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Welcome to Our Visit and Chat for October 2020

My Dear Friend and Fellow Member,

Once more it is October; here in the northern hemisphere the end of October is harvest time. The Fall Festivals, apple picking, pumpkin patches, and corn mazes are still being visited although many families are preferring smaller venues. Autumn does mark the end of summer and the coming of winter.

Most holiday traditions are connected to festivals which were celebrated through time according to the season based on either the solstice or the equinox. Our modern Halloween dates back over 2000 years to the ancient Celts. Druidic priests regarded the day as the end of the year. Not only was it their day for celebrating the year's harvest, but October 31 itself was also the day of Samhain, a festival for honoring the dead.

In order to appease the wandering spirits that they believed roamed at night, the Celtic priests made fires in which they burned sacrifices, made charms, and cast spells. Ancient Celtic people also hid themselves in ghoulish disguises on October 31, so that any malicious spirits they encountered wouldn't recognize them as human. – hence, our masks and costumes. Carved out candle-lit turnips were used as lanterns and placed on posts to keep the unwanted spirits away.

After the Romans conquered Europe and Christianity took over the ancient customs remained. The Church did it's best to Christianize the customs; All Saints Day was moved from May to November 1 in the 5th Century.

Hmmm, perhaps if the Celts had understood Faith as Doctor Carruthers lays it out for us in this month's Chat Letter, they would not have been so concerned. But then, we would not be enjoying this season as we do now. This month's Chat is as always an excellent piece and I know that you will enjoy it!

Doctor really gets into the metaphysics and use of what we call the Law as to the workings of faith. I really resonate with his position that if we KNOW and have KNOWLEDGE, we do not need Faith. I believe there is a huge difference between Believing and Knowing. I've also heard this concept stated another way: We must have the faith OF God, not faith IN God.

We are considered to be at the end of an Age. If memory serves me, Doctor Carruthers called it a Yuga of 26,000 years rather than the 2,000 which make up an Age. I have also heard other traditions refer to it as 28,000 or 21,000 years. Considering the time span of billions of years what's a couple thousand it really makes no difference to us.

Oh, the times we are in all over the world, mostly described as *strange and unusual*. Amen to that. I don't watch the news and stay away from social media other than for business when required for business. At such a time as we are experiencing now — a time of great change in the world, Knowledge and Faith are critically important.

I Know that at this time in history it is important for all of us to maintain our regular spiritual practice. In fact, I believe we are all being called on to do our part to hold the Consciousness of Truth. We all have found our own vehicle whether it is reading, meditating, contemplation, journaling, prayer or chanting. Please, continue your practice and keep your thoughts elevated. There is only One Mind and as each of us *use that Mind* we are elevating the consciousness of the Infinite Source of All Being.

Going to you now is my love, joy appreciation,
gratitude, and your love and support,

Rev. Ann B. Schmitt
Director of TSS

A quick bit of personal news. I have successfully moved into a new office space which I am still getting organized. Luckily, there is a basement in this office condo I am sharing for items which do not actually fit in the office. Your indulgence in our recent changes is greatly appreciated. The majority of our Lessons and Chat Letters are now being delivered via email.

P.S. I just received some copies of the September 2020 Theological Scientist, *the Digest of the Theological Society International Ghana Branch*, and their 2021 Wall Calendar. The Digest has many articles I'm sure you would enjoy. Drop me a note if you would like either the calendar or the Theological Scientist and I will send one on its way to you.

FROM THE STUDY OF

Hugh G. Carruthers

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My beloved Chela:

May I come in and visit with you? If you are engaged otherwise now, I'll wait; put me aside until you may be free to be at leisure, then be seated in that comfortable chair, "let go" of tension and relax; let us chat together. Would you discuss that little understood, but much used, term "Faith?"

We have heard many definitions of the word, "Faith," as "Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not yet seen." (As in the Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the Hebrews; 11:1) "Faith is complete confidence, especially in someone or something open to question or suspicion." (As defined by Noah Webster). Perhaps we should not be far wrong in saying that Faith is confidence based on Knowledge, for when we KNOW, and know that we KNOW, we are safe in declaring that our Faith is absolute.

Theological Science, the modern interpretation of the ancient Wisdom, is either perfect, workable, provable Knowledge, or it is merely theory; if the former, we may apply the principles of its premises and prove a conclusion and so KNOW that we KNOW and, therefore, be assured that our Faith is absolute; or, to put it even more forcefully, there is no need of "Faith" because we have Knowledge. If, on the other hand, this science which treats of the spiritual at-one-ment of The Infinite Omnipresence and Man is mere theory, we should be quite unable to establish a premise as a basis for the development of a conclusion. Let us see if it is necessary to build our faith upon imaginings or conjecture, or if actual Knowledge, proved by the Science of Theo-logical reasoning, can afford us proof of our individual and mass at-one-ment with The Omnipresent Infinite Intelligence, or God.

Not only Reason, but mathematical exactitude, tells us that the Universe is a Cosmos, which is to say, an orderly and harmonious system, and is, therefore, governed by law;

so that when we see that some persons secure extraordinary results by mental or spiritual methods, reason tells us that we can all, or each, do exactly the same thing, because the Law is no respecter of persons, and this is being done every day all the time, everywhere. All manifestations are governed by principles which we prove to be Universal Laws, and in the demonstration of these Laws we recognize system, harmony and perfect order.

If The Infinite Intelligence is omnipresent It must encompass and interpenetrate all that seems to be matter, and be one with it and inseparable from it. Science, as orderly, systematized, classified Knowledge proves that so-called matter exists in a diversity of forms, or grades, from its crudest visible form to the most refined and invisible state in an inseparable relationship with Spirit, from which it can never be disassociated.

The latent, or electric, power in the gaseous condition of the elements acts through vibration upon all matter in the combinations lower than the gases by induction, raising them also to a fluidic or gaseous condition and enabling them to form new combinations on a higher plane. By the same principle the mineral is raised to the sphere of electricity, magnetism, or light, which of themselves are nothing more than ether in different velocities of vibration.

Radio activity consists in setting in motion certain electric vibrations which, after passing through the ether, record themselves on a distant receiver which is "in tune" to receive. The whole system is dependent upon the intangible substance known as ether. It is a substance which is invisible, colorless, odorless, inconceivably rarefied, and which fills all space - or is omnipresent. Think of this: it fills all space between the earth and all other planets, and it also fills the minute space between the atoms of the densest substance, such as steel. Even when what we call an electrical current passes through or along a wire, it is merely a vibration of the ether which circulates between the atoms composing the copper wire.

Then in turn we have abundant proof of the subjugation of Ethereal Matter by the still more rarefied sphere of force which we recognize as Psychic Force, or Mind Force. Matter, thus refined, becomes the pliable associate of the mind for the transmission of its forces in the manifestation of its power. We have proof that mind does transmit its forces through, or by, its vibrations in the expression of its power of mind over mind, as in the controlling influence of the mind of the hypnotist over his subject through mental suggestion, by which he is enabled to control the entire organism of his subject to such an extent as to suspend the functions of the organs of the body at will.

Thus we see that the subtle or refined elements of matter at the disposal of the mind are subject to his control. Matter in itself has no consciousness or feeling, and is active only when controlled by spirit or mind in accordance with the laws that govern its action, and when active gives forth the manifestation and power of the spirit, mind, or intelligence behind it, and acting upon it; and its varied manifestations, symbolizes the Wisdom or Intelligence of the mind of man, or of the Infinite Mind Itself.

As the Infinite Mind rules and governs the Universe, so it is ordained for Man to rule and govern his universe, or body, which has come into this plane at his disposal, known as "The Temple of The Living God," an abridgement or Microcosm of the Universe of The Infinite. The

proper use of Knowledge is to create the condition of harmony, health, ease and happiness by the wise application of principles. The realization of this Truth is said to be Wisdom. Ignorance is the darkness which the Light of Truth disperses, which Light alone can enable us to understand the priority of Mind in the control of matter.

The office of metaphysics (Ontology and Cosmology) (or Theological Science) is to enable Man to come into a true comprehension of his relationship with the world in which he lives and has his being - in this plane of existence, as well as on all planes of Universal Being - and to an understanding of how to gain dominion over all which is his natural and rightful heritage.

The metaphysician gives the patient nothing which he can see, hear, taste, feel, or smell. It is, therefore, quite impossible for the practitioner to reach the objective brain of the patient in any way whatever. It will be said that he may give a mental suggestion; he may send him a thought. This might be possible if it were not for the fact that we do not consciously receive the thoughts of others except through the medium of the senses.

Again, admitting that it might be possible to reach the conscious mind without the aid of any material agency, the conscious, or objective, mind would not receive it because the objective mind is the mind with which we reason, plan, decide, will, and act. The practitioner invariably suggests perfection, and such a thought would be instantly dismissed by the objective mind as contrary to reason and therefore unacceptable, so that no result would be accomplished.

The Mind which the metaphysician calls into action is the Universal, not the individual. This is because INFINITE Mind always has met and always will meet every human (conscious) need. Herein is the meaning of ". . . *your Father knoweth what things you have need of, before you ask Him.*" And this is true because the consciousness of desire is impressed into the Subconscious (your "Father) before you have ever thought to ask, or pray, or supplicate.

This inner Infinite Mind is the creative principle of the Universe; and within you (because of It's omnipresence) It is the creative Center. It is the "Father" Which the Nazarene Master had in mind when He said: "*It is not I that doeth the work, but the Father that dwelleth within me; He doeth the work.*" You will observe that this Power is spiritual, not material; subjective, not objective. Therefore it becomes necessary to reach the subconscious mind instead of the conscious mind. Here, then, is the secret of the efficacy of the method.

The sympathetic nervous system is the organ, or instrument, of the Subconscious Mind. This system of nerves governs all the vital processes of the body - the circulation of the blood, the digestion of food, the building of tissues, the sympathetic nervous system extends to and reaches every part of the body. All vital processes are carried on subconsciously. Because of the orderly system of law they are not in the realm of the Consciousness; they are under the control of That Power Which is subject to no change or caprice. And yet the ignorant Consciousness may erroneously affect the orderly physiological processes by wrong auto-suggestion; hence the reason for such widespread distress, and the reason why one must develop the ability to control his conscious mentations so as to avoid the manifestation of ignorance in his life and affairs.

The subjective mind, the subconscious mind, The Infinite Mind, are therefore simply different terms used for indicating the "One Mind in Which we live and move and have our being." We contact this Mind by Thought - by Will, or intention. Mind is omnipresent; we may, therefore, contact It anywhere and everywhere; neither time nor space require consideration.

A vast majority of the race do not understand the principle of Metaphysics and the method of applying it so as to work intelligently in their own behalf. Under such conditions they can only expect to rely on someone else, and when that is done continually, or at frequent intervals, it tends to weaken, rather than strengthen the spiritual factor in Consciousness. It is therefore desirable and necessary to secure an understanding of the nature of Truth, in order to establish "Faith." or, rather, that Knowledge, or KNOWING, which takes the place of the necessity for "Faith."

Most persons who have cast aside the old false impressions, or unfounded, blind beliefs, superstitions and fears - and they are legion - have turned to an investigation of Metaphysics, and many of them have had some wonderful experiences, or they know of someone who has had such experiences. Then, too, it has been declared by philosophers, religionists, and scientists, again and again, that no proof of the existence of the absolute Truth is possible; in other words, that the only way in which one can be convinced of the creative Power of Truth is by demonstration, or by assuming that Truth is all powerful and then on the basis of this assumption make the demonstration. This is proof, this is freedom; this is why it has been said: *"You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."*

We have freedom within our grasp and we fail to take hold of it. We have every evidence of the creative nature of Thought; we have substantial proof of the spiritual at-one-ment of The Infinite Omnipresence and the living individual in the simple fact that whenever we may be conscious of a desire, or intention, to act in a way which may prove to be erroneous, or dangerous, to ourselves or others, we are immediately conscious of a warning, counseling, guidance from WITHIN (never from without), proving that Wisdom and Understanding are subconscious factors of The all-seeing, all-knowing "Father" within.

We have ample proof that conscious Thought impressed into the Subconscious is the directing influence by which the sympathetic nervous system (or Subconscious) evolves physiological distress, or well-being, according to the nature of the directing Thought. We know that by the control of our thought processes we may order the condition of our life and affairs, for better or for worse; in short, we know that *"as a man thinks, so is he, and so will he be."* What else do we KNOW? What else may we consider as a basis for "Faith" that an Infinite Omniscient Omnipresence not only sustains and maintains His, or Its, Creation, but the living creature as well? The Universe about us is replete with evidence of the spiritual Power of Truth.

Faith requires cultivation just as much in the ashrama, or hermitage, in any of the four stages of the Brahmanical scheme of life, which are: that of the student, or brahmachari; of the householder, or grihastha; the hermit, or vanaprastha; and the homeless mendicant, or sannyasi; as in the modern world with its many distractions. It was Goethe who objected to a religion based on fear, or blind belief. He favoured the cultivation of religious experiences for children

through sentiments of reverence for The Infinite, or the Supernatural, as well as for things close to us, and beneath us, and for Nature, or the natural world.

The Wisdom of Goethe is pertinent to our time. We seem to have cultivated reverence for the natural world, and the majesty of Nature is quite well understood by the average child. But what of the Universe and Its Creator, or creative Principle? In the final analysis the answer is quite simple; religion and science find their answer together; they no longer stand in juxtaposition; combined and brought into harmony they can redeem the world and beautify it. Shall we have the Wisdom to prevent the total annihilation of the race? Doesn't it seem that education or, rather, re-education, is necessary?

We observe phenomena constantly the while we refuse to concede their possibilities, or that they are the result of a orderly system. As Sir Francis Bacon so aptly put it in "**Praise of Knowledge.**" "*How many things be there which we imagine are not? How many things do we esteem and value more than they are?*" To say that what is unseen does not exist is much as if a blind person denied the existence of what he cannot see. There have been men in every age who have denied the existence of God, of Infinite Omnipresence, simply because they have not seen Him, or It. And yet, the matchless, marvelous Master declared: "*I AM IN THE 'Father' and The 'Father' is IN me.*" **John 14:11.**

I know that in my own personal experiences I have, for many years, been guided by my "*Father*" in "*the kingdom of God*" which is IN me (or Subconscious), rather than by objective, extraneous influences, until now that conscious attitude is a habit I deliberately cultivated, and to which I hold fast, because it "*maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my Soul.*" Try it. Try living with my "*Father*"! Try awakening in His Presence and sensing Him in you; try eating with Him, walking with Him, working with Him, being with Him constantly. You'll NEVER LET GO OF HIM again. But mind you this; in cultivating the habit, "*tell no one what you are doing;*" do not assume the attitude of "holier than thou" toward others. Forget all except Him. Then when you have the habit so well formed as to draw comment from others, tell them what you HAVE, and HOW to get Him, too. This is a selfish desire and accomplishment - to want to be constantly conscious of the inner Presence of your "*Father*," and in close spiritual association with your Master - but it is a sensible and most satisfying attitude. Indeed, it is Life abundant.

Shakespeare has the melancholy Prince of Denmark say to his friend Horatio, in **Hamlet, Act 1:** "*There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.*" And when we understand the Truth, and have had visions of the Way of Life on The Path, in karma, and have come to appreciate Life and Death, we shall realize how very much more there is in Being, and how infinitely greater and more pleasant is the surrendered life of spiritual at-one-ment, when compared with mortal conscious existence and its struggle for a survival which is wholly undesirable when attained.

It was Montaigne who said: "*man cannot make a worm, and yet he will make gods by the dozens.*" If, somehow, we were to be suddenly deprived of the use of electricity the whole scheme of our living habits would suffer a return to a primitive culture, so dependent have we become upon this spiritual etheric force about which even the renowned scientists and positive

theologians admit a complete lack of knowledge - although they all profess to know all about God - but which the Masters of your Lodge know as the vibratory expression of the Cosmic Energy Which *"is in you, Which you have of God."*

Man studies and observes and measures the constant revolution of the earth on its axis, the while it rotates on its orbit about the Sun, and hesitates to believe that an Infinite Intelligence directs that undeviating regularity. Astronomy proves for us that there is never the slightest evidence of chaos anywhere in the observable Universe. We are able to calculate the exact time of so-called sunrise and sunset every day and any day in the future, just as we are able to calculate the equinoctial dates with certainty.

Not so long ago men could not see disease germs which they observe and study today in research laboratories; but those earlier pathologists who knew instinctively (which means subconsciously) that germs exist, are created by erroneous mental attitudes, and cause disease, were ridiculed severely. Louis Pasteur was thought to have been mentally unbalanced because of his findings, but his illustrious name has been given to the pasteurization of milk that children might be saved and grow, free from the contaminations that once killed thousands.

Thousands of men in the agony of death on the battlefield sent out thoughts of hatred and distress; soon thereafter more thousands died from the effect of a microbe called the "influenza germ." None but the experienced Metaphysician (and The Masters) knows when and how the deadly germ came into existence. And which is infinitely worse, none know how to control and eradicate it in civilian life. When a suggestion is offered, or a paper read before a convention of modern (which means materialistic) pathologists, for the eradication of the "influenza germ" by spiritual means, it is ridiculed by the "brilliant mentalities" who are actually blind in their own conceit, refusing to seek outside of the materia medica.

As there are an infinite variety of thoughts, so there are an infinite variety of germs; constructive as well as destructive; but neither the destructive nor the constructive germ will germinate and flourish until it finds congenial soil in which to take root. All thoughts and all things are held in solution in the Universal Mind. The individual may open his mental gates and thereby become receptive to thoughts of any kind or description. If he thinks that there are "black magicians," or evil spirits who are desirous of injuring him, he is thereby opening the door for the entrance of such thoughts, and he will be able to say the Job, *"The things I feared have come upon me."* If, on the contrary, he thinks that there are those who are desirous of helping and guiding him, he thereby opens the door for such help and spiritual guidance, and he will learn that *"as thy faith is, so be it unto thee"* is as true today as it was some two thousand years ago.

What do we really know? What do we know about the super-sonic, or ultra-sonic wave length signals which birds in flight set up and send out, to guide them? What do we know about the migrations of peregrinations of those birds, like the swallows, who leave a nesting ground, such as Capistrano, to return on a definite date a year later, and continue to do so year after year? Shall we who have seen material miracles performed say that miracles cannot be, nor ever have been?

Who can tell what unseen spiritual Beings are all around us? It has been said, "*the more intelligent the astronomer, the more perfect his faith in The Infinite.*" The prayer of one individual, correctly directed, could change any erroneous condition. Perfect faith in The Infinite Omnipresence could readily promote the Brotherhood of man on earth and so overcome war.

Perfect faith, developed through Understanding, in your own innate, inherent, inner Spiritual Source, or Omniconscious Mind, could immediately change the tenor of your life and affairs beyond imagination. You CAN BE, DO, and HAVE whatsoever you WILL simply by the realization of the Truth that when you "let go" and allow Your inner Mind (Your Father within) to guide your consciousness, instead of thinking and acting on what you imagine you know, it is done, because Infinite Intelligence is then directing your affairs; working for you.

And I think you will find that this is accomplished easily by the simple practice of recognizing your inner Self as in at-one-ment with The Infinite Omnipresence, and this recognition is strengthened by affirming your Understanding: "***I thank You Father that You have heard me, and I KNOW You hear me and care for me always, in all my ways.***" Try it. Make It work for you, for your peace of Mind, contentment, health, achievement and constant well-being.

My thanks to you for this nice visit. It has been pleasant talking with you. I know your God blesses and cares for you because you bless and care for God. I have you in my Silence in affirmative prayer every day and I know They hear me. My good wishes and love go to you now, as every day, and I am grateful that you let me be.

Your servant and friend,

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