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From Primordial Cell to Christ-Oriented Human

IN THE BEGINNING: GOD, SPIRIT, LIFE

All creation has its beginning in the one life known as God, or Spirit. All creation begins as one cell with *intelligence and wisdom* in the life center, which enables it to multiply or reproduce itself. These attributes of life and wisdom as intelligence are contained within the cellular structure in order to keep the cell alive and enable it to specialize in its function as *divine life* or *God Life*.

Life and *intelligence* do not function alone. They require another power to help them complete their work. They must work in and with *love*, “the power that joins and binds in divine harmony the universe and everything in it.” (RW, pp 124-125), which is present and active in the first tiny cell.

The attribute of *strength* is the enabling quality of life that allows an organism to survive and adapt to changes in the environment. Working with the attribute of *strength* is *renunciation*. This attribute is nature’s way of ridding the organism of waste or that which is no longer useful to its survival.

The whole universe is under God’s law and operates according to universal principles of order. First things first is its motto.

The six qualities of *life, intelligence, love, strength, elimination, and order* are the foundation upon which depends so much. Their importance lies in their location of operation. They operate in the subconscious area of our being, from ganglionic nerve centers in the body, which are focalized below the neck area and are highly individualized, specialized, and developed.

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Under the guidance of Spirit, we study to receive an understanding of what these powers are, where they are located, and what they do. This is the beginning to a realization of healing of body, mind and experience. We become the “new creation” for the new millennium.

There are two centers located in the neck area. The first is the *power* center, which can be consciously or subconsciously directed. It is a means of communicating our thoughts. It can be consciously commanded by our spoken word or subconsciously commanded by reaction to outer stimuli. The next is the *zeal* center, which works from the back of the neck. Charles Fillmore describes zeal as “the urge behind all things” (TM, p.130) and “the affirmative impulse of existence” (TM, p.132). *Zeal* is energy and carries with it its own power to accomplish, but must be consciously directed, if it is to serve well.

Not only do we have these mind powers operating in the subconscious, but we also have special attributes of *faith*, *imagination*, *will*, and *understanding* – our own exclusive servants whose centers are in the cranium. In these is the spiritual pattern for the development of our innate potentiality. The *Christ*, presiding at the crown of the head provides guidance, direction, and reinforcement for the development of all our powers and abilities.

Imagination, the ability to picture in our mind and located between the eyes is also known as the “third eye,” actually interpreting and reporting what is seen. It is also known as the scissors of the mind. It sees into divine substance and literally cuts or molds a form from pure mind essence.

Understanding is the center of reflective thought. Its function is figuring things out, works in conjunction with the faculty of *will*. The will is the executive power of the mind; it issues the orders for action. Both are located in the front

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brain, or forehead. They are the “command center” from which all decisions and actions are made.

Faith is the perceiving power of the mind linked with the power to shape and mold substance into what we most strongly believe in.

An understanding of these innate powers gives an individual complete control of his life. It is through the proper use of these powers that we bring forth our image and likeness of God, which was implanted in the beginning, as our Elder Brother Jesus did in actuality.

Through Christ, we can learn to command our faculties in good and positive ways. We can think about the world and ourselves and then make the appropriate changes when spiritually directed. We have the key to life everlasting.

DISCOVER A NEW WORLD WITHIN

THE POWER OF YOUR WORD

Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother and Way-Shower spoke positive, powerful words about the potential within him – and the God-given potentiality within every person. On several occasions he spoke of this power “All that the Father has is mine,” and of “greater works” that will be done by others who followed in his way.

When we follow his pattern of speaking the truth with authority, we will awaken to the divine spiritual powers that God has implanted within us, we too will do the greater works. Within each one of us lies unlimited abilities to believe,

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conceive, and develop these spiritual powers on all three levels – spirit, soul, body. As we learn about, communicate with and express these powers, our world completely changes for the better.

By accepting the truth that we are in-filled with the same power that Jesus spoke into being, we too will be able to perform the miracles that he performed on a daily basis. We will be obeying the injunction to “Follow me.” Our job is to bring these powers forth into visible manifestation. We do this step-by-step in greater and greater degrees according to our own level of conscious awareness and dedication.

A spiritual quickening of the human race will lead to its transformation into the divine and will be brought about “not by a miracle or the fiat of God, but by the gradual refinement of humanity from just flesh to Spirit” (TM, p.4). The plan for the upliftment of humankind can be based on the individual development of innate powers and abilities expressing themselves through ganglionic centers in the human body. These centers must be activated as the qualities are developed in mind, all under the direction of the Christ or God Self of each person.

Twelve is the mystical of perfection. The twelve tribes of Israel were the offspring of the twelve sons of Jacob. They also represent twelve faculties of humanity in an earlier, more primitive state. In the Disciples of Jesus, they are more highly developed and more clearly defined. The twelve disciples of Jesus symbolize these power centers within man. The disciples were developed by Jesus from ordinary working men into dedicated apostles and were entrusted with the mission of spreading the Jesus Christ teachings on earth. This includes you and me. It is up to us to carry forth the message of Jesus.

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To develop these 12 qualities in ourselves, we must study the faculties, relate to their physical centers in our body in a spiritually enlightened way, and allow them to grow through prayer and meditation. They must always be under the direction of the Christ, our own spiritual nature.

Activate these power centers for the purpose of gaining a greater experience of each power. Its primary consideration is to expand the conscious awareness of each quality in the soul nature and to do it all under the Christ dominion. Each individual starts where he or she is in soul-unfoldment and grows in ability to use and express the powers.

Each faculty is discovered first as an intellectual concept. Explore it; nurture it through prayer as it gradually grows into the spiritual idea from which it came. There is no sense of separateness, but rather a realization of our oneness with the God power itself, expressing itself through us entirely under the guidance and direction of the Christ.