

CHAPTER FIVE

The Christ Connection

1. You are always expressing the idea of Who and What you are. If you think of yourself as a human being, you are going to experience that identity. But when you take the Idea that you are a spiritual being, that you are God individualized, and begin to *live* that Idea every moment of every day, your whole world begins to take on a different tone and shape.

2. Look at the Idea again in different words: *The Identity of God is individualized as me now. I am the Self-Expression of God. I am the Presence of God where I am. I am the Christ, Son of the Living God.*

3. This is the *Christ Idea* we're talking about — and it is this Idea that will help you to rise above the twists and turns and trials and tribulations of humanhood. Your human consciousness must begin using the Christ Idea if it is to be transformed back to its original state of perfection.

4. To conceive of and live the Idea that you are God in expression, with all the powers of God at your disposal, is to “plant your consciousness in spirituality.” When you take the Christ Idea you are not just putting on a mask and playing make-believe. A mask is a disguise, a cover-up. What you are doing is revealing Reality. Remember that your whole con-

sciousness once knew itself to be God made manifest, and even when you were enveloped in sense consciousness, your Spiritual Ego, the Christ Consciousness, remained free and is right now concentrated in a Love Vibration within your energy field.

5. Another point of vital importance: Right within the darkened part of your lower-vibration mind, buried beneath layers of sense consciousness, is a *memory* . . . a faint mental impression, an *idea* of all that you once were. Now think of it. When you say “I am the son of God . . . God is as me now . . . God is expressing as me” — you are refreshing your memory. You are agreeing with something that you already know!

6. When you formulate this Master Idea of Who and What you are, the Idea first enters your intellectual awareness, then moves down into the feeling nature (subconscious). Based on the law of attraction, the Idea begins to seek out the corresponding thought in your memory bank (subconscious) and quickly attaches itself to it — and that ancient memory is stimulated and its “dawning” begins to illumine your conscious mind with new understanding.

7. When you first begin to understand Who and What you are, it is much like the Prodigal Son who “came to himself.” Your memory has been stirred and the awakening process has begun. As the awakening deepens and expands in your thinking and feeling natures, a new vibration forms in consciousness. The energy of the Christ Idea begins to think and to know itself as a Divine Idea, an Idea *related* to your Higher Soul, your Superconsciousness. And so the Christ Idea says to itself, “I will arise and go to my father.” Its vibration begins to move through the inner space of consciousness, through the walls and layers of error thoughts and false beliefs, through levels of hardened patterns of fear and doubt.

8. And when the Christ Idea is still far from home, the Soul of Reality within, the Christ Truth, sees it and begins moving toward it. “But when he was yet a great way off his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” This means that as the Christ Idea

begins to move through consciousness toward the Reality within, your Higher Soul begins to radiate and move toward the Divine Idea. The “kiss” is the union of human consciousness expressing as the Christ Idea, and the Christ Consciousness of the Higher Soul. This is the Realization. This is the Experience. At that glorious moment the merging Lights become one and your being is filled with the Light of Truth. You are born anew.

9. Do you see how your Identity-Idea can change your life? It changes the way you think, feel and act—and literally transforms your consciousness. When that mystical union with Self takes place, you become “Christed”—and all the Powers of God come forth in a Master Mind Consciousness and you live under the Law of Grace. But you do not have to wait for Christhood to begin experiencing harmony in your affairs. While the Christ Idea is making its journey home across the planes of inner consciousness, the spiritual law of cause and effect will be working *for* you.

10. In effect, this Law says to you: “Whatever you conceive yourself to be, I will outpicture in your life and affairs. If your mind fluctuates between Godhood and humanhood, I will reflect that vacillation in your world. However, as you *live* the Idea that *God is as me now* with great joy, love, enthusiasm and dedication—as you fill your mind and heart with this Divine Idea, I will work effortlessly to bring forth in your life all that this Idea represents. Then when the Experience comes and you begin to live under Grace, everything in your life will be a direct reflection of the Christ Truth.”

11. Until the Experience, until the Realization, the Christ Idea *is* the Christ Indwelling. It represents the Divine Potential. It is the Christ Child born in the stable of your lower soul . . . “Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder.” And the governing of your life *will* be upon his shoulder because the Christ Idea will be directing the Law, sending it before you to straighten out every crooked place!

12. “. . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of

Peace.” How can an *Idea* be given these holy attributes of God? Think about it for a moment. The Law says that whatever you hold in consciousness will be outpictured in your world. Accordingly, the Christ Idea held in consciousness will heal your body, prosper your affairs, and restore your relationships. Would you not call this Wonderful?

13. The Christ Idea symbolizes infinite Intelligence, so the Law will interpret this Knowingness for you and will direct and govern your affairs. Could you ask for a better Counselor? “Mighty God” means Power, and the Law working through and as the Divine Idea in consciousness is omnipotent. There is nothing it cannot do for you.

14. The “everlasting Father” is representative of Divine Love; and the Law, working through this aspect of the Christ Idea, will smooth out every difficulty and attract love to you in full measure. As the “Prince of Peace” the Christ Idea will quiet your mind, still your emotions and bring forth a sense of peace that passeth all understanding. The Christ Idea is the Christ Child who will overcome the world, *your* world, and “of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. . .”

Spiritual Activity

Spend from ten to fifteen minutes today—in two separate sessions—contemplating the thoughts shown below. Immediately following the meditation periods, listen within and write in your Spiritual Journal the related ideas that come to you.

The Spirit of God is right where I am, and I am eternally aware of this Presence. This Spirit, my Spirit, conceived within Its Mind an Idea of Itself in expression. I am that Idea made manifest. God is expressing as me now. I am the expression of God. I am the Christ.

The Law, the Creative Energy of God-Mind, is flowing through the idea that I am now living. That Idea is the Christ, the Self-expression of God that I am, and my world becomes a reflection of that Idea.

As Christ is the Healing Principle, so the Law restores my body according to the Perfect Pattern.

As Christ is the Abundance Principle, an all-sufficiency of supply now manifests for my use.

As Christ is the Harmony Principle, all of my relationships are lovingly renewed and strengthened.

I am now the Living Truth of Wholeness and Fulfillment.
And it is so!