## Lesson VI

## THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

Christ within the consciousness is the Great Physician. The action of Christ is the Divine Will: this is the healing agent. Christ does not act in consciousness controlled by self-will. A certain discipline must be by which the will of the self is surrendered, to permit the healing power of Christ to penetrate the consciousness and to offset inharmony. This connection is made through prayer. Unless ceaseless prayer is operative, the spiritual healing work is rare, for the proper connection is not present to permit Christ's operation.

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Christ is the Harmony of God. The action of the harmonious powers of God provides the healing current: hence, Christ is more than the healing. As the Father is greater than the Son, that is, God is greater than Christ, so Christ is greater than the consciousness seeking its ministrations. Harmony is the alignment of the forces of consciousness to the Laws of Being. This is not absolutely possible to mortal man, though he is, through the proper attitude of mind and heart, enabled to make connection with the Inner Powers.

Primarily, this connection with the Inner

1 Powers liberates a healing current. The purpose of the healing current is to prepare consciousness to receive the action of God

4 (Lord) which ultimately effects redemption.
 Redemption is the alignment of forces of consciousness to the Principles of Being, making it impossible for one to be sick or
 8 suffer. The redeemed ego is a new creature

in Christ. The new creature will go free from

the necessity of being healed.

Healing, through the operation of spiritual laws, is a means to an end. It is not for the purpose of making eternally harmonious the animal creature. It is to develop consciousness of God and His-Her powers, by which the

Mortals can not know this, nor can they coöperate with this Divine purpose. Hence, a deception exists in the outworking of the

20 Creative Plan, but for the sake of man's soul. This deception began to work out with the unfoldment of the metaphysical advancement, by which healing was ushered in. The

goal of the metaphysical healing current is not animal health and prosperity, for which most metaphysicians seek. The healing acts to test the states of consciousness as to

28 whether they are in selfish desire and love,

or ready to go free from selfishness and to 1 let the Divine Will be done to produce the new creature.

Healing is the means by which conscious- 4 ness of harmony is attained. It is not the temporal healing that is important, but the attainment of a consciousness that can function harmony. Such a consciousness is being prepared to function the Qualities of the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth. That is, to physically embody the qualities of Spirit. Christ does not come to heal everyone, but in the unfoldment of its Principles it heals all aspects of consciousness, gaining the wholeness of consciousness. This is to say that through healing an eye in one, an ear in another, the foot or the heart, it gains the members of the entire body to itself, thus gaining the Body of Christ. This entire consciousness gained in Christ is aggregated as the Qualities of Being in the Christ consciousness and projected from this throne of being to all who can receive them, these being elected in Divine Will and Law to make up the body of Christ.

Healing is the subjection of the forces of matter to those of the Spirit. The forces of matter are the sensations incidental to the

- 1 formation of a consciousness by which spiritual principles will finally be known. Yet, before the spiritual principles can be
- 4 known, one must die to the desires of the self. This is to subject the sensations of consciousness to the Wisdom and Love of God. Mastering and overcoming the sensations of
- 8 the flesh make for capacity to receive spiritual illumination by which Harmony will be really established. When Harmony is really established, there will be nothing in the conscious-
- 12 ness that makes for the lie, and sin, sickness, sorrow, and death shall be no more. Those attaining to this sinless, sickless, deathless state make up the Body of Christ, being mem-
- bers of the One. All the healing processes, partaking of a spiritual nature, have for their purpose the outworking of this Body, and the fulfilment of the Divine Plan.
- The declaration of the metaphysical student that he is established in Harmony, when suffering from inharmony, is the effort of consciousness to idealize itself in being as it
- 24 is in God-Mind. This effort is commendable, but if the ego believes that he is the harmonious expression of God, while still mortal, he is a liar and he makes God a liar also. "If
- 28 we confess our sins, he is faithful and right-

eous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." I John 1:9-10 R. V.

Many metaphysical students get puffed up in the contemplation of their imaginary righteousness, and their last condition is necessarily worse than their first. Matt. 12:43, 45. While this is a law of progression, one is expected to gain the consciousness of Truth by which all the devils are subjected to Christ. This is accomplished in the Truth that reconciles all things to God, in service to both God and Man. This means understanding the purpose of good and evil forces by which Life, Love, and Truth are gained.

Understanding the darkness makes for more light. Disregard of inharmony, or saying it does not exist, is not an expression of understanding but of ignorance. Egos go through this phase of advancement, protecting themselves from the inharmonious forces because not able to cope with them in Truth. Light dissipates darkness like joy offsets sorrow, or health makes sickness impossible for the time being. Yet, in the very law of duality under which mortals unfold, the greater the Light, the more the darkness is

1 quickened. Darkness must be understood and all condemnation offset before the Great Physician can perform its redemptive service.

One genuinely advancing in spiritual unfoldment must finally meet and master the powers of darkness. This is done in Christ consciousness and is a phase of the Initiation

8 in which Christ, having the keys of Hell and Death, takes dominion over the forces that make man mortal. Overthrowing darkness through Christ, the ego goes free in actuality,

12 and is ready to be born into the Harmony of God that is eternal.

Consciousness of health is not based upon thinking health to the exclusion of thoughts of disease. It is the result of an all-around harmonious adjustment of the forces of spirit, soul, mind, and body to Christ or Truth. Inharmony persists until the consciousness is made free in Truth. Thinking about any harmony as though it already is, conforms to the Laws of Being. This is an essential to effect healing. If conditions of consciousness are right, one may have an instantaneous healing. This is not a guarantee that healing will be instantaneous, or that it will be accomplished at all. Genuine healing is best

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Truth; this permitting claims of sickness or inharmonies to be worked out as they arise.

Better than healing, is the unfoldment of Truth by which sickness is offset before it comes to the plane of the manifest. In this unfoldment is the more perfect expression of health, though the mortal is not guaranteed freedom from woe or discord. The mortal cannot remain permanently well, for it is not the nature of mortality to be whole. Wholeness is in unity in Christ, and this is effected in Principles of Being, but not in the outer mortal nature.

The Great Physician is not formed by man. Christ is a gift of God. The action of God through Christ is dependent upon a suitable consciousness to act in. Hence, man cannot receive the gift of God until he has attained a certain identification of Love, through giving expression to the qualities that make for outer harmony. This permits the harmonies of God to be expressed in the organism of Man. The penetration of the mortality with this high-born power from within leads to spiritual birth and regeneration. Consciousness of the Principles of Being is the Living God by whom man is reborn, and raised to a spiritual state of being.

Mental healing is a reflection of the Healing 1 operative from Christ. Harmonious thought is not enough to permit the Great Physician 4 to act. There must be harmonious will, which is willingness to let God's Will be done. The selfish seeking of mortals to be healed is not the willingness required to permit the action 8 of God: hence, is futile to effect genuine heal-One may receive a reflected action of harmony through harmonious thought, but it is temporary in its effect. Yet, since con-12 sciousness of harmony must be gained, thinking about it and witnessing its temporary expressions in the body make for consciousness of Being. This makes straight the Path 16 of the Lord or action of God.

The real healing is holiness. Holiness is wholeness. Wholeness is oneness. Oneness is the opposite to twoness. Twoness is sex consciousness; oneness is Christ consciousness. Oneness is the unity of the male and the female qualities of consciousness. This is the means by which God acts to manifest the realities of Being. The realities of Being make up Truth. Truth manifested is the spiritual state of being, the actuality of the ideals and realities as one.

28 Any idea of Truth is harmonizing in its

effects; but it is also promotive of the quickening of the inharmonies. The mastering of the inharmonies makes for consciousness of the realities of Truth, as well as for Life 4 and Being. Unless the Powers of God penetrate the physical domain, man would remain a sinful, sickly, mortal creature.

The work of Christ is to finally redeem the body: this means freedom from the tendency to sin or to be sick. Through the idealizing of ideas of Truth, and their realizations, by which the inharmonies are made to arise to be mastered, darkness is subjected to Light; or the powers of Satan to Christ. This permits Christ to be formed and the spiritual state of being to be manifested. This spiritual state is the whole man, the Oneness of spirit and body.

Many forces of disease are overcome through spiritual illumination. Through combating the diseased conditions and inharmonies one develops qualities of character that permit the Spirit of God (Christ) to be gained. Courage, faith, poise, patience, forbearance, forgiveness, mastery, strength, endurance, mercy, compassion, and innumerable other qualities of character are gained through coping with the inharmonies of

- 1 mortality. It is the qualities of consciousness gained that make for genuine advancement. All the inharmonious forces are means by
- 4 which the Light of the Christ Mind is brought into expression, and the Christ body is finally formed. The overcoming of the inharmonies is essential toward gaining the Truth, by
- 8 which one is finally set free from the mortal nature altogether. The Great Physician attends one's ongoing, making known the harmonies of God in their order of unfoldment. This
- order conforms to one's natural progression.
  One can only receive from God the spiritual qualities that are equivalent to forces mastered on the natural plane.
- Every material inharmony mastered opens consciousness to its counterpartal spiritual quality. God cannot give man anything except man has first gained its natural equiv-
- 20 alent. One cannot gain Truth until he is honest; and honesty is attained through mastering dishonesty. In this is the relation that the evil forces bear to the celestial,
- 24 though the human and divine qualities are gained as one on the path of the spiritual.

The gaining of Christ Consciousness opens one to the mystic initiation in which one dies with Christ and is made eternally alive. This transition comes at the end of mortality, and ushers the ego into the Fourth Dimensional plane, as well as into freedom from all inharmonies. The Great Physician comes to prepare the way for this transition. It transposes the elements of the natural man into naught giving rise to the qualities of the spiritual, preparing the way for Divine Qualities to operate in consciousness to fashion the reality of being; that is, man in the image and likeness of God. It is for this purpose that all healing exists though healing gives way to redemptive processes to bring forth the reality of being.

## **MEDITATION**

Christ is the Principle of Holiness within 16 consciousness by which I am made whole.

Through the Light of the Christ Mind all darkness is dissolved.

I am made whole and free through attaining 20 consciousness of Oneness.