

SHOWING AND KNOWING

“For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit” (2 Peter 1:21)

“There is nothing the wandering attentions of mind are struggling after but to see the Absolute” (Esoteric Philosophy, Pg.75:4)

One of the many statements by John the Baptist that rings through eternity is “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (Jn. 3:30) As we transition from the realm of Kingdom 2 consciousness into that of Kingdom 3, we find more wisdom, more intimacy, more power and more necessity in this simple statement than ever before. Emma calls this movement a transition from what we want or need to do to “Thou art now working through me to will and to do that which ought to be done by me.” (12 Lessons in Spiritual Healing, #4)

As we consistently lay down our rights to ourselves, we move from “showing forth” consciousness to “bringing forth” knowing. Showing forth is the God we claim to be true through our own human ego and mental activity. In Religious Science, this is known as “demonstration”. At this level, our prayers are of the world and in the world for the most part and tend to squeeze God through a very small conduit of our needs, desires and free will. In a very real sense, the “showing forth” consciousness attempts to create God in our own image instead of allowing ourselves to be fully surrendered and restored to our “Home Point” of the Christ Ideal.

Genesis Mind is always brought forth by pure Knowing and Christ Jesus proved this power countless times during those events that we call miracles. Beyond belief, beyond ideas, beyond thought and beyond every condition lies the foundational Knowing of Truth. It is in this state that the Christ lives, moves and has It’s Being. Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the healing of a man “which had an infirmity thirty and eight years” (Jn.5:5) near the pool at Bethesda. This man, bound so completely by facts, conditions and beliefs, lay among “a great multitude of impotent folk” (Jn 5:3) in hopes that some external, earthly influence might heal his own disease. His bed had become the symbol, one might

even say the attachment, to that which had shown forth in his life for nearly 40 years.

Jesus the Christ never needed to hear the man's story or how he had come to such a state. All that mattered was an overarching Knowledge of Truth and the genuine Passion to bring that Truth forth. This Knowing that Jesus had, as well as all of us by Divine Birthright, instantly dissolves everything that is unlike Itself; the essence of Perfection. "Wilt thou be made whole?" are the words of Jesus that open the receptivity in this man who had been using his human vision only for so very long. In an instant, all of the shadow thoughts this man had claimed as real disappeared into the "noonday sun" of Christ Mind, restoring all of his bodies, including the physical. "Immediately, the man was made whole." (Jn. 5:9) Where the world had told this man "You've made your bed, now lie in it" the Knowing of Christ Jesus commands "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." (Jn. 5:8)

Discarding, bit by bit, the burden of our human ego and personality is like a caterpillar surrendering a cocoon and revealing the true beauty of a butterfly, liberated and free. It is in this Freedom that Christ is not only realized, it is revealed. Truly, deeply and confidently returning to and embracing the Ideal of "Your Father knows what things you have need of before you even ask" (Matt. 6:8) moves us into the consciousness of "bringing forth." In this exalted state, power and humility become one, Jesus Christ is exposed as each of us.

In "bringing forth" there is no mixture of Heaven and earth in our expression, no "me and Thee". It is here that the Prodigal Son in us returns home and feels the embrace of a loving Father which has more in store for us than we could have ever imagined for ourselves. It is here that Genesis is individualized as us in that our only agenda is that the highest expression of Immortal Mind Presence be done through whatever we say or do without condition, restriction or attachment. This is Freedom, this is Love, this is Christ.

The table included in this essay is meant to be a comparison as to what "showing forth" and "bringing forth" might be like as roadsigns of experience.

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SHOWING FORTH

BRINGING FORTH

“MAKE IT HAPPEN”

“LET IT BE”

SOMETHING NEW

SOMETHING REMEMBERED

HUMAN HEAD

SACRED HEART

DEMONSTRATION

GENESIS

WILL

WILLINGNESS

EFFORT

ELEGANCE

INTENTION

ATTENTION

ACTION

STILLNESS

BELIEF

KNOWING

HAPPINESS

JOY

ENERGY

SYNERGY

OUTCOME

KINGDOM COME

RELATIVE

REALITY

THINKING

BEING

PURPOSE

PERFECTION

GRIT

GRACE