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NOW I SEE

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Rev. Janet Friedline

Words are man's way of expressing himself in an audible way. What we say bears witness to our understanding, influenced by thought and opinion. Each of us views life in a personal way, through the lens of experience and knowledge. What we say may be true, or not, simply revealing how we see things at the moment. Of course, how we see things changes as we travel through life, adding to, or discarding what we previously accepted to be so.

Many times what we refer to as our "view" is not really what we see, but rather our perception of what we see. To exclaim "now I see," may be the response to a revelation that went beyond experience and knowledge. There is nothing to base it on; it just came to us in a moment of reflection or stillness. And we "know that we know." One cannot explain what is given as inner disclosure – it is personal and it is meant for "our eyes only." In our private time of acknowledgment, we may say "I was blind, but now I see."

The Power of The Word Let

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In our study of Divine Science, we learn that like produces like. That is what Jesus was trying to explain to Nicodemus when He said that that which is born of flesh is flesh, and that born of Spirit is Spirit.

Within the seed is the awareness of what it is. Our awareness of Life goes before us preparing our experiences according to our beliefs. It is our awareness of life, our consciousness, which does the works that the human mind believes it is doing.

Our consciousness will command into expression what we inwardly believe is true. Our consciousness is the Father within which doeth the works. As in consciousness, so in manifestation.

Jesus said: "If a son asks for bread, his father will not give him a stone." If the son believes in bread, his consciousness will not bring forth anything less than bread. Consciousness will always express what is in mind. That Father within will always respond. "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 2:5"

Dominion

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Human beings love to be in control. We like to manage and organize, exerting direction and power over our conditions and circumstances. Our actions indicate a desire to be in charge of our lives, making decisions and determinations that benefit us in some way. We have also noticed that life does not always follow our pattern of design, or the role we had expected to play. At times, we find us at

the beck and call of another, demanding that we follow their script, playing the part they have planned for us. And we are not pleased.

The Bible tells us that God gave us dominion over all of the earth and everything in it. Surely this includes our life, our circumstances and conditions. We read this statement in the Book of Genesis, when God was busy creating the world and everything in it. The man of Genesis is Spiritual man, the child of God. It is this child that was given dominion, and it is the Christ identity that claims it. Mortal man cannot claim what belongs to the child of God. Christ does the claiming. And when we live from that sense of identification, it is done unto us, and it is good and very good.

Let's Get Off That Fence

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Rev. Wayne Gatewood

Out here in the material world, when identifying with it and of it, we are faced with all types of human concerns and concepts, and all too often, our thinking and decisions are full of fear, of doubt, and of indecisiveness. Our struggles to be at peace, to make sound decisions that are good for us and those about us, are because we do not look within to our Truth, to our Source, to God for our goodness, but rather, we listen to and follow the calls of the material world one moment, and in a haphazard and mental attempt, look to some far off and separate God in the next...or we simply seek not.

When we have no trusted Source, no sure compass or way in life, we are teetering on the Fence, going back and forth in thought, caught up in emotions and ego and intellect of an unenlightened mind that knows not Truth. *"Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5*