

THE MASTER SPEAKS
ON PRAYER AND THE SPIRIT WORLD

These questions and answers have been transcribed from tapes made during our Leader's sessions with members and guests at Centers throughout the United States during his trip in March & April 1965.

[Master's comment]: Since God is the source of life, power, happiness and joy, you always long to go to Him. If God chose an instrument, an agency on earth to dwell with Him and be with Him to a greater extent than any other person, would your spirit not long to be with that one? In this way, the hearts of the people of the whole world will be turned to one center. When you long to see a man or a woman, any human being, your longing or your love is one-sided. But when you long to see God or His representative, or the being with whom God dwells, then your feeling would be that of joy and love, and overwhelmingness with nature and everything in creation, a harmonious feeling with the world, and a mysterious joy and power within yourself. It is a universal feeling directed to all people and all things, not just toward one man or one woman. A longing for God or for the one with whom God dwells is different than that between man and man or man and woman. When you meet like-minded people, such as those in the Principle, the feeling naturally increases and multiplies, and you feel greater love and greater joy. So you hate to leave those persons, because your spirit grows faster when you are with them.

When your longing to be with one with whom God dwells is strong, then your spiritual experiences start. In our group, we do not make any effort to develop our psychic abilities. We develop only our longing. Then everything happens. We just pray and try to love God more. People of the world have no idea of such lives. They have no idea of the spirit world, which is more realistic, more substantial than this physical world. Once you find such a world, which would be more precious to you? I wish I could tell you something of the spirit world, but it is so vast it is hard to know where to start.

How does one get closer to God? What is prayer and what is meditation? How can I increase my activities in putting the Principles to use?

By witnessing or working for this cause alone, you can find the value of the message. As you understand the message more and more, you will know how to apply it to your daily life. You will realize what a wonderful change has come about in you. A reformation or re-creation of life will occur within yourself. If this message can transform you, it can transform everyone. It can transform the whole world. In that way, you will understand how to apply it to life, to the lives of people in order to re-make them. In that way, you can use the message. As you teach others, you learn more. As you teach and come across questions, you still struggle to learn. Then, through your intuition, the questions will be answered. So you learn more and more as you teach others. If you sincerely teach others, you will naturally live what you teach. One does not teach from intellect, but from life. The more you teach, the more you learn and realize the value of the truth. Then naturally you will long to see the people within the

truth, the people who live the truth. You miss them, and long to see them. Spiritually you become closer and closer to them, even though physically you may be apart. But you feel and realize the union in spirit with them. Because this is a living truth, and the real truth from God, this truth unites good people, people of truth. They feel like real brothers and sisters, even though they have never met. Do not wait until you understand all of the Principle. Start teaching immediately as much as you understand now. Then you will understand more and more. The spirit world will help you to understand, through dreams, through visions, or through other people.

When a person prays earnestly for understanding, should he not listen and be guided by the answers and revelations he receives?

Yes, he should.

As Christians, we prayed in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit. Now we should pray in the name of the True Parents. Jesus came in the position of the True Father, and the Holy Spirit in the position of the True Mother. Now we pray in the name of both. When Christians ask you why you pray in the name of the True Parents, tell them we pray in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. When you have new people, Christians, coming to hear the Principles, and they ask these things, tell them clearly. But they must ask first!

Does God manifest Himself to people outside the Principle?

They will feel the manifestation of God in different degrees. In olden days, people experienced the manifestation of God as a servant; then adopted children; then real children. Now this is taking place on a horizontal level. Therefore, there is an innermost circle, an outer circle, and an outermost circle. Those on the outermost circle can still feel God to a degree. This vertical arrangement of servant, adopted children, and real children has taken place chronologically in the past. Since it is now taking place on the horizontal level, one can proceed to the stage of real children in one generation. Now you don't need to depend upon the spirit world to advance.

In other words, God is always omnipresent? The difference, then, is in us?

Yes.

In the Perfection Stage and beyond, it is said that we grow out of the Father-child relationship as expounded by Jesus into a Bridegroom-bride relationship. Why, then, do we still call God "Father"?

After the restoration, the relationship between God and you, and me and you, will be that of Father and child. But up to that point, you must come so close to God and to me that you feel like husband and wife. Because Adam and Eve fell, they failed to be as close as a wife

to her husband with God. This relationship must be restored first. ♡
Then Adam will become the Father of mankind.

Jesus taught man to call God "Father." Is there something else we should be calling Him in this stage?

No. God was to be the mind of Adam, or the heart of Adam, or the spirit of Adam. Jesus said, "I am in the Father, and the Father is in me." That relationship of spirit and body is like husband and wife. When you have some deep experience, you will hear from God, "You are my wife," or "I am your husband." Spiritually, you will be told by God, "I am your husband," or again, "I am your Father." When He says, "I am your husband," that only means a close relationship of love. However, since He is the Creator and we are the created, the relationship is that of Father and child. The child is born of the Father.

Now that the Holy Ground is established in this area, what can we do to use it in the most valuable way?

Pray there often. Meditate there often. Love it more than anyone would love their own land.

Can we have communication with God when we are in the Indirect Dominion?

No matter what stage you are in, you can still talk to God directly. In the Old Testament Age, prophets talked to God directly, even though they were in the position of servants. Many mediums talk with God directly through their clairvoyance and clairaudience. It can be done even though you are still in an imperfect stage. The Direct Dominion does not mean that you cannot communicate with God. Direct communication is not Direct Dominion. A father or mother can take care of little children directly. That is not direct dominion. Direct Dominion is dominion by the absolute love of God. In other words, it means to have direct rule or regulation of man's love by the love of God. God cannot have dominion over man's love until man is mature and is aware of love. Suppose man is aware of married love, or sexual love, at the age of 16. God could not have dominion over his love at the age of 13 or 14, because the child would not be aware of it. God does not want to talk about it or control and guide it so early. He has to wait until the child grows and becomes aware of that sense. God cannot have Direct Dominion until the child grows. Besides this love, however, God can have direct communication from babyhood. Direct contact is not direct dominion.

Sometimes the presence of God is sensed as wind, or power, or energy. It is not in visible form.

Some people try to grow spiritually, develop their own spiritual life and reach God through meditation, self-discipline, etc. This is very stupid. The one who goes to God fastest and achieves the closest position is the one who loves others and witnesses to them in order to bring them to God. You can grow much faster and develop much more

quickly. Don't just meditate for your own sake and for your own spirit. You may draw some spirits, but not God. No matter how much you pray, it doesn't do much good if you are only centered upon yourself. Always love others.

If you have an important problem to solve, pray most earnestly for three days. Then you will receive the answer. The spirit world is to help you with your problems and help you with the Divine Principles, because I have already subjugated Satan on the spirit side. I have talked with many many masters, including Jesus, on questions of life and the universe and creation and God's dispensation, and many other things. They have subjected themselves to me in terms of wisdom. After I won the victory, they surrendered. With this foundation of victory, the spirit world is responsible to teach and reply to your questions, and to help you with your problems. If they do not witness to the Principle, they are to be punished. That is why, if you pray for three days on any serious matter, they must answer you and help you. You may get the answer in less than three days, of course.

What is the significance of communicating with the spirits, and can you do so?

Yes, we can. If you know the law of the spirit world and know how and why they work with you, you can benefit from it. Otherwise, it is not significant.

What can you do to get the most help from the spirit world?

Go to the farthest front line in witnessing, fight with Satan and gladly be persecuted and laughed at and rejected. Then the spirits are destined to help you. If you just stay quietly where you are, they will not help. If you have only a 30% capacity, but wish to do 100%, the spirit world is required to help you the other 70%. Do things with faith. Sometimes it is good to be blind with faith. The spirit world, then, will add to your power, and you can do much greater work than your own capacity. Often things are impossible in human eyes, but quite possible in God's eyes.

I have been trying to develop my clairvoyance and distinguish between high and low spirits. One time recently, twelve people in a room (of which I was one) were blessed by Jesus Christ. Since then, I have had a specific mission to follow. Can I expect help from the spirit world, and how do I tell whether they are high or low spirits?

If you study the Principle, you will not need to continue your metaphysics to develop your spirit. If you firmly stand on the Principle, I will appear to you in spirit and teach you everything you need to know. This is the highest level. [Miss Kim:] To us, he sometimes materializes, sometimes he just appears to us in spirit, or we hear his voice from a great distance. [Master:] You can grow from here much higher than with any method of metaphysics. Jesus blessed you because he wanted to give you a mission. Now you have found the

highest mission, with which Jesus will help you. If you continue to try to develop your mediumship, many spirits will come to you which may lead you into confusion. A Buddhist spirit may come, or a Confucist spirit, or any spirit who is distant in time. But if you stand firmly on the Principle, then the Lord of the entire universe, whom we call in our movement the True Father or True Parent, will appear to you and guide you. With this truth, you have to be able to rule and govern the spirits rather than be controlled and led by them. Unless you do this, you can never subjugate Satan, you can never be the victor. Until you completely subject them, you must know that you still have a long way to go.

Those who are mediumistic only convey the message, like a telephone or radio. They cannot do anything else. This is worse than those who have no mediumistic gifts. You have so many things to do. Why do you just act as a radio for someone else? I was in the same situation and, had I not had wisdom, I could have become the victim. I tested the spirits who came to me. Finally, with wisdom, I overcame them. From now on, the earth is the subject, not the spirit world. We have to lead them and govern them. We must not be governed by them.

In May 1964, the Leader said that it was good to have one or two members who could tell other members about things that our missionaries from Korea could not pass along. Miss Kim told Jim that he must think that Mary was used by God, and that the spirit would sometimes threaten him to do as the spirit told, forcing Jim to obey her, otherwise Mary would suffer. Then in Los Angeles, someone asked about mediumistic capabilities, and the answer was, "Those who are mediumistic only convey the message like a telephone or radio, they cannot do anything else." ?

In Los Angeles, we were referring to mediums outside of our Principle.

Then for those of us who do have some degree of gift in this area, should we continue to use it?

Yes, it is good to have one or two mediumistic people in the group who will help others to grow spiritually. God raises someone for the sake of the whole group, and uses them for the benefit of the whole group. But we should not depend 100% on the messages. We should constantly use our own wisdom in the light of the Principle. Through the Principle, did the spirit world not become much more clear to you? If you had not known the Principle, it would have been much more difficult to judge the messages you received.

How does this relate to what our Leader said about believing the unbelievable? Some of the things we receive are very unbelievable at the time, although they often turn out to be very true.

Judge by your common sense and with the Principle. Sometimes you may feel that you should accept and follow and believe the unbelievable things. If so, do that. When I talked about the unbelievable things,

I was referring to my own experience. I had to believe many things which were so different from anybody's teaching.

I had an experience about two years ago where Jesus appeared to me seated on a throne, and the angels surrounding him came to me and congratulated me. What does this mean?

This was a prophetic vision to show that you would meet the Lord of the Second Advent and have this relationship with him. It was not Jesus. Since you knew only Jesus, it appeared to you as if it were Jesus.

I have dreamed many times that I was flying. What does this mean?

It means that you will progress spiritually.

How do you test the spirits?

Sometimes spirits teach the right way and sometimes the wrong way. You test them by the truth.

With perfect love, does wisdom continue to grow?

The highest wisdom is the wisdom of love. When one reaches that point, one does not need to grow further. It is more enriching than growing. ~~In the spirit world, you sense without words.~~ You know each other immediately, without language barriers. This is far beyond so-called wisdom. Mediums know this, but when we reach that state we will be much better than mediums.

When messages are received from God, is this directly from God or through a representative?

Even though it is through a representative, you should regard it as being from God. It depends on the person's mission. If one has an important mission, that is a central mission, God will reveal to that person directly. Those with less important missions may receive information through spirits sent by God. Judge by the content of the message. Some may be very trivial matters for that individual only. Examine the content. If it is for the whole world, it is from God Himself. Since we have the possibility of good and evil, our relationship comes in zig-zag form. You should utilize and help the right side, and cut off the left. Examine all things from the light of the Principle. Then there will be fewer mistakes.

Sometimes Mary and others receive messages from God and the Leader. Does the Leader know when this happens? And are the messages from God direct?

I personally do not know unless I turn my thought to you and make con-

tact with you spiritually. But it is possible, because now is the time of world restoration. My thoughts and prayers, on the whole, are so oriented. Spiritually it is under my rule, and so is quite possible without my realizing it consciously. When my thought is projected to a certain individual, and that person is seeking something, then direct contact is made. But that doesn't happen all the time. If I knew all the things happening to the world, I couldn't live. It would be too much of a burden. So I project my thought to the whole. Within that circle, I can appear to many people. In the early stage of my mission, I had very keen spiritual senses and could see very clearly. Now I have reached the point where I can rule the spirit world using only my physical senses. If I saw and heard as clearly as before, who could stand before me? This is God's love. But this stage will be over. Then you will be terrified. That will be the judgment. ♥

When will this happen?

It is going on even now in certain specific ways among the innermost circle.

[Mrs. Choi:] In the early days of our group, he would read our minds. One woman had a dream that she was climbing a ladder and fell off at the second stage. She brought this to tell him, and he gazed at her and **said**, "Well, you fell from the ladder, from the second stage." You can imagine the surprise that he already knew. Many such things happened. It was awesome. But he had to work that way, because in that stage he had to encourage people to believe in him.

I have been told that when we pray and sincerely ask Father about some problem we have, that we should then stop and listen for an answer. How do we recognize when the answer is from Father?

If you are clairvoyant and clairaudient and can hear the answer immediately, then you can wait. But not all people have those gifts. If God answers you, you can receive the answer even while you are cooking or sleeping or doing something else. God will grab the chance and tell you through your intuition, or your reason, or conscience, or through the Bible, through some friends, through dreams. Just leave it with God. He will get the chance to let you know. If you are spiritually gifted, wait. Otherwise there is no sense in waiting. He will let you know in some way.

How can we be sensitive to God's guidance? How can we have guidance in all matters?

If you know the Principle or laws by which God operates His dispensation, you can judge the right thing to do in every situation.

Does God manifest Himself to us in an individual way?

Of course! The greatness of our Principle lies in the fact that God manifests Himself, or reveals Himself, in the level of our physical living. He comes into our life so that we can sense Him even on the physical level. How miraculous and wonderful it is to experience what

Adam should have experienced 6,000 years ago. We feel the presence of God so close, and have Him in our living daily life.

How does one distinguish between the presence of God and the presence of our ancestors?

Any spirit, no matter how high he is, can bring the sensation of only one side, one direction. God brings to you the sensation or feeling of all four directions, like a perfect circle. When an evil spirit comes, you feel animosity and displeasure immediately. When a high spirit comes to you, you like him for a while, but gradually you don't like him. With God you are always happy. If you experience deep love, you can distinguish between them.

Doesn't this require one to be spiritually gifted?

The highest spiritual gift is intuitiveness, not seeing visions or hearing voices. You feel these things intuitively.

When you lecture the Principle to others, some may feel gratitude and a sense of thrill much greater than the one who lectures. The Principle is not the word of man, but the Word of God. Therefore, the one who lectures may not feel each time this sensation of gratitude and excitement. Others who are hearing it for the first time may feel this. This proves that it is not the word of man.

We still go through periods of highs and lows. When we are in a low period, what are some ways to come out of it?

It is very important to record your first experiences when you contacted the Divine Principle and were full of thrill. The . when you are in a low period, go back and read it. It will remind you, and bring you back. If you don't have such a record, recall this in your memory. It says in the Bible to remember your first love [Rev. 2:4-5]. Go back to your first experience of gratitude and excitement. Then try not to go down from this level where you started.

Another method: You will see someone in your group who is still very vigorous and full of zeal, very active. Follow him unconditionally. Be with him at least a week and recharge yourself. But you often despise those people when you are at a low level, don't you? Don't despise them. Respect and follow and be with them. Help and serve them. Often those who have just accepted are fresher and more vigorous. They are in Abel's position. So never despise new members. Always respect and be grateful to the early members who have laid a foundation, but the early members always learn from the new members. Using this same principle, when you see the new and younger generation, you can judge what the future of your nation will be like. Likewise, if the new members are good and well-qualified people, you can judge the future of your group. Watch your children of this generation. What they are saying and doing may be revelational, some message from God. They are more spiritually sensitive and will do more under the influence of spirit.

How is it possible for a person today who is highly clairvoyant to receive that the Lord is yet to be born?

Sometimes the messages from the spirit world will indicate, "He is to come," meaning the time when you will see him. Or the time when the world will recognize him. If you are not ready, the spirit will give it to you in terms of future. You would be too shocked if you were told, "He has come."

Then do the spirits tell us only that which we can accept and no more?

In many cases, but not always. Sometimes people receive unexpectedly. It depends upon the mission of the person. If that person has a mission to prophesy, he will receive beforehand something unexpected. When you speak something which just comes out spontaneously, it often is a message from God. Sometimes people prophesy in their sleep.

Did I understand you to say that God could not be seen spiritually, that He is invisible to our spirit senses as well as physical senses?

Yes, He is too big for you. He does not come into the limit of your senses.

In my visions of you, someone has appeared whom I have felt sure was God. Who is this?

Air is invisible, yet you can feel whether it is cold or warm. So you know the air is there. God is invisible in a form, yet He has the form. The simplest way to think about God is to think of Him as the Spirit of your spirit-man. Your spirit-man is invisible to your physical eyes, but still it exists. God is invisible to the limited senses of man, but He has a form which is infinite. Therefore, the invisible, infinite God uses finite, visible man to manifest Himself to you. He has used Jesus or some other spirit. The ultimate purpose of creation is to have a visible, finite reality of God which is the creation of man. Up until now, God could not have a visible representation of Himself, because even Jesus was only a spiritual leader. He was not a perfect physical representation of God. But today, through the Lord of the Second Advent, God has a visible form through whom God will guide and have dominion over our physical life. In practical living God will come into our life. On the level of our living on earth, God will have dominion over us. Up until now, Jesus has appeared in the spirit world to his followers. From now on, I will appear.

Does He manifest in any other spiritual form?

Other spirits will appear, but they will come to you as servants. Until you find the True Parents, other spirits will come to you and serve you as ministering spirits, or as friends, or at most as teachers. But one will not be happy or satisfied to be saved by servants,

by brothers or teachers, but only by your Parents. They will be your ultimate Saviour. Other spirits will appear to you as servants, but also in that stage your own parents or other ancestors will appear to you and help you. God will use them to guide you. From now on, the work of restoration will be speeded up because the True Parents are now on earth. God can now lead you through them. The work will be very fast.

[Miss Kim:] That is why the Leader has appeared to you. Sometimes he will appear as an old man with gray hair, but if you look at him carefully you will recognize him. He can also appear very young. As an old man, he would be as your father. As a young man, he would appear as your husband. If you ask him, "Who is God?" he will say, "I am."

But they appear at the same time -- the Leader and this other one whom I have thought was God. Are they both the Leader?

Of course! But I don't sense it. It is under my spiritual dominion that these phenomena appear, so I can appear to a thousand people at once. What I am doing is affecting the whole world. Therefore, whenever I make condition or do something, unusual things happen in the external world.

As time goes on and things develop a little further, the only topic of conversation in the whole world will be the activities of our movement. The heart of all people will be drawn to one center. It will be known by those who experience things spiritually.

When I fulfill all conditions with the spirit world, and make the conditions effective on the horizontal level, then the spirits and ancestors or people on earth will be able to descend and work directly with people. They will no longer have to go through me, but can work directly. In that way, ancestors of all nations can descend to their own descendants. Today, you in the Principle are in the same spiritual sphere as the Israelites were. The spirit world worked with the Israelites directly. Now it is possible for the spirit world to work with nations directly -- that is, with those in the Principle. I have fulfilled the conditions of restoration with the spirit world, and have made it effective on the horizontal level by making conditions on earth. Blessing couples, blessing ground, all are part of these conditions. Therefore, many spirits from the past are descending directly to their own descendants to work. The things I am doing as an individual, in a limited state, in a limited time, directly affect the whole world. I am an individual man, but my work is universal.

[Miss Kim:] Those mediums or gifted people who witness and testify to him often continue to go their own way. In a little while, they will not be able to do that. They will be stricken by the spirit world if they do not follow what they have received and testified to. Our Leader says he is going to occupy more of these gifted people from now on. They will have to serve him. In that way, unification will come about.

[Master:] Suppose Mary Fleming (as an example) raised controversy in her town. Then many of her ancestors and spirits who know her would come into the movement and cooperate with her through her channel. So,

raise more rumors and controversy wherever you are.

This only happens when you raise controversy?

Yes, otherwise there is no channel, no base.

Several years ago we experimented with a Ouija board. Our spirit guides quickly identified themselves. My guide said his name was Prisma, which is Greek for "many faceted." I asked Prisma about himself, and he answered that he was not just one self but many spirits who had been on earth. We asked for some evidential things, and received them, but they said they were not particularly interested in this, that they were here to help us with our spiritual development. This relationship between us and our spirit guides grew into a great feeling of love and warmth. Even before we heard about the Principles, they would thank us, saying what our interest and what we were doing helped them. We have not used this method since we came to the Principle, but we have received warnings and answers to our questions by intuition. Is all this real, or is it psychology working?

It is, of course, a reality. Spirits come to you because you have a specific mission to fulfill on earth. If you had no specific mission on earth, they would not waste their energy. Sometimes you may say something which you never even thought of before. That is a spirit using your mouth to tell you something. A great genius in science may invent or discover things often with the help of the spirit world. They say that they discovered it themselves, but that is not true. Even great artists are helped, and politicians -- any genius.

Does your dream content improve as you grow spiritually?

Yes, but all dreams are not messages.

I am a little confused about the fact that those of us who have not advanced to Perfection still have separation between our spirit and our body. This makes the passage of the life element and the element of vitality a thing I am doing blindly. How is the transfer achieved?

It is the Creator's desire that man should have a healthy spirit and a healthy body. Then the true power would come and go easily. Through prayers and through a spiritual life, the separated spirit and body become united. To receive the life element, your spirit-man must be very healthy. It must be in the relationship of give and take with God. That is the first thing to be achieved, and can be achieved through prayer life, or spiritual life, or religious life. In prayer, your spirit longs more for God, the Source of Life, more intensively; you desire to be closer and closer to Him. In that way, you become one with Him, and can give the strong life element to your physical body.

Is it true, then, that the people who do not care about knowing God are completely separated in spirit and body, while those who have tried to live a religious life do not remain completely separated, but there is more give and take between the spirit and physical bodies? Then at the time of Perfection, there is complete union? In other words, is there a varying degree of the openness of conscience?

Yes. When you really become one with God, you feel His sorrow, His joy instantaneously. You experience God in both your spirit and your body. If God feels joy with a person, when we meet that person we also feel the same joy. If someone is not good, we immediately feel the anger or sorrow of God, even though they are strangers. This is not just an emotional thing, but something we feel throughout our whole selves, spiritually and physically. People may look fine to human eyes, but we know when we are one with God whether they are truly fine or not.

Most people do not yet know the Divine Principle, so they do not know to ask our Leader's help. How can He help them individually?

By our Leader's accomplishment, the entire cosmos comes under the direct influence of his work. So he doesn't need to help individually. His work creates such an influence that the people of the New World can receive benefit by following his truth. He doesn't need to appear to each individual, but they are helped by his work as a whole. When you receive any help, it is not from our Leader but from God. Through his work, God can send help to each one so our Leader will not be tired. He senses the general direction and the level of development, but he doesn't need to know the individual situation. He just works in general. He senses the transition periods and the general direction of international affairs in terms of God's providence.

I understand that things had to be done first in the physical before they could be done in the spiritual, but you said you had to subjugate those in the spirit world before you could begin in the physical world. Why is that?

Since man fell while on earth and things were bound on earth, it has to be loosened on earth. The subjugation of the spirit world is the subjugation of the angelic world. Up until now, the spirit world has been on the level of the angelic world. According to the Principle, this angelic world has to be ruled by man. But the earth is the main field, and this subjugation must be done on earth first. Satan has been governing the earth. Now the spirit side is all on our side, but because of Satan we have to drive evil out of the earth.

I have some question about my capability in performing my mission. If I'm going to get spiritual help, this helps a great deal.

If you have the determination, the power will follow. When Moses saw

his people suffering in Egypt, he felt indignant. Out of strong patriotism and love for his people, he killed one of the Egyptians. We do not encourage murder, but by this act Moses demonstrated his determination to help the chosen people of God. Because of that determination, God called him. So your determination is required first. Then power will be given.

The call of God comes suddenly. God may have prepared for a long time, but it appears to you to be very sudden. Noah was called suddenly; Moses was called suddenly and unexpectedly; Mary was called unexpectedly and then conceived Jesus. God's call comes to you unexpectedly, although God may have been preparing you for a long time.

Go with faith! When you do your utmost, God is responsible to help you. I have been dedicating and committing myself to this cause from my adolescence. I have suffered so much, but I am only happy because I am so sure. I was raised in a middle-class farmer's house and had a good education. I am a capable person. Why should I give up all things to choose this way of suffering, rejection and persecution? Because I am so sure! There is no shadow of doubt. I am now determined and ready to face the opposition and persecution of the whole world. Judging from my experience, this is worth doing for a man.

We never know the providence behind our lives. There is no accidental event. We were strangers, but we met and feel now so close to one another.

Comment:

I would like to advise you who are studying the Principle. I have shed so many tears in discovering the Principle, particularly with such historical figures as Adam, Cain, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus, and so on. In finding those events and the persons who played roles in the fulfillment of God's dispensations and failed, in finding the history of the providence of God's restoration, I shed so many tears. I not only understood the Principle, but lived it. When I came to the fall of Adam and Eve, I felt as if it were my own business. I felt the sorrow of God to see Adam's fall. I felt Adam's sorrow in himself. It was not Adam's story, but mine. I felt the story of Cain and Abel as my own. Through their mistake, God felt so much sorrow, and I felt the same. So with Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Jesus. In each event, I put myself in the position of those involved and felt with them, and with God, all through the history. It is not someone else's history, but my own life.

The history of the restoration is a chain of sacrificial altars erected by God's servants. You must build an altar of sacrifice, an altar of tears. Many servants of God, patriarchs and prophets, sacrificed their lives to fulfill God's will in their own field. They prayed so much and shed so many tears, that you could say they built an altar of tears. So the history of God's providence of restoration is, after all, the chain of such altars. Whenever His servants erected such an altar with their tears, God's tears were shed with theirs. They were His agency, so their sacrifice was the Father's sacrifice, their tears were Father's tears. We say that our Father suffered for 6000 years because His servants suffered all through the history.

I want you not only to study the Principle, but to live it and feel it. Then you will shed tears for each event, and feel with those involved. Make it your own. Take upon yourself the responsibility. When I read the account of Moses, I feel as if I bear the whole responsibility of Moses. When I read about Jesus, I feel as if I were in Jesus' place. I want you to place yourself in their position and make the history of restoration your own.

God is your Father. Why is His business not your business? Why is His suffering not your suffering? Why is His will not yours? Why is His work not your work? Do not expect God to comfort you. You must comfort Him! Our Father is most miserable. When I was imprisoned under the Communist regime, I purposely avoided praying because when I prayed I could feel the tears and sorrow of God. Instead, I sang to please and comfort God so that He would not feel more sorrow for me. You must be dutiful children to God and comfort Him. The restoration of the United States is Father's work. Therefore, it is your work. The restoration of the whole world is your work, because it is your Father's work. Should you not be busy? He is busy! When do you have time to do anything besides your Father's business?

When you speak of identification with the prophets and patriarchs of history, do you mean some kind of deep meditation or self-hypnosis?

As you read, as you witness, as you teach, put yourselves into their positions and think, for instance, "If I were Moses, how difficult would it be to lead 600,000 people into the wilderness? They constantly complain, they are so stubborn and disobedient. How would I feel with this difficult task ahead of me?" In that way, you put yourself in the place of the men of history.

I have paid so much indemnity, and the people of the world receive the benefit from this suffering and merit. Even though I have gone through such difficult ways, you can go an easy way. I have led a vicarious life already. You receive so much benefit just by identifying your feeling with mine. I have inherited the mission and the work, and succeed Jesus in this work. I am fulfilling what Jesus left undone. Therefore, the grateful heart feels gratitude to the Father for what the Father has done for the Son. The restoration of the world is your work because it is my work. God wants you to be one with me. Identify yourself with me, with Jesus, with Moses. But the present is more important. This is the fastest way to grow spiritually, to identify yourself with God and with the one who is with Him.

Among the people with whom I discuss anything religious, there is a word they shy away from. That word is 'vicarious'. They don't believe that anything can happen vicariously, that it only happens to you yourself. Each man makes his own future and must pay his own karma or acquire his own blessings. But from what you say it is quite possible to transfer this. Certainly it is transferred through the generations on one family tree.

Yes. We have two purposes in our life. One is the purpose of our own lives. The other is the purpose of our lives in relation to others,

to our family, our nation or the whole world. For instance, in Jesus' case, he had the purpose of his own life as well as the purpose of the whole world. His death not only ended his own life, but ended his influence on the whole world. So when one who has the greater mission for the whole world than just himself -- suppose he fails in his mission, or makes some mistake. Then his mistake affects the whole world.

This is a real story. I heard it directly from the person. A middle-aged woman about 10 years ago had the power of healing. She had a friend who had an only son who was very ill. The friend asked the healer to pray for the son. Usually she could heal immediately, but she prayed and prayed for her friend's son with no effect. He wasn't healed. One day a voice came to her, "Do you mind paying any price?" She said, "No, I don't mind." She did everything she could to heal the son, and on the third day the diseased boy was healed. Right after that, the healer's only son died. He had been very healthy. The healer was so shocked that she lost her mind. She became insane and wandered in the streets. On the 40th day after her son's death, she was walking on a broad street in the middle of the day when her son appeared to her in spirit. He was holding up both hands in the air, and said, "Mother, why are you crying? Stop crying! I am now in such a position that I could not possibly achieve with both my good life and the life of the other boy." The blessings and privileges of both lives were added to him. "Because of your prayer, I paid for his life. Therefore, I have been doubly blessed, which I could never have achieved for myself. Be grateful for this. Do not cry any more." The healer came back to herself. God had asked her if she minded paying any price for her friend's boy's life, and not realizing what would be demanded, she said yes. And she paid, but for others. This was vicarious payment. Therefore, it was rewarded to her son.

If there is no vicarious atonement, then there is no sense in believing in Jesus. How could he take away your sin or help you? Yes, it does exist. Of course, you cannot escape the results of that which you cause. But someone who loves you and prays for you can help you. We must not depend upon others, of course.

It is human nature to be proud of your good ancestors. Why? Because you received the inheritance from them. If you have good ancestors, so much you receive good elements by nature. We cannot be isolated from our background. Also what we do affects our offspring. So it says in the Bible, the father's sins will be visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations. It is also said, I will reward your descendants... All this is true.

I don't feel worthy to talk to God yet, but I feel perfectly free to talk with the spirits who are working with me.

Since the woman had the power of healing given to her by God so that she could help people, within the limit of that power which God gave her she has the right to insist. She could say to God, "You have given me the power to heal people. Why don't you heal this boy?" Within the limit of your mission, you can exercise the authority and power and right, and insist that God help you. The boy's life-span was short, and she was insisting. So God said, "If you are so faithful to your mission of healing and wish to heal this person whose life-span is so short, then you must extend his life-span with your own life-span." Within the limit of your mission, you can exercise the authority and power and right, and insist that God help you.

Speak strongly to God, "You have given me this power, now you must do this."

Suppose there is a very sinful man in God's eyes, and you pray to God saying that you would be willing to take upon yourself his sin so that he may be forgiven. It works. But you must pay indemnity for that sin. If his crime is very grave, you must pay more. But it works.

Isn't it foolish to pay for someone's sin so that he may be forgiven unless you receive some special reward on the spirit side?

Only those who have a great mission can pray within the limit of his mission. Not everyone can do this, particularly those who are not yet righteous. Not any ordinary man can do this. It is foolish for a common man to take upon himself the sin of another. I have paid a great amount of indemnity, and because of this I have the right to forgive another's sin. Jesus was the same. Because of the merit actually laid before God, I can do this. If your righteousness is great enough, God can consider your request.

What does "vibration" mean with reference to persons?

The frequency is more frequent when a person is more sensitive spiritually, more meek, more gentle, more receptive, more attuned. So the frequency is more frequent, or the vibrations are higher. It is like electric waves. Those who are spiritually advanced have big waves, the less advanced have smaller waves. Those who are advanced give an embracing, warm feeling to those around them. That is why you feel at home with those who are spiritually high. They live in greater love. The more love you receive from God, the greater attraction you have for other people. It is a magnetic power which draws them to you. So all men are to draw unto God.

*Should I consider my spirit associates in my problems?
Should I talk to them?*

If you are clairvoyant and clairaudient, you should know whether your spirit guide is higher than you in spirit. If he is higher, it is all right. If he is not higher than you and you consult with him, you lose. He gains through you, but you lose. Most spirits are very selfish. They want to control you and use you for the sake of their own advancement and benefit. Until you understood the Principle, you could be helped and guided by them. But after you accept and understand the Principle, you can test them and ask them who they are. Then you can say, "I have such and such a mission to perform on earth. I have to work with the Principle. I cannot be controlled by you." In that way, you can refuse them.

It is always dangerous, and you don't gain anything, to be controlled by spirit. By understanding the Principle, you are in such a position that you can control and use and guide them. When you are young, you can be led by servants. When you grow, you can be led by your brothers. But when you mature, servants and brothers can no longer be your guides. You must be guided by Father. A father never uses his children, but

brothers and servants can use you. This is why I appear to teach and guide those in our group. Other spirits will refuse. Through the Principle, you are higher than any other spirits in the Paradise. They are only at the top of the Growth Stage, at best. You are above it. Why should you be guided by them?

St. Augustine, Luther, John Wesley, St. Paul, and many other great men have come to our members asking us to teach them the Principle. Some of our members have passed away, and they are very busy teaching the Principle to those great saints.

All of my visions include plants, animals, flowers, birds, sometimes bees and butterflies. If, as has been indicated, animals do not have the ability to love which guarantees them a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, certainly plants don't either. This would mean there would be nothing in the Kingdom but humans which doesn't sound reasonable. Have I missed something?

The plants and animals you see in the spirit world are only symbolical things. They are not the spiritual beings of those animals and plants which lived on earth. Each of us is different from another, as one flower is different from another. We may compare ourselves with animals. One may be like a dove, another like a lamb, one like a horse, another like an ox, another like a monkey. Likewise, in the spirit world, some people may appear symbolically as plant or animal. It is only symbolical, not a real animal or plant.

For instance, pine trees are evergreen. When you pray for someone, suddenly a pine tree or a bamboo tree appears. This means that person for whom you are praying is ever green, he will not change. Bamboo in the Orient symbolizes "unchangeable" or "chastity" or "loyalty" or "longevity." That person will be very loyal, he will not betray anyone, he is not changeable. A deer is a very noble animal. When a deer appears as you refer to someone in your prayer, it signifies the noble character of that person. A lion is the king of beasts. It has good qualities of kingliness. So when you see animals or plants in your vision, you must see the meanings behind them. You must ask, "What does this symbolize?"

Is this induced by the person to form a finite picture for some other relationships spiritually to take place in?

It represents both the quality in the person and the one being prayed about. Often mediumistic people make a mistake in thinking that the plant or animal represents only the quality in the other person, rather than some quality in themselves. If you love dogs, they may appear to you. They have different meaning according to their color or kind.

What, then, about the message received last year which was entitled, "Co-Creators," which indicated that mankind was responsible, by giving love to animals, for their spiritual growth. The indication

was that they have a spirit potential which remains dormant unless we act with them in the same way that God acts with us, drawing their love to us, which in effect creates their spirit. This makes us co-creators with God. He creates our spirit; we create the animal spirit.

By loving your dog, you can create animal love in him and make him feel an attachment to you. In that way, even though this love is on an animal level, you and your animal have give and take and become very close, just as God has a very close relationship of give and take with you. In this way, all things will be in harmony with man, and man with God, but the degrees are entirely different. You cannot say that you are developing the spirit of the animal. An animal which is attracted to a good person senses good feeling with that person. Such an animal would feel immediately a bad person. That does not mean that the animal has any discernment to distinguish good from evil. He can simply compare the feelings.

What of the ability of animals to respond to man? This is how man can domesticate animals, in inducing a relationship which the animal can respond and relate to. What quality does an animal possess which enables him to respond?

He responds to your love. When a dog is raised in a good atmosphere, he senses good. Any contradictory atmosphere created by an evil person will be sensed.

Then, are there animals in the spirit world for the pleasure of the spirits in the spirit world? I'm not going to change my liking for animals in general and dogs in particular when I "die." Will I be able to have animals in the spirit world?

Are you afraid of losing your love for animals?

No, I'm afraid of having my love for animals, and not having any animals on which to lavish the love.

If you love animals, you will have them in the spirit world. Your love toward Sheba will be reflected to the spirit world, and it will be created there as Sheba for yourself. It will be a reflection of your attachment. It will not be Sheba herself, but a reflection of your mind. But it will still please you.

Many religions speak of seven levels in the spirit world. We speak of three stages. Where is the special location of these levels of the spirit world?

Suppose you have a great light here. The degree of brightness will be different in accordance with where you stand. There is light even under a cloud. At the foot of a great mountain, you still have light. Wherever you are, there is still light, but there is no specific mark

which tells you the distance from the light. When you are spiritually low, you are under the mountain. When you are high spiritually, you are above the cloud. It is you who makes the difference.

When we leave our physical bodies, will our spirits stay around the earth?

Where is your spirit now?

Right here.

When you sleep, where is it? Where does it go? You say it is right here now. In which part? In your finger? In your head? Where? Once you leave your physical body, you are in the spiritual realm. This is like coming out of water into the air. The individual God is omnipresent. He is everywhere. So you can be everywhere in spirit. But, according to the degree of your growth, according to your closeness to God, your spirit can be closer to God or more distant. After you die, your spirit can come back right here, but it does not occupy space in this air as you do now. Your physical being occupies so much space in the air. But your spirit can go through even a tiny hole, or can exist in the space where an atom can exist. Your spirit could go right through my body and out the other side. It still has form, but it can go through anything material. It is not restricted by the physical.

What is its actual size?

You may see spirit forms as life-size. But that spirit can live and work in the realm of an atom.

What about other planets. Do spirits live there?

Yes, spirits or angels.

What realm would that be? Like ours, or a realm where relatively higher spirits reside?

Spirits of a different stage or degree will group by themselves and dwell there. Spirits on some stars may be higher than those on other planets. They look like they are floating everywhere, but they are all related to one center - God. Just as your heart or mind is at one place, and yet is free to go everywhere. Spiritually gifted people can see your spirit-form right where you are, and yet that spirit-form can go everywhere.

We went up on Mt. Wilson once to pray, and while we were praying we saw three groups of four deer each. What does this signify?

That vision signifies that you will receive a special gift or grace from God. They can signify the 12 disciples. You will receive special privilege if you live up to the right thing in God's eyes. It

may be a promise.

If God could have direct communication with Adam and Eve, why did He need messengers?

In Adam's case, the angels' position was not as messengers, but to help them to grow. But after the fall, there was a big gap between God and man, and God could not speak to us directly. So He used angels as messengers.

Are there female angels?

Love is to start between human beings on earth. It is not allowed to start from the angelic world. So there is no love relationship among angels. Until now, the angels have been in a neutral position in terms of love affairs. This doesn't mean that the Archangel was neuter. He was masculine and could therefore tempt Eve. But in terms of love relations, they have been in a neutral position. When the restored angels have a perfect relationship of give and take with God and become positive (plus), then the negative (minus) is to come about naturally. Whether this will be from the existing angelic world or from a new creation, we don't know.

Was the Holy Spirit an extra creation? Where did she come from?

The Holy Spirit who worked with Jesus was the element of the original Eve. In God there is the essence of male and the essence of female. These essences were given to Adam and Eve as representatives of the Word of God. When they moved away from God, these elements returned to God. When Jesus came, the male element or essence was given to him as the male Word of God. But there was no woman on earth to whom the female element could be given. So when Jesus was working in spirit after his crucifixion, this female element of God worked with him as the Holy Spirit.

Was this visible and tangible?

It is like wind or power. It had no body. In Genesis, it is said God "breathed" His Spirit into Adam and made a living soul. That breath is the power that was given to Adam. That power was taken back when he fell. This doesn't mean that the breath was Adam's spirit-man. Adam's spirit-man is in hell now. Eve's spirit-man is in hell, too. It is not their spirit-man which was given to Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but the power to make them the perfect man and woman. When you are speaking of the Holy Spirit, it is all right to say "it." You don't need to say "she." If it is just wind or power, we can say "it."

What do you mean by "hell"?

It's a lower level of the spirit world. Even those in hell have hope of a vertical relationship with God. And God still has hope for them.

Are we right in saying that a third spiritual person can take part in the sex act of two physical beings? That is, that God is part of the act when we are united with Him, and that Satan has been part of the act since the fall?

The sex act is the highest form of love on the horizontal level between a couple. But God's love for them is the totality of three kinds of love - parental, marital and filial - which is much stronger, higher and broader than simply the couple's love alone. The couple's love for one another will be recognized by God after His blessing. Adam and Eve did not have this recognized love.

It is said that the universe is both spiritual and physical. What is the nature of the spiritual world?

Non-material.

Have many people in the spirit world been blessed?

None of them have been. I will not bless those in the spirit world until I die. If I were to do so, they would not help you to achieve your perfection. Eventually, the physical world and the spirit world will be equal in stature. But now, in the spirit world, because they know everything, their attitude of attendance will be perfect, whereas the attitude of attendance of earthly people will be imperfect. Earthly people would be left behind while the spirit people advanced, were I to bless them now. Those spirits in Paradise have nothing to do but attend and worship. They do not have to earn money or witness. If I blessed them now, the earthly people would be left far behind.

After the restoration of both the spiritual and physical worlds, will the spirit world be more in the subject position?

Yes, therefore I will not bless them until I get there myself.

Doesn't this, then, simply follow the pattern of growth? People have to have more knowledge of spiritual things in the spirit world.

No, it doesn't follow the pattern of growth. Perfection means complete restoration of the whole world. In that perfected world, all men and women should live freely. After they really become perfect, there is no new growth but they must enjoy and glorify God in eternal youth.

As I understand it, when one is in the Stages of Formation or Growth one can receive help from spirits. But when one reaches the Perfection Stage, he must go by himself?

The Leader had to go by himself, but he opened the way for us. Now

we don't go alone. The way is now open. If we just follow him, everything is all right.

Adam and Eve were to be the father and mother of mankind. The Lord of the Second Advent is in Adam's position, and because he was in Adam's position he had to go alone. We need only to follow him in the relationship of father and children.

The top of the Growth Stage is spiritual Calvary or Golgotha. All people have stumbled here. They couldn't find their way, and got lost. Those who got lost here concluded that there was no further spirit world, and that it was not wholesome to communicate with the spirit world. Many people turned away. There were many spiritual experiences among the early Christians, but when they reached this point they got lost because they did not know the Principle.

To have spiritual gifts and have extraordinary spiritual experiences is not important. To know the truth and understand it is most important. Then you can go the right way.

Is there such a thing as reincarnation?

Man was to rule the whole world as the Lord of all creation. Since he fell, the providence of restoration started from an individual level. Until one individual is restored, the family, tribe and nation cannot be restored. So God started the restoration by restoring one individual. From there, He could proceed to restoration of family, clan or tribe, nation, world, and cosmos.

Now supposing Enoch, or some other righteous man, must come to earth to help this individual who is to be restored. When God's providence developed to the family level, Enoch must come to earth and help on that level also. In that way, Enoch also receives the benefit of this level of restoration. When it reaches the level of the national restoration, Enoch must again descend to earth in spirit and help the people to prosper. In this way, this same spirit - Enoch - must descend again and again and again until everything is completed, and his own restoration is completed. So the spirit people who died a long time ago must come to earth many times to receive the benefit of that age. When they descend in this way, they may say to you "I am Enoch," as if the life of Enoch on earth was your own previous life. But this is not true. Enoch is simply coming to you to receive the benefit of your age.

These spirits do not go to just one person. They go to many persons. This is not in flesh form, but only in spirit. When a spirit comes to you, you may not be able to tell the difference at times between your own spirit and the spirit of the one who has come to you. You may behave like someone else.

If reincarnation is right, then where did Adam come from? A righteous person like Enoch may appear like a sheep, or a dove, or a human being. An evil person may appear like a serpent, or a wolf, or as some other animal.

We have never believed in reincarnation, but there

are some unanswerable questions which reincarnation answered, such as how little children can die at a very early age, before they really have a chance. It doesn't seem fair.

It is all restitution. In the case of a child dying, some of his ancestors must have caused something which called for his young death. If not, the child's death is indemnity for any blessing the family may receive in the future. Either the child paid restitution for the evil caused by the ancestors, or he paid indemnity for the blessing his family was to receive in the future.

Would the child know this?

No, but it doesn't make any difference. He doesn't lose anything because he is used as a sacrificial offering. For this he is blessed. He can be even higher by becoming the offering of indemnity than he could possibly achieve in his long life on earth. Many war victims were also indemnity. For instance, during the war many people died in Korea. They cleansed the sins of our nation, and made a condition for future blessing of our nation. Those individuals who became the victims or the sacrifice by giving their lives for such a cause will have privilege on the spirit side. It is better to fight and die for a good cause than to live a long life on earth.

In the Principle, I don't believe the word "karma" was used in the same section with restitution. Are they the same?

Yes. For every result, there is a cause. But this is the difference: The reincarnationist thinks that his present life has its cause in his previous life, whereas we say that our ancestors' lives can have some effect on our present lives. Then, what we do today can result in the quality of our future life. It can also affect the lives of our offspring. The law of karma is correct, but not as it concerns successive lives on earth of the same individual.

Is a baby in the womb akin to the pre-existence of the spirit? Is there pre-existence of the spirit?

No. If that were true, it would be reincarnation, which is false.

There seem to be many exceptions to this rule of lineage and ancestor influence, where from an apparently evil man comes a child of great genius, and so forth.

You judge only the visible environment. That is, the present family. This is not so. The child of genius has good ancestors, but his parents may be bad. To be born in a bad home of evil parents, the child has paid indemnity.

In our group, there are many only sons or only daughters. The Principle of Indemnity applies to the only children too. Suppose a family has

ten sons. Another family has only one son. We will call them X family and Y family. In that case, God gives to the only son of Y family as much as He would give to the ten sons of X family. The only child is spiritually benefited. Often these children join our group because they are helped so much from the spirit side, whereas the ten sons receive only one-tenth as much help.

What is the Principle stand on healing? Is there a bit of Christian Science involved?

Not at all. Any spiritual movement will reveal healing power. It is only natural. Not only Christian Science but many other groups do it. Some diseases originate from spiritual reasons, some not.

Is it possible to obtain information from the spirit world about how to cure such diseases as cancer and leukemia?

Some people have received such information, and some also heal through prayer. In a spiritualist magazine about two years ago, an article said that some mediums were working on this problem, and that we would be informed what caused such diseases and how to heal them. One medium has said that negative thoughts and thinking cause cancer. Today many people think negatively. Our Leader says it is a typical sickness to appear in these last days.

It is said that an animal does not have a spirit-mind. How is the spirituality of the physical world related to an animal?

The spirituality of the physical world will be different from the spirituality of the spirit world. It is not two different worlds, but different degrees of energy or power. There is spirituality in the physical world, but it is a very low vibration. An animal can never reach to the level of a human being in the spirit world in spirituality. So it would not show in the spirit world in the same way as man. But an animal has the power of love, the power to 'live, the power of existence. That does not mean an individual animal will be in the spirit world after its death. But still, since it has power, it is part of the spiritual energy of the universe in a low form. If you love an animal very much, the animal will repay you. Animals are under the same laws as man. They must do good (love) those who do good (love) to them. But that doesn't mean that they are capable of having a relationship with God vertically, and receive God's direct care and guidance. The spirit world is the world where people have a living and vertical relationship of love with God. This relationship is not established in animal life. So they cannot go into the spirit world.

What about people who are very animal-like? They go to the spirit world.

Yes, but even they have an instinct to do good and to receive God's love. This doesn't exist in animals.

Animals seem to have very individual personalities. Spirit and soul have often been synonymous with personality. If we see personality in an animal, is this indicative of its having a spirit?

Their personalities can differ, but that does not mean they go into the spirit world. Keep this in mind: The spirit world is the world where man has a vertical relationship with God. This alone qualifies you to enter the spirit world. That is the value of man. Those who fail in this go to hell.

If man loves an animal sufficiently, can he not create in that animal enough love to be able to take it to the spirit world?

If you love an animal enough, you can still have the same image or reflection on the spirit side, but not the reality of the animal.

Do you have any opinion about flying saucers?

They appear as a sign of the last days.

Are flying saucers real?

They look real but they are not. It is a spiritual manifestation. The people in them are spirit beings, not physical.

It has been my impression that love and truth were the characteristics of the spirit world. Where does the will fit in?

When you think right and when you feel good about it, do you not will it? Will follows thinking and feeling. You don't will what you don't love. How can one will before he thinks and he feels? Divine Will, or the Will of God, or Divine Providence, is the result or decision of God after He has thought wisely and felt good. In his original nature, or in his essence, man is in the image of God.

Every cell of our body is in harmony with our mind and heart. Likewise man is inclined to be in harmony with God. When he is in harmony with God, he is happy. He is not happy when he is not in harmony with God. Our five senses are in accordance with our heart and mind. When you are joyous inwardly, your eyes and mouth show it. When we are in perfect harmony with God, one feels most happy. When one receives more grace from God, it means he is in closer tune with Him. The more one is in accordance with his thought and his feeling, the closer he is to God, and so much more he is happy and healthy.

Man as a whole being is created to be in harmony with God. When your purpose of life is one with the purpose of God, you come into harmony with Him. When you are in that state, you feel joy. This proves that you are in the image of God.

Eyes perceive things differently from ears. Likewise, one person may

sense and perceive differently from others. One may receive grace of God in the front; one may receive it in the rear. Everyone has give and take with a center. The person on one side may have give and take with his front side, but the person behind him may have give and take with his rear side. So also with the left and right sides. They perceive, then, differently from one another; yet they are all related to the center. In that way, everyone is related with God.

This being in harmony with God's laws is both physical and spiritual?

Yes. There is no difference between spiritual and physical. It is simply a matter of degree.

Do physical laws as we understand them in science also operate on a spiritual level? For instance, Newton's Law, "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." Is this the give and take that is explained in Principle, with its base for reciprocal energy exchange or action? Is there a spiritual counterpart for the physical laws we observe?

They have a relationship to both spiritual and physical. They correspond to one another, as in the relationship between body and mind.

The theories of science are changing so much and so fast. Is it all right for us to verify and corroborate the Principle by use of examples from science?

I know your problem. Constantly changing hypothetical truth is not enough to explain the eternal absolute Truth. Yet we do it. But it doesn't make any difference. Even though these things are hypothetical and can be changed, still the thing we are explaining does not change.

In the Principle, weight is given to the significance of numbers. Numbers relate to astrology. Is there any truth to astrology?

God is very mathematical. A few of our members have received messages consisting only of numerals. All numerals have spiritual meaning. Therefore, astrology, if it has any spiritual value, should know the significance of numbers. This applies as well to numerology. The chapter on 'Resurrection' is very enlightening to many people. Since the spiritualists do not know the Principle and deal only with the phenomena, they get into confusion. They can only reach a certain point and cannot grow any farther. They play the role of microphone, that's all. They do not know why or how these things are happening. If you do not know the cause or purpose, it is useless to deal only with the result or effect. Phenomena will pass away. Therefore, if you depend only on the phenomena, you won't have anything. But if you know the cause, you can create the phenomena at any time. Truth is the cause. The cause can create the phenomena, can correct phenomena, or can create it again and again. Phenomena is temporal,

but Truth is eternal. There is strict law in the spirit world, and yet spirit guides will not always teach you in the correct way. Why would they misguide you? If you do not know why, you become the prey of their selfish motives. Mediumistic people easily become the victims of the spirit people. Since they do not know the Principle, the law, the cause, and know only the phenomena, sometimes they pay indemnity foolishly. They get sick and do not know why. When you know the law, the principle, the cause, then you can control the spirit world.

Comments:

If you go to a spiritualist church or to spiritually gifted people, they will testify to you. They will tell you who you are and what message you are studying. [Miss Kim:] When I went to Chicago to visit two Methodist ministers, I took them to a medium. At first the medium refused to see us, but one of the ministers said, "I have a lady from Korea whose name is Miss Kim." Then the medium said, "May I see her? Please come." Later the medium told us, "My spirit guide jumped in and said, 'Invite her!'" The medium was so happy to have me there, and said, "The message you are carrying is higher than Moses' Ten Commandments." I asked him if he would ask his spirit guide if it was even higher than the New Testament. He said, "Yes, it is!" Then he said, "I don't know this, but my spirit guide told me." You will have situations like this too. Many of us have had them.

[Master:] We are not interested except in one thing: How much one's ancestors worry about you. If you turn away from the Divine Principle, they will not receive any benefit. If you receive the message and follow it the proper way, you don't know how many of your ancestors will receive benefit. If you are a good worker, a greater number of your ancestors can be liberated by you and through you. You don't understand on earth how greatly they would be saddened if you were to turn away, and how anxious they are for you to succeed. Your money, your power, your education - all these things are nothing. Your ancestors don't care about those things. They will say to you, "Give up these things and accept the Principle." If you really understand this, you can liberate your ancestors and bless your offspring and future generations. Only one person in your family can bring benefit to the past and to the future - you! We blame Adam and Eve for the state of the world. But if you do not fulfill your responsibility, you will be blamed just as they are.

Do you know that many Oriental spirits come to you these days? Do you know why? Since so many religions began in the East, many Oriental spirits have achieved a very high spiritual goal of religion and philosophy. They know that they have to reach the point where they must participate in world restoration. Therefore, they are coming to you who are engaged in world restoration. They will influence you to make you familiar with Oriental thought - philosophy and religion. I believe that those who contact the masters will see that those masters are all from the Orient. Many saints in Christian history will also come to you.

The most important thing is to have wisdom, right judgment, discernment. You must be able to discern the message or phenomena you receive.

Therefore, there is no difference whether you are spiritually gifted or not. Ultimately, you have to judge everything by your wisdom. If you misjudge, even though you have received, you don't know the meaning of what you have received and you may go wrong. Mary may receive things, but unless she asks why and what it is, she will not be properly taught and instructed. If you just receive what they give and never ask questions to clarify things, they won't tell you. They will not tell you more than you ask. You have to find explanations and resolve these questions on earth rather than on the spirit side. Therefore, you need the Lord to come to you.