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OBJECTIVE: To help everyone who seeks spiritual growth. To explain what John's mission was in the book of Revelation. To reveal any hidden messages in Revelation. To provide a guide for us to use in our life, world, and affairs.

LESSON 1: THE COMFORTER

- I. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit, the only authorized interpreter of the gospel of Jesus; He who gives comfort and cheer and reveals the Truth of God in us. (RW 38)
 - A. The Comforter is also our Counselor.
- II. Three messages are given to John to address the seven churches. (Rev. 1:1-4)
- III. Church means "the Lord's House." The individual's consciousness is his "Lord's House" and assembled within it are groups of ideas (thought centers). (RW 37)
 - A. Church is not intended to refer to a limited congregation.
 - B. Church is a phase of mind dedicated to worship and reverence.
- IV. The speaker is the Spirit of God within each of us, and to the degree that we heed or ignore the counsel given, so we are blessed or cast down.
 - A. "I am the Alpha and the Omega."
 - B. "I AM" is God's name in man, the indwelling Christ.
 - C. What we attach to the I AM determines our life experiences.

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- V. The Comforter reveals the primary reason for the failures and helps us to find solutions to the challenges we face in life.
 - A. First turn within to prayer and seek illumination.
 - B. Then, secondary causes and guidance for remedial action will be revealed.

LESSON 2: HOW TO RECAPTURE THE SPARKLE (Rev. 2:1-7)

- I. The message to the first church, Ephesus, is addressing all seekers who may encounter a dry patch in their unfoldment.
 - A. Ephesus means the central building faculty of the consciousness called desire. (MBD 202) It contains the ideas of patience, appeal and fortitude.
 - 1. We are no longer putting God first.
 - 2. In Truth all life experiences are good no matter the harsh appearance.
 - 3. Our attitude towards life will determine our attitude in life.
 - 4. Our loving Spirit promises “To him who conquers I will grant to eat the tree of life.” “Tree of life” (Gen. 2:9) The eternal, omnipresent life of God that is within man. It is the innate, indwelling idea of immortal life, and the fruit of that tree is the consciousness of eternal life in the body.
 - 5. This is a practical application of the principle of what truly loving God entails.

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LESSON 3: THE PROSPERITY SECRET (Rev. 2:8-11)

- I. The message to the angel of the Church “Smyrna.”
“Smyrna” means substance (myrrh, “but thou art rich”); the substance center in the body is located at the pit of the stomach.
- II. Substance is the invisible mind-essence of God out of which everything is made.
 - A. Its flow is controlled by our consciousness.
- III. We must acknowledge God as our only source.
- IV. Salaries, wages, pensions, alimony, dividends, rent are only channels.
- V. No one or nothing can take my good from me. I operate by right of my consciousness.
- VI. Giving thanks to God as the source of all my/our blessings gives a boost to my/our prosperity consciousness.
- VII. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who conquers shall not be hurt by the second death.”
 - A. Death occurs when we give selfishly or when we give out of fear of diminishing our own supply.
 - B. Death also appears when we have lost sight of our one and only source, God.
 - C. Remember in Truth we are rich children of a Loving Father.

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LESSON 4: HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS (Rev. 2:12-17)

A message to the church of Pergamum.

- I. Pergamum means “strongly united, closely knit, a citadel.”
 - A. The intellectual consciousness in man.
 - B. Pergamum is intelligence.
- II. This message is aimed at our thinking and reasoning processes that are contrary to pure truth.
- III. “I know where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s throne is.”
 - A. Satan is the adverse consciousness.
 - B. Satan’s throne is where adversary takes his seat in the front brain.
- IV. Outer practices and beliefs that seem to increase our spirituality may merely exercise in futility.
 - A. No one can go to God for us.
 - B. Regular prayer and meditation will help us to come into the awareness of the Inner Presence for ourselves rather than go to mediums.
- V. The basic tenet of Truth is: We are spiritual beings made in the image after the likeness of God, one with God by virtue of the I AM, the Christ presence within us. God-Mind is our one source and resource.
 - A. All the information we need to live this life satisfactorily exists in our present experiences.
 - B. The “hidden manna” implies nourishment and joy from a hidden source, the very spirit of God indwelling.

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LESSON 5: ZEAL FOR THY HOUSE (Rev. 2:18-29)

A message to the angel of the church at Thyatira.

- I. Thyatira means “rushing headlong,” “burning incense,” “zeal in religious matters.”
- II. Enthusiasm for our faith is essential; however, we must be careful of our misplaced faith and zeal. Beware of the false prophets.
 - A. Jezebel means “licentious, emotionally uncontrolled.”
 - B. Ethbaal, the King of Sidon, means “given over to materiality.”
 - C. Sidon stands for great increase of ideas in the animal level of thinking.
- III. We should not impose our religious zeal or enthusiasm upon others.
 - A. Truth should be a uniting factor, not a divisive element.
- IV. Our emphasis should always be on making Truth work in our own lives.
- V. Scripture says “But seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well.”