

**An Excerpt from**

# **The Hidden Dimension**

There's a joke about the man who arrived at the Pearly Gates. He was greeted by Saint Peter, who told the man that the only way he could get in was by saying the pass word.

The man did not know the pass word, so he tried guessing.

"John 3:16," he asked.

"No," said Saint Peter.

"I Chronicles 4:18," he asked.

"That's not it," said Peter.

The man tried various things. Finally, he said, "I give up."

"That's it!" Said Saint Peter.

And the man got into Heaven.

There's something about giving up one's willful struggling that allows truth and love to enter. In a way, we can't be blamed for our willful struggling because that is what the world has taught us to do or teased us to do ever since we were born. No one has loved us enough or had understanding enough to teach us otherwise.

Besides, the pressure from the world is so cruel that you fear that if you stop struggling, it would overwhelm you. You also fear that by giving in, you will become a doormat.

Unfortunately, this is exactly what has what has happened to you because of your ungracious resistance and resentful capitulation. Your way hasn't worked. So now you must go back to the drawing board and learn how to resist evil pressures properly.

It is difficult for us to believe that if we would just stop struggling against conscience; and that if we could just let conscience overwhelm us; then it would lead us, guide us and save us. But if you could begin the little meditation, perhaps this truth would begin to dawn on you, and if welcome, would enter your life and change everything for the better.

Therefore, learn the secret of becoming friends with conscience. The Light of Truth from God will then be your Mighty Ally, and will be the force for good behind a new way of resisting pressure. You will learn how to resist by not reacting. You won't need effort or the energy of anger or resentment. Instead, you will have a quiet and growing faith. Trusting in the Light, you will stand back and let it answer for you and through you.

Responding with belief and joy to the Inner Light of Truth saves you from having to react to outside appeals and pressures.

The process of salvation is both instantaneous and drawn out over a long time. In the mystical moment when the soul silently cries out to its Creator with a sincere willingness to change, Truth draws near. In the Presence of Truth, one is overwhelmed with a sadness and regret.

Afterwards comes a peace of mind and gladness. The soul is also raised up to see that the beautiful truths one had always loved are indeed true. One also becomes aware of a Mighty Hand shaping the order of things to come. One feels dumb and small; but how sweet it is just to be dumb and small.

Then comes a long period of wordless revelations about one's wrongs; one's misbeliefs; one's failings; and one's errors. At first, the revelations about one's hatreds and judgments of others lays very heavy on one's heart. But as time goes by, the things seen are less troubling but more subtle.

Even years later, there are subtle errors and faulty reactions to see that you didn't even know you had. Each error realized and let go of continues the process of perfection of the soul, whereby your understanding deepens and your patience with self and others increases. Then the blessed day arrives when there is no error to be seen. Just happy discoveries about the mystery and beauty around us. One receives a thorough education about so many delicate things that it could not be recorded in a thousand books.

That brings us to mention something about this book. It is but some things which I have seen. As soon as it is written, I then move on to see something else. Sometimes, months or years later, I look back on something I wrote and it is as if someone else wrote it. It is just as true as when written, and it serves as a catalyst to new discoveries. The value of any written words is in awakening you to realize the truth. The words themselves are dead, but the realization in the present is alive.

*It is actually the Light of Truth Who is shining on the words and awakening you.* Realizing in the present in the Presence is the life giving moment of Truth. This kind of discovery is never dull or tedious. It is literally the Word made flesh, as God in breathes His life into you, and your mind becomes alive with insights gleaned from His Holy Truth. Once this process begins, you can leave behind the written words and bask

in the delight of the flow of insights the Inner Light of Truth is bringing you.

The whole secret is to see for yourself. My writings might serve as a catalyst to get you started. Upon awakening to some principle, you can then put the book down and realize for yourself many aspects or variations of the theme.

But no person, no writings, no doctrine, no study, no leader can save you. Only the Creator can save you with His Holy Truth and His Holy Love. He sent the Christ. And Christ promised He would send the Holy Spirit to teach all things.

Once I had a book with beautiful sermons in it by an old time radio preacher. The stories were so simple and so beautiful--about awe, wonder, goodness, and kindness--I loved and cherished the book.

One day the book was stolen. For years, I searched all the old bookstores to try to find a replacement. But now I realize that the loss of the book led to a yearning and an emptiness which was filled by the Creator Himself.

May this book be a joy to you by awakening you to realize for yourself in the Light of Truth.