

Part II: "...AND I IN YOU."

RESURRECTION/ASCENSION

LESSON XVII

"Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

*Luke 24:5*

The account of Easter Sunday in the New Testament is a continuing call to communion through meditation.

The words of the Resurrected Christ were first about Peace.

"And he said unto them, Why weepest thou? Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Be not afraid. Peace be unto you."

The disciples, contemplating the life and works of Jesus, reflected first on the outer appearances and the sense of separation.

"Jesus of Nazareth which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people."

As they concentrated on God's Presence in their midst and asked the Christ to abide with them,

"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And their eyes were opened, and they knew him."

In the silence of Holy Communion, Oneness is revealed as the Holy Spirit.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with the power from on high."

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

The only response to this experience is a life led by the Spirit.

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

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ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON XVII

Turn within and contemplate and meditate on the Risen Christ.

Identify briefly in writing the meaning of John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Give a written statement showing an understanding of how believing is expressed.

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IDENTITY

LESSON XVIII

Moses knew God as the "I AM THAT I AM," the one who sent him unto the Children of Israel.

Jesus knew God through and as the Christ, that which was and is and ever will be God Being in the midst of us all.

It is the Christ that knows God as all that I AM.

"Before Abraham was, I AM."

"I AM come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

"I AM the bread of life."

"I AM the light of the world."

"I AM the door."

"I AM the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

"I AM the resurrection and the life."

"I AM the way, the truth, and the life."

"I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman."

Meditate on these statements of Truth.

ASSIGNMENT FOR LESSON XVIII

Read and contemplate Matthew 16:13-17. Give a written statement on "God Being."