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Spiritual Communication

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There is no method of communication which one doesn't have to learn. To speak, one must learn how to form sounds with one's tongue and throat, and then must learn an intelligible language. To write, one must learn the language, arid then leasn the symbols that stand for the thoughts he is trying to express. Even after this, one must learn the language, and then learn the symbols that stand for the thoughts he is trying to express, Even after this, one must learn how to operate a pen or a typewriter so that the symbols may be recorded. The telephone, wireless, television, motion picture, newspaper, music, art., poetry, literature -- all are specialized methods of communication requiring special knowledge. If nothing else, one must leasn which button to push, what dial to turn, what lever to raise and how far.

Since all physical communication is a learned process, doesn't it stand to reason that you would have to learn the methods of spiritual communication also? You must learn She language, and then the means by which it is communicated spiritually;

First of all. know that the words you speak are not communication in the spirit world. As you know, it is perfectly possible to say one thing and be thinking another. It is even possible to think one thing and fa feel another. In the world sf spirit. it is thoughts and feelings which are communicated. Thoughts and feelings constitute a language much more precise than that. with which you are consciously familiar. Something does no? have to be verbally defined in Order to be understood. If you doubt this, try to define "love"

With this "language" in mind, how does one go about communicating with another spirit? What method is used? Well. if you have a thought you wish to communicate in the physical world, you have several choices of method dependent upon time and availability. You may telephone, write a letter. send a wire, broadcast your message over radio, etc. All of these methods are really substitutes for your meeting in person, are they not? If you truly have something serious you wish to convey, is it not preferable to do it personally? So it is with spiritual communication. It is possible to use ouija boards, automatic writing, mediums, and so forth: but, as in the physical world, these methods are substitutes and therefore limiting. A telephone is valueless as a means of communication if your communicant does not have access to one. A letter is often unsatisfactory because of the limitations *sf* expression,

There is another limiting factor in communication. In order to share thoughts, ideas, knowledge, and wisdom with another, you must learn to speak the language he speaks. Not simply the language of English, Japanese, Greek, or whatever, bus his intellectual language A gradeschool educated person cannot converse on the same topic as a college graduate, not by reason of lack of intelligence, but from lack of knowledge. A child cannot comprehend the subject of economies because he has no experience or knowledge from which to draw. It is the same in spiritual conversation. In order to understand Divine leve and wisdom, you must have some experience of it. Since thoughts and feelings are the language, you must be aware of your own before you can make them intelligible to another. If your experience is primarily sf a high character, you will attract those of a similar nature and will, in turn, be attracted by them. Need it be said that those of a low character will attract the same?

You must., then., establish a level, a base of understanding with any communicant. But. you say. how does one establish this base when one is virtually deaf, dumb, and blind? We will come to that First things first.

Imagination is the key to spiritual communication. Let us clarify what we mean. Imagination has long been taken to mean the opposite of truth, and in some eases this is so. Have you not occasionally imagined some disaster bsfalling you or those you love -- a disaster which never came to pass? Have you not imagined yourself with a talent which you do not in actuality possess? From such as these. "imagination" has become equated with falsity, This, however, is a misconception. It is nor that you "let your imagination run away with you," but that you let it run in the wrong directions. Imagination is the two-way screen upon which flash pictures from both the physical and the spirit worlds. Daydreams, fantasies, imaginings, these are the wanderings of the spirit from its physical habitat. Where you choose to wander is up to you. You are creators of your own spiritual environment. Be warned: The imagination is powerful, It can and will tend to create what you allow it to consider. Don't underestimate your spirit mind - your imagination! It can and will lead you astray into areas sf darkness. And it can and will lead you to Light and Wisdom if you let it.

Imagination is the creative power of the spirit. All things are first created in imagination before they can become reality. That which you call imagination is your spirit mind. Like your physical mind, it contains both what you wish to put into it and myriad impressions and facts which come to it from both worlds. While it is open and subject to Truth, it can also be wrong.

Let us take an example. You walk into a room where several others are talking, and as you enter the conversation ceases. Logic tells you they were discussing you. Your mind leaps to the possibilities of what in your life might have been the topic of their remarks, and you conclude, still from logic, that it must have been unflattering. Here your imagination takes over and you begin to reconstruct what, in your mind, must have been the substance of their discussion. If you persist in this line of thought, you may succeed in demolishing once valuable friendships, At least, you will be mildly uncomfortable in the presence of those in the room. Your mind will translate innocent remarks into insults and innuendoes, and your imagination will feed this with memories and foreshadowings until you have worked up a first-class persecution complex,

Or this process can work from the spirit side. For no reason you can define, you take an instantaneous dislike to someone you have just met. Your physical mind struggles to attach a label to your feeling, but all you can determine is that you are uncomfortable and ill at ease in his presence. Since your conversation was gracious and casual, you have no logical reason for not trusting him. But the fact remains that you don't.

In both of these instances, your conclusions may be totally correct or totally false. In the first, it could as easily be your fine points under discussion; or, more likely, not you at all but a-nother person or event unrelated to you. Or it might simply be that the conversation came to a natural close just as you entered the room. In the second example, you may find after get-ting to know your new acquaintance better, that he is worried or unhappy over a recent crisis in his life. You were simply sensitive enough to pick up his low vibrations, but not sensitive enough to read them correctly. Or, of course, you could be absolutely right in both instances.

We mentioned the word "vibrations". This in itself is a limiting term because sf your limited understanding. You how, of course, that you react pleasantly to high vibrations, and are uncomfortable in the presence of low vibrations. We have already mentioned the Law of Attraction in this respect. Music, prayer, and meditation are the methods you can use to raise pour own vibrations, but remember it is equally important to keep them at a high level, Neglect of your spiritual atmosphere creates far more problems than you presently suspect, You will be able to withstand much negativity as you learn to keep your own radiations positive. (Note -I received something the day after I had completed this which had never occurred to me. It was brought out rather forcibly that -they mentioned music, prayer and meditation - another extremely important factor in this business of maintaining a high level, is personal cleanliness and neatness. This was brought out very strongly.)

Let us go back to methods. In order to speak you must project air over your vocal chords and make a sound, Similarly, in order to convey a feeling, you must project this feeling to your correspondent. Just as in physical conversation you turn toward the person to whom you are speaking, so spiritually you direct your thoughts to the one you wish to reach. When listening to another, you direct your hearing sense toward him; just so spiritually you direct your receiving apparatus toward the one whose thoughts and feelings you wish to perceive. For this reason, silence is important in the beginning of your education in spiritual communication. It is a matter of concentration. You have heard the expression, "It's so noisy I can't think." If your thoughts are noisy, your spiritual reception will be poor. A cluttered mind reacts like a cluttered room. When you are learning something new, you must devote yourself to it, body, mind and spirit, Else you gain nothing but superficial knowledge.

Now then, does this give you a better idea of how to proceed? To communicate physically, you

first form your thoughts mentally, then speak them. To communicate spiritually, you must transfer your conscious thought and feeling to your imagination or spirit mind, then project them. As we have pointed out, this projection is a learned process. Keep in mind that it is **projection** -- that is, a going out from oneself. This is equally true in reception, It is antennae-like action. To stay enfolded in stillness may soothe the spirit, but it builds a wall against spiritual inspiration. One must spiritually lean forward to speak and to listen. It is an act of concentration, of paying attention.

Be it known that we are not speaking solely of communication with disembodied spirits. Spiritual communication with those still in the flesh is often desired and desirable. In fact, you already receive much communication spiritually of which you are not consciously aware, just as you do physically. The same process takes place spiritually as it does physically, In either case, awareness leads to thought which leads to action.

We left an unanswered question: How do you establish a base when you do not have conscious use of your spiritual senses? We will answer this with another question: Why do you not have conscious use of your spiritual senses? You were given minds to use, but you do not use them. You expect all answers to be given to you without any effort on your part, That is not the way to learning and maturity.

There is no physical pain if the spirit is removed. Pain is felt in the spirit and transmitted through the spirit to the mind.. If this is so, then the sense of touch is a spiritual faculty which manifests physically. Does this lead you to any further thought? (Period here of wrestling and discussion,) Good. Now you see it, Your senses are two-sided. They manifest through the physical organs, but the sense itself is spiritual, intangible. If you close your eyes, do you not see? In silence, can you not hear? Where do your sense of taste and smell go wnen you are asleep, under anesthesia or hypnosis? Does this explain to you why some people can see with their fingers, hear voices over thousands of miles of space or thousands of years sf time? You are not as limited as you have thought, are you? You have viewed your physical body as a cage, as indeed it is if you make it so. But you may escape your cage whenever you wish.

We have repeatedly told you that you dwell in one world which is both spiritual and physical. You are the embodiment of this one world. You and your ancestors before you have formed the habit of blocking out what did not come to you from the physical side of your senses. If you have allowed your spiritual senses to operate at all, it has been for the most part seperate and distinct from the physical manifestations. Thus you have had dreams, seen visions with your eyes shut, heard voices when alone and quiet. You have not yet learned to let these senses, physical and spiritual, operate in conjunction.

It is your mind and imagination you must retrain. You know that you see and hear consciously only those things which you wish to. How often have you chosen to recognize only those ideas or situations which agreed with your preconceived notions? How often have you avoided even the attempt to understand that which did not please you? This is what you do with your spiritual senses and the spiritual world you live in, You block it out of your consciousness and persuade yourself it doesn't exist. At least for you.

You are products of your heritage, but it is up to you to alter the misguided teachings which have been passed down to you. The first step is your awn awareness. Your limitations are now of your own making. Don't wait for "gifts." Don't expect to sit-bask and have experience come to you, Like a child, you must make the effort.

When you can believe that these things are Truth, they will be.

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News from Germany

Dear Family,

Paul Werner

After rolling on the streets of Europe for 15 days, we - Christel, Klaus & I - got safely back into the harbor. How refreshing it was, to see our brothers and sisters again. How you can feel the spiritual difference between our Father's World and the outside world. What a privilege it is, to follow our Master, to live inside the walls of his city. Let us express our thankfulness through actions. Since we know of this priceless treasure, let us bring many people into the possession of it, and most of all, let us serve our beloved Father in the best way possible, so that he can have the fulfillment of his plan.

Before I left Sacramento, I received that I should make a trip through Europe, to make conditions. This was the time to do it. We loaded our W - Bus with 3 sleeping bags and some canned food. We left Germany without telling him (Satan), which way we would go; but he found us soon enough anyway. We drove through 7 nations - 7000 Km or more than 4000 miles. We crossed the countries and visited each capitol city, picked out a big church, entered, read the Principles and prayed that the spirit of our Father might begin to work in that entire nation all the more now, so that many people might get ready for the corning of our beloved Master and his message. We then left a book in each nation. My name and address is in each one, and I hope and pray for response. We visited Den Baag (Holland), Brussels (Belgium), Paris (France), Madrid (Spain), Geneva (Switzerland), Rome (Italy), and Vienna (Austria). In Paris we used "Notre Dame" and in Rome we placed a book on the Main Altar of the "St. Peter's Cathedrale". That is the place where Pope Paul celebrates his masses. I also addressed it to him.

We drove most of the day and warmed up a can of ravioli or spaghetti as a third meal. For three nights we had an invasion of mosquitoes. Since we had to open the windows for some fresh air, they took that as an invitation to visit us. We put up a good fight and our bus looked like a battlefield, but still we got stung pretty bad. We stayed in camps overnight. During those 15 days, we couldn't take a hot bath or shower, so you can imagine how we felt, when we got back to our family, where we got all freshened up again. Also, a real meal again was something nice.

Driving was very tiresome, especially through the mountains. The biggest stretch of the trip was leading through high mountains. Spain was terrible. Streets and highways are very undeveloped, as the nation is. I could cry seeing those mountain villages in such poverty. What a hopeless place of the world, people living in mudhuts or sunburnt stonewalls - children walking around, hardly dressed. I had to think of Korea. We could see the great contrast between rich and poor. Along the coast lines, the beautiful part of the country, people are living in wealth and enjoyment, tourists are throwing money away, while other poor people are starving. Many times did I ask myself, how can we ever reach those people? In many parts, people don't need God - they have their full stomachs and pocketbooks, cruising around in their big cars. Oh, what a big job we have ahead of us. But it will be done with our Father's help, no matter how impossible it looks to us. The victory is His.

Our group here in Frankfurt is witnessing hard. Quite a few people come to listen to the message. We will move to Wiesbaden next Wednesday and begin our work there. Our new address will be; Paul Werner

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We are with all of you in our thoughts and constant prayers. Satan is playing his last game. He has already lost. Let us follow our Master and work with him with all the strength we have, so that His kingdom will be established soon. In His Beloved Name.

News from Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Family,

Qrah Schoon

Good heavens, things are happening so fast - I'm not sure what to do next or where I've just been! Guess it doesn't matter as long as we center everything on doing our Father's Will. We just spent a wonderful two days with Rebecca. She is certainly an exceptional young woman devoted to our Leader and his mission for her. We are still having our weekly meetings on Thurs. evening at 7:30. Our attendance ranges from 1 to 15. We may have to start dividing the group in two in order to progress faster in reaching the conclusion point which takes so long when we keep going over the first chapters for newcomers. Sue has started teaching the first chapters now.

The three of us went to Tuscon two weeks ago to see how prospects were there. We prayed at various places around the city and did some witnessing. Also put an ad in the newspaper - so far two replies. Yesterday I returned to the State Mental Hospital for the fourth time. Two of the patients have read the book and one is on the second time through. The atmosphere in the hospital really makes my head swim. Every time I return there, my anger at Satan gets deeper and deeper. How these people remain as rational as they do is

amazing. The young man I talked with for several hours yesterday told me his doctor told him that he (the doctor) saw his own analyst once a week. He told me many things that go on in the wards that are really Medieval. I know I said this in my **last** letter, but I can't help but say it over and over - how thankful we must be that our Master has coma to open wide the locked doors of Satan's prisons. Even those free to walk the streets are in prison.

Everyone here sends love and prayers to you all. Every word we speak or step we take to give 'The Word' brings the reality of God's Family closer ---so Onward Christian Soldiers that our family will soon be united. Thank you for your love and prayers, In His Beloved. Name, (Note: Their new phone number is 254-6941.)

Report from Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Family,

Just a note to let you know that **Rebecca** arrived safely, We had a long talk and now she is sleeping - after being on the road so long, she is very tired. She will be a great help to me I know. Only after you have been alone, cut off from all brothers and sisters, do you really know what Divine give and take is. You have to have give and take on such a low level with people outside the Kingdom. In the love of our Master.

Pauline Philips

Pete Mancuso

News from Dallas, Texas

Dear Family,

May this letter find all of you steadily working for the Kingdom of God on earth. For when we work for the Kingdom, we ourselves grow. We could use the example of a car battery which recharges itself as the motor is running. But if we do not run the motor for a period of time, the battery will get weaker and weaker until the battery eventually dies. We can compare our spirit to the battery, and when, we do the Will of God, our motor is running. But if we don't run our motor (do the Will of God) for a long period of time, our spirit will get weaker and weaker and our spirit has the possibility of falling out of the Kingdom which is spiritual death.

What I dislike about being in the hospital is that it has put me out of commission as far as witnessing and teaching is concerned. But even though Satan took In the accident, I will not let him drag me down -- in fact, it makes me happy to know that Satan is furious, because it means that Satan is losing the battle. The past weekend I was home when Rebecca and the Oklahoma family were all here and we had a wonderful fellowship thinking about our wonderful family, listening to the tapes and studying Principle: To hear your voices on tape was wonderful; to hear Miss Kim was even more than wonderful; but to hear the voice of our Glorious Master was supreme -- in fact our vocabulary is so limited that we cannot find the proper words to describe our feelings.

My mind goes back to that miserable character who at one time would go to public parks proclaiming atheism; and my mind now goes to the new Pete who is struggling along trying to do the Will of the God he denied. I feel anger toward the old Pete, and I also feel anger toward the new Pete, because Satan still has a claim on him. But nothing is made perfect right off but it is a gradual growth. Just because this is true, we shouldn't rationalize. but we should strive that much harder. As I look back at the old Pete and the new Pete., it reminds me ofthe words of the song "The Comforter Has Come" - the words are ' that I a child of hell should in His image shine, " The Father works in a wonderful way and He leaves it up to us to come plete our 5% and to fulfill the words of that song by following the example of our Leader:

We have a great responsibility, greater than we have realized Let us think sfour family in spirit. Many of them have followed long hard roads. We can use for example, Job, Jacob, Jesus and the disciples and martyrs, They have suffered, they were crucified, they were stoned, they were thrown into lion's dens and yet they didn't loss faith. I believe that Satan must have tempted them to give up and to many this-bust have been a real temptation. Many times they probably asked themselves - what is the use of continuing - but nevertheless, they did continue, which has laid the foundation for our Master to come and he followed the longest road of suffering - one which we cannot even imagine. (Again my mind goes to another song "Onward Christian Soldiers", and its words, " brothers we are treading where the Saints have trod.")

Aside from our Master, no one has a greater responsibility than we in the Family. We have a responsibility to our Heavenly Father, to our Master; and we also have a responsibility to the people around us and to those in spirit. Let us never forget this responsibility; for when we do forget this responsibility, we forget our Heavenly Father, our Leader, our Family in spirit, those around us, and our selves. Let us not think how heavy our burdens are. If

we have to move a 100 lb. sack of potatoes, we will never move it merely by thinking about it. We will never carry our burdens merely by thinking about them. Our Leader never complained, nor did he defeat Satan by merely thinking about the battle, He fought the battle. Let us remember that our Heavenly Father is with us while we are going through these trials and tribulations. We will be victorious and conquer Satan. An old oriental proverb goes something like this, "If you want to walk a thousand miles, you must first take the first step!"

My prayers are always that we all may continually walk in the path that leads us closer to our Heavenly Father and our Master. In the Name of Our Glorious Master.

A Testimony from Los Angeles, California

Dear Family,

Maggie Compton

First may I sing praises to my Heavenly Father for guiding me in this direction. Forever I will be humbly grateful that I may share in this experience. Thank you all, my family, for helping me to see this.

I was born in California, and throughout my lifetime I wondered why I was born at all, I had a Protestant upbringing, and loved my Heavenly Father very much, though I did not know Him well. In 1954 I started having seizures and doctors couldn't find any medical reason for them. During one of my seizures that had lasted for three weeks, while unconscious I heard an audible voice speak to me and said not to worry - it was not my time yet, At that time, I did not know what was meant or that it was a spirit speaking to me. In 1960, I prayed to Father to take me out of my body, so that I could see my self for what I was, What I saw was so horrible that I begged to be returned to myself, but He kept me out for an hour and during that time, I denied Him three times and lived in fear that I had lost Him forever. I was elated<u>when</u> I found that God had not forsaken me forever as I had thought, but I still felt lost*

I met Doris through my landlord, Bud De Haven, and together we went to meetings and heard the Word. The first time Doris spoke, my heart was full of joy and gladness that at last I knew there was a goal to reach for - in serving our Father; and I knew that soon people would stop suffering and all evil forces would be abolished! The first night I began living at the Center in L. A. with Doris, I heard Korean voices during my prayer and then I heard an audible voice saying three times, "He is the Living Son,"

Doris has been-wonderful to all of us here at the Center - her love and patience is unsurmountable and the discipline she gives is with love and carries much effect. She works day and night teaching us how to grow and learn the Word and to bring it to others. I only hope that we all will work harder so that more can hear and know. Many blessings have we **received**, and how foolish we are with our gratitude. But what a thrill and joy it is to feel His love even though we make so many mistakes. The love I feel toward Him, though it be with all my heart, feels so small in return for all He gives me.

Praise Thee and glory to the Highest that now I have the chance to serve Him with \underline{my} whole being. Even though I am but a new-born babe and have experienced many growing pains, I am humbly grateful and still much in awe that He would want me here at all.

Timely Notes in the News

Lowell Martin

A GOLDWATER WHEW:

Senator Barry Goldwater is now the Republican candidate for President of the United States, In an article entitled, "Some Paradoxes for Goldwater to Explain", written for the New York Times, James Reston makes this point:

"Nobody who watches Goldwater could question his sincerity. But his idea of how to keep the peace of the world is to see the conflict with the Communists as a religious war, to scoff at attempts to reach an accommodation with Moscow, and to propose an even more adventurous policy in Cuba and Vietnam.

"'This struggle today, 'he(Goldwater) told the correspondent of Der Spiegel, 'is a struggle between Godless people and the people of God, and if you want to put in its basic form, it's between slavery and freedom. It's now world-wide, I claim that we cannot live with these two philosophies in the world forever. Sometime there will be only one. We are not fighting the Russian people, we are not fighting the Red-Chinese people, Our conflict is a conflict between governments and the governments' philosophies. '"

Reston goes on to say that this view deeply troubles our allies and many of the U.S. voters. He also points out the sharp contrast with the Kennedy administration's great foreign policy goal of enticing the Communist Bloc into civilized co-operation with the West,