

TRUE CONSCIOUSNESS

There is no mortal mind. Mortal mind, carnal mind, personal sense, or whatever it may be termed, is not mind at all; it is the absence of Mind, the one Mind, the Mind “which was also in Christ Jesus,” “the God [or Mind] of Abraham, the God [or Mind] of Isaac and the God [or Mind] of Jacob,” the universal Mind. “When we fully understand our relation to the Divine, we can have no other Mind but His, . . . and no consciousness of the existence of matter or error.”

“Consciousness of matter or error” is an impossibility with this one Mind. “No consciousness” is unconsciousness. So-called “consciousness of matter or error” is really, and to put it simply, “unconsciousness of Spirit.” When one is said to be using mortal mind (or being conscious of matter or error), the truth is that he is not using mortal mind at all, for there is none to use, and he is not “conscious of matter or error,” but he is not using the one Mind, or is “unconscious.” “The consciousness of good has no consciousness or knowledge of evil; and evil is not a quality to be known or eliminated by good.” (*Miscellaneous Writings*)

Mortal mind is only the non-use of the one Mind. It is not something, but nothing; you are not doing something but *have failed to do something*. The remedy then is always most simple; *start doing something* – “Be ye doers of the *word* [not mortal mind], and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” Start right in now to use the one Mind; or, as Jesus said, “Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” just as light dispels its absence, the darkness.

Darkness is not something; it is nothing or only the absence of light; when the light comes (is cognized), the absence of light (darkness) vanishes like a dream; when conscious (of Spirit, for one cannot be conscious of nothing or matter, the absence of Spirit) one cannot be unconscious. You cannot be conscious and unconscious at the same time, any more than you can be in the dark and in the light at the same time. Light always dispels the darkness; consciousness dispels unconsciousness.

Suppose you are in trouble of some sort; in other words, are conscious of matter or error. Being conscious of matter or error is, of course, unconsciousness of Spirit. If this is so, then, that you are in trouble, the very moment that you become conscious of Spirit, or use the one Mind, you are freed from unconsciousness, or from the so-called consciousness of error. “Mental darkness is senseless error, neither intelligence nor power, and its victim is responsible for its supposititious presence.” (*Miscellaneous Writings*)