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*To all who look for salvation in this age,  
to all who know that the hour is come  
when the true worshipers shall worship  
the Father-Mother God in Spirit and in Truth,  
to all who would climb the highest mountain,  
we dedicate this volume as the next step.*

## Note to the Reader

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# Introduction

To the student of life's mysteries:

This is the book that was written in the hearts of men long before it was written with pen and sword.

The myth of simplicity regarding religion must be exposed for what it is—just that. Religion, the science that teaches man how to bind himself to God, is not simple. The concept that makes people think that if a religious doctrine is true, they should be able to understand it with study and self-immolation is altogether misleading. The fact that learned men expect to study a lifetime to master only one discipline and yet feel that anything along religious lines that cannot be understood in an evening's discussion must either be untrue or too complicated to bother about, is a tragic misconception that deprives many of life's sweetest and most sacred mysteries.

Religious doctrine on this planet remains in the dark ages in its awesome tomb of untouchability. Those too advanced in their thinking to accept beliefs that have decayed with the centuries have thrown out religion altogether. Let them also not

neglect to slay the myth of simplicity and to consider the fact that there is a science and a religion that explain the destiny of man, his origins and his *raison d'être*. Let them not fail to reconsider the simple truths of life ingrained in every heart and mind as keys to a vast compendium of knowledge that the LORD has hidden from the worldly-wise and made known to the pure in heart.

In this volume we set forth this knowledge as it has been given to us directly by the Ascended Masters, who from inner levels of consciousness guide all mankind who are willing to give ear to the voice of the Ancient of Days, who has promised to write his laws in their inward parts so that all might know him from the least unto the greatest.

Those who close their ears to progressive revelation have muzzled the ox whose golden tongue would give forth the secrets of the ages. To stop the voice of the Almighty in this time of world need and world travail is to seal the doom of the planet, for without knowledge and assistance from on high, mankind cannot hope to survive this age of crisis. Without vision the people perish.<sup>1</sup> This is a book of vision.

The truth we present in this work is by no means final; it is a foundation that can lead all to higher truth and ultimately to the summit of their own being. It contains the keys to the Golden Age if mankind will accept and act on it. It contains the facts long hidden by the dark ones who have deliberately (consciously) removed from the archives of the world every shred of knowledge that would give humanity liberation from every form of bondage—physical, mental or emotional.

The true teachings of the Christ have likewise either been removed from the scriptures, or they were omitted from the start. The works of others whom the LORD sent to illumine the Path such as Origen of Alexandria have been anathematized or burned. The few keys that remain available to the masses are

taught as mysteries and given without explanation for their blind acceptance, or as has been the case, their blind rejection. Both are part of an ancient plot to defraud the sons and daughters of God of their ancient spiritual heritage, which comes down from the retreats of Lemuria and Atlantis, lost continents of the Pacific and the Atlantic. These civilizations sank beneath the sea because the people ceased to be governed by cosmic law, and the science of that law became distorted and abused or withheld altogether.

The truth we set forth herein is the truth of the ages, the laws whereby the universes were framed. This is the truth that is locked in the memory of the atoms and cells composing the earth's crust and the being of man. This is the truth that every soul knows, but through lack of proper training and education has remained a lost art lying dormant just beneath the surface of the mind until it is brought to the fore by contact with the Light and renewed with the Teachers who stand waiting in the wings ready to disclose the missing links to the puzzle of life.

All that man requires to complete his evolution and fulfill his divine plan will be revealed to him through the indwelling Christ and the memory of the soul awakened, quickened and mobilized into action by the Heavenly Hosts. Nothing will be withheld from those who pursue the knowledge of the Law of Life as the hounds of heaven, for all is in readiness, all is waiting for the moment of their desiring to have, to hold and to be more of God, more of consciousness, more of life.

If the concepts in this book disagree with your own, do not feel the need to make an immediate assessment before you have all the facts. Put new ideas on the shelf until you have further proof and explanation. Put your own ideas on the shelf and maintain, above all, an open mind. One of the devil's great weapons is to make people feel they must immediately accept or reject—classify and package every new idea presented to them,

for he knows that with this attitude, no progress can be made.

And thus, as you read this series, seek to assimilate the whole panorama of Truth in each multiform part. The glossing over of these parts may well abort your assimilation of the delicate filigree patterns that unfold the magnificence of your own soul's comprehension of the laws of cosmos—mysteries from far-off worlds, from the Pleiades as well as from the sun of our own solar system—mysteries from the sands of the Sahara and the tall pines of Darjeeling. You will find herein the wisdom of the ages, the thoughts of a Christ, a Buddha and the savants and servants of the LORD. You will find knowledge of a different kind—knowledge that has been withheld from the masses, knowledge that has been guarded in the retreats of the Masters.

As Diogenes with his lantern roamed the streets in search of an honest man, so you, the reader, must raise the torch of honor and without bias seek Truth within these pages. From here, you will learn the true teachings of Christ, of your own identity, of nature and of life itself. And in the process, you will find that power by which each man can become the god of his own universe, the king in his own kingdom, the priest of his own temple, thereby responding to the fiat of the Logos: "Take dominion over the earth!"<sup>2</sup>

Your new-found freedom will come not alone from the formed but from the unformed as well, not just from what is said but from what remains unsaid; for words are but cups into which the mind must pour the substance of experience and devotion, the distillations of soul knowing, the formulations that are idling just beneath the surface of awareness waiting to be energized by the Christ mind.

Not what is written alone with pen and ink will be the new-found freedom released through understanding in your life, but what you think and do, showing yourself approved unto God by the living measure of your active understanding—

this will practically enhance the world in which we live and serve as an avant-garde message to all the ages to come.

Christ is not the Christ alone of the Andes, of America, of India, of any one nation. Christ is the Light emanation, the Solar Logos, the living Word, by whom all things were created, as referenced in the Gospel by the Beloved John. Man, in reality, is destined to be a triumph of attainment.

The key you have in your hand may be wisely used or critically examined. Man can do both. The choice is his. He can, if he wish, wisely use the teachings presented herein and also still critically examine them. And if he be willing to forsake dogma for Christ, love for hatred and wisdom for confusion, he will find the answers he has long sought. These words are hieroglyphs charged with that meaning that can change your life and your world into the beauty God intended man to manifest.

To you is given the key in hand. If you must judge it adversely, we ask humbly that you will first lay aside all your prejudices and opinions until you have read the last word of the last chapter of this series and sought to understand it. For here is the key that will unlock the door of your freedom as nothing has ever unlocked it before. Here is the key that comes from higher realm, a message for all ages of true Christ dimension.

Man, know thyself. Man, accept the instrument of your liberation. Mankind, be firm and awake, for the day is at hand. The Golden Age must first be posited within ere it manifest without. As the spinning wheel of life conspires so marvelously to produce the flax so gossamer and filmlike that will one day become a garment of solar radiance, a garment of attainment, a wedding garment you will then wear as living devotion and love's perfect shields against all delusion, all confusion and all misunderstanding.

Open the door of your heart without bias, bigotry or delay to a renewal of your life in the alchemical furnace of He who

loves you most. May the angels from the realms of glory sit on your shoulder as you pursue these words and ever guide you into the Truth you seek.

Sincerely, in service to humanity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark L. Prophet". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Clare Prophet". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

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Messengers of the Masters

# The Christ

*If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

*For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

*For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.*

*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

PAUL TO THE ROMANS

*Wherefore God also hath highly  
exalted him, and given him a name which  
is above every name:*

*That at the name of Jesus every knee  
should bow, of things in heaven, and things  
in earth, and things under the earth;*

*And that every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God the Father.*

PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS



## Section 1

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# The Mystery of the Christ

*“No man can say that Jesus is the Lord,  
but by the Holy Ghost.”<sup>1</sup>*

THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF JESUS AS the Son of God, as the Christ, is a prerequisite to the understanding of the Christ. For if man cannot see and acknowledge the Christ in the one whom God sent to be the perfect example to the age of the only begotten of the Father,<sup>2</sup> then he is not capable of acknowledging the Christ as his own identity and his own potential. And if he cannot acknowledge the Christ as his own potential, then he can never be saved. Thus we begin to study the mystery of the Christos, of the ineffable Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.<sup>3</sup>

The apostle Paul says that “there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”<sup>4</sup> This Lord before whose Presence we bend the knee was personified in the man Jesus, who held the office in Hierarchy of the Christ for the two-thousand-year cycle that began with his ministry in Galilee.

By calling upon the name of Jesus as the incarnation of the Christ, man is saved through the power of the Christ that God has already placed within man. By calling upon the name of the Lord, he releases the full potential of the Christ within his own being, which enables him and allows him to rise to the victory of the Christ that Jesus demonstrated in his three-year ministry.

The modern world is inundated with more religious organizations than there have ever been in any previous century. Some have endured for thousands of years. Men think that the mysteries of the Christ are simple to determine. Many do not even recognize that there is any mystery in the concept of the Christ. And yet the concept of the Christ remains to the present day the greatest mystery that has ever challenged the mind of man.

In recent years, science (the behavioral sciences in particular) has placed emphasis upon the subconscious mind and its behavior patterns, probing the id, the ego and the superego, apart from any concept of the Christ. It is becoming increasingly obvious that religion does not thoroughly understand all of the mysteries of the mind of man and of nature. Science has many answers and chooses, in many cases, to ignore the old religious landmarks. Religion, too, has many answers, and in some cases chooses to ignore the markings of science. A synthesis of religion and science produces profound revelations in thought. Nowhere is this more self-evident when correctly understood than in the mystery of Christ.

It is the Christ in every race, in every nation and people that establishes a congruency with the Almighty and a unity whereby there are no differences. All differences are dissolved in the Christ. For that same Lord is within all and over all—“rich,” that is, flowing with abundant blessings to all who call upon him.

Those who fail to acknowledge the Christ in Jesus—

through pride, intellectual sophistication, arrogance or rebellion against God—cannot rise to their own Christ identity, to the potential of Christhood in themselves. And thus, they effectively delay their progress on the Path and their salvation (their self-realization through self-elevation). And so, the act of acknowledging the Son of God, Jesus, is the first step in understanding the true nature of the Christ.

## The Historical Jesus: Christ the Man

Two thousand years ago there lived upon this planet the historical person of Jesus. Born in Bethlehem of Judea and raised in the community of Nazareth, the man Jesus was well known to his contemporaries. His ministry was filled with dynamism, with service and with an impact that has endured to the present day. Although many other figures have also made their mark upon the screen of world history, none have inspired us as much as the beautiful figure of the Master-Teacher, Jesus.

All historical figures receive a subjective treatment from historians, writers and evaluators of the past. Jesus was no exception, and it goes without saying that the early apostles and teachers in the Church expressed their own concepts of the Master in the form of the spoken and written word. Saint Paul, the great theologian and apostle, revealed the mysterious figure of Christ Jesus to mankind in the early Church in a somewhat different manner than others had previously recognized him. The mental and emotional patterns of early Church leaders caused them to hold differing opinions of the Master's mission and purposes.

Nowhere do we find any recording of Jesus' actual words transcribed and written down by himself, but everywhere we find interpretations of the Christ and of his purposes. Because

this is so, it is essential that we examine his life with a view to a determination of his purposes and his intent—of the meaning of his life for ourselves and for all mankind.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, comes to give her perspective on his life and mission: “The conflicting views held by men concerning the life and ministry of my son are legion. Therefore, as a cosmic mother, I extend to you today the lamp of knowledge containing the precious oil of the mystery of Christhood in order that the role that he outpictured may be better understood by those who yearn to identify more closely with the Christ here and now. . . .

“God did not design one house to be builded upon the shifting sands of human misdirection and another to be builded upon the rock of Christ Truth. From the beginning God intended that all should express the great purity, truth and victory of the Christ, which my son Jesus showed forth in his Galilean embodiment.

“I know full well that orthodox interpretations, although stemming from well-intended effort on the part of many who have nobly served our cause, do not convey the correct understanding of my Son’s mission and teaching. This problem has arisen as the result of inherent weaknesses, deletions and inaccuracies in the worded structure of certain biblical passages and through traditional concepts woven like a cocoon of ignorance around embodied truth. To dispel illusion, then, I come with lamp in hand to rephrase the old story of ‘peace on earth, good will toward men.’

“The angels sang, not alone to the infant babe whom I held so tenderly in my arms as I revered him in my heart, but also to each mother’s son who had ever been born, who ever was and who should ever be blessed and begotten of the Father. For God, the celestial Spirit, the Progenitor of every heart of radiant identity, in his own great heart of love, of mercy and of

justice, could not possibly deny to any of his sons the treasures that are embodied in the concept of the Christ. The birth in the stable revealed, to the amazement of mortals, that the vastness of the Cosmic Christ, the immortal design of the Son of God, could descend in lowly mien even in the midst of elemental animal life while attended by angelic and cosmic hosts.

“The wonder of Jesus was not in his humanity, but in the divinity of the Christ, which manifested through his humanity. Not only have men made of him a personality, a person likened unto their own image, but also they have been obsessed with the idea that this blessed Son carried out a mission that was unique to himself and to the ages. I do not deny the uniqueness of his message and service; but I affirm that it is a unique manifestation that all have the opportunity to outpicture, but which only the few realize.

“I do not imply here that each individual has the same life plan or pattern, but I do wish to convey to all that the high hope held by the Father for each of his beloved sons and daughters is one of coequality, and that this destiny contains within it the essential pattern and holy strands of the Christ, the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. The Christ is the chief cornerstone upon which the entire temple is builded. The Christ of every man is the unique mediator between the personality that must evolve in the world of form, referred to as the lower self, and the individualized focus of the Father, the I AM Presence that issued forth from the center of the great flame of God-Being.

“Men have uttered the name of God and cloaked it with human vanity. They have used the name I AM to lay claim to every paltry thing in life; and yet Being, God-Being, eternal life, has escaped them. Thus, the sacred Word, I AM, has been denied the full expression of its inherent power and reality in their world and consciousness.

“I seek, then, to convey to every son of heaven the mighty reality of life that is his. I am a cosmic mother, and as much your mother as I am the mother of beloved Jesus. Some who are adherents of the Christian faith call me the Mother of God. To those of the protesting branch of orthodox Christianity, this seems a sacrilege; for men may well ask, ‘Who is worthy to be the Mother of God?’ But this concept, when understood to mean the mother of the embodiment of the Divine Spirit, reveals the glorious truth that every mother who understands that which was spoken—‘and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us’—may be ‘the Mother of God.’”<sup>5</sup>

## Jesus, the Messiah

The concept of a Messiah was not new to the Israelites, nor to the Hebrew people. They had for years prior to the birth of Jesus awaited an event of such importance, fulfilling ancient prophecies and bringing new hope to their nation as well as to the Gentiles.

Jesus was the incarnate Messiah, the one prophesied by the prophets of Israel. He came to restore the true teaching of the prophets to the people of Israel. We find that the chief priests and scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, were greatly concerned because Jesus was restoring these teachings to the people. In the beginning of his mission he stood in the synagogue quoting the prophecies of his own coming, and he said: “This day is this scripture fulfilled.”<sup>6</sup>

He came to give to the people of Israel the key to the incarnation of God. When they accused him of saying that he was the Son of God, he quoted their own scripture, Psalm 82: “Behold I have said, ye are gods.”

However, Jesus’ mission was not for the Jews alone. Saint

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\*It was Jesus, in his earlier embodiment as David, who wrote the Psalms.

Paul considered himself to be the apostle to the Gentiles (the non-Jews), for he was so appointed, and he exerted every effort to declare this phenomenon of God to the Gentiles everywhere upon earth. The success of Paul's service to life is attested to in the expansion of Christianity. He, together with Saint Peter, was one of those who succeeded in telling the good news of the coming of the Master to the earth and in laying the foundation for early Christianity.

Somewhere, however, in all of the writings and concepts about Jesus is a missing link, or perhaps it would be better to say, an incorrect concept concerning the Master Jesus. Perhaps one of the reasons this incorrect concept has not been refuted in our time is that most individuals have feared to tread upon a concept so universally acknowledged by Christians. Few dare even to speculate upon it publicly for fear of religious taboo or ostracism.



## Section 2

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# The Divinity of the Christ: The Only Begotten Son

**M**ANY CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN feel that their entire hope for survival in the world to come, or perhaps even in the present, lies in what they have termed the divinity of Jesus the Christ. Without Christ, their life lacks meaning. With Christ, their life becomes full of meaning. They look for, hope for and wait for a World Saviour—one who has the power to reach into their own lives and change those lives for the better, and permanently so. They see in the presentation of Jesus the Christ such a man of God, such a Son of God—in fact, one whom John declared to be none other than the only begotten of the Father: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”<sup>1</sup>

But who is the only begotten Son of God? The only Son of God is the Universal Christ, the Cosmic Christ (the terms are synonymous). *Christos* is a Greek word meaning “one anointed

of the Light.” The Son of God who is the only begotten is the Light-emanation of the Father-Mother God individualized.

The Son of God is one Son, one descent of one Universal Light; but of this universal Light-body Jesus said at the Last Supper, as he held the single loaf of bread, “This is my universal body of Light which is broken for you.” He revealed the mystery again of the Law of the One, one Universal Light who is one Son of God. But he breaks the bread and gives us each a piece of it. In that very act he is saying, “I am restoring to you that same Universal Christ that you have forgotten and lost in your descent into this world.”

When he said, “I am the bread of life which came down from heaven,”<sup>2</sup> he affirmed that he was that bread that is the Cosmic Christ. He was speaking out of the personhood of that only begotten Son, the Christ, because that Christ was fully integrated in the human being Jesus. They were one and the same. They were merged together. There was no difference between Jesus the human being and Jesus the Christ. That is why he is our Saviour. That is the example he set.

When Jesus served Holy Communion to the apostles, he said, “Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you.” If that body is broken into a million pieces, just as every drop of the ocean contains the whole ocean, that piece of that bread is still the fullness of that Universal Christ. And that Universal Christ you call to as your beloved Christ Self. You may also call that Christ Self your Higher Self or your Higher Consciousness.

The wine that Jesus gives is the essence of the Spirit of the I AM Presence. He says, “This do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me”<sup>3</sup>—in remembrance that I came and was with you and I was the embodiment of that Universal Christ. We partake of the Body of Light each time we celebrate Holy Communion.

## The Divinity of Every Son and Daughter

The holding of the concept of the divinity of Christ does not detract from any man's sonship under the divine aegis, but rather contributes to the whole. But somehow the idea that the sin that so easily besets us is ever at hand has imbued mankind with a spirit of self-condemnation. Man deems himself unworthy of receiving the cherished gift of divine Sonship except through the person of the man Jesus.

We believe that the Master Jesus was divine. We believe that he was the only begotten Son of the Father, but we believe also that you and I are divine—that we, too, in a very real sense, are the only begotten of the Father.

Just how this is possible will be explained clearly, for it is a postulation and affirmation of the inner revelations that God has made to us. We hope that it will not be desecrated by condemnation, criticism or judgment until such a time as the reader has examined the fabric of the whole thought rather than a part. We do not say this out of fear for ourselves, but for the joy that this true revelation brings to those who are able to receive it, and in their ability to receive it, to expand their own consciousness of the Presence of God and to achieve greater realization of the great hope there is for every man, woman and child upon this planet.

When you completely understand this revelation, you will realize full well that the greatest fear, if any fear can be said to have possessed the mind of Jesus, was the fear that men would worship him, that they would make out of him and of his person an object of their affection without following the message of regeneration that he left.

## “In the Beginning Was the Word . . .”

The role, the title, the vestment of Messiah or Saviour or Son of God, is not so much personal as it is universal. When God created man in his own image, he could fashion him in none higher, for there is no higher image than the Image of God. Saint John declares: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” He also declares that “without him [the Word] was not any thing made that was made.”<sup>4</sup>

It has been commonly accepted by men that through Christ the worlds were framed by the Word of God—that the Christ was, in effect, the Word incarnate—the Word that became flesh. This antedates, then, the existence of the man Jesus, who said, referencing this Christ of his being, “Before Abraham was, I AM.”<sup>5</sup>

In truth, then, not only Jesus, but all men created in the Image of God were vested in the beginning with the original pattern or gift of the divine sonship. The gift to man, then, of the only begotten Son of God is a spiritual gift given to all, that all must receive, that all must believe in order to possess and be possessed by it. The only saviour that man in truth has, is God through Christ. Thus, the only begotten Son of God is seen as a high image to which all may be exalted and with which all may be totally identified.

At first this may seem almost a desecration, until one pauses to think that in the beginning God created man in his own image. As there is none higher than God, certainly to be in the image of the Christ or the image of the only begotten is wholly in keeping with the Father’s intent to give of himself to man.

## The Universal Logos

One of the great fallacies in human thought and reason is that because there is but one God, there can be but one Son of God. This was never the divine intent. The Christ is not Jesus per se, although he, himself, certainly became the Christ. The Christ is the Word, or the Logos. The Logos was the Word that went forth, by which all things were made. And when the Logos spoke “through” Jesus, the Logos said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” You can say the same thing. And it will be true of you too, because the I AM, the Divine Being, existed long before our flesh form in any of our embodiments, and the I AM will continue to exist.

The Universal Christ Spirit, the Logos, this second person of the Trinity existed, then, in the consciousness of God from the Beginning. For God is a Spirit, and the Spirit of God sent forth by the power of his own cognition and majesty the Son, or the radiance of himself, the Solar Logos, the Universal Logos, the Word that went forth and by its vibratory action shook all things into manifestation. And therefore, all things are a manifestation of the mind-stuff of God.

This universal consciousness, this Light, this *emanation*—energy *manifestation* of God—is the only Reality in the universe, the only begotten of the Father. This great Reality exists in every human heart and is the Holy Christ Self, the Mediator between the earth man and the heavenly man that is above each individual. For God has said, “I will draw nigh unto you if you will draw nigh unto me.”<sup>6</sup> If we understand this, then, we must be receptive to the great creative intelligence that gave us birth.

## Waves Upon the Sea

We must recognize that there has been a lie fostered by malintent upon man to create the illusion that there is and can be only one son of the Father.

There is only one begotten Son and that is the Universal Christ. Jesus was a manifestation of that and demonstrated for all time that resurrection that he so ably represented in his Palestinian mission. However, we today have the same opportunity that he did, and in his own words, we may draw the recognition of this truth; for he has spoken, saying, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."<sup>7</sup>

We must recognize, then, that each time a universal soul who has attained to his Christ stature goes back to the heart of God, he carries with him the richening of his own earth experiences. And thus the Godhead gains in transcendence and transcendent power. And the power of infinity is itself multiplied because man has served the divine cause.

The sons of God are like the waves upon the sea, like the sand by the seashore, like the stars of the heaven innumerable. We all exist in the consciousness of God in the Divine Image. If man is made in the Image of God and his likeness, there is no higher. How, then, could there be one son above the other? How could one individual, per se, stand above the other except through the use of opportunity. For God is a God of justice, and when men serve him and devote themselves to him, he honors their efforts. For it is written that every jot and tittle of the Law shall remain in effect. It is also written that for whatsoever a man doeth, he shall receive the just reward.<sup>8</sup>

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