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Forever, I am with you. *Forever, I am with you.* For long before the stars were birthed, long before the planets arose, long before even a thought of physicality had emerged within the Divine Mind of the Son of God, we were already created together and equally. And yet, that Creation of what alone is Real knows no point of birth.¹

Therefore, because the Father is forever, so too, have we abided together, held together and sustained together in Love. And throughout all time and even unto eternity do we abide together in the *Reality* of who we are. Therefore, think it not extraordinary when I say unto you: I am with you always, even unto the end of this age.

What journey have you ever taken that is not familiar to me? What journey have I ever taken that is, in truth, not familiar to you? For when you look upon me and from some deep place of knowingness within, though the words may be different, you say within yourself, "Behold! Christ appears before me."

When you hold a thought of me in the mind, and the body is flooded with emotion, soft and gentle and light, and you recognize that the Holy Son of God was birthed, perfected in your friend, even one Jeshua ben Joseph, what is it within you that *knows* that this is the Truth?

What part of your mind, what capacity within your Heart can look upon me and recognize the Truth within me, so that you love me? For I say well unto you, it is equal and the same as that part of my mind, that part of my Heart that looks upon you and says, "Behold! The Holy Child of God is before me. And I love this one."

That which knows, that which comprehends immediately is the Mind of Christ that recognizes Itself in each and every one. That Mind of Christ dwells within you in its fullness *now!* And, therefore, as I have said unto you many times, never fail to remember that it takes one to know one. And if you would look upon me and say, "Beloved friend, thank you," look well upon yourself and say, "Beloved friend, thank you."

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Service Is The Natural Outflow of A Heart Filled With The Gratitude 0f Grace!

The very thought that you would claim as your own from which you have created the world of your own personal experience is also literally the result of your prayer to Awaken. And the Father is creating – assisting you to create – just those experiences as stepping stones that carry you from where you are to where God is. ²

The result is that your ordinary daily life is the most perfect ashram you could ever be within. It is the Holy City to which it is wise to make pilgrimage every day, which means to bring awareness and commitment to exactly what you are experiencing. To be thankful for it, to bless it, to embrace it, to be vigilant and to be mindful:

What is this moment teaching me?

Having given that, then, as background and foundation, to remember that you do not experience anything that is called an "ordinary moment." In each and every moment, extraordinary things are occurring. Extraordinary things are occurring in which the whole of the Universe is conspiring, which means to "breathe together." The Universe is conspiring with you to Awaken you, to heal you. Trust it! Love it!

That these things are true - and I assure you that they are - it means that your life, the very life you are living, is equal in *power* and *majesty* and *effectiveness* as any life that has ever been lived. It means that your very life is equal to the one that I lived. For it is bringing you home, as my life was my pathway home to God.

The secret then, as I have shared with you many times, is to practice seeking first the Kingdom. Never let a day go by in which you fail to ponder the great mystery of God's Presence. Never let a morning go by that you fail to begin your day, except in this way:

> Surrender all thought of what you know and have believed. Rest in gratitude to the One Who has birthed you. Ask only to be revealed for you: greater Truth, greater wisdom, greater capacity to know and extend Perfect Love, Perfect Trust and Perfect Peace.³

Love Is Not Conditioned By The Conditions of The World!

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I said earlier that you are constantly creating your experience. You are free in this moment and in every moment to simply say:

I believe I'll adopt the perspective of a master - no sense in blame, no sense in feeling like a victim. What I'm experiencing is wholly mine. I must, therefore, have wanted it. ⁴

Always be very careful, then, that you do not *judge* what is occurring. For that is the fault that people fall into. "Why did I call this to myself? This is a horrible experience! Why, oh why did I want this?" All of that is judgment and not gratitude.⁵

I learned at the crucifixion that I could feel and experience gratitude for my persecutors. I could feel gratitude for the whole context of experience that *I had chosen to call to myself* in order to discover that there are no circumstances powerful enough to prevent me from choosing for Love.

And in the end, can there be a more powerful experience to call to yourself than that? Not the crucifixion, with nails in your wrists but, rather, the *power* to see that *in every moment*, of birth and of death, of comings and goings, that nothing prevents you from the deep peace and joy of choosing to Love. For Love is not conditioned by the conditions of the world. How can it be, when the world does not exist? Only you exist, as a field of awareness that chooses to create perception and belief.

Beloved friends, the world *is* unreal. In the end, the body is unreal, at least as you perceive it to be, for the body cannot limit you in any way. You already extend so far beyond it that it seems unimaginable and completely unbelievable.

You are, indeed, the thought of Love in form, but that form is not the body. It is merely the thought or the Reality which is Christ. Christ *is* the essence of your higher Self. Christ *is* the Truth of who you are. And the role of the body, then, can only be to bless, to comfort, and to extend Love.

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Create Within Yourself A Conduit For The Extension of Greater Love Into The World!

As you choose to embrace yourself as a master, as you choose to look upon each and every moment of your experience as wholly self-created, as that which is waiting for *your* blessing, as you come to see that there is power and freedom in choosing to bless with gratitude *all* of your creation. 6

And the highest level of *joy* is to manifest service to the Atonement. That is why, perhaps, one gives up a job in a corporation to go and start making videos that can help get a good message out to the world. That is why someone ceases to work in a doctor's office and becomes a channel for Jeshua. That is why someone drops what they are doing in a corporate career and becomes a minister, because within them the soul has said:

Okay, enough of that experience. I want greater joy.⁷

And the pathway to greater joy is to join with like minds that are creating and extending contexts in which other minds can awaken.

That is why many of you have been attracted to *Shanti Christo*, to join with, to use your voice, to use your hands, to use your feet, to help participate in the creation of contexts in which the Atonement can occur.

Service, then, is the natural outflow of a Heart filled with the gratitude of Grace. Masters are never found struggling to survive in something they don't like. They would frankly rather sit on a street corner, asking passers-by for a dollar or two to get a cup of coffee. Meanwhile, they're too busy smiling and waving and blessing everyone that walks by because they would rather love than look good in the world. A master has no choice but to serve – but to serve not from duty, but from *joy*. For the greatest joy can be to extend the *good*, the *holy*, and the *beautiful*.

Therefore, when you choose active participation in serving the Atonement, you will discover that you will, indeed, be well supported. And all of the events that occur are merely opportunities to deepen your capacity for wisdom, for peace, and for Love – to create within yourself as a conduit for the extension of greater Love into the world – not because you *must*, but because you've *chosen* to serve. And you've chosen to serve because it is the greatest source of joy.

If, then, you resist service, it must mean that there is some seed thought within you that is in conflict with the desire to serve, and that is all.

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Choose Now To Feel Perfect Abundance and Joy!

How many journeys have there been? Hmm! How many moments of experience passed under the bridge of your beingness, so to speak, before you first began to re-awaken to the Truth that is true always? How many life times, how many worlds, before a Light began to dawn, so imperceptibly at first that it was not recognized? And a tiny Voice whispered from a place that seemed so far removed from where you dwelt:

Beloved Son, you are with Me now. You remain as I have created you to be. Therefore, be at peace. You are loved.⁸

The Truth is, you've been a master all along. You cannot help but be one, for you are constantly creating your experience. You are free now to create *differently*. How to do that? Do not get up out of your chair and rush about. But why not decide, right now, to experience happiness, to experience peace, and to experience the knowledge that you *are* a master.⁷

How do you do that? By *choosing* to. Simply decide right now for the next thirty seconds to be happy. And then choose another thirty seconds to be at peace, and then another thirty seconds to simply and quietly look around you and say:

Behold, I am, indeed, the master of my domain. And all of it has been very, very good. ⁹

Thank the chair that you are sitting in for coming into your domain. Thank the electricity bill that comes in the mail. Thank all things as blessings that come to you.

For to fail to do this contracts your power to continue to expand and to create what you enjoy. To believe that you are in lack at any time is to *create* lack in your tomorrows. Therefore, choose now to *feel* perfect abundance and joy. And then behave as one who knows they live in abundance.

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Nothing Is Uncomfortable, Just Another Opportunity to Have an Experience to Broaden Your Capacity to Love!

I love you. You love me. This communication will never cease. And why? Because I have no intention of withdrawing myself from extending the Christ Mind to anyone who will receive it. We are, indeed, joined in the place of Perfect Love.

Creation is merely a harmless game, done for the simple enjoyment of creating. Become, then again, as a little child, for every master *is* a little child, delighting in the great mystery and the seeming surprises of discovering the Power that can move through them. Always move toward what you enjoy. *Always* follow your Heart.

Do not follow the reactive ego that says, "Oh, no. I don't want to go there because that feels uncomfortable." Nothing is uncomfortable. It's just another opportunity to have an experience to broaden your capacity to love. How can I say that? Try the crucifixion. It was not uncomfortable, once I embraced it.

Use, then, your time to cultivate the garden of a healed Mind. Never believe that you do not hold the power to change the energy you feel in your emotional body, to change the thoughts held within the mind. You are free to birth whatever you so desire. And nothing can serve as a limit to you.

Your life can become – whenever you choose it to be so – merely the process of Christ's incarnation. Relinquish the world, even as you walk through it. Surrender it with every breath. Learn to cultivate the depth of this knowing in the midst of all activities in which the body is used as a temporary learning and teaching device.¹⁰

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As You Teach, You Learn. And As You Give, You Receive!

I want very much for each and every one of you to truly, to truly embrace this simple fact – and I speak to you now, each individually, if you will. I give thanks to my Father for your presence. I bow down before your Light and your Love and your beauty. I cannot possibly find words in any language that can possibly express to you the gratitude and the Love that I feel, the joy I feel when I look upon you. (JT-A)

It isn't what you do. It isn't what you say. It's who you are. And throughout all of eternity I have and will remain in awe at the stupendous Light that you are. Thank you from the depth of my being. Thank you for the Light that you bring to creation. It's a rather joyous state, you see, to be in a place where constantly with everyone that comes into your experience the feeling that I just expressed to you is there. Is there always. And yet, it is not a feeling that is peculiar to just me. It simply comes of itself unto any mind or to any Heart that is truly willing to relinquish the perceptions that have served to do nothing but veil the presence of the Peace of God within you.

And what I have just shared with you in words you could just as well share with anybody you saw on your street. Not just as an exercise, but as a Truth, a Reality. What is called existence, which is really the practice of awareness, is rather incredible when *every moment is lit by the fire of gratitude* for the radiance of the being who is before you – even if they are giving you what you call a ticket for moving your automobile too quickly. Indeed.

And as you give, you receive. So if you feel at anytime there is maybe a little bit of a drying up of the river of Love, find someone to give your Love to. Find a way. The situation may not call for the words that I just used as I spoke to each of you individually, but find a way to give the fullness of your Love to them. And that fast, you will see how quickly you can change your own countenance, because as you teach, you learn. And as you give, you receive.

And it is received without a trace of resistance. Look well then, for if you perceive a difference between yourself and me, could it be that perhaps there is something in you that feels it should resist, at least a little bit, the overwhelming Love that is the presence of God? Resistance is what makes this world. That's a rather good line..

Therein lies the whole of the Laws of Creation. That is why, you see, our Father receives so much – because He gives so totally of Himself unto the infinite reaches of all that Creation is. And therefore, God being but Love, never experiences anything but the unlimited radiance of Love. For He that gives all, receives all. It does seem rather simple, doesn't it? Indeed. Well, enough of all of that. I just wanted to express my Love to you.

Let This Be A Time Of "Thanksgiving!!!"

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Beloved friends, abide with me in this Union. And regardless of what the eyes of the body show you, regardless of what the ears of the body hear, regardless of the "harmless" thoughts that seem to dance across the surface of the brain-mind, you abide where I am, in-formed by that Love from which there has been birthed the sun, the moon, and all of the stars of Heaven, the planets in their orbits, and all dimensions within our Father's Creation.¹⁰

You can realize the incarnation of Christ by coming to dwell in the Heart of Christ, until every step and every word and every gesture flows from this deep and silent and perfect place, until Its Voice is the only One upon which you act. And even as the thoughts of the world stream through your brain-mind, and even as the sensory data are received through the cellular structures of the nervous system of the body, yet you can relinquish these things and act only from that depth of Perfect Wisdom, Perfect Safety and Perfect Peace.

This is the time of your "Thanksgiving" as it is called. Will it be that time in which you truly give thanks for the Grace that sets you free? Will you honor that Grace by descending the stairway to the quiet places of the Heart in each of your days?

I am loved, I am loving, and I am lovable, forever. I Am *That* I Am: infinite awareness – birthless, deathless – that which embraces the dream of space and time, and looks lovingly upon all harmless and neutral events.

And even the body is no longer mine. It merely arises and passes away, while I, the Creator of all Creation, inform it with the awareness of perfect forgiveness, Perfect Peace, and the fulfillment of Love.¹¹

Yea, though I walk through the valleys of space and time, fear arises not within me. For all good things are in my safekeeping, stored where moth and dust cannot corrupt, where thieves cannot break in to steal.

Here alone, is the treasure that I seek no longer because I - have - found!

Abide here with me, until the hour comes when you know that you will go out no more from our Father's Holy Place. That Place is this Depth of Peace that abides wherever you are as the very Heart and Essence of your Reality:

I am loved, I am loving, and I am lovable, forever.

This I give you as a divine meditation and way of prayer. Perfect it! Live it! Drink it in! Embrace it! Devour it! Become it! For in this becoming you will merely *remember* what has always been true since before the arising of all worlds.

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A Sudden and Clear Insight Into the Purpose for Which You Have Come Forth!

Blessed ones, open your hand and see clearly the jewel that you contain there. The message has been given and already is it received. But I would have you practice what in Truth is a non-practice. Acknowledge as you go through the whole of your day, with laughter in the Heart, "I am the Son of God and life is simple." From this will emerge a sudden and clear insight into the purpose for which you have come forth. This then is my message to you: be ever vigilant in the simplicity of your laughter, and the Holy Spirit will bring to you the clarity of which I speak. Lighten the load upon your Heart and when the weight of it is vanished, the Voice of the Spirit will be heard. (ARC)

Would you chose to come forth and be the perfect servant you have longed to be? When this choice is truly made, then will you hear the guidance that would come to you, and you will know to whom you would speak. Thus is my message to you so very simple. The work that you have to do is to go quietly within and make your choice. And if you would but choose the Kingdom and the fulfillment of the desire that you have carried for so very long, then all things will be made clear to you and you will know where to go, with whom to be and what to speak.

I extend unto you my thankfulness for your presence. Not only in this hour but in all hours. I extend unto you the honor that I feel for you because you have chosen to take the final journey to God and to awaken from a longstanding dream. You have chosen to take upon yourselves the mantle of being the ones who stand awake so that others can make the same choice. (JT - HIH)

It is impossible not to have, but it is possible not to know you have. The recognition of having is the willingness for giving, and only by this willingness can you recognize what you have. What you give is therefore the value you put on what you have, being the exact measure of the value you put upon it. And this, in turn, is the measure of how much you want it. (T 165) [T-9.II.11.]

You can ask of the Holy Spirit, then, only by giving to Him, and you can give to Him only where you recognize Him. If you recognize Him in everyone, consider how much you will be asking of Him, and how much you will receive. He will deny you nothing because you have denied Him nothing, and so you can share everything. This is the way, and the only way to have His answer, because His answer is all you can ask for and want. Say, then, to everyone:

"Because I will to know myself, I see you as God's Son and my brother."

We walk to God. Pause and reflect on this. Could any way be holier, or more deserving of your time, of your love and of your full intent? What way could give you more than everything, or offer less and still content the Holy Son of God? We walk to God. The truth that walks before us now is one with Him, and leads us to where He has always been. What way but this could be a path that you would choose instead? (WL 155) [W-155.12.]

Your feet are safely set upon the road that leads the world to God. Look not to ways that seem to lead you elsewhere. Dreams are not a worthy guide for you who are God's Son. Forget not He has placed His Hand in yours, and given you your brothers in His Trust that you are worthy of His Trust in you. He cannot be deceived. His Trust has made your pathway certain and your goal secure. You will not fail your brothers nor your Self.

And now He asks but that you think of Him a while each day, that He may speak to you and tell you of His Love, reminding you how great His Trust; how limitless His Love. In your name and His Own, which are the same, we practice gladly with this thought today:

"I will step back and let Him lead the way, For I would walk along the road to Him." Amen.

~ Jeshua

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