

ANGELS

Jesus was in great trouble, as recorded in the twelfth chapter of John, and he said, "Now is my soul troubled;" "Father, save me from this hour," and, "Father, glorify thy name." Of those "that stood by," some "said that it thundered," but "others said, An angel spake to him." God said, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." Then was Jesus strengthened and at peace.

The article on "Angels" in *Miscellaneous Writings* sets forth, "It is a spiritual idea that lights your path," and "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies," the supply being whatever is necessary. Man is "the child of His care" (*Science and Health*), and He cares for us by giving to us "spiritual ideas," and so causing an "intercommunication . . . from God to . . . man." "Thought passes from God to man, but neither sensation nor report goes from material body to Mind. The intercommunication is always from God to His idea man." (ibid) Yet, nearly every Christian Scientist is trying to work it the other way about, by setting up an intercommunication from man to God — an utter impossibility.

The human mind must be stilled, whereupon the Christ-mind, or an angel from God, or a spiritual idea, will "fly" to your assistance. It is not an easy thing to wait for an idea (spiritual) to present itself, but difficult though it may be, that is the only way. One must "wait patiently on God," who will not fail you. "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd [argued with]." "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Another translation of this is, "The vision has its own appointed hour. It is ripening. It will flower. If it be long, then wait, for it is sure, and it will not be late."

This is the only way to do. There is no other way. "I am the way," Jesus told us. The message comes from the "I," Soul, Mind, Spirit, God, and does not come from the receiving set, man. It is as foolish to try to send messages from man to God, as it would be to try to send a broadcast from a receiving set. The intercommunication is always from the sending station to the receiving set, never the other way about. "The intercommunication is always from God to His idea, man," and "Thought passes from God to man, but neither sensation nor report goes from material body to Mind." (*Science and Health*)

Jeremiah had learned to still the human mind, and thus let the Christ-mind, or an angel from God, come to his assistance. On one occasion, an angel from God spake with him and said: "If thou return [if you will return the 'I' unto the Father, God, Soul, Spirit, where it belongs], then will I [this same 'I'] bring thee again [into the land of health, peace, life, love and abundance], and thou shalt stand before *Me* [shall take your stand before *Me*, the same 'I']; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as My mouth [the Word of God will be relayed by you as a simple radio and not as of yourself]: let them return unto thee [let the error whatever it may be return and present itself again

and again to you, if it will]; but return not thou unto them [be careful that you do not accept those suggestions of evil by recognizing them, for all that error would have you do is to recognize it under whatever disguise].” You fall right into the trap which error lays for you when you battle against it, work against it, pray over it, or “treat” it, for then you are certainly using the human mind, the divine Mind being of “purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity.” (Hab.) “And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.” (Jeremiah)

Moses, that grand character, learned too how to still the human mind of both its good and evil thinking, and to let that Christ-mind, or the angel from God, lead him when he heard the angel speak: “Wherefore criest thou unto me? [with the human mind] speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward [to the use of the divine Mind, or spiritual sense only].”

Zechariah also heard the angel from God speak to him when he, too, was troubled; he heard the angel of the Lord tell him to unclothe the Christ of the “filthy garments” of Joshua, and to clothe Joshua with the Christ, or a “change of raiment.”

Jacob, as we all know, when he had learned to still the human mind, or stop using the “tree of knowledge of good and evil,” visioned the ladder with the “angels of God ascending and descending on it,” with messages from our Father to him. These angels from God came to him when he laid down the human I and let the “I,” God, Mind, Soul, take possession. Always the intercommunication was from God to man, never man to God; always from the sending station to the receiving set.

Thus it is that in using, or “eating of,” the tree of life only, do we hear the angel of the Lord speak.