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God blesses you and surrounds each of you, individually and as a group, with grace, peace and strength.

It is a real joy for us to have another opportunity to communicate God's will and word to you. It is a great responsibility for us and we take it seriously, for in our hands lies much potential for your growth inasmuch as we can transmit God's light to you. The reality of God is present at many levels of understanding. Each of you perceives God according to the level of your development which gives God meaning to you lives.

It is the same with us. Our perception of God is different from guide to guide. We learn by communicating with you, for it is God's light which is issued forth, and it is our responsibility to direct that light toward each of you. God knows your limitations and accepts them. God knows our limitations and accepts them, but both you and we are constantly challenged. We are constantly asked to move forward, to reach out, and to open our hearts to God. The fact that we, your guides, are limited in our perception of God should not change or affect the value you place on the messages which are received, for it is God alone who determines each of your guides. It is God's wisdom that directs the selection of guides on the basis of our needs and yours during your earthly life. You are getting the direct word of God in as direct and immediate a manner as is possible.

We do not act as intermediaries. When we speak, it is God who speaks. When we direct and guide, it is God who directs and guides. It is like driving an automobile. It is the driver who determines the direction of the vehicle. True, the vehicle has many mechanical components to transmit the impulse to the vehicle, but it is always the driver who is controlling the direction, not the steering mechanism. That mechanism merely responds according to its given capabilities. God is the driver here. We are components which enable God's message to direct your lives. We do not dream up the ideas. We do not search for topics. We do not respond to your concerns. All comes from God.

It is important to remember this because without such an approach, it is easy to assume that we are intermediaries and that somehow you are at our mercy. That is not in God's plan. Each of you must feel that you are as close to God's awareness as an individual is to another in the same room. God's awareness is all-encompassing. God is aware of your physical needs, your spiritual needs, your emotional needs, and God's response in your life is directed in God's will to each of those needs for all people. We therefore urge you to believe completely what you receive. We urge you to follow your

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conscience. We urge you to be aware of a higher purpose in life and to diligently seek the strength to meet that purpose.

Our lives were as your lives, and your lives will be as ours. We are all together. There is no difference. Our perception of God is incomplete, but it is greater than yours. At times we provide information which seems unclear or contrary to your perception. God does not expect each of you to fully comprehend all that is given to you at one time. However, nothing is provided you in messages which is beyond your comprehension. You must stretch. You must reach out and study and absorb and apply God's teachings, slowly and carefully.

The nature of the messages you receive is, therefore, directly related to our capacity to transmit, but it is God who places us in our position of responsibility. When God wishes to instruct in areas for which our sensitivity is limited, God will change guides, and we will progress to another level of awareness. Occasionally you sense a change in guides. This change may be in approach, in mood, or in subject matter, or clarity. These changes are ordained by God, and you needn't worry or feel a sense of responsibility when such changes occur.

Our purpose is to transmit God's wisdom for application in your daily lives. Ultimately you must make a choice of which you are already aware, but that choice is prepared through your earthly living, the nature of your life, the direction that your life takes, the application of your life, and its dedication to God's principles.

Life then is a vital part of your preparation, and what God wishes you to do with the information, with the experiencing of this blessing, is to apply God's will in your life and not feel you must save it up for a future time. These are lessons in living—these are lessons in earthly living. Their realization is through earthly life. By that we mean their application. These lessons are not intended to be mere philosophy on a plane which has little application now. They are meant for immediate application. They are meant to be interpreted at this stage in your lives. As you grow in understanding, you will be given further insight, but it is not important to be concerned about the speed of your growth, only in its constancy. It is the growth which is important, and it is this growth which should serve as your point of recognition in the application of God's teachings given to you through us.

It is important to consider, therefore, not only the contents of these messages, but to look carefully at how you can apply them. Content without application is empty. God wishes that your growth through these messages be full and constant, but that takes application. Application requires faith, faith in the messages and faith in your capacity to respond. That is where prayer comes in.

When you pray, each of you must pray for clarity in your perception of God's will, and you must pray for strength to apply what you perceive. God's strength is always there, but it is given only when asked for. This asking can be done by you personally, or it may be done by another in your behalf. That is why you pray for others. You pray

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for their perception, you pray for their strength. All prayers eventually can be placed in either of these two directions.

Some who pray to God pray selfishly. They pray in an attempt to instruct God in what to give them. That is not prayer. It may be called prayer, but it is not speaking to God at a level at which God may respond effectively. When you pray for God's strength, when you pray for a clearer perception of God, God's response is immediate. We have said before your perception of that response may be slow, but if you pray for an increased awareness, then you will be given the capacity to recognize God's response in the form of strength and a sense of direction in your lives.

The purpose of these messages is not to inflict guilt upon each of you when you cannot apply God's teachings to the fullest manner possible. Guilt plays no part in dealing with God. It is in fact a wall between your perception of God and God's effort to give you comfort and strength. By eliminating guilt, you increase perception. When you try to apply these teachings, you cannot always succeed. God understands that. God understands the meaning of humanness in living. God understands the reality of sin, of success and failure, but God does not judge, God only gives. Without judgment, why should there be guilt?

There are many who perceive God as a great judge, as a punisher, as a dictator-like figure whose will must be followed or else punishment will result. The feelings of guilt that arise out of such a perception of God can only hide God from those individuals.

As you work with those around you, find ways of helping them to eliminate a sense of guilt in their lives. You do not necessarily have to present them with the fact that with God all is forgiven, and therefore do not be guilty. That is a difficult concept for all to fully accept, but you can, in your own ways, work with those around you without exercising judgment, without inflicting guilt upon others. By so doing, you are reflecting God's nonjudgment, and you are very gradually bringing them closer to an understanding that with God there is no guilt necessary.

God is a power. God controls the scientific elements of life. God is a power who transmits love as a parent. God's reality in life is perceived on many levels, each of them correctly, except when God is perceived as a merciless judge.

All of you have reason to rejoice in your relationship with a loving God who is challenging, yet always forgiving, who is always present and yet waits to be called. Rejoice in your own accomplishments. Strive to experience an acceptance and recognition of God in your lives. Seek ways of opening a field of receptivity with those around you. Find avenues which bond all people together. Respond to the good in everyone. In so doing, there can be no guilt. Respect everyone as being a part of God. Show closeness to others as you would wish to show closeness to God. You cannot judge God; therefore do not judge another. This is a difficult lesson, but important for world peace.

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Remember that it is God who speaks to each of you, not just one or two. Pray for your receptivity of God's impulse and input in your lives and pray for the strength and the conviction to apply what you learn.

God blesses each of you. God surrounds you with care and rejoices in the efforts you make to turn to God. All of you have received blessings far greater than you know. Rejoice that God has surrounded you with love and give God thanks!

Amen.