

Chapter Eight

Sight - The Spiritual Mind is never deceived

Eighth Gate: I do not accuse the people of God of deceiving each other or of being deceived. There is no opposition to truth.

By practicing the high directions of this Eighth Study as concerning everybody everywhere, and concerning every thought and every thing, we bless them all by undeceiving them all. ECH

To notice the un-weighted, flawless, everlasting Self, or Angel in all people is to notice the Christ Self, the strong child of God, the Divine Lover. It produces a change in the bodily and mental presence of anybody to notice their un-weighted, everlasting divinity with praiseful acknowledgments silently spoken or audibly declared. “A right word how good it is, who can measure the force of a right word.” (Prov 15:23) With right glance and with right speech we may superintend the universe, animate and inanimate. Notice always how potent is a glance. Glance up often, so shall your life renew. “Look unto Me and live.” (Amos 5:4) “Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth.” (Is 45:22)

To endure as seeing the invisible is to fetch it into visibility. That means that we see toward that which we cannot see until it arrives into our living experience. “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you,” said Jesus. (Matt 6:33)

The kingdom is the “Perfect Land” looked toward by Egyptian seers. Cabalists wrote of the Archetypal world, the *Yesod*, the nourishment of all the worlds.

Whoever glances upward toward the Countenance that shines on his face begins to be lifted upward.

Even the most intellectual critics of mystical claims acknowledge that the concepts of future creation are present in their completeness in the Eternal Now before being brought to birth in the material sphere. But they neglect to mention, in such splendid assertions, *how* to fetch to

birth, in the material or tangibly visible sphere, the heavenly eternal already finished.

For this, we must look to Mystical Science. The finished kingdom, the Archetypal World, is for ever wooing humanity to look toward it that they may find themselves and their environments blessed with supernal newness.

The point of the eighth lesson or study is the executiveness of persistence or perseverance. Persistence of vision is a scientific term. It was called *one-pointedness* by the Brahmins.

Persistence in glancing often lightly and quickly, toward the On-looking Deity, the God Countenance, beneficently looking forever upon us, gives us the sense of divine friendship. It effects our awakening into our own flowering greatness. By persistent attention toward the Divinity Self, the Ageless Child of God, nothing can injure the immortal principle of the Soul.

After eight days, again his disciples were within. Then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace be unto you." (Jn 20:19) Everything that has to do with the visible ministry of the invisible Jesus, blazing forever with the Christ Substance, acts quickly, for Reality is already complete.

It is high time for us to take our inner gaze off the suffering Jesus and set it toward the Risen Victorious, Christ-Empowered Jesus. "I if I be lifted up," (Jn 12:32) He said. It is time the world took its inner eye away from an angry God and set it toward "Him who heals all our diseases, who redeems life from destruction, who crowns with loving kindness and tender mercy." (Ps 103:4)

It is time we took our eye off the grave and set it toward Him who promises forever, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave," (Hos 13:14) "Seek ye my face and live." (II Chr 7:14, Ps 27:8, Ps 105:4)

Watching things that spoil and die brings spoiling and death. Frequent glancing upward blots out and washes away spoilings. "Lift up thine eyes." (Is 40:26, 49:18, 51:6, 60:4, Jer 3:2, 13:20) "I even I am He that blots out thy transgressions for Mine own sake." (Is 43:25)

The point of the ministry of the eighth lesson is "He sent me to preach deliverance to the captives." (Is 61:6) The whole world is groaning for its rightful deliverance. Some are groaning in the bondage of bodily pain. Some are groaning in the bondage of financial limitation. Some are groaning in the bondage of mental inadequacy. Some are groaning in the bondage of bodily inadequacy.

It is no use trying to get free by attempting anything other than looking upward face to face with the Self-Existent. The Untrammled

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Ain Soph, Great Countenance of the Absolute, above thinking and above being alone can redeem us.

As mind is mirror of the vision, it stands to old-fashioned reasoning that visioning toward Free, Unattached, Unhindered God, the mind must be free. And as body follows mind's agreements body must also be free.

Keep the eye single to One Free Self-Existent God and you cannot help believing in Free Grace. Look up to Him who redeems life from destruction, taking off every yoke. (Ps 103:4) To Him whose only order has been, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." (Is 45:22) "The windows from on high are open, the earth is clean dissolved." (Is 24:8)

To regard the Countenance that shines into our faces from on high is to be aware of the Countenance as shining from all sides into our faces, and from below, as the foundation under our feet.

All is promised those who follow the high watch, even a new heaven and a new earth. Therefore, leaving all the shows of human misery and consistently rejecting them seek the Lord and His strength, seek His Face evermore.

"They shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to deliver thee." (Jer 1:19) Or from the heavenly voice speaking through the transfigured Christ Jesus, "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Lk 10:19) "I am with you always." (Matt 28:20)

If a voice sounds on our inner ear saying, "Fear not, I am God thy Savior and I am thy people's Savior," (Gene 26:24) we may know that our vision has been toward the High Deliverer, the Miracle-Working Almighty to Save. The eighth lesson declares that glancing often upward toward the Saving One we are saved.

"I sign it all away by the mystic activity of the cross I carry on my shoulder, forever a symbol of blotting out, erasing, undoing the heavy burdens, taking off the heavy yokes." (Col 2:14) The cross was once the symbol of such strong agreement with joyous Reality that all differentiation from joyous Reality was denied, rejected, and blotted out.

Suffering, disappointment, poverty, degradation and death, those hieroglyphics against the Beautiful God, the Prince of Peace, the Miracle-Working Angel, are all erasable by denial and rejection, when they confront us as evidence of our past downward visionings. If you would accurately put away all contentious words, O Child, you should find that truly the Soul dominates and the Free Unspoilable Self becomes manifest.

High Science recognizes only the God who extends peace like a

river, who comforts like a mother, saying, “I am the Lord that heals thee.” (Ex 15:26) “I give life to the faint, and to such as have no might I increase their strength.” (Is 40:29)

It makes a mighty difference to humankind what description of God they look toward. The tormenting, angry, partiality-showing God of old Sainthood made them most miserable in mind, body, and affairs. Drop that imaginary God.

The seventh law of mysticism broaches the original inheritance of all children of earth to One Divine All-Glorious Father. In the seventh, we are told to keep our eye on the Lord Jehovah, standing stately and majestic on the earth as the Self of our neighbor ever facing us. Face God as Near and Awaiting.

This eighth law of mysticism urges standing by our recognition of the Lord Jehovah as the Self of our neighbor, in the face of all contentious appearances. If you would accurately put away all contentious words, O child, you should find that truly the Soul, *the free Self* dominates.

Every tongue everywhere seems to be proclaiming contentious words against the glorious Lord in the midst of us, against the Lord mighty to save, against the Angel of God’s Presence.

“I am unhappy,” says the woman. Of what “I am” is she speaking? Of the “I am” self that we sense by seeing toward joyous Divinity, or toward tormenting imaginations? “I am losing my grip,” groans the man. Of what “I am” is he talking? “I nearly perished,” wails the backward-looker. Who has strength of silent rejection sufficient *to accurately put away* such dark descriptions of our Self and the Self of our neighbors?

Have we not been told, with the distinctness of trip hammers hitting bell rims, that the True Self, offspring of the Highest is joyous, strong and imperishable? The “I” can say anything it chooses about itself. All its sayings are vitalized by that subtler activity, the inward visional sense. When the “I” chooses to say “I am unhappy,” or “I am losing,” or “I perish,” we may know that according to law the “I” is black-handing itself with dark visions.

There is the Soundless Invisible of our neighbors, their strong Child of God. It is our true ministry to guide their speech into descriptions of their soundless Invisible. Isaiah speaks of the great rebound of such faithful ministry: “He that stops his ears—and shuts his eyes from seeing evil, shall dwell on high.” (Is 33:15) As evil is a weight, how can we help rising to happy heights as we reject evil?

“Be not deceived,” (Lk 21:8) said Jesus. This intimates that Jesus was brushing aside contentious descriptions and being one-pointed to

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the Unspoilable Invisible. “Judge not according to the appearance,” (Jn 7:24) He said. This shows how persistent He was toward the Invisible as a Waiting Splendor.

Attention is the secret of success. Would the hidden Lazarus have burst the bars of death if Jesus had not looked toward the One Life Un-defeatable? Was not Jesus ignoring death while the vision of Triumphant Life held his gaze?

When the attention is wholly engrossed with peace, or life, or strength, there is a tacit rejection of turmoil, death, and weakness. When the attention is strongly distracted toward the cocoons woven by the dusky “I am’s” of the downward watch toward death, disease and discord, we are told that we must use positive words of rejection, to truly accompany our watch toward the Invisible.

“If any man will come after me, *the Inviolable Unseen*, let him deny himself,” (Matt 16:24) said the Great Seer. Let him refuse the evidence of his outward senses, and watch, “What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.” (Mk 13:37)

Their watch toward glory despite outward horrors has made the mystics of all time the most powerful engines for miraculous good that the world has held. They have all been miracle workers. They have not forgotten that outward and objective signs always manifest when true inward viewing is married to true positive speech. “Tabitha, arise!” (Acts 9:40) said Peter, addressing Unkillable Vitality, paying no attention to visible death.

All these endured as seeing the Invisible Miracle-Worker, and for each a miracle was wrought. This is the Eternal Science. The ways of the stars may alter, the calculations of mathematics may readjust, but recognition of the Almighty Uncontaminate shall not fail of the miracle of saving, healing, restoring, and reviving.

This Science of the watch Godward shines brighter and brighter and works stronger and stronger as time wheels forward, finding more and more obedient who do the will to prove the doctrine. “Sing unto the Lord a new song! Declare his glory.” (Ps 33:3, 98:1)

As a right ministry we never forget that our neighbors have the Lord of their Presence, their Stately Painless Soul, their Me, ever with them. We never forget that the Lord of our neighbors’ presence is his Rightful Self, which it is our ministry to bring forward. Our watch toward the High Deliverer wakes our awareness of the One Life ready to break forth in full shining as we face our neighbors. Therefore, rejecting the false descriptions of themselves, we should find ourselves saying, “It is not so!” when we hear them telling of their losses or their pains.

Remember only that He is looking toward you, do not remember anything else. Exercise no self-scrutiny. Remember only that the Vast, Vast Shining Countenance looks toward you. Ignore your mind's reminders of your troubles. Ignore everything but the Shining Countenance. Become a true Obedient, and you will receive a demonstration of the promise: "Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Is 65:24)

A certain woman spoke praisefully to the Lord as Divine Beauty everywhere, and slowly beauty began to express in her own form and features. She praised Un-expressed Health, and bones and sinews, blood and nerves speedily began to express health. Behold the beauty of the Lord! Oh, that humanity would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works.

Every particle of existence is a particle of Consciousness. Therefore, we as consciousness gathering to Original Consciousness, express Its Beauty and Its Health if we gather to Consciousness as Beauty or as Health. We express It as Strength if we gather to It as Strength. We express It as Triumph if we gather to It as Triumph.

We express nothing of Beauty, Strength, or Triumph, if we do not choose Supernal Consciousness, in Its native expression as Beauty, Health, and Triumph. We must keep on devoid of health, triumph, and strength, if we as consciousness gather not to Divine Consciousness. This is the genesis of rejection of the devoid states called disaster, weakness, and failure. "Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." (Is 52:2) To us there must be no God sending tribulation. Only the God letting the oppressed go free and taking off every yoke is our God.

There are reservoirs of Good back of all appearances of sickness or unhappy circumstances. They who praise the Unseen Providence just above their head experience the Providence. Whoever chooses Providence puts away contentious appearances, by firm rejections, or ignores them. The eye of wisdom sees precious things – Rapt Visions of Peace.

"I will make an everlasting covenant with you," (Gene 17:19) said the Lord. "Ask what ye will." (Jn 11:22) "And concerning the work of my hands command ye me." (Is 45:11) This Covenanting Almighty faces us everywhere. Strength and success stand forth in others if we recognize them as strong and successful. Success lies in being one-pointed, and in rejecting all that distracts from One Victorious Objective.

Jesus asked people to regard him as the great expression *in toto* of the Victorious Unseen. Some said they must attend to their wives. Some said

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they must attend to their enterprises. Some said they must attend to their dead. They did not catch the mystic essential of his doctrine, that those who have chosen Him, have chosen the Finished Co-Efficient, touching all undertakings with Flawless Finish, touching all undertakings with Supernal Completeness. For “He that has seen me has seen the Father.” (Jn 14:9) And all things are right with him.

The Parsees of old declared that ninety-nine persons out of every hundred die by reason of the evil eye. They see their own spot of pain or illness so distinctly that it expands into a sum total of shadow for them; and the sum total of shadow is the full manifest of devoid, or death.

If they proclaimed: “O Life stand forth! Stand forth Free Life, bold and joyous!” The devoid would give way to Life and Health, the rightful manifest of all humankind. If they would accurately put away contentious words, they would find free Sprit, untrammelled Life, dominating over all evil.

To endure as seeing the Triumphant Unkillable is to renew the life forces and catch the Breath of Omnipotence. “To the Christ that never was crucified! To the Christ that never was buried! To the Christ that never rose from the dead! To the Eternal Almighty Christ, I commend you!” is a cry that came from a great moment of ecstatic vision.

Somebody must maintain the doctrine, that they who behold Him on high shall behold Him on all sides. They who behold Him on all sides shall behold that He is watching them.

Steadfast vision tangiblizes. Persist in beholding the Unkillable Almighty, the High and Lofty One inhabiting Eternity, “Who heals all our diseases, who redeems our life from destruction, who crowns us with loving-kindness and tender mercy.” (Ps 103:3)

The High Deliverer is always speaking wonderful words to those who endure as seeing the Invisible. How can the ears of the downward watcher, clogged with the stories of war and death, catch the voice of Him who says, “I will instruct thee and teach thee?” (Ps 32:8)

We must silently stand by our true ministry: “It is not so!” we silently declare, offering our sacrifice of denial with secret shouts. We give our best praises to the Angel of their presence, their Jesus Christ Self, with face shining as the sun, and raiment white as the light. “Thus have ye done it unto the Mysterious Me,” and prosperity and joy gleam boldly forth.

Is not this the fasting that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free. Fast from stories of pain, disappointment, and poverty. They are only hieroglyphics painted across the Joyous Presence. They represent look-

ing away from the True God.

There is a force mightier than mind, more potent than thought. It is the “Dayspring from on high” that falls down over the upward watch, giving light in darkness, and guidance into peace. It is the resistless Holy Ghost, waiting to be heard.

Whoever is one-pointed to any objective begins to know its speech. Thus, the *eighth* stone of character is the beryl stone, significant of one who hearkens to the teachings that wait at the silent heights. It stands for writing out the teachings. “What thou seest, write and send it unto the churches,” (Rev 1:11) said the voice of the Lord to John the Revelator. “Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee.” (Rev 1:19)

Only one objective is worth our one-pointed, undivided attention. Only one objective has healing on its returning beam. That objective is the Watcher whose soundless call is, “Look unto Me” (Is 45:22) “Behold I bring thee health and cure.” (Jer 33:6) Only the Healing God has promised such lovely service.

A deaf child prayed to God, and her ears were unstopped. A blind woman prayed to Him, and her eyes were opened. “Therefore I will lift up mine eyes unto Thee, O Thou that dwells in the heavens.” (Ps 123:1) “He binds up their wounds.” (Ps 147:3)

We are all walled into chambers of imagery. Of course! Why not, if our executive sense is drawing pictures from objectives other than the Free Universal? Why not, if our attention is drawing ideas from minds in all directions set toward us with their knowledge all foolishness to Original Wisdom?

The greatest adept was Jesus of Nazareth, who drew his knowledge altogether from God. But Jesus never offered to paint humanity any different from its original estate. “Call no man your father upon the earth. One is your Father.” (Matt 23:9) “Ye are the light of the world.” (Matt 5:14) He put away from his Apostles the estimates of the whole world and their own estimates also. They were dull fishermen in the world’s esteem. Jesus wrought from them their Original Light as the noonday, and their Native Radiance that height, nor depth nor things present nor things to come can ever dim.

It is the province of this eighth lesson in heavenly law to woo humankind to willing erasure of all fictitious estimates.

Even objects of Nature, trees, plants, winds and waters, have been ruffianly accused of hurting powers they hold not in themselves. “The waters drown, the winds devastate, the plants poison,” we are told. They do not in themselves. Have they not all been pronounced good from the beginning? Did the waters drown Peter while his eye was on the Lord

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Mighty to Save? Did the winds overturn the ship while the sailors looked to the Master's Face? Can tea make the Angel of God's Presence nervous? Or can coffee cause Divine Intelligence to degenerate? Can rum spoil the beauty of God?

It is ruffianly to speak of humans or items of Nature as having the power to hurt. Look at them and see them glowing with the face of One ever watching from every infinitesimal point of the universe. "Wherever you look there I am." Take off the world's estimates from that face, and lo, Beneficence only!

"Become relaxed," say certain practitioners among us. "Drop sights and sounds; drop thoughts; drop emotions; become blank for a few seconds; then allow one positive thought to take possession. Hold the thought firmly. It will demonstrate in time in outward conditions." This is their way of letting go, rejecting, on behalf of a thought.

There is One above thought, above being, wrote the Seers of old Cabala philosophy. "It is The *Ain Soph*," they said. "Take no thought," said Jesus. (Matt 6:25, 31, 34, 10:19, 13:11, Lk 12:11, 22) "Look up to the fields white for the harvest." (Jn 4:35)

The Talmud promises that the Messiah comes to walk with us, when we hearken to the voice of the Lord. How can we hearken to the voice of the Lord with its soundless wordings, if the sounded wordings of their neighbors are thick on their ears? How can we know the Grand Verity of our neighbors' Actual if we accept the outward shows and blatant estimates that make them cower and cringe to old age and death, disease and poverty?

This is a trumpet call that we take today. To accurately put away all contentious estimates and relate ourselves to the Right Estimate. Turn ye unto me, says the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you." (Zech 1:3)

Go, gather unto the Unlimited. Erase age, destiny, inadequacy, and disadvantage. On behalf of Divine Presence, One and Uncontaminate, reject its unlikeness.

Stand alone with Almighty Verity. Be one-pointed to the Ever-Facing Lord Jehovah. Declare the Unburdening Free God. Be the Undimmed Herald of Messiah's Bright Morning.

Practice

Bible Verses to commit to memory

"Circumcised on the eighth day." (Phil 3:5)

"Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye." (Acts 7:51)

“He that escapeth shall come unto thee to cause thee to hear it with thine ears.” (Eze 24:26)

“For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down.” (Is30:21)

“Thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, this is the way.” (Is 30:21)

“The accuser of our brethren is cast down.” (Rev 12:10)

“Every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment, thou shalt condemn.” (Is 54:17)

“Now go, write it before them in a book.” (Is 30:8)

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances against us... nailing it to his cross.” (Col 2:14)

“The eighth, a beryl.” (Rev 21:20)

“The eighth was Shemaiah, or Shimeon (*hearkening*).” (Ezra 10:31)

Résumé - Tuesday, Second Week

“The eighth lot came forth to Abijah.” (I Chron 24) *Abijah* is the son of the speaker, Aaron. A *son* is an idea. The order is very direct. An idea always comes to us at some point in our descriptions of the Real Self of our neighbor. This idea tells us what to add to our previous phrases and commands. Each neighbor needs some special message. When an idea comes, we can speak it audibly to the neighbor, if we like. Its effect is almost always instantaneous. If it is the message his whole being craves his disease will soon drop off and his smile break forth.

In the Talmud, it is written that the Messiah will come when the people hearken to the voice of God. In the Hebrew Testament, we are told that the escaped of the free Spirit, will cause us to hear, or to have the right idea. (Ezra 24:26) After eight days, Jesus the Risen, came visibly present to the waiting disciples and said, “Peace be unto you.” (Jn 20:21)

Only the upward watcher hears the promise of peace and health and forgiveness. That which is told from above is always of universal application and universal worth and is therefore worth writing. “Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.” (Jer 30:2)

We may spend a while in a listening attitude before one whose Free Omnipotence we have praised. The air has been spiritualized by describing silently the Free Spirit. We are ready to hear the words, which strike into view the answer to our prayer. “He shall come unto thee to cause thee to hear.” (Ezek 24:26) We must repeat the idea firmly, as if it were the final word.

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The 'eighth' is circumcision (Phil 3:5) *Circumcised on the eighth day*, means that we are cut off from the stories of pain, disease, poverty, and death. We are hearkening intently to the heavenly speech. The Holy Ghost is the teacher. The harvest of sayings from the Holy Ghost above causes the end of the world.

The sign of the cross is the sign of the undoing of the past by the sight and hearing of the New. It is the sign of the blotting out of ordinances against us, as Paul discovered (Col 2:14) It is the symbol of erasure. Making the sign of the cross signifies that what is presenting itself is nothing at all: the unseen Christ is all.

How can the ears hear the truth regarding the blind while the blindness seems so real and sad? No wonder that we need to have some sign that the flesh profiteth nothing, as Jesus said (Jn 6:63) Only the words of the Healing Spirit are life and healing strength.

Take Tuesday to blot out all the words of sickness, pain, and death. Take Tuesday to erase the pain, poverty, and disease from over the free Spirit of some one person. Take Tuesday to hearken to the particular message that belongs to Monday's case. Harken all day Tuesday to the voice of the Lord whispering behind thee. It comes as an idea. It is undeniably true. Remember that the Truth makes free. (Jn 8:32)

All sick, or lame or unhappy people would spring suddenly into freedom if someone would speak to them the truth belonging to them. "A right word, how good it is; who can measure the force of a right word?" (Prov 15:23) "He sent forth his word and healed them." (Ps 107:20) "He wakeneth thine ear to hear as the learned." (Is 50:4) "The tongue of the wise is health." (Prov 12:18) "A good word maketh the heart glad." (Prov 12:25) "The Lord hath opened mine ear and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back." (Is 50:5)

They that can hear the word of healing have touched the beryl stone of character. They are of value on land and sea as the beryl stone is the color of both land and sea. Their written words convey health to all who read them.

