

(1) *mystery of Pain.*

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In Spirit all things are fulfilled. Spirit is. Let us enter into the Spirit this morning and realize ~~its~~ ~~that promise~~ the fulfillment of that promise, "There shall be no more pain." "I now enter into the Spirit and there is fulfilled in me the promise that there is no more pain." ( Silence)

Let us add to that the peace of God that passeth understanding fills my soul.

The letter killeth but the Spirit maketh alive. The Lord's Prayer to be Spiritually comprehended should be interpreted . Our Father which art in heaven perfect is thy name. Thy rule is supreme. Let thy will be done in heaven as in earth; Thy will is done in body as it is done in Divine Mind. Give us this day our daily bread. Let this bread substance increase every day. Let all consciousness of sin be forgotten; let Divine Love be in every thing. Let us know that through recognizing good there shall be no evil in our consciousness. Strength and power shall abide for ever and ever.

Let us all with one accord repeat the Lord 's Prayer as it is given in the Apostle's creed aloud in concert and then silently interpret it.

We get in the habit of repeating words which take on form.



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The subject of this morning's lesson is "The Mystery of Pain".

*In* connection with this I will read some extracts from the scriptures. First from Job. "The wicked man walketh always in pain

Izah. "Sin shall be in great pain." Paul says "For we know that the whole creation groweth and " But we read also in Revelation at the close "And He shall wipe every tear from their eyes and there shall be no death any more." for the first pains shall pass away."

The mystery of the agony on the cross has long been unfathomable to those who look upon the Christ as having all power.

The question presents itself again and again. Why are those who are above the common expression of human mind ~~be~~ subject to pain and

are in agony and are suffering .? Why should Jesus Christ have to suffer for example?. This agony upon the cross is something

that has formed part of the Christian Religion. The human consciousness seems to enter into the sympathies of suffering

just as readily as it enters into joy. This example of Jesus

Christ that *has* ~~is~~ from our standpoint

given to the human mind a certain sadness and sorrow which

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has, we might say, it has given to the church the grief and sorrow that is in . especially the original followers of Christianity. The Catholics got into the <sup>Sy</sup>ffering and they produced in the hands and the feet the very marks of the nails. This has been proven again and again. These people have again and again taken on all the phases that He is supposed to have gone through, and it has produced a cataleptic state and it has produced epilepsy, it has produced all the

this to us does not elevate because we can see that the real of things must be God certainly is not in pain. Why then was it necessary for the Son of God to suffer pain? It was not ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ necessary. The Son of God never did suffer pain. The son of God never had any concept of pain. What was it that was crucified? What is it in each one of us that seems to have pain? It must be a part of the problem which we are demonstrating. There has some little error crept in there and that little error in human consciousness is called pain. Is there no pain in Divine Mind? Well, there is a place in the consciousness that

it is the answer. You may work a problem in mathematics without

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ever knowing your mistakes until you get the answer.

defeat and failure~~xxxxxx~~ and that kind of conditions in the mind lead to pain. We serve pain because we have not demonstrated the principle. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his agony was not the Spirit, the real of him that suffered. It was the problem which suffered. You start on the blackboard with a certain problem, that is not you. It is your intelligence that is working, but in order to get full understanding of the principle. You must get a full understanding. Jesus Christ continually told that he was able to

in the face of pain in the conscious mind to act. Pain is friendly? Pain is the flag that is thrown out to us to indicate to us as we go on with the problem as we go on day by day when there is something wrong with the problem. There is a little monitor there which cries out "There is something wrong down here." And if you are wise you won't try to hush that voice. Ask and you shall receive knock Ask that little voice. If you have a little pain in your stomach you should not try at once to get a little narcotic. That is the first thought of the ignorant mind, to stop that pain. "Give me



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something doctor to stop that pain."

He says it is in the body we say it is in the mind. That pain is ~~calling~~ <sup>calling</sup> you to go down into that part of the consciousness and make harmony there. What is the cause of my pain? Why do I have a pain in my stomach? Because you have in some way infringed the law. What law?

I may have a pain from eating ~~some thing~~ kind of food. Why don't it ~~xxxx~~ agree with me? I don't know but it does not. I don't like strawberries. Other people eat strawberries but I can't.

We will know then that pain is to call our attention

You will condemn the beautiful fruit and bring it into the pain subjection of the consciousness, it may be something that you need. Your body may need just that kind of acid.

We know that fruit is the most natural food prepared for man.

The fruit hurts you because you have educated the stomach to live upon the

The pain then is to call ones attention to the infringement of the law. If we would only analyze the situation we would find

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out that there was an error thought there. We are getting at the truth of Being. when we get at the cause we find there is no pain. When harmony comes when each gets in place then there is no more pain. When we read in Revelation that all the tears shall be wiped away.

It does not have to appeal to all men let it appeal to you. that the individual Jesus

This pain is in the body consciousness. I tell you, "It is not in the essence of things, it is not in the Divine Mind. , but it is in the relation which your body bears the Universal. How are you working? If you are working out in the wrong way you will get pain. Pain is a good thing because it protects these organisms. If you put your hand on the hot stove pain says, "Take it off." If it were not for pain our hands and every part of our body would be hurt and bruised through contact with the external world. We would be knocking our shins against the sidewalks. But now we know if we do any of these things for we are not and we do not like pain. We use a certain amount of wisdom and we are relieved from pain in the body. It is a good thing used in the right way, but we can rise to a certain understanding where we do not have to be especially friendly with pain.

Physiologists tell us that they can not tell where pain fades into pleasure. You in your own experience have seen people who are crying one moment and laughing the next, and they slide back and forth. Again and again people have died of pain that was really caused by joy. Great joy produces in the body sometimes such a rush that the organism seems to be dissolved in the power. We

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must take a certain control over our joys as well as our pains.

Pain can be mastered by the human will. Why, in battle it is found that those who have strong wills, right in the face of wounds, ~~xxx~~ go right on and never know about them but there is always a reaction that will

and that pain and pleasure are one and that the real is the pleasure .

Now in the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ crucifixion of Jesus Christ that we had in the

lesson this morning, it occurred to me that these two robbers ~~xxxxx~~

crucified with Jesus x referred to pain and pleasure For the

pain reviled the body and the pleasure said , "Why do you revile this

man" And the robber that said "This day will

in Paradise.

Now you can see that these are the conditions that are constantly passing through ourselves because it represents this outer expression

of what we are doing in mind. We are between two fires, pleasure on the one side and pain on the other. What <sup>we</sup> are going to do about it?

If you give yourself up to pleasure it leads to pain.

Now we have dominion we must take possession of both pleasure and pain.

If you give yourself up to pleasure it will lead to pain and if you



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give up to pain you are lost. You will find in every department of life people who are being robbed by pleasure. We are always looking forward to something that we are going to enjoy, and from which we are going to derive great pleasure. You may be going on a trip. Now, you probably will strive and struggle and work to get ready for it and by the time you are ready to go you are all worn out. Your idea of pleasure will change to pain and you

the appetite is really a great pleasure to man but if you let your appetite

so that you can see that we must be masters over sensations and over pleasure and pain. We are constantly crucified the body with the thief of pleasure on the one side and the thief of pain on the other. We must do away with the human consciousness of

When one went to them for instructions for himself he must go through a certain discipline. He is required to go through a great many hard experiences in order that he may control his feelings. How many people in your acquaintance can control their feelings? If you went to a Hindu master to learn how to concentrate he would say, "Can you control yourself?" You are to become master

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of sensation. You must say there is no sensation as pain."

How do you do it? Through the power of mind realizing in Spirit that there is no such a thing as pain and pleasure.

rest in the consciousness that in God there is no such thing as pain. Pain your body sometimes and leaves it there if you believe in it.

and then you will know what they mean by all tears being wiped away.

When you know the truth of Being then you shall have no more pain.

I know people who are lying on their backs

I know a lady who is lying on her back and refuses to move because of her pain

she did not seem to be able to overcome that idea of pain.

There is no reality at all in that pain for you walk again and again on the corn that pained you and when you get out and forget about it while thinking about what you see you forget it. We can

do away with all pain if we will rise into that spiritual consciousness where there is no pain. There is no reality in pain at all. Do not give up to your pain.

As I told you in the beginning we should find out the cause of pain but do not let the pain be the ruling state of consciousness.



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Just say "I now wipe out through the power of the Spirit all recollection of pain." We know that in Spirit there is no reality in

pain. "I am in no pain because of Jesus Christ."

neither do I reflect in my head the marks of the thorns"

I relieve the

God is good and God is all.

through Divine

guidance.

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