THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE BIBLE,
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FIRST LESSON: The Ideal Man—Jehovah; the Becoming Man—Adam
The spiritual, mental and physical mysteries of
man revealed.

Charles Fillmore:

Friends and co-workers in Truth, we welcome you again to our
fall course of lessons. We would like to say in the outline of what
we are going to teach that we want you to feel that we are members of
a family, that we are gathered here for the purpose of gaining a
better understanding of ourselves and of our relation to Mind, and
to get acquainted with each other also. Don't think of yourselves
as strangers, but as acquainted, not only with the teacher but with
each other—one another.

The lessons will consist of six. We usually give twelve les
dons in these courses, but we find that we can get just about as
much Truth into one's mind in six lessons as we can in twelve, if we
give special attention to the spiritual side of the proposition. So
these lessons will be six, this being the first, and we will continue
one each Tuesday evening at this hour for six weeks.

The subject of the lessons is "The Hidden Man of the Bible".

Doubtless most of you rather guess who the Hidden Man is, but
you may not be fully acquainted, and the lessons will be to call to
attention the Hidden Man; where he is; who he is; and as we go on,
there will be an introduction to him personally, so that you may find
that Hidden Man in yourself. This is not altogether the result of
instruction, or words, but a matter of attention on your part to the
place in your body and in your mind where this Hidden Man functions.

This is something rather new and is what might be called meta-
physical, physiological, psychological, or religion. But it is prac-
tical. All of you who followed the previous lessons have gotten re-
sults, and we can have a greater unfoldment of this Hidden Man in
everyone.

The compensation for these lessons as usual will be free-will
offerings and we always like to give back to those who contribute
something of a tangible, real nature in addition to the instructions.
It is possible to give and receive in like measure and of the same
character as one attaches his consciousness and awakens this hidden
substance that goes with and belongs to the Hidden Man. So we would
like to have you give what you feel you can afford and don't limit
yourself through fear in your giving, better to give it all at one
time. We will have, after tonight, someone at the door who will re-
ceive your gift at any of the lessons, with your name, and that name
will be turned in to us and we will see that we receive it and that
you will receive in a larger measure than you have given. This may
seem a kind of bait in order to have you give liberally. But I
assure you it doesn't make any difference how much you give, but put
your name with your gift that we may receive your name and that we
may pour out on that name from the Imor Substance, not only on each
himself but on to those to whom they are related and not only to those
but those whom the speakers give this good.

We lay great store by the Silent Period we have in these lessons
In these lessons we have tried to concentrate all attention on the inner, spiritual forces that mean so much to us when we once get them into motion. So we can't do better than concentrate all our time, all our thoughts on the silent outpourings of the Spirit.

So, when Mrs. Fillmore asks you to go into the Silence with us, give your attention to it. Don't think about anything else. Concentrate all your attention on the Hidden Man and awaken Him.

Now Mrs. Fillmore will lead us in the Silence.

Cora Fillmore:

We are going to ask you to go into the Silence and think on the Hidden Man of the Bible—the Hidden Woman of the Bible. We will ask you to become very comfortable, perhaps both feet on the floor, and you are relaxed. You go within your own heart and be within and give your whole attention, your whole thought to God. Think of the Hidden Man of the Bible—the Hidden Woman of the Bible.

Now how do we establish the God-Center within us so as to have a firm foundation on which the God-Principles may work to unfold the Hidden Man of the Bible—the Hidden Woman of the Bible? Think on this point.

We know that there is one universal, continuous, spiritual Life, permeating and penetrating everything in the universe both visible and invisible. We know this, do we not? This is continuous life. Surely the great work of man is to reveal in himself this omnipresent Spirit of Life.

Now the old, original, revealing center in man surely is "I Am." We will repeat this together: "I Am," Again: "I Am." (Repeated several times) Realize it.

"I Am" identifies itself in the current of Life. There is a unity between the inner and the outer man. Now if we get this one point tonight, surely we are getting a real start in establishing the God-Center within us. When the "I Am" identifies itself in the Life current, there is a union between the inner and the outer. We become aware of God-Life, God-Power, even Wisdom, and the Power accumulated in man through the ages begins to reveal itself. "I Am" is identified in the current of life. "I AM THE MAN HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD AND I AM GLORIFIED IN THE DISCOVERY THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN ME." (Speaker repeated.) (Group repeated several times.)

This "I Am" Center is the God-Center. Let us know that it is firmly established. "I Am".

Now in conclusion, let us realize that the "I Am in the center of each of us is bringing forth, bringing into expression the Hidden Man—the Hidden Woman of the Bible, with all the God qualities active. See yourself glorified, endowed with spiritual gifts, sons and daughters of the Most High God. Amen.

Charles Fillmore:

In every race under the sun, whether civilized or savage, there are individuals who stand forth as representatives of goodness, of truth, of honesty, of justice, of righteousness. These individuals are carried along, not only historically, but traditionally as representatives of the highest form and expressions of man and in spiritual consciousness they form for the race an atmosphere, a thought atmosphere that impresses itself on each individual belonging to that race.

Now we would naturally ask where this tendency arises, where it comes from. Well, it comes from some innate spiritual quality in man; it crops out in those special cases and it belongs to the Real Man.
Now this is evidenced in all men everywhere, and it is extolled and looked up to and considered the standard for the real salvation of the race. We are told that if we can only become, for instance, like Abraham Lincoln, that the representative qualities of the race here would be raised tremendously in our morals, goodness, in our love, charity and in all those qualities he so prominently represented.

As we study man in this respect, we find that he has reflected into his writings that which he had perceived in himself. In studying the sacred literature of the people and accepting it as authority, we come to think about it as in some way separate from man; that the Bible wasn't produced by men, but it was written on tablets of stone by Jehovah and given to the human family as a guide. Now if we understand the real truth about the origin of the Scriptures, we have to reverse all that thought. The Bible came through man, through various men, as the result of the inspiration of man and everything in the Bible is tintured by the thought of the individual through which it came. Consequently it has been a difficult matter to arrive at what particular books of the Bible are authentic and inspired, and what are not. That was a debatable question, we are told, in the history of Christianity, for something over 300 years, until the great Church leaders got together and formed the Council of Nice, and 318 bishops were three and they decided which—a multitude of books, the Scriptures that had been taught and accepted largely by the followers of Jesus as true—they decided which of these should be part of the Canon, or Authorized Version of the Bible and our Bible is the result of their choice.

We consider that the Bible has a great deal of Truth outside of the Authorized Version, because the Authorized Edition has so many faults. But we should not look at it or criticize it for its faults, but try in all cases to get the good out of it. We should be charitable to all other inspired writings. Now in the Authorized collection we find a great many things that are rather objectionable. We think we would like to have them left out; and after we study the Scriptures that were expurgated and those that have been found in the book called the Apocrypha, we find a great many books we would like to see included in our Bible.

Now the fact is that our Bible is a "he-man" book. The feminine side of man has been submerged by the masculine, and we wonder why this occurred; why it was that the feminine man—because man is masculine and feminine; we can't consider men as a whole without Wisdom and Love—and we wonder why the Bible is so one-sided that God is called "He" and there is no "She-God". Well, it is because the race at the time these writings were produced was largely masculine. That is, they were thinking and living through this "man in the head". They were intellectually progressive, and the heart was submerged. There is no doubt that the time will come when we shall demand a revision of the Bible. We shall ask that a new Bible be compiled, and that the feminine side of man be expressed more prominently in that New Bible.

We read just a few days ago that in Germany they are having a great upheaval in religion, and that the leaders—Hitler is the central figure—are proposing to have an entirely new exposition of religion. They have cast Jesus Christ out with a rage because they said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." They say no man has authority to claim He is the only source through which we, the whole human family, can come into salvation. We can plainly see that is the opinion of the intellectual, the man who is an intellectual, expressing through mind (brain) instead of his heart and spirit.
Because that which talks in this manner doesn't know that Jesus Christ represents a Spiritual Consciousness, or a Christ Mind. In other words, it was that Adam Man, Not Jesus Christ, coming to the surface and expressing those things, itself. And it is the Spiritual Consciousness part of us who have invited the Spiritual Man, that has discerned what the Real Man is.

We know it is only through an understanding of this Spiritual Man and expressing his powers that we, any of us, ever come into the consciousness of the Creative Mind. So we see that this new religion in Germany will eventually have to come back to the original Bible salvation through the Jesus Christ in Man.

As we study the various Scriptures of the world, like the Vedas and books of the Hindus, and all the great religions in China, in Japan even, and in India, we find that they all tell us about some great character. Like in India, there was Krishna, and he fought the battles for those of his acquaintance in Spirit; he brought them always all their victories. So we find in all these, we find there are spiritual men. The spiritual man stands, well, like in the mythology of Greece and Rome, they are raised into gods, and we are sometimes betrayed into the thought that Jesus Christ was not a man; that He didn't have any of the qualities really or man; but that He was God. But don't get too far away from your man. If you think that Jesus Christ was a God, then you have no common mind with Him. You cannot separate yourselves from one of the great Sources of discovery, the Great Source through which you can bring this inner Spiritual Man into objectivity—and that is what we are all seeking; how we may find this Spiritual Man, and how far we should be charitable first, last and always to all those scriptures that charter the way. Let us remember, the Way is from within. Jesus said, "I am the way." "I am the Way". There is that Something in us that is the Christ.

It isn't the study of the Scriptures. But we find the Scriptures an exposition of certain qualities of the Mind, like Love; that our Bible hasn't given full expression to. I was reading not long ago in the Apocrypha, a book called "Paul and Thecla". Most of you have heard of it, in which is a young patrician girl, listening one day to Paul teaching in Iconium, who heard certain words and received an inspiration, and she became a convert. But her people, being idol worshippers, they at once accused her of sacrilege, and she was condemned. They threw her to the lions. But like Daniel in the lions' den, she was unharmed, for a she-lion came to her rescue. Then a he-lion and a bear attacked the she-lion, and the she-lion protected Thecla and she came out without any harm. The book says she stood in the middle of the arena, with her arms extended praying and declaring the power of God. Then again they threw her into a bear's den and she was protected there. And they burned her at the stake, and the fire of heaven came down and there were showers and upheavals and many people were destroyed in that city, and she was saved. Therefore, this is to show the power of Divine Love. Thecla represented love, love in the Adam Man, and Jesus Christ demonstrated that great power of Love. So if we study the Bible, we must look at man, not as a personality, not as athing set apart from a universal expression of the Infinite, not human, but a man of ideas, and a man in which these ideas are evenly balanced.

Now we are often asked where the center of the soul is in the body. And many persons are concerned about their souls. Well, the soul is the thinking part of man. In the study of the Bible, and this search for the Spiritual Man, we should know something about the difference between "soul" and "Spirit." "Soul" is the realm residue
in your subconscious of what you have thought about, the ages throughout your life, and all of your conscious mind, what you are thinking now—it is the sum-total of all your experiences that make up your thought, so thought is the foundation.

Now if you want to know where the soul is manifesting in your organism, think where you are expressing. Through what particular center in your body are you thinking? There you find a center of the soul corresponding to that thought that you are holding. If you are in the habit of thinking continually through your head and not thinking through the other brain centers in your body, then your soul will have its dominant center in the head, and be intellectual-dominated by the intellect. But on the other hand, if you have thought about the Love of God, expressing love to man, and you have been thinking of the goodness and love so characteristic of the Spiritual Man, your Solar Plexus will be the center of your soul. But on the other hand, if you have lived more largely in the animal world and thought a great deal about the pleasures of the physical life, your soul will express itself through the animal center in your lower abdomen. So we find the soul expressing itself wherever we think, and the soul is the thinking entity in man.

If your soul is expressing in a spiritual way, you will be lifted up. You will find the soul is something that belongs to the body. It is part of the "Beginning Man" to unfold Man. But there is something more than soul. What is it? It is the Hidden Man, and it has its place in man's consciousness as what we call Spirit.

He is the Man whom we are told about in Genesis as the one who visited Abraham; and again in Hebrews we are told about this King of Shalom (Salem) Melchizedek—and we are told he was without beginning of years, no genealogy, no father, no mother, no son, and had great power, and tribute was given to him by Abraham, who gave him one-tenth of all he had.

This points to this Man within, this Hidden Man, which they tell us about, which we must know about. Are you giving tribute, one-tenth of your time, to the development of this Melchizedek, this King of Shalem? "Shalem" (Salem) means "peace, king of peace"; and He exists in everyone of us as a great center; He has a center that has to do with the well-balanced man; has to do with the Spiritual Man; it has to do with this Man who is hidden, as Paul says, with Christ in God.

Now here is the man that we are to unfold in these lessons, and we must talk about Him first; we must discuss it, because the intellectual man must get a concept of that Man; and then take it down into the soul centers, and awaken those soul centers. All at once the atoms, the Spiritual Atoms which modern science calls "electrical centers," these atoms will begin to expand and break open, and all at once the Power from that Hidden Man, that Spiritual Man, will begin to percolate all through you, all through the body, and a new kind of man will come into expression. This new kind of man is called Jesus Christ of the Scriptures, and He is the Great Example, and as we study His Life, and how He demonstrated these forces, we find He is the Spirit in man who is expanding and bringing into expression the Real Man.

Now we should be on our guard against any system of religion, or any system of psychology, or any system of discipline that would detract our attention from this Man within, and this Man within is God's Man. The fact is, that this Man within is God concentrated, or God identified. It is the God-Center within everyone of us that will reveal to us what we are—our God Man.

This brings us to the realization of the Spiritual Man—the
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Image-and-Likeness of the Elohim-God, of that Image-and-likeness which is Spirit. But it goes through many gradations, through many activities, in bringing forth to our attention, or the attention of the individual, that he is Spirit; that he is the image and likeness of God; that he is the King of Shalom (Salem) and that he has within him all the powers and all the life and everything necessary to the development of the Perfect Man.

As we study the life of Jesus Christ, we find he didn't tell us it was within us. But He didn't tell us it had golden streets, or it had jasper walls, or any of those descriptions of a material character. But he dealt primarily and always with ideas. Ideas and thoughts and words are, I might say, the means through which this Spiritual Man works.

Jesus didn't tell us, although He knew about the ether, He didn't tell us about wave lengths, or the different activities of radio waves, or anything of that kind, although they have to do with the realm that exists here and existed all the time and are part of the soul, but it isn't part of the Spirit. Spirit is the cause of it all and Spirit stands at that center. And when we awaken this Spiritual Hidden Man in us, we begin to find that there is the Substance of ideas, and thoughts and words, and that these are its vehicles.

Now the soul-man, the psychic-man, he deals with morals and ethics and the relation of things in a segregated manner. As you get clear in your mind these steps, when you are discussing all problems of the world and how things are controlled, it is there you find you are dealing with secondary propositions, things as they are removed one degree from the One Source. And if you want to measure up to Jesus Christ, if you want to be a Christ Man, you want to bring forth the Real Man. You begin with ideas and primary spiritual thoughts and words—words count, every one—"Man shall be held accountable for every word he utters"—every word he utters from the Spiritual Center, it carries dynamic force from that Spirit, and every word counts, and counts from that Center and this will reveal the "I Am" Man, the Jehovah-Man, that is supreme above all men, and there is no one but this dynamic Spiritual Man and that is the Real Man. That is the Real Man we are seeking to uncover and He will save us from all submersion of the soul-man or the body-man. We wouldn't belittle the soul or body, but it is better to awaken the inspiration and the power that it draws from the Spirit within from the Inner-Man, and as we think spiritually, we are constantly breaking open and releasing these innate qualities in man. They are here. We haven't been acquainted with them. We have talked about external conditions. We haven't drawn from the internal, from the Real Spiritual Man within us. We haven't been really acquainted with Him. We have thought He existed in Bible times, and Jesus Christ was in some way related to the Father-Man, but we haven't realized Him. Jesus Christ said, "It is not I, but the Father within me, He doeth the works." And He was acquainted with Him—"We have thought that Inner Man, and He gave expression to the Inner Man. We want to do as He did—give all credit to this Inner Spiritual Man, if we want reality, if we want to live the exemplary life, or go the way of the race instead. All right, we can do that, by giving ourselves up to mob thought—what the world thinks. If we want to live and follow Jesus Christ, the revelation will come into the understanding of the Real Man in us, and have the power that Man as Jesus Christ had. Then we want to become acquainted with that Inner Man.

We find all through the Scriptures these references to this Inner Man. They are sometimes mysterious. But if you are at one with
that, think that Man does exist—hold your mind to it. But You will awaken that Man. I sometimes think of it as being asleep in me. But the fact is, I am asleep to His existence in me. Your mind is related to the Father Mind. Don't think of Him as asleep. We are asleep in Jesus. We haven't yet awakened to this truth that we are joint heirs with Him and stand side by side with Him in the re-generation of this Spiritual Man. This Spiritual Man is within every one of us. But the difference between us and Jesus is, He awakened himself to consciousness of that Spiritual Man and demonstrated it. Are we going to do that, or settle back into the old way of thinking and living? Let us say: "I am the man hid with Christ in God and I am glorified in the discovery that the Kingdom of God is within me." Let us take that and make this affirmation and wake up this Inner Man, and pretty soon you will find that Inner Man in you and you will wonder why you have ignored that inner Man and wonder why you are not like Jesus. You haven't looked to the Christ in you. Let us all in conclusion affirm this quickening, this awakening of the Christ in us all, this Hidden Man which is the Christ, the Spiritual Man or "I Am" Identity or the Jehovah Man. It has many names, but it has one reality and that reality is that it is the loving Son of the Infinite Mind, the Only Begotten Son and God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son to save it. Join me in this awakening of the soul and call the attention of the thinking mind to the deeper realm of consciousness, the Hidden Man: "I am the man hid with Christ in God and I am glorified in the discovery that the Kingdom of God is within me." Let us all speak that aloud and throw your mind right down into the inner consciousness. Now repeat it aloud: (Repeated several times.)

Now remember the power of the word. Let us say that again.
(Repeated several times.)

The Kingdom of God is within you; the power of God; the Energy of God; the Wisdom of God; the Love of God, all the Infinite Creative Mind which is concentrated in that His Center in us, is mighty thought beyond human comprehension, but we know and understand it when we have awakened this Hidden Man.

BENEDICTION.