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# *Introduction*

It started out as glimpses into the strange world of the eternal. Then it escalated into a life of complete transcendental awareness. That is the story of my life. Now you are on the verge of the most empowering and fulfilling discovery you can come across in this lifetime. You are about to be awaken from the slumber of matter and the confines of the mind to the spiritual paradise beyond your reasonable imagination.

For years, I lived a life void of distinct divine meaning and purpose. One day, however, it dawned on me that life wasn't meant to be random. Rather, I am here to enable the divine purpose of God to unfold. And so are you.

God did not place you in this world to simply earn a living, no matter how decent, look after your family, and hand the baton of life to the next generation. You are not just a pointless portion in a strange world, briefly pendent between birth and death, permitted a few short-lived pleasures followed by hurt and the inevitable demise. You are here to make a difference —to have an impact. There are people in your generation who are counting on you to take your God-given place in the grand scheme of things, and those people extend way beyond your family.

When I completed university in Kampala, Uganda, in 2003, I found myself at a crossroads with two distinct paths before me. One is what would ordinarily be expected of me: get a job if I can—it's not that straight forward in my country—earn a living, look after my family, and acquire as much wealth as I can. This path offered no resistance. I didn't have to break any barriers or cross any frontiers. I didn't have to be answerable to anybody outside of my immediate family. I could live a quiet, peaceful life.

Then there was the calling. I had been saved for a while and knew that God had me lined up for something. It was impossible for me to ignore the fact that there's more to life than earning and spending. I could either spend my life, trying to silence that inner voice, like many people sadly do, covering it with layers of logic, excuses, and all manner of finite reasoning, or I could simply take my place in God's grand plan.

Faced with this dilemma, I did what I would recommend for anyone reading this book who finds himself or herself in a similar position. I took time off my usual schedule to pray, seek guidance, and dig within my subterranean self. You know the Psalmist wrote, 'both the inward thought and the heart of the man are deep' (Ps. 64: 6b). So I dug deep.

In my quiet time, I could see the path ahead of me more distinctly. I knew that pursuing my call would come with its share of pitfalls, persecution and rejection being the more discernible ones.

What I call the ordinary path, the safe one, might get you what is outwardly considered success. But it will leave you craving for fulfillment. I am sure there are lots of people out there who the world looks up to as beacons of success, people whose dairies are bustling with appointments to lecture to audiences of thousands, but who, after the show is over, go home to feelings of emptiness and unfulfillment, wondering what the real purpose of life is.

There is a fissure, a gaping hole, and a deficiency in the system every time a person called to God-ordained greatness—and we all are—chooses to hold onto his rod when God can use it to deliver a nation from slavery and part the Red Sea. There are people out there whose lives might suffer because you opted to pursue the safe path, succumbed to that craving to be accepted or understood, chose the path that doesn't strain your faith, and held onto your unique skills, knowledge, or resources.

The more the dysfunction of naturalistic consciousness plays itself out on the world stage, clearly visible to everyone in the daily media reports, the greater the number of people who realize the urgent need for a radical change in human alignment, if humanity is not to plunge further into the fallen state. This need, as well as the readiness of the multitudes to embrace a higher realization than the earthbound, is the context within which *Tasting the*

*Powers of the Age to Come* must be seen and understood.

## The Inner Voice

A survey, whose results were released in 2009 by Baylor University in America, had some interesting findings which appear to prove that atheism, skepticism, and agnosticism are more of a fad than a discernible trend. The wide-range survey of 1,648 adults, who were asked 350 questions on their religious practices, revealed a significant majority who are comfortable with the supernatural. 'Mystical experiences are widespread,' Rodney Stark, codirector of Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion was quoted as saying.

According to the survey, which had a margin of error of 4 per cent points, half of all Americans believe they are protected by guardian angels, one-fifth say they have heard God speak to them, one-quarter say they have witnessed miraculous healings, 16 per cent say they have received the Holy Spirit, and 8 per cent say they pray in tongues.

Baylor researchers also dismissed the much-ballyhooed 'new atheism' as a barely discernable trend, saying the number of Americans who are atheists has stayed at 4 per cent since 1944.

'Atheism is a godless revolution that never happened,' Stark was quoted as saying. 'Atheism is hardly taking over the world. Europe does have more atheists than America', the survey revealed, 'but no country has more than 7 per cent except France, which is at 14 per cent of the populace. Further to the east, Japan is at 12 per cent and China is at 14 per cent.'

I don't know for sure what the percentage of atheists would be in my country, Uganda, but I would be shocked if it rose above 1 per cent.

It's clear, therefore, that humanity has failed to silence that inner voice, and it's not for the lack of trying. Something in the deep consciousness of men and women keeps calling for their attention in a number of ways. Rather than fight all your life to silence that voice, why not embrace it? You will be shocked, most of you at least, to know how much happiness and liberation comes from heeding that inner voice.

All these years later, I am glad I chose the higher path over the finite one.

Now God has sent me to teach His people how to recognize that inner voice which is largely being crowded out by the hustle and bustle of modern living and having recognized it, heed it.

## The God of Religion

So if there's widespread belief in God, as that survey proves, then why are so many people actively running away from Him? Why do so many people appear disillusioned or apathetic when the subject of a loving, caring God is raised?

From my observation, it's largely because they do not know Him, even if some think they do. A good number of skeptics, agnostics, and even some believers see God through the prism of religion, and nothing distorts the image of the Creator more than religion.

Organized religion, with its systems, clerics, robes, rituals, and all such imposing outward outlay, has portrayed God as a distant, callous judge who, having left humanity with a set of rules to follow, is waiting gleefully in the afterworld with a matchbox in one hand and a stick in the other, ready to scourge and then char those who stepped out of line. The God of religion is a God of endless demands. Those demands, however, are mostly made by the people who purport to represent Him.

These attempts by men to institutionalize God existed even before Jesus was born. It's interesting to know that the Lord spent much of His lifetime fighting religion and the misconceptions it had created about God. The crowds who followed Jesus noticed that He spoke 'as one with authority' and not like the Scribes and Pharisees. Ordinary people quickly discerned that Jesus spoke of a God He knew, not a God of tradition or religion.

There's an interesting story in the Bible, in the Gospel of John, Chapter 9, about a man who was born blind but got his sight after Jesus told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The Scribes and Pharisees were at pains to deny the miracle. The beneficiary of the miracle, however, realized that the Pharisees were only interested in protecting the institutions from which they

derived their authority, and Jesus was a big threat to that hierarchy.

While the Pharisees fondly spoke of a God of the supernatural who had parted the Red Sea for their forefathers, they sought to cage His miracle-working power in the past. Jesus exposed religious folks of His time as people who promised devotees a vacancy in the world hereafter while they themselves pursued comfort and bliss in the present life.

Twenty centuries later, organized religion has not lost any of its characteristics. It still attempts to institutionalize God, reduce Him to a set of rules and ordinances, and speak of His creative and miracle-working power as a thing of the past.

It's my hope that after you read this book, you will fall in love with a God who does (not just did) the supernatural. God wants you to break through the boundaries of your finite living and experience his transcendental power which will enable you to reign in life.

## Spirituality Seekers

As a result of Christianity shying away from or outrightly denying its supernatural, transcendental heritage, many people looking for spiritual experiences have turned to occult religions that promise angelic visits but in reality they are rooted in the kingdom of the devil.

In a report titled 'Angels Set to Be the Next Big Thing', *The Times* newspaper in Britain once wrote about a growing angelic trend sweeping across the Isles.

A lady who refers to herself as an 'angel teacher' claims she trains people to meditate and get in touch with their guardian angels. 'In the past couple of years interest has really exploded. The world is going through so much turmoil, and people are looking for help. They want to learn how to connect to angels,' she said. This lady organizes one-day workshops which cost about €80 per head. 'I was booked straight away,' she said. She also conducts angel teacher-training courses for which attendants pay €930 for a four-week course.

*The Guardian* newspaper spoke of a ‘growing interest in unconventional and non-Western belief systems over the past decade which can be seen as an inevitable response to the empty and encroaching materialism that has come to define the developed world.

‘Consumer capitalism has increasingly commercialized our private worlds. It has become harder and harder to articulate the worth of things with no market values, such as emotion, spiritual struggle, or personal responsibility.’

*Cosmopolitan* , a women’s fashion and dating magazine in the UK referred to them as ‘spirituality seekers’. ‘It’s a growing congregation of young women who are rejecting the round-the-clock strictures of formal religion in favor of a more ad hoc blend of beliefs,’ the magazine reported, soon after appointing its first spirituality editor.

These people, who refer to themselves as ‘spiritual but not religious’, exult in a ‘bespoke belief system which consoles without constraining, cares without condemning’.

*The Guardian* wrote, ‘ . . . these new zealots no longer seek to explain how the universe was created or why war and famine happen. They eschew hierarchy and restrictive teachings to concentrate on happiness in the here and now. The modern spiritual preoccupation has shifted from securing a decent standard of life after death. The focus is on present peace of mind.’

While these ‘spirituality seekers’ speak of their supernatural experiences and so-called angelic visits in glowing terms, the reality is that they are frolicking with a world of fallen angels, also called demons. They are walking straight into the snare of the devil.

But as long as Christianity denies or obscures its transcendental abilities in favour of a lifeless gospel which is nothing but a set of rules, it cannot reach its full potential and save these ‘spirituality seekers’ from the snare of the evil one.

Christians cannot change the natural world using natural means. Christianity —true Christianity, not the one strangled out of life by denominational doctrines—should embrace its true transcendental potential.

The solution to the contemporary age lies in a realm that always existed but has been obscured for generations. But God is now revealing it to us like never before. The apostasy of the New Age will take root if Christians don't counter it with the age-old truths of the Bible.

## Man Just Like Us

Religion has, over the centuries, watered down the Bible to a book of stories to be told, retold, fantasized over, and, at best, memorized. At its most destructive, religion has even encouraged its faithful to ignore the Bible altogether (or sections of it) because it's either too complex, outdated, or because the laity don't have the authority to 'interpret' it.

But the scriptures—as you will learn from this book—are meant to open our consciousness to a dynamic spiritual world that is ours to tap into for divine wisdom, power, and direction. Behind every Bible story, every allegory, every documented healing is a spiritual principle which God wants us to learn and apply to our lives. Until you acknowledge that, the story of Ruth and how she found herself a fine husband is nice and romantic, nothing more.

The purpose of *Tasting the Powers of the Age to Come* is to challenge you to dig deeper to find the underlying spiritual principle behind every Bible story. Then you can apply that principle to enrich your life.

The Bible is not a book of impossibilities; it's a book of possibilities. But folks who read it with a religious mindset wind up thinking about what they cannot do rather than what they can do. The Bible doesn't tell us about Elijah and Elisha just so we marvel at their prowess. When referring to the story of Elijah and how he stopped the rain for three and a half years, James in the New Testament calls him 'a man with a nature like ours.' That's the mindset with which we should read the scriptures.

That's why the Bible documents the weaknesses of great men like Moses, David, and the Apostle Paul so that we might consider them to have been 'men with a nature like ours.' Even Jesus, who was tempted in every way but without sin, said that those who believe in Him will do the works He did and greater ones too. So the next time you open the scriptures to read about Enoch who walked with God, about Noah who preached righteousness, about

Daniel who understood mysteries, or about Job whose faith withstood an onslaught, think about what you can do. Understand that those stories were placed in there to show you what you can do. Nothing is more empowering.

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# Awakening to Higher Levels of Reality

## 1.1 Live Ahead of Your Time

In August 2007, something extraordinary happened in the life of Mrs Jennifer Isabirye (not her real name), a short, slender, middle-aged career teacher whom I had not met until that day. It was at a conference organized annually in Kamuli, a small town district in the eastern region of Uganda. The conference was held at Bethel Church.

It was the first time I attended this prophetic event upon invitation and spoke. Seated in the crowded room were people from the surrounding area and beyond, about 200 of them. This was not your usual event; strange things were happening as I singled out individuals, uncannily describing facts about their lives with amazing accuracy. Mrs Isabirye happened to be one of them.

'You are angry at a certain man for financial reasons,' I said to her. 'Forgive him, for if you don't, you will hold back your progress.'

'I also see a problem with your fibroids,' I added. 'I see you had an operation about them, but it wasn't successful. I see a swelling around your lower abdomen (that part of her body was fully covered by her dress) and it's because of those fibroids.'

I was not through with Mrs Isabirye. 'Today you will experience a strange discharge from your body, but have no fear about it, for it will be God dealing with you. However, make sure you neither let your doctor nor your daughter know about it. If you do this—if you keenly follow my revelatory directions—you will receive a miraculous healing shortly.'

In her subsequent testimony, a day later, Mrs Isabirye verified everything.

Astounded at how I could know these things, she said, ‘The man I was bitter with was my employer because for six months I had not received my salary. Also, I have fibroids, and a few months ago, I had an operation about them that wasn’t successful.

‘However, what surprised me even more was when he (implying me) said I should neither tell my doctor nor my daughter after the strange discharge from my body. I only see one doctor, and I only have one daughter for a child. How he could have known—that is beyond any earthly explanation. I experienced the strange discharge from my body that day, but unfortunately, I told my doctor and daughter about it.’

Because she did not keenly follow the revelatory directions, Mrs Isabirye did not receive her miraculous healing. However, the following year I was back there, and I was taken to her house where I prayed for her.

I called the experience extraordinary because that is what it was for Mrs Isabirye and for several other people who got to witness or experience the mystic for the first time. But to me, such uncanny comprehension and the supernatural world are, for the lack of a better word, commonplace. And they can be for you too if you are daring enough to read through.

Atheist or agnostics may dismiss Mrs Isabirye’s story as spiritual mumbo jumbo. They will undoubtedly have a perfectly logical argument why such supernatural occurrences are not possible.

Denominational Christians who think of faith as nothing more than a set of dos and don’ts might similarly dismiss it, perhaps with less fervour. They too would have sound arguments in support of their positions. What I am presenting in this book, however, are experiences.

The world abounds with arguments, every man or woman has one to back their position and most of them make good sense. But in her time of need, Mrs Isabirye didn’t need an argument; she needed an experience. Someone with an experience is never at the mercy of someone with just an argument.

So whatever your disposition—believer, agnostic, atheist, or anything in between, I dare you to read this with an open mind, and you will undoubtedly

find this text eerily challenging.

## 1.2 Early Experiences

The mysterious world of the supernatural is not a reality, I discovered in my latter years. Growing up as a child in Bugolobi, a middle-class suburb of Kampala, I frequently experienced close encounters with bizarre beings, especially during the night hours. Due to some of those experiences, I became so fearful of the night that I was filled with dread every time darkness set in. At home, I was thought of as simply a fearful child, the grown-ups dismissing every claim of what I knew I had seen or heard as fear-founded. And so I was left without anywhere to turn, not knowing what to do or make of those experiences, even if, to me, they were as real as physical reality.

Whenever the night approached and it gradually progressed to dinner time, as everyone around me prepared to go to bed, it would be nightmare time all over again. The signs and sounds of wakefulness within the house would fade into the air to be replaced by a chilling quietness for a while. Then I would begin to hear the eerie sounds of unearthly beings roaming the house. I cannot fully express in words the horror I experienced during those moments. And this happened almost every night.

The most frequent of these experiences sounded funny to my siblings whenever I relayed it, but the experience of it was anything but funny. It was about some kind of dish-washing ghost. Deep into the night, I would hear the sound of something washing dishes in the kitchen. After it was done, I would hear footsteps as it walked through the corridor to my bedroom, closing in as though to seal my doom. As it approached my bedroom, I covered my entire self under a blanket, dreading what I might see or experience. I never did see this ‘dish-washing ghost’. I only heard and felt it stand close to my bed.

In the night hours, oftentimes, I had a feeling of something evil lurking in the dark. On some nights, I actually saw ghostly appearances either at the foot of my bed or in some other part of the bedroom staring at me. During those absorbingly terrifying experiences I tried to scream, but horror often seized the sound before it was voiced. These experiences left me numb with fear. I froze as evil looked me right between the eyes.

I saw and heard sights and sounds that almost stopped my heart during those hours of darkness. At times, I hoped that it was just imagination, but inexplicable things such as doors opening and slamming on their own convinced me that something unearthly was happening. I didn't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that out.

There was such terror in the air during those nights as the ghouls of hell roamed about that I wondered if I would ever see the sun.

However, there were some nights when I had unearthly experiences that brought a more heavenly feel. I later learnt that these experiences with mysterious entities that brought with them a heavenly feel to my heart were angels.

Throughout my childhood, as far back as I can recall, up to my early teenage years, I lived with this strange awareness of the spirit realm. At some point in my life, however, my consciousness began to be aligned to the earthly realm, and I became conditioned accordingly.

Thanks to secular scholasticism and other naturalistic engagements, I was conditioned after the physical and, over a period of time, became spiritually immobilized, and those mystical experiences were relegated to my past.

However, in spite of this alteration of consciousness from the supernatural to the finite, there were still moments when I would experience certain phenomena inexplicable to human reason. I do remember one time when an outsider came around school and I had this inexplicable knowing that this boy would try to lure my girlfriend. This was not obsessive paranoia; it was a definite knowing within me, incomprehensible to reason.

A few days down the road, I recall my girlfriend coming to meet me in a hall where I was reading. A few seats ahead of me was this new lad. As my girlfriend strode gracefully toward me, I stared at her and, suddenly, I knew that he had written her a letter. I hadn't seen it or heard it from anywhere. I just knew it.

So I asked her, 'Why didn't you tell me that that guy has written you a letter?' She was dumbfounded. I didn't stop there. To prove my point, I

uncannily read the letter to her with startling accuracy. By the time I was through, she was visibly awestricken. There was no possibility I could have naturally accessed the letter.

At my request, she went back to her dormitory and brought the letter. When I read it, now in actual print, I was startled myself at how mysteriously accurate I had been. The experience was too much for me, so I chose to forget about it and pretend it never happened. And as for the letter, I directed her to tear it in front of the guy while I was looking. She did so.

But I did not lose her to him as I feared I would. However, she must have thought that I was too 'weird' to be her boyfriend. I felt that way too. Seeing as I've met her only once since the time I got saved, I have no idea what she thought about that experience.

The unique gifts which God has planted in his people are often manifested even before they get to know Him. Some of the best Christian orators, leaders, and singers will have practiced, used, or even misused those gifts before they got to know the Lord. It's only when they get saved and get into a relationship with God, however, that they discover the calling behind the gift. Moses was driven by a sense of destiny when he killed the Egyptian bully in Exodus Chapter 2. But it's only after he met God that his calling and commission became clear.

So when I got born-again a few years later, I was reawakened to the transcendent heritage of Christianity and I recalled that incident from my High School days. Then it became clear to me that God had called me to be a prophet and it was that gift operating in its raw form that enabled me to know the contents of that letter.

Now God has commissioned me to awaken you to that heritage. I am convinced that everyone has this innate awareness of the spiritual realm within themselves. There is a transcendent potential within you: a God-ordained ability to live beyond the physical. But it is often overruled and eventually eclipsed and shut out by reason and, possibly, fear.

You might even have come to associate the word transcendent with the devil or dark arts. But transcendence, as used in this book, is stepping out of the

natural, finite, logic-governed world into the limitless possibility of the spiritual or supernatural. And the spiritual world is ruled by God, whom the Bible calls the Father of spirits (Heb. 12: 9, NKJ).

Back in 2006, at an overnight-prayer meeting held at my aunt's house in Entebbe, Uganda, a lady whom I will call Mariam received foreknowledge through me about the outcome of a relationship she had been in for a number of years and her destiny in marriage.

Tall, slender, dark-skinned, and beautiful, with a job at one of the world's most prestigious airline companies, it looked like Mariam had it all. I first met her at that overnight.

'Your fiancé', I said to her, 'is unfaithful to you. His name is… (I mentioned it).'

'In fact, he is about to break up with you,' I continued, 'But do not let it dishearten you because it wasn't destined to end in marriage. You, however, will connect with a particular man on your flight, and that connection will culminate to marriage.'

I could tell she was deeply concerned. But her anxiety would be short-lived. Two months later, I received a phone call from Mariam asking to meet me. We then met at a restaurant in Kampala's city centre. Things were unfolding in her life precisely like I had said they would. Her fiancé had broken up with her, and she had also met the mystery man from my prophecy on a flight. She was visibly excited about the way things were unfolding. About a year later, I attended their wedding. I am still in touch with them, and what a happy couple they are, blessed with two lovely children!

Admittedly, some of these things are revealed to me because I am a prophet. But it is my conviction that all believers can prophesy. Why else would Paul tell the Corinthians to 'pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy' (1 Cor. 12: 1). The fact that he told them to pursue it means that it's attainable.

Of course, there will always be a distinction between the fivefold ministry office of the prophet and the available-for-all gift of prophecy, in much the

same way as there's a difference in manifestation between an office evangelist and a believer witnessing to the people at work.

I do not intend to use this book to make a case for my office—that's the subject of my first book *Let the Prophets Speak* —but I know that by simply accepting the prophet's office as one of the fivefold (Eph. 4: 11), many believers like Mrs Isabirye and Mariam have been blessed by it.

And my commission is to teach people how to walk in the prophetic; how to transcend the boundaries of their physical existence and step into the dimension where the plans, purposes, and will of God for their lives are as clear as the midday sun. Read on, and you will know how.

## 1.3 Powers of the Age to Come

What does it mean to taste the powers of the age to come, a phrase I borrow from Hebrews 6: 5? It means to experience the life that then—in the coming age—will be normal but is now considered paranormal. Experiencing the powers of the age to come throws open the prison door of fear, misery, melancholy, confusion, and failure and guides you to your true place in life. In this expanded state of awareness, bondage and addictions become a thing of the past.

You can breathe this blissful air of the coming age now. I know you can because I do. I am not theorizing. I am not speculating. I am sharing with you what I have experienced—what I know from continued practice. Therefore, if it is conflict with what you've been taught, I will not apologize. In Hebrews Chapter 6, the author is talking about a level of godly maturity in which the believer has tasted the 'heavenly gift, the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come.'

So I am not introducing a new philosophy. I am only unveiling a lost truth: one that will make you discover an extra-human potential gone unrealized in this day and age.

The whole human race is facing a new era. Discerning men and women across the world are awakening to a higher state of human consciousness that has been hidden to man but has always been a possibility within the realm of

human experience. In this deep-expanded consciousness, you will discover yourself to be a mighty pulsating power as deep and rhythmical as the ocean.

You are here to find your true place in life and to give of your abilities to the world. You are here to expand and unfold in the most wonderful way and to bring forth spiritual, mental, and material riches, which will bless humanity in countless ways.

Learn how to get in touch with this higher version of life, for it is your inalienable right to life. It is your God-given right to reveal and express the wisdom, power, and riches of the eternal One.

## 1.4 Valley of Decisions

There is a source of power and wisdom that puts you directly in touch with omnipotence and omniscience. This is the highest level of your being, where is found the blueprint of your destiny and the preview of your future encoded in eternity past.

Time and time again we find ourselves in the ‘valley of decisions’, left either to choose between what is generally expected of us or what we sense within, in the form of an inexplicable knowledge of the course we should take in life. The choice we take is crucial; it reflects on the eventual outcome of our lives.

When we choose the general reasoning, nothing out of the ordinary unfolds in our lives. However, when we overrule the common rationale and follow that inexplicable ‘inward knowing’ or what others may call ‘a hunch’ (although it really is more than that), we align ourselves with that eternal, Infinite Power and Wisdom behind all existence.

Several times I have found myself in this ‘valley of decisions’. But perhaps no moment has ever been as significant as when I had just completed my bachelor’s degree at Makerere University, Uganda.

The stakes were high; my future hung in balance. Before me were two paths begging to be trodden: one broad, the other narrow. Along the broad way were many pedestrians; it was overwhelmingly crowded. All people on it were involved in one rat race or another, in an endless earn-and-spend cycle,

a seemingly purposeless existence. They are the overwhelming majority.

The narrow road was different. Very few people, it seemed, dared take it. You know, it's never crowded along the narrow road. That's because it takes more than logic or reason to journey along this path. It takes the realization of another phase of your being beyond the physical.

The power of choice was with me. Both these roads, as with any road, had a destination. As a fresh grand-aunt, I knew something about the common road because I was surrounded by people who were walking it. It entails endless job applications, a few interviews here and there, and, possibly, a job: maybe a really good one. Not much more.

However, the narrow road, the higher one, was one where my footprints could be traced; I had walked this way before. And so, what was the way forward?

Every time I am at crossroads, I heighten my attunement to God in prayer. And so I did. I was able to intuit my future. Most of the glimpses into my future came to me on the level of my intuitive consciousness. However, some came with such precision that I got detailed accounts of various events that would coincide with the timing of my destiny.

It was during this moment, while glimpsing into the future that a time of great trial unfolded before me, when major pastors and church leaders in Uganda would face severe accusations and be shamefully slandered in the media, bringing dishonour to the church as never before.

A few years later, in 2009 to be precise, all these things happened as precisely as I had foreseen them. A group of leading pastors accused another famous minister of sodomy. For close to three months, the media in my country wrote about little else, with the accusing group parading 'victims' and the accused pleading his innocence.

However, more importantly to me, those foreseen events were supposed to be what I might call 'signs of the times', pointing out to me the times and seasons of my life and destiny. In other words, at the time when this uprising occurred in the church, certain things were supposed to be happening in my

life.

There were people, for example, I had foreseen that I would meet up with under special circumstances and that meeting up with them signified the launching of my calling onto another level. These people (who I'm not at liberty to disclose) I met at the period coinciding with the events I had foreseen beforehand, transcendently. And I was not disobedient to the 'heavenly vision'.

Consequently, I was led in a path only familiar to me in my visions, but never at any single time was I disappointed. Back then, at my moment of reckoning, if I had left it to the verdict of reason, nothing bore witness to the 'inner dream' of my future. But I purposed to overrule reason's verdict, align myself with something deeper, and stay in touch with the higher realities of my spirit.

I believe every one desires the experience of living life beyond the ordinary, but most people let their wonderful dreams be caged within the prison cell of finite reasoning. Somewhere within themselves, beyond their comprehension, they envision themselves in a different way, a grandeur way. The picture they see is a happy ending.

Because they are the star of this motion picture, they want to see the entire story of their dreams fulfilled, so they wait for it to unfold in real life. Sadly, the outward picture follows after a different sequence; the star is portrayed as accused, surrounded by false evidence and such things as would wring tears from the audience of this movie.

But you should remain secure in the knowledge of the ending. Stay calm, understanding that, regardless of what direction the outward picture is taking; the end has already been defined.

Hidden beyond our physical self exists our real life-essence launched from God which, if rediscovered, will expand our consciousness beyond this finite existence. This life-essence launched from God lies deep within us, and when tapped into, gives us the awareness of what shape our life is to take.

I urge you now to stop taking for granted this life-essence within you that

transcends the physical, and as you do, I am absolutely convinced that you will lay hold of a miracle-working power that will lift you up from commonplace existence to a life better than the best you know.

## 1.5 Invisible Becomes Visible

As earlier noted, I am neither theorizing nor speculating. I am sharing with you what I know from experience.

Over the years, I have had apparitions of entities from another realm invisible to this physical plane of existence but just as real—no, more real than the forms of nature that surround us. These close encounters with heavenly beings have profoundly transformed my perceptions of life and reality.

One day, I had moved away from the distraction of the city and off to a hill outside of Kampala to seek solitude with God. While there, praying, I was translated into another realm where God, and everything about Him, is more real than can be perceived in this physical existence. What I saw and felt are beyond description. All I can say is that the best moments of this world pale in comparison with that experience.

In the immediate moments after I was translated back from the heavenlies, I could see a host of glorious angels encompassing me and surrounding the entire hill. The people on the hill went about their business, oblivious to the fact that heavenly beings were watching over them. They were just as blinded to this higher plane of existence as most people are in this day and age. Gradually, these angels grew fainter and fainter until I was completely blinded to them as well. At that moment, I was re-educated on what it means to have a heightened awareness of reality and then relapse back to the physical. Oh, the emptiness, the hopelessness! It feels worse than a rich man stripped of his riches, relegated to a meager existence.

So much of the world is not able to give meaning to what they see. They see perfectly well what is there but fail to see beyond the manifestation. Consequently, they grope on continually in darkness, not realizing the cause of the effect they are experiencing.

Everything we are conscious of or perceive in some way is something. It is

inconceivable that something can spring from nothing or that something can become nothing.

Your understanding of the creation of the visible, physical world—that it sprang not from nothing but from something invisible to the optical eye—will enable you to see that it is impossible for nothing to exist in the physical by itself.

You will also see that you can obtain anything you desire because nothing is impossible to the inherently creative power within you—within the deeper aspect of your being, launched from God in the genesis of time.

You can be and manifest all that, so far, has only been in your dreams. There is no limit to what you can accomplish for yourself and others. It doesn't matter what your present circumstances are. The principle you have unconsciously used to bring about the undesirable conditions in your life can be consciously applied to make your every dream come true.

In the consequent chapters, I am going to show you how you can do it.

For centuries, man has been puzzled over the concept of creation. Yet, if we really understood creation, we would not be confused or get anxious about our past, present, or future. Understanding the creation of the world will bring men to the realization that they, as well, control their conditions and the circumstances. Consequently, all that is discordant or inharmonious with the heavenly will be eradicated from our lives.

Let us take a microscopic look at this concept. We know that in the beginning, God created the earth and all that is in it. God is infinite; therefore, God must have been before any form came into being. What substance could God have used to create all that exists?

There can only be one answer. God created everything that exists from the only substance available at the time—Himself. God, who is Spirit, spoke the Word and brought into existence everything out of Himself. Therefore, everything apparently physical springs from the one substance—Spirit. The one substance back of everything is spirit, and that spirit originated from God or the Word.

Now, I want you to see that this principle of creation, when understood, can be used to obtain the results you desire in your life.

Notice that because God has made us in His likeness—that is literally and not theoretically, we can choose the states we wish to occupy—heavenly or hellish. God does not predetermine your fate. God desires and advises that you choose life—the heavenly state—but that is as far as He can influence because He has made you a little lower than angels, with the power to bring into being all that you desire.

God has allowed you complete freedom to choose what you will experience. When you come to the realization that you are more than the physical—that beyond the physical you are God-like in form and expression—you will seek to experience greater good and nobler purposes.

Since the spirit of man proceeded from God, man must contain the same creative principle of God within himself. As earlier noted, we have unconsciously used this principle to create, for the most part, the hazardous conditions of our life. We did that in the days of ignorance. We are now getting to know better.

God conceived the world into being. We, as well, conceive our world into being. This is the principle on which all creation rests.

Most people do not realize that through thought conceived, believed, and imagined, they have created their individual worlds. There is no other cause for the conditions of your life. You may choose to disbelieve this. But whether you believe it or not, all your circumstances today were conceived within your own consciousness prior to your experience of them.

Those things which you think about and attach deep feeling to, the things that you have faith in, and imagine yourself to be are the very things that will manifest in your personal world.

You may fool yourself that there is some other cause, you may blame the world for your problems, and you may believe that specific events were results of fate or chance, but if you objectively observe your subconscious beliefs and imageries, you will prove that your world actually reflects all that

you believed to be true of yourself.

I have dedicated a whole chapter to this principle and will show you how it works later in the book.

For now, though, it's important for you to note this—write it down if you must: If you want to change your world or your circumstances, you must change the ideas from which you build your subconscious imageries. We imagine from ideas that we consent to as true, and we envision situations that match our beliefs. This is the creative principle that brings into manifestation the exact duplicate or reflection of what we conceive to be true. The world in which we live mirrors all that we believe and conceive to be true: be it good, bad, or indifferent.

However, we can never manifest this God-likeness within us if we don't fully understand who we really are. We can only manifest of ourselves who we perceive ourselves to be. There's need for us, therefore, to learn so deeply about ourselves—what and who we really are.

## 1.6 A Higher State of Awareness

What is on the other side of the moment—beyond the veil of the physical—is calling for our attention. By visual and audio impressions projected upon the screen of our consciousness, this invisible realm beckons for attention, even though most of us fail to recognize exactly what it is. It is your divine right to discover this inner world of thought, feeling, and power, of light, splendor, and wisdom. Though invisible, its forces are mightier than the visible.

There is a miraculous power in your inner realm of spirit that can open the prison door of your mind and set you free. It can free you from all kinds of material, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bondage. It can lift you up from a crippled state, and make you whole, vital, and stronger than you can imagine. It can free you to go into the world to experience success, prosperity, health, and happiness.

Within the inner world of your spirit, you will discover the answer to every problem and the cause for every effect. Because you can tap into the hidden powers, you can come into actual possession of the wisdom and power

necessary to move you forward in honor, dignity, and heavenly glory.

It is from mastering the apparently mystical places of human awareness that exist beyond physical realization that we will realize these hidden powers within us and transform our existence from natural to supernatural.

## 1.7 Consciousness and Experience

Anything that we are aware of at a given moment forms part of our consciousness. Consciousness is wakefulness. Whatever we are conscious of, we are awake to. Furthermore, whatever we are awake to becomes part of our experience in this existence. There is nothing we can consciously experience without having been made aware of it and then awakened to it.

The spirit world, for instance, has always been a part of your existence, but not necessarily a part of your conscious experience. A day comes, however, when somehow your senses are heightened and your consciousness expanded beyond the physical, and what was before to you the invisible realm of spirit now becomes a visible, conscious experience.

In order to bring the invisible into your experience, you need to have the understanding of how this works. Substantial progress in any field of endeavor is impossible in the absence of a working basis which is universal in its application.

You must not think that the principles of mathematics, physics, and chemistry differ from spiritual principles. Let us consider a generally accepted principle: '1 + 1 = 2'. This is a universal principle, which is applicable to mathematics everywhere.

Consider another principle: 'Action and reaction are equal and opposite.' This is true anywhere, at anytime, and under all circumstances. Action and reaction are equal and opposite, regardless of whether it is in Uganda, the USA, or Australia. It is a universal truth that action and reaction are equal and opposite. It is also a universal truth that your subconscious experiences in the forms of thoughts, feelings, or imaginations are expressed on the screen of space as condition, experience, and event.

You do not change the principle of a thing—and by principle I mean the way it works—but by cooperating with the principle, you can bring forth marvelous inventions and discoveries which will bless humanity in countless ways. Your spirit is a principle in the manifestation of invisible realities to you, and it works according to the law of belief.

You can become skilled in the operation of your spirit. You can practice its powers with a certainty of results in exact proportion to your knowledge of its principles and to your application of them for specific purposes and goals in view. This is a revolutionary realization of staggering proportions.

Subconscious belief is the principle that manifests that which is believed; it is more than mental assent. Mental assent is what most people have when they think they have belief. Subconscious belief 'knows', and there's a world of difference between 'knowing' and 'believing'. 'Believing' may merely be assenting to something, whereas 'knowing' is the language of experience.

Subconscious knowing is therefore the most familiar thing to us and yet also the most mysterious because, for most times, what we know at a subconscious level is beyond the scope of scientific verification. However, it is mightier than any outside condition, circumstance, or event, for it is the cause of experience.

## 1.8 The Secret Power of Inner Visions

Every man has something in heaven or earth, which he will give up everything else for—something which absorbs him—which may be regarded by others as trivial, yet it is his dream, his drive, and his master. That—whatever it is—seized me up and made me its loyal servant. It induced me to set aside other ambitions and follow after it.

Everyone desires success and true expression but only few achieve clearly defined results. But the imagery in your deeper mind can impart to you wonderful kinds of knowledge. It can open the way for perfect expression and reveal your true place in life.

It is your divine right to discover this inner world of imagery, feeling, light, love, and beauty. Though invisible, its forces are mightier than the visible

forces of the outside world. It innately possesses the might to create and fashion your destiny after its pattern.

Always remember, it is the world within, namely, your thoughts, feelings, and imagery that constructs your world without, 'for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he' (Prov. 23: 7). Yet, look around the world wherever you live, and you will notice the overwhelming majority of lives are drawn to the outside world. The more enlightened people, however, are intensely drawn to the secret places of the world within.

Every thought is a cause, and every condition is an effect. In order to change external conditions, you must change the cause. Most men try to change the conditions, and it is as futile as treating the symptoms and ignoring the disease. To remove the condition, you must remove the cause, and the cause is the way you use your conscious mind.

You have two minds: your sensory mind and your deeper mind or the mind of your spirit. The line of demarcation between the two is well known to all spiritual men and women. The functions of your two minds are essentially different. Each is endowed with distinct attributes and powers. When your sensory mind is connected to the outside world, it brings into your life beliefs, opinions, logic, arguments, and fears that are fashioned after the world and are largely false. When, however, it is connected to the deeper mind, that is to the eternal verities and truths of life, which never change, then you will move onward, upward, and Godward. In other words, you will actually be cooperating with the infinite power and omnipotent principle which governs all things.

## 1.9 Mysterious Openings

Most of the great inventers, poets, artists, singers, scientists, and writers have a deep understanding of the workings of the sensory and deeper minds. They will tell you that their greatest works were produced not when they were in a state of conscious reasoning but when suddenly they were flooded with ideas beyond the activity of the conscious mind.

Does the name Edgar Cayce ring a bell? He was America's great mystic who, today, is widely known as 'the sleeping prophet'. He lived between 1877 and

1945. At an early age, Cayce gave evidence of his mysterious abilities: he was able to channel answers for his school lessons by simply sleeping on his books.

At the age of twenty-one, he developed gradual throat paralysis that threatened the loss of his voice. When doctors failed to find a cause for his condition, Cayce entered a self-imposed hypnotic sleep and, in that state, was able to recommend a cure that successfully repaired his throat muscles and restored his voice.

It was soon discovered that he could do the same for others afflicted with diseases or other problems while in an 'altered state of consciousness' or hypnotic trance. He gave personal 'readings' to guide the vocations, health, and interpersonal lives of numerous individuals. The person about whom the reading concerned did not have to be present: Cayce possessed the uncanny ability to describe the individuals and diagnose their problem with such surprising accuracy even though they might have been miles away.

It is obvious that Edgar Cayce understood the secret of the awe-provoking powers of the deeper mind. Your deeper mind, as well, has the 'knowhow' of accomplishment.

The Psalmist says thus: 'Both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep' (Ps. 64: 7b).

For this reason, it is essential that you learn to cultivate the super abilities innate in the mind of your spirit so as to bring forth the desirable answers and solutions pertaining to your destiny.

Knowledge of the operation of your sensory and deeper minds will enable you to transform your whole life. The inner mind projects directions on the screen of the conscious mind, which receives these signals in form of imagery, impressions, or feelings. Because these signals are not from the physical senses, the sensory mind usually may not know where it is headed; the spiritual man or woman, however, just follows the directions because he or she knows better. For spiritual men, just as the captain is the master of his ship, and his decrees are upheld, the spirit, likewise, is the master of their ship, which represents their body, environment, and all their affairs.

Therefore, just as the men in the engine room or members of the crew do not talk back to the captain of the ship because he is in charge, we likewise should automatically obey the promptings of the spirit even when we are not sure where we are headed.

## 1.10 Experiential Knowledge

The object of all scriptural parables, allegories, and discourses is to convey spiritual truth so that men may learn to advance and grow spiritually. Unfortunately we have turned the scriptures into a text for religious beliefs rather than experiential truths. Unless we get back the inner spiritual meaning behind the Bible, we will have no Bible at all.

The Bible is the solidified wisdom of the ages. It is the most profound work on the laws of life, yet few people have come to recognize this. The ancient writers of the Bible were illumined men, and therefore, the wisdom with which they spoke was transcendent. This means that the carnal, sensory, or finite mind is incapable of grasping the wisdom found in the pages of the Bible. Therefore, as long as we persist or remain on the finite level, we can never be as God designed us to be in mind, body, and circumstance.

Man is here to discover who he is. He is not an automaton. He has the capacity to think two ways—transcendently or finitely. The scriptures are there to aid man into transcendence through meditative envisioning.

Get in the scriptures now; claim, feel, and imagine what you want in a meditative state and become one with them. I do not know how often you will have to do this, but this I know—whatever you envision will manifest in your conscious experience.

Do not fail to dream lofty dreams. In moments of meditation, as long as you get caught up in the bliss of being what you long to be, you are ascending to the heavens of your spiritual mind. In a little while you will see it descend on the objective plane as an experience, event, or condition. At that moment it can be said that you have ‘tasted the good word of God’.

Don’t get held on the level of words. A word is no more than a channel to an end. It is a generalization. Not unlike a signpost, it points beyond itself. The

word *bread* isn't bread. You can study and converse about bread for as long as you like, but you won't really know it until you taste it. After you have tasted it, you really know or glimpse the reality to which the Word points. In other words, you experience or taste the Word.

## 1.11 Tasting the Powers of the Age to Come

Man is an epitomized creation of the eternal Creator, with similar qualities, attributes, and potencies of God. There is a coming age where man will live in full awareness of this. In this age, however, he can have a foretaste of the powers of that age to come—if he will close out this present world of limitations, awaken to God, move upward from glory to glory, and walk in the illumination within the spirit.

The world is reaching out for the 'powers of the age to come'. It does not know where or how to access these powers, but in so many ways, it is attempting to do so. The increasing interest in spiritualism, psychic phenomena, and the occult, as explicitly depicted in movies today, is a clear indication of the demand in the hearts of the masses for mystical powers that transcend reason. It is a mystic time.

The stage has been set for the delivery of true spirituality to the world, not a sense-ruled religion that is stripped of the supernatural. Civilization has failed to meet the full needs of man because the type of Christianity we have offered has failed. The mass of humanity has lost God and knows not how to find Him.

However, we have made a rediscovery of the secret of God-consciousness. It is this secret—our God-conscious level of existence in which we find transcendent powers and wisdom rising to the cognizant level—that is revealing to humanity the solution to contemporary problems.

## 1.12 Awakening to Your Place in Life

There is in every human being an enormous potential. You know that it is there and can instinctively feel it. It's just a question of rousing it or finding something that will stir the depth of our being and awaken the hidden powers within.

Your intuition and ambition tell you that there is much more in you than you've ever discovered or used. When we start to align ourselves with this intuitive ambition, we'll feel a new sense of strength welling up that we didn't know we possessed. Then we'll no longer be content with low flying ideals and cheap success. Instead, we'll seek higher and higher dimensions of life.

Like buried treasures, each one of us possesses special gifts or abilities which go undiscovered and underdeveloped because there is not much attention paid to them. These special abilities are like buried treasures, ready to be dug out and used. They lie dormant, waiting for you to stir them up and call them out.

There is a gold mine within you from which you can extract everything you need to live life abundantly, joyously, and gloriously. Many people do not know about this gold mine of infinite wisdom and power within themselves.

The priceless question then is, where exactly can one find this infinite treasure house and how can it be brought into action? The answer is incredibly simple. This treasure is the wondrous abilities found in 'the hidden man of heart', that is, the human spirit, the last place most people would seek it.

The infinite wisdom within your 'deeper mind' can reveal to you everything you need to know at any moment provided you are open-minded and receptive. I have come across many people who didn't know what to think of me but got their answers to that puzzle miraculously.

One particular young lady comes to mind. She had heard a lot about me from a friend of hers who attended my meetings but was still not sure what to make of me. Then she had a dream. In this dream, she was falling from a high place when I suddenly appeared and rescued her. So when she arose, she decided that she would start attending my meetings.

Now, prior to this dream, she had never seen me. But when she came to my meetings, she confirmed that I appeared exactly the way I looked in her dream! She has been attending since.

Through the wisdom of your deeper mind, you can generate a new force enabling you to make all your dreams come true.

Begin now to recognize these potentialities of your deeper mind, and they will take form in the outside world.

Nothing will cripple a life so quickly as to deny this truth. The type of man who ascribes all his potentialities to his natural, finite self will not go very far. If he is filled with doubts and fears about exploring higher human possibilities, he will simply stay where he is.

Let go of everything else if you must but never lose your own spiritual identity. Protect it with all your might, for it is from it that you will find life's truest fulfillments. All your true or original gifting, your original desires and ambitions, are found or can be contacted in your deeper mind.

It is, therefore, possible that presently, you are not what you were originally created to be. You are presently a product of various outside influences you have come in contact with. This is the case if your life has been lived from your outside senses rather than from your deeper mind. You cannot find true excellence and fulfillment in what does not originate from your deeper self.

## 1.13 Finding Your True Self

Perhaps the past has been a disappointment for you. In reviewing it, you may feel that you've been a failure or at best have been just getting along in mediocrity. Yet in spite of any setbacks, if there is an unveiling of your true self to you, victory is awaiting you down the road.

You know that you are in your true place in life when what you are engaged in resonates with you at the level of bliss. But how can one find their way to this blissful life of eternal meaning and purpose?

First, there has to be a personal acknowledgement of one's immortality—one's eternal identity. Great, great is this revelation—yes, greater than everything else. Without it, we lose God, and therefore, true vision. With it, we are brought into oneness with God, and our lives are lived from that eternal perspective.

Once we affirm the Divine Nature to be our essence, rather than something to be verified, it all seems so obvious: The journey to finding your true self and therefore your place in life commences by seeking to be an expression of God in all of our perspectives and actions.

When the mystery of the ages is unveiled to us, that we are more than mere clay, that we possess eternity within us, we can never again be satisfied to live like common people.

This mystery of the ages is a priceless pearl that should be dearer to you than your breath. It can bring into your life more power, wisdom, and fulfillment by showing you how to get in touch with and release the powers of your deeper self made in the likeness of the eternal God.

Our quest is to be as much like 'the Father of spirits' as we can, and the nagging question about our life's purpose dissolves in this grand desire. It is in a state of union with God, where our thoughts, our will, and our emotions are in harmony with God's, that we find our true selves and hence our true place in life.

Other than this, we cannot trust the authenticity of our choices, many of which are often, sadly, made under the influence of the various forces from without and not our true instincts from within.

The contemporary age has been seriously plagued by an identity crisis. People do not know who they really are, and therefore, what they really want. And so they have widely opened themselves up to outside influences that have defined their lives for them. Among these influences are the media, Hollywood and various entertainment platforms. Whatever has been projected from these stands has been collectively embraced as 'the real deal'.

For example, most people's perception of beautiful or handsome has been shaped by the entertainment media. The same media hardly teaches us to look at people beyond the veil of their looks. But the masses don't realize that these trends keep changing from generation to generation. So they are stampeded into believing that the current trend is the 'real deal' because they suffer from an identity crisis and are therefore not in touch with their true self and desires.

Now, those who allow their true desires to be stampeded on by current trends can never enjoy true bliss. There are so many who fall under this category, whose original desires were in conflict with the current trends and they, eventually, succumbed to outside influences and lost their identity. A rediscovery of their true selves can only be achieved when there is a true awakening to God in their consciousness.

## 1.14 Further Explorations

Everyone possesses inexplicable powers and can be presently aware of events and experiences transcending the five senses. Some people know this; some only suspect it, while others are in outright denial of it. It would make a world of difference in your life if these powers were brought from the background of your existence to the forefront.

You exist in a realm of infinite wisdom, of infinite possibilities. In this realm, accessible by your spirit, you are truly God-like; you identify with all that is attributed to Deity in all wisdom and power. In this realm, you are subject to no limitation or external determination, you extend beyond mental comprehension, and you are greater than any pre-assigned finite value, however large.

With this awareness, you have a ticket to see across a span of space or time, a tool to know that you are, and have been, more than the physical world will permit. I want you to know this, discover this, make the journey inward and beyond your earthly self, and see the difference it makes in your life.

Deep within each of us dwells a staggering power: a power that would astonish, a power most only dream of, a power each offspring of divinity possesses yet most ignore. Such a force can shatter our imprisoned human condition. This force is greater than any physical condition and needs only to be awakened, cultivated, and put into action.

You are an empowered being, empowered with the full potential of the divine-kind, capable of manifesting any reality for yourself and the world. Let no one define your reality or falsely limit your possibilities. Turn off the television, the radio, the newspaper, or even the church that would serve only to strip you of your divine heritage. Own your spiritual perceptions and do

not give your power away.

It is all within your grasp. This moment is an opportunity to explore your inward depths to discover who you truly are and determine the experiences you will bring with you on the path to ultimate transformation. You will discover and experience the significant aspects of your immortality and become truly enlightened or transformed, feeling more alive and fulfilled than you ever thought possible.

But thanks to this world, we've been conditioned to live exclusively in the field of the senses rather than in the super conscious realm—the spirit realm. There is a conspiracy to keep us from living in super consciousness. Satan is the mastermind of this conspiracy, and his strategy is to confine Christians to the illusion of the physical and thereby blind them from the ultimate reality—the invisible spiritual reality.

The purpose of this conspiracy is to firmly commit you to false perspectives propagated by a variety of Satan's ponies such as the media (much of it), the entertainment world, the academic world, and the false religious beliefs—until you are immersed in the world system.

This collective illusion bears a persistent impact on all of us. It's difficult to escape its assault on our senses and our souls. In order to transcend it, there needs to be an unveiling of the spirit within man; this will bring man the true perspective of life as far as possibility and reality are concerned.

Start right away exploring the possibility of the extraordinary in your life by translating your knowledge of it into experience. Remember, knowledge can only be translated into experience by exercising it. Therefore, now that you know that you are more than the physical, engage the powers of your higher self by venturing into those things that transcend your physical capabilities. And a doorway into a world beyond your wildest dreams will be opened to you.

# Threefold Nature of Man

The matter of the threefold nature of man might not be new to you. In fact, it shouldn't be new to any mature Christian. Many believers know that they have a spirit, but it is still a mysterious part of their being because they largely live on the level of the sensible in logical terms.

Before you learn how to escape the shackles of random living and live a life that transcends space and time, you must first understand the distinction between your spirit, soul, and body and understand their specific functions. That is why this chapter is a necessary background for what we shall discuss ahead, even if you think you are familiar with the threefold nature of man.

The more you learn about yourself, the more able you are to fully connect with the various levels of existence in the spectrum of life. You will be startled to discover that there is an aspect of yourself transcending the physical and has all along struggled for expression but has so far been overruled by your finite reasoning.

The average opinion on the constitution of the human being is dualistic—humans constitute of mind and body. However, 1 Thessalonians 5: 23 reveals that the human being, in full view, is a tripartite being, comprising of three definite aspects or phases of existence—spirit, soul, and body: 'May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.'

Notice that a distinction is made between man's spirit and soul. Most people fail to make this distinction; they treat spirit and soul as though they were the same. However, not only are spirit and soul different terms, their very qualities and therefore utilities also differ.

Much of what has been theorized about man has been a product of finite reasoning and, therefore, cannot be depended on. However, from the scriptures, in Genesis 2: 7, the curtain is raised, and we are shown the very origin and creation of mankind: 'And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.'

In this text, we see three different phases of man's creation: the physical, the spiritual, and the soul. 'Formed from the dust of the ground' refers to the human body; 'breathed into his nostrils the breath of life' refers to the human spirit as it was launched from God; and 'man became a living soul' refers to the human soul when the body was animated by the spirit and brought into being a living and self-aware man.

Therefore, the human being, in full view, is a trinity—the composite of spirit, soul, and body.

The breath of life became man's spirit; that is, the principle of life within him. It is this phase of man that makes him more than the physical—that adjoins transcendent qualities to his existence on this earth.

## 2.1 Unveiling the Spirit of Man within Him

Soon after I was born-again, I had a strange experience that opened up to me the reality of another side of myself—the spiritual side. I remember returning home late one evening and heading straight to my bedroom. No sooner had I lain on the bed than I began to feel myself floating. In this state of complete detachment from my body, I slowly travelled through the air, heading out of the house! Then I started to wonder about where I was headed. The moment I got anxious, I recoiled back into my body. Since then a trail of such experiences has followed me. In verifiable incidences, I have projected my spirit to places far away and been able to vividly see, hear, and report everything there.

I remember, in one occurrence, I was scheduled for an appointment with a certain lady but I failed to make it. Then it so happened that while I was away, I consciously decided to project my spirit and locate her. My spirit went on a search and then zoomed in on where she was. I found she was with a friend of mine and their conversation was about my failed appointment.

I quickly recoiled back into my body and sent a text message to this friend of mine with whom the lady was conversing, clarifying why I had failed to meet the appointment. Almost immediately, my phone rang. My friend was mesmerized. How had I known that they were together? Having known me for a while, however, he knew that I often exhibited such transcendental

qualities. The day you too will have a realization of this nonphysical aspect of your being, you will discover yourself to be a greater person than you ever dreamed yourself to be.

Let me share with you another similar experience about a close friend of mine who worked a couple of miles away from my place of residence. One day I was physically separate from him, but my spirit was present with him, seeing and hearing everything he conversed with another friend. I had deliberately projected my spirit there.

After a few minutes, I recoiled back into my body and made a phone call to this close friend of mine, surprising him with the details of their conversation. I told him everything, from the person he was talking to, to what they were talking about, things that I could not have known any other way but mystically.

You are probably reading this and wondering if it is biblical. Well, it most definitely is.

In the book of second Kings is the famous story of Naaman, the Syrian commander, who was healed of leprosy in the days of Elisha. Yet the prophet refused to take any of the loads of presents Naaman offered him.

> But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, ‘Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him.’ So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, ‘Is all well?’
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> And he said, ‘All is well. My master has sent me, saying, ‘Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.’
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> So Naaman said, ‘Please, take two talents.’ And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, ‘Where did you go, Gehazi?’

> And he said, ‘Your servant did not go anywhere.’
>
> Then he said to him, ‘Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? (2 Kgs. 5: 20-26)

Notice the ‘Did not my heart go with you’. Elisha didn’t have to be present to be present. He sent his spirit (the Amplified translation uses spirit) to follow his servant and was present when Gehazi took the gifts.

So the things I’m sharing with you might sound new, but they have always been a part of human experience. Only they had been relegated to the background of our consciousness.

You might still say, ‘Well, that is Old Testament.’ I will give you a New Testament reference.

The Apostle Paul wrote, ‘In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ…’ (1 Cor. 5: 4).

It seems clear to me that Paul, being away in body, locked up in a Roman jail, projected his spirit in much the same way as Elisha to attend a meeting of Corinthian believers because he was interested in how they handled the issue of an immoral person in the church.

The Revised Standard translation says, ‘ . . . when you are assembled and my spirit is present… ‘

If first-century Christians could do it, then so can we. I know I do.

What has limited you, however, is that you have thought of yourself as being little more than physical. That’s why the deeper nonphysical, you, has not yet been awakened. This highest aspect of your being is four dimensional—it transcends the bounds of time and space.

A friend once asked me if this transcendental ability I have demonstrated was available to me by virtue of my being a prophet (after all, Elisha was a prophet too) or if it was available to all people in the body of Christ. At the time he asked, I had no answer. So I took time to meditate on the matter, and then I came to the answer. The difference between me, a prophet, and one who is not is as similar as, for example, the difference between a born musician and one who is not. It doesn't necessitate natural musical talent for one to sing. However, one can get to improve musically under the tutorship or guidance of a born musician.

Any Christian who is mature and has fully developed their spiritual awareness can exhibit such transcendental abilities. As a prophet, however, it came a lot easier for me, but only so that I might clear the pathway for other Christians to join me. That, in part, is the purpose of this book.

Zechariah 12: 1 states, 'The Lord… formeth the spirit of man within him.'

Because the spirit of man within him came from God, it makes us God-conscious. Therefore, the first function of the spirit of man within him is Godward—to remind or make man aware of his Creator, that he might commune and worship Him.

All man-made religions result from this God-consciousness. Have you ever noticed that there's no other earthly creature that is religious? Well, it is because of all the creatures on this terrestrial fold, it is only man that has another phase of creation aside from the physical—a spiritual phase. Therefore, this gives birth to spiritual or religious tendencies in humanity.

On the level of the body, however, humans, though higher, are similar to animals. All the basic bodily functions—eating, drinking, sleeping, pleasure, the need to find a companion and procreate, and, of course, birth and death—we share with the animals. That is why without an unveiling of the spirit level of existence, man's life cannot be any more meaningful or purposeful than animal life.

After the fall from a state of divinity to the illusion of the material, a period after their creation, humans suddenly woke up into what seemed to be a no-more-than physical existence. 'Don't fool yourself. There is nothing more to

you than your dense corporeal structure called the body.' This seemed to be the reality that was starring them in the face.

Materialistically shackled, the fallen man assumes, with science as his shrine, that anything that cannot be calculated, tested in a laboratory, or probed on the level of the five physical senses is simply nonexistent. All reality, consequently, has been collapsed into the physical. Nonphysical, or what you may call spiritual or transcendental, dimensions of reality have been run out of town. This clashes with the Bible: the sacred consensus spanning the ages, religions, cultures, and traditions, which describes otherworldly dimensions from the physical. It also clashes with human experience itself, viewed carefully.

Your compact physical structure called the body, which is subject to disease, old age, and death, is not the real you. It (the body) is just the earthly form of you. Your essential reality (spirit) is natural beyond birth and death. It is immortal, eternal, or transcendental.

The body you see is a thin earthly veil. Underneath it lies the transcendental form, the point of contact between man and God, and the doorway to a life yet unmanifested.

## 2.2 Other Functions of Spirit

Do you have a conscience? Of course you do. In some people, this conscience is so sharp or acute; in others, it has become seared or insensitive. Conscience is another function or expression of the spirit of man. It is an inner discernment of right and wrong: not, however, through the influence of preconceived knowledge or moral code but rather by a spontaneous direct judgment.

When the voice of conscience bends to outside opinion, overtime, it becomes so blunted to the point where an individual lacks a proper sense of judgment. Ultimately, we excuse what should be accused and accuse what should be excused. Thus, we suppress even the slightest expression of the spirit in our lives, and our perception descends to the natural level.

Another expression or function of the spirit of man within him is intuition.

What is intuition? We can say that it's the knowledge which comes to us without any help from the conscious mind; it's a volition that comes unthinkingly. We can 'know' something through our intuition, our mind merely helping us to 'understand'.

Intuitive awareness is by its very nature nearly impossible to define. It can and must be relegated to a simple agreement between those who have experienced it and the rest through the cradle of the verbal expression 'I know'. This level of awareness is outside the scope of sensory perception; it is what has sometimes been categorized as extra sensory perception (ESP). We'll discuss ESP fully in the next chapter.

Intuitive knowing is all around us; we see versions of it every day, and in most instances, we pay no attention to these examples. Aren't there times, for example, when you have decided against something for some unknown reason, you just 'know' that you don't feel good about it?

A period of time later, what you knew intuitively is then brought to the surface and you realize how right you were not to do that thing. Such moments testify of the spirit's intuition.

~~When you become cognizant of and fully acquainted with your spirit, your life will evolve to heights that finite reasoning simply cannot comprehend.~~

## 2.3 The Soul Realm

You are a tripartite being—composite of spirit, soul, and body. The line of demarcation between these three phases of your being is well known to all discerning men and women today. The functions of these three phases of your being are essentially unlike. Each is endowed with distinct attributes and powers.

It is through the earthly body that man comes into contact with the material world. Hence, the body is that part that gives us 'world-consciousness'. The spirit came from God and hence is that part that gives us 'God-consciousness'. The soul is the summit between spirit and body, for there they are merged.

The soul stands between these two worlds (spirit and body) yet belongs to both. It is linked with the spiritual world through the spirit and with the physical world through the body. It also possesses the power of free will, hence is able to choose. Since the soul belongs to man's own self and reveals his personality, it may be termed the part of 'self-consciousness', if you will.

The human soul was accorded volition, mind, and emotion as prominent portions. It is these three main faculties that constitute man's personality.

Volition is the instrument for our decisions, revealing the power of choice we possess. It is an expression of our willingness or unwillingness: we 'will' or we 'will not'. Without it, man is an automaton.

Mind is the apparatus for our conscious thought. From the mind manifests our mentality. It's the facility that governs knowledge, intellect, and reasoning. Without it, man is thoughtless or dull.

The instrument for our desires—likes and dislikes—is the faculty of emotion. Through it we are able to express love or hate, feel happy, angry, ecstatic, or sad. Lack of it would make man as insensitive as stone.

The rudiments which make us human belong to the soul. Thought, intellect, ideas, choice, decision, love, emotion, etc. are but various expressions of the soul. Thus, the seat and essence of personality is the soul. A man's personality therefore rests in the soul. When you refer to someone as a good or kind person, you are describing their soul.

The power of the soul is most substantial since spirit and body are merged there. It is the site of our consciousness. Man becomes spiritual when the soul is attuned to the infinite and carnal when it is attuned to the finite.

Of these three elements, the spirit is the noblest, for it originates from and therefore relates with God. The body is the lowest, for it originates from and therefore relates with the material world. The soul lying between them joins them together and also takes their character to be its own. The soul makes it possible for the spirit and the body to communicate and cooperate.

The spirit occupies the deepest region of the human being. The body takes

the outermost place. The soul, which lies in between, serves as the medium through which we interact with both the spiritual and the physical world. The soul is what gives color to us. It's what differentiates us from each other.

## 2.4 Wisdom or Knowledge

The paramount need of man is wisdom. It is not about the vastness of knowledge that universities can give you or the knowledge that you gain from travel, reading, and experience. That kind of knowledge is of very little commercial value unless you have the wisdom to use it.

There are men and women who have very limited knowledge but have great wisdom which they use to enjoy successful lives. Similarly, there are many people who are fountains of knowledge but are still considered failures because they do not have the wisdom to turn that knowledge into success.

Wisdom does not come from the finite mind. It cannot be given to you by any teacher or professor. The schools or universities cannot make you wise. They can give you a vast amount of knowledge if you are willing to study, but they cannot translate that knowledge into success in life. Wisdom is what turns that knowledge into success.

And wisdom is a thing of your spirit. Until your spirit gains the ascendancy and dominates your finite mind, your wisdom will be limited. Your spirit is the part of you that should dominate your consciousness and give you super consciousness. When this happens, you become the master where you once led a cripple's life.

The limitations of the sense-ruled man are apparent to every perceptive man and woman. He cannot know or do anything beyond the capacities of his physical senses. It is God's dream for every man to transcend the physical and manifest his divine qualities and attributes.

## 2.5 Ascend Back to Your Created Class

> When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor. (Ps. 8: 3-5, RSV)

Man is an eternal being. He was made as nearly like God as God could create a being. God planned originally that man should become a partaker of His divine nature. But man forfeited his right to the nature of God and instead became a partaker of a different nature when he ate 'the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil'. That nature or condition is called spiritual death as opposed to God's nature or condition called spiritual life or eternal life.

Spiritual death is the swampland of the human race, the soil out of which all evil sprang and came into man when he ate of 'the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil' in the Garden of Eden. This descendent condition that altered man's Godlikeness in the Garden has followed down the stream of humanity through the ages; every human being has been touched by it.

It is the spiritual death that gave to the human being mortality with all its diseases that end in the physical dissolution of the body. It marred not only the human but also the animal creation, the vegetable creation, and the whole terrestrial creation that was placed under the dominion of man.

You can now see that forgiveness for the wrong things a man does would not undo the problem. He must be created anew, for man is not lost because of what he does but because of what he is.

The spiritually dead man can become very religious. Curiosity for the spiritual is deep seated in men and women, and they reach out after anything that promises to bring them into a better spiritual condition. However, we cannot attain a healthy and lively spiritual condition until we receive spiritual life or eternal life in actuality.

The religions of the world do not have this highest form of life, which is the fountain of life. They simply revamp the natural with new theories, which demand conformity. The devotees to these beliefs conform hoping to get spiritual attunement. But they can only get it through re-creation. What they have now is a condition of spiritual confusion that is nearly as old as human history.

Eternal life is the very nature or condition of divinity. It is not just perpetual

existence. There are many forms of life: natural human life, animal life, vegetable life, and all others. Eternal life is the highest form of life, the mother of them all. Receiving eternal life is the most miraculous incident or event in life. Its effect upon humanity is the greatest wonder of human experience.

However, it is strange that the church has never majored in it, and yet it has been God's dream for man from the very beginning and the reason for Christ's coming.

> ' . . . I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly'. (John 10: 10)

The word 'life' used here is in connection with eternal life—God's nature, God's condition.

When you accept Christ as savior and confess Him as your Lord, God gives you eternal life, His own nature. That eternal life is imparted to your spirit. Thus, your spirit is conditioned anew in God-likeness. It gets a new sense of God, a new vision; it can understand and enjoy spiritual things.

Before the new birth experience, spiritual things were dark, mysterious, and uninteresting. Afterward, they become an open revelation.

## 2.6 Come up Hither

You are an eternal being. You were created as nearly like God as God could create a being. The day you will see this, you will discover yourself to be by far a greater person than you ever dreamed yourself to be. Your thoughts will break their bonds, your mind will transcend limitations, your awareness will expand beyond the physical, and you will find yourself in a new, great, and wonderful world that only existed in the deepest places of your imagination.

It is God's dream for you to rediscover this dimension.

We have considered all things attributed to God to be awe-provoking. And they are. It should not be strange, then, if man, who is created in God's

image, manifests and expresses such qualities as would confound human reason.

This fact gave me a mental shock when I first saw it. Then the question came: 'What is there about man that would place him in God's class? Then I found that it was the human spirit. I discovered that the human spirit possessed the inherent qualities of God, for it came from God. Therefore, it is from our spirits that we can manifest God-like qualities and not from our reasoning faculties.

The reasoning faculties at best make philosophers of men. But what is philosophy? It is a futile search for reality. No philosopher ever found it. Plato and other great philosophers did not give reality to the world. They did not give us anything but mental concepts and theories. Why? Because the reasoning faculties can carry man to the furthest frontier of human investigation but can take him no further. Man's spirit then comes to his rescue and carries him further and deeper into the ultimate realities of life.

## 2.7 Explore the Unexplored in Your Life

We have unearthed a mystery of the ages – that there is more to man than the physical. This discovery is one of the greatest you can come across if you want to be or to do something worthwhile. Now, take this discovery a step further; begin the development of your spirit. Those who have a degree or a diploma had to enroll in a college to expand their mental abilities.

Other people take equally demanding physical courses to develop their bodies in order to become athletes. However, only few are taking time to develop their spirit, let alone give it the right of way in the daily affairs of their lives.

You may develop any of your senses if you so wish, but the most important senses that God has created you with are spiritual. It is the development of your spiritual attunement that will mean more to you than any other thing in your life. And also, whereas there is limit to your physical and mental development, there is practically no limit to the development of your spiritual abilities.

A few months leading to Uganda's presidential elections in February 2011, every outward sign pointed to a riotous situation. The cold war between the Buganda kingdom, the biggest in the country, and the central government had previously boiled over into open conflict, claiming a number of lives and, apparently, setting the stage for a similar confrontation running into the presidential elections.

Also, there had been no change of government in twenty-five years and some political opponents were insinuating that violent means would be used to oust the incumbent. In the face of all this, people were advised to store lots of food and other basic requirements in preparation for the seemingly perilous times ahead.

A day after the presidential elections, I remember driving from one fuel station to another, seeking to fuel my car in vain because most people in Kampala, moved by fear, had filled their tanks and depleted the fuel reserves. It is obvious that their anticipation was different from mine. I knew something most people didn't. A few months before, I had projected myself into the future—to the election period to be precise—and what I saw was in conflict to the general anticipation. I saw a peaceful election with everything operating normally.

When I saw this, I spoke it publicly at a prophetic fellowship I regularly hold. Many people struggled to believe it. However, as is usually the case, prophets are villains of today but heroes of tomorrow. Election Day came and, sure enough, people proved from the outward what I had already seen inwardly. This election became the most peaceful since the history of democratic Uganda.

In September, 2011, while delivering a discourse on the sudden effects of the increasing intensity of the glory of God over a nation at a weekly prophetic fellowship organized by my ministry, my perception was extended beyond the natural field, and I prophesied of an immediate cabinet shake-up such as this nation had never seen before. In the subsequent months, three cabinet ministers were forced to resign over allegations of graft. They did so even as parliament was gathering signatures to censure them. Then two other ministers were pushed into a tight corner for giving one city businessman a massive compensation package. They too were forced out.

The practice of people in positions of authority resigning in the wake of scandal was unheard of in our country. Over the years, politicians knew that they could ride any wave, and it would soon die out as something else pops up. So the resignation of so many top ministers in the space of a couple of months shocked everyone. But I had seen it and prophesied about it just as precisely as it happened.

Someone might say, 'Yeah, you are privy to such insight and foresight because you are a prophet'. No doubt I am.

However, there is insight and foresight which has nothing to do with the uniqueness of my office but comes because I engage the transcendence within me, just like any other Christian can do. This means you too can be privy to such insight and foresight. You can develop your spirit life to the point where you transcend time and space.

Remember, the human spirit, by virtue of its nature, is not bound by time or space. The human body and mind, however, are both limited to space and time. Engaging the transcendence within you is simply about putting your spirit in total ascendency over your mind and body, about breaking free from the shackles of your restricted mind and body.

For a long time, many people were puzzled over the element of transcendence in man. Yet something within us made us aware of things and events that were obviously beyond the grasp of our reasoning faculties.

Where did such things as intuitions, premonitions, dreams, and visions come from? They weren't reasoned out. They simply came into our consciousness from a source we did not know. It was something with which our imaginations were unacquainted.

Now, we are rediscovering this element of transcendence in man—the human spirit. It is the source of all inexplicable phenomena man experiences.

God speaks to us through such phenomena, urging us to reach to higher and higher levels of awareness. Through our spirits, God beckons us to lift our awareness to higher heights. That prompting to be more, to do more, and to have more than you are experiencing is the urge of the spirit.

The human spirit is the noblest part of the human nature. It is the fountain out of which all creative energy flows. No work has ever needed a patent law or a copyright law but that which originated from the human spirit. All the great inventors, entrepreneurs, poets, musicians, artists, and writers can attest to this. At the moment of creating their greatest works, their minds were illumined with ideas, couplet of words, rhythm, impressions, and certain knowledge they had never come across before.

This is a remarkable thing: when a man gives recognition to his spirit and allows it to develop in him, his creative energy is awakened. His sense of perception is quickened. No limit is imposed on such a man, as far as what he can be and do.

But the great majority of men do not give recognition to their spirits. They confine themselves to their physical natures. Their perceptions are guided by their five senses. Sense-governed perception is finite. Perception of spirit, on the other hand, is practically infinite. You should make the development of your spirit the business of your life.

## 2.8 Secrets Revealed

In the month of May 2010, while preparing myself for a prophetic conference I held monthly, a troubling vision began to unfold to me. I could see a group of terrorists plotting an attack on Kampala. It was an Islamist group based in Somalia. Therefore, at the conference, I informed those in attendance what I had seen, invoking prayer from them about the situation.

On 11 July 2010, just over a month after I had had this horrifying vision, suicide bombings were carried out among football fans watching the screening of the 2010 football World Cup Final. The bombs went off in two locations in Kampala. The attacks left over eighty people dead and many others injured. Al-Shabaab, an Islamist Somali terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attacks, and, surprisingly, this was Al-Shabaab's first attack outside of Somalia.

By the time these attacks were carried out, I was away in China, but I got to watch over the news the horrific scenes from an event I had seen in the vision.

Now, I must admit that the secret plot of this terrorist attack was revealed to me because I am a prophet. There are secrets that are revealed to me because of my office, but there are many others that I become aware of as a result of heightening my spiritual awareness. I heighten my spiritual awareness through the exercise of my spirit. I am learning that negligence of the exercise of my spirit causes my prophetic abilities to become blunt.

You do not have to be a prophet to have all these things revealed to you. But you must be someone with a developed spirit.

The reason I am sharing these things with you is to let you know that you too can develop this transcendence. Yet when some people come across what I am sharing, they refuse to acknowledge it. They say, 'That cannot be. I could not be like that. It is contrary to all my experiences.' Their intellect cannot register it because spiritual things are spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 2: 14).

However, the spirit of man was launched from a God who transcends time and space, and man will forever yearn for this transcendence. The realm of transcendence is really man's realm. Finite reasoning has blinded us and kept us from finding the secret door that will lead us back to our lost estate. But the yearning is there, deeply embedded in the consciousness of man.

We should ask ourselves the following: Is the element of transcendence alive in Christianity today? Did transcendence suddenly end with the compilation of the Bible? Are the supernatural encounters that men claim today fraudulent, genuine, or purely cultic? These are questions that we cannot ignore.

There has come a falling away on the part of the churches. Secularism dominates the great body of churches; its denial of the element of transcendence makes Christianity a little more than an ethical religion.

We do not realize that the reason we are clutching at a religion that has no ability to convince men of the Deity of Jesus is because we have lost the element of transcendence. The practices of the earliest Christianity—dreams, visions, prophecies—are almost a thing of the past. It is as though we imply that God suddenly went mute after the Bible was written.

After preaching to and baptizing the Ethiopian Eunuch, the Bible says, 'the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away so that the eunuch saw him no more' (Acts. 8: 39). He simply vanished and showed up at his next destination—a place called Azotus.

What would happen if something like that happened in the average Christian church today? Imagine a situation where folks are sitting in the pews, the choir is singing, and suddenly Philip shows up on the platform with a testimony of how he's just converted an Ethiopian. The church would probably be empty in a matter of seconds. Most Christians would call the experience cultic, and Phillip would probably be thrown out of the congregation. But that is the Bible. And those experiences were written to demonstrate to believers of all generations what is possible when people are awakened to the otherworldly realms. You see, we have driven the transcendent Christ out of the church. Now we are driving believers in transcendence out of the church too.

It's possible that the occult religions and the cults that are rising everywhere are a protest of the people against the secular theology that dominates today's churches. I can say for sure that some of the cults in Uganda, for instance, would not have grown unless there was a demand in the hearts of people for something more than the dead orthodoxy offered by some of our churches. Some churches cannot even stand the idea of prophecy yet the Bible they read every Sunday clearly tells us to desire to prophesy (1 Cor. 14: 1) and 'For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy' (Rev. 19: 10).

Consequently, many well-meaning people are putting up with strange beliefs and practices in order to get a little touch of transcendence. Cultured men and women are flocking to these strange places because what they offer cannot be found in their religions. In the process, many are getting lost.

When religious leaders claim that we do not need the supernatural today—that moral ethics are all we need—they have not thought through on this subject. No man can truthfully claim the knowledge of God without experiencing transcendence in his life.

God is as much transcendent now as ever. Now more than ever, man needs to return to this transcendent realm from which he came. Nothing but this

realization will restore to man his lost essence.

## 2.9 Purpose of Scripture

Throughout history to date, we see many who have mistakenly taken the scriptures documented in the Bible for religious study, yet their ultimate intention is to awaken human consciousness to the spiritual principles hidden within. The difference between religious usage of the Bible in contrast to its use for the attainment of an awakened state of spiritual awareness is as great as the difference between a grain of corn and the life-germ within that grain.

The modern philosophy of the church does not even touch the issue. By majoring in conforming rather than transforming, the contemporary church eschews the real issue. This is how and why modern Christianity has lost its virility, fascination, and fruitfulness.

We lock people in a doctrine, making them prisoners of men born centuries ago. The doctrinal Christian is not necessarily a Bible Christian because doctrines tend to have the Bible used to fit into their patterns of belief. So rather than use the Bible as a basis for all doctrine, for reproof, correction, and instruction (2 Tim. 3: 16), they use it (or portions of it) to concretize what they have chosen to believe.

However, we have discovered an ageless power, an ageless wisdom that is greater than doctrines—a new revelation that bursts the bonds of denominational Christianity and sets the prisoners free.

We are discovering a type of Christianity that is better than anything denominations have given birth to. Denominations, organized though they may be, are largely born of intellectual interpretation of the scriptures rather than true spiritual revelation and experience. Even when a particular move is born of true spiritual revelation or experience, it eventually gets watered down by intellectualism or dogma when people try to build a doctrine around one man's experience. So what started as a move of the Spirit ends up as dead doctrine.

Therefore, as our assimilative organs discriminate between food that can be built into our system and food that must be discarded, so must our awakened

spiritual faculties discover beneath the parable and event, the miracle-working life-germ of the Bible; and feeding on this, we, too, will be transformed according to the message conveyed.

The Bible is meant to awaken our consciousness 'Godwardly', so to speak. We become what we contemplate. And, the Bible was given to this end, that we might be altered into that which we envisage in it.

We only fool ourselves if we think we can destroy our image by breaking the mirror. Therefore, stop trying to change your condition by beating up on yourself in misery and self-pity; rather, contemplate on the solution to your condition presented in the Bible, and your condition will divinely be altered into the likeness of that within your contemplation.

## 2.10 Enlightenment: The Threshold

In Hebrews 6: 4-5, we are shown people on different spiritual levels, namely, 'those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come'.

Enlightenment is the threshold of true spirituality; tasting the heavenly gift is the initiation; partaking of the Holy Ghost and tasting the good Word of God are subsequent spiritual levels; and tasting the powers of the age to come is the ultimate stage.

A man is enlightened when the light is switched on—when he is able to see what he previously wasn't able to see.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (2 Cor. 4: 3-4)

## 2.11 T asting the Heavenly Gift

It felt like a mystical experience, but I was not sure what to make of it. At first I held back and thought, 'No, this can't be happening to me'. I had been

held in bondage to the physical for so long that I could not embrace the spiritual. But the feeling was so entrancing that it drew me on, almost against my will. Welling up from the innermost depth of my being were strange, gibberish utterances, and I did not know what to make of them. However, the thrill and wonder of the moment dared me to utter them and so I did.

After a short while, I paused momentarily, tried to pull myself together, and thought I should find out whether I could still speak intelligibly. I tried this under my breath, and to my amazement, I hardly could! Just about that moment, what felt like a mild electric charge started to surge through me and intensified by the second, permeating through my entire being. Oh, the thrill and wonder of that moment! Never had I ever experienced such heavenly bliss.

I later realized that it was my acceptance of Christ as my Savior and confession of Him as Lord, which I had done a few minutes earlier almost subconsciously, that had initiated me into this awakening to God. Before then, He was just God to me, and He was a mysterious God. I had never really called Him Father. However, on this day, eternal life, personified in Jesus Christ, came to me. It seemed as if a person had suddenly come out of the bosom of the Father and come down to me and enwrapped me in a new consciousness I had never experienced.

That day, I simultaneously tasted the heavenly gift—eternal life through Jesus Christ—and partook also of the Holy Ghost.

For many people reading this book, speaking in tongues is nothing new. They have received the Holy Spirit and speaking in the heavenly language is but a daily experience. But there will be those for whom speaking in tongues is a subject of controversy. For the benefit of the latter category, I will explain the biblical basis for this practice and hope it ends the controversy for those still harboring any.

That's because I believe that receiving the Holy Spirit is an important step toward practicing the principles that I am going to explore in the consequent chapters—principles which will doubtless be new to a majority of you.

Romans 6: 23 states thus: 'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is

eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.'

Receiving eternal life is the greatest biological miracle in human experience. It is the recreation of man into a new species with the divine nature of God. Wonderful, isn't it? Isn't it thrilling that usual men and women can have such unusual ability from God? Can't you see how this supplants our humanity with the divinity of God? Imparted with God's very nature, we live a dominant, victorious life in Christ.

This is the genius of Christianity. But again, it is a wonder that the churches have never majored in it. All they have preached is sin, repentance, and their version of salvation. But the subject of eternal life is never touched. It can be called another lost truth in Christendom. Yet without it, you may be a clergy man, you may be a bishop or pope, but you are spiritually dead, without God and without life.

Eternal life in us conditions our spirits to God's Spirit. Thus, when we yield ourselves to this inward life, we are actually yielding ourselves to the essence of God that has come into us. Consequently, we are translated out of the human practice into the divine experience of life. This leads us into the supernatural realm where we actually become super beings.

Eternal life has come on the scene to take over the business in our lives. It lifts the curtain here and lets mortal man, who has been shackled by the limitations of the physical, with the fear of the unknown always haunting him, have a vision of the limitless possibilities that come with this light-giving life.

## 2.12 Partakers of the Holy Ghost

I have been asked, 'Why is the modern church in such a weakened state?' Without hesitation, I point a finger to our denominational teachers. They have neglected the reason the early disciples seemed more powerful than we are—the Holy Ghost. Because they have taught us that when a person is saved, he has the Holy Ghost, which is true in a sense. But there is evidence in the scriptures of a separate experience subsequent to salvation called 'receiving the Holy Ghost' or being 'baptized with the Holy Ghost'.

We have looked back to Pentecost for this experience, but it is not in the past. It is here in the present, just for us as it was for those early disciples that pioneered the experience. Christianity began with this experience; it was propagated because of this experience.

> But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. The Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when the apostles heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. (Acts. 8: 12-17)

These Samaritans believed and were baptized. Were they saved? According to Jesus they were. You remember it is Him who said in Mark 16: 15-16 thus: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.' The apostles, however, didn't seem to think that these Samaritans had all the Holy Ghost that there is to have, so they sent to them Peter and John, 'who when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might *receive the Holy Ghost* '.

'But', some might want to argue, 'it does not say that the Samaritans spoke with tongues when they received the Holy Ghost.' Well, neither does it say that they didn't. Some folks get overly defensive when they are faced with things outside of their own belief system or experience instead of being open-minded about proving them. The scripture tells us to 'prove all things', but we have chosen the opposite approach. We set out on disproving those things that we are unfamiliar with, instead proving them as the scripture says. You might say that proving and disproving are one and the same, more like approaching a place from different directions; you get there anyway. But they aren't. The mind-set behind the two words is different. Proving involves starting out with a positive or at least neutral attitude toward the subject in question. Disproving is the exact opposite; people who start out to disprove are unlikely to prove anything new to their pre-set mind, even if it might be provable.

Anyway, let's re-focus on the question of tongues as the accompanying sign

of receiving the Holy Ghost. When we read elsewhere in the scriptures, apart from the Samaria account, we find that speaking in tongues was the accompanying sign of receiving the Holy Ghost. The Samaritans, therefore, couldn't have been the exception. Also, Acts of the Apostles 8: 18 reveals that 'Simon *saw* that through the laying on of hands the Holy Ghost was given.'

Therefore, since the Holy Ghost cannot be seen with the physical eye, there had to be something, an indication or sign, which would alert Simon's physical senses so he could tell that they had received the Holy Ghost. All evidence indicates that the sign in manifestation when the Samaritans received the Holy Ghost was speaking in tongues. It is that sign that got Simon convinced that something had happened to these Samaritans and that they had received the Holy Ghost.

These excerpts below taken from Scripture should conclusively close this debate about receiving the Holy Ghost and tongues as the accompanying sign.

> And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts. 2: 4)

> While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues… .' (Acts. 10: 44-46)

> He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost… And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues… (Acts. 19: 2-6)

## 2.13 Captives of the Finite Mind

Consider someone who has for years been locked in a wheelchair. His or her weight refuses to bear the weight of their body. They are no more prisoners than many of us who read this. The only difference is theirs is a physical bondage and possibly yours is a spiritual one.

You are in bondage to your finite mind. ‘I can’t do this,’ you say. Your consciousness is dominated by your physical senses, and your sense-ruled perception shrinks from transcendent possibilities. That’s what turns many men and women into abject failures. True success only comes through your spirit gaining the dominance over your consciousness. This gives you uncommon wisdom to make your way successful. I was amazed when I saw this.

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# Extrasensory Perception

## 3.1 An Alarming Vision

The whole episode was shrouded in mystery. From politicians, to psychologists, to religious leaders, no one seemed to have answers to a horrifying wave of child sacrifice that engulfed Uganda in 2008. The media reported one horrendous story after another, of bodies of children found abandoned at roadsides with the heart and private parts cut out. Police opened up an anti-child sacrifice squad, full with hotlines for the public to report anything suspicious. Everyone was alarmed.

Yet in February of that same year, while speaking at an overnight prayer meeting in Entebbe, this terrifying episode of child sacrifice unfolded to me in the form of a vision. I saw evil spirits entrancing the country on a mission to influence people to carry out satanic rituals. I told the people in attendance and asked them to pre-empt it through prayer.

What followed is now a dark period in the recent history of our country—from the mysterious school fires that claimed a number of young lives (Budo Junior School, for one) to the prevalence of ritual child sacrifices widely spread across the land as never before. It was dreadful. Yet I had seen it well before it happened.

How do I get to know these things before they happen? Call it what you will: prophecy, clairvoyance, whatever. Regardless of what you call it, what matters is the testimony it gives to the extraordinary phenomenon you may call extrasensory perception (ESP).

## 3.2 The Extraordinary is Possible in Your Life

Developing this phenomenal ability to perceive things that are beyond the grasp of the physical sense is a possibility in your life. It's something you can attain. But you first have to fully acknowledge the fact that you are more than

a physical specimen, you are more than a lump of flesh with a brain, and you are much deeper than that.

But if you come from a persuasion that deliberately denies this phenomenon —that denies that there's an inner man in you called a spirit—I can promise you that your life will remain as ordinary as you've chosen to believe. Those that believe that there is no factual basis to there being something more than the physical simply 'believe' that.; they do not 'know' it for a fact.

Therefore their stand cannot in any way equal to mine or to that of several people who, like me, have tasted of the wonderful abilities of the spirit man. Like I have already stated, I am not theorizing. I am telling you what I have experienced, and a man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with just an argument.

## 3.3 Experiences of ESP

The twenty-seventh of March is a special day for me; it is my birthday. In 2011, something mysterious happened in synchronization with my birthday. A few days prior to the day, I subconsciously envisioned myself wearing a replica jersey of Arsenal Football Club.

Now, I have supported Arsenal in the English Premiership for over ten years, but the thought of owning a jersey had never crossed my mind until that time (I am really not that much of a fanatic). Where then was this thought coming from?

It was on my birthday that I realized the origin and meaning of that subconscious imagery. A few friends of mine had arranged to take me out to dinner on that birthday. It so happened that a few days prior to the day, they came up with an idea of buying me an Arsenal replica jersey as a birthday gift. When they delivered it, I understood the origin of that thought those days earlier. My awareness had transcended the physical and brought to my knowledge my friends' birthday plans for me. I was aware of what I ordinarily might not be aware of because I'm physically separate from it.

But that's not the whole story. The writing behind the T-shirt was 'Van Elvis', a combination of the name of one Arsenal player I particularly like

and my own name. Now, that's the exact writing I subconsciously envisioned (or saw in my imagination) that would be behind the T-shirt when the thought flushed through my mind earlier.

Coincidence? To the deliberate unbeliever it probably is. But to the honest examiner, it's a testimony to the existence of a higher awareness in man.

Subconscious contemplation is incipient action. The reaction is the response from your spirit which corresponds with the nature of your thought. All your experiences, conditions, events, and acts are the reactions of your spirit to your subconscious thoughts or beliefs.

Toward the close of 2011, around October I believe, a friend of mine, called Joseph, was trying to get in touch with me over a story he had just seen in a newspaper. He'd heard me prophesy about something concerning Uganda months earlier and had kept it to heart. Then one day Joseph looked at the day's newspaper and the headline struck him as the beginning of the fulfillment of that prophesy. In his excitement, he sent me a text message imploring me to buy the paper. But I had changed my number so his text never got through.

A couple of minutes after his text had bounced, Joseph received a text message from me saying, 'This is my new number.'

He was flabbergasted. 'Did you get the text I just sent you?' he asked anxiously.

'No, that number is no longer in use,' I replied.

'Then how did you know I was trying to get in touch with you?'

'ESP,' I replied.

Joseph had learnt of ESP from me. So he asked no further questions.

## 3.4 Explaining ESP

You exist in two worlds—the visible and the invisible. Originally, the

invisible world was more vivid to man than the visible one because man's spirit was the highest part of his entire being—one to which soul and body were to be subject. Unfortunately, man's created condition was altered after he ate of the 'fruit of the knowledge of good and evil,' and consequently, the proper order of spirit, soul, and body was confused.

'The fruit of the knowledge of good and evil' uplifted the natural senses that make man 'world conscious' and suppressed the spirit that gave to man 'God consciousness'. God did not forbid man to eat of this fruit merely to test him. He forbade it because He knew that there was something about this fruit that would abnormally stimulate man's natural senses and thereby stifle his spiritual awareness.

This means man would lose the true knowledge of God and thus be dead to Him. It also means that the physical world would be more vividly perceptible and, thus, more real to man than the spiritual world.

Our spiritual journey will be greatly helped if we understand the origin of the different aspects of our being—spirit, soul, and body. Our spirit comes directly from God, for it is God-given. Our body is earthly, for it was formed from the dust of the ground. Our soul is not so directly derived; it was produced after the spirit entered the body and merged with it.

Therefore, the consequence of soul's alignment to body is the natural dominance in man. In this descended state, most of man's perceptions and actions are confined to the natural or earthly realm, detached from God's supernatural and transcendent realm. Man was relegated to this state when he ate of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, thereby abnormally inflating his natural senses at the expense of his spiritual ones.

This explains why our spiritual perceptions are relegated to the background of our awareness while our natural senses are at the forefront, dominating our awareness. Even if I diligently develop my spiritual senses, I still experience this distortion in man's condition of being. The narration I just shared with you about my birthday confirms this. I didn't realize that the imaginations I was having were in actuality spiritual perceptions and not just 'my own thoughts', for example.

At those times when we think we are ‘just thinking’ or ‘just imagining’ things, we may actually be perceiving things spiritually. You have probably found this to be true, or you will now that you know it. What is on the other side of the moment—beyond the veil of the physical—is beckoning for your attention through visual, audio, or indistinctive impressions projected on the screen of our conscious mind.

## 3.5 Are You a Deliberate Unbeliever?

Where do you lie in this equation? Do you believe there is something beyond the physical and are simply looking to extract usable proof? Or do you believe there is nothing beyond the physical (and here too simply looking for further proof?)

Faith is a matter of choice. Many people who claim that there’s no basis to believe that there’s more to humanity than can be seen or touched have simply chosen not to believe. Such people, of course, will never experience the extraordinary in their lives because their disposition prevents it from being possible.

A man’s disposition is a statement of his own identity, and this outlook is the cause of a behavioral pattern that in turn reinforces that identity.

Therefore, it is all a matter of choice on your part. You may choose possibility or you may choose restrictions. A sterile, nonmiraculous life is lived within the restrictions of the physical.

Do not expect the limitless, extraordinary life of the spirit to arrest you in your state of apathy and change your perspective forcefully. It just doesn’t work like that. You are the agent of your own transformation. It starts with a choice.

If you are determined to uphold your cynicism, then there’s no point embarking on this journey since you have decided what your conclusion will be even before you start the experiment, so to speak.

You must embark on this journey; if not with a measure of conviction, then, at least, with a genuinely open mind: one prepared to lay aside all stereotypes

and inbuilt skepticism when a new reality unfolds.

Through the experience of your choice, you will gradually shift your awareness into the realm of limitlessness. When this occurs, the rate of return in both the physical and nonphysical endeavors of your life will increase exponentially. That's the beauty of it. The natural world does not have any impact on the spiritual world, none whatsoever. So no amount of expertise or mastery of this earthly realm will earn you any points in the higher realm. The spiritual world, on the other hand, completely dominates the natural. So you can change your natural circumstances by stepping into the higher realm and working from there.

In so doing, you will enjoy success such as you never have. But the journey begins with a desire to see and live your life in a new outlook on the broader spectrum of possibility—a wakefulness that is the God-given right of us all.

## 3.6 Down This Lane

So on this day, a friend of mine, I'll call him Dave, asked to hook a ride with me because we were, apparently, headed in the same direction. But I explained that I couldn't take him a long distance of the way because I had to make a stopover at another friend's house, Moses, who was actually going to drive with me.

So as we rode along, Moses asked me to make a stopover at his home because his wife had arranged to give me something that evening after a prophetic fellowship I conduct every Tuesday. He was shocked to learn that I already knew that I had to make that stopover, and it's the reason I couldn't take Dave all the way. Neither he nor his wife had mentioned it.

That is just one of several incidences in which I have demonstrated ESP. It is my realm of life, and it can be yours too. All you need is an adjustment or reconditioning of your consciousness.

Sit quietly and ask yourself who you really are, where you are, and what you are. Your answers will reveal your state of consciousness. If all you see is your physical and mental self, then you need to adjust your mind-set. If, however, you are the type of Christian who is already familiar and

comfortable with your spiritual self, then you are halfway there. What is left is for you to understand that this ability lies within you, waiting to be developed.

ESP is embraced by those people with a genuine interest in what lies beyond the physical—those seeking to know God, to develop their intuition, to create vision in their life; to those willing to develop a relationship with God that goes beyond the theoretical or theological—a relationship that is experiential.

This is a journey of a lifetime. You have had a lifetime of practicing walking in the physical. But your best efforts to ignore the voice of your spirit have not succeeded in silencing 'it' altogether. Deep down, you still sense that you are eternal.

Nonetheless, because of those years of physical and material conditioning—which is the default position for most folks—it will require earnestness and commitment on your part to awaken from that spiritual slumber.

ESP can play a vital role in the world today. Its far-reaching effects, both in application and the lack of it, are beyond comprehension. If we truly commit to its practice, the resulting outpouring of light will transform the world.

Not surprisingly, some denominations would contend that the practice of ESP belongs to the cults or the occult. If that were so, then we would have grounds for exposing Jesus of Nazareth as a cult leader because He practiced it.

In the second chapter of Mark, the eighth verse, we see Jesus practice it in reading the thoughts of the men's hearts as one would read an open book: 'And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?'

There are two levels of perception man has: physical and spiritual. Note here that Jesus did not employ the physical senses to perceive; He perceived in His Spirit. It is this practice of perceiving in spirit we now call ESP that Jesus employed. Yet some eyebrows would definitely be raised if somehow someone practiced the same today. Yet Jesus promised those who believe in Him that they would do the things He did, and greater works.

Beliefs can often be robbers of truth. Your own false belief system, coupled with an unwillingness to accept truth that is new to you, is the biggest thief in your life.

## 3.7 Your Biggest Obstacle

Always remember: you are your biggest obstacle on the pathway to discovery. When you embark on exploring the inexhaustible possibilities that have been hidden inside you, there will be an inner dialogue between the voice of your spirit and the voice of finite reasoning. It is the latter that you have to contend with because it is the voice of your conditioning. The voice of your conditioning speaks in conclusive and judgmental phrases that will obstruct you from moving any further in your life.

That voice can be your greatest obstacle if you let it because it points to limits and self-doubts and therefore presents a negative version of the outcome. In my experience through the years, this is the greatest giant any fellow sojourner on this quest for the extraordinary will come against.

The voice of finite reasoning is characterized by criticism. It demands proof before exploration. Critics demand that we address the credibility of this extraordinary ability on their own terms. They demand 100 per cent accuracy as verification for the credibility of ESP. However, if someone tells you that he or she is always 100 per cent accurate, they are being deceitful. No theory, even in science or whichever field, is perfected at its inception. Even scientific theories or discoveries are first introduced, then developed, built upon, and then perfected over the years, sometimes centuries.

The Wright brothers gave the world its first aircraft. But if they returned to life today and flew in Airbus A380, they would be shocked at what their small project has turned into. But how many planes have crashed in the process of developing flight technology from the Wright project of the early twentieth century to what it currently is?

If anybody had demanded 100 per cent efficiency from the Wright Brothers, we wouldn't be flying today, would we?

Likewise, in developing ESP, I have found that the level of accuracy

improves with time and practice, when you let go of fear of the outcome. You cannot even start this journey until you rid yourself of this fear. Fear cripples you from the onset. You must choose to step out of it and establish a positive outlook that embraces courage in the pursuit of developing ESP in your life.

So many times you will get it wrong, but that's just the pathway to perfection. It shouldn't be an excuse for you to indulge in self-doubt or to constantly criticize yourself.

When you get down that path of self-doubt, your 'visions' or 'revelations' will become unusable due to the big chunks of information you omitted because you felt that you were probably 'just imagining things' all this time.

## 3.8 A Learned Skill

Many people fail to draw the line between imaginations from the conscious mind of the senses and those that are projections from the mind of the spirit. Your natural mind has always had its images drawn every day, and will continue to, and so will your spirit man. Differentiating between the two is the key.

So when what you dismissed as 'just my imagination' manifests in outside reality, you will be awoken to the fact that something extraordinary was happening in your life at the time you 'imagined'.

ESP is a learned skill which unlocks and fine-tunes your own innate abilities, and like any learned skill, it requires recognition and then committing to a life of practice. Nothing of value and quality in life comes without a loyal devotion to its pursuit. Therefore, create an atmosphere around yourself of yielding to the infinite. Commit to a life of study, of practice, and of discipline. Let go of your self-doubt and be confident with the assurance that you have this ability and that in time you will master it.

What is critical, however, is not this extraordinary ability in itself but what you choose to do with it. Think long and hard about this. Look deep within yourself and seek the answer to important questions: 'What is my purpose in learning to use this gift, to tap into this extraordinary ability?' 'How will it modify my life for the better?' 'How can I use it to effect a transformation in

this world?'

These questions are critical to the way you embrace and, therefore, treat this ability casually or seriously. It is not simply a fascinating hobby or a way to pass time—it will affect us all. The pertinent question is, how deeply will it affect you?

## 3.9 The Hidden Light

The rediscovery of ESP is the promise of what can be—of what is possible for humanity, individually and collectively. That said, there is a segment of Christendom that will simply not move forward. They look to the past and immerse themselves in it, entering a never-ending cycle of bizarre attachments to the kind of knowledge that only tells part and not all the truth about spirituality.

This is a call to let it go or forever be lost in the thickening haze of your past learning. ESP is not a new phenomenon; the ability has been ours since the genesis of time. Ancient records documented in the Bible present us with countless examples of extraordinary phenomena, such as journeys of the spirit out of the body, expansion of the consciousness to transcend the physical, people's ability to see places and events separate from their physical reality, to name but a few. All of them are within the realm of the human experience.

In 2 Kings Chapter 6, the king of Syria came to a city called Dothan, where the prophet Elisha was, seeking to arrest him. When the prophet's servant arose in the morning and looked around, there was an army of Syrians with horses and chariots surrounding the city.

> The servant cried out: Alas, my master! How shall we do?
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> Elisha answered: Fear not, for they that be for us are more than they that be for them.
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> And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord I pray thee open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and

chariots of fire round about Elisha. (2 Kgs. 6: 15-17)

I pray also that God will open your eyes. Not necessarily to see in the spirit realm like the young man (although that is also possible), but I pray that you will become responsive to things of the spirit, that your eyes will be opened to see the treasure that lies inside you.

When we read these ancient accounts in the scriptures, the obvious question that should arise in us is, 'Are such phenomenal things still in the realm of the human experience today?'

Well, the very notion that ESP is really authentic, and the possibility that we could do it as well, certainly drives us to find out more about it.

You have to admit—it does spark one's curiosity.

Proverbs 20: 27 says, 'The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.'

The spirit of man is the essence of man. It is at that level of spirit where man is enjoined with God in a sacred oneness and, therefore, where the light of God is hidden. Thus, the spirit of man is the illumined part of man—illumined with God's light, God's vision, and God's revelation.

After you receive this revelation, everything concerning God will begin to unfold from within, just like a tree in blossom. You will know God, and from this knowledge, you will replicate God in manifestation and expression.

The things we know about light is that it reveals, it makes manifest, and it unveils. The same can be said of your spirit. Within your spirit is the answer to that thing that has troubled you for long, the revelation you have sought.

If you could only come to terms with this liberating truth, it would cause you to kiss the days of darkness and ignorance good-bye.

I once was challenged by a lamentable theologian who said thus: 'You claim that God speaks to you as though He was you next door neighbor'. I replied

as follows: ‘God is not just my next-door neighbor. He is my housemate, for he that is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him, and also, my body is the temple, the dwelling place of the Lord.’

That, of course, is what the Bible teaches, and it’s true of every believer. The theologian should know as much, shouldn’t he? But he was bound by his finite reasoning.

My spirit, you see, is so mingled with God’s that they have become an entity. The result of this union is that I can’t help but think what He thinks, feel what He feels, and experience what He experiences.

Therefore, I fail to see how the people in Bible days could have been better privileged to experience the supernatural anymore than you or me. Those experiences that you have only read about in the scriptures can become yours today. That’s why they were documented in the first place. Not so you can eulogize over them or memorize them in order to pass a theology exam. If or when you rediscover the light that has all along been lighting on the inside of you, hidden in the depths of our spirit, you will be able to do great exploits.

This light awakens us to the realm of God and causes us to see possibilities where we have been seeing limits.

## 3.10 Transcendent Vision

Is there possibility in the human experience to transcend space and time and ‘view’ things, places, and persons remote in space and time and collect usable information?

I know it is. And I speak from experience.

There is this lady who once came to me out of curiosity. She’d heard about my prophetic meetings so she came around, just to give it a try, I guess. Even though we had never met, I cautioned her about a betrayal she was about to suffer. The betrayer would be a close friend of hers—one she could never imagine doing such a thing. Her finite mind got in the way and convinced her that her friend couldn’t possibly do such a thing. So she quickly overruled what I said. In an attempt to help her as best as I could, I then transcended

time and leaped three months into the future, and at that time, the two best friends were involved in a court dispute over property that rightfully belonged to the lady that was still standing in front of me.

I told her so, but she still overruled me.

Three months passed and, sure enough, there they were in court. It all came to pass as precisely as I had viewed it with transcendent vision. The same lady then came back to me disheartened and in regret. She would not have gone through what she was going through had she believed the data from the transcendent vision, which was supposed to be her today's answer for tomorrow's problem.

I am not suggesting that you believe every prophecy that is given concerning you. That wouldn't be scriptural because the Bible says that you should judge prophecies (I Cor. 14: 29) and test spirits (1 John 4: 1). But the Bible also says do not despise prophecies (I Thes. 5: 20).

Judgment of prophecies, however, must be done with the spirit, not the carnal mind.

As you begin to open up your life to ESP, there will be an additional empowerment that will open the possibilities within you, creating doorways to levels of understanding you never thought were attainable. Accept the fact that you are more than physical, learn to transcend time and space to view persons, places, and things remote in time and space, and then know that you are an eternal being.

The problem comes when you fail to break out of finite reasoning so that the infinite can come to your aid. As soon as you cross the finite borderline, fascinating prospects will open up before you. These things are yours by right. But if you limit your possibilities to the realm of the senses, these things will be hidden from you.

The finite mind is the mind of the senses; it is that aspect of self which perceives, apprehends, or recognizes as factual, existent, or true as contact is made with the physical senses. It is this mind of the senses that carries us to the frontier of human reason, but can take us no further. The deeper mind of

the spirit then has to come to our rescue, to navigate our perception further into those realities that are beyond the grasp of the senses.

Whenever the senses are made the guiding factor in life, they blunt spiritual insight. The great enemy of vivid spiritual insight is not sin, but the judgments that come from sensory perception. Let me state once more that the mind of the senses cannot know beyond the contacts made by those senses. Therefore, it is not to be fully relied upon for truth. We need to go further than mental comprehension to unmask the truth.

Have you realized that there are things you get to know without any degree of controlled thought or observation on your part?

For a long time this has been a puzzle to many, but now we know that such 'knowing' comes from another aspect of our self that is spirit or transcendental in nature.

The modern psychologists cannot define this phase of man's existence. Their findings may prove that there is a definite phase of consciousness in man beyond that given by the mind of the senses, but they do not exactly know what this is, or what its functions are.

You are in constant contact with this aspect of self, and you have always been. I do believe that you were born with a perfect awareness of where you came from (Spirit), and this constitutes a connection into the vast resources of the spirit self. However, the conditioning of your consciousness over the years has made access to the savant aspect of spirit be abandoned.

At the risk of being misunderstood, I will say that there are people with unregenerate spirits that are more 'spiritual' than those with regenerate spirits, in the sense that the former manifest more transcendental qualities than the latter. For example, psychics, fortunetellers, astrologers, diviners, and all other spiritualists; though they may be lost—in the sense that the true light of the Christ is not shining in their spirits—yet they doubtless are more in touch with the spirit aspect of their being than many that are regenerate in spirit.

What ails us?

I'll tell you what. We think of spiritual realities as imaginary things. When we, however, make reference to the spiritual dimension, we are not talking about imaginary things but of things that are actual. Know this, and the fetters of religion or denomination that have held you back from experiencing true spirituality will break off.

Unlike a big part of denominational Christianity which still thinks of spiritual things as imaginary, superstitious, and altogether mysterious, spiritualists have made a practice of them.

And while we continue to practice a form of godliness that denies the power thereof, spiritualists are manifesting transcendental qualities by far more than the average Christian or even preacher. But the spirit world doesn't belong to the devil. It's not ruled by him. It belongs to and is ruled by our God. Why then do Christians shy away from their transcendent heritage and cede that ground to the devil and his servants?

Spirit is our true nature. Imagine what it would be like if all Christians lived their lives as spirits in bodies, rather than bodies with spirits?

It would make all the difference in our world; it would lift us up from confusion, misery, and failure and guide us to our true place, solve our difficulties, deliver us from emotional and physical bondage, and place us on the royal road to freedom, happiness, and true fulfillment.

The spirit of man is a thing apart from anything earthly, and only makes its presence known or knowable when the seat of consciousness lifts itself up into the vast, expansive level that is infinite. We may feel that we do not know this phase of our existence, but we do, and we daily experience it.

For example, when you wake up in the middle of a dream and notice that your bladder is full and go empty it, only to return to bed with no recollection of the dream; when that happens, you have just experienced two phases of your existence. One is the dreaming mind, which is the mind of the spirit, and the other is in charge of the bladder and the central nervous system that moves the body to wake up and go to the bathroom before you spill on your bed.

If the dream originated from the mind of the senses, then we would not have difficulty recalling it, especially after just a few seconds. However, because the dream originated not from the mind of the senses but from the mind of the spirit, we find that we have forgotten it because it was from another phase of our existence and not part of our conscious mind.

If a dream feels more like a vision than a dream, then it most likely originated from this highest level of consciousness—spirit level. Yet, there is a veil that drops when we move outward, a veil that is opaque. The outer self cannot see back through that veil, cannot recall the contents of the dream because it never had the dream and was only awakened when the physical body needed motion.

The solution to this conflict is cultivating oneness or harmony between your soul and spirit. That means conditioning your soul, your consciousness, to become more in sync with your spirit than with the earthly realm. In doing this, you connect all your spiritual experiences to the soul, and therefore, they become a part of your consciousness, your experience, and your memory.

People whose souls have been renewed to gain oneness with the spirit have no problems recalling spiritual dreams because the soul (which includes the memory) quickly picks up what the spirit originates and stores it. So when they wake up, they recall the details of the dream just as vividly as they would recall any other thing that happened only a few hours ago.

However, when there is a disconnect between spirit and soul, when a man's soul is more attune with the worldly realm, the mind fails to pick up spiritual dreams because they come from a realm yet unknown to it. He may remember having dreamt something significant, but he might struggle to recollect it in detail. That is what happened with King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel Chapter two.

Think of this synchrony between spirit and soul as an Olympic 4 × 100 m relay. One sprinter starts the race, then hands the baton to the next, and then the next until the final athlete completes the race. The race is never complete until the baton crosses the line. God starts the race by planting an idea (or placing the baton) in your spirit, which must then hand the baton to your soul (mind, will, emotion), and then to your body which implements the idea.

For example, God wants a church built in some place. He plants the idea in a pastor's spirit, and the spirit passes it to the mind, which thinks about all the things that must be done (acquire property, register the church, etc). Then the mind influences the body to move and actually acquire the property, pay for it, etc. The race cannot be completed if there's a detachment between any one of these athletes. You might have seen those races in which one sprinter drops the baton in the haste of trying to hand it to the next. It can be so frustrating.

That's how it often feels when you dream something of spiritual significance, but you cannot recollect it when the baton is dropped between spirit and soul. Nebuchadnezzar was so frustrated that he wanted all the wise men and astrologers of the kingdom killed.

We'll discuss dreams and their interpretation in detail in consequent chapters, but for now, you must realize that you are detached from spirit as long as the mind of your senses takes up all your attention. When this happens—and it happens continuously for most people—you are held in the confines of the mundane and ordinary. The mind of the senses absorbs all your consciousness and transforms it into naturalistic stuff. Your whole sense of who you are, and thus the possibilities before you, is then derived from naturalistic capabilities. Your identity, as it is no longer rooted in spirit, becomes twisted and demeaned as your true self remains locked up in the confines of the physical.

To become conscious of spirit, you need to reclaim consciousness from the mind of the senses. This is one of the most indispensable tasks on your spiritual expedition. Your intention in this is to free your consciousness that previously had been trapped in finite or naturalistic thinking to transcendental realization.

We all see darkly until we are illumined with the light from our spirit; until our spirit finds expression in our soul or consciousness. It does this in various ways such as inward impressions or revelations, dreams, and visions. It is of necessity that we give credence to these phenomena for us to experience extraordinary vision is our life.

## 3.11 End the Delusion of Confines

It seems almost impossible for many people to disidentify from the mind of the senses. They are submerged in it. The notion of crossing the frontier of the senses is as unnatural to them as flying is to a fish. Such people are trapped in the delusion of confines because they are identified with the mind of the senses. Once you have understood this basic dysfunction in many, then you will begin to emerge from naturalistic to transcendental awareness. ESP then will become a natural part of your experience.

Naturalistic manifestations are more of an illusion than reality. What you see or perceive on the level of the senses is not real but the artifact of what is incomprehensible to the senses—the spiritual. This is a revelation of stunning importance. The more you are focused on the naturalistic form, the more you miss the spiritual, the creation, or origin of the manifestation.

The word *spiritual* has become empty of meaning through centuries of misuse. By misuse I mean that people who have never even glimpsed the realm of the eternal, the immortal, use it with great conviction as if they knew what they are talking about. Or they reason against it as if they knew what it is that they are denying. In most religious denominations, it has become a closed concept. The moment the word is uttered, a mental idea is created that is nothing more than ritual and religious cloning.

Spirit, however, is the eternal, ever-present reality beyond the myriad forms of actuality that are subject to obliteration. Spirit is not only beyond but also deep within every human body as its innermost invisible and indestructible essence. This means that it is accessible to you now as your own deepest self, your true nature. In the spiritual state, there is a sense of connectedness with something infinite and eternal, something that, almost paradoxically, is essentially you and yet is much greater than you. There, your true nature beyond earthly designation is found.

Anyone who is still identified with their earthly aspect—the image of the mind of the senses—will inevitably fail to see what the eternal, spiritual realm is all about. This creates a false mind-made self that casts a shadow of mortality and limitation, and he or she forgets that infinite, indestructible realm they originate. By ‘forget’ I mean that they can no longer ‘feel’ this immortality as self-evident reality. They may ‘believe’ it to be true, but they no longer ‘know’ it to be true.

That is what ails the large part of Christendom today. It has progressively become so overlaid with extraneous matter that its spiritual essence has become almost completely obscured. To a larger extent, therefore, the deeper meaning of the scriptures is no longer recognized, and their transformative power is lost.

The scriptures are meant to show us how to free ourselves from enslavement to the mind of the senses, enter into a higher awareness, and sustain it in everyday life. They are intended to cause us to break out of inherited collective mind patterns—cultural or religious—that have kept us in bondage for a long time. The purpose of all the promises in the Bible is so that we may escape finite living and embrace the divine nature of transcendence. That's what the Apostle Peter says.

> . . . by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Pet. 1: 4)

If I sometimes speak forcefully, it is because I want to cut through thick layers of mental resistance and to reach that place within you where you already 'know', just as I 'know', and where the truth is recognized when it is heard. Since spirit is the essence within every person, I often address myself to the knower in you, who resides behind the thinker, the deeper self that immediately recognizes spiritual truth, resonates with it, and is uplifted by it.

At that level, there is a feeling of rapture and heightened awareness when spiritual truth is encountered, as something within you acknowledges, 'Yes, I know this is true.' In that moment, you are consciously whisked away to a place other than the here-and-now. Inundated in luminescence, a door opens to another reality, always present, yet rarely authenticated.

The full spectrum reality encompasses both the physical and a myriad of spiritual dimensions. However, in many people, the consciousness of the mind of the senses is still so deeply entrenched that it eclipses otherworldly realities.

Don't get me wrong. The mind of the senses is a good apparatus if used

rightly. Used wrongly, however, it becomes very distractive. Put more accurately, it is not so much that you use your sense-mind wrongly—you usually don't use it. It uses you! This is the ailment. You are identified with the mind of the senses. This is the delusion. The apparatus has taken over you, and the mind of the senses is using you. Unconsciously, you are identified with it, so you don't even realize that you are its slave. It's almost as if you were possessed without knowing it, so you consider the possessing entity to be yourself.

A day comes, however, when you realize that you are not the possessing entity—the thinker. This realization enables you to observe, and thereby, control the entity. The moment you start observing the entity, you then begin to realize that there is a vast realm of acumen beyond scientific intelligence; that scientific intelligence is just the lowest aspect of that acumen. You also realize that all inexplicable phenomena that have mystified humanity through the ages—premonitions, intuitions, dreams, visions, and prophecies—arise from beyond the mind of the senses. You begin to awaken.

## 3.12 The Voice of God

Did God suddenly go mute after the Bible was written?

Anyone who is still totally bound to finite reasoning will inevitably reject as strange how God can speak from heaven and yet be heard on earth by men. Another bunch, those enslaved in a dead orthodoxy, might at best, acknowledge this possibility, but in the same breath relegate it to the past—before the Bible was compiled. However, contrary to what those who subscribe to the notion of a modern day mute God might think, one by one people are jumping to a higher orbit where the voice of God is heard distinctly and clearly.

The twentieth chapter of Proverbs, the twenty-seventh verse says, *The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inwards parts of the bell* . This means enlightenment from God in whatever form—premonitions, intuitions, dreams, visions, and voices or prophecies—can be located in a deeper part of you, beyond the mind of the senses.

When someone goes to the doctor with claims of hearing voices in his or her

head, he or she will most likely be referred to a psychiatrist. The fact is that, in a very parallel way, everyone hears a voice, or numerous voices, in their head all the time: the involuntary thoughts and imaginations that pop up in your mind—monologues or dialogues.

You may have come across insane people in the street ceaselessly talking or muttering to themselves. Well, that's not too dissimilar from what you and all other sane people do, except we don't do it out loud. The voice instructs, guides, cautions, likes, dislikes, and so on. The voice may not necessarily be relevant to the situation at hand; it may be reviving a mistake in the recent or distant past or rehearsing or envisioning possible future situations.

Many people live with an alarm bell in their subconscious regions that continuously haunts them over certain decisions in their lives. It is the cause of untold melancholy and unhappiness, as well as of lack of fulfillment, no matter how successful they appear outwardly.

If you fall under such a category, the good news is that you can be freed from that mortal realm of existence. Stop paying attention to the voice of your past and start heeding those thoughts or imaginations, those premonitions, intuitions, dreams, visions, prophecies that speak about your bright future. You'll soon realize that these are from beyond the level of the common senses and, therefore, are spiritual in origin.

Our finite awareness, our tendency to take the path of the common senses by being less than fully awake to the spiritual creates a void because true fulfillment comes when life is lived not at odds with but in synch with the intuitive. Like a butterfly flittering from one flower to another, the mind of the senses captures its own ideal, as projected by television or any other outward source, from trend to trend. Seldom do we find ourselves resting in the oceanic depth of spirit. For it is there—in spirit—that we find our true life, which lies behind our earthly body, drifting emotions, and finite mind.

The crowning glory of human development rests not in our ability to think and reason, though this is what has been projected to us by secular scholasticism. Intellect, like will or emotion, is merely an instrument. Our ultimate destiny is to reconnect with our true essence and express pictures from our extraordinary, spiritual reality in the ordinary physical world,

moment by moment. Few, however, are they who have reconnected with their true essence, where God contacts, speaks, and expresses Himself through man.

'Where is the proof of this true essence, the spirit of man?' you ask. I offer only something greater than argument or debate. I offer experience. Ultimately, the proof of this lies not in intellectual answers, or even in empirical substantiation, but in being touched in some way or experiencing the transcendence within and without.

In the things I am writing, I am opening up this extraordinary path for you to join me and a growing number of others. All you have to do is engage in the practice of *tasting* these powers and see. You will realize that there is this whole other extraordinary dimension to the human experience that has been lost through the ages. Then you will find true relationship with God through being able to hear and converse with Him.

## 3.13 Testing the Spirits

Back in 1998, a few months after I had gotten saved, I experienced a strange apparition that would pave the way for selectively opening up myself to spiritual experiences or entities. That night, as I was almost asleep, my room suddenly lit up like the sun peeking through a break in a cloud-covered sky. Standing at the end of my bed, I noticed the figure of a man enwrapped in dazzling light and in my preconceived imagination I assumed it was the Lord Himself, Jesus Christ.

There was, however, rather a strange, awkward feeling this entity gave to me. Deep down on the inside of me, I knew something was wrong even though I somehow wanted to believe otherwise. I could not put my finger to what was wrong, but I knew it wasn't all good.

There was also another rather strange thing I could tell about this strange apparition before me: I noticed that he was trying to tell me something, but it was somehow being restrained by an invisible power. So I could see his lips move but couldn't hear what he was saying. Eventually, the dazzling light together with the figure disappeared.

I quickly hopped out of bed and started to pray about what I had just experienced. That is when it suddenly dawned on me by divine enablement that I had just seen a fallen angel sent from the world of fallen spirits to lure me away from the truth. I had just been enlightened to deception.

The next day, all I could think about was my visit from that fallen angel and the spiritual alertness necessary for people not to get duped into frolicking with the strange realm of fallen angels. A few years later, I met another person who had had a similar experience with the deceptive world of fallen angels. His name is Alpha.

On this particular night, Alpha, had just completed his night prayer and was lying under his blanket when he suddenly entered into a trance. In this trance, he beheld two gray-haired, long-bearded men stepping out of the skies, coming out from a realm that emanated glaring brilliance. Alpha assumed these two entities had to be heavenly, and he remembers that they immediately introduced themselves to him as biblical Moses and Abraham.

For him, however, the weird thing was the message they delivered to him, purportedly from God. Even in his not-so-developed spiritual level then, he could tell the message couldn't be of God because it contradicted the Bible. Therefore, right in their face, Alpha rejected the message. Incensed that he had overruled the message, these fallen angels brought out their true colors and started to strangle him. But Alpha knew something about voicing the authority of the name of Jesus to demonic powers; he did exactly that, and they vanished.

Now, many religious people believe that the Bible discourages transcendental experiences. On the contrary, the Bible does encourage them. What the Bible discourages, however, is frolicking with the other side of the transcendental —the realm of fallen spirits.

But this is not what a large part of religious leaders point out to their congregations. They demonize everything that is transcendental. This stigma of the supernatural is really fueled by ignorance on the matter and also the ambition to control and dominate the masses. Consequently, spiritual exploration is discouraged and replaced with conformity.

There is nothing more damaging in our day, perhaps, to the cause of transcendence than this ostracism of it by majority of the religious leaders. It is what is responsible for the paranoia in the masses—the unhealthy suspicion when the subject is brought up, or when there arises a man or woman with transcendental exhibitions. Because of this paranoia, the door to the supernatural is closed to many.

Make no mistake in thinking that I am not aware of the scriptural caution concerning the other side of the transcendental. I am. I have, in fact, experienced it several times. So I speak both from scriptural information and also from personal experience.

In the first epistle of John, the fourth Chapter, verse one says, 'Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God… '

The next two verses then reveal how you should try or test the spirits:

> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (1 John 4: 2-3)

Does this in any way discourage the transcendent or spiritual? Evidently not! Rather, this portion of scripture cautions about frolicking with the world of fallen spirits, offering also clarification on exposing devilish spirits. Personal suspicion, which is often mistaken for 'discernment', then is rendered unnecessary.

But once you are aware of that other side of the supernatural and know how to try or test the spirits, then you are free to explore the vastness of the eternal realm through ESP.

## 3.14 Connecting with Angels

Have angels got a place of applicability to us in our present lifetime? Have they got something to say about our world that we are unaware of?

Angels are a subject of belief in all major religions that I know of. Loads of

tales are told about their activity in ancient history. However, when these tales are told, there is no sense of inclusiveness. These tales do not seem to bring out the fact that angels are integrated into our communal awareness and are playing a part in our day-to-day life.

In fact, in hearing many religious men today talk about angels, you are more likely to come away with the impression that they are a historical artifact that we can only fascinate about but cannot really experience.

The interest in supernatural intervention involving angelic realities is growing rapidly. More and more people are curious about connecting with another dimension transcending the earthly, and mostly, for good reason. With so much fear and uncertainty in the ever-darkening world, many people are turning to the spiritual for help, advice, healing, and comfort. But there is a danger popping up in this modern spirituality where it is not necessary to accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ to connect to angels or transcendent realities.

Revealing the reality of our interaction with angels, the writer of Hebrews, Chapter one verse fourteen, says, 'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?' Connecting with angels, then, is a possibility for 'them who shall be heirs of salvation'. Those, however, who are not yet heirs of salvation—who are not born-again—when they set out to connect with angels, they put themselves in danger of being hoodwinked and consequently drawn into the realm of renegade spirits.

The key to connecting with angels is developing ESP. Because angels are spirits, they cannot be perceived with the common senses. They can only be perceived with senses on the level of their reality—spiritual senses. Once you're able to exercise your spirit to heightened awareness, you'll be more successful in making a connection to the ever-present invisible angelic realities.

Exercising your spiritual senses will not only raise your perception and make the connection to the angelic stronger, but it also reinforces an operational relationship that was there all along.

You are probably reading this and wondering whether there is any biblical

reference to it. Well, there most definitely is. In the book of 2 Kings is the eye-opening story of Gehazi, the Prophet Elisha's servant, who was in an alarmed state over the surrounding Syrian army. Yet the prophet refused to be panicked because his ESP gave him the advantage of the awareness of the invisible yet overwhelmingly mightier angelic army that was on guard on their behalf.

> And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (2 Kgs. 6: 15-17)

Notice the 'open his eyes, that he may see'. Obviously, his sensory eyes were wide open or he could not have been alarmed over Syrian army that surrounded him. Another dimension, however, to his vision needed to open up, extending his field of vision beyond the natural. This would give him an awareness of and the security of knowing about a mightier angelic army.

Everyone possesses capabilities for ESP. At our basis, we are all spirit that temporarily inhabits a finite earthly body. As such, we all have the potential to expand our awareness of reality beyond the parameters of the five senses. We are preeminently spirit, and therefore, we hold within our being the ability to access the invisible spiritual realm at all times. ESP is built into the very essence of each of us.

Successful ESP development hinges upon a strong desire to attain it. When this desire is coupled with the conviction that ESP is a possibility, our transcendental nature within awakens. Doubt and skepticism severely restrict our ESP abilities, as trust, acceptance, and inner poise play an extremely important role in the process.

When we learn to trust and bank on our spiritual awareness, that awareness grows. When we doubt or negate our transcendence, it eludes us.

For instance, years ago, possibly in 2003, during my prayer moments, I learned what it meant to break into the heavenly realm. There is a difference

between breaking into the heavenly realm and the heavenly realm breaking into your realm. Most people that have experienced the heavenly realm have done so because they have been invaded by its realities, but they have not learned otherwise.

Anyway, during this time, I found a secluded space, my bedroom, and started to pray in tongues as I directed my awareness to the heavenlies. When I had gotten about an hour deep into prayer, the vibration around me started to change. I could sense that. The air became calmer and sweeter, rather heavenly. I deliberately raised my vibration, praying in tongues, so that I may match what I now could sense was angelic vibration around me.

In my mind's eye, I started to see what appeared like shafts of light all around me. I could almost feel the brush of angels' wings hovering in the air. I directed my attention and focus on these extraordinary sensations that appeared to be captured from the background of my consciousness. Gradually, however, standing all around me vividly were a manifestation of glorious, heavenly angelic beings.

I had this out-of-this-world experience because I made a concerted effort to bypass my natural, finite awareness and break into the heavenlies by directing my awareness there, or in biblical terminology, by setting 'my mind on things above' (Col. 3: 2). Setting your mind on things above means heightening your consciousness beyond the earthly. This is key in ESP development and hence connecting with angels.

When you first begin to develop your ESP abilities, you must make a concerted effort to bypass your natural, finite mind. Finding the balance between the logical finite side of ourselves and the more expansive side becomes very important when attempting to develop ESP. Our inward envisioning acts as the bridge that connects our consciousness to the higher realms. Thus, it's important to embrace and validate our inward imageries.

As much as inward imageries are important, though, nothing is as convincing as solid, empirical evidence. When inward imageries become unveiled as fact, it becomes much easier to trust that your ESP ability actually exists. Once you've proven to yourself that you actually do possess ESP ability, you'll be well on your way to incorporating ESP into your life on a daily

basis. You'll soon reach the point where you can rely and trust your ESP as much as your other five physical senses. When you develop a strong inexplicable sense about something or someone, you'll know that you can absolutely rely upon the source of this revelation as your ESP has proven itself to be valid.

As with all spiritual pursuits, praying in tongues is a wonderful and vital implement in developing ESP. ESP development involves going within and attuning to the inner awareness of spirit, and praying in tongues is a direct portal to achieving this.

> He that prayeth in an unknown tongue edifieth himself…
>
> (1 Cor. 14: 4)

> For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth… (1 Cor. 14: 14)

So praying in tongues edifies, builds, raises, or expands your consciousness beyond the ordinarily finite. Because it is your spirit praying, it gives to you a more expansive consciousness—a spiritual consciousness—so you can tap into things yonder. Therefore, help facilitate your ESP development by praying in tongues—extensively.

Many people receive ESP insights and flashes of actual spiritual visions when they are engrossed in tongues; however, up to this point, they have not given much credence to them. If you're one such person, repent and start paying attention. You'll come to the realization of a whole world of reality that you have been ignoring, yet is very much influential in the daily affairs of your life.

Start praying in tongues meditatively now. Go deeper into this practice. Anything that expands the consciousness and shifts the focus off the outside material world can be considered helpful in this spiritual quest. Worship music perhaps.

Next it's important to find ways of strengthening your inner belief regarding

such ability. I recommend having a diary specifically for the purpose of recording premonitions, intuitions, dreams, visions, or revelations—ESP phenomena. As these ESP activities become proven, check-marks can be swapped by empirical entries. This can be an effectively affirming action in helping to strengthen your sureness level regarding ESP development.

The more attention you place on your ESP ability, the more it will be brought from the background to the forefront of your awareness. Try to honor even the smallest impressions or faintest imageries and follow through on them to see the outcome. Don't become discouraged if your ESP abilities seem to fail you. It's only through experiencing the wrong vs. the right that you'll learn the different feeling, sensing which one is which.

It is as a result of this that you'll learn how to validate the angelic connections you make. Having made that connection, engage the angels, if you wish, in Jesus's name, like you would, the royal ministers or servants availed before you, for any affairs pertaining to your life. Or, simply be in their wonderful, heavenly energy.

> Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
>
> (Ps. 103: 20)

## 3.15 This is for Real

So many individuals have either questioned their sanity or have had others question it when they've expressed experiencing ESP phenomena, ranging from intuitive awareness to being visited by spirits. Most often, they are petrified and uncertain of what is happening to them, and in some cases, they have had those experiences throughout their lives but have now come to a point that their senses have intensified and have begun to interfere with their regular life. It has now turned into a very overwhelming experience, which is now making them feel a little jittery.

ESP phenomena are often misunderstood and discounted in so many circles, even some churches, that individuals with ESP experiences often feel alone, with no one to turn to for help in making sense of what they are experiencing.

It should be known that ESP abilities are a natural part of human consciousness. For this reason, everyone has the ability to develop these tendencies. Some people, however, are just born a little more ‘attune’ than others. Much like the natural talents you see in footballers, athletes, musicians, and artists, even if some people are more naturally endowed, everyone has the capability to heighten their abilities through practice, self-confidence, and time.

Believe in your developing ESP abilities beyond what rational thought tells you. We have been conditioned our entire lives on what is possible, and what is not. So we must recondition our consciousness and come to a point of certainty in our ESP abilities, a knowing that comes from within. This can take us some time to work on, but with just a little sureness in your developing ESP abilities, you can completely surprise yourself with what you are or can do.

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# The Secret Power of Meditative Envisioning

## 4.1 The Future: Within or Without?

In the third Chapter of Ecclesiastes, the eleventh verse, we are told, as translated in the Amplified Bible:

> He makes everything beautiful in its time. He has also planted eternity in men’s hearts and minds [a divinely implanted sense of purpose working through the ages which nothing under the sun but God alone can satisfy], yet so that men cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

That means your own heart-based vision or the imagination of your life is the actual timeless vision of God for your life.

Nothing is impossible to this vision within you. You can experience your

life's longing through the guidance of your heart's vision. If your heart's vision presents you with a depiction of yourself somewhere in the future, looking much better than you look now, then you certainly will get there—if you practice the blueprint in your heart.

Here's how to practice this blueprint that is divinely implanted in your heart. First recognize what it is that brings you abiding, rather than momentary, happiness and fulfillment. In other words, that which when engaged in is followed by a true sense of joyous fulfillment derived from an inexplicable sense of eternal responsibility toward its accomplishment.

After you've recognized it, bring to mind the end result of what it is you desire to accomplish or achieve. For example, if you were seeking a political office, the end result might be that people would congratulate you on your election. Your new association would be with the prominent figures you esteem. You would draw more attention and influence from the people and the media.

Take any one of these events and meditatively think on them. With your imagination actually hear people congratulate you on your election. Feel their hands in yours as they tell you how happy they are for you. By actually feeling that you are being congratulated, the divinely implanted blueprint within you will be activated to bring about the state in your outer world.

Do not be concerned about how this will be accomplished. That blueprint within you is connected to its master—God—and it is He who engages all the greater spiritual forces necessary to bring it about.

What you hold in your heart is the complete presentation of your life. However, in this three-dimensional world, events appear in a time sequence. Therefore, it may take a notable interval of time to experience in the outer world what you have just experienced in the realm of your heart—meditatively.

After you have just practiced this meditative experience, get up and go about your normal affairs, confident that what you have meditatively envisioned must come to fruition in your outer world. You have planted a seed, and you will soon see the harvest of that which you have sowed.

When you go into your meditation, be definite that you are an actual performer in the drama, hearing the words, smelling the aroma, or feeling the ambiance in this immaculately-conceived drama of your life. What you do in your meditation is more than just a daydream. Much more! You must enter the dream as if you were actually there. You must make 'then' become now and make 'there' become here.

To illustrate this again, suppose the dream position you are envisioning comes with a significant increase in pay. You must not merely see an increased paycheck in your mind's eye. You should actually enter the spectacle. Feel yourself enjoying the comforts that come with this increase. Feel the happiness and luxuries that would be yours. Don't just fantasize with the mind-set of a wishful thinker. No, in this drama, you are there.

That which you experience in your meditative state is an actual creative happening. It is an occurrence in the fourth dimension of existence and will manifest in this three-dimensional plane, just as surely as planting a seed will result in the advance of a particular plant.

Once you have planted this seed by your meditative act, do not uproot it by becoming anxious about how it will be accomplished. Each seed has its own appointed time. Some seeds take a few days; others take longer. Feel confident that what has been planted will progress in your outer world as doubtless as a plant manifests out of seed planted in good ground.

Your heart-based vision or blueprint will attract all that it needs to translate itself into an actuality in the outer world. If it takes others to play a part in order to accomplish its end, it will attract that person into your drama to play his or her part in the sequence of events. Your only responsibility is to remain faithful to your heartfelt dream until you experience it in your outer world.

You can enact this drama meditatively over and over again until it feels normal and natural to you. Bring all your senses into play as you perform your meditative envisioning. You do not have to do anything else to 'help' bring it about. If it is necessary to take some action, you will be led to do so in an unusual manner. Remember, however, that it is God, Himself, who planted that dream in your heart and knows exactly how to accomplish it. While meditating on the dream, therefore, give thanks that it is already an

accomplished fact—because it is!

We can learn this principle from the story of Abram (who later became Abraham) in the Bible.

> Then Abram said, 'Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!' And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.' (Gen. 15: 3-4)

Abram wanted a son but was faced with a barrier of a barren wife. What God did in the next verse set into motion a spiritual principle which is just as applicable today.

> Then He (God) brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' (Gen. 13: 5).

God taught Abram the secret power of meditative envisioning. Every time Abram stepped out of his tent at night and looked into the skies, he saw descendants. After a while of meditatively looking at the stars, he could probably see and hear them cry, laugh, scream, and call him 'Father Abram'.

Then God changed his name from Abram to Abraham (father of a multitude) and his wife Sarai became Sarah (princess). So Abraham was a father in all, but the three-dimensional reality before his fatherhood manifested in the natural.

Now you can see that true, effective meditation is more than the version we have been taught; it is more than scripture memorization. It is the enactment of those scriptures that concern our situation, or God's dream for our lives—irrespective of how that dream is revealed to us—in our imaginative eye.

That ability to view our future is inherent in each of us but only few recognize it because many people don't realize that they are more than physical specimens. This transcendent awareness comes from our nonphysical self within us—an aspect of our existence that proceeded from the Divine and is therefore encoded in our divine purpose and future on this

earth.

Just as there are unique species of seeds, there are unique personalities predestined to turnout in accordance to what was divinely encoded in them. If we were to think of ourselves in the form of plants, you may be a mango seed. I, on the other hand, may be an orange seed. Nurtured in the right environment, I can only turnout to be an orange tree and, likewise, you can only turnout to be a mango tree because of what is specially encoded in each of us. Every seed, from the very beginning of time, produces after its kind.

Now, notice also that the tree is the future of the seed. However, the future of the seed was not something outside but something within it. In other words, the tree was already in the seed, waiting only to be nurtured under the right conditions necessary for its growth and development.

In the same way, your future is a completed reality within you, waiting only to be properly recognized and nurtured. And with this discovery, you can design a new beginning for yourself, never looking back to what was, only existing in the moment, with the awareness that you are more than the three-dimensional world allows. You are meant to live a life of such wisdom and power, always aware of your eternal nature, and your connection to the Divine. With this awareness, you will open a door that will change the way you view this existence.

I will say to you now that you need a new vision of reality—a vision that stretches beyond your natural field of vision.

## 4.2 Translating Your Dreams into Reality

Ask yourself this question: 'How would I feel if I were there—at the place of my dreams—indeed?' The very moment you sincerely ask this question, the answer comes. No man can tell another the satisfaction of his aspiration fulfilled. It remains for each man within himself to experience the feeling and joy of this transformational alteration of consciousness when his inner dreams and desires are translated into actualities.

Dreams are good; actualities are better. Dreams are translated into actualities when there is a shift in man's creative energy—in the form of thoughts—to

those thoughts that are more harmonious with his desires, 'for as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he' (Prov. 23: 7).

## 4.3 Daydreaming

There was a familiar feeling about the whole scenario. From the strange street I found myself on, to the people that were involved, it seemed like I was experiencing something I had precisely witnessed before. Then it suddenly dawned on me. I had experienced this exact scenario but in a dream.

It was about a place I happened to take my car for repair, a garage I had no prior knowledge of but one that had been recommended by a close friend. It dawned on me that I had actually dreamt about this very place a week before while considering where I would take my car to be repaired.

In this present age, there is no sufficient credence given to dreams. Yet there is compelling proof of an interrealm link between the invisible and the visible worlds in the dream state. Considering the countless numbers of dreams that eventually unfold in the visible world, we reckon this proof to be irrefutable.

We do experience dreams in two different states—wakened and sleep states. The latter happens when our body and conscious mind have switched off and a window into another world is opened to us—a world created either by our desires, fears, inclinations, or another strange world portrayed by our spirit's encounters.

But we can also dream while awake. And these kinds of dreams, which unfold in us not in that unconscious sleep-state but in the conscious, have similarly not been given sufficient credence. You may call them inner visions, deep imaginations, daydreaming, or whatever. It is extremely important, however, to understand the secret power they wield in fashioning your life.

Why is one man a great success and another an abject failure? Why is one man fearful and anxious and another, full of confidence and certainty? Why do so many good, genuine, Christian people suffer the afflictions of the damned in their mind and body in direct contradiction to their divine heritage?

Is there an answer to these questions? There most certainly is! It is visualization. It builds, it destroys, it kills, it makes alive, it wounds, it heals, and it does all things—good, bad, or indifferent.

Man moves in a world that is nothing more than his visualization objectified. Ignorant of this, he wars against his reflection while he maintains active the light and the images which project those reflections. Heartfelt imaginations are things, and when time passes, they become marvels or infringements in the experience of individual life.

Genesis 11: 6 states thus: 'And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.'

The world is the mirror magnifying all that you are conscious of being. Stop trying to change the world since it is only the mirror. Man's attempt to change the world is as futile as breaking a mirror in the hope of changing his face. Leave the mirror and get a facelift. Leave the world alone and change your conceptions of yourself. The reflection will then be satisfactory.

The law of life is the law of meditative envisioning, and meditative envisioning could be summed up briefly as the animated thoughts and images of your mind. As a man thinks, envisions, feels, and believes, so is the condition of his mind, body, and circumstances.

## 4.4 The Basis of All Materialization

A few years ago, I had a habit of looking out for an open church building to seek my own private prayer time during weekdays. That is how I happened to be in this particular church at 11 a.m., having my own private time with God. While I was praying, pacing to and fro across the backend of the church, I noticed that I was being followed by a small group of young children.

I got a little uncomfortable with this intrusion, so I stopped and turned back, trying to get them off my back.

To my amazement, these little kids reverently handed me a book. It was no ordinary book to me. It was one I had been yearning to own. The author was

a man of God I greatly admired, and the content of the book was about the heavenly visions he had experienced. The amazing thing is that it took just a couple of days for that yearning or desire to mysterious manifest from my conscious envisioning right into my hands.

The basis of all materialization is consciousness. Attempt as man will, he cannot find a cause of manifestation other than his realization of presence. Man thinks he has found the cause of disease in germs, the cause of poverty in illiteracy, and the cause of war in conflicting political ideologies. All such discoveries, catalogued as the cream of wisdom, are foolishness as far as the wisdom of God is concerned.

Through faith, we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God so that the 'things which are seen were not made of things which do appear'. That's what is revealed to us in the third verse of the eleventh Chapter of Hebrews.

Now, if faith is the evidence of things not seen and all things were made out of things that do not appear, then we must come to the conclusion that every natural effect has a spiritual cause and not a natural. A natural cause only seems. It is a delusion of the fading memory. Man does not recall his hidden imageries; so when they come out and the harvest is ripe, he denies his own crop.

He is distraught, questioning where he went wrong to experience what he is now experiencing, because he has forgotten his obsessive imaginations. That is, when he sowed it, and all things bring after their kind.

> Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. (Gal. 6: 7)

So I am forever reaping what I have engrained; but because of my fading memory, I can't remember when I did it. This is one of the greatest secrets in the world, and everyone should strive to solve it. Ultimate fulfillment lies in the solution to this mystery.

A man may fast and pray, but that won't do him any good if his subliminal

imagery is in direct contradiction to his desires. God can't help such a man whose compulsive imagery contradicts God's offer because the principle of life is divinely set—'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'

So as far as I am concerned, the seed that was sowed and therefore determines the outcome of my life is the habitual imagery within me. It works in the very depths of my soul, underlying all my faculties, including perception; but it streams into my outward life disguised in the form of productive fancy, like a daydream. A daydream is productive; it is creative. I am sowing when I daydream. When I sit down and wonder, I am doing it unknowingly. I do not always check myself because I do not know exactly what I am doing.

I may listen to the morning news and then react to a story that I do not know whether it is true or false, but I react. Well, 'it' knows exactly what I did, and 'it' is my own spirit. It keeps the record, responding to my imageries, and so in time, the harvest will come up, and I will reap it. So everything that is materialized is produced through subliminal imagery or daydreaming, if you will.

## 4.5 Attune Yourself This Way

Shortly after my university studies, it appeared on the outside that I was meagerly getting by. I walked miles each day, not for any physical exercise benefit, but because I did not have the taxi fare. I had my meals in some of the most rundown restaurants because I could not afford the more decent ones. I was living, as it appeared, a life way beneath any possible definition of prosperous. But I did have one thing—a dream. And that dream was about my life, my prosperous destiny.

This dream was divinely given to me while taking one of those long walks; this time on a Sunday morning on my way to preach at a certain church. I had to walk over five kilometers. It was in the course of that stroll that I started to see the importance of my life and calling: my purpose, things too wonderful for my mind at the time.

I was shown my role and position in the nation of Uganda and the world. I was shown the leaders I was to meet and influence. I was shown my life, a

truly prosperous life, and several other things. More importantly, I was shown the signs of the times when these things would begin to unfold outwardly. However, since then, I breathed the air of my future; I daydreamed these things. I never once doubted. I became so conscious of the unseen that I never looked forward to its manifestation. As far as I knew, it had already manifested.

I have so far seen some of what was unseen then, and I'm yet to see more. Like the great apostle, Paul, I too will remain faithful to the heavenly vision of my life (Acts. 26: 19).

You too should stay faithful to your subliminal vision if it promises you a life of fulfillment. In the end, it will not disappoint.

Now, someone might ask, 'How do I go about doing it?'

That's an important question. In order to answer it, however, we'll have to first understand the relationship between imagination and actuality.

The usual things which I observe in this physical world, if they are present; that is sense or actuality. If they are absent, that is imagination. The room (my office) which surrounds me right now is more real than anything outside of it because it is present. Yet I am not familiar with this room save for the few days that I come here for official duty. I am far more familiar with my home, but at the moment, it is not present to my senses; so, in a sense, that is only imagination. My home is simply a memory image of what may still be an actuality, but it could be gone by the time I get there. Yet I do not think it's gone. I know that for sure.

All right, if I think of it but it is not present, then that is imagination. But if things are present, then that is sense or reality.

Well, how do I make what is not present actually— *to me* ? That is where we come to the issue of engaging the powers of meditative imagination, or daydreaming if you will.

I have tried it numerous times and will tell you, it works amazingly!

Engage it too, and you will see the world of a difference it brings to your life.

You understand that, before all things were, they existed in the human imaginative area—the heart. There isn't a thing in this world that you and I call 'real'—objectively actual—that was not first only envisioned. You name it! The building you live in, everything around you—the chairs, clothes you wear—the city in which you live. You may point at things like oceans. We didn't make those by imagination, but it was the divine imagination, the same as the imagery projected from the deeper regions of our spiritual self; only we are keyed lower. Thus this level of imagination is one with divine envisioning.

You stand dumbfounded. You are amazed beyond belief. You cannot believe it; you cannot believe what you are capable of. Yet you cannot deny the evidence of your perceptions. You cannot deny the experiences that you've had. And the whole thing will continue to unfold in you. You will know from experience if you deliberately explore this path of life.

Ultimately, it is not God but failure on our part to fully comprehend the working of our nonphysical self that is the principle reason for failure in our lives. When you know the functions of your spirit—the part of you that is Godlike—you gain an immense measure of confidence.

You must remember that whenever the deeper mind of your nonphysical-self accepts an idea, it immediately begins to execute it. It employs all its divinity to that end and mobilizes all the spiritual laws or forces into action. This principle is true for good or bad ideas. Consequently, if you use it negatively, it brings you hell on earth. When, however, you use it constructively, it brings you fulfillment on earth.

From this, it is perfectly obvious that the only thing you have to do in order to overcome frustration is to get your deeper mind to accept God's ideal or His revelation by feeling its reality now, and the greater laws or forces connected to your spirit will do the rest. Turn over your ideals from your mental to your deeper regions, and the greater spiritual forces will take over and bring you the answer.

You will consistently fail to get results by trying to use mental coercion—

spiritual laws or forces do not respond to coercion; they respond to your conscious acceptance of the idea or dream—in a true state of rest. It is in a true state of rest that you impress your spirit and enable the amazing energy behind the idea or dream to take over and bring it to realization.

That is what our Lord Jesus Christ meant when over and over again He stated, *Be it unto you according to your faith* . He never credited His power for bringing about the answers in the people's lives even though His power was obviously involved. However, He understood, better than anyone, the workings of man's innermost self in bringing about results.

Also, the third chapter of Ephesians, the twentieth verse states, 'Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.'

There again, the principle for failure or success is clearly spelt out: Exercising the 'power that worketh in us', the power of meditative imagination or what we have called daydreaming.

If you wake up in the morning with a thousand things on your plate, you would be hopelessly confused and your day's motion would be paralyzed. In such a state, you would neither go forward nor backward; you wouldn't get anywhere.

And so it is when working with your deeper mind. There must be a clear-cut idea or vision. A jamboree of visions will just confuse and paralyze you.

You must arrive at the definite decision that there is a way out, a solution to the vexing problem you are encountered with. Only the infinite wisdom within the depth of your nonphysical self knows the answer. When you come to this unequivocal conclusion in your consciousness, you are made up and according to your faith it is done for you.

Do not be concerned with the details and means; only envision the end results. Get the 'feel' of your dream, whether it is finances, health, employment, relationship, or your calling in life. Bear in mind that your feeling is the touchstone of all spiritual demonstration. Your dream must be felt subjectively in a finished state, not the future, but as though it was in

place now.

Envision the end, the freedom state, the dream realized. You will find your intellect trying to get in the way, telling you that what you are doing is silly. But persist. Maintain a simple, childlike, perception. Envision the emotional accompaniment of the end you crave. And it shall be so—according to the power that worketh in you.

The great secret is a controlled imagination and a well-sustained attention firmly and diligently focused on the desired end. It cannot be emphasized enough that, by envisioning the desired end with the eye of your mind, by breathing the air of the desired end now, you identify yourself with it and thereby transform your existence into its likeness.

There are various states or levels of existence ranging from the lower plane of the natural or earthly to the higher spiritual levels. Every state is already in existence as 'mere possibilities' as long as we think *of* them but as overpoweringly real when we think *from* them. Thinking *from* , rather than thinking *of* , denotes a state of rest or resignation to the thought or image of the ideal. Automatically, you become according to your resigned will, and your resigned will is your concept of yourself and all that you consent to and identify as actual.

## 4.6 Mastering Your Imagination

Since your life is fashioned by your imagery mould, then you must realize that you are either a slave to your imaginations or their master. To become the master of your imaginations is the key to remarkable liberty and enlightenment. On the other hand, to become the slave of imaginations opens a door to darkness and bondage that offsets your destiny.

> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (Rom. 1: 21)

You can attain mastery over your imaginations by deliberate conscious subjection of your imagination to the divine imagination. The divine imagination is God's picture of your life, God's view of you. Capture that

image as seen from God's lenses; it is a divine portrait of you.

Concentrate your attention upon the feeling that you are already that person. First, envision that portrait in your consciousness. Then feel yourself to be in that state as though it actually formed your surrounding world. By your meditation, that which was a mere mental image is marvelously transformed into a concrete reality.

> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Rom. 12: 2)

You must know, however, that when your desire and your imagination are in conflict, your imagination invariably gains the mastery.

If, for example, you were tipped by someone that somewhere in a forest, there were treasures enough to solve all your financial needs forever, nothing would hold you back from venturing into that forest. Now suppose you were also told that in the same forest, there are all kinds of deadly beasts, would you dare venture there? Your desire to find those treasures would be counteracted by your fear of falling prey to the fierce beasts.

Your dominant idea, which would be the picture of falling prey, would prevail. In order to attain the ideal, therefore, you must not let any contrary imagination get in your way but rather maintain a clear-cut vision of your desired future now. Slowly but surely, your future will begin to unfold outwardly in the most amazing way.

When you understand the creative function of envisioning, then you hold in your hands the key to the solution to all your problems. Every phase of your life is made by the exercise of your imagination. Meditative envisioning alone is the means of your progress, of the fulfilling of your dreams.

The great secret is a disciplined, contemplative imagination and a well-sustained attention span, firmly and unceasingly focused on the feeling of the desire fulfilled until it fills the mind and crowds all other ideas out of your awareness. By maintaining the exercise of this, your desire will be translated from an experience in the realm of the imagination into an actuality.

> Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. (1 Tim. 4: 15)

You are limited only by your undisciplined, wayward imagination and lack of attention to the feeling of your dream fulfilled. When the imagination is not disciplined and the attention not steadied, then no amount of fasting or prayer will produce the desired effect. However, when the forms of your imagination are as vivid to you as the forms of nature, you are master of your destiny. If you think that I am teaching humanism, then consider these two verses from the book of Proverbs.

> He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city. (Prov. 16: 32)

> Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls. (Prov. 25: 28)

I believe the word spirit in these verses is not referring to the actual spirit of man. That's why it talks of anger. The part of a man that controls his temperament is his soul, not his spirit. I believe the word 'spirit' is employed here in much the same context as you would say someone is in good spirit (meaning he is happy or exuberant), or he rebuked his brother in a good spirit (meaning with noble intentions).

The Wycliffe translation of the first verse agrees with me.

*A patient man is better than a strong man; and he that is lord of his soul, is better than an overcomer of cities. (A patient person is better than a strong person; and he who is lord over himself, or over his own nature, is better than an overcomer of cities.)*

Combing the two verses, we can deduce that your conscious mind is a city. He who rules it is greater than he who takes a city. But the person who has no control over his thoughts or imaginations (and lets them wander all over the place) is like a city whose walls are broken down. A city without walls

(certainly in those days) was one prone to attack and defenseless against its enemies.

The enemy of our 'city' is the devil. If we do not take it and build walls around it, then we inadvertently leave an open canvass for the enemy to work with, and he needs no second invitation. Given half a chance, he will fill that canvass of our imagination with dark images of sin, failure, despondency, depression, and everything else that is contrary to God's plan for our lives.

Therefore, start concentrating on those thoughts and imaginations which you deliberately determine, which resonate with your dream. And do not allow your imaginative attention to be attracted from without, but from within. When you are able to control the movement of your attention in the immaterial world of your imagination, you can modify or alter your life as you please. You can conquer your city.

Set yourself the task of deliberately withdrawing your attention from the outside world and focusing it inwardly every day. You will eventually find that those things that now restrict you will fade and eventually vanish.

Get in the driver's seat. Determine the movement of your imaginative world, and you will steer your life in the right direction. If you do not take over the driver's seat, then outside conditions or circumstances will drive you deeper into trouble.

If, however, you achieve full control of your attention, then you will have discovered a secret of the ages; you will know that your disciplined imagination is the ground on which you prove 'the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God'. Then you can assert the supremacy of imagination and subject all external conditions to it.

I know that your thoughts may be like rambling sheep that have no shepherd but don't despair. Mastering your imagination might take some time and effort, but if you have read this far, then you know that it is definitely worth the effort.

Should you find that your attention is straying from the predetermined course, bring it back. Do this repeatedly until, from sheer exhaustion, it will

fall in line. The Holy Spirit is there to help you out in this exercise.

## 4.7 Taking Your Meditation to Another Level

Man's inner nonphysical body is as real in the world of spirit as his outer physical body is real in the world of external realities, but the nonphysical body expresses a more fundamental part of reality. This existing nonphysical part of man must be consciously exercised and directed. The inner world of thought and feeling to which the nonphysical body is attuned has its real structure and exists in its own higher dimension.

In order to exert the influence of the nonphysical, your physical self must somehow be immobilized. Sleep, at times, can be used as good ground for the exercise of meditation because during sleep the outer physical self is immobilized and, therefore, cannot get in your way. This is why several times God puts man to sleep to enact a scene which is to be a message from Him. During sleep, God finds His way easier to man than when he is awake.

In Genesis 15, starting verse 12, we see how God revealed his plans to Abraham while he was in a 'deep sleep'. In this dream state, God showed him what would happen four centuries later, when his descendants would leave Egypt.

But perhaps the best scripture that illustrates that fact is found in the book of Job.

> For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. (Job 33: 14-16, NKJV)

However, the gist of all of this is that you—yes, you—can exercise a higher level of meditation, of enacting dreams in your sleep and having a vivid representation of your desired end. Enact a scene in your conscious mind, then, as you are drifting into sleep, consciously imagine yourself into the scene. Carrying that mental enactment into sleep solidifies fancy into fact. And, by doing this, you are taking your meditation onto another level; you are taking it into sleep.

In trying to enact your dream, it's important that you think of nothing else other than what you are meditating on. Nothing else! After all, we are told in the scriptures to meditate not only while it is day but also in the night.

> When I remember you on my bed, I meditate on you in the night watches. (Ps. 63: 6)

> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night… (Josh. 1: 8)

The journey inward must never be without direction. When you take to the inner road, it is to do what you enacted mentally before you started.

It's almost like your spirit, soul, and maybe even body (the three parts that make you) get involved in a discussion on a given subject—one to which you need an answer. After, say, thirty minutes of discussing, the mind and body drift to sleep. But the spirit, which doesn't sleep, continues the discussion, and its ideas are relayed to you in the form of dreams. When your mind awakes and picks up those messages from the dream, you have your answer.

## 4.8 Invisible Constructions

Every one of us is writing his or her own script. If you are dissatisfied with the drama, it is up to you to rewrite the script and make it conform to your ideal. You cannot demand that the actors in your life's drama change the characters they are portraying. All changes must take place in the mind of the author.

You are the author of your life's condition or circumstance, whether you realize it or not. Because of your thoughts, beliefs, or ideas, which you envision with nearly tangible feeling, your condition is created. When you understand this, you will avoid all negative and destructive thoughts and beliefs like you would a plague. If that sounds too delicate, it is.

Your consciousness is your reality. It is the creative principle that duplicates into your experience that which you envision as true. The sooner man understands the dominance of the invisible world over the visible, the sooner

will he realize that nothing happens to him except that which originates in his own consciousness.

It doesn't matter what you have been made to believe; you can change your beliefs and, in so doing, change the circumstances of your life. Belief is the condition necessary to materialize the invisible in your life. No amount of pleas or rituals will bring about the manifestation of your desires other than the belief that you are or have that which you dream about.

That which you dream about as being or doing already exists in creation. It only awaits you to bring it into your world by allowing it into your consciousness. This is the means by which you activate the invisible state and materialize it to your physical senses to be experienced in your outer world.

Creation is finished. God can create nothing that is not already in existence. Since creation is finished, every possible state already exists. It is the fusion of your consciousness to a particular state that causes that state or condition to be projected on the screen of your outer world. Most of us have never realized this.

Few of us have realized that the dominant forces are not material, but spiritual. The things that reflect on the outer, visible world as condition, circumstance, or event emanate from the invisible world and that which we connect to in our consciousness by our thoughts, beliefs, or ideas. Therefore, whatever is appearing in your world now, although it looks like an unalterable condition, it is a reflection of previous activity in your own consciousness.

There never was such need for clear, revealing knowledge on the cause of experience as there is today. Every platform of study—religious or secular—should have a thesis on this vital subject of life.

As earlier noted, every possible state is already in existence in creation—the state of wealth, the state of poverty, the state of peace, the state of joy, etc. Since your fusion with a particular state is the cause for its materialization in your life, a change in your consciousness will reflect a change in your near future just as surely as your past consciousness reflects your present.

Nothing can alter the course of events in your life except an alteration in your own consciousness. Therefore, if you would change your condition from what it is, you must pull the plug on your conscious fusion with that particular state in the form of your thoughts, beliefs, or ideas.

I remember an incident about ten years ago when I learned a lesson relevant to what I'm sharing with you. I was afflicted with malaria, and I grew so weak to the point that I could not as much as sit upright without feeling like lying down. However, I decided to attend a prayer meeting that used to be held every Friday at the home of the pastor of the church I attended at the time.

The prayer meeting started, and in the midst of it, I remember deliberately entering into a state of health and strength in my consciousness, and miraculously, it reflected on the outside as a condition. Almost instantly, I felt as healthy and strong as I would normally. Thrilled at what I had just experienced, I started to exclaim, 'I'm healed! I'm healed!' to the astonishment of those that had seen my condition just a few minutes prior.

However, not firmly believing what had just happened, my thoughts wandered back to 'feel' whether my previous condition had really gone. I did not know that in doing so, I was actually fusing my consciousness to the sickly state. And sure enough, I felt sick all over again.

There is more to manifesting a particular illness or disease than contracting a certain germ or virus. Most people do not realize that in some way; their own feelings about health or illness attract the illnesses or diseases they experience. If microbes were truly the cause of disease, everyone who came in contact with a particular microbe would be affected.

The outer condition merely reflects that which is in a man's own consciousness. And in the case of a relegated man, his conscious mind forms beliefs and opinions from the evidence of the world governed by senses. One day he will awaken to the realization that his condition is just an illusion and that his illusion exists only so long as he pays attention to it and that way gives it life.

Man's creative principle originates from his source—God. That creative

power within each of us accepts as true that which the conscious mind impresses upon it. Your creative power takes those ideas, which are envisioned with sustained feeling, and materializes them as condition in your outer world.

However, it is important to note that not all ideas or thoughts are creative. Only those which are believed to be true, which are imagined with a sense of feeling and of acceptance—only those create the conditions and circumstances that you will ultimately experience in the outer world.

Therefore, emotions such as fear, love, or joy are creative. You must discriminate the emotions which you allow to enter your consciousness as you would a stranger into your home.

You cannot allow sinful, negative, or destructive emotions to occupy your consciousness without suffering the consequences of experiencing the state which those emotions give birth to.

For instance, fear of loss projects what you fear—loss—into your world. You could take every precaution known to the mind to avoid loss, but if you fear loss, you will most certainly experience it in your affairs.

> For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. (Job 3: 25)

The story of Job relates how Satan got permission from God to afflict Job in every possible way but to spare his life. From reading the text, the affliction seems to have happened soon after permission was granted. But the above scripture appears to suggest that there was a lapse in time between Satan leaving the presence of God and the commencement of Job's misery. Satan first attacked Job's mind with fear. Job confesses that the destruction of his property and his children is something he had dreaded. So it's fair to say that the fear of loss projected loss into his world. It first happened in his imagination before it transpired in reality.

It is very important to realize that all states already exist as different levels of experience in the broad spectrum of life. You may move into different states

throughout your lifetime, or you may unfortunately occupy a single state. While in a particular state, you believe those things which you perceive in that state to be true and would find it hard to understand another point of view.

For instance, in a state of poverty, we see only the picture of that state and are compelled to act in accordance with poverty. And since we are compelled in a manner dictated by this state, we become beggars instead of givers and, consequently, find ourselves constantly in need rather than constantly in surplus.

Even if someone in that state of poverty landed on large sums of money, say by winning the lottery, he would soon find himself right back in need if he didn't alter his state from poverty to abundance. But if he did alter his state, he wouldn't need to win a lottery to ultimately enjoy the luxuries of life.

Most people attribute changes in fortune to changes in circumstances. However, no change in circumstance would be permanent unless there was a movement or translation from one state into another. It is this alteration of state in your own consciousness that automatically creates a permanent condition in your outer world.

## 5

# Unlocking the Mystery of Dreams

A great number of people all over the world see events before they happen and, in some instances, are therefore able to avoid the disastrous ones foreseen sometimes vividly in a dream or other times allegorically. Many tragic events could be avoided if folks gave credence to their dreams and learnt how to rightly interpret them.

You see, your spirit knows what is going to happen tomorrow, or next week, or next month, or year… and one of the ways that foreknowledge is brought to your awareness is in deep sleep, through dreams.

Dreams are actually journeys into the world of mysteries. They are to the

individual presentations of the mysteries in their lives, the interpretations of which would apply or bring the answers they have sought for. They may be taken as warnings, as advices, as conditions to be met, as truths as they are presented in various ways and manners.

The dream state is a playground which gives you an opportunity to explore, express, or get in touch with transcendence without the usual inhibitions you may display in your wakened life. They are another way God comes easily through to us, providing guidance about relationships, careers, health problems, etc. Through dreams, you may find answers to your life's questions and even receive encouragement for some challenge in your life.

Nearly nothing of importance happens to us that is not foreshadowed in our dreams. This is not to say that all our dreams are of importance or that they come from that source beyond the influence of our experiences in wakened life. A dream may be of a natural or spiritual nature. A dream of a spiritual nature expresses itself with all manner of manifestations, which include precognitive or prophetic revelations, out-of-body traveling, and encounters with beings in other realms, such as angels, Christ, and even demon spirits.

However, even in a dream that appears to have re-enactments of our wakened life, there may be glimpses and warnings of what we are constructing now, which may come into manifestation later.

There is not a mystery or a question we can ask which cannot be answered from the depth of our inner consciousness when the proper attunement is made, and in the dream state, we are easily placed in that attunement. What we actually receive depends upon our attitudes, the degree of our attunement, and the extent to which we have made relevant what was received in earlier dreams and revelations.

Dreams may encourage or reprimand, teach or deceive, inspire or seduce, direct or confuse, which is why discernment about the source of the dream is of great importance. Oftentimes, we dream in symbols. The exact symbol chosen—be it a lake, an animal, a bird, or whatever—has shadows of meaning and associations that make it the best communicator of some truth about your life.

However, this is not to attach a particular dream symbol to one meaning. Many have erroneously done this and led others astray. Thus, when interpreting the messages or symbols in your dreams, go with your first impression, relying on your intuitive, spiritual senses, before applying more rational methods of dream interpretations.

Just as the angels spoke to people in dreams in the earlier history of humanity recorded in the Bible, the spirit world still communicates with people to this day. There is no aspect of human life, whether spiritual, social, or financial, which dreaming may not, on occasion, deal with.

## 5.1 A Doorway into the Mysterious

If you sleep for eight hours every night, then you spend a third of your life asleep. Since we spend such a big part of our lives in sleep, we might as well learn how to make the most of it. If we do, then many of our life puzzles will be solved seamlessly.

Many people have thought that the purpose of sleep is to rest the body after the toils of the day. That, of course, is true. But it is not entirely so, unless your only consideration is the physical nature of humanity. However, as you've already learnt, there is more to the human nature; there is an element of transcendence called the spirit. When your body and mind go to sleep, this nobler part of you is awake; it never sleeps.

Therefore, since this higher nature is always active and in union with God, it participates in the wisdom, foreknowledge, or omniscience of God during sleep and brings it into our awareness during sleep.

My experiences during sleep have strengthened my conviction that rest was not the ultimate purpose of sleep. When I learnt that sleep was a secret means of guidance, I said to God every night hence prior to drifting off to sleep, 'You said, Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not' (Jer. 33: 3). I talked to God in the same manner I would talk to anyone. And while in the phenomenal world of sleep, I experienced mysteries that were hidden from my reasoning faculties. Sometimes they came to me literally, and at other times, they came allegorically.

For instance, Tom and Patricia (not their real names) were, as people say, an item. Everything about their relationship indicated a great marriage in prospect. In fact, preparations for their Introduction Ceremony (or traditional wedding) were ongoing. The ceremony was a few months away, and because this couple was close to me, I started praying about their marriage. That's when I had a strange dream that troubled me.

In this dream, it was pitch-dark, and I saw Tom seated alone on what was supposed to be the day of their Introduction Ceremony. He was in grief, weeping as though something terrible had just happened. Then I awoke suddenly with a troubling feeling in my heart that would not go away. I decided to share this dream with Patricia that morning. Although she acted like she didn't have a clue what the dream meant, her next move caused me to think otherwise. Straightaway, she went for an HIV test, and sadly, it turned out positive.

Later that evening, she came to me with the sad news about her HIV test. I tried to encourage her about divine healing, but all my efforts were being hindered by the overwhelming fear of the disease. A few days later, she broke the sad news to her fiancé and his reaction, from what she told me, was a fair reflection of what I had seen in the dream. The mood that followed as the two lovebirds realized that their marriage dream had been shattered was allegorized in the dream as pitch darkness.

> For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds. (Job 33: 14-15)

Sleep can be to you one of the most effective means of divine guidance because when you sleep, one of the biggest barriers to hearing from God—the mind, the senses—are taken out of the way. The mind of the senses may be correct on the facts objectively known, but the transcendent faculty of your spirit sees beyond the surface and enacts its sightings in a dream.

This withdrawal from sense evidence and the clamor of everyday living, that we may become asleep to the world of the senses and alive to transcendent wisdom and power, can also happen to us in the awakened state. When we

experience it, we are experiencing another form of sleep.

You may be reading this and wondering where you have missed it, why you are not experiencing the infinite powers I am relating to you, and why dreams haven't been the source of divine guidance to you that they should be.

Well, remember that there is a universal law of action and reaction. The action is your thought; the reaction is the response from your spirit.

This is in line with Proverbs 23: 7, 'For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.'

King Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream, and he couldn't remember it. So he demanded that his wise men tell him both the dream and its interpretation. You know the story. But here is what you might have missed in reading Daniel's interpretation.

> As for you, O king, as you were lying upon your bed thoughts came into your mind about what should come to pass hereafter, and He Who reveals secrets was making known to you what shall come to pass. (Dan. 2: 29, AMP)

Nebuchadnezzar didn't just get the dream. While he was sitting on his bed, just before he slept, he thought, probably for a while, about the future, what would happen after him. That was the action. The reaction was the dream giving him the answer to his question. That is the same theory you will practice to get your answers through dreams.

Your spirit is reactive and reflexive. It responds by corresponding. Therefore, as you contemplate on the issue at hand on something for which you need an answer or divine guidance, you will experience a reaction or response in yourself, which represents the guidance or answer of your spirit. This will often happen to you when you are asleep because in that state, the interference from sense evidence or finite reasoning is shut out.

## 5.2 Dream Activation

Dreams are not just dramatized rearrangements of the things that make impressions on our minds during the day. No doubt some are. However, the

level of dreams I am unveiling to you are the kind which baffle the human imagination with presentations that have never been contemplated before.

This level of dreams reveals mysteries beyond mental comprehension. I know this from experience. I am not seeking anybody's approval. If you would actually transcend this level and enter what is called 'the powers of the age to come', you would invariably experience what I am sharing with you.

The world of dreams can be to you a medium through which you can capture your tomorrow today and make the future become your living present. In spirit there is no time or space.

Therefore, when you have what you consider 'a difficult decision' to make, one that bears strongly on your future, or when you fail to see the solution to your problem, begin at once to engage the dreaming faculty within you by contemplating on the solution in a relaxed or expectant mood before drifting off to sleep. Your deliberate contemplation, as you go to sleep, arouses the powerful latency, which is within you, and dramatizes the answer in the form of a dream. That's what Nebuchadnezzar inadvertently did.

Turn over the mysteries of your life from your reasoning faculty to the transcendence within you. The limitations of the reasoning faculty are apparent to every thinking man; it is incapable of grasping anything beyond the contact of the physical senses. It works on the basis of precedents and is unable to provide any solution when there are none to look back to.

However, the infinite wisdom within you knows all things. As you engage it, the mystery will be unveiled to you, and you will recognize the answer when it comes to you in a dream.

However, if you awake without an answer, do not be discouraged. Let your mind play with this mood over and over again before drifting off to sleep. The answer may not necessarily come to you in your asleep. Instead, you may awaken in the morning with words ringing in your ears or with an overpowering hunch directing you in regard to the concern at hand.

Strange as it may seem, follow it.

About eight years ago, I felt inspired to hold an intercampus conference in Kabale, in the south-west of Uganda. The whole thing seemed like a big joke. I was hardly known by anyone in that area, and I never had the resources to facilitate a conference of such magnitude. I didn't even have the transport fare to that part of the country. I had no choice but to rely on the transcendence within me to unfold this vision outwardly. I will never cease to marvel at the wonders of the spirit within man.

I did what I have already taught you to do in one of the preceding chapters. While in my bedroom, I took the men, women, and the community in Kabale and saw them so vividly in contemplation that they became real in my imagination. I found them connecting with me to play the roles I had inwardly set in motion. These included the leaders of the various academic institutions in Kabale. Then, from miracle to miracle, the proposed conference began to take shape.

However, on the eve of the day I was to travel to Kabale, there were some things still lacking, most significant of which was a public address system. I prayed about it that night and dropped off to sleep. I do not remember having any significant dream that night. However, I remember awaking in the morning with words ringing in my ears, 'Go and pass by Dr Chris's place before you leave for Kabale.'

Dr. Chris was nothing more than an acquaintance. I thought it strange that I should pass by his home that morning. However, because the hunch was overpowering, I followed its guidance.

I told the doctor about my journey to Kabale without telling him the finer details about my plans and my dilemma. He said, 'I have a friend in Kabale called Denis (not his real name). He will be able to lend you his public address system at no cost.' He said it without any prompting, not knowing that I was at his place for precisely that reason. He gave me Denis's number.

The proposed conference was successful, but more importantly, that experience strengthened my resolve to pursue this higher way of life.

When you engage this world of dreams, you awaken the latent powers of your spirit, enabling the dream faculty within you to get involved in the

affairs of your life. Through deliberate and directed contemplation, you can set your dream faculty in a specific direction in which you need answers.

## 5.3 Dream Interpretation

In tasting the powers of the age to come, you simply engage the transcendence within you—that power inside you to tap into the spiritual world. You can use that infinite wisdom within you to the point where it begins to use you. From there on, your course of action is under the direction and control of the spiritual wisdom within you, unveiling to you things that were previously shrouded in mystery.

Because of the indifference some people have toward dreams or because of their ignorance on the subject, they often miss the solution they have been searching for when it comes to them in this format. That leaves them groping on in darkness when they really shouldn't.

So many aspects of today's life have led a majority of believers to divorce themselves from the transcendent powers of the age to come. Chief among them is their subscription to a dead orthodoxy they call 'Christianity' and secular scholasticism which teaches that dreams are nothing more than a figment of our imagination.

Our religious platforms, because of their current spiritually incapacitated state, aren't that much more enlightened. They too have willfully discarded everything to do with transcendence, including the subject of dreams and their interpretations.

And yet the secret of divine guidance is several times unveiled during dreams. As long as dreams are cast aside as vain imaginations, this secret door that was used by God to reveal major time shifts, eras, and mysteries in the Bible will be lost on us. We cannot possibly walk in darkness or uncertainty if we operate under the illumination of this secret of the ages. We will find that all our ways are right and all our paths are sure.

But we have erroneously thought that dreams cannot be an extended phase of our reality because they end when we awake. If that were our basis of determining reality, our wakened reality would also be in question since it's

also only a partial phase of our life. Certainly we do not think our wakened life is less real because it ends when we fall asleep, do we?

However, if you asked those many people who have experienced what I am talking about, to them dreams are undoubtedly a dramatization of realities that are beyond mental comprehension but are captured and projected into our conscious mind by that transcendent person within us—the spirit.

In such dreams, hidden mysteries are revealed. In some cases they are more in allegorical form than literal, and thus we fail to get the meaning rendering the dream useless to us.

Therefore we must give time to the study and practice of dream interpretation in order to recover the lost value of dreams through which humanity has throughout the ages been prepared, preserved, and protected from things to come.

However, I do not agree with those people who place strict symbolic interpretation to dreams. Interpreting dreams with such preconceived mental guidelines governing so-called dream symbols and their meanings employs the mind and gives no place to the spirit in the exercise. This only serves to strip dreams of their spirituality because ‘the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned’ (1 Cor. 2: 14).

Therefore interpretation of spiritual dreams must be done with the help of the Spirit.

The ability to interpret dreams is similar to the ability to discern divine guidance during your wakened state. Therefore, just as in your daily walk you are impressed with an intuition, an inner awareness, an overpowering hunch whereby ‘you know that you know’, similarly when you awake from a dream, you will be able to know its meaning by simply listening to your spirit, that is if you have taken time to develop it (your spirit).

A few years ago, I was invited to speak at a prophetic conference in Kamuli, in the eastern part of Uganda. During one of my ministering sessions, I was led to invite forward people who sought the interpretation of their dreams.

The response was overwhelming.

There was no way I was going to listen through the details of all those people's dreams, so I figured I might as well engage the transcendence within me to do the interpreting.

One particular case stood out to this day. There was this middle-aged lady whose dream was rather peculiar. They all are, but this one was much more. It was, apparently, about her friend. There was nothing about her in the dream. However, because I paid no attention to the details but rather to the impression within me, I discerned that this dream was actually about her. To her surprise, as well as mine (remember I was following the guidance of the Spirit), I interpreted the dream to mean that she would get married in a few months from then.

Now, by all appearance, this lady looked married. In fact, as I was giving her the interpretation, my mind kept playing tricks on me asking me, 'Can this lady, for sure, still be single?' But I ignored the voice of reason and stuck to the voice of transcendence and carried on with the interpretation.

After the session, it all made sense. The hosting pastor who, as you'd expect, had known this lady for years told me her story. She had been earnestly praying for a husband for long, but there was no glimmer of hope. It's extremely rare in this rural part of my country for a lady to get married in her middle age. But the interpretation obviously gave her hope.

A few months down the road, it was more than just hope. I was invited for her wedding, and I can't remember seeing anyone happier! Right there I witnessed the amazing fulfillment of a rather mysterious dream that neither, apparently, depicted her or anything to do with marriage. It was because I developed the transcendent discernment in me and didn't just rely on dream symbols that I was able to interpret this lady's dream.

The development of your spiritual senses is paramount in dream interpretation. Thus, you must devote yourself to those things that engage and awaken the transcendence within you. This devotion to developing your spirit man, or the lack of it, is what draws the line between those who will merely acquire this knowledge and those who will translate it into experience.

Therefore, it is important for you to periodically withdraw from sense evidence and the objective world to commune silently with the superior wisdom of the transcendence within you, engaging the powers thereof in your daily life. This awakens your spiritual senses and gets them involved in your perceptive abilities, and thus also in the interpretation of dreams.

You may be reading this and wondering how relevant it is to you since you are not much of a dreamer. Of course, some people dream a lot more frequently than others. However, something can be done to induce a dream with a solution to what you may be deliberating on. Envision the situation with all the possibilities at hand and then arrest that state just before sleep and control it completely. In many cases, you will get a vivid realization of the solution in your dreams.

That is what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. He set his mind, or his thoughts, on wondering what would come after him. God gave him an answer in his dream, which, according to Daniel's interpretation, marks out the major empires that would arise after his.

Judging from the king's urgency and ruthlessness in demanding for someone to tell him the dream and its interpretation, it appears that he had pondered on the issue with some intensity. That's probably why he was ready to slay all the wise men and Chaldeans in his kingdom if they failed to unlock the mystery of his dream.

About seven years ago, I was offered what appeared to be a life-transforming opportunity. On the surface, it was a Godsend, a prayer answered, so to speak. In my mind, it was all green lights. But I am not governed by sense knowledge, so in the night I applied the technique of dream induction to be sure about the situation at hand. When I drifted away in sleep, a man of God that I revered most appeared to me in a dream. He warned me not to take up that opportunity and the reason why.

I heeded the warning. In the course of time, things played out to vindicate the warning I received in the dream. That 'opportunity' was going to hijack my destiny and harm my spiritual life.

The dream was undoubtedly an enactment of the transcendence within me,

which projected someone whom I deeply respected and whose words I was more likely to heed giving me the warning.

Oftentimes the transcendence within you will speak to you in a voice that your conscious mind will accept as true. For instance, if it is your spiritual leader you revere most, a warning may come in the form of that spiritual leader warning you not to go here or there and the reason for the warning. On this finite level, it might irk a few people around you, but on the dimensionless level, it resonates with reality. It is an unveiling of mysteries hidden to sense evidence.

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# End of This Age

Looking at the state of the world today, it appears to be on a collision course —the world appears to be in a mess. From the exponential rise in natural disasters that have claimed countless lives to the global economic crisis, the wars and rumors of wars and terrorism, everything seems to be falling apart. People who are confronted with the state of the world today have their hopes, ambitions, and plans permeated with a subconscious fear that perhaps there is no future at all.

Stories of asteroids that were about to hit the earth and then missed by a whisker have driven people to the edge of anxiety. The biggest source of anxiety right now is the Mayan Calendar which, apparently, ends in December 2012. Frantic efforts by scientists to assure people have not stopped a panic attack. The media has been reporting about people calling into radio stations, wondering if they should simply commit suicide along with their families rather than bear the sight of their children being roasted in an inferno like it is being depicted in thriller movies which, knowingly or otherwise, seem to be promulgating the 2012 doomsday theory.

The whole theory might sound like baloney to you—as it does to me—but some people are really scared of it. That's what happens when people trust in

the world and not in God. I am not about to take to the hills with my possessions to commence the countdown to doomsday.

The mass of humanity wants reassurance about the future. They want to find some of the answers to their questions—solid answers, a sure direction. The reassurance they are looking for lies in a book that they have had for ages, but many have chosen to ignore: a book that boldly documents prophecies from ancient prophets of Israel. Believers who have chosen to study those prophecies have had the pleasure of seeing them astoundingly unfold thousands of years after they were documented. It feels like reading tomorrow's newspaper today. These prophecies have been miraculously preserved throughout history, documented in the Bible.

## 6.1 The Signs of the Times

The eccentric realm of prophetic revelations, visions, and dreams has been familiar occurrences throughout my life. In September 2004, while in a dream state, I foresaw three significant events that were yet to unfold. The first was the reelection of President George W. Bush. The second was the escalation of terrorism. The third revelation was about a great destruction soon to happen, specifically on 26 December of the same year, resulting in massive deaths.

This third revelation aroused more curiosity in my mind than the other two because tied to it was the knowledge that it signified one of the last major signs before the close down of this Age—before the return of Christ. So since I foreknew the date on which it would happen, I waited, wondering what and how exactly it would turn out.

Now, for the benefit of the doubters, I should say that I did share these revelations with a few close friends the day after I got them.

The revelation to unfold on the world scene was the reelection of President Bush. The second also began to unfold with the gradual escalation of terrorism. The third had an appointed date. You remember that's when the tsunami hit across several coastal areas in Asia, resulting in mammoth deaths.

Unfortunately, by 26 December—the date I had foreseen it happening—I had

stopped looking out for this third prophetic revelation. Actually, it was two days later when I was watching the CNN coverage of the tsunami that it dawned on me that this was a fulfillment of the third prophetic revelation I had received.

In Luke 12: 40, Jesus said, 'Be ye therefore ready also: for the son of man cometh at an hour ye think not.' The point is, many have known about His coming but have stopped looking out for it. They have been dragged along with the rest of the world by the cares of this life that they have stopped reading 'the signs of the times'.

> Jesus answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? (Matt. 16: 2-3)

It's ironic that man never seems to learn from past mistakes. We blame those in the past for having missed it, and yet placed under similar circumstances, we choose the way of error too. Through the grim pages of history, we see God's emissaries being rejected in their generation, and the next generation realizes how the one past missed God's visitation, wishing they were there at the time, yet they too are possibly missing God's visitation for their time.

As tragic as the past errors of man have been, there is one that, if not heeded, will be the most tragic. It is discerning the times of the end of days—the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing will be as climactic as this in all of human history. And Jesus Himself pointed out that we should be able to discern or read the signs pointing to His imminent return just as we do forecast weather patterns.

However, we have degenerated in our spiritual convictions to the point where we scoff at the idea of the end of the age. The writing is on the wall. Several signs predicted by ancient prophets and seers pointing to the end of time are coming to pass with the most startling precision. Are we going to ignore the signs and go on acting like life is going to remain the way it's always been?

Tomorrow may never come. Life, as you have known it, may take on a whole

new form, ready or not. If you care to pay attention, you will be able to see right now these predictions made centuries ago being fulfilled before our eyes. The seers or prophets should not be in question here, but their predictions.

There was such a 'seer' whose chilling predictions continue to echo through the centuries. He is known today as St Malachy. He was the Archbishop of Armagh, and to him is attributed several miracles and a vision of the identity of the last 112 popes. He was of Irish descent, born in 1094.

In 1139, St Malachy went to Rome to give an account of the affairs of his diocese to the pope, Innocent XI. While at Rome, he received the strange vision of the future wherein was unfolded before his 'inner consciousness', the long list of illustrious pontiffs who were to rule the Roman Catholic Church until the end of time.

These short prophetic revelations, in number 112, indicate some noticeable trait of all future popes from Celestine II, who was elected in the year 1143, until the end of the world. They are enunciated under mystical titles. Those who have undertaken to interpret and explain these symbolic prophecies have succeeded in discovering some trait, allusion, or similitude in their application to the individual popes, either as to their name, birthplace, country, insignia, etc.

For example, the prophecy concerning Pope Clement IX (1667-1669) is 'constellation of swans'. Upon his election as pope, he was apparently the occupant of the Chamber of the Swans in the Vatican.

Then there is the prophecy about Gregory XVI (1831-1846), 'bath of Etruria'. Prior to his election as pope, he was member of an order founded by St Romuald, at Balneo, in Etruria, present-day Tuscany.

'Of the eclipse of the sun or from the labor of the sun' is the prophetic designation St Malachy prophesied about John Paul II. We know that Karol Wojtyla, that is, John Paul II, was born on 18 May 1920 during a solar eclipse. There was also a solar eclipse on 8 April 2005, the day of his funeral. Coincidence?

It appears that St Malachy made only 111 predictions so that John Paul II's successor, Benedict XVI, should be the final pope. The next pope after that, according to the vision of St Malachy, will be the last and will also be the devil incarnate, setting the stage for the end of time.

Then there was Michel de Nostradamus. He was a sixteenth-century French astrologer. His poetic yet cryptic quatrains have been proved to conceal information about future events. Scholars have for over 400 years been mystified by the predictions of this mystic of the medieval ages.

If he died in 1566, why are we still talking about him?

Nostradamus's prophecies possess a magical quality for those who study them; they are muddled and obscure before the prophesied event, but become crystal clear after the event has occurred.

One of Nostradamus's most famous prophecies concerning our time, taken from his most famous work, *Les Propheties* or *The Prophecies* , is the prediction of 9/11:

> In the year of the new century and nine months, from the sky will come a great king of terror… . The sky will burn at forty-five degrees. Fire approaches the great new city… . In the city of York, there will be a great collapse, two twin brothers torn apart by chaos while the fortress falls the great leader will succumb third big war will begin when the big city is burning.

Although no date is provided, there is a remarkable resemblance of what occurred on the attack in New York City, and specifically, the collapse of the Twin Towers there.

## 6.2 21 December 2012

So what is supposed to happen on this magical date of 21 December 2012? There is speculation from some of Nostradamus's enthusiastic followers that he predicted the world to end in 2012, a thing he actually never mentions exactly, though he does talk about the end of the world. However, the ancient people of Mesoamerica, the Maya, seem to point to this date as the day the world will end.

The Mayans' written language was based on pictographs, much like the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. Their understanding of numbers and astronomy gave us the Mayan Calendars of the Long and Short Counts. So why does this calendar attract so much attention now? The Mayan Calendar ends on the Gregorian Calendar date of 21 December 2012, which many people believe is the total end of civilization, as we know it, while others believe it is simply a change of 'enlightenment' in this current time.

Many theories have sprung from this date, ranging from the laughable and the ridiculous to the scientific. As with a lot of end-time predictions, a lot is left to interpretation thus leaving it somewhat vague. Nonetheless, there is coming a day when the world, as we know, will end. And if you are truly inquisitive, you can be given a view into what the future holds concerning the end of days.

## 6.3 God's Crystal Ball

The future has been written in advance. We are able to see right now in the ancient writings authored by the Spirit of God, predictions made centuries ago being fulfilled before our eyes. These writings have been documented and miraculously preserved in the Bible.

The Bible contains clear and unmistakable prophetic signs about the end-times; but these signs are no more startling than those of present-day seers, astrologers, and prophets. However, they are a more sure foundation than that of any seers or prophets.

> We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day stay arise in your hearts. (2 Pet. 1: 19)

Upon carefully investigating the prophetic scriptures, there should not be left any speculation about the signs of the end-times. We can firmly trust these predictions because they are given by the eternal One Himself.

There have been doomsday prophecies in the past. It is because of these cultic attempts at calculating dates that some eyebrows rise when we make

mention of the end-times and the Bible prophecy today. The people who have fled to the mountains to await the end of the world haven't had the faintest idea about the true signs of the times predicted in the Bible. The cynical minds about the end-time message are also just as ignorant as the folks that make a cult out of it.

The cynics expect to live through Bible prophecy like they did other doomsday prophecies, going about their business as usual, looking back on the prophecies, and laughing them off. They are ignorant of all the historic evidence that explicitly and precisely validates Bible prophecy. We should learn to learn from history.

Throughout human history, the future has been projected through prophecy but rejected by the shortsightedness of the people at their peril. The coming of the Messiah is one such major prophetic projection echoed through the centuries before its actual fulfillment. This was the central theme of the prophecies of the ancient Jewish prophets—Jesus of Nazareth.

The paradox, however, is there came a Jew who claimed to be the Messiah. He fulfilled in the most astounding way all the ancient predictions about Him but was rejected by those who should have recognized Him first. Ignorance was not their excuse. The reason they rejected Him bears resonance with our era: degeneration in our spiritual convictions.

Otherwise, the signs are as clear as the face of the sky. The writing is on the wall; we are living in the last of the last days. At any moment, the world as we know it will wrap up. The ancient prophets prophesied about this hour of history in which we live. Will we repeat history? Will we be indifferent or apathetic as past generations were? Will we allow the skeptics to explain these things away and not carefully weigh them for ourselves?

There are many ancient prophecies which are related to the specific pattern of world events which are precisely predicted as coming together shortly before the end of time. The one event which was so paramount in the ancient prophetic puzzle was the rebirth of the nation of Israel, a dream for so many years, made a reality on 14 May 1948.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, know

that it is near, even at the door.

(Matt. 24: 32)

Israel has forever become prophetically typecast, in a figurative sense, as a fig tree. One such place where Israel is typecast as a fig tree is found in Jeremiah, during the first dispersion of Israel:

> Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah, who I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. (Jer. 24: 5-6)

There is no nation that plays so central a role in world history as Israel. What has happened and continues to happen right now to Israel is significant in the entire prophetic picture. The nation of Israel cannot be ignored; we see the Jews as a miracle of history. Even the casual observer is amazed at how the Jews have survived as a distinct race in spite of the most formidable odds, the holocaust being just one of them.

Twice the Jews have been destroyed as a nation and dragged away as slaves under inhuman circumstances; twice the Jews returned to their ancient homeland and reestablished themselves there again.

What other people in world history have preserved a distinct and separate national identity in spite of a total of over 2,000 years of being scattered—years of dispersion, as it is called? Jewish survival is phenomenal. However, more importantly, with all its tragedies and triumphs, Jewish history has been accurately foretold to the time of the end of this Age.

The sign of the ‘fig tree’ is one of the many signs predicted concerning the end-times. Christ also foretold of the world conditions that would precede His coming. He generalized them from natural disasters, to wars and rumors of wars, to false prophets. For the casual observer, it is easy to fail to recognize the fulfillment of Christ’s prophecies for the time in which we live.

However, if one is to carefully examine, he cannot fail to realize the exponential increase in these perils prophesied by Jesus of Nazareth.

The point is the days leading to the end of this age are marked by certain signs prophesied or predicted centuries ago. And as it appears, we are on the brink of the new age. The end, therefore, is just the beginning. It is the entrance into what we know now as the 'age to come'—the eternal age.

# 7

# Absent from the Body

From a physical perspective, he was alive one moment and gone the next. According to those that knew him, death came without warning. A young man, recently married, with a whole potentially successful future ahead of him until then, without warning, was suddenly found dead. Yet in reality, he was actually alive and living in another world—a strange dimension, a rather mysterious world identified as hell. I saw him there in a vision!

This vision startled me because I had no idea who this young man engulfed in agonizing flames was. But I was shown glimpses of his earthly life and his name and lastly told by a strange voice in the vision that a close friend of mine knew who this young man was. So I called up this friend and learned that the young man I saw in this vision had passed on a few weeks prior. I was deeply saddened by the tragedy faced by the young man in the vision, but more importantly, I decided that I would keep on awakening those yet on this physical plane of life to the truth about the unseen worlds of departed souls.

Reports from all the people who have had afterlife or near-death experiences reveal insignificant differences examined understandably. The insignificance is because of the various portals into the other side or spirit world the departed soul is ushered through, under special circumstances. In this chapter, I will blend personal experience, inspiration, and what I know from the Bible to dramatize the inevitable phenomenon of being 'absent from the body'.

## 7.1 A Heartbeat Away

We would like to solve the mystery of what happens after physical death. What will our experience be like?

Dying is a process which begins before the spirit takes leave of the body. In fact, it begins before any illness, accident, or occurrence, which may cause physical death. It is a principle that took effect in human existence the day man ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. What death really is, and what to expect after it, remains a mystery to many people.

As one moves from one realm of life to another, so is that period of transition we call dying. From a physical perspective, we might say one was alive one moment and gone the next. We may comment that death came without warning. Because we see only those external happenings which are perceptible to the physical senses, we often assume there was no activity outside of this perspective.

For instance, when on the earth, we live simultaneously in all the regions of the soul and spirit. We may not be aware of our presence in other realms at the same time as we are embodied in the earth, but our lack of cognizance does inhibit our dual presence. Upon awakening in the afterlife, however, we are freed from the fetters of time and space, and as we look around and absorb our surroundings, we feel as though we have just emerged from a haze.

We see our lives with a clarity obscured from us when we were in the earth realm. We see the potential, the ultimate possibilities of all the choices we didn't make. Now, we also take note of the spiritual entities for the first time, and we are struck by how we recognize them. There is a total familiarity and the realization of their always having been with us, whether before, during, or after our earth-life.

At the moment of death, some of us are completely aware of what is happening, some of us only partly aware, and yet others totally unaware. For a moment, many people do not realize that they have died and passed on to another reality. How often do dreamers realize they are dreaming even though their activities are not what one would consider consistent with

awakened reality? Death is similar. Upon awakening from death, we swiftly move onto that world to which our life inclinations in the earth resonate.

## 7.2 The Underworld

Let us now take a detour into yet another reality so we can better understand one of our options upon waking up in the afterlife.

Death is nothing but a doorway, something you walk through to the immortal side of life. It is an inward step, so small, so natural, yet from a worldly perspective it is so abrupt and so extreme.

Our transition after death is like stepping into an eternity of our life's consequences. The spiritual disposition we carry over with us allows or prevents us from moving on to the underworld. This region is devoid of the true love, life, and light, devoid of all those things which we cast out from our lives in the earth. For if we spend our earthly life without God, we shall likewise spend an eternity without Him.

The most momentous concern of man is the state he shall enter into eternity, whose end no eye can see, after this short and transitory life is over. Eternity has no gray hairs. On the earth, the human body grows old and feeble, the world lies down in the sepulcher of ages, but time writes no wrinkle on the face of eternity.

Upon arriving in the afterlife, our awareness, emotions, and memories are carried over unadulterated with us. They, however, become much, much longer in death, much harder to bear for those in the underworld, with no way to set them aside at all. The occupants of the underworld not only take their unbearable attitudes with them into death, but they also inhabit them.

The greatest mistake people make is to go through this life without firmly establishing on what assurances their hopes or fears stand. Yet there is a spirit within us—it is immortality itself—that points out to the hereafter, and intimates eternity to man. Unfortunately, its voice has been ignored for a long time and man has lived without this witness of eternity at his own peril.

So what awaits the lost soul beyond the grave?

In an instant, the lost soul finds itself separate from its body and, in confusion, wonders how it has acquired these strange powers of flight and transparency. Then, like a metal is drawn to a magnet, the lost soul gravitates downwards into a dark tunnel beneath the earth, and slowly the sights and sounds from the earth fade into the distance.

As the lost soul continues its descent, spiraling downward, the darkness within the tunnel gets darker, until the soul is literally absorbed into this pitch darkness. The worst fears imaginable and unimaginable then begin to haunt the soul, as it comes to the realization that it is forever lost, confined in the regions of the damned.

At a distance, the soul starts to hear a mighty chorus of moans and agonizing cries arising from below, like millions of souls shouting from a large stadium. The lost soul realizes that that is its final confinement and that that is only the beginning of the most horrifying experience to follow for the rest of eternity, enveloped in a burning furnace we call hell.

## 7.3 The Celestial City

In an instant, the discarnate spirit of the redeemed soul finds itself outside its physical body, which lies inert before it. As the discarnate persons look around and absorb their surrounding, they feel as though they have just emerged from a haze—as though they have just awakened. They see their surrounding with a clarity obscured from them when they were confined in a physical body. Now they take note of the spirit entities around them, who they identify as their guardian angels, and they are struck by how they recognize them.

Suddenly, they are aware to their new strange abilities of flight and transparency as they are lifted slowly toward the ceiling and then pass it, their spirit going further up into the heavenliness escorted by the angelic entities. The spirit then soars as though through a tunnel and is beckoned by the brilliant light at the end of the tunnel.

More moments pass as the spirit progresses further and further away, watching the earth become a blue ball surrounded in white swirls. Then, somewhere in the vicinity, the spirit starts to behold a Celestial City with

such splendor and perfection beyond human description. At this moment, the spirit breaks into an ecstatic moment, saying over and over, 'I'm home, I'm home, I'm finally home!' Everything there is of pure essence; the spirits there are pure, and their forms are like fluorescent white lights.

As the discarnate person approaches this Celestial City, they notice a figure of man awaiting them, and it appears it is from Him that the whole city is aglow with brilliant light. The brilliance of the light He emits is far more sparkling than the sun. No earthly eyes in their natural state could look upon His light without being destroyed. Only spiritual eyes can endure it and appreciate it.

A strange thing happens; His light blends into that of the discarnate person, literally, and the person feels their light being drawn to His. It is as if there are two lamps in a room, both shining, their lighting merging together. It's hard to tell where one light ends and the other begins; they just become one light.

As their lights merge, the discarnate person feels as if he has stepped into His very countenance, and at this moment, there is an utter explosion of such joy, peace, and love unknown in the earthly realm. There is no question who He is; the discarnate person knows that He is their Lord, their Savior, and their choicest friend. He is Jesus Christ, who has always loved them, even when they thought they had completely messed things up beyond forgiveness.

## 7.4 When I Saw the Christ

The first time He appeared to me, He looked different than I thought He would. I realized that the picture I had of Him was inaccurate; it was painted in my mind by religious caricatures or movies I had watched. He looked a lot more youthful than I had imagined, a thing that later made sense to me when I realized that He died at a youthful age of thirty-three years.

When Christ appeared to me, He wore a white garment that glowed. I will never forget His eyes; they looked like deep wells of unending love. When you look into His eyes, He burns so much love toward you that all loneliness and insecurities fade away. You will realize that He loves you; yes, loves you, cares for you, watches over you, feels a personal interest in you, and he

so wants you to succeed in life. Oh, the thrill and wonder of His Person!

For those who think He is just a great religious leader, I have news for you, He is not! He has such an awe-provoking presence about Him that if you were to see Him like I saw Him, you would undoubtedly come to the knowledge of His Deity and that He truly is from everlasting to everlasting. I cannot exactly explain it; it's very unique.

No matter your opinion, no matter your belief, and no matter your religion, you may never believe my story. But Christ is alive; one day you will encounter the reality of His existence and know beyond a shadow of any doubt that He is the One who was sent from heaven and made incarnate in the womb of a virgin to reconcile humanity to God.

You will know that He is the essence of everything true, pure, lovely, joyful, and peaceful. He is the ultimate fulfillment the human heart craves for. No religion owns Him; He cares about all humanity.

I did not encounter Christ in a hallucination; I actually saw Him like I would see you or any other person standing in front of me. That encounter will stay with me for the rest of my life. There are no words that can adequately describe who He is. I am aware of the myths, fantasies, and superstitions mankind has created through the ages. However, Jesus Christ is no figment of human imagination. He is very real. And whether you like it or not, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. This means that without Him you are lost, deceived, and dead. On the other hand, you are found, enlightened, and alive in Him.

I am sharing with you these things in order to heighten your awareness to levels beyond the physical. There are realities beyond the physical but within the realm of human experience that you have been blinded to. By extending your awareness beyond the physical, you can be brought into the experience of these transcendent realities. You can taste the powers of the age to come. I hope you make it your lifetime goal to taste of those powers and walk in them, in the light of Jesus. That is, if anything is worth a lifetime of pursuit.

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