

“HOLD THY PEACE” — JESUS

What we should substitute for the human effort to “hold on,” is to “have faith” in *Spirit, God*, to take care of us, as that *Spirit, or God*, has promised us *He* would do. Then we can “let go” little by little, gaining confidence and trust in *His Word* as we find that nothing terrible comes about.

Man’s peace and joy are never dependent upon his surroundings — that is, getting everything arranged to suit himself as his idea of how to be happy. Not at all! Peace and joy are qualities of God, recognized by the awakened consciousness, irrespective of any and all surroundings; and this peace and joy, we can have despite these surroundings. It is well expressed in the words, “Be still,” or “Hold thy peace,” or keep that peace which you already have — do not let it be taken from you.

It is not reaching after and striving for the understanding or recognition of the truth of being, which enables us to perceive the utter nothingness of inharmonious conditions, but rather to have what is called a childlike state of consciousness, a willingness to leave the old and advance to greater heights of being, so that the divine Principle of all being may unfold Himself to us.

To do this, we learn to take things quietly, and to recognize this divine *Ever-presence* as ever-present, rather than to struggle and strive and battle too hard ourselves to reach the Land of Promise, which is already ours by right.

Patience, and confidence in *His ever-presence, His omnipotence*, and in *His doing* for us what we have believed we had to do for ourselves, is the cultivation of that spiritual sense so necessary to behold the Kingdom of God at hand today. “The nature of God must be seen in man, who is His eternal image and likeness.” (*Message to the Mother Church for 1901*)