

TRANSCENDING LIFE

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There is a transcending life, or what Jesus was speaking of when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Transcending life is "resurrection life," or, life beyond the 60-70 year or so span we think of as being life – above and beyond. And it does not occur because someone dies and "goes to heaven." This can only be known in the here and now, yet it is ever proceeding and without end.

This transcending life comes by revelation. At first it seems one is a seeker of truth - then in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, one 'sees it, something just 'clicks', something takes place that you will never be able to 'put your finger on', and you find you have 'crossed over' so to speak, changed perspectives, or any number of other possible ways to attempt to say what cannot truly be said in words.

"Christ comes." What does that mean exactly? To understand what this means one must first know what "Christ" is. Jesus told us what Christ is when he said, "Ye are the Light of the world." Light, of course, is understanding or illumination. You are most likely familiar with sayings such as, "A light just came on for me," or "I saw the light," or "He's a 'bright' young man," or something similar. You have seen the little light bulbs over a cartoon character's head when he gets a "bright" idea. In ignorance we seem to want to make "Christ" something different than what "Christ" is, and we likewise seem to associate Christ solely with Jesus, until we realize that "Jesus" is the form the Light takes, or Jesus is the manifestation of the Light. "You" are the form, the manifestation, the Light takes as well, therefore, once you realize What you are, you will know that the Joan, or the Bill, Mary or Carl, is the form that the Light is taking for a "time." As the Light is revealed, you will come to know that "you" are not living life, Life is living you!

Once the Light comes for you, and you realize that It comes as you, though there is a distinct initial moment when everything seems to "change" and the world is somehow different, you cannot put into words what actually has occurred. There is a gradual increase in the light from then on. Just as with the morning light, one cannot distinguish when dawn actually "happens". All you know is that while one moment it is dark, nighttime, the next, before you can say it IT has happened, everything has changed, and nothing is the same. Morning light comes ever so softly and you call it "dawn," yet you do not know exactly when it comes, for when and what actually takes place cannot be pinpointed. The same with the moment of Recognition, you may say, "it dawned on me", but who knows when or where, for there is really no "when" and actually no "where." From that moment on, you will know you can do nothing, either to make it happen more or quicker, nor can you stop its happening.

The world turns upside down for you and you are never the same. It is a divine urge, which presses you to want the truth in the first place. It is a divine urge, which causes you to hunger and thirst after righteousness. YOU, as Bill, or as Joan, cannot make it happen. These "names" simply represent a personality, and the personality these represent are like taking on a part in a play where you put on a mask and costume and act out the part. You may be playing the part of Bill, until in that one mystical moment you realize that, "Hey! Wait a moment, I am NOT the costume and the mask." You realize that the mask/costume make you visible to a world which can only see masks and costumes.

The True Self, is not the persona, but the TRUE "I" you ARE when you call yourself I. We misuse the pronoun I for what seems like the longest, saying, "I am tired," or "I am sick," or "I am poor." The True "I" is never any of those things, for the True I is the True Self, which you are as the Apostle Paul said, "whether in the body or out of the body."

This True Self is not a "me", nor an "us", nor a "we", nor a "they", not even a "you." It ever is the True Self I Am.

Psalms 46:10 admonishes us to: **"Be still and know that I am God."**

As a writer for sometime I suggested that people be still, and "meditate", but I have realized how very misunderstood the term "meditate" is and thus I do not advocate meditating – at all, due to the misconception

about it. I simply used the term as I believed the Psalmist used it in the first Psalm, but then I saw where "meditate" there means to "ponder", which is "to weigh mentally", and this can be construed to be to "think about". We seem to begin in mental effort, but the mental gives way in surrender to a "fasting of thought," which is beyond mental ascent. So long as anyone is "trying" to "learn" something, "trying" to "get it," "trying" to "do" anything, that one is barking up the wrong tree, or "trying to climb up some other way," the way of the mental ability. The mental route is a short rope, which will leave one dangling in a lot of nonsense. There must be a change from within, something that education, study, knowledge (man's knowledge, which vanishes away), cannot "do." Jesus called it "new birth." There are many ways of saying it, but suffice it to know, one cannot learn something which will pass them from death unto Life.

Life is What you are, What is Omnipresent, What we call God, What we call Mind, What we call Allah, or Brahman, or Buddha, or Krishna, or Tao, or Light, or even Love, and it is impossible to learn how to be What you already are. What you already are must be conceived and when the moment is right, the Concept comes to light and we say, "I see."

Without any effort, with only a sincere desire of heart, the desire comes without any effort on your part, and the Daystar dawns in your heart (mind), and with it understanding. Do not read anything, not even this writing, to "learn" anything. You can learn nothing, because the "I" you are knows all already. And the "you" you think you are is the "double-minded man who is unstable in all his ways." That one can "learn" nothing, because there is actually nothing to "learn." That man is the natural man, "but the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them!" How 'bout that! The one who thinks he is a natural man, or you could say, "the one who 'thinks'" period! cannot receive spiritual things, neither can he even KNOW them! So ponder not, meditate not, and as Jesus said, "Think not..." for it is in your surrender that you see that you are not the "you", but the "I" alone. Luke 12:40.

Go on about your day. If the Divine Urge is there you will always be turned in your heart to the Truth, wanting to know, being still – no matter how busy you appear. Go on about your "daily life," but you will not be able to NOT hear once the Desire is so strong that nothing will satisfy you other than knowing the Truth.

There is nothing wrong with reading. Read all you wish, but do not read to learn, for Christ - which is Light, which is Enlightenment, which is Illumination, which is REVELATION - comes – and then you see! Then you read and you see, not you read – see and then revelation comes. Revelation requires no study. Reading simply confirms what you have already "seen."

Set your mind on things above – simply means that you want more than anything to know the Truth as your first and only desire. There is no jockeying for position. The Truth will not share Its glory with another. "I will have no other" anything "before me." No hidden agendas!~ All you want is Truth, and you are willing to give up your life for it, then you SEE, and then you BE What you SEE. In your desire to know the truth, you will come to realize "I AM the Truth."

It is actually in the moment you "give up" that the Christ comes. When you cease struggling and rest, when you cease "trying" and "enter the rest of God", when you relinquish the thought that your will means a single solitary thing. When all "your" wants are gone, completely, and you are willing to stand ALONE in the LIGHT; then, and only then, the Light engulfs you, and you begin to drown in the Light, until there is not a hint of a "you" left anywhere. Truth comes, Christ comes, Revelation comes, God comes and the wall falls down. Though you have traversed that wall 7 times considering how to it could possibly fall, in the moment you "think not", meditation ceases, and you simply "quit (thinking, being) like men."

The mental struggle gives way to the release of Spirit and all is well.

JUST BE! Go about your daily life, your heart will find its way home, and in that you will realize YOU ARE HOME, always have been, always will be, non stop, without the skip of a beat.

"Seek peace with all men wherever possible." Stop the incessant struggle to either make someone else "see" or the effort to "see" yourself. Just BE and LET -and figure no one else into the equation. There is none else.

"Let your little light shine," and you will find that by just being, once the desire comes, IT begins to shine without your doing a single thing. And it shines from the inside, from "within" where Jesus said you would find the kingdom. And it shines without any effort on your part.

"You" may not be popular at times. You will be misunderstood, and you may find yourself estranged as you begin to be 'lived' rather than living like those round about you. But "what is that to thee? Follow thou Me."

"Who" is this Me, not me, but Me, that is to be followed? It is the Light, which comes in your darkness and you rise and walk. It is this Truth that cannot be hidden under a bushel basket, which cannot be quenched, which reigns supreme in the heart (mind).

The "god of this world," i.e. the little self, the personality, the ego with a desire to control the lives of "others," which wishes to be able to straighten out his fellow men, which wishes to be a witness, which wishes to evangelize the world, which wishes to convert or even enlighten another, has a little light, but how great is that darkness, and what he has will be taken from him. That "little self" is still living in the world of many, as one of many, and he cannot enter the kingdom of God because he insists that he must bring "others" with him.

The High Priest ALONE could enter the Most Holy Place on the day of At-ONE-Ment (atonement). He couldn't even take his good buddy with him. And "you", little personality, will not go in with a group, not even with your best friend(s), your mother, brother, child, etc. In fact, a "YOU" will not go in at all. IT is ONLY I who can enter that Holy Sanctuary of the Christ Mind, for I ALONE AM IT. Who will stand when HE appears (Mal. 3:2)? I ALONE. There is no "other."

It is only a "you" which would ask, "What then about them?" for there is no "them". But as the Eye (I) opens in what appears to you to be "another", realize it is Only Life coming forth in a familiar form. If you will simply surrender your will (which is nothing in the first place), your wants (which are only dream wishes), your desires regarding "others", you will realize that not only are there no "others"- that God is all, but that God is fully and absolutely able to make Himself known as He pleases.

Cease trying to "have relationship", "straighten out your brother" or "educate your sister", and JUST BE, and know that the ONE that is the ONLY POWER, THE ONLY LIFE, THE ONLY MIND, THE ONE ALONE I AM THAT I AM is fully capable of doing all, being all, without any personality stepping up to the plate to help out! All "human" effort is in vain.

Reading a sign on a billboard which said, "God needs you," the thought came, "Poor God. Without a little man or woman God would be so helpless." NO!!! GOD NEEDS NO ONE! For GOD ALONE IS!

The double-minded man, who is unstable in all his ways simply has not yet acknowledged The OMNIPRESENT, OMNISCIENT, OMNIPOTENT, OMNIACTIVE! Rather this one – who seems to be – thinks! And what he thinks is that there is God and there is 'me.' Impossible! If GOD IS Omnipresence, then there is nothing and nowhere God is not! KNOW IT! Don't try to figure it out. Cease trying to reason it through. Let logic and reason fly! Accept that GOD ALONE IS. There is NOTHING ELSE!

And if "you" still say, "Where does that leave me?" Just recall, there is NO 'me.'

God is ALL. Yes, God manifests as "you," but that does not mean that a "Joan, Mary, Bill, Russell, Linda, Jeff, Ann, Jane," or even – get this - even a "Jesus" can do anything apart from the ONE ALONE BEING: GOD, LIFE, LIGHT. Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing." YOU of your own self can do nothing either, but Joan Christ, or Mary Christ, or Bill Christ or Jesus Christ can do all things, because the names have been swallowed up in the ONLY NAME, the NAME (singular) above all names (plural), The Nature! And "It is not I (Jane) that lives – BUT CHRIST!" Christ living as you.

When the little light: Joan, Bill, ceases to shine, the LIGHT OF LIFE SHINES SOLELY! The ONE WHICH IS may surprise some, for this Light does not conform to the world's ways or thinking. This Light does not play

games or function necessarily as is expected, but this Light is the Light that in-lightens all men that come into the world, and IT will have no other "gods" before it. IT will not bow to the expectations of men, neither will IT GO OUT. It is the Eternal Flame, the Consuming Fire, consuming all thinking that there is anything besides.

There are not people many, not minds many, not worlds many, not bodies many. There is ONLY ONE, ONE MIND, ONE WORLD, ONE BODY, and THIS ONE IS PERFECT.

This ONE functions in NO TIME, NO SPACE, and thus heaven and earth as you have thought them to be, vanish. Yes, for a "time" things seem pretty much the same, you look pretty much the same, the world seems to have taken a 180 degree turn, but still it appears that life goes along pretty much as usual. However, the Transcending Life (which is a poor way of saying GOD), continues (which is a poor way of saying IS), to cause everything to be realized for what it is (which is a poor way of saying ALL). "Words" are a poor way of expressing, yet they seem to be necessary so long as there seems to be a world to speak to.

The world, including a body, which you see partially, looking down at it, or fully - in a full length mirror, is a reflection in the mirror of Mind (God-Omniscience). There again, words not stated exactly as is, but let's not quibble over words now, because although we will continue to line our words up with our understanding, we must accept that they are pretty whimpy when it comes to expressing the Inexpressible.

The world, including body, is known in the I that I Am as "things", i.e. house, car, baby, boy, tree, cat, road, sky, earth, and I AM MIND all are concepts in this Mind we call God. They appear the same as a reflection in a mirror. Walk before a mirror. If you are hold a red hat, a red hat is seen. If you hold the red hat off to the side, to the mirror it is not! It simply is NOT. Only that which is held before the mirror IS – to the mirror. The mirror has no mind of its own, anymore than you have any mind of "your own." But The Mind, which IS GOD, which is YOUR TRUE BEING, and ALL that you ever are, holds all before "you" and "you" see it. I don't see it, for to "I" it is never there, anymore than the mirror would be aware that you are holding a hat off to the side. But to the "you" that is the expression of God (the expression of Life, the expression of All), presented to the world of belief, whatever is conceived in This Incredible Mind I Am is visible.

Knowing there is only ONE MIND and this ONE MIND is what we are talking about when we say: "God, All, Life, Light, I", how could a little personality, a little "person' –ality", a little self, a little human being, a mere 'vapor' according to James 4:14 - ever think "it" could control anything, have a will of its own, stop anything from happening or make anything happen? And how could this little persona, this little man on stage, this little "image", which is merely a dream character, think it could take a pill and make a sickness go from him, or strap a seatbelt to his body and prevent his own demise, or invent something which would better the dream world so that his fellow dream-"men" would live longer? How could "it" do anything? That "it" is merely the "god of this world," or the 'mind' of this world...

It is IN THE ONLY MIND that this world appears, and nowhere else. It is IN THE ONLY MIND that anything appears. And IN THE ONLY MIND where all things appear, "all things" must be realized as concepts.

I know, I know this is much to take in, but the I Which 'you' Truly are knows this, is speaking this, is writing this and is even reading this. The I that "you" are is fully capable of revealing ITSELF, and this Revelation is the Christ, or The Revelation of Christ, the Second Coming or the Coming Again into your right mind.

Once that which is Perfect is come, is RECOGNIZED, there seems to be a gradual merging, for lack of better words to say it, where the double-minded man fades – even as a lane merges with another lane on a two lane road, and the ONE ALONE MIND is REALIZED; the double-vision becomes the single EYE, or "I". It is not two worlds which collide, rather it is the realization and recognition that there is – and always has been - ONLY ONE WORLD, and IT IS PERFECT, and all "things" begin to be seen in a new Light. Darkness fades with the coming of Light until the night is over (Song of Songs), as the New Day dawns. I am no longer "the old man", for it is your "old men who dream dreams." Rather I, the Eye, the Single EYE, the INNER EYE of the heart is opened and suddenly it seems as though I have never "lived", rather "I" BE, or I AM! I am no longer immersed in the sea of dreams, rather I Am the Ocean teeming with New Life.

This is the Truth your heart has been seeking, yet it may not come to you all at once, but then again, it is always there, in you, within your ability to conceive! The kingdom of heaven is WITHIN YOU! AND "you" ARE IN IT! And there is no separation. The separation has been as a thought taken in sleep only. Your thoughts have become clouded over, enshrouded in a mist of belief. "Image"ination has veiled the Knowledge of your True Self.

Awake my love! Come! There is a Lily in your valley, a Rose in your garden, a Pearl of great price in your field. IT is the CHRIST in the midst of you, the LIGHT of LIFE, awaiting your recognition. Then will begin the merging, where you will no longer be "you" to you. You will realize I. "Be still and know I AM GOD." And "DO" nothing. DO nothing, but BE! BE, BE, BE.

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