

10. Faith is the opposite of fear, as much a part of love as fear is of attack. <sup>2</sup> Faith is the acknowledgment of union. <sup>3</sup> It is the gracious acknowledgment of everyone as a Son of your most loving Father, loved by Him like you, and therefore loved by you as yourself. <sup>4</sup> It is His Love that joins you and your brother, and for His Love you would keep no one separate from yours. <sup>5</sup> Each one appears just as he is perceived in the holy instant, united in your purpose to be released from guilt. <sup>6</sup> You see the Christ in him, and he is healed because you look on what makes faith forever justified in everyone.
11. Faith is the gift of God, through Him Whom God has given you. <sup>2</sup> Faithlessness looks upon the Son of God, and judges him unworthy of forgiveness. <sup>3</sup> But through the eyes of faith, the Son of God is seen already forgiven, free of all the guilt he laid upon himself. <sup>4</sup> Faith sees him only *now* because it looks not to the past to judge him, but would see in him only what it would see in you. <sup>5</sup> It sees not through the body's eyes, nor looks to bodies for its justification. <sup>6</sup> It is the messenger of the new perception, sent forth to gather witnesses unto its coming, and to return their messages to you.
12. Faith is as easily exchanged for knowledge as is the real world. <sup>2</sup> For faith arises from the Holy Spirit's perception, and is the sign you share it with Him. <sup>3</sup> Faith is a gift you offer to the Son of God through Him, and wholly acceptable to his Father as to Him. <sup>4</sup> And therefore offered you. <sup>5</sup> Your holy relationship, with its new purpose, offers you faith to give unto your brother. <sup>6</sup> Your faithlessness has driven you and him apart, and so you do not recognize salvation in him. <sup>7</sup> Yet faith unites you in the holiness you see, not through the body's eyes, but in the sight of Him Who joined you, and in Whom you are united.
13. Grace is not given to a body, but to a mind. <sup>2</sup> And the mind that receives it looks instantly beyond the body, and sees the holy place where it was healed. <sup>3</sup> There is the altar where the grace was given, in which it stands. <sup>4</sup> Do you, then, offer grace and blessing to your brother, for you stand at the same altar where grace was laid for both of you. <sup>5</sup> And be you healed by grace together, that you may heal through faith.
14. In the holy instant, you and your brother stand before the altar God has raised unto Himself and both of you. <sup>2</sup> Lay faithlessness aside, and come to it together. <sup>3</sup> There will you see the miracle of your relationship as it was made again through faith. <sup>4</sup> And there it is that you will realize that there is nothing faith cannot forgive. <sup>5</sup> No error interferes with its calm sight, which brings the miracle of healing with equal ease to all of them. <sup>6</sup> For what the messengers of love are sent to do they do, returning the glad tidings that it was done to you and your brother who stand together before the altar from which they were sent forth.
15. As faithlessness will keep your little kingdoms barren and separate, so will faith help the Holy Spirit prepare the ground for the most holy garden that He would make of it. <sup>2</sup> For faith brings peace, and so it calls on truth to enter and make lovely what has already been prepared for loveliness. <sup>3</sup> Truth follows faith and peace, completing the process of making lovely that they begin. <sup>4</sup> For faith is still a learning goal, no longer needed when the lesson has been learned. <sup>5</sup> Yet truth will stay forever.
10. In the holy instant, you will see the smile of Heaven shining on both you and your brother. <sup>2</sup> And you will shine upon him, in glad acknowledgment of the grace that has been given you. <sup>3</sup> For sin will not prevail against a union Heaven has smiled upon. <sup>4</sup> Your perception was healed in the holy instant Heaven gave you. <sup>5</sup> Forget what you have seen, and raise your eyes in faith to what you now can see.

- <sup>6</sup> The barriers to Heaven will disappear before your holy sight, for you who were sightless have been given vision, and you can see. <sup>7</sup> Look not for what has been removed, but for the glory that has been restored for you to see.
11. Look upon your Redeemer, and behold what He would show you in your brother, and let not sin arise again to blind your eyes. <sup>2</sup> For sin would keep you separate from him, but your Redeemer would have you look upon your brother as yourself. <sup>3</sup> Your relationship is now a temple of healing; a place where all the weary ones can come and rest. <sup>4</sup> Here is the rest that waits for all, after the journey. <sup>5</sup> And it is brought nearer to all by your relationship.
1. The first obstacle that peace must flow across is your desire to get rid of it. <sup>2</sup> For it cannot extend unless you keep it. <sup>3</sup> You are the center from which it radiates outward, to call the others in. <sup>4</sup> You are its home; its tranquil dwelling place from which it gently reaches out, but never leaving you. <sup>5</sup> If you would make it homeless, how can it abide within the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> If it would spread across the whole creation, it must begin with you, and from you reach to everyone who calls, and bring him rest by joining you.
15. If you send forth only the messengers the Holy Spirit gives you, wanting no messages but theirs, you will see fear no more. <sup>2</sup> The world will be transformed before your sight, cleansed of all guilt and softly brushed with beauty. <sup>3</sup> The world contains no fear that you laid not upon it. <sup>4</sup> And none you cannot ask love's messengers to remove from it, and see it still. <sup>5</sup> The Holy Spirit has given you His messengers to send to your brother and return to you with what love sees. <sup>6</sup> They have been given to replace the hungry dogs of fear you sent instead. <sup>7</sup> And they go forth to signify the end of fear.
16. Love, too, would set a feast before you, on a table covered with a spotless cloth, set in a quiet garden where no sound but singing and a softly joyous whispering is ever heard. <sup>2</sup> This is a feast that honors your holy relationship, and at which everyone is welcomed as an honored guest. <sup>3</sup> And in a holy instant grace is said by everyone together, as they join in gentleness before the table of communion. <sup>4</sup> And I will join you there, as long ago I promised and promise still. <sup>5</sup> For in your new relationship am I made welcome. <sup>6</sup> And where I am made welcome, there I am.

### *i. The Lifting of the Veil*

8. Forget not that you came this far together, you and your brother. <sup>2</sup> And it was surely not the ego that led you here. <sup>3</sup> No obstacle to peace can be surmounted through its help. <sup>4</sup> It does not open up its secrets, and bid you look on them and go beyond them. <sup>5</sup> It would not have you see its weakness, and learn it has no power to keep you from the truth. <sup>6</sup> The Guide Who brought you here remains with you, and when you raise your eyes you will be ready to look on terror with no fear at all. <sup>7</sup> But first, lift up your eyes and look on your brother in innocence born of complete forgiveness of his illusions, and through the eyes of faith that sees them not.
9. No one can look upon the fear of God unterrified, unless he has accepted the Atonement and learned illusions are not real. <sup>2</sup> No one can stand before this obstacle alone, for he could not have reached this far unless his brother walked beside him. <sup>3</sup> And no one would dare to look on it without complete forgiveness of his brother in his heart. <sup>4</sup> Stand you here a while and tremble not. <sup>5</sup> You will be ready. <sup>6</sup> Let us join together in a holy instant, here in this place where the purpose, given in a holy

- instant, has led you. <sup>7</sup> And let us join in faith that He Who brought us here together will offer you the innocence you need, and that you will accept it for my love and His.
10. Nor is it possible to look on this too soon. <sup>2</sup> This is the place to which everyone must come when he is ready. <sup>3</sup> Once he has found his brother he *is* ready. <sup>4</sup> Yet merely to reach the place is not enough. <sup>5</sup> A journey without a purpose is still meaningless, and even when it is over it seems to make no sense. <sup>6</sup> How can you know that it is over unless you realize its purpose is accomplished? <sup>7</sup> Here, with the journey's end before you, you *see* its purpose. <sup>8</sup> And it is here you choose whether to look upon it or wander on, only to return and make the choice again.
11. To look upon the fear of God does need some preparation. <sup>2</sup> Only the sane can look on stark insanity and raving madness with pity and compassion, but not with fear. <sup>3</sup> For only if they share in it does it seem fearful, and you do share in it until you look upon your brother with perfect faith and love and tenderness. <sup>4</sup> Before complete forgiveness you still stand unforgiving. <sup>5</sup> You are afraid of God *because* you fear your brother. <sup>6</sup> Those you do not forgive you fear. <sup>7</sup> And no one reaches love with fear beside him.
12. This brother who stands beside you still seems to be a stranger. <sup>2</sup> You do not know him, and your interpretation of him is very fearful. <sup>3</sup> And you attack him still, to keep what seems to be yourself unharmed. <sup>4</sup> Yet in his hands is your salvation. <sup>5</sup> You see his madness, which you hate because you share it. <sup>6</sup> And all the pity and forgiveness that would heal it gives way to fear. <sup>7</sup> Brother, you need forgiveness of your brother, for you will share in madness or in Heaven together. <sup>8</sup> And you and he will raise your eyes in faith together, or not at all.
6. You look upon each holy instant as a different point in time. <sup>2</sup> It never changes. <sup>3</sup> All that it ever held or will ever hold is here right now. <sup>4</sup> The past takes nothing from it, and the future will add no more. <sup>5</sup> Here, then, is everything. <sup>6</sup> Here is the loveliness of your relationship, with means and end in perfect harmony already. <sup>7</sup> Here is the perfect faith that you will one day offer to your brother already offered you; and here the limitless forgiveness you will give him already given, the face of Christ you yet will look upon already seen.
9. Idols must disappear, and leave no trace behind their going. <sup>2</sup> The unholy instant of their seeming power is frail as is a snowflake, but without its loveliness. <sup>3</sup> Is this the substitute you want for the eternal blessing of the holy instant and its unlimited beneficence? <sup>4</sup> Is the malevolence of the unholy relationship, so seeming powerful and so bitterly misunderstood and so invested in a false attraction your preference to the holy instant, which offers you peace and understanding? <sup>5</sup> Then lay aside the body and quietly transcend it, rising to welcome what you really want. <sup>6</sup> And from His holy temple, look you not back on what you have awakened from. <sup>7</sup> For no illusions can attract the mind that has transcended them, and left them far behind.
10. The holy relationship reflects the true relationship the Son of God has with his Father in reality. <sup>2</sup> The Holy Spirit rests within it in the certainty it will endure forever. <sup>3</sup> Its firm foundation is eternally upheld by truth, and love shines on it with the gentle smile and tender blessing it offers to its own. <sup>4</sup> Here the unholy instant is exchanged in gladness for the holy one of safe return. <sup>5</sup> Here is the way to true relationships held gently open, through which you and your brother walk together, leaving the body thankfully behind and resting in the Everlasting Arms. <sup>6</sup> Love's Arms are open to receive you, and give you peace forever.

11. The body is the ego's idol; the belief in sin made flesh and then projected outward. <sup>2</sup> This produces what seems to be a wall of flesh around the mind, keeping it prisoner in a tiny spot of space and time, beholden unto death, and given but an instant in which to sigh and grieve and die in honor of its master. <sup>3</sup> And this unholy instant seems to be life; an instant of despair, a tiny island of dry sand, bereft of water and set uncertainly upon oblivion. <sup>4</sup> Here does the Son of God stop briefly by, to offer his devotion to death's idols and then pass on. <sup>5</sup> And here he is more dead than living. <sup>6</sup> Yet it is also here he makes his choice again between idolatry and love. <sup>7</sup> Here it is given him to choose to spend this instant paying tribute to the body, or let himself be given freedom from it. <sup>8</sup> Here he can accept the holy instant, offered him to replace the unholy one he chose before. <sup>9</sup> And here can he learn relationships are his salvation, and not his doom.
12. You who are learning this may still be fearful, but you are not immobilized. <sup>2</sup> The holy instant is of greater value now to you than its unholy seeming counterpart, and you have learned you really want but one. <sup>3</sup> This is no time for sadness. <sup>4</sup> Perhaps confusion, but hardly discouragement. <sup>5</sup> You have a *real* relationship, and it has meaning. <sup>6</sup> It is as like your real relationship with God as equal things are like unto each other. <sup>7</sup> Idolatry is past and meaningless. <sup>8</sup> Perhaps you fear your brother a little yet; perhaps a shadow of the fear of God remains with you. <sup>9</sup> Yet what is that to those who have been given one true relationship beyond the body? <sup>10</sup> Can they be long held back from looking on the face of Christ? <sup>11</sup> And can they long withhold the memory of their relationship with their Father from themselves, and keep remembrance of His Love apart from their awareness?
4. Begrudge not then this little offering. <sup>2</sup> Withhold it, and you keep the world as now you see it. <sup>3</sup> Give it away, and everything you see goes with it. <sup>4</sup> Never was so much given for so little. <sup>5</sup> In the holy instant is this exchange effected and maintained. <sup>6</sup> Here is the world you do not want brought to the one you do. <sup>7</sup> And here the one you do is given you because you want it. <sup>8</sup> Yet for this, the power of your wanting must first be recognized. <sup>9</sup> You must accept its strength, and not its weakness. <sup>10</sup> You must perceive that what is strong enough to make a world can let it go, and can accept correction if it is willing to see that it was wrong.
5. The world you see is but the idle witness that you were right. <sup>2</sup> This witness is insane. <sup>3</sup> You trained it in its testimony, and as it gave it back to you, you listened and convinced yourself that what it saw was true. <sup>4</sup> You did this to yourself. <sup>5</sup> See only this, and you will also see how circular the reasoning on which your "seeing" rests. <sup>6</sup> This was not given you. <sup>7</sup> This was your gift to you and to your brother. <sup>8</sup> Be willing, then, to have it taken from him and be replaced with truth. <sup>9</sup> And as you look upon the change in him, it will be given you to see it in yourself.
6. Perhaps you do not see the need for you to give this little offering. <sup>2</sup> Look closer, then, at what it is. <sup>3</sup> And, very simply, see in it the whole exchange of separation for salvation. <sup>4</sup> All that the ego is, is an idea that it is possible that things could happen to the Son of God without his will; and thus without the Will of his Creator, Whose Will cannot be separate from his own. <sup>5</sup> This is the Son of God's replacement for his will, a mad revolt against what must forever be. <sup>6</sup> This is the statement that he has the power to make God powerless and so to take it for himself, and leave himself without what God has willed for him. <sup>7</sup> This is the mad idea you have enshrined upon your altars, and which you worship. <sup>8</sup> And anything that threatens this seems to attack your faith, for here is it invested. <sup>9</sup> Think not that you are faithless, for your belief and trust in this is strong indeed.

7. The Holy Spirit can give you faith in holiness and vision to see it easily enough. <sup>2</sup> But you have not left open and unoccupied the altar where the gifts belong. <sup>3</sup> Where they should be, you have set up your idols to something else. <sup>4</sup> This other "will," which seems to tell you what must happen, you give reality. <sup>5</sup> And what would show you otherwise must therefore seem unreal. <sup>6</sup> All that is asked of you is to make room for truth. <sup>7</sup> You are not asked to make or do what lies beyond your understanding. <sup>8</sup> All you are asked to do is *let it in*; only to stop your interference with what will happen of itself; simply to recognize again the presence of what you thought you gave away.
8. Be willing, for an instant, to leave your altars free of what you placed upon them, and what is really there you cannot fail to see. <sup>2</sup> The holy instant is not an instant of creation, but of recognition. <sup>3</sup> For recognition comes of vision and suspended judgment. <sup>4</sup> Then only it is possible to look within and see what must be there, plainly in sight, and wholly independent of inference and judgment. <sup>5</sup> Undoing is not your task, but it *is* up to you to welcome it or not. <sup>6</sup> Faith and desire go hand in hand, for everyone believes in what he wants.
9. Those who believe in sin must think the Holy Spirit asks for sacrifice, for this is how they think *their* purpose is accomplished. <sup>2</sup> Brother, the Holy Spirit knows that sacrifice brings nothing. <sup>3</sup> He makes no bargains. <sup>4</sup> And if you seek to limit Him, you will hate Him because you are afraid. <sup>5</sup> The gift that He has given you is more than anything that stands this side of Heaven. <sup>6</sup> The instant for its recognition is at hand. <sup>7</sup> Join your awareness to what has been already joined. <sup>8</sup> The faith you give your brother can accomplish this. <sup>9</sup> For He Who loves the world is seeing it for you, without one spot of sin upon it, and in the innocence that makes the sight of it as beautiful as Heaven.
5. God's plan for your salvation could not have been established without your will and your consent. <sup>2</sup> It must have been accepted by the Son of God, for what God wills for him he must receive. <sup>3</sup> For God wills not apart from him, nor does the Will of God wait upon time to be accomplished. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, what joined the Will of God must be in you now, being eternal. <sup>5</sup> You must have set aside a place in which the Holy Spirit can abide, and where He is. <sup>6</sup> He must have been there since the need for Him arose, and was fulfilled in the same instant. <sup>7</sup> Such would your reason tell you, if you listened. <sup>8</sup> Yet such is clearly not the ego's reasoning. <sup>9</sup> Your reason's alien nature to the ego is proof you will not find the answer there. <sup>10</sup> Yet if it must be so, it must exist. <sup>11</sup> And if it exists for you, and has your freedom as the purpose given it, you must be free to find it.
5. What is the holy instant but God's appeal to you to recognize what He has given you? <sup>2</sup> Here is the great appeal to reason; the awareness of what is always there to see, the happiness that could be always yours. <sup>3</sup> Here is the constant peace you could experience forever. <sup>4</sup> Here is what denial has denied revealed to you. <sup>5</sup> For here the final question is already answered, and what you ask for given. <sup>6</sup> Here is the future *now*, for time is powerless because of your desire for what will never change. <sup>7</sup> For you have asked that nothing stand between the holiness of your relationship and your *awareness* of its holiness.
10. Here is the first direct perception that you can make. <sup>2</sup> You make it through awareness older than perception, and yet reborn in just an instant. <sup>3</sup> For what is time to what was always so? <sup>4</sup> Think what that instant brought; the recognition that the "something else" you thought was you is an illusion. <sup>5</sup> And truth came instantly, to show you where your Self must be. <sup>6</sup> It is denial of illusions that calls

on truth, for to deny illusions is to recognize that fear is meaningless. <sup>7</sup> Into the holy home where fear is powerless love enters thankfully, grateful that it is one with you who joined to let it enter.