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A CASE OF ABSENT HEALING

John 4:46-54

It is said that the most interesting thing in all the universe is man. That undoubtedly is true. That is why we are so interested in what a man did even though it be two thousand years ago. If we had a man today that could do as this man Jesus did, we would all be looking for him, trying to get into his understanding, and that is the reason why we

study his life. We want to imitate that man because that man is the man that we all are aspiring to be. We naturally ask, how shall we get that ability that he had? How shall ~~be~~<sup>we</sup> the man that Jesus was? Some of our interpreters of his life tell us that that cannot be done. He taught otherwise. He said, "The things that I do ye shall do and greater. I am the light of the world and ye are the light of the world."

We shouldn't forget in our study of the life of Jesus Christ that we are joint heirs with him to the kingdom and that all of our study is to touch that same kingdom. It is called in this Bible the kingdom of the heavens, not heaven but the kingdom of the heavens. We are opening up in our so-called material science this kingdom of the heavens. We are getting more and more the understanding of unseen laws just a little higher than the

earth. Now that is the kingdom of the heavens in a certain degree of unfoldment, that there is a still deeper and more interior kingdom and that is the kingdom that Jesus Christ opened up, and he told us about it in a great many figures and parables and we find as we develop in ourselves a certain phase of character that we open up an inner kingdom, and this we see as we study the life of Jesus Christ is what he was

giving us and what he had opened in himself, demonstrated, and that it was possible to all of us. We are all the image and likeness of the one God. Consequently we must have exactly the same potentialities. Just a matter of finding ourselves, studying man and that is why this Bible is the most interesting book in the world. It is because it treats of man. It tells us about the experiences of man in developing his spiritual nature.

Now this then is a bit of initiation. We all would like to know the secrets of the various secret societies of the world. There is something in man that wants to delve into the mysteries. He always thinks there is something just ahead that if he can get hold of will make him more successful. We are always looking for success. In all the books and all the records of the secret societies none of them equal the Bible

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as a book of initiation. If you want to know how to get into the very secret of all secrets, and that is the spiritual man, study the Bible. But would you study it as history? No not altogether. History only just points the way to the movement of the mind. It may be mind in individuals and it may be mind in the universe but it is all just mind, intelligence acting. That is what mind is, intelligence demonstrating that

it is intelligent or otherwise. A great many of the activities of the mind indicate ignorance. Where does ignorance come from? A certain activity in mind. But do we all have to be ignorant? Not at all. How shall we get wise? By realizing in our own mind that there is a spirit of wisdom, that there is a knowing quality. Now that is the very beginning of man's progress, spiritually, and I might say materially because this

phenominal world as Carlyle observed is dependent upon the nominal world. Whatever you name in your inner spiritual mind, that becomes visible in the phenominal world and so we must get at this inner man because through him we shall unfold what we are and what God intended us to be. So we are told in the first chapter of Genesis that God made the light. God said, "Let there be light, and lo an behold there was

light." Now that is the very first step in your unfoldment in your spiritual self. You have to assume that there is intelligence, that you really are living in a universe in which knowing is fundamental.

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That seems an absurd statement that I should declare that I know when I do not know. How do you know you don't know? Well you say, "I have to find out that I do not know." Well the quickest way to find out

that you don't know is to assume that you do know. Shakespeare says, "If you haven't a virtue assume one." That is the open door to all progress and especially spiritual progress.

In our lesson this morning in the healing of the nobleman's son nothing was accomplished, the boy was still at the point of death until he had faith to believe that Jesus could heal him. When he had that faith, Jesus said, "I do not have to go down and heal your

boy; he is already healed." What made that contact? It is in a spiritual and mental way paralleled by the points of contact the electrician makes in setting up a current. All he does is plug in a little here and a little there and the light is here. Now we do the same thing in mind. You make contact with these invisible forces. Modern metaphysical healing is done in this same way. We claim that we cannot heal people unless we have a

faith contact somewhere. It must be either in the mind of the patient or in the mind of some one very close to the patient, some one that loves, and you might say lives, in the mental atmosphere of the one who is to be healed. Now in the healing of the centurion's servant Jesus first thought, "Well I will have to go down and see that servant, lay my hands on him." But the centurion said, "Why, you deal with certain God powers

here 'why can't you speak the word just as I do to my soldiers," and Jesus thought a minute and he said, "Why certainly, Your faith made the contact and your servant is healed, " and it was found to be true. . . I say why can't we in this day apply these laws; why can't we do absent healing; why is it necessary to put your hand on your patient. . . It isn't necessary. That is a mental limitation; that is a part of man's ignorant assumption

to assume that there is a spiritual quality in the laying on of hands. In what we call the fourth dimension the three minor dimensions are eliminated. That is what the fourth dimension is. It is that in us which dissolves three dimensions and we find that there is only one; and what is that one? Metaphysicians call it universal mind, and the radio takes the ether, and Steinnetz the greatest of modern electricians says he



doubts very much whether there is an ether. That is what we think. It may be that there is no ether. It may be that the electrician has found in the radio the divine mind, and is divine mind an ether? No, you say, it is just a principle. It is that which heals and its very isness demonstrates that it has unity. Divine mind in its quality of presence has unity, omnipresence. There is no separation. Now if you can realize that, why

all at once you do away with the limitation of time. Time is a limitation in the mind of man. Space is a limitation. We set up this dimension in order that we may, well, like little children play with the kindergarten things of life, but after a while we begin to think and when we really think---now the people who do not realize the spiritual part of themselves are not thinking---no they are just simply echoing. Thinking is something

that originates. It is creative force in the mind, and if you are not seeing yourself spiritually you are not thinking at all. You are a parrot and you are an echo, you are not generating anything that has any lasting quality in it. You will never get anywhere unless you begin to think, unless you begin to originate something in yourself, and that is what the spiritual man does. And the minute you begin to think the third dimension

life begins to shake and totter on its throne. It doesn't really exist to the spiritual man, but we don't always live altogether all the time in our spiritual nature. That is what we find in the life of Jesus Christ. Sometimes he was on the human plane, he was just a man but again he became God. The Spirit in him was active. Is it possible for us to do as Jesus did? Can we do absent healing in this day? Then, when

we have a call from a thousand miles away to heal someone who is ill, can

we speak the word and heal? <sup>#3</sup> Certainly. Just exactly the same law  
is operative today, being accomplished today in thousands of instances.

We in Silent Unity have been using this law for a good deal over a  
quarter of a century and the sixty people that are employed in that de-  
partment of the Unity work will tell you that they have literally thousands


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of letters testifying to the healing of all kinds of diseases, so-called  
incurable diseases, by absent treatment. They never see the patient.

All they get is a letter from the patient or from some nearby friend---  
the father, mother, sister, brother, someone that really is vitally in-  
terested and has this living spiritual faith. Then the healing is done.

Now this is all given in symbols in this lesson this morning---Jesus

healing the nobleman's son. It is all outlined and if you could read between the lines, you could read spiritually, you would see it. Now we must start with the proposition that this is all talking about a man---the development of man, and that man is Spirit, that he is a spiritual being a mind proposition, that that mind makes what we call a body and that this body is the temple in which this mind manifests

itself. It is the machinery. Now how do we move our body? Are you acquainted with the metaphysical law we will say of the action of a thought in moving my hand? How do I do it? We have analyzed this proposition psychologically and physiologically until it has been figured out that some thought in the mind acts upon the brain center and that center sends an energy through the nerves to  the muscles and the

muscles respond and the movement takes place. Now we go a little further than that in our analysis of the real man. We say that this man is moving in a million different ways, that we have processes going on here in our body that this man up here is not aware of. Where did all that come from? Well we will say that is the result of ages of development of the mind and the body. In other words these forces that

we have set up consciously have become conscious and they are acting as independent agents now. They are carrying on the various processes of the body, building it up or tearing it down. This dual process is going on all the time, and what is the foundation of that? We say life, activity. What is that? Well it is energy, it is vibration if you will. We see it manifest in a thousand different ways. Every

thing in the universe is kept going with this energy. Where in this lesson this morning do you find it mentioned? Is there anything said about universal energy? Not in the modern terms of science, but that word Galilee covers the whole field of energy. That means a whirl, to go in a circle, to vibrate. All that is contained in "Galilee." Now when we read in the Scripture about Galilee, your mind, if you read

aright, would immediately go to this universal life, universal energy activities. Jesus said, "I came that you might have life and more abundant life." Nearly all of his works were done around in Galilee. That little sea of Galilee was representative of the life manifest in and through a mind. Now how did this life get into the consciousness of the individual? Well through his organism. That is

where we are told that Jesus made his first great demonstration, in  
Cana of Galilee. Now the body represents the activity of the mind.  
The mind has a great many different phases of activity. We have the  
spiritual mind, we have the human mind, the material mind, and we have  
various planes, we might say, of mind. But the spiritual mind is the  
highest and the spiritual mind is continually trying to inject itself

into the natural mind, into the physical mind. But it has sometimes  
difficulty in doing it because it is possible in man to set up a  
kingdom, that is set up the law and make what it affirms to be true,  
true to its consciousness. So we find that we have centers of activities  
in the body that have become, I might say, crystallized. Now those have to  
be broken into and a new activity set up. We have various physical ex-

ercises that we say free the muscles and develop them. Now there are mind exercises to free the crystallized states of mind, but above all there are spiritual exercises to free the spiritual man. Very few of us have comprehended this fully. We still believe in the intellectual exercises. We believe in certain studying in the development of our mathematical ability or language. But let us go further. Suppose

that you had omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence, all power. Do you think that you would use it? Well you would probably be a little timid in the beginning. You would say, "Now I am getting a little too far." Don't be afraid of power. Don't be afraid, all power is given unto you, be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect," said Jesus Christ.