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It is true that there are 7 seals. The 7 centers of life are closed behind 7 seals as spoken in the <u>Book of Revelation</u>. They wanted someone to release or open those 7 seals, and there was no one on the earth who could do it. The Heavens wept, and John the Beloved said he wept because there was no one found who could open the 7 seals.

And then Christ came forth and took the Book into His hands--and you are the Book. You are that Book, each one of you. And only He could open up those seals. The seals can be removed from mankind, those seals over the 7 glorious centers of Light--and Light can shine forth. Light can shine forth from the center of God through your being and out to heal the world.

The first seal is the hardness of men's hearts. As you learn to Love God with all your heart, that seal will be removed. The Love of Christ removes it and it is taken away. And as that seal is removed, the others will follow.

The next is the blindness of men's minds. We have not had the faith to accept that we can believe every promise that God ever made to the children of men--. We have to have that seal removed from our minds.

When you love God with all your heart--which is the very heart center of your being--as you practice it, as you learn to use it, as you work on it--you will find this flame of fire begin to ascend. Learn to hold yourself in that Light and you will know that it is purifying you. And as that flame of Light grows within you, the blindness of your mind will be removed and the seal taken from it. You will then see with your physical eyes things that you have never beheld. You will see with your spiritual eyes, far beyond your dreams of perfection. You will be able to comprehend things which you have not known existed and which no man can teach you. The only thing that can be taught you is the way that you travel. No one can travel that way for you. No one can tell you what is beyond that door, because it would be incomprehensible to you. But you can travel that Highway.

The five other seals are the seals of little human traits that must be left behind. There are 5 (or more) in every man's being. They will drop away as the Lights which they have submerged begin to shine forth, and your highway will be a HIGHWAY OF LIGHT!

As you learn to love God with all your heart, that Love will be poured out to help you--to bless a world. In fact, that Love will be poured out to help you--to bless a world. In fact, that Love, which is the Christ Love which will be poured through you, out through your heart--is the Fruit of the Tree of Life. You are the branches and Christ is the vine, and that fruit is the fruit that is for the healing of the nations. And no nation can be healed until the individuals within are healed. When their fears are overcome by joy and Love--when the distress is overcome between people, first with a man and his family, a man and his neighbors, a man and his state and his nation--and on out to the world.

This is the season for that fruit of the <u>Tree of Life</u> to bear. We have been told to pray with all the energy of heart to be filled with this Great Love. If you can become that Love until no discord, no wrath, no anger, no antagonism and no fear ever touches you, you will step forth into the Realm of Light and <u>walk hand in hand with God.</u> And I assure

you that it is possible. God never gave a commandment that was impossible to fulfill. "Love your enemies--pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you." Pour out your Light to them--and in your . . . [one more line on the page apparently did not duplicate]

You may not even want to admit that these seven little seals have been upon you but as you have recognized them, and they drop away and you step back purified and cleansed, walking hand in hand with Almighty God, you will know the power of His words and you will know that when He said, "Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect," He meant it. When you desire to take hold of the promises He made, He will open the way for you to perform them. Where your strength fails, His will reach out to you, and He will walk with you.

There are just a few things I would like to tell you about this Light within. As you learn to feel it and it vibrates in a singing glory in your soul, and as you walk, walk along praising God and saying, "Almighty God, I love you,"--or whatever it is that sings out of your heart--when you have that vibration going, you may know that this is the Light of Christ taking over and swinging into action in your life. Learn to hold yourself in that Light. Learn to hold onto it, and as you do, you will find the power of God beginning to be made manifest in your life. You will find yourself walking a Highway of Light and Glory back to His Throne. You will know that angels are attending you.

As you learn to hold yourself in that Light, you will learn to abide in it, and you will find that it abides in you, and you will know the meaning of Christ's words when He said, "I of myself can do nothing; the Father within, He doeth the works." You will learn to let God beging to work His works through you. It is quite a different things. It is to become aware of that Light, it is letting it go forth to direct you. Christ said, "I speak no word save my Father gives it to me." "I do nothing save my Father commands it." In perfect tune with that Light within, He says, "My Father that abideth in me, He doeth the works." We human beings go forth trying to do the works of God. All we have to do is purify ourselves and let God do His works through us. It is as simple as that, and Christ gave the keys of it.

The day is at hand when every person must know and become acquainted with that Light within, for within it is contained your own pattern of life. When you love God so much, really deeply, truly, that you want only His will to be done,—when your will no longer matters, no matter what it is,—when you can stand as Christ stood, and kneel as He knelt, and pray, "Dear God, if possible let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done," and mean it as He meant it with the cross facing Him. There are different ways of being crucified, but when you can give up your will to the will of God, your love will be perfect.

And within the will of God is the Perfect Pattern of your own development. God's will is perfection for you, individually glorified you, standing forth as a Light for all the world to see. God's will is not that you suffer. God's will is not that you are miserable or unhappy or in want and filled with negation. God's will is perfection! And when you begin to love Him so much that his will can begin to operate,—no matter how mediocre, how lost, how forgotten, how poor your life has been, you will be as a rose that begins to find your blossom and glofified fulfillment.

We have gone forth trying to find our Pattern, trying to shut everything away; and probably the thing that was meant for us to do, we have hated and dispised. I want to tell you something-that whenever darkness or evil or distress comes to you, WITHIN IT IS THE POWER TO TURN THE KEYS OF THE UNIVERSE. As you take distress, suffering, pain, anguish or heartbreak and glorify God, it will flee from you.

The most shocking, horrible event of this world was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ—also the greatest glory this world has ever had. As this crucifixion was the glory of the world, your crucifixion can be your glory. If you have anything troubling you, I beg of you to use it and glorify it, and it will glority you. Every difficulty is like a leverage that will life you higher and higher. You will never know the lessons deep in your soul until suddenly some great truths cross your mind and hold there, quivering before you, and your sould grasps them and you say, "I have it! I understand it!" But what there may come will be a test given. Love the tests. Love them! They are your way of measurement to know how far you are advancing. Let nothing stop them.

So long as you desire, so long as you keep trying, so long as you are working and striving to hold the Light and fulfill the Promises of Almighty God you <u>Have</u> to progress. You cannot stand still so long as you yourself believe in your Christ-self and in the Promises of Almighty God. They will have to be fulfilled in you. And as you step forth into this pattern that God gave you, it may be a dreary thing--you may cover your face with your hands and say, "Dear God, I can't, I can't do it." I beg of you, when that time comes, that you will kneel humbly and pray for strength. Let His will be done! And in that moment of surrender you will find the Power to go on. And as His will is done, you yourself will unfold, step by step, into the fulfillment of your perfection.

No two of us will ever be alike. You may have a garden full of roses. They may have all been planted at the same time. There are no two of them alike. No two of them with the same number of blossoms, or the same pattern in the arrangement of their branches and their leaves. You may reach perfection -- but it will be your perfection and not anyone else's. I have been interested in my life, in people who have made great errors, who have looked back over their lives with such absolute regret that if they could only live their lives over again they would do them quite differently, they think. And I would talk with them and say, "Would you trade places with anyone else?" "Oh, yes, Oh my goodness, yes!" They could think of almost anyone they would trade places with gladly, "Would you take upon you their identity and give them yours?" No, not anyone. It is strange that no matter how great the errors, it is this "you" only that is your own identity, your own self, that is your property. And if you transferred yourself into someone else, it would not be your pattern. Your souls would never be satisfied, no matter what his or her destiny. Every minute of your life is testing you to see what you will do and how you will do it.

Every little moment is a moment of Eternity. You are living between two veils in this life--but it is Eternity. There is the veil shutting out the past and the veil shutting out the future, and we see only this little span of it. But every minute of this span is the most priceless MOMENT of Eternity. For THIS life is where you take your tests. Not in other worlds, not in other lives or other planets. What will you do with this life NOW?

With your body and your spirit inseparably connected, if you can take hold of these as given in the <u>Book of Revelation</u>, that you can overcome all things, death HAS to be overcome. If you can overcome these <u>seven seals</u> through this Love of Christ, then you will have to automatically overcome death. It is the <u>last thing</u> to overcome. It is overcome as naturally and simply as is <u>learning</u> to walk--and is less difficult. And when your body and your spirit are inseparably connected, you can receive a fulness of Joy. Death has been the lazy way out.

We are entering a new day when that <u>Tree of Life</u> is to blossom and bear its fruits. And again I would like to say that the fruit of the Tree of Life is the Love of God as it is shed forth in your hearts to heal a world. Love so forgiving, so divine, so pure, so Christlike, that nothing can withstand it.

I am a person who believes in simplicity in everything. I cannot believe in formulas, and I do not believe in high stages of pageantry.

I believe as Christ taught and the way He taught IN ALL SIMPLICITY.

But--I would ask you, at least once a day, to stand with your arms outstretched--the symbol of that Tree of Life--and feel that Love of God pouring out through you. And as you stand quietly with love reaching out beyond your fingertips, it will be as if you almost felt the world snuggling up in your arms to be healed. In your hands, in your arms and in your hearts are the Power of Healing, if you will let it go forth. And as this Love comes forth in your hearts, it will heal you first, no matter what is wrong. It will heal you of your diseases, and your plagues and your heartbreaks, and your suffering and your contrary distressing things.

In this day, instead of going forth to heal another, the healing will come forth from within ourselves, as it always has. Even in the days of Christ, it was not Christ who healed and relieved the person; it was Christ who touched that Light within--which is Almighty God--and called it forth, and the people were healed from their Light within themselves. "And He could do no miracle in Nazareth because of their unbelief." Because there was not one person who could open up his heart and let that Light touch his own. Your healing will come from within.

(A question-and-answer period followed the lecture; however, there were not many questions asked because of Annalee saying the following: )

Whatever those questions are, however deep they are, God can answer them for you, and he will. You will get your answers as you travel this Highway of Light and learn to open this heart center, first by Love-you will begin to be directed in all things and the words of Scripture will begin to be fulfilled, that no man needs to teach you. You will "All be taught of God." We have never wanted followers. Our ONLY purpose has been to teach you to find that contact with Almighty God and He will direct you personally in any problems and at all times. Follow your own pattern and learn to live harmoniously. That is the Living Voice of God--the fountain of Living Waters that Christ talked of.

Question: Would you say it is possible to see Christ in the flesh?

Answer: Oh, yes! The Light of Christ is in you. Jesus Christ the person, is in charge. We think Jesus isn't important except that He is the Light of Christ within us. Yes, He will come personally to this earth, but He will come to you personally whenever your hearts

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are completely purified. You shall see Him. Get that song of Everlasting Joy perfected and as sure as you live you shall see Christ face to face; He will come and talk with you--and you will step through with His Guidance.

It is the day and age the world has waited for from the beginning—when the <u>Tree of Life</u> is to bear its fruit. When you learn to overcome the fears and negations, then you will have rent the veil of darkness: And you will have the power to reach out your hands and help rend that veil of darkness from the face of this earth: This planet is destined before long to receive its paradisiacal glory and that cannot come forth until there are enough Sons and Daughters of Light prepared. Do not hoard Christ Love, but send it forth in Great POWER!

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