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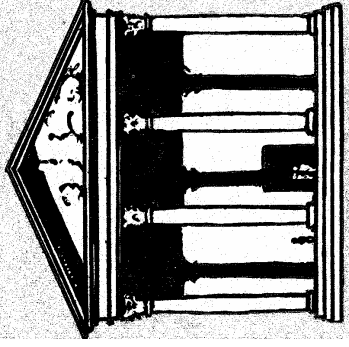
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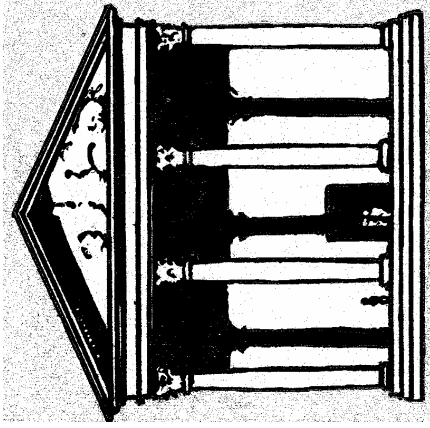


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# Come To Order

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When we observe the world in which we live, we can, through thoughtful observation, discern order. Even in the midst of apparent chaos we can see order. The passing of day to night, the changing seasons, and the orbits of the planets and their moons, are systematic and predictable elements that reflect the order of the universe.

Scientists know that law and order are in effect when they perform their experiments. The scientist conducts experiments in order to determine the cause back of some event or circumstance in nature. If there were no order, no law, experimentation would be of little value. Without order, the results obtained would most likely vary with every test, even if all the conditions and factors associated with the experiment were identical.

Incorrect or unexpected results obtained during scientific research and experimentation are the result of a limited understanding, or of a misunderstanding, of the laws in effect. Scientists theorize why something does or doesn't occur and then develop experiments in order to prove or disprove their theory. The scientist understands that there is an unchanging principle back of all things in the physical universe. The results received during an experiment may not reflect the scientist's expectations, but they always reflect the law at work. Our knowledge and understanding may change, but law is constant. When the scientist truly discerns and understands the law, her experiments will always produce predictable results in keeping with the law at work.

All science is based on the premise that order and law exist. If you could jump off a mountain cliff one day and float gently to the ground and the next day jump off the same cliff and plummet to the ground; think of the futility, not to mention the stress, of moving about our planet with confidence. This example of disorder however, is not the case, because the law of gravity is, and always is, in effect. If you jump off a cliff without the aid of a parachute, or some other device, you will meet with the same or similar result every single time. You may not understand the law of gravity, but the law is always at work. Lack of understanding may lead you to think that disorder exists, but the appearance of disorder is just that—an appearance.

When we understand the law of gravity we work in accord with it, or face the results of living in discord. If we jump off a cliff and are injured is gravity at fault? If we do not expect to be hurt when we jump off a cliff we do not know and understand the law of gravity. If we think that God would or should intervene to save us we do not know and understand God—Spiritual Law.

Through this simplistic example we can see the problems of living and acting with ignorance or a limited understanding of physical law. This is also true of living and acting with little or no understanding of the law within which all exists.

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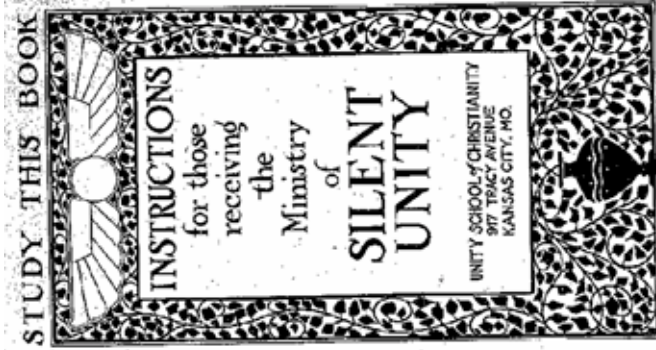
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Consider your life. What is the state of your health, your finances and your relationships? Is your life filled with joy or sadness? Are you peaceful or fearful? Are you living life abundantly or are you always lacking what you think you need or desire? Are you healthy or sick? Do you feel young and alive or old and dying? Are you optimistic or pessimistic?

If your life is not joyous, peaceful, abundant and complete you do not understand the law of Spirit. If your life is not joyous, peaceful, abundant and complete you are living your life in darkness—blind to the truth of your being. Understanding and living in accord with Spiritual Law guarantees a life filled with joy, peace, abundance and health.

Understanding the law of gravity does not stop us from flying to the moon or exploring the oceans depths—it empowers us to. The rocket scientist, the mountain climber or the deep sea diver each understand gravity and are able to experience the fullness of their adventurous spirit because they act in cooperation with the law.

How much do you think you know and understand of Spiritual Law? The Law of Spirit has a much greater impact on our lives than the law of gravity or any other physical law. Spiritual Law is the law back of all laws—Spiritual Law is the Truth of our being—it is being itself. When we do not work or operate within the law—we are working at odds to it. Working at odds to the law will produce undesirable results.

In order to determine how much you understand and work in accord with Spirit, examine your financial statement, your medical records, your relationships, your fears and your concerns. Your beliefs about the nature of God and the character of man are reflected by the image you see when you look in the mirror. What do you see as you examine your life in the mirror? What image is reflected there? Is your appearance the reflection of your finances, your health, your likes and dislikes, and your loves and hates? Or is the image and likeness you perceive Divine—a child of God or a child of man?

The image you see in the mirror is a reflection, the life you lead, the state of your finances, your health, your relationships, your fears and concerns, and your hopes and dreams are also a reflection; a reflection of your understanding or misunderstanding of the nature of God and the character of man. Bring yourself into an understanding of the nature of God and the character of man and you will behold a different image in the mirror—not a reflection, but rather an expression of your true self.

If you want to soar in this life with confidence and joy as the hang glider soars through the sky, you must, like the hang glider, understand the law at work and cooperate with it—you must go with the flow.

Recognition of order in the physical world and accepting that law is at work is an important step. Projecting the recognition of physical laws to the existence of a “higher” law is a right and just conclusion. If

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our assumption is that law guides all, how do we come to know and understand the “higher” law that is at work in all things everywhere? The answer is, “scientifically”.

Don’t let the word science as related to spirit intimidate you. By science we simply mean that like the laws of nature, spiritual law is discernable, understandable and demonstrable. Since spiritual law is scientific it follows that there is a systematic method of knowing, understanding and demonstrating Spirit.

How do we come to know and understand Spiritual Law? We come to know and understand Spiritual Law by attending church. By church I mean the church within—the church without walls. There are physical churches, mosques, synagogues and spiritual centers in virtually every community; whether we attend any of them is up to us. If we attend a physical place of worship the benefit is dependent on our participation.

How do we attend the church within in order to build our spiritual understanding, in order to know the law and to develop the faith to live in accord with it? The church within, or as Charles Fillmore, cofounder of the Unity Movement called it, “*the church invisible*”, is attended via prayer and meditation. Just like the benefits received from attending your neighborhood spiritual center are dependent on your participation—no one else can attend the *church invisible* for you. The benefits you receive are entirely dependant on your participation.

Knowledge of physical law can be communicated based on someone else’s experience—spiritual law can only truly be understood through personal experience. It has been said that, “spiritual things must be spiritually discerned.” This means that while we utilize our physical senses to communicate and understand the physical world and physical law, we must utilize spiritual sense to communicate with and come into understanding of Spirit.

We have a broad foundation, consciousness, of what is true or not true in the physical world. We live our life based on this foundation, our consciousness, that has been built up over time. Our consciousness of *the way things are* may or may not have any relationship to the way things actually are. The way we speak, act and think is based on what we believe. This is why when I say that it is your divine right to be healthy and prosperous, loved and loving you may nod your head and say, “that’s nice,” but in your mind you are saying, “yeah right!”

Based on appearance in the physical world we see physical evidence of poverty, illness and disease, hate and fear, and death and dying. Based on spiritual understanding you will experience abundance, wholeness, love and eternal life. In order to inherit what is ours by divine right we must spiritualize our consciousness.

Your spiritual consciousness reflects your true understanding of, and your identification with, Spirit. The extent and breadth of your spiritual consciousness is the foundation on which you create your life experience. In order for this foundation to be strong, broad and true, the foundation must be constructed consciously by you. Your spiritual consciousness is built up by utilizing spiritual building materials that are acquired by your own spiritual experiences, that is, through prayer and meditation.

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