

# GOD CAN DO IT

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## ASK WHAT I SHALL GIVE THEE

Ages ago from station KOG, the Kingdom of God, the great Announcer, God Himself, broadcast to the world, "Ask what I shall give thee," and King Solomon dialed in and picked it up. This same message is for anyone and for everyone, because God is not a respecter of persons; so after Solomon received it, he relayed it to the world, over his loud speaker, for all to hear and heed.

Solomon was at his wits' end, he had shot his bolt, he didn't know whether he was coming or going; he had discovered that the human mind was but counterfeit, hence no good, and whatever it produced was nought but "vanity and vexation of Spirit." This human mind had utterly failed him, and Solomon knew it. It will fail everybody sooner or later. It is the mortal mind, or death mind, in contradistinction to the living God, or the living Mind. Paul later said, "Ye are the temple of the living God" [of the living Mind]." For ages we have been striving for the impossible, to make our consciousness the temple of the human mind, or the mortal or death mind, and have reaped what we have sown. As Solomon said, "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Man, when he thinks by his own volition, thinks with or calls into being the human mind, or makes his consciousness the temple of this human or death mind; so small wonder that he is constantly in trouble, and ends in death and the grave.

What one should do, however, is to be the "temple of the living God" or of the living Mind. This Mind being self-operating, self-governing, acting by its own volition, and not directed by man, but directing and guiding man, gives man health, or wholeness, life, love, strength, intelligence, happiness, substance, and everything that is good and eternal.

Solomon saw all this and so he renounced the human mind, this death mind. In the vernacular of today, he dialed out of the mundane stations, and found himself dialed in to the spiritual station, the Kingdom of God, station KOG. This was, in fact, automatic, for it is entirely impersonal, and when anyone renounces the human mind or this death mind, he automatically finds himself dialed in to station KOG, and hears the Great Announcer, God Himself, speaking forth the Word of God. This is exactly what happened to Solomon.

So when he tuned in and caught that message from God, "Ask what I shall give thee," he saw instantly that with the human mind he could not know what to ask for, and said, "I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or to come in. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart [the one Mind] to judge thy people, that I may discern

between good and bad; for who is able [with the human mind] to judge this thy so great a people,” or to judge righteous judgment as did the Christ; for we read in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, by Mary Baker Eddy, “Jesus beheld in Science the perfect man, who appeared to him [with the one Mind] where sinning mortal man appears to mortals [with the human mind].” Solomon had grasped the fact that he himself could ask only for the things he wanted, things which he and others cognized with the human mind, and of which God, the one Mind, knew nought.

A person, with the human mind, believes that he is sick, or that he has lost his health; believes that he is dying or dead, or that he is losing or has lost his life; that he is poverty stricken, or has lost his substance; that he is insane or has lost his mind, and so on, so he prays for the things of which at the time he does not believe himself to be the possessor. It may be that he does not pray by supplication; but if not, he prays by implication, by declaring himself to be the possessor of those things which at the time he does not believe he has.

You cannot get crumpets at a hardware store, so there is no use asking for them, even though you ask in the name of the proprietor himself; nor can you get life which may be lost, substance which may be lost, health which may be lost, mind which may be lost, in the Kingdom of God, though you search that Kingdom “from Dan to Beersheba,” for such are not in the Kingdom of God. Therefore you waste your time praying to God for such. The Life which is God is eternal, the substance which is of God is eternal, the intelligence which is of God is eternal, and so is whatever constitutes God, and there is no life, truth, substance, intelligence, or health which may be lost; therefore why ask God for something of which He knows nothing, and which is not to be found in His Kingdom? Jesus distinctly stated, “Labour not for the meat [things] which perisheth, but for that meat [things] which endureth unto everlasting life” and again, “He that loveth his life [that is, the kind of life that may be lost] shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world [this life that may be lost] shall keep it unto life eternal,” or shall exchange it for eternal life. The Word of God found in *Science and Health* says: “They [prevalent theories] insist that Life, or God, is one and the same with material life so-called . . . They claim that to be life which is but the objective state of material sense, — such as the structural life of the tree and of material man, — and deem this the manifestation of the one Life, God.” For this, the meat — flesh, blood, bones, the life, etc., that perisheth, Jesus says, we must not work.

It we would stretch our imagination a little, let us suppose an angel hears the suppliants’ prayers to God enthroned in His Kingdom, and reports thus: “Sire, there are people praying to you and asking for substance, life, intelligence, health, and so on. What shall we do about it?”

God, answering, says: “What shall we do about it? Why ask such a question? Have I not declared that ‘whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do?’ Give them what they ask for.”

The angel makes reply: “But Sire, we have searched the whole Kingdom of God for those things and find not the slightest traces of them anywhere.”

God replies: “Do you mean to tell Me that we have no substance, no Life, no Love, no holiness, or wholeness, or health, or intelligence, in the Kingdom of God?”

The angel answers: “Sire, we have abundance of all these things; they, in fact, are the very constituents of the Kingdom of God, but these people do not ask for these things

which are of the Kingdom of God. They are asking for some other kind of substance, life, wholeness, intelligence, and so on, which are capable of loss, which they believe they have lost, or fear they will lose, and they call this lack, sickness, sin, death, poverty, insanity, — something quite unknown in the Kingdom of God. In asking surcease from these latter things, they are, in fact, asking for the return of lost substance, life, intelligence, holiness, and so on. Such are not to be found in the Kingdom of God, for the substance, Life, intelligence, Love, health, which are of God, cannot be lost. They are eternal, unchanging, ‘the same yesterday, and today and forever.’ Of these we have abundance, but of other substance, other life, other health, which may be and have been lost, we have none at all. What shall we do about it?”

God replies to this: “Very well, we cannot give them that which we have not. I AM THAT I AM. It is not true that I am that I am not. Invite them into the Kingdom of God, and we will give them whatever we have, and as much as they desire.”

If you go into the kingdom of Boreas, you will get cold; into the kingdom of Sol, you will get warm; into the kingdom of Neptune, you will get wet; and similarly, if you go into the Kingdom of God, you will become God-like, or holy — every whit whole, healthy, alive, well, prosperous.

When you enter the kingdom of Neptune you ask, as it were, in the name of Neptune, and he gives you whatever he has, two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen, and a little salt. When you enter the Kingdom of God, you ask, as it were, in My name or in His name, and God gives you whatever He has to give: Life, intelligence, Truth, holiness, wholeness, substance, all of which are eternal.

But to return to Solomon. God is said to have answered Solomon’s prayer, saying in effect, that this prayer had pleased Him greatly; that He noted Solomon had renounced the human mind, and had asked in its stead that the one Mind, God Himself, or as Solomon had termed it, “an understanding heart,” might come to him and direct him; nor had he asked for anything else, such as life, wealth, health, etc.; therefore God would answer favorably the prayer of Solomon, and grant to him this one Mind or “understanding heart.” But more than this, God would also give to Solomon the things he had not asked for (and in fact could not ask for), so that never before was there a king like him. Jesus said the same thing in his inimitable way, when, after telling us to take *no* thought for life, for what we should eat or drink, for the body or for what we should put on the body, and take *no* thought for the morrow or for what the future might bring forth (and could the human mind find aught else to ask or pray for?) he followed it up by saying, “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Solomon accepted this promise that God would give him the things which he had not asked for, and which were utterly beyond his human conception and so could not ask for, so he stopped his praying, and stepped out on that wonderful promise of God, for we read: “Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house [filled his consciousness].”

When Solomon stopped his praying, thus letting the human mind fall into innocuous desuetude, then did the one Mind, or the Christ-Mind arise in Solomon, or the Spirit of the Lord rested upon him; and this Mind, or God, directed him in all his ways, or prayed for him, or gave him all the things which were in and out of the Kingdom of God, to the

extent of his ability to receive them. Thus, even at that early day, was seen Christian Science, or the exact knowledge of the Christ (they are one and the same) in operation. Christian Science brings divine Science to human apprehension, so when God showered upon Solomon the wonderful things of the Kingdom of God, they appeared to him and to others in such a manner as they could apprehend; so much so that silver became as plentiful as stones in the streets, and gold was used for making the common things of daily use, while his home and kingdom showed forth abundance and blessings to such an extent that when the queen of Sheba bade farewell to Solomon, she said: "It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighteth in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the Lord loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice."

Be then like Solomon. Step out on the promise of God, that He will give you the things you do not ask for. Cease praying to God with the human mind for temporal things, for life, love, substance, and intelligence, for happiness, health, and other things which may be or have been lost, and so are but counterfeits of "that which is eternal and incapable of discord and decay" (*Science and Health*), but definitely and permanently renounce the human mind (the only devil there is or ever will be), and instead "let that Mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" and that same "understanding heart," as Solomon called it, or the one Mind which is God, will then take command, guide your destiny, pray for you, and give you those needful things wherever you are or whenever it may be.

It will bring calm in the face of a storm, lead you from troubled into still waters, feed the few or the multitudes even in a desert place, give health where sickness may have seemed to be, life for death, joy for sorrow, roses for ashes, and freedom in the place of bondage, happiness and abundance where unhappiness and lack may have appeared. The wilderness shall blossom as the rose, the parched ground become pools of water, and the desert shall break forth in a riot of beauty, bloom, and color. Literally, the Kingdom of God will be found to be here — at hand.