

Lesson XIII

SPIRIT-BODY

1 The Spirit-body is the organism created by
God. It conforms to the earth of the heavens.
It is fashioned in consciousness through the
4 activities of ideas of Truth. That which is
created by God is ideal and formed only as
to Principles. The formation of the con-
sciousness of the Principles is through Man.
8 Man is consciousness in which the male and
female qualities of Creation are equal. Man
is not automatically produced. He is the
result of ages of progression. When he is
12 manifested he is the Spirit-body, created by
God, and not in the material body of flesh,
produced from the world.

The Spirit-body is the manifested Holy
16 Spirit, the substance of being. The Holy Spirit
projects the shadow of itself as the Holy
Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the essence of ideas
of Truth realized. At the dissemination of
20 the Holy Spirit, the energy of spiritual ideas,
the Holy Ghost is formed. This is the outline,
in substance, of the body to be. It is made up
of spiritual essences. These essences cannot
24 take form until the elements of mortality have
been dissolved. These are dissolved in the

processes of regeneration that follow spiritual 1
birth.

All progression, both natural and spiritual, 4
is for the purpose of making consciousness
conscious of the realities of Being. Healing is 4
not for material health and rejuvenation. It
is an effort of consciousness to gain harmony. 8
Yet, harmony gained, is present because of
the identification of the Spirit-body which
cannot be sick; and is not the result of thought
or will to be well. The will to be well is the
will to be what God created man to be. It 12
ultimates in the Will of Harmony. The Will
of Harmony is the operation of the Laws of
God (Divine Will), by which the redeemed
organism is fashioned and formed. 16

Man does not form the Spirit-body. Through
becoming conscious of the Principles of
Truth, the operation of Divine Law is set
up by which the Principles of Creation are 20
formed. The Principles of Creation, in opera-
tion, form the Spirit-body. These Principles
do not work automatically. Consciousness
must become conscious of the Qualities they 24
represent to permit their activity. On the
natural plane the will to be well or to be in
harmony is the reflected aspect of God's will
to manifest it own harmonious being. Hence, 28

- 1 this will leads to capacity of spiritual unfold-
ment when consciousness becomes unselfish
enough to receive it.
- 4 It is selfishness that primarily prompts the
desire to be well. The self-consciousness
wants to express in well-being. This aids in
promoting the self. The self-consciousness
- 8 must finish its state of progression before the
ego can die to self. At the finding of the self,
what is found is lost, this opening the spiritual
domains of consciousness. As the spiritual
- 12 advances the ego becomes selfless; gradually
entering into the Love of the Lord (Love of
the Laws of Being). The Love of the Lord,
opened in consciousness, is the mothering
- 16 quality of being by which the Spirit-body is
formed.

The love of Truth or of the Lord is the
capacity to speak and act in keeping with

20 the Principles idealized and realized. This
capacity to enact what is known and felt
makes for a changed body. To enact the
Principles of Truth is to permit their action

24 in the consciousness to fashion the Spirit-
body. The new wine of spiritual ideas cannot
be put into the old body or wineskin. The
introduction of the new spirit causes the

28 cellular organism, formed from the material

forces to be broken up. This permits the 1
formation of the form of the new spirit. There
is a tearing down of the old state of con-
sciousness and the formation of the new going 4
on in the unfolding spiritual ego.

Every idea contains its own form to be,
even as every flower seed contains the image
of what it is to be when planted and repro- 8
duced. The radish to be is innate in the
radish seed before it is planted. The form to
be is innate within the Spirit of Being before
it is manifested. The spirit of ideas and 12
principles gained is the heavens that give rise
to their own forms of being. To advance to
the point that spiritual ideas may unfold
through the inspiration of the Almighty is to 16
be changed in form. "Be ye transformed
(changed in form) through the renewing of
the mind." Man does not fashion the Spirit-
body, but it is fashioned when he gains the 20
spirit of the qualities that cause it to be. The
aggregation of these qualities is Truth. Truth
is the unity of wisdom and love. Wisdom is
the intelligences, and love is the feelings, 24
promoted on the natural plane, transposed to
their spiritual equivalents.

Students who seek after the things of the
flesh, the health of the body, the poise of 28

1 mind, and the financial success of affairs, miss
the import of progression. While the self
must be advanced to a limit of its expression,
4 this is done on the natural plane. Higher
advancement comes to put the finishing
touches to the natural and to open conscious-
ness to the spiritual. The spiritual is for the
8 purpose of unfolding consciousness so as to
be redeemed. To be redeemed is to be
restored to a state of being that cannot sin,
be sick, suffer, or die. Students who seek after
12 an understanding of the Principles of Being
have the added things through the Law of
God controlling the natural world. But they
have also the capacity to let the Divine Will
16 be done in them to manifest the real state of
being.

The purpose of Truth is not to promote the
material benefit of people, so as to enable
20 them to live longer in their sin and mortality.
Truth comes to manifest a new creature, an
ego identified in the Spirit and Body of Being.
This is the Spirit and Body that God created
24 when He made man in his image and likeness.
Every idea of Truth, realized, permits the
principle, underlying the idea, to operate to
effect a change in the physical organism.
28 Truth is always actual. This actuality is phys-

ical as well as spiritual. Truth is regenerative 1
in its effect; changing the qualities of con-
sciousness so as to align the forces of spirit,
soul, body, and mind to the Laws of Being. 4

The Spirit-body is the spirit of the ideas of
Truth and the operation of the principles back
of the ideas to form themselves. This body is
being formed as Truth unfolds in con- 8
sciousness. This is the Word made flesh, the
organism begotten in the Laws of God. This
organism characterizes the God-man, when he
is manifested. These are the children of God 12
to whom are the promises of scripture. That
is to say, these are the states of consciousness
that are promised freedom from sin, sickness,
and death. These are virgins, male-female in 16
their constituent elements. Being balanced in
the Laws of Being, they are in a state of
harmony. These constitute the first fruit unto
God and unto the Lamb. 20

The Spirit-body manifests at the passing of
mortality. It is fashioned and formed in those
who ascend at the end of the cycle, and who
come under the authority of the Divine Laws. 24
The qualities that make it were introduced at
the beginning of Time; but they are not
fashioned and formed until the end of Time.
They are formed through the office of Christ 28

1 in the second coming; though the spirit of
this body is introduced as a living consciousness
in the first coming of Christ. All who are
4 Christ's are manifested in the creative state
of being at the passing of mortality. This is
the fruit of God's progression through mortality
or Time, the goal to be gained. Those
8 so embodied are saved; saved from further
necessity of birth and death in limitation.

The body is not for fornication but for the
Lord, according to scripture. That is to say,
12 it is not to be held in the mixture of forces in
which it is evolved during mortality. It is
to come under the Law of God (Lord) and to
be manifested in reality of being. The body is
16 the temple of God when properly identified.
It is the habitation of God. That is, it is
consciousness conformed to Principles of
Being, through which the Qualities of God
20 can unfold and express. St. John says, "It
is not yet made manifest what we shall be.
We know that, if he shall be manifested, we
shall be like him; for we shall see him even
24 as he is. And every one that hath this hope
set on him purifieth himself, even as he is
pure." I John 3:2-3 R. V.

The manifestation of the reality of being is
28 at the redemption of the body. This redemp-

tion is effected when Christ takes dominion 1
over the external planes of expression, bring-
ing all into subjection to the Laws of God.
The revelation of redeemed body is the king- 4
dom of heaven in the earth.

The Spirit-body, when manifested, will be
the body of Light. It will constitute the fourth
dimensional state of being. Man, identified in 8
the fourth dimension will have all power in
heaven (spirit) and in earth (body). In the
Spirit-body, the ego will be opened again to
Eden and receive the qualities of the River of 12
Life. These will constitute his perpetuity, he
being freed from the necessity of further
material reëmbodiments. The Spirit-body
will have no density nor grossness. Man, 16
functioning in this body will be able to form
him-herself or unform at will. Such a con-
sciousness will have no will of its own, being
through spiritual birth a servant of God and 20
active in the Divine Will.

The Spirit-body is that formed through
Christ within. This is the hope of glorification.
Through gaining the seed elements of intelli- 24
gence and love in Wisdom and Love of Truth,
the Christ Seed is identified. The Christ Seed
unfolds to form the body of Light. This is the
body of Truth. "If thine eye be single, thy 28

1 whole body shall be full of light." The eye
is single when one sees all things in relation to
Truth, understanding good and evil. Thus
4 man becomes as God, able to lay hold of the
Tree of Life and live forever.

The Spirit-body is not the body of spiritual-
istic phenomenon. The body reassembled,
8 through the agency of the medium and those
who give their forces of love and intelligence
to the spiritualistic belief, is not the body of
the Holy Ghost. It is the material counterpart,
12 the essence of disorganized forces. These are
endowed with coördination through the forces
of the medium. The picture brought forth
through materialization is the astral shadow
16 of the body that has been recorded upon the
record of consciousness. Such a body is with-
out reality and substance.

The Spirit-body is formed through the ideas
20 of Truth realized. The realization of ideas
of Truth causes to decrease the forces that
make the mortal body. Every idea of Truth
pertains to some particular part of the organ-
24 ism. Each part of the organism relates to
the Principles underlying them. Hence, the
conscious aliveness of the Principles brings
to naught the counterpart mortal forces of the
28 organism to which the ideas of Truth relate.

Thus as Christ increases in consciousness, that 1
fashioned in the mind of man, decreases.
Finally, all the forces of consciousness are
brought under subjection to Christ and the 4
twelve centers that relate to the Principles of
Being. The Will of God set up in such a
consciousness operates to produce the spirit-
essence of the spirit and body to be. 8

The dissemination of the spirit-essence of
the spirit and body to be manifested, as the
children of God, is at Christ's movement in
the race. This is culminated in the second 12
coming of Christ. The going forth of this
spirit-essence is the projection of the flesh and
blood of the body of Christ. From this
essence, the spirit and body of the children 16
of God are fashioned. Thus, there is raised up
in the last day (or action of God in mortality),
a group of egos who partake of the spirit-
essence of the Holy Spirit. These are mani- 20
fested in forms of being, according to the
Divine Plan. Some have the glory of the sun,
some the glory of the moon, others the glory
of the stars; some have the celestial body, 24
some the body terrestrial. Each according to
his unfolded consciousness, and the position
occupied in the Divine Plan, is manifested
in the garment of reality. 28

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“Let Christ be formed in me,” becoming the Will of the Spirit-body.

4 Christ is embodied through the operation of Divine Will, not in the will of man.

I rejoice now in the operation of Divine Will, fashioning the body of reality.

