# FAMILIARITY

It would be for you to recall that, comparing again in all humbleness to the Master's Walk of the Earth plane, of your knowledge, that even in his most revered grouping, same applied, you see. And so it was that he did rebuke them stating that, "Lift thine spirits unto God's pathway," then and not treading upon the familiar pathways of mankind's dilemma.

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A man whom lived in a distant land, in a distant time - and he had among his wealth then, seven daughters. Each of these daughters loved dearly this father, and sought to please him. And in the pleasing then, there was the knowledge that the father had great love for a particular dish or prepared foodstuff, you see. And so, all tried to prepare this dish. And they left their own talents behind in an effort to prepare this one dish, believing that this would grace them then in their father's eyes.

But to do so, one of them left a most beautiful ability to weave fabrics into a gentle flowing gown. Another was well versed, then, upon the lute, or stringed instrument in your time, only to try to prepare this dish. A third then, was the best of all at song and whose song could cause a tear then, to the eye of the most firm. And so it went, until we reach the last one, the seventh of the seven, who was the most adept at the culinary arts. Unto which then the father said unto the seventh, whom had prepared this dish then with the greatest possible ability, "Daughter, this is a fine dish you have prepared for me. But what have you done that is not within thine ability?"

And the other six were saddened, for they had left behind something of beauty. But they had learned well from this, for they had learned that which they had not previously. And so, whom was the blessed one, one whom did that which was of easy nature for them to do, one whom did that then, which was natural for them to do, or the ones whom had to extend themselves into areas then, that were not of ease, not of familiarity for them - untrodden ground - do you see?"

So it shall often be for each of you, and so you will often ponder, "Why am I upon this pathway? What is it then that I follow here that cannot be seen?" Only until you are at the point where you can look backward, my friend and see that that which you had about you in great comfort and great ease, was no longer a challenge or purpose to you, my friends. That, which lies beyond then, leads you upwards and beyond your own conscious ability. Do you see? 19750523

While there is goodness in those things which are familiar, they should not be the total appliqué. There should rather be an effort on the part of the spontaneity of spirit within to grasp each situation, each work endeavor, and to fill it with the light of God's Spirit.

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As ever, there is a sense of some sadness and loss when the familiar is released. But hear well this promise: for each thing that thou art willing to release in His name, He shall give unto thee ten-fold to replace it. 19840412

Then, even so as thy body might be in residence apart from those things familiar, apart from those things which draw upon thee in this way or that, thee must now release the thought. 19840518

# All throughout His works and teachings as the man Jesus and in His earlier works in other incarnations, He stated, "It is the Father in me that doeth the work," indicating that He was the living temple of that which was greater than all which is visible or material or physical. Then as that spirit intends, full well, to lay aside that living temple, is there not in each the unwillingness to lay aside that which is familiar, that which has become the known and the comfortable in the knowing? 19841101

Habit will need to be dealt with within each of you, just as habit must be considered as a primal force to be dealt with in the works you have chosen. How wonderful, then, the Father's opportunity granted to you in this way. How troublesome, how difficult, when viewed from the nature of the self. But is not each test of such a nature? Can one leaf fall from a certain tree without the tree feeling its loss, reaching out to cling to that leaf in the familiarity of its presence, forgetting for the moment that in the next season a new leaf, or two, or three, shall take its place. Then the soul itself is as the tree, and a certain lifetime as the leaf. And within each -- that is, life or leaf -- do we find the many pathways and choices, not unlike the very veins or textures found primarily coursing through the leaf. The one side reaching unto God, or upwards, towards the heavens; the other turned towards the earth. Drawing its influence, its heritage, from that branch, that limb, that trunk. And ultimately, through the root of all consciousness, which is experience in the earth.

So, then, as you would strive in your first question to determine a direction, we humbly submit this for your consideration. That as you seek to bring a greater consciousness and contribution unto man and man's future and opportunity, these are all forces needed to be dealt with. 19850129

You cannot reach the levels of spiritual attunement in the present, as you were so easily able to do in the near past, in terms of Earth measure of time. This is because you are changing within just as much as the affairs, the influences and personalities outwardly are changing. So as you release the past the full glory of the future can be yours. The best of all way to do this is to be apart from the familiar where you can reflect and meditate and be at one with the force of God in its purest expression, which is called nature - To the mountains - to the waters - to the forests - to the glen. Be a part of that which is the hope, the promise and which purifies. This will do more for you physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally than any other single thing. You need to be apart from the familiar. There is too much intensity of energy. 19850708

Remember that the consciousness of self has ever been unlimited. That it is only the tendency to be attracted to that which is the familiar and to relinquish that which is not. You will recall we mentioned that your right of free will is God's greatest gift unto you in so many ways. Ask self now this question. The illusion I might always have. It can be with me for so long as I have need of it, purpose for its presence, or the wish or will to participate in its existence. Knowing this, I can release it without fear of loss, but rather in a confident attitude that as I do release it I am the freer and less encumbered as the result. For the only thing which is possessed in the literal sense of that word, as we understand it from the Earth, is self. Of which, again, the free will, the most powerful and most beautiful aspect.

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Many of the entities whom had such desires, such goals, still roam those lands, but not in physical body. Their intent--to control, to dominate, to proclaim themselves as gods--keeps them bound to this land as surely as one--anyone--can keep a habit, can keep a pattern, if they want to. It would be no different than you or any entity, knowing that a certain change in life would produce good results, yet you do not make the change because the familiar is comfortable, and change requires release of that which is familiar. Even though pain may be associated with it, limitation may be a part of it, to an extent one might cling to same because it is felt to be a part of self. It is likened unto giving up part of self. Only after the change has been made can one feel totally free and release that emotion, that energy. Then the question will be "Why was this not done earlier?" 19860519

Very often, as an entity begins a new pathway, a new journey of self-discovery, there is the tendency to require a distance between the old, the familiar, that which is known, in order to gain a perspective of self which is enlightening. Then, after achieving that perspective, that which has been the way of life, the relationship, the associations, and what not, can be seen in greater clarity and for its greater purpose. 19860714

Note the parallel here, once again, to the earlier Atlantean experience, where you had to leave the familiar in order to find truth. 19860719

Habits are difficult, in terms of one's abilities to break them. Habits are old

friends, even though painful. The familiarity of the habit is most easily broken when one's new goal or sought-after way of life is so frequently emblazoned upon the mind, the consciousness, the subconsciousness, the desires of self, that it is of equal, if not greater, familiarity than the old habit. 19880109

As one makes a change in their life experience, as you have recently experienced, there is, to be sure, some sense of loss, even though there may have been pain or association with relationships, events, experiences, which were less than that of the desired, these have been the familiar, as you have heard us give here ofttimes in past. Then that, so as it is familiar, when removed, leaves a portion of self empty or unfulfilled. We should make every effort to fill that void with something of stimulating and encouraging and broadening nature. 19890509

You find that no matter what you are about as daily works in the earth or daily activities, you are always building, moving towards the achievement of your ideal. Perhaps even this as a more definitive description may be elusive in the earth. And that comes, we should evaluate here, by way of habits being so familiar and warm and comfort- able that one tends to cling to them subconsciously, even though con- sciously there is the desire for something different. Again, as so often given here, displacement or replacement is the better choice than simply going about canceling a habit with nothing to take its place. See? 19890802

The idealic state, then, is also described here as that level of consciousness from which you are not limited. A bit of discussion on this. A limitation may be present in your life and unseen. It is possible, further, for it to be intangible and it may even be further possible for this limitation to be considered desirable and even pleasant by you. It is only when such limitations have been removed for a period of time that the adjustment or awareness can come forth to realize that it has been a limitation.

An example of this is a craftsman who builds a certain object and does it to considerable excellence. They are so rewarded and so accomplished in this that they focus on that and continue to build that single item for many earth years. Let's suppose for a moment that their equipment breaks and they have a long waiting period to have it returned in a good order. And that during that time the entity decides to fill their days' emptiness with some other tasks. And they suddenly discover that they also have talent in building a totally different and larger object, and do so with great joy. As they build several of these objects, they begin to realize that this is even more joyful, more productive, more contributive and more rewarding than the earlier, smaller object. And so the waiting period comes to an end and the tools come back to the craftsmen that were, quote, "out for repair," end quote. Now, what shall this craftsman do? Take up his tools and continue to build the first object, the smaller, perhaps less desirable, less contributive? Or shall they, in fact, go on and build the new object of greater service to mankind, of greater joy, and of a curiously inspiring new allure for them?

Most entities in the earth would fall into two categories. They might return to the familiar because it is known and comfortable. Perhaps always longing to have taken the new product, the new work, and followed it; but never having quite the courage or faith in themselves or their craft. And the other group which might, in fact, leave the old behind and go with the new. Well, using this analogy, the idealic state is that new product, and the one after that and the one after that, and so forth. There is always within God's presence a new joy even greater than the previous one.

And so, if you cling too heavily, too steadfastly, to a known joy, even though it may be limited, you are, in effect, closing the door to other gifts, other blessings. As one is incarnated in the earth and accomplishes much, even the soul itself can consider this the best of all and fall into a habit pattern of repetitively incarnating into the earth. And because what is beyond the earth is unknown and, thus, is not definite and does not convey to them a sense of security or accomplishment, it is avoided. But it is not a time when incarnations will never happen again. The soul may choose as it wishes, in accordance with its joy. Did not the Master, the Christ, walk in the earth among men? And Buddha? And Krishna? Mohammed? And such?

And so it is that the soul then, when it finds the idealic state, knows itself to be unlimited. And if the choice is to enter into the earth or any other such realm as this, it does so without limitation and for the purpose of joyous service or for an experience which is destined to contribute unto God. For each soul in this state of existence knows themselves to be at one with God. And a gift which is in accordance with the will of God is in accordance with their own will and is a gift which returns to them, amplifying their already joyful state.

# 19900203

There are hopes of your experiencing happiness before your current earth life ends. It's dependent upon you. And letting go of the familiar, changing the habits, going forth looking for those opportunities to bring the joy of a smile, a supporting word, an encouraging thought, to share in the sense of cooperation and harmony where there is the opportunity to so do.

## 19900208

When you conclude this lifetime, it is like setting aside a well-worn and used cloak or coat or garment. You have become so familiar and so much a part of it that it symbolizes all that you are. And perhaps only when you remove it and set it aside do you fully recognize whom and what you are. Your potential is limited only to the degree that you allow it to be. If you believe in yourself and know that the presence of God within is not as simply words, not as an empty promise, but a literal fact, and then you live your life evidencing that fact as a way of thinking and a way of acting, you will have transcended one of the major lessons and accomplishments of this life.

You are encouraged to think much more broadly, much more all-inclusively, of

yourself as being one with all things. And the degree to which that oneness can be seen and demonstrated depends upon self. Others cannot come to you and become important to you, and you to they, until you make yourself known to them. Go forth and do this. You'll be very glad you did. 19900209

There is a strong tendency within you, dear friend, to cling to the familiar and, thus, closing the portals or doors to new opportunity. 19900327

Do not limit your thinking in terms of what's familiar, but consider carefully a significant change, 19900629

Again, as you eliminate doubt and fear and the familiar comfort of habit, you will be making the way passable. And then as this becomes outwardly the example for others, it shall spread...first from the individuals to the groups and, as Edgar gave, to the classes and masses. But it must begin with self. 19900807

Believing in self becomes a way of life when one has removed the vestiges of habit. Belief is a powerful force, but habit has an ally called the familiar or that of the comfort of familiarity. Believing that you are unlimited and becoming unlimited then are separated only by habit. As one conditions the mind to perceive habits as simply things and not ways of life, choices, not mandates, then the concentrated effort to alter the life and to strengthen the belief making the way clear for it to flow is to displace, to concentrate now your power on chosen habits, chosen ways of life. This will displace the old and create, making passable the power of your belief. 19900914

In the nature of the soul, then, the curiosity, the inquisitive nature, brings about ofttimes the evolution of what could be called a conflict between that which is the familiar or known or comfortable and that which is sought out to be new, the adventure, the quest for that which is yet beyond. 19901202

There are unopened gifts or blessings which you haven't, as yet, allowed yourself to accept. Not because you don't want them, but because, in some respects, you concern that you will, by the acceptance of same, have to give up something that has become familiar, that has become a part of your life, and therefore is familiar and expected on the part of others. 19910115

These times, then, are greatly accelerated in the earth and, as such, acceleration provides several facets for you and all therein. The first facet to be dealt with is the struggle against habit, which tends to preclude growth and tends to prevent the acceptance of the new, of new potentials, of new opportunities, because of the familiarity and the comfort which is drawn therefrom of habit. Whether that habit might be joyful or not seems to often be irrelevant, for if it has endured for any length of time, entities often have developed the capacity to endure and be comfortable with same. See? 19910314

Then just so as you approach each intersection, each crossroads in life, shall you find that the past will try to cling to you, just as obviously as you might cling to the familiar, to the known, and to that which is, therefore, of some warmth, some compassion, some sense of sustenance. Now, whether you justify the retention of the past and the familiar in this way or that, there are none here whom would judge you for so doing. In fact, all would support any choice that you make in the knowledge that it is your right to make it.

And so, if you look to we or elsewhere for that which will call you forth and send you here or there or ask you to release this and to claim that, this will only be done to the extent that you are truly willing. 19959525

The familiar tends to cling to its own, just as entities all too often tend to cling to the familiar, even when they know they have outgrown same or that the purposes for which that work was being performed have gravitated into different expressions. 19910531

So, look for the old habits. Weed these out as surely as you would see them as weeds. And you do not do good service to one whose thought form is not surrounded by joy, by merely allowing them to continue, in the hope that it will change. It is better for an entity to be free to pursue a more joyous thought form than to linger out of habit or comfort or familiarity in the old, and lose the opportunity for that which is the highest and best for them. Difficult? Perhaps so. Purposeful and righteous? Also, perhaps so, is it not?

### 19910630

Eliminate fear and doubt and apprehension. Do this by recognizing that bonding to things and to the familiar promotes fear, simply because such bonding then requires a continual flow of your energy in order to sustain that which has been and that which is familiar to you. 19910913

Changes and challenges seem to be bedfellows here in the earth; and as such, with change, the reluctance of those whom are familiar with certain patterns and certain

methodologies in the earth will create challenges as the new strives to bring its light...thrusting fingers of hope, seeds for the future promise, into the old ways. Those whom wish to hold the old may resist. So as it is within and above, so shall it be then in the earth, as well. And all whom can hear shall hear; and those whom can see shall witness the passing of these old ways.

But from the old there will always come the foundational building blocks of the future. But if these are troubled, that which shall be shall rest on easily for all of time to come in the heritage or future heritage of the earth. Lest this not be so, then, look at yourselves daily to see if what is being thought, what actions are being taken, the words, deeds and thoughts...are they reactory to the conditioning activities from the past? Or are they responsive...openly, innovatively...to the stimulus and opportunity of the future? 19911216

Those whom are reluctant to release the past or to allow themselves to make change because of clinging to the familiar may have some considerable difficulty. Those whom are open and loving and joyful and have their faith in that which is eternal, not that which is finite, will find the way a glorious one. 19911217

And so as you would look unto these forthcoming changes and those as the potential changes within your own life as the works and the joys, the labors and the respites, all of these should be considered in one light as in a state of growth, progression and with the eye upon that which is prominently to be the forthcoming time of abundance and joy. For only those whom cling to the past and limitations which have become familiar shall be those heard lamenting. All others shall see and know and perceive those signals, those indicators, as are ever present and abundantly growing within all aspects of your realm. And so it is a joyous plan, a wondrous work and a time of hopefulness and anticipation.

### 19920122

The current time in the earth is one of considerable change, as you may well note in the observation of those events as such as are transpiring thereupon. But we might comment here, humbly, that this is the beginning of a great change...a time of opportunity and growth...indeed so. But moreover than this, a time of transition for many entities wherein they are challenged to release the old, the familiar, and those habits which are now, to some degree, limiting their progression and/or growth...and to free themselves to go beyond, to discover more, to gather a greater sense of awareness of their own potential and the unlimited nature therein.

As the result of this continued expansion of change and wondrous opportunity in the earth, many entities will find themselves having some degree of difficulty in releasing the familiar. Even though this may not be particularly joyful to them, many have become, as such, comfortable in that of the past, to the degree that they may actually resist or rebel against such change that is ultimately likely to bring forth far greater joy, far greater sense of individual worth and value, were they to so do. 19920320

It is difficult for any thing or individual to actually grow to a significant measure without the release of the past, the familiar, the old position. One cannot cling to where they are and still expect to climb to a much higher position without releasing where they have been. Each time you attempt to take a step forward you'll find yourself falling back to where you were. Each time you attempt to step out and boldly, perhaps even excitedly, explore new areas of being, new areas of expression, the old draws you back into its fold. ... Use what time remains here to rediscover not only yourselves but to also rediscover that which is your potential. It's unlimited. It is confined only by the measure of your mind's sight of a limitation or definition. 19920320

If you were to take a look at your life at present, as you have done, and you would consider that your goal of movement to North Carolina is your choice, and you feel it is valid, then from a distance or perspective, as we are now attempting to describe, you would see that in order to make such a change, a number of old, familiar and...so much so that they are unseen, to a degree...habits, associations, influences and such, many of these are connected to the current location...or make that plural... locations, and many of these are a connection of sorts to what you know to be acceptable, familiar, and therefore joyful. Relationships, places, memories, good and not so good...with a note of loving humor...but all of these are the composite of the foundation upon which you now stand. And wherever these are intentionally or unintentionally connected to you, those connections can become, if not recognized, a limitation. The desire should be to free these things

#### 19920321

You are in command of your destiny. No one else. No addiction, no habit. You. You have great power, personally, and a very strong capacity in your will. You are simply functioning at the present time in a state of illusion, believing that what has been and what is familiar is the most joyful for you. But how can you know this to be true until you have passed through that veil and seen what exists on the other side? There are many more joys than you can imagine, and many more benefits than you can conceive for claiming your own personal power and directing your life and all of the activities within it towards goals of your choice. 19929528

You are free...and you do not see it. You do not recognize your freedom. You are unlimited...and you are clinging to that which you know, that which is familiar, because of doubts of the unknown. This is a tendency in the earth which we see and know and understand, often. And the answer is almost always the same. You are the one who has the power to make change in your life. 19920903

We comprehend that these in the earth are difficult times, but they are times of change, of transition, of growth, of movement. And there is much ahead yet that will be looked upon by some as difficult and even more so. But if you have an attitude that you are willing to grow and to change along with these needs, then you will not only do well, you will prosper. For new opportunity comes with any times of change. In order to have such growth, you must be willing to release the old, the familiar, within you as well as outside of you. You must be willing to look for the light of new opportunity in all the things that you do each and every earth day.

Have you limited yourself? Yes. By believing this is the best and all that you can do. 19921016

How long has it been since you have had a true goal or dream? Not necessarily relating to another entity, but as to a way of life, or even a material thing...an objective? How long since you have made a significant change in what's familiar to you? How long have you worn those shoes? See?

And we could look at the term "shoes" as the way one walks through their life, or as the literal shoes. Change little things at first...what you wear, how you wear it, your hair, your shoes...and good posture for you is advisable, as well, here. But more importantly, through applying change in those areas that you can easily control immediately, you can create an overriding attitude of change that will gradually incorporate itself into all aspects of your life. 19921230

Limitation is more so that image of habitual thinking of rote, of dogma, than it is reality. More entities dwell in self-imposed imprisonment in their lives in the earth and other realms than shall ever be physically imprisoned in all of the times and half-times of existence.

If you go into one large metropolis in the earth at present in your land, you will find so many entities who are veritable prisoners of their habit, of their rote, of their dogma. And surprisingly, perhaps, have no idea that they are imprisoned but only bear the end result as a manifestation of this, and that this thrusts itself forward as an expression in their life here and there...but even then, they are willing to forego that potential for joy because they would rather cling to the familiar. To cling to that which is known and, therefore, comfortable, rather than to draw upon the scenario of self-discovery that is required to break oneself free. 19921230

In your current life you should find that you will be challenged, in order to reach beyond that which is familiar and acceptable to you, to find the light, the beauty, the uniqueness, that is within each soul...regardless of their outer manifestations, attitudes, and deeds. So, clinging to the old, clinging to past habits, can actually prevent you from achieving new greater joys, greater abundance, greater potential of creativeness. 19930203

In those times which lie just ahead and beyond, some of the things which may be occurrences will outwardly be looked upon with concern, with doubt and heaviness, with fear and dismay. And yet, as one who sees within the darkness the inner source of light, they will deter this otherwise burdensome reaction and know that here is an opportunity, pure and simple. And without the form of expression which is a challenge, perhaps that opportunity might go unseen, unnoticed, or unaccepted.

Wherein there shall be changes again and again to the climatic pattern, then lands will be renewed, and those which have laid dormant for long periods of time may once again bear forth in abundance according to those who would toil upon same. And in others, changes will take away that which has been a limitation or burden even though its familiarity may have brought about a sense which clings to the familiar even though it's not the highest and best nor that which is truly the ideal. 19930207

It is written here many times over in varying records and found in numerous teachings that everything that is experienced in any consciousness are results...that one rarely experiences the causal forces...and the question is, why is that so? And why is there a reluctance to claim authority over the causal forces? For these are the innate powers of God which are creative. Why are these so often contained, forced into a rigid channel, directed only when there are non-threatening conditions in which they might be expressed? Why is it that joy is not an essence which is continually experienced and therefore continually expressed? That joy would not be the constant result as well as being the causal force?

Perhaps the summary answers to the consolidated question above is that habit dictates certain conditions, and that familiarity and/or habit have reached a point of being comfortable. And perhaps, carrying this further, that the, quote, "unknown", end quote, creates such an anticipation...perhaps bordering on that of fear or apprehension...that many cling to the familiar, even so that it might be painful. 19930306

In the earth there are times of great change. This is known. But what is lesser known, perhaps, is that this change is taking place within each and every entity thereupon, as well...which, of course, includes the entity called (name). And as this change continues with its manifestation, old habits, old activities, old interactions...as we might call them...with the familiar become stressed. They become strained in the sense that you could look upon these as connections which are tied to the self...spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically...and as such, the self collectively is striving to move.

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Learning to be at one with the Master and with God and his spirit requires the willingness to abandon some things which are comfortable limitations. All too often, these can have a dramatic impact upon the life itself, for as may be found upon exploration of same, these self-same comfortable limitations are not truly, as such, comfortable...but only seem so because they are so familiar. And so, extracting these is an appropriate term, for it is like pulling teeth, so to say (humorously), to remove a deeply entrenched habit or an attitude about self, or the perspective that places self just so distant from God, in terms of worthiness. Therefore, you also place at a similar distance your potential interaction, consciously, with his works. 19931002

Ever strive, then, to broaden the perspective, to increase the awareness, to not become so habit-conditioned, so firm in your anticipation or your hold upon the familiarity of the past, that you cannot see the wondrous gifts of a new mature tree just ahead.

#### 19949425

It could be said that fear and love are bedfellows, perhaps positioned in a sense of polarity at opposite extremes. It is said that love knows no fear because love is God. Therefore, could fear be considered the absence of God? Not truly, for all things are of God. Fear is the mechanism of contrast. Doubt and frustration, anger, are qualities of such emotion...as is love and fear...that are tools for the growth of self. Does self wish truly to be one with God? Sufficient so as to release these things which are as familiarities of life in the earth? Then so be it. Release them. As simple as that. When you encounter them as emotions or events in your life, dear friend, think in that moment that the Master stands at your side. Turn to him, and ask. "Heal this. Help me to understand it, that in so doing I might release it." Ask him to take it from thee and return in its place understanding, forgiveness, long-suffering, faith. But most of all, love. 19980127

Habit and familiarity are like blinders to the beauty of life. 19990705

When you claim your spiritual self, it is like stepping outside of a path of choice and habit that is the earth. This means that even self must, at times, be released. For it is the self in the familiar sense which is the earth for each of you. In other words, your realities are as you have seen them, as you are remembering them, and as you are still holding them. Whether it is a good intent or what could be called, in a categorical sense, a negative bond, a bond is a bond. If you can free the past as you acknowledge and empower yourself to so do, then should you not be free? 19990808

But habit is powerful. It can become one's bedfellow in life. So cozy, so familiar, one forgets what the identity is. Give up the way of limitation. Give it up for your body,

give it up for your heart, mind, and spirit. 20000510

You are a Son of God. Each day, remind yourself of this. Do not be distracted by the familiar, but embrace that which is unfamiliar and beyond. 20000728

The power of God's Promise has no limit, and your body could literally fly, soar through the treetops, if you would believe it to be so. But, "To what purpose?" a part of you would ask. To what event of grandeur or intention might such give service? And so you do not. But could you not, then, fly through the treetops of your own mind and heart, moving above that which is habit and familiar limitation? Couldn't you venture forth and stand and be seen, as having chosen to explore that which is unexplored? To reveal that which is unrevealed? To bring the Promise into manifestation? There can be the Forerunner, and much can be foretold and prophesied. And is so being done? Who shall hear it? And who shall answer? That is the next measure before you all. 20010804

Hear ye well these words. Thou art the miracle that has been sought. Leave behind the familiar which limits, and claim that which gives rise to claiming the uniqueness of God's gift of you. 20011210

Zachary states, "Lots of changes going on. We see them," he continues softly to Susan and the others of your grouping in Earth who have gathered around her.

"You'll have lots of questions, no doubt. Most of these you have answers to, but perhaps you don't see them quite in the light of the moment's need. But we are with you. And you are stronger than you believe. Certainly stronger than that which would oppose you.

"I happen to know what my brother is speaking to Jude about. And it is significant, significant to all of you. So be of good faith. Know that when change comes, that the release of love which has been known, and perhaps in many respects given love, or embraced with the familiarity and warmth of something consistent. If it seems that you are called upon to set aside something of that sort, be of good faith and cheer. And know that the greater shall follow.

"Let the past be as Jude pointed out, so important to all journeys, all individuals. Let the past be a foundation.

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What if you were to truly believe you are the creator? And in those moments when you gather these particles and fit them into place where they shall be throughout this lifetime of one day and the experiences therein, what if you were to change those? What if you were to alter their position, to set some aside for a time, and replace them

#### with something anew?

This is empowerment. It is not the contribution, then, via habit, or familiarity, custom, the doctrine of who and what you are. It is the breaking forth from the identity or mold that you have become. 20021003

Prayer is an empowerment. It is that which goes forth and surrounds the recipient, in effect, in a sphere of light. The degree to which they are willing in that moment to receive same, truly willing, and to release that which was familiar even though it may be a state of dis-ease, all of this collectively determines the immediacy, or lack thereof, of the result of the prayer. 20021031

Then cometh the truth. Which is as to say, if you choose a path and open self with an intent to be one with all that is within you, and if you choose to set aside that which thou knoweth limits, even so is familiar, comfortable, and perhaps even loved, then can you claim, as given in the works called the Course In Oneness, the potential to move into that state of righteousness, which clears the sight, opens the way, and enables you to see not only through the eyes, but to create a conduit through which the healing intent can flow.

20021203

And as you, in the wilderness, begin to see with newly opened eyes, a change comes over you. You recognize that there are, just as for these creatures unto their needs, equally so, that which is offered unto yours. The form is different. The manifestation is unique to that which you are familiar with. These all may require some change in the thinking, the sight and the habit; but there is food to eat, there is comfort in the shelter of an outcropping or small cave. There is unto every need offered to you that which will fulfill that need.

Perhaps in time then, you in the wilderness, having found the means to fulfill your needs and having adapted to that which is new, and seemingly, at first, barren, would come, in a time ahead, to look upon the beauty of the sunrise in the wilderness, the stars in the evening sky gleaming brighter than ever seen before, seemingly just beyond the reach of your outstretched hand, so brilliant are they. And on and on... do you begin to discover that this *wilderness* is filled with the pure sweetness of the spirit of God – just different.

20030201

There is greater freedom in the sense of those souls who have broken free from the call of the familiar, who are now seeking to claim, to be, and to manifest that which is their greater potential. 20030203 The mind is like, some would say here, a gigantic tablet. And upon that tablet are inscribed all of the experiences – the thoughts, the emotions, all that has gone before throughout all of consciousness. And yet, as great as this tablet is, and as sizeable as all of that recorded upon it might be perceived to be, a great area upon the tablet remains, waiting to be inscribed.

#### 20030429

The point is simply this, again: it's not so much what you do, but what you hold in your heart and mind.

If you call your spirit, your spirit *is* answering. But then if you go off into life and pick up the mantle of habit, and act of though your spirit hasn't answered you, then you'll have to pause and do whatever – whether that's to pray, using prayer beads or any such – whatever it takes to re-open yourself to know it.

When you seek to obtain guidance from such as I, here, and more than you can even comprehend ready to serve with you, and those who have chosen to walk with you all throughout this lifetime, it is very similar to what was in the comments I just gave: it is the habit to not listen, the habit to not believe.

It is the comfort of familiarity to remain in some form of dis-ease. Not to suggest that you believe that you've earned it, but that the expression of creativeness does just that—it's an absolute thing. But when you recognize you are the creator, and you can begin to change that which is, at the least, under your purview, then this begins the creative process that can reach far beyond the singular expression or purview of one entity, and begin to impact and bless others.

If you would listen, and set aside the habit of those things which were in my comments just above, and all the others that you know, and begin it in a manner that would be, in effect, non-threatening, you'll find the way would open slowly—a bit here, and a bit there.

#### 20040421

Do this then, do not labor from the physical, neither be pensive in thought or in reflection, rather do this: go forth and find your shining spirit standing on this Bridge of Light—for you are here at our sides, and your brilliance is no less than the greatest here. Go from the spiritual and come back to your body. Set aside the old ways, set aside the familiar in the sense that it now can take – they, collectively – their rightful positions, as step-stones for you. And use this as a springboard, and find your spirit. Dwell therein. 20040713

It is perhaps difficult to consider, after so much tenure in your service, dear brother, that there would be so much change that would impact even you, and yet it is so. Thus, be mindful not to rely upon what you see, or hear, for illusions can be presented to the sight, and misleading sounds can be given to the hearing. But the spirit is ever true. Seek that which is in harmony with it, and the path will open to you in new ways, in new methodologies. Let the past be builded upon. As you seek at the onset of works such as this to find something familiar and find it not, celebrate that, for it is an indicator that you have moved on beyond it. Seek what lies beyond. 20051127

And so, in the past meeting we spoke to you about not attempting to retain your grasp or your fondness for ... we will correct that statement. Not fondness *for*, for fondness *of* a beloved symbol or reference should always be given honor. But dependence upon, or need for, or reliance, or expectance of the familiar ... such mechanisms in consciousness, however subtle, can become significant barriers as the tuning of self becomes finer and finer and finer. 20051129

What limits you? Your own doubt, your own fondness for the familiar, your own wish to have done for you that which is only yours to do. If you seek to know of your purpose then begin by seeking to know yourself, for you are the instrument through which the purpose shall be fulfilled. Claim that instrument with the authority of a Child of God who is not challenging but is celebrating that, who is calling out in silent wonder and love, that those who have ears to hear or needs to be fulfilled can join in with you and partake of these, from you and with you.

Let not one day pass you by without affirming these things. Without building the potential for your own belief. *Build it, claim it, and live it.* 20070124

The misnomer is to think in terms of darkness as evil; and those Forces that have fallen prey to habit and to the familiar invoke the power of Darkness, believing that it is, in a singular sense, in opposition to the Light, when indeed, they are brethren, kindred souls.

#### 20070530

Do as best you can to avoid accepting the familiar, the habit. Don't take the [Name] who was present just before this; take the [Name] that has emerged, the one who is in love with being free and beautiful. Remember? Remember your works? Begin with self as that thing which is seen as just beautiful. Thou art a master in the realm of Earth. You have been such in the past, and you are in the present. It remains for you to see and claim this.

# 20080301

Keep self focused on the horizon and that which is yet to come, and you will gain much. The energies, as these are shifting in and about the Earth itself, do have an effect upon the physical. These are good times for self to seek freedom from the familiar and look to nature in the foremost as that which can bring balance. See? 20081001 It is said by many that these are times of wondrous change and wondrous awakening. Change, awakening: These do not point to the retention of the old, they do not point to becoming entrenched in the familiar or that which was. Be free and be, as the Master gave it: unburdened, that you can seek and knock and ask that it can be given to you.

#### 20081230

First build that through the prayer and quieting of body, mind and the connection to spirit. Then, building around self and within self that sense of utter peace of God. Then, set the ideal as this which is the portal as you envision and create same and see self passing through this as this is known. Then in the passage through this, set your intent, your ideal, that this can be brought to some fruition by the bringing of that which is of an understanding or that which can facilitate the discovery of those steps which remain before you to the attaining of same. These things we would do.

To facilitate this, we would recognize that the body during these times and always in general, but specifically in these times, needs to be flushed, cleansed inwardly and outwardly often. And with the ingestion of sufficient fluid, water primarily, this will help the cells and the body which is the composition of these cells, of course, to remain in a state of neutrality, balance in terms of the acid-alkaline, but neutrality in the sense of those energies which have been accumulated throughout the lifetime and which are intensifying even as we speak. That these intensifications are the struggle to sustain the status quo or the habit pattern, generally speaking of that mind which is comprised of all in and about the Earth, and that which is self's connection or association to same. This we would do.

#### 20090101 P

There is the encouragement to set self free and to become moreso aware of your eternal nature, the call to move into an attitude of peace and joy. And the urging to release those things of habit that you have not chosen, but rather have evolved through circumstance or convenience or any such as this. That you will be able to rise up beyond those things that are seen as important, and yet from the spirit are known to be temporal. Not to judge in any sense, but to realize some of these activities, issues, habits, ways of thinking... and not thinking, see... are connected to the totality of your being. 20090202

Those of you who seek, those of you who ask, are receiving in accordance with your choice now. Some will find a struggle to release some aspects, some memories, some habits; some will find this or that which may, in a manner, seek to oppose your movement. *Ye* have the greater power! 20100106

Some of those who had gone before [are] providing you with the insight and understanding to assist you in the breaking free of patterns, habits, traditional thinking have come and gone with honor. Those who are now coming forward are seeking to assist you and they who remain with those expressions of consciousness as are called forth to awaken you.

# 20100109

Do not allow the shadows of habit or the influences of the song of the familiar lure you away from what is truth within you. 20100323

The pathway is your intent; the choice of it should be loved; he release of the emotive forces that are built upon the thresholds of habit and familiarity, the belief of that which is *status quo* (you would call this in the Earth) ... in other words, it does not believe in what it does not know (in the sense of their knowing in the Earth). Seek, ever, to know from *beyond* the Earth.

# 20111104

Now, as you open yourself to see, What is the nature of my being, in truth, and how might I manifest this in the journey that remains before me, seek, then, only this: to find those things that are being carried that are of familiar or of the nature that has been accumulated throughout the journey to this point that no longer are contributing to your actively. This does not mean that you must adjudge all things in the sense of good or bad but, is this of contribution. And, if it is not, then set it free. 20130515

The illusion of that which is perpetuated by habit is neither good nor bad. It is merely believed to be so. The believing in its presence perpetuates it. That does not make it truth. It is only believed to be because it has been chosen. Recognize, then, that from the power of the Truth of being a Child of God, your choices manifest. And whatsoever you experience as a result of those choices are the relegating of your right to choose and, thereafter, experiencing the choices of others are within your dominion. 20150816

You are dealing with, primarily, the forces of opposition to the pathway of freedom. Those who oppose the pathway to freedom use the (quote) "ammunition" (end quote) of habit, and fear, and dominance, and the unknown, and all that sort to control others who have not found their truth.

# 20160326

Now is the time for you to set aside that which limits you, that which is a habit which dims the beauty of who you truly are; to discontinue speaking words that have no gift to bear, but to hold the thought of a God so loving that you can see His Presence in all those

you meet in each day's activities. 20160424

If you cling to that which disturbs you, you will continue to be disturbed. That simple. See? Who has the power here ... you, or the forces that are outside of you; whose mind is it ... yours, or the mass-consciousness of Earth? Whose heart beats within you and whose loving, life-giving energy flowing from God is helping that heart to beat? Yours. You. All of this is under your control. But if you do not exercise your Awareness, your Knowing of the Love of God within you, and the Peace that He is constantly offering you, then the outside world and the other effects of mass-mind and influences and habits and traditions and so forth, will all try to work their way into your being, your Friend; because they want to expand, they want to dominate. But, in truth, they know they are merely the collection of thoughts that have been idle ... without intent and without love. But even within the worst of these is our Father's Love. 20171023

The Darkness is not, as such, empowered externally; it is empowered through habit, through judgment, through fear; through those things which one would not wish to have directed at them personally and, yet, so many contribute and nourish the Darkness by holding such thoughts. Free yourselves from that, and claim the Peace and Joy that is the Christ Light within you, and you will feel the Promise of Freedom that is near upon you.