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The study of God and man is identical. Your understanding of the Divine Trinity involves an understanding of your place in it. There is the Father, thegreat Universal Mind; the Son or Christ, which is I AM identified; and the Holy Spirit, or manifestation. God, the great Supreme Source, is the foundation of all. The relation of man to-Source; -is-the-foundation-of to this source is revealed to I AM identity independent of any scripture, independent of tradition, independent of any external authority whatever. It comes from the light within. The first lesson in spiritual development is to know that every one has within him the light, the light of Divine understanding, "the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." Those who do not recognize that they have this inner light are in some of the reflected, secondary states of consciousness. The first awakening is the "light;" then come the other steps in order.

The statement, "I am the light of the world," cannot be taken in a personal sense and applied to Jesus Christ alone, because he said, "Ye are the light of the world." He taught that the expression of the Universal light and power was possible to all men. Then let us seek the true light--spiritual understanding.

The Hebrew Scriptures are undoubtedly the highest corroborative testimony of the light within; yet we should remember in studying them that the letter killeth; the Spirit maketh alive. In Genesis it is written that the earth was without form and void, and darkness covered the face of the deep. "And God said, Let there be light, and there was light." We may take this in a physical sense and say that it means the light of the sun and the moon; but it means more than that, because the sun and the moon were not created until the fifth Symbolically, that is, spiritually, the "earth" represents

the personal consciousness, and the "light" that which perceives and knows. It is universally conceded that it is the mind that sees.

Metaphysicians understand the law by which we carry our bodies in mind, and how we change them by changing our minds. Get a right understanding of man -- who he is and what his powers are -- and all things shall be added unto you. The question is primarily to get the "light," and through it make connection with the Infinite Resource. Some people poise themselves in the outer, and think that in some intellectual way, by some philosophy that has to do with the occult, they will get the "light." But they find only a temporary, refeected light, because they have not sought and made connection with the Supreme Light. Seek the Most High, and then you will know the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world of Truth.