
REFLECTED, NOT TRANSMITTED

**“His (God’s) personality can only be reflected, not transmitted.”
(S & H 517-17)**

From these words it becomes evident that man does nothing of himself. God’s power is not transmitted to man, neither is God’s life, His health, His supply, His substance, His love or anything else that is His. God transmits nothing to man. Man simply reflects from God whatever he has, or is, or does; but the power, life, action, health, or whatever it may be, always inheres in God, never in man. (S & H 124/25 to 31) It is God that does everything. Man simply reflects. Man is in fact reflection—reflection of God, or God reflected. That is why Jesus, speaking from the standpoint of the man Jesus, said, “I can of myself do nothing, it is the Father that doeth the works” and “The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”

If you stand before the mirror and put on your hat, the mirrored reflection also puts on its hat, but it does not do so of itself, nor by its own power. The power and action are yours. You do not transmit any-thing to the reflection, but every-thing is reflected from you. This being so the reflection cannot take off its hat unless you do so, nor can it keep it on should you take it off your head; for the reflection can do nothing of itself. So long as you keep your hat on, the reflection must do likewise. Nor does the hat on its head belong to the reflection. The hat belongs to you.

Inasmuch as man has no life of his own, no action of his own, no health, substance, or being of his own, but has these things only by reflection from God, and they are not transmitted to man, it is utterly impossible for man to manipulate these things by himself, utterly impossible for man to throw his life away, cease his normal action, or to act independently of God in any way whatsoever, to grow old, become decrepit or to die. If the things of God were transmitted to man, such might be possible, for the power would be in

man; but this power was never transmitted to man, and ever remained in God. God never transmitted His power, His life, His action, His sight, hearing, speech, His health, substance, or anything else to man. Man has these things only by reflection; and unless God gives up His own life, His own action, His own being, whatever it may be, neither can man do so. That God should surrender His own life, His own love, substance or being, is preposterous—absolutely unthinkable.

“For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He given to the Son to have life in Himself”—in God (John 5/26).