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LESSON 227.

This is my holy instant of release.

1. *Father, it is today that I am free, because my will is Yours. ² I thought to make another will. ³ Yet nothing that I thought apart from You exists. ⁴ And I am free because I was mistaken, and did not affect my own reality at all by my illusions. ⁵ Now I give them up, and lay them down before the feet of truth, to be removed forever from my mind. ⁶ This is my holy instant of release. ⁷ Father, I know my will is one with Yours.*
2. *And so today we find our glad return to Heaven, which we never really left. ² The Son of God this day lays down his dreams. ³ The Son of God this day comes home again, released from sin and clad in holiness, with his right mind restored to him at last.*

LESSON 234.

Father, today I am Your Son again.

1. *Today we will anticipate the time when dreams of sin and guilt are gone, and we have reached the holy peace we never left. ² Merely a tiny instant has elapsed between eternity and timelessness. ³ So brief the interval there was no lapse in continuity, nor break in thoughts which are forever unified as one. ⁴ Nothing has ever happened to disturb the peace of God the Father and the Son. ⁵ This we accept as wholly true today.*
2. *We thank You, Father, that we cannot lose the memory of You and of Your Love. ² We recognize our safety, and give thanks for all the gifts You have bestowed on us, for all the loving help we have received, for Your eternal patience, and the Word which You have given us that we are saved.*

LESSON 241.

This holy instant is salvation come.

1. *What joy there is today! ² It is a time of special celebration. ³ For today holds out the instant to the darkened world where its release is set. ⁴ The day has come when sorrows pass away and pain is gone. ⁵ The glory of salvation dawns today upon a world set free. ⁶ This is the time of hope for countless millions. ⁷ They will be united now, as you forgive them all. ⁸ For I will be forgiven by you today.*

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- We have forgiven one another now, and so we come at last to You again. ² Father, Your Son, who never left, returns to Heaven and his home. ³ How glad are we to have our sanity restored to us, and to remember that we all are one.*
- The Holy Spirit has no need of time when it has served His purpose. ² Now He waits but that one instant more for God to take His final step, and time has disappeared, taking perception with it as it goes, and leaving but the truth to be itself. ³ That instant is our goal, for it contains the memory of God. ⁴ And as we look upon a world forgiven, it is He Who calls to us and comes to take us home, reminding us of our Identity which our forgiveness has restored to us.

LESSON 300.

Only an instant does this world endure.

- This is a thought which can be used to say that death and sorrow are the certain lot of all who come here, for their joys are gone before they are possessed, or even grasped. ² Yet this is also the idea that lets no false perception keep us in its hold, nor represent more than a passing cloud upon a sky eternally serene. ³ And it is this serenity we seek, unclouded, obvious and sure, today.
- We seek Your holy world today. ² For we, Your loving Sons, have lost our way a while. ³ But we have listened to Your Voice, and learned exactly what to do to be restored to Heaven and our true Identity. ⁴ And we give thanks today the world endures but for an instant. ⁵ We would go beyond that tiny instant to eternity.*

LESSONS 361 to 365.

This holy instant would I give to You. Be You in charge. For I would follow You, Certain that Your direction gives me peace.

- And if I need a word to help me, He will give it to me. ² If I need a thought, that will He also give. ³ And if I need but stillness and a tranquil, open mind, these are the gifts I will receive of Him. ⁴ He is in charge by my request. ⁵ And He will hear and answer me, because He speaks for God my Father and His holy Son.
 - As witness to forgiveness, aid to prayer, and the effect of mercy truly taught, healing is blessing. ²
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And the world responds in quickened chorus through the voice of prayer. ³ Forgiveness shines its merciful reprieve upon each blade of grass and feathered wing and all the living things upon the earth. ⁴ Fear has no haven here, for love has come in all its holy oneness. ⁵ Time remains only to let the last embrace of prayer rest on the earth an instant, as the world is shined away. ⁶ This instant is the goal of all true healers, whom the Christ has taught to see His likeness and to teach like Him.