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The subject for today is one of special interest to all Unity people, because it emphasizes healing as part of Christianity. We may overemphasize the healing idea because it has been so woefully neglected by Christianity as it is taught in this day, and for a long time, since about the third century. Healing has been virtually ignored as an essential part of Christianity. Now, in the last fifty years,

there has been a great revival of the healing idea, but it has been outside the recognized authority in the church; that is, the orthodox church has never yet admitted healing as part of its teaching and, like nearly all reforms, they have to come outside the institution.

So we find that this healing wave which is passing over the world, and especially here in America, has its foundation in the right understanding of the teaching of Jesus Christ. Our lesson

today, which is based upon the 4th and 5th chapters of Luke, is charged with the healing power of Jesus Christ, His healing demonstrations. You will remember that He said to His disciples, "Go forth; heal the sick; cast out the demons." He said also: "These signs shall follow those that believe: in my name shall they heal the sick and cast out the demons."

This seems to have been forgotten. It may be that the Church has become too much immersed in the material things and put off

the good things of the Spirit until some great future time in the heaven, and separated the spiritual mind from its manifestation in the body. You know that the spiritual man and the material man are twins, and yet they are separate. Like some twins, they don't look alike; but they should be alike, and in the Scripture we find that they are symbolized, from Genesis to the Gospels, by two identities.

Now, in Adam and Eve, they were one. Eve was part of Adam--taken out of Adam--but their progeny were adverse--Cain and Abel--and so

you follow down all through the history of the Scriptures, and you will find these two men, the mind man and the body man, are working, sometimes together and sometimes apart, adverse one to the other.

Cain and Abel were adverse. And then there were Ephraim and Manasseh. And then we follow down--to take on the feminine side--to Sarah and Hagar, one representing spiritual mind and the other, material mind. Go down the line, and you will find that these come

together in Jesus Christ. He was the unification of the spiritual mind and the material mind, or the mind and the body unified under divine law. That is why He performed such marvels; almost miracles of healing. But as we study the man as a mind, we find that He has within Him the fundamental principles of perfect unity between mind and body, and that that is the great consummation of man's journey from sense to soul, to Spirit.

When we get at these principles and study them in their right

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relation, we find that it is only necessary for man to recognize his Source in a great, perfect Mind; and the reason that we are not all instantly healed is that we have this diverse mind; there is the separation between Jacob and Esau. Jacob represents the mental man, who has supplanted or separated himself and is taking from the natural man his birthright. But the natural man is going his way without very much sense; without mind; and he is building up a material world. The Gospels, however, teach that these two finally

come together; but there is a great wrestling on the part of the mental man. He wrestled with the Spirit all night, you remember, or with an angel. That means that he is wrestling with his own higher ideals.

That wrestling is going on today in the minds of all the people who have not yet made this perfect union with supermind. The mind of man is a perfect mind. There is nothing diverse in the principle of man's mind, but the consciousness of man has not measured up to that

perfection. Consequently, we have diversity; we have separation; and that is the devil. That is the old Satan, or this personal consciousness that is keeping us away from that divine perfection; and that perfection is the cosmic mind. It is not the universal mind; that is the Elohim mind; but there is a cosmic, perfect Man Idea, and Jesus called that the Father. It was His inner consciousness, and when He went into that inner consciousness and drew its powers into expression in His conscious mind He performed these wonderful miracles.

You will find that in nearly all His periods of great demonstrations He had been in a place of prayer. He had been off in the mountain, or somewhere in a secret place where He could get in touch with these higher forces, showing that it is all in the mind of man; that it is through our minds that we accomplish these things.

In our lesson this morning, the very beginning states that Jesus went to Simon Peter's house, and there Simon Peter's

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mother-in-law was sick with a fever; very ill with a fever.

Jesus didn't apply any material remedies whatever, but He stood

over the mother and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Now,

isn't this a recognition that even a fever is a form of mind?

He could not have talked to the fever unless it had had some

intelligence. So that everything in the universe, it doesn't

make any difference how inert it may be, has a certain conscious-

ness. Even the rocks under our feet have consciousness, but it

is a very limited consciousness. However, it could be developed. John the Baptist said, when the Jews told him about Abraham as their father, "God is able, out of these stones, to bring forth children unto Abraham." That is evolution, but back of that and superior to it, is this revelation of the one Source of all; that is, of all ideas.

Now, man, in the natural world, has taken these ideas of the universal mind and reduced them to his plane of consciousness

wherever it may be. It may be in the rocks; it may be in the vegetables, the animals; it may be in the human; but they all have one source, and that one source is a divine source.

Jesus Christ recognized that one divine source and brought it forth in His mind and in His body; and He transformed Himself. He had this power to see right through the mortal; that is, the fleshly man, and talk to the ideas. When the mortal had built up anger and jealousy and disease and sickness in its thought,

Jesus called those demons, and He cast them out. He talked to them, and they recognized Him. That shows that there is something in every mind activity that recognizes its master.

And where do we find the mastery? in mind. And this is
 lies,
 where the foundation of all healing and all real healers who
 heal man from the foundation up do it from this standpoint of
 Spirit--Mind. The Spirit-Mind is here, omnipresent. It was
 demonstrated by Jesus Christ, but we have the same access to

it. It is open to our minds always, and we can do and accomplish
 all things through it if we have that same faith that He had.
 "According to thy faith, be it unto thee." He said to people,
 when they wanted to be healed, "Do you believe that I can do
 this thing?" and when they said yes, it was done. "According
 to thy faith, so be it."

Now, here we have the key to the whole situation, and that
 is that we shall have faith enough to believe in the one spiritual

perfection of God and man; that we are, in essence, absolutely now perfect; that we are whole; that we are well; and that our healing means that we shall simply recognize that. That is, in a few words, the basic foundation principle of all spiritual healing: that man--every man--is now perfect, and we need only to recognize our own innate perfection; that God created every one of us perfect. He sees us perfect now, and that is His only Son, and we are all, in our spiritual identity, that Son; but

we have got to measure up to it. And how do we measure up to it? Through our minds; through a conscious acknowledgment of that perfection; and when we do that everything changes.

I am going to read to you from a book by E. Stanley Jones called "The Indian Road." The chapter is headed, "How a Missionary Gained Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Health." You will remember that Stanley Jones was here at the Methodist Convention several years ago, and they wanted to make him a bishop, but he

refused. He claimed that he had a work out in India as a missionary, and he didn't want any official capacity to interfere with that in any way. Here is his experience when he was in very bad health and thought he would have to come back to America, live on a farm, and give up his ideals in India. He says: (This is an extract from one of the chapters of the book, "Christ of the Indian Road.")

"I saw that unless I got help from somewhere I would have

to give up my missionary career, go back to America, and go to work on a farm to try to regain my health.

"It was one of my darkest hours. At that time I was in a meeting at Lucknow. While in prayer, not particularly thinking about myself, a Voice seemed to say, 'Are you yourself ready for this work to which I have called you?'

I replied, 'No, Lord, I am done for. I have reached the end of my rope.'

"The Voice replied, 'If you will turn that over to me and not worry about it, I will take care of it.'

"I quickly answered, 'Lord, I close the bargain right here.'

A great peace settled into my heart and pervaded me. I knew it was done! Life, abundant life, had taken possession of me. I was so lifted up that I scarcely touched the road as I quietly walked home that night. Every inch was holy ground. For days after that I hardly knew I had a body. I went through the days, working all

day and far into the night, and came down to bedtime wondering why in the world I should ever go to bed at all, for there was not the slightest trace of tiredness of any kind. I seemed possessed of Life, and Peace, and Rest--by Christ himself.

"Nine of the most strenuous years of my life have gone by since then, and the old trouble has never returned, and I have never had such health. But it was more than a physical touch. I seemed to have tapped new life for body, mind and spirit. Life

was on a permanently higher level. And I had done nothing but take it.

"I suppose that this experience can be picked to pieces psychologically and explained. It does not matter. Life is bigger than processes and overflows them. Christ to me had become Life."

This experience of E. Stanley Jones has been duplicated again and again by those who are studying the Truth as taught

by Jesus Christ. I have had that experience; many in the congregation have had it. Doubtless many of you who are listening in on the radio have had this experience of giving yourself up to the Christ.

Mr. Jones says this doubtless could be psychologically explained. We understand that psychological explanation. We simply enter into the real of man. He gave up his worry; he gave up his anxiety; he gave up that struggle which so many

people make in order to regain health, and all at once when he let go and trusted that higher principle in him, it descended into his consciousness and it produced a new life current.

You have all had that if you have trusted God for your health. But you don't trust God. That is the reason that you don't get this health. People say, "Why doesn't God heal everybody if He has all power, and Jesus Christ healed so many?"

You don't give yourself up to God. Man is mind, and if that mind has faith in material remedies, in something besides God, it will get results in that direction; but if you give up your anxiety about your health and your expectation of health through some external means and look within and give yourself up to this peace of mind of the Lord Jesus Christ, a great peace will come over you. You will stop your anxiety; you will stop that worried feeling, and your mind will quiet down and arrange itself in

divine order; that is, harmony, and the great healing Spirit will flow in.

This is promised to all of us if we will only comply, keep the commandment, give ourselves up, quiet our anxieties, quiet our worries, quiet our material thinking. You charge your mind with a whole lot of material thoughts, and it is so full--the mind can hold only about so many thoughts, and if you fill your mind with material thought, where is there room for spiritual

thoughts? We must look at these things logically.

We are explaining psychologically what Mr. Jones' experienced because we understand the science of mind. Every preacher should be a psychologist. He should know the connection between the thoughts in his mind and the divine ideas lying back of those thoughts. These enter into every little process. You may think that your children are not under this influence of mind; that they are not yet developed sufficiently to be moved

by error; i. e., worried thoughts. That reminds me of a case of a little girl who injured her foot and was sent to a hospital; and she didn't get on at all. The doctors did everything they could, and the little one was restless; she didn't sleep, and the healing didn't take place as it should. Finally, one of the nurses who was intuitive decided that she would find out what it was that was keeping this little one from being naturally healed, and she said:

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"Dearie, what are you worrying about?"

She said, "I am not worrying."

"Oh, yes," said the nurse, "you are worrying about something."

The child said, "Oh, I am thinking that something is happening to Mary Jane." The nurse said, "Who is Mary Jane?" She said, "That is my dolly." She said, "She is at home, but I am afraid something is happening to Mary Jane."

They sent for Mary Jane, and when she was in the bed with the child the healing began at once, and she got well.

If we depart from this absolute peace of mind and trust, do you know what we are? We are sinners, and sin is the foundation of all our ills. Sin came into the world through man's distrust of God. He didn't give his whole trust into the keeping of the infinite mind, and in that he was a sinner. And we are all sinners just to the extent that we fail to trust God for everything; to

identify ourselves wholly with God through this higher principle in us, the Son of God in every one of us.

Jesus taught that; and yet we don't all catch it, do we? Sin came into the world, and death, the result of sin. And how is it doing to get out? Through our faith in the power of God to save us to the uttermost. It is possible for every one of us to be so at one, as Jesus was, with this divine principle, the Christ of God, or the great Jehovah Mind, that we shall be just

as perfect as Jesus; and that we shall have the same power to cast out these ills of the human family.

It is just a question, Are we going to measure up to it? We are working, doing the very best we know how. But couldn't we do a little better? Yes, because this Christ of God is here within us, waiting for every one of us to acknowledge it. But we have trusted the material side to the point where it dominates us. It has taken possession of us, and for this reason we have

things logically explained to us.

We ought to enter right into this simple faith in the power of God without any difficulty at all. Childlike trust. Say to this Christ, as Stanley Jones did, "I strike the bargain with you today. I am going to turn this whole thing right over to you. I am going to pray to this Christ of God; I am going to believe what it said through Jesus, 'Lo, I am with you always,' is true of me, and it is true of everything that I do. It is true of me

as a matter of health, and I am going to give myself up to this health and believe in it, and, as Stanley Jones experienced, we are going to live in a new world."

Did you ever have that experience of this Spirit of the Lord descending upon you until you felt every cell in your body respond with new life? Yes. I see you smiling; some of you have had it. These healers on the front seat understand that. I could talk to you all day about the healing that has taken place

here in this little auditorium.

There is no limit to this power. Let us enter into it and believe in it, and we will demonstrate it.