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## THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

By Robert Applegate, Jr.

"THINK NOT that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." - Matthew 5:17

The word "law" as used here by Jesus means the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament. And the "prophets" are the remaining books that were considered canonical at the time that He spoke. Thus Jesus is saying that He came not to abolish but to fulfill the Scripture: that is, the Old Testament. And time and again in the records of His ministry we are told that a certain thing was done "that the scripture might be fulfilled."

We know that the Bible was written by men and men are fallible. We know it (particularly the Old Testament) contains duplications, inconsistencies, contradictions. Some of the statements, if taken literally, are obviously wrong; and many of the commands in their literal sense are inapplicable in modern life. It is obvious, too, that those who profess to accept the Bible as infallible in its letter choose the portions they like and construe them to suit their own notions.

Nevertheless, there is something about the Scripture that cannot be explained and especially that cannot be explained away. Nothing happens by chance; and it was not by accident that these particular books were copied, were preserved (while others were lost), and were regarded as sacred. A Providence guided the process. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God," Paul wrote to Timothy, "and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Primitive man perceives Truth intuitively; and since he cannot explain it logically, he embodies it in a myth or folk tale. To look for facts in the outer details of such a story is a childish mistake, yet one that has been made by intelligent men for centuries - with disastrous results. The reaction against this fallacy has led many to the rejection of the Old Testament (and of all religion), which is also childish. The Truth is not in the outer details of a myth or story, any more than a man's character is in the clothes he wears. Truth is concealed within the outer covering, and it must be looked for, as character must be looked for.

What Paul said of those who knew only the letter of the Scripture is true of many today: "Whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds; but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed."

The Old Testament was the only Scripture that Jesus knew. In it He found revealed God's Purpose for His people - their restoration to oneness with Him. He took upon Himself, as God's Envoy, the fulfilling of this Purpose.

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## MAN IS IMMORTAL

By Alden Truesdell

THE OBJECT of a teacher of Truth is to explain the unreality of appearance and expose the Reality of That which is invisible and seems at times unattainable.

The teacher must explain that mortality is a phase of man's search for Life. Life is stable, permanent, real; the forms that it takes are as the "grass that withereth." When man is conscious of himself as a mortal he has a sense of inadequacy, for he is in a state of transit. In this transitory state he is influenced by various phantasies. He is in a dream-state until he awakens to the possibility of a more dependable Way of Life. Immortality is the name of this Way of Life the mortal seeks, and he seeks it because it is his true mode of life.

Man is immortal; man is spiritual; and he is born in the world for the sole purpose of making this discovery. So a teacher has the responsibility of teaching "mortals" to awaken to their immortality. Jesus Christ had the original assignment of awakening the race to its spiritual heritage. He brought the "good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." He came to open the eyes of the blind and to make blind those wise in their own conceits. For those who see only the obvious activities in the world roundabout and comprehend only what the senses report are to be blinded for a season while the inner eye is being opened to the inner Realities, which have formerly been hidden.

In the acceptance of an entirely new Way of Life there cannot help but be drastic changes as the old way is shuffled out and the new way is ushered in. There cannot help but be crucifixions and resurrections. Those who have been prepared for these transitions will be blessed, for they will have learned to endure as beholding the Invisible. The "old man" must be crucified; he must not be coddled, if one is to enjoy the ultimate purpose for which Jesus Christ came into the world.

The religious authorities in Jerusalem tried to stop Peter and John from preaching the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power of His Name. But Peter and John answered: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard."

For those who have ears to hear, these words are as vital today as when they were spoken. To them we could add some of the classic statements of Paul, such as:

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. . . . The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the lord from heaven. . . . Behold, I shew you a great mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. . . . Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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## A PARAPHRASE OF JESUS' TEACHING

By Nell Truesdell

AFTER JESUS CHRIST had miraculously fed five thousand people with two fishes and five loaves a crowd flocked after Him. Knowing that they were interested only in His apparently effortless ability to supply unlimited rations, Jesus reproved them and declared Himself to be the true bread of life to believers only.

To clarify Jesus' statements for myself (and for anybody else who may be interested), I paraphrased the words that the Master addressed to the self-seekers, to the religious leaders in the crowd and to His twelve disciples. To follow His statements, please refer to John VI, beginning with verse 26.

To the self-seekers Jesus said: Of a truth I declare to you, You follow Me, not for the reason that you viewed the wonders; on the contrary, for the reason that you consumed bread and were satisfied. Work not for edible food that decays. Rather work for the Food that imparts everlasting life, which the Son of man grants to you: because the Supreme One has to empowered Him.

To their selfish demands, He replied: The work of God (for you) is that you trust in the Son that God ordered to be His Agent (to give you eternal life).

Then, as some members of the crowd began to argue with Him, Jesus answered: Of a truth I declare to you, Moses did not deliver bread from the spiritual realm; however, My God provides you with the unspoilable Substance from the spiritual realm. The Substance of the Supreme One is His Activity (Son), which moves down from the spiritual realm, and imparts vitality to humanity.

They asked for this bread, and Jesus answered: I am the Substance of existence (in the world); anybody who moves toward Me shall at no time lack support; and anybody who accepts Me shall at no time lust (have unsatisfied cravings).

However, He continued, I repeat to you that though you have associated with Me, you are not convinced. Everybody whom the Supreme One assigns to Me shall move toward Me; and anyone who moves toward Me I will under no circumstances turn away.

I descended out of the spiritual realm, not to carry out My self-will, but the Will of the Supreme One who compelled Me (to descend). The purpose of the Creator that ordered Me to descend is that of everybody that He assigns to Me, I shall not cease to have any, but shall sustain all of them at the hour of final transition. This is the purpose of the Supreme One that directed Me, that everyone who finds the Son and accepts Him has the opportunity to possess eternal existence: and I will sustain each one at the sudden transition from one stage to another.

When the religious leaders put their heads together, Jesus, who knew what they were saying, said:

Do not whisper privately between each other. No person has power to move toward Me (the Son), unless God who commissioned Me lead that person: and I will lift that one to his Source at the final hour.

The prophets, He continued, gave account, Man shall be enlightened by the Supreme One. Each person accordingly who has heeded and has understood the Supreme One, moves toward Me. Not that any Person has discerned the Supreme One, except the Son who is like God, He has understood the Supreme One.

In very truth, I declare to you, Anyone who accepts Me lays hold on eternal Being. I am that Essential Ingredient of Being.

Your ancestors consumed food in the desert and no longer exist. The Essential Ingredient is the Son (the Activity of God), which descended from the spiritual realm, which any person is privileged to partake of, and not perish. I am the living Substance (the Son of God) that descended from the God-Source: if any person partake of this Essential Ingredient (Sonship), that one shall exist eternally: and the Substance that I will impart is Myself, which I will freely surrender for the existence of humanity.

I say truly to you, Unless you acquire the spiritual composition of the Essential Ingredient of Being, and absorb His Vital Energy, you are not alive. Whoever assimilates that Essential Ingredient and retains that Vital Energy, possesses everlasting Being: and I will sustain that one at the final hour of transition.

Because the Son's Spiritual Nature is Substance in reality, and the Son's Vital Energy is aliveness in reality, anyone who assimilates the Son's Spiritual Nature and absorbs the Son's Vital Energy lives (is alive) in the Son, and the Son (is alive) in that one.

In the same way that the Living God compelled the Son to descend, and the Son moves because of the Supreme One: also that one who becomes like the Son, in the same way that one shall continue living through the agency of the Son.

As I mentioned before, the Son is that Spiritual Substance that came into existence (the world) out of the spiritual realm: not as your ancestors partook of food and died: that one who becomes like the Son shall continue to Be, without ever ending.

Of His disciples who complained, Jesus asked: Does this teaching irritate you? Suppose that you should see the Son rise up to the realm, where He previously had been?

It is, He went on, the Son (the Activity of God) that makes alive; the physical existence advantages naught: the teachings that I (the Son) impart to you are sustaining and are life-giving. However, there are certain of you who refuse to accept (the teachings) as true. Accordingly I repeat to you, that no person is able to enter into Sonship (move toward Me), unless the possibility is granted that person by the Supreme One.

After these teachings, many of the followers left Jesus because they could not understand what He was saying. Turning to the twelve Jesus asked, Will you also turn from Me?

But Peter in an instant of pure inspiration bound them all together when he, in turn, asked the Master, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of

eternal life. We understand and are satisfied that you are the Deliverer, the Son of the Supreme One.

Sadly, and with deep insight, Jesus replied, Did not I select you twelve, and one of you remains traitor?

When we understand that as the spiritual Substance of Being Jesus Christ is our true bread of life, we set ourselves to assimilate that bread by feeding on His Word. He instructed: If a man keep My saying (Word), he shall never see death.

We are compelled to partake of the vitality in the Master's Word so that His Word is in-built into our consciousness, and our awareness of our divinity swallows up our present awareness of mortality. This is "putting on Christ," which Paul mentions often in his writings.

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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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(Continued from last month)

MEEKNESS

THE MAJESTY of meekness is as a magnet that draws and holds all beings and all things - not by seeking and clutching after them, but by its outpouring, outgiving nature, its radiance of glory - the divine glory of the Father of lights, who, being Love, is Himself outpouring and outgiving.

Because meekness is divine, it partakes of wisdom and causes man to know the needlessness of haste. "He that believeth shall not make haste." The meek are possessed of a patience that is tolerant and forbearing. They know the impotence, indeed the nothingness, of error; and therefore they take no offense and are not hurt by the sayings or doings of others. The meek man is a gracious conqueror - overcoming all opposition not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God, who is Love.

Whoever declares meekness to be weakness, the exhibition of which invites only failure and disaster, knows not the nature of meekness or its power. He cannot have applied it as a principle or tried it as an agency. But it cannot be tested as an experiment. Meekness comes only to him who has surrendered himself to his Source, who has bowed down before the Majesty of his Maker until he has become conscious of the touch of the Supreme Presence.

"The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His Way." Instruction comes to him who is ready to receive it; hence the saying, "When the pupil is ready, the master appears." The meek man is always ready to learn and willing to be taught. Therefore information moves toward him; knowledge is imparted to him by unexpected agencies; opportunities to learn from many sources present themselves. He discovers also that there wells up from within his own consciousness a knowledge concerning matters about which he has not been outwardly informed. Intuitively he knows, and knows that he knows. This is termed the wisdom that comes from above.

"The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." This is the wisdom that is given to the meek man. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God." Let him silence the clamorings of his mind, and meekly hearken to the Voice "not heard on land or sea." He shall be taught that which no one will dare gainsay or resist, for it will bear the insignia of authority.

It is said of Jesus that "the people were astonished at His doctrine: for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Jesus said of Himself, "I am meek and lowly in heart." The meek man is silent and sure, free of self-assertion, self-advertising, self-promotion. When he speaks, it is in the interests and for the help of, others. His will is to serve, rather than to be served.

The willingness to serve is a power in itself, which generates force of character and energy within the individual. In the exercise of selfless service, the meek man taps wellsprings of hidden knowledge within the depths of his own being; and there from he draws treasures of wisdom and gems of sacred information, which are revealed only to him who has become divested of self-interest.

The meek man does not concern himself with what others think or say of him. He lets the thoughts of others be their own affair, not his. He claims no rights and does not strive for recognition, although at the same time, he is perfectly willing that those who are ambitious should strive for place and attention. He knows what Jesus said of those who seek to be seen and glorified of men: "Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" - a reward that is empty, shallow, transitory.

But the meek man looks to the Eternal. He prays to his Father "which is in secret," and his Father "which seeth in secret" rewards him openly. So, making no claims, seeking nothing as his own, and doing nothing that is prompted by ulterior motives, he finds himself shielded by the Silent Universe - whose laws and forces work without effort and with perfect precision.

Therefore the man of meekness knows the enjoyment of peace. He is not disturbed by the foolishness and selfishness of the world. He is given to understand the laws that make for the creation and maintenance of happiness and well-being. The flux and change of human affairs, all round about him, move him not, neither touch him. His delight is in the law of the Lord, and nothing offends him. He is ever being moved out of harm's way, and that which would injure him is caught in the meshes of its own false action.

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. . . . But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

From the meek man all hardness has departed. He is gentle and kind, delighting in the practice of these virtues. Because of his gentleness, he may appear often to be weak; but judge not by the appearance, for this gentleness is of the Divine Strength which nothing can defeat.

So the meek man is exceedingly strong; and in his consciousness of oneness with God, he can truly say, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." He can truly

hear the Word of the Lord saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." The power of Christ rests upon him. Therefore the demands daily made upon his energies are more than met by the upwelling forces within his being, which constantly flow like pure streams of living water from inexhaustible springs.

"The meek shall eat and be satisfied." The meek man draws substance from the Universe. Within him is the knowledge of substantiality. When others are afraid and grasp in outer ways, he willingly gives up and lets go; for he has within him the realization of unlimited substance.

The meek man knows Life, and in at one with Life. He has no fear of losing his life and is without anxiety concerning the lives of others; for he sees all beings and all things as agencies of the One Life, and knows all mankind to be co-eternal with God.

There is might in meekness. There is majesty in meekness. There is strength and power, safety and protection, radiance and glory in meekness. He who has found meekness through looking only unto the Spirit has discovered the great law of the Spirit of Life, and understands the secret workings of the Silence.

(Next month: Temperance)

Alphabet Of  
DAILY MEDITATIONS  
For Every Week Day Of The Month

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1. If ye ASK ANYTHING in My Name, I will do it.
2. BELIEVE Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me.
3. No man COMETH unto the Father, but by Me.
4. He DWELLETH with you, and shall be in you.  
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6. The ETERNAL God is thy refuge.
7. I (Jesus Christ) have called you FRIENDS.
8. My Father is GLORIFIED.
9. Let not your HEART be troubled.
10. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
11. Thou shouldest . . . see that JUST One.  
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13. If ye had KNOWN Me, ye should have KNOWN My Father also.
14. If ye LOVE ME, keep My commandments.
15. God is gracious and MERCIFUL.
16. Without Me ye can do NOTHING.
17. I have chosen you, and ORDAINED you, that ye should bring forth fruit.
18. I go to PREPARE a PLACE for you.  
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20. QUENCH the violence of fire (anger).
21. RIGHTEOUS art Thou, O Lord.
22. He that hath SEEN Me hath SEEN the Father.
23. I (Jesus Christ) TELL you THE TRUTH.
24. Ye have an UNCTION from the Holy One.
25. God giveth us the VICTORY through our Lord.  
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27. WATCH ye therefore, and pray always.
28. Take heed to YOURSELVES.
29. He was clad with ZEAL.
30. The Law of the Lord is perfect.
31. Walk in newness of life.

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"When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

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SPIRITICITY is the working Power of the Spiritual Principle,  
As electricity is the working power of the electrical principle.