**The Thunder of Silence  
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Introduction

(9) ***REVELATION*** – **always comes as somewhat of a shock**,   
 not only to the person who receives the – ***revelation***,   
 but also to those with whom it is shared.   
***Had it not been for*** – ***REVELATION*** –  
 **I, too,** –**would have lived out my life – *IN THIS – WORLD OF MIND,***   
***never realizing – that the*** – ***WORLD OF*** – ***MIND-POWER*** –   
 ***IS AS ILLUSORY*** – ***as that of*** – ***MATERIAL POWER***;

***BUT ONE DAY* – *A MESSAGE CAME TO ME*** –   
 ***THAT – MIND*** – ***IS NOT – POWER*,   
 THAT *–* THOUGHT** – ***IS NOT – POWER*.**

***THIS SHOCKED ME*,   
 *STEEPED AS I HAD BEEN*** – ***IN THE TEACHING THAT,*   
 “*RIGHT-THINKING*” – *could solve all my problems*.**

(11) ***THE ONLY*** – ***REAL STRENGTH*** – ***THERE IS***,   
 ***IS IN*** – ***CONSCIOUS UNION WITH GOD*** – and –   
 ***IN A REALIZATION*** – **OF** – **THE TRUE NATURE** –   
 **OF** – ***SPIRITUAL POWER*.**

**When we have** – ***THAT – REALIZATION*,   
 *ONE WITH GOD*** *–* ***BECOMES A MAJORITY***.

***One individual* – having the –**   
 ***SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING*** – ***OF THE NATURE OF GOD*** –   
 ***BECOMES – A LAW*** –**OF *–* harmony, health, and supply –**   
 **unto thousands and thousands of people all over the world**.

***THAT*** – ***IS WHERE THE STRENGTH IS: — IN UNION WITH GOD.***

**IT IS NOT POSSIBLE** – **TO GET FREE** – ***FROM SOMETHING*.**   
***Sometimes*, IT IS**, – ***TEMPORARILY;***   
 but even if it is – ***it is only a human solution***,   
 ***NOT PERMANENT AND REAL***,   
 ***because no one* – EVER GETS** – ***FREE*** – ***FROM***.

(11) **TO BECOME** –– ***FREE FROM – one thing*** –   
 is to become – ***attached to – another thing***.   
**There is no** – ***FREEDOM*** – ***FROM*** – **ANYTHING.   
 The** – ***ONLY*** – ***COMPLETE FREEDOM*** –   
 **IS A** – ***FREEDOM*** *–* ***IN CHRIST*.**

(12) ***HARMONY IS FOUND*,   
 not by exchanging one condition of bondage** –   
 **for another**, ***but by coming out* – *FROM UNDER THE LAW* –  
 *AND LIVING* – *UNDER* – *THAT GRACE* –   
 *WHICH IS*** – ***THE GIFT OF GOD*.**

2. **The longer we are on this path,**   
 the easier it will be – for us to understand that –  
 **it is not possible for anyone** – ***to embrace truth* –   
 *EXCEPT IN PROPORTION*** – **TO HIS READINESS FOR IT.**

3. **Sometimes – *THAT READINESS COMES* – *ONLY BECAUSE* –   
 OF – *THE FUTILITY AND FRUSTRATION*** –   
 ***THAT HAVE GONE BEFORE*.**

**Every sin, every disease, and every lack** –  
 **that** – **have ever touched our lives** –   
***HAVE BEEN A NECESSARY PART*** –   
 **OF OUR ENTIRE EXPERIENCE** – **WITHOUT WHICH** –   
 ***WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE READY*** –   
 ***OR PREPARED*** *–* ***TO RECEIVE*** – ***THE UNFOLDMENT*** *–* ***OF A TRULY SPIRITUAL MESSAGE.***

I say this – knowing that some of us –   
 have been down into the very depths –   
 where sin, disease, and lack are greatest,   
 while others have had very little with which to contend.

**Yet whatever the degree – of the severity of the problem –   
 *each one has had*** – ***IT IS PERHAPS THE DEGREE THAT EACH ONE HAS NEEDED*.**

**SOME CANNOT** – ***GO UP******TO*** –   
 ***THE HEIGHTS OF*** – ***SPIRITUAL VISION*** –   
 **UNTIL** – **THEY HAVE GONE ALL THE WAY DOWN –**   
 **physically, mentally, morally, or financially.**

Some have had to go only halfway down –   
 and some – probably much less than that;   
**but whatever depths you and I have known –   
THAT WAS THE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY** – **FOR US –   
 *TO REACH THE HEIGHTS*.**

(13) **Some of you –   
 may yet have to be pushed and prodded very hard–**   
 **and involved in a great many serious problems –   
 before you will be able to** –   
 **embrace the principles set forth in this book;  
 whereas some of you – will absorb them very easily –   
 and without having any harassing problems to overcome.**

**That, too, depends upon –   
 what degree of unfoldment you bring to this work.**

(13) **ONE THING ALONE** –   
 **WILL DEMONSTRATE THIS TEACHING:**   
 **realizing what the principles are – and then** –   
 **taking them into your heart and mind and soul and body,  
 living with them, and through them,   
 until they become demonstrable principles within you.**

***THEN YOU* – *BECOME*** – ***THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD****.*   
 **No two will be led in the same way;   
 no two will evolve in the same manner.**   
It all depends upon the degree of your individual unfoldment.

(14) ***THE ENTIRE MESSAGE OF THIS BOOK* – is based on –   
 *THE PRINCIPLE – THAT THERE IS*** – ***AN INNER GRACE* –   
 which** – ***does not*** – **operate through, or by,   
 *physical might*** – **or** – ***mental powers*.**

***THIS GRACE*, OF WHICH MOST PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE,**   
***OPERATES ONLY*** –   
***WHEN FAITH* – *IN ANYTHING*** –**and** – ***EVERYTHING*** –   
***HAS BEEN RELINQUISHED*,**

***EVEN INCLUDING* – *FAITH IN*** – ***A GOD* – *FROM WHOM* –**   
 **the world has been expecting miracles – *AND FOR WHOM* –   
 the world has been waiting** – **since the beginning of time.**

**The truth in The Thunder of Silence** **–   
 can be found in the New Testament.**

Readers of this book, however,   
  **cannot expect that the mere reading of it** –   
 will enable them to live by its revealed principles.

Those who feel no response to the unfoldment presented here **–**   
 will, of course, be more than satisfied with one reading.

**But those who feel** – **a thrill of recognition** –   
 **in their first reading –  
 should make this book their constant companion** –**day and night,** **Sundays and holidays, *UNTIL*** – **THEIR** – ***MATERIALISTIC STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS* –   
 *BEGINS TO YIELD – AND SURRENDERS ITSELF*;**

***AS THE*** – ***TRANSCENDENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS* –   
 *TAKES OVER*** – ***THE MIND, BODY*,   
 AND EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE OF THEIR LIVES.**

***MORE THAN*** *–* ***THIRTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE******–******HAVE DEMONSTRATED*** *–* ***BEYOND DOUBT******–   
 THAT*** – ***THIS*** *–* ***CHANGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS –   
 CAN TAKE PLACE – IN ANY PERSON*** *–* ***WHO CONTINUES*** *–* ***TO ABIDE*** *–* ***IN THIS MESSAGE.***

***SUCH A CHANGE OF CONSCIOUSNESS*** **– *MUST TAKE* – *WITHIN THE READER* – before he will find it possible –   
*to live by the* – *“*I say unto you” - of the Sermon of the Mount.**

***THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK******– IS TO******–   
REVEAL – TRANSCENDENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS –   
AND THEREBY – DEVELOP* – *INDIVIDUAL CONSCIOUSNESS:  
   
TO THAT PLACE – WHERE ONE CAN – TRUTHFULLY SAY,   
“I LIVE, – YET NOT I, – BUT – CHRIST*** – ***LIVES*** – ***IN ME.”******THIS PURPOSE******– CAN BE ACHIEVED*** – ***ONLY BY******–   
DWELLING – LIVING,* – *MOVING, AND HAVING ONE’S BEING –   
 AND BY –*** ***CONTINUOUSLY – ABIDING IN THE WORD****.*   
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***IF WE – (DWELL) –   
 WITH SPIRITUAL TRUTH – IN OUR CONSCIOUSNESS, NONE – OF THE EVILS – OF THIS WORLD –   
 WILL COME NIGH OUR DWELLING PLACE;***

***BECAUSE – THE TRUTH – ENTERTAINED IN CONSCIOUSNESS  
 TAKES OVER – AND BEGINS TO LIVE OUR LIVES***.

***LIVING IN – AN ATMOSPHERE – OF SPIRITUAL WISDOM –   
 AND FEEDING CONSCIOUSNESS* – *WITH TRUTH;***

***THERE COMES A MOMENT – WHEN –   
THAT TRUTH – TAKES OVER THE MIND,*** ***– AND THEN* –   
*NO LONGER – IS IT NECESSARY –   
 TO FILL THE MIND – WITH TRUTH.***

**FROM THEN ON, *–* THE FLOW *–* IS THE OTHER WAY**.   
***IT IS NOT* – *WE* *– WHO ARE – THINKING TRUTH*,   
REMEMBERING, DECLARING, OR MEDITATING *– ON TRUTH*.**

***IT IS TRUTH* –  *USING OUR MIND* – *FOR – ITS – EXPRESSION,* *ALWAYS – USING US* – *ALWAYS – FLOWING THROUGH US***.

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***UNTIL WE* – *RISE ABOVE* – *MIND,* –  *WE CANNOT* – *RISE ABOVE* – *THE PAIRS OF OPPOSITES.***

***WHEN WE* – *TRANSCEND* – *MIND* *–   
 AND TOUCH – THE REALM OF SPIRIT*,   
 *WE LIVE IN A* – (*DIFFERENT CONSCIOUSNESS)*.**