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## John 10 with Metaphysical Footnotes (ASV)

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

<sup>10:1</sup>Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the **door** into the fold of the **sheep**, <sup>1</sup> but climbeth up some other **way**, the same is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> <sup>10:2</sup>But he that entereth in by the **door** is the shepherd of the **sheep**. <sup>10:3</sup>To him the porter openeth; and the **sheep** hear his **voice**: <sup>3</sup> and he calleth his own **sheep** by **name**, and leadeth them out. <sup>10:4</sup>When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the **sheep** follow him: for they know his **voice**. <sup>10:5</sup>And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the **voice** of strangers. <sup>10:6</sup>This **parable** spake **Jesus** unto them: but they understood not what **things** they were which he spake unto them.

<sup>10:7</sup>**Jesus** therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am** the **door** of the **sheep**. <sup>10:8</sup>All that came before me are **thieves** and **robbers**: but the **sheep** did not hear them. <sup>10:9</sup>**I am** the **door**; by me if any **man** enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find **pasture**. <sup>10:10</sup>The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have **life**, and may have *it* abundantly.

<sup>10:11</sup>**I am** the **good** shepherd: <sup>4</sup> the **good** shepherd layeth down his **life** for the **sheep**. <sup>10:12</sup>He that is a **hireling**, and not a shepherd, whose own the **sheep** are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the **sheep**, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, and scattereth *them*: <sup>5</sup> <sup>10:13</sup>*he fleeth* because he is a **hireling**, and careth not for the **sheep**. <sup>10:14</sup>**I am** the **good** shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, <sup>10:15</sup>even as the **Father** knoweth me, and I know the **Father**; and I lay down my **life** for the **sheep**. <sup>6</sup> <sup>10:16</sup>And other **sheep** I have, which are not of this fold: <sup>7</sup> them also I must bring, and they shall hear my **voice**: and they shall become one flock, one shepherd. <sup>10:17</sup>Therefore doth the **Father** love me, because I lay down my **life**, that I may take it again. <sup>10:18</sup>No one taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have **power** to lay it down, and I

have **power** to take it again. This commandment received I from my **Father**.

<sup>10:19</sup>There arose a division again among the **Jews** because of these words. <sup>10:20</sup>And many of them said, He hath a **demon**, and is mad; why hear ye him? <sup>10:21</sup>Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a **demon**. Can a **demon** open the eyes of the **blind**?

1. Metaphysically the sheepfold represents the mind with its thoughts; the door represents the I AM consciousness.
2. All forces that come into your consciousness in any other way than through your own I AM are thieves and robbers. No man can be saved from the limitations and mistakes of ignorance except through his own volition.
3. **The sheep hear his voice.** Man learns to control his thought life through attention, study, and practice as well as through prayer. When his thoughts become orderly and obedient to his will, it is then that the sheep hear his voice.
4. The good shepherd is the Christ, I AM, or the individual I AM, Christed, illumined, lighted by the understanding of Truth. Man is saved by the Good-Shepherding of his thought powers, or by his learning to think in harmony with divine law and thereafter controlling his thoughts accordingly.
5. Wolves represent worldly thoughts, always wanting and never finding, always hungry and never satisfied, restless, searching here and there and everywhere for Truth. These thoughts are let into the consciousness by the hireling, the personal ego, and the result is a scattered state of mind.
6. "The good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep." This means that the high spiritual I AM lets itself become identified with the limitations of self-consciousness that it may lift all up to the spiritual plane. "I lay down my life, that I may take it again."

7. "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold"

Our temporal Gentile thoughts and states of consciousness, which we have considered not included in the divine plan of perfection for us.

## Jesus is rejected by the Jews

<sup>10:22</sup>And it was the **feast** of the dedication at **Jerusalem**: <sup>10:23</sup>it was winter; and **Jesus** was walking in the **temple** in Solomon's porch. <sup>10:24</sup>The **Jews** therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou **hold** us in suspense? If thou art the **Christ**, tell us plainly. <sup>1</sup> <sup>10:25</sup>**Jesus** answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's **name**, these **bear** witness of me. <sup>10:26</sup>But ye believe not, because ye are not of my **sheep**. <sup>10:27</sup>My **sheep** hear my **voice**, and I know them, and they follow me: <sup>10:28</sup>and I give unto them **eternal life**; <sup>2</sup> and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my **hand**. <sup>10:29</sup>My **Father**, who hath given *them* unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's **hand**. <sup>10:30</sup>I and the **Father** are one. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>10:31</sup>The **Jews** took up stones again to **stone** him. <sup>10:32</sup>**Jesus** answered them, Many **good** works have I showed you from the **Father**; for which of those works do ye **stone** me? <sup>10:33</sup>The **Jews** answered him, For a **good work** we **stone** thee not, but for **blasphemy**; and because that thou, **being a man**, makest thyself **God**. <sup>10:34</sup>**Jesus** answered them, Is it not written in your **law**, I said, ye are gods? <sup>10:35</sup>If he called them gods, unto whom the **word of God** came (and the scripture cannot be broken), <sup>10:36</sup>say ye of him, whom the **Father** sanctified and sent into the **world**, Thou blasphemest; because I said, **I am the Son of God**? <sup>10:37</sup>If I do not the works of my **Father**, believe me not. <sup>10:38</sup>But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that

ye may know and understand that the **Father** is in me, and I in the **Father**. <sup>10:39</sup>They sought again to take him: and he went forth out of their **hand**.

<sup>10:40</sup>And he went away again beyond the **Jordan** into the **place** where **John** was at the first baptizing; and there he abode. <sup>4</sup> <sup>10:41</sup>And many came unto him; and they said, **John** indeed did no sign: but all **things** whatsoever **John** spake of this **man** were true. <sup>10:42</sup>And many believed on him there.

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1. In this Scripture Jesus symbolizes the I AM or Christ, and the Jews symbolize our high-brow intellectual thoughts, which hold to the letter of the law to such an extent that they cannot let the spiritual word expand in and through the consciousness.
  2. "give unto them eternal life" By identifying ourselves only with true thoughts and ideas and proving both in our daily life, we give them vitality and permanence.
  3. "I and the Father are one." We may use it in the same form in which Jesus stated it, or we may say, "I am one with Divine Mind, and I think divine thoughts."
  4. After the Christ has done a positive work it always withdraws to an inner state of consciousness in order to replenish its power before it goes forth to achieve again. Into this state of consciousness opposing intellect cannot find entrance.

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