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MONTHLY LETTER

My dear friends,

We have just passed another milestone in the never ending road of Life. Many of us will have made resolutions, yet our resolutions are useless unless we discern our thinking so as to become aware of our thoughts and feelings continuously, thus resolutions will be made only to be broken. Therefore my letter to you this month is on faith--understanding faith--for without understanding fear will enter in with the result that the same confusion will reign again.

I want to thank you for the many wonderful letters sent in this month and the thousands of greetings received. My wish is that God will bless you all in this year of 1952 and on.

Mrs. W.S. writes, "May God bless you and keep you with us for many years to come, what you have done for me and my family words can never express. But our hearts are full of gratitude and in our prayers we always remember you. God bless you, dear friend."

Mr. A.S.H. writes, "Many, many thanks for your prompt and efficient help. My daughter recovered immediately I got in contact with you. I do not understand your methods but one thing is sure, it is quick, efficient and sure. My wife is writing you herself to express our gratitude in more appropriate language than mine. God bless you and a thousand thanks."

Mrs. W.J.T. writes, "Your monthly letters are such a comfort and pleasure, full of wisdom and instruction. Since we have been receiving these Letters our lives have completely changed. I cannot tell you how, but it is true. We are now a very healthy family and extremely successful in our business. All this we attribute to the Sanctuary. God bless you."

Mrs. E.J. writes, "Thank you very much for your help and guidance to attain happiness and peace in my home now which I have received through your prayers and for which I am most grateful, and which I shall never forget. Most gratefully yours."

"FAITH" IS A POWER LITTLE UNDERSTOOD BY MANKIND

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Luke 17: 19

To understand this wonderful power that is available to all mankind we must first understand the origin of our thoughts and emotions and how they arise. With this understanding your faith is increased proportionately.

When we are aware of the origin of our thinking and the action of our thoughts we will know the result as well. Unfortunately most people are blind to this fact with the result that their thinking is merely imitative or reactionary, having no value as a creative force.

When Jesus said, "Believe you have received and you shall have," he was speaking from direct knowledge of a science he knew to be infallible. Thinking is prayer, thinking is creative, thinking is also destructive and constructive, according to the cause of our thinking.

If your thinking is based upon lack, your positive action will be filled with aggression and depression. If your thinking is based upon craving then much the same result will be obtained. If your thinking is based upon the past and the future then there will be confusion. There are hundreds of ways I could mention upon which your thinking is based.

Faith is the power that sustains the thought. It is concentrated attention based upon understanding. If our thought is bound or influenced by any external conditions then there cannot be pure thinking directed from an understanding consciousness.

Faith is evident when there is an understanding of the mechanism of thinking. I have so often repeated to you, unless you can discern clearly from what your thoughts arise you will be caught up in the things that influence your thinking.

When faith is in evidence there is an awareness of power and direction of thought uninfluenced by any outside effects. The conscious awareness holds the mind directed towards the object or subject in question. In this attitude of mind, time and space are lost sight of. When we are completely aware there is attention in which there is neither time nor space.

There is but one perfect mode of action used in Creation whether it be the creation in Infinite Mind, or a creation in man's mind. The mode of right action must be the same, because man's mind is the reflection of the Infinite Mind. This cannot be otherwise for the simple reason that man cannot think outside the Infinite Mind and the mechanism of the Consciousness cannot be other than the Consciousness of the Infinite manifesting in man's mind because there cannot be another Consciousness, the Infinite being infinite. Unless this is understood the thought will be a contradiction of itself.

You can be one thing or another, you can be a creative genius through faith and understanding or you can be a destroyer through ignorance, or you can be an ordinary weed in the middle of the stream buffeted about from side to side. Only when you realize that you are the everpresent Life that gives rise to creative genius does your inspiration come, so your faith is increased accordingly.

There are a lot of giants of ignorance in the world. In the political field and in the business world we see plenty of them, but a real creative genius is rare. When you live in the everpresent Life giving expression to It, you will have a power and faith that nothing can shake.

Everyone is born with desire for achievement because Life is always expressing Itself. Where there is Wisdom and Love there the mighty power of the everpresent Life is revealed. Thus we are endowed with the ability to realize our unity with the Creator of all things. Therefore whatever we ask knowingly we shall receive, for this is the Law of Creation. Craving ignorantly is doubt and contradiction.

When we plant a seed in the ground we leave the rest to the Intelligence to reproduce its kind and you know that there will be an abundance. So it is with our thought when we understand the same Law is in operation both in the seed and in man's thoughts.

Jesus said, "It is the Father who ever remains in me is performing His own deeds." When we understand this truth we will no longer put our dependence in the power of things created but upon the Power that creates. God's gift to man is "Faith." Faith is the "substance" Paul says, and the things created are the evidence of "faith." We must learn to exercise this power wisely, intelligently co-operating

with the predetermined scheme of creation, knowing that our success lies in the good of all and not primarily for the self.

The Faith I am speaking about is understanding Faith and not ignorant faith. The invisible is made visible through faith which is the evidence of things not yet seen. In the lives of most, experience is bought dearly because they will not take the trouble to enquire into the how of things. Although many have found this knowledge through experience, there are many wise enough to search for this knowledge and have found it, much to their advantage and to the advantage of others, whom they are asked to help.

The Christ is the Wisdom of God born in each one of us, It is the Word of God that existed in the beginning and that same Word forever remains immortal in us, the flesh having no say in the matter, meaning that the flesh cannot bind this immortal Word, but this Word can and does rule all flesh when this Truth is understood.

Man uses the same power in creating in his own life, as the Creator uses in creating man. Yet man by his ignorance of the mechanism of that power produces confusion instead of harmony. The Law is that the seed shall produce its kind. "My word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that which it is sent forth to do," means that by faith in my word it will produce from the unseen to the seen in exact proportion as I think with understanding Faith.

Job said, "What I feared came upon me." This is the same law put in reverse. Therefore thinking in faith or fear amounts to the same thing. When we understand fear then we will understand faith. Yet we talk so glibly about faith, and not understanding fear we are caught up in the net of fear and our faith is wanting. "He that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him. But he that hath more shall be given unto him." This is understanding faith.

Here is the Law explained in a few words. When the seed is sown the Father does the work. Our work is to be aware every moment, confidently realizing our creativeness in fulfilling the great scheme of the great Architect of the Universe with Love and Wisdom. Love and Wisdom have been promised to any one who asks in faith with never a doubt.

The mind that is sure in this knowledge is first of all active in the asking then becomes passive so that the work can be done. This is the link we have with the Eternal Everpresent Life expressing Itself always in the now.

The asking must be accompanied with the dominant attitude of mind that refuses to give up, refuses to fear, refuses to worry for things to come, only seeing the creative Principle acting freely exercising its own wisdom in the manifestation of things asked for.

Thinking in faith is the evidence of that which will be produced, then the seed sown is watered by faith and understanding. The majority of people expect the worst while hoping for the best. Is this not the height of contradiction? Yet how can this be avoided? Only by understanding faith and practice, practice makes perfect. As with all great artists understanding and practice is the foundation of this excellence. So it is with you and me. One who can practise the Truth perfectly is the greatest artist in the world. It underlies all other artistry no matter in what direction, for without Truth there is no real artistry. Therefore we must look into the perfect Law of Liberty knowing that whatever we ask shall be done unto us.

Successful experiences are not enough, for if our successes deprive us of the

conscious use of faith and understanding then we are on shifting sand. We must see beyond experiences into that sure and stable state, where the Father doeth the work, then only can we think constructively and create with faith and understanding.

"If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally and with grace and it shall be given him but let him ask with faith not doubting, for he who doubts is like the waves of the sea driven by the winds and tossed." James 1:5, 6 (Eastern text).

BENEDICTION

O Understanding Faith, wherever I gaze I see what Thou hast done.

Keep my mind from wandering into the bog of doubt and fear.

Train my mind to hold on to Thy invisible power and my soul to speak the word that creates out of the void.

Oh, may I ever remember his words, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Keep alive for ever that faith that never wavers, never dies and bless me with Thy Love and Wisdom, O Eternal One.

- M.B.

MY PEACE AND MY LOVE REMAIN WITH YOU

THANKS

I am very grateful to receive from you contributions for the work of the Sanctuary. As this work is growing by leaps and bounds your contributions are most welcome.

These contributions are placed in the Sanctuary for blessings upon the gifts and the givers.

Yours very sincerely,

M. MacDonald-Bayne

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