So-called failure is but the Almighty’s invitation to come out of your narrow gauge of life into the broader field of unlimited opportunity; it is to call up your latent force out of its deep slumber for the fuller expression of life. To have faith in the ultimate success of your noble venture is to have faith in all that is good and true.

54. YOUR ROAD IS NEVER BLOCKED. What appears from a distance to be a barrier is but the turn of the road. So keep on marching with the zeal of a prophet, enjoying every moment and event of your life. Love, live and let live, and bring good cheer to those who are faltering. That is the meaning of the human life. Why fear! Fear brings you nothing. Like the rest of the caravan, you, too, shall pass on. The man who smiles and makes others smile and gladdens the saddened heart, gets the most out of life. The main incentive for most of our actions is to gain happiness. *Happiness is not ahead of us, it is with us,* it is in our thinking, believing, and living all that is true and natural.

55. All the burden the rich carry on their shoulders and the poor on their feet will not bring an iota
of happiness. With the load on the shoulders and Cheating yourself. the shackles on the feet, no one can enjoy a free man’s privilege. Be free from this mental slavery. Do all the good today. Be happy today. Do not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes. By putting off your duty until tomorrow, you are simply cheating yourself out of that much happiness.

56. EVERY DEED THAT YOU SHOULD DO, EVERYTHING THAT YOU SHOULD RECEIVE, EVERY THOUGHT THAT YOU SHOULD THINK ACCORDING TO THE PERFECT PLAN OF HARMONY, HAS BEEN FOREVER DONE, FOREVER RECEIVED, FOREVER THOUGHT. To live in that realization is to live in the Kingdom. That which you believe must be done, will be done. The repeated mental assurance based on unwavering faith, is a positive action. Every positive action is in accordance with a positive, universal fact. It is eternally done. This very realization will liberate your mind from anxiety and fear and bring to pass that which you are seeking. Whenever you want that mental assurance, imagine that from your Indwelling Spirit you are hearing the Voice to the effect that it will be done.

57. You shut your eyes to the light, and that which you conceive in the darkness is the phantom-child of darkness. The mental correspondence of that which you form in your darkened state of mind is not in accordance with the Divine Plan of Spiritual correspondence. Hence it never brings happiness and peace. Yet the Divine Law of adjustment works out
your salvation through so-called unpleasant reactions.

58. The purpose of reaction is to readjust your mental life to Nature's Plan of creation. Hence we maintain that the law of causation exists only in your mental negation or denial of Truth. In the Divine Plan of creation it does not exist. The entire span of the cosmos is not the product of cause and effect, nor governed by the law of causation. It is the very Nature of the Creative-life Itself. That which is Nature's scheme of creation is automatically coming forth to our changing vision of life.

59. Your correspondence in the causal plane—in the plane of mental negation of Truth—shall pass away. In its place there will come, through the resurrection of the mental life, the Spiritual Correspondence. Spiritual correspondence, in accordance with the Divine Law of Harmony. That which is not true must go. Hence, that which you conceive in your mental darkness is bound to fade away into its original nothingness. The Eternal Light shines all about you and in you. You can never escape from this Light. The Law of causation will pass away, but the everlasting Truth of your Life shall endure forever. That is the Kingdom that has been heralded by all illumined souls. That is the Kingdom that the race of men will realize and recognize more and more.

60. Once a young woman who was studying our Message came to see me. The moment she was seated she began her complaints. "I should like to know," she said, "why you ignore me, when you are so cordial and attentive to others?" In reply I said:
"My good woman, it is certainly not for any outward reason. You know that you are young and good-looking. But there are other things which are more important. You seem to possess the unpleasant faculty of bringing up all the negative thought and gossip of the world. Most of your conversation is about somebody who has done something wrong; somebody who has said something which he should not have said; or somebody who is going to get even with somebody. But you have not yet brought me a single elevating thought or message. Not once have you told me how wonderfully the Law has worked in your daily life.

61. "But others, when they come, bring me some wonderful message. They tell me things which inspire my faith, increase my devotion, and expand my vision. When you learn to see the Right thinking, the working of the Law in the little things of your life, you, too, will come closer to my consciousness. Then it will be a pleasure to talk to you." She listened attentively to my every word. After a few moments' silence she said: "Why, I see the working of the law even in this, our little talk. It has cleared away something from my mind. I feel so thankful for it. It is simply wonderful!" I gave her the glad hand-clasp of fellowship. I reminded her of what Jesus once said: "Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? . . . For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

62. The next time I met this young woman she manifested an entirely different spirit. She talked of nothing but the wonderful working of the Law
and what it does for the one who unreservedly lives the life of Truth.

63. There are many things in life which appear to be hit-and-miss, but in reality they are not so. There is an exact truth about this manifested life. That truth is, that without an Eternal Plan the Eternal Cosmic Energy could not bring out any expression of life. Everything must be eternal or it could not be. This simple fact no one can reasonably deny. If this thinking life is true, as you know it is, because you are conscious of yourself, not a single expression of this life can be untrue. Being true, it is inevitable and unchangeable. This is the marvelous Truth realized by Jesus. Therefore he said: "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Yet that statement does not teach negative fatalism. It teaches that it is God’s Plan or Divine Will that man in his self-conscious mental life should act with the knowledge of this Truth and be free from the consciousness of separate life and separate action. The closer you draw to the Divine Law and Divine Principle, ignoring all the negative ideas of good and evil of the world-consciousness, the more you will realize this Truth.

64. Rubbish is rubbish, whether it took you many centuries or one lifetime to gather it. When a mind is not free and clear, God’s light does not enter into it. Unless you conform to God’s Law, your idea of spirituality will not make you one whit more spiritual. The man who is conscious of being from God, must do God’s work. That work will bring him everlasting
joy, peace, and happiness; that work will glorify him.

65. Do not try to create a new result by means of visualization, but realize the thing that is eternally yours in the Kingdom. If you try to create a new result by visualizing a thing, you may succeed in drawing it to you, but you are not certain that it will give you happiness and peace. That which is not yours according to the Cosmic Plan can never give you happiness and peace. Live in the consciousness of having a thing, and you will have it. Spiritual demonstration must be made on a sure basis.

66. The knowledge that in the Kingdom you have everything that you desire will set your mind free from anxious anticipation. That is the Kingdom’s way of receiving a thing in your conscious aspect of life. If you can find mental rest in the realization that that which you seek in the Kingdom has been eternally done, the result will be simply phenomenal. Thus you do not anticipate a new result. It is merely the eternal result made manifest to your consciousness.

67. Think not that you can draw a line between mortal love and spiritual love. There is only one kind of love in this universe, and that is Divine Love—now and forever. An attachment is not love. It is the perverted use of the thing which is eternal. Your love for your father, mother, brother, sister, and sweetheart, is Divine Love. God Almighty has planted that love in your heart according to His eternal Plan. When in your love you realize God’s love, it is God Almighty who loves through you as you. In that love you expect
nothing more than what is freely given to you. Mutual love is God's covenant. No man has any right to question it. No court has any jurisdiction over it. "What God has joined together let no man put asunder." The decision has been made before the Highest Court, where God Almighty is the only Judge. This truth will be realized more and more as the race advances.

68. Have you ever truly loved? If you have, you have lived an eternity in one moment; you have hearkened unto the Voice of God that love will never end. Love really does not end but expands; its scope is infinite. Although your animal propensities may befog your mind and obscure your vision, your love remains. Underneath the lure of greed and sensuality, wreck and ruin, love remains; it does not fade away and it never will. In the twilight of your earthly life when all your animal passions have been hushed into sleep—when you pause and think with bowed head—the vision of your ideal love comes back; it soothes your wearied soul with its song celestial. Love is the brightest luminary in the firmament of one's life. Animal passion burns up; it fades away into its original nothingness; but love grows larger and larger when cultivated. Its boundaries expand to the limitless horizon. Love fuses all into one by its sublime touch. It breaks down all barriers of race, color, and creed.

69. In order to be vibrant and radiant you must love. By loving, you learn to love. Thinking and believing that you are loving, you generate that radiant quality. Do you desire to develop a spiritual personality? Then you must draw all men and creatures unto you; then you
must put love into your every word that you speak and every thought that you think. Let your whole being breathe love. Do not despair if the process is slow; you will gradually become the cosmic lover. The daily practice, even in your limited circle, will gradually bring you that all-comprehensive love.

70. Even your emotional love on the spiritual plane is radiant. That which you give forth will draw its own kind. By loving you not only learn to love, but you are also loved. The only thing that is not in accord with love is untruth. Love in its highest expression makes a human being a God-man; it is democratic because it is very big. Love conquers without force, and it gives without asking.

71. In India I once met an ascetic who was a great lover and whose equal I have never seen. He used to roam from place to place doing all the good that he could, so great was his love for all creatures. He always lived under big trees. Some people thought that he was mentally deranged because of his queer actions. For instance, at one time, when he was preparing his simple meal, a dog stole behind him and took away his bread. The ascetic ran after the dog, saying: "Oh Lord, wait! Let me butter your bread." This strange act revealed his true character to those who were able to see beyond the veil. He realized God in every being and thing; he was living in the world of All-God. However, his personality was so comforting and so soothing and his words were so encouraging, that the rich and poor alike sought him for peace and comfort when in sickness, sorrow, or
trouble. It is truly said that God is Love. The highest attribute of God and man is Love.

72. The philosophy that teaches that so-called human love is emotional, and therefore sinful, is the philosophy which denies God's truth—the natural divine expression of life. It takes away the sanctity and holiness of things which are eternal. What if this so-called human love be emotional? Did not that love exist in the Divine Plan? What would this life be without this love? What would heaven be if a soul could not celebrate itself in another soul? Without the father-mother process what would be the human expression of life? If this process were no longer necessary, there would no longer be any human expression. Whatever that expression might be called, it would not be human.

73. I do not think that my father's and mother's love was impure; I do not think my present expression through that love is unholy. I am fully conscious that it is God's expression. I know that my father's and mother's love was God's love. Every child that comes into this world is holy to me, because it comes through the same Father-Mother Principle of God. Whether a man or a woman is conscious of that fact or not, the eternal Truth remains uncovered. Pleasant or unpleasant reaction upon a self-conscious mental life cannot defeat God's Law and His Plan. Man has the option of choosing between his right and his wrong. He must choose the right in order to do the Will of God and in order to be happy.

74. Man becomes conscious of the ever-manifested Plan in the concept of time; therefore, there
is a new manifestation to him. Yet the moment he grasps the eternal manifestation of things and conditions, he becomes free. _If you want to make the quickest demonstration of Truth, do not anticipate a new result, but simply claim that which is eternally manifested for you._ Do not claim a condition in the hope of getting rid of some other condition, but claim it as the natural course of events. For it is in accordance with the Divine Plan that you should claim that which is true and natural. _You are truly free; it is not that you are going to be free._

If you can act and live in that knowledge and realization, the other so-called undesirable condition will not matter. It will disappear in the same manner in which it came, without giving any previous notice. Mentally, you are to let go of it. You should not resist it or pay any attention to it.

75. Once a middle-aged woman came to have a tumor treated. I told her to see herself in the Kingdom as she was, without any tumor. To see herself within her own mind, and live and act according to that vision. I told her not to pay any attention to the tumor, because in the Kingdom such a thing does not exist. I gave her strong support with my realization of her perfect condition in the Kingdom, and it worked like a charm. Before many weeks the tumor disappeared. I find that a patient with a strong imagination, or faith, can be reached much more easily than one with an argumentative attitude of mind.

76. When a patient does the thing you tell him to do, he is quick to respond to your realization.
Once, after a treatment, I told a man to go straight home and continue the meditation of seeing himself in the Kingdom. On his way he stopped over to see a friend for a few moments. The next time he came he told me that he did not see much improvement in his condition. I asked him whether he had followed my instructions to the letter. He said that he had, except that he had stopped over to see his friend for a few moments. It was so short a visit that he did not think it would matter much. I told him that his was the kind of mind which could not be easily reached, because he lacked that absolute trust and obedience which plays a large part in effecting a cure.

77. There is another type of man who is also hard to reach. He comes to be treated with the offer that, if you can cure him, he will pay you liberally—as though the Universal Law can be bribed. It is better to send him home with a nice little talk. If he comes back, he will come in a new and more reasonable frame of mind. Some people do not believe that a practitioner should charge. That is a splendid idea. But when you tell the patient to do his very best in his love-offering, he shows his limitation. Unless you can free a person from limitation, you cannot do anything with him. Most of those who complain about paying for a treatment or a lesson are the ones who give the least, and also receive the least. They do not think as much as they pretend about the principle of the thing. They are concerned mostly about their own dollars and cents. Yes, there are exceptions to all rules. In Jesus' time, when the people came to be healed, they offered all that they pos-
sessed to the services of the Lord. Now do you wonder why they were so quickly healed?

78. I have found a way to liberate a patient from his limitations. I ask him to make the following prayer before giving his love-offering: "Lord, this is my best gift in Thy service. The best I give according to my means; the best I receive. Thou knowest the innermost secret of my heart." Thus he will rise or fall before himself, so he cannot blame any one if his mind is not free from limitation. A disease is a form of mental limitation. The moment a person sets himself free, his mind again comes in tune with the Divine Order of things.

79. I must say a few words in connection with a practitioner’s receiving a fee or love-offering. The practice itself may not be regarded as unreasonable, yet it is likely to leave one’s mind open to the temptation of financial gain. That wonderful spirit of kindly service may disappear from the consciousness of the practitioner, if he loses sight of the fact of alleviating the pain and suffering of humanity.

80. It is not a question of how much one receives as a compensation for one’s services, but how much one gives. The privilege of giving is his. "In the measure we give, we receive" from the universal Law of justice. The loss is not to him who freely gives that with which he has been endowed by Spirit; but the loss is to him who refrains from showing the proper appreciation of that which he so freely receives.

81. This commercial aspect of receiving money for spiritual service—as a vocation—is regarded by
many as unrighteous. However, it is the spirit in which we reach out and receive a thing that determines the holiness or unholliness of an action. If there be such a thing as commercialism, it must be made Divine by our holy motive and by our realization that the Actor of all actions is One. Even Jesus the Christ said: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," and he also said, "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

82. Once a woman complained to me: "I know a woman who put a dollar in her envelope as her love-offering to a teacher and she got her healing quickly; I put in five dollars and did not get very much benefit. Now please tell me the reason." I answered: "The reason is obvious. She was true to her prayer, and she really gave her best according to her means. Evidently you did not. If you take up the matter within your self, you will find the truth about it. Your mind is limited, and therefore you judge by the amount you gave and not by the truth of the matter." She went home very much displeased.

83. Now to come back to the healing. I have had many wonderful experiences treating patients in the Kingdom's way by realizing the perfect manifestation of all beings and things according to the Eternal Divine Plan. It, of course, is the simplest way to reach the average person. However, by realizing one's ever-perfect Spirit, one can have greater power and authority. But this is difficult for one who is still a novice on the path. To know that the Conceiver is above disease and all conditions, is to attain to Mastership. When you have unfolded far enough to know that you are not the body—the body that you
have learned to conceive of as a perishable thing of time—but Spirit Eternal, you should not then think and act according to the body concept. If you do, the reaction will whip you back into line. WHAT-
EVER YOU BELIEVE YOUR MIND AND BODY TO BE, SO SHALL THEY REACT TO YOU.

84. You should know that nothing is perishable in the Imperishable One Life, which is All-inclusive and All. Everything that you are—that you hope to be—can be but the different phases of the manifestation of Spirit. In the last analysis the basis of this tangible body is Intangible, Spiritual Substance. EVERY OBJECT OF THIS PHENOMENAL UNIVERSE IS REDUCIBLE TO IMPOUNDERABLE, FINAL ENERGY, WHICH IS GOD. This very realization will remove from your mind all obstacles due to the erroneous thinking that disease can have a permanent hold upon your body. You obstruct your vision by thinking yourself to be the perishible body, and by the belief that the body is unable to give response to your Intangible, positive thought.

85. In order to attain to the perfect mastery over your body, you must know that the ultimate nature of the body is just as Intangible as your positive thought regarding your Ever Free Mastery. Spirit. Then your body will have the same rhythmic swing as your thought. If out of Imponderable Substance all tangible forms could be brought into manifestation by a Law, does it not stand to reason that they also could be influenced by Imponderable, positive thoughts which are in perfect harmony with the same Law?