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Greetings from Reverend Hicks,

One of God's great principles of Truth is called "the union of divine and human energy." Learning this Truth and getting it in its right perspective will free us from many illusions of grandeur which our proud ignorance has set up in regard to our own ability to accomplish a work for God.

When God exalts us a bit by using us in some way in His kingdom (as a minister, a prayer leader, or in Jacob's Warriors, for example), we basically know that it is God doing the work. Nevertheless, if we are honest, we have to acknowledge the existence of a bubble or two of pride over in the northwest corner of our heart.

Pride causes us to think we are great and wonderful — a special superstar, chosen from among a myriad of lesser stars. This kind of thinking amounts to nothing less than stealing God's glory and destroying His beautiful principle of the union of divine and human energy.

That is why I feel it is important to study with you the principle of the union of divine and human energy. You need to have a clear understanding of this principle of Truth.

From the Desk of . . . Rev. B. R. Hicks

Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, recognized and practiced in His daily life the principle of the union of divine and human energy. In the Book of John, chapter nine, verse four, Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." In so many words, He was saying: "I must work the works of my Father. I must do what I see my Father doing because I am joined unto Him."

During His earthly existence in a body of flesh, Jesus' human energy was joined to the divine energy of His Father. That is how the man Jesus accomplished such great works in His

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lifetime. If Jesus, Who was a pure, holy human being, had to let His human energy be joined to the divine energy of His heavenly Father, then, surely, we finite, corrupt, mortal beings need to have our human energy sanctified and joined to God's divine, holy energy in order for us to accomplish any lasting works.

As a result of joining His human energy to that of His heavenly Father, Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth.

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing (John 9:1-7).

Jesus, the Man, used His human energy to spit on the ground, form the clay into the proper shape, and put it upon the blind man's eyes. More of His human energy was expended as Jesus spoke the words of instruction, telling the blind man exactly where to go to get the scales of blindness washed away.

Human spit has no healing properties in it. If it did, every blind person in the world could be seeing in a matter of minutes. Neither do human words alone have

power to inspire faith in the heart of another. Certainly, the natural water in the pool of Siloam had no creative powers to bring forth or to finish that which was left unfinished at the man's birth. It took more than human energy to perform this miraculous healing.

God, the heavenly Father, had to join His divine energy to the human energy His Son used in making the clay and putting it on the blind man's eyes. The Father had to join His divine energy to the words spoken by Jesus; this anointing caused Jesus' words to penetrate beyond the man's carnal reasoning which told him his case was hopeless because he had been born blind.

It took still more divine energy to motivate the blind man's human will to obey Jesus' command to go wash in the pool of Siloam. Apart from the heavenly Father's divine anointing and power, Jesus' human energy would have been powerless to have performed this great work.

The principle of the union of divine and human energy works in both the natural and spiritual realms today. In my own ministry I have seen God use my human energy in praying for the healing of physically blind eyes, and I have seen Him come on the scene to open those eyes and cause the

person to see. Countless people have been healed and delivered of scores of physical illnesses through the operation of this very principle — God joining His divine energy to the human prayer and faith energy of a believer.

I also have been privileged to see many spiritually blind eyes opened to behold blessed Truth in the Word of God, Truths that were closed until God came down and anointed the human words spoken by me or by one of God's other servants.

In every case, whether natural or spiritual, the healing was the result of a divine act of God Almighty. If God did not join His divine energy to men's prayers and human words, there would be no miracles. It is easy to see, then, why **it is** such a great offense to God when the flesh rises up and usurps the Glory and Honour for what He has wrought.

Another beautiful example of divine energy being joined to human energy to bring forth a visible work is revealed in the Book of Luke.

And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone

out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him (Luke 5:1-11).

Jesus amply repayed Simon Peter for the loan of his ship and for working overtime so others could hear the Word of God. After the lesson to the multitude was finished, Jesus told Simon to launch out into the deep and let down his nets for a draught of fish.

Immediately, Simon Peter's carnal reasoning came up to question Jesus' statement. It seemed unreasonable, naturally speaking, to think that Jesus, a Teacher, could know more about fishing than professional fishermen. Therefore, since Jesus' natural, human knowledge did not afford Him an insight on where the fish were swimming in the lake, it is evident that this knowledge was imparted to Him by the omniscient Christ within Him.

By humbling himself and obeying the words of Jesus, Simon caught such a multitude of fish that his net broke, and he was forced to call for help from those in the other ship. Stirred by the miracle his eyes had seen, Simon Peter fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

Peter fell down at Jesus' knees, but he was not worshipping the humanity of Jesus. The fact that Simon called Jesus "Lord" showed that he recognized Him as

being more than an ordinary man. Thus, instead of his praise being bestowed upon the human flesh of Jesus, Simon's words of worship and adoration were offered unto the eternal Christ whose divine energy had anointed the human energy of Jesus.

In order for the blind man to receive healing, he had to go to the pool of Siloam and wash the clay from his eyes; thus, he joined his human energy to the divine energy that came through Jesus Christ. Likewise, it was necessary for Simon Peter to do more than have a mental respect for the union of divine and human energy as it came through Jesus. Simon had to expend considerable physical effort to get the ship out into the depths, let down the net, and finally draw the catch back to the shore.

After Simon Peter had made this visible demonstration of having learned to cooperate with the principle of the union of divine and human energy in the natural realm, Jesus promised to make him a fisher of men.

A later incident in the life of Simon Peter shows us we should not assume that we have learned all there is to learn about a principle simply because we have seen it work in our life on one or two occasions.

After Jesus' crucifixion, Simon Peter and some of the other Disciples

decided to go fishing. In the morning the Resurrected Jesus appeared on the shore to ask if they had caught anything. Simon had to confess the fruitlessness of his efforts; his professional, human knowledge had failed to help him accomplish what he set out to do. Simon's confession gave Jesus an opportunity to remind him of the necessity of having divine energy joined to human energy.

And he [Jesus Christ] said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes (John 21:6).

The importance of this principle is seen in the fact that God ends the Bible with the thought of the union of divine and human energy.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (Revelation 22:17).

The Spirit and the Bride join together to issue the invitation to "come." The Bride is the redeemed one who in this life goes all

the way with the LORD Jesus Christ and lets her heart be joined to Him in a spiritual marriage relationship. Although the Bride has sanctified human energy, the drawing power and authority is not in her human words. People respond to the call of the Bride's voice because her human energy is joined to that of God's divine Spirit.

Before ascending back into heaven, Jesus commissioned His followers to preach the Gospel to the world. And, because He knew the importance of human energy being joined to divine energy, He commanded them to wait in Jerusalem until the promised Holy Ghost endued them with power from on high. When these Holy Ghost-filled men and women went into a city, proclaiming the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, people heard and were saved — not because the followers of Jesus spoke so eloquently, but because their human words were anointed with the Fire of the Holy Ghost.

The phenomenal growth Christianity has experienced in the face of tremendous opposition is a visible witness of the effective, lasting work that can be done when men join their human energy to the divine energy of God.

There is no reason for you, as a Christian young person, not having a fiery

testimony for the LORD today. The promised Holy Ghost is a gift.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call (Acts 2:38,39).

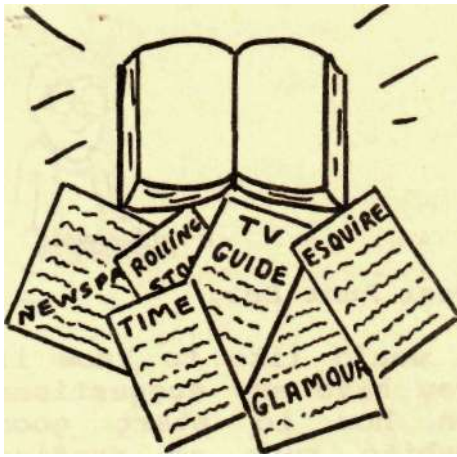
If you spend time waiting on Jesus Christ in the Word and prayer and letting the sweet Holy Ghost purge and sanctify your human tongue of bitterness and strife, your words will have drawing power. People will want to follow Jesus Christ, our precious Bridegroom, if their ears and hearts have been pierced by a cry that comes out of a union of human and divine energy.

After God has used you to witness to others or to push back the powers of darkness when you are in prayer, there is something you always need to remember: feeble, human energy alone can accomplish nothing of lasting value. Human words, without the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon them, have no power to draw people to Christ or to push back devils. Great

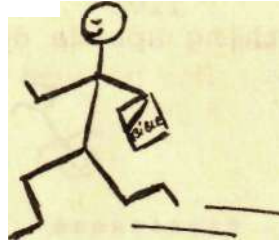
works and eternal works always require the expenditure of divine energy. Therefore, while we may use our human energy to speak the Truth or to pray, God always deserves the Glory and Praise for what is accomplished.



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blessed to give than
to receive.
Luke 20:35



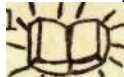
MY LIFE IS RIGHT SIDE UP SINCE I HAVE CHOSEN TO FOLLOW THE LORD.



Watch your mouth and what you speak. Speak the Word of God into your circumstances. Get the word in your mouth. God told Joshua, "You will be prosperous and overcome the world, the flesh and the devil, if you will start speaking My Words (instead of your own)."

TRUE. . . . Word was here from the beginning. The Word . . . is God! (John 1:1)

"They shall run and not be weary". Isaiah 40:31 The more



Word we hide in our hearts through study and memorizing, the stronger and happier we become.

II. Meditate On It

Psalm 119:9 says, "How shall a young man cleanse his way...." The answer is by taking heed to the Word of God and what it is telling us.

FALSE. . . . These other books give me the answers to life's problems.

Read Joshua 1:8

I. Speak It

God said, "Get my Word...in your mouth!"

Jesus said, "My Words are Spirit and they are....Life." (John 6:63)

A wise man will listen to instruction.

David prayed, "Open thou mine eyes that I might behold wondrous things out of thy law." (Psalm 119:18)

TRUE. . . . I will have peace and true happiness if I hide God's Word in my heart.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)

We waste so much time on magazines, books, etc., that have no truth or life in them.

FALSE. . . . I'll get by if I ignore God's Word, stay busy, laugh a lot and fill my life with pleasure.

The Word...is power!

The Word...is life! (It will swallow up sadness, etc.)

We cannot meditate on worldly music, jokes, etc., and expect to feel clean and peaceful on the inside.

(The Bible says there is a way that seemeth right unto man but the end is - death.)

The Word...is light...gets rid of darkness.

Meditating on the Word will cleanse your mind and your thoughts.

TRUE. . . . Jesus is the only way!

"Let the Words...of my mouth...be acceptable unto thee. (Psalm 19:14)

III. DO IT

Obey.. what you read in God's Word!



Psalm 146:9

Every Word of God is pure. (Psalm 30:5)

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James 1:22 tells us, if we hear it, but do not obey the Word, we are just deceiving ourselves.

God said,, "Joshua, if you want to prosper and be successful, when you get down to pray do not concentrate on your problems, your fears, and how big they are, but:

SPEAK MY WORD...

THINK ON MY WORD...

OBEY MY WORD...

Some people, even though they are Christians, never walk in joy and happiness because they do not follow God's orders.

A wise man will increase his learning. (Proverbs 1:5)

Speak the truth to yourself. Speak it in prayer to God and speak it to the powers of darkness. Share the truth as you talk to your friends.

"Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, what God hath prepared for those that love Him (the Truth).

The world without God is darkness. You are children of light and life.

**SPEAK
THINK
DO**

His best will be yours I

START NOW!!!

Don't live with everything upside down!



GUARDIAN ANGEL

by Duffy Drake McGuire

You know all those times, You thought, Oh no, I'm in trouble this time, But you came out unscathed?

When danger crossed your path, Or danger was lurking behind the corner, Waiting for you to stumble and fall?

The hidden pits that were there, You always missed them by a hair. Those things you thought were coincidences, But weren't You never knew that He was there.

A testimony....

"I'm thankful for being able to go to the 1989 Youth Convention and learning how the devil deceives us by coming to us as a beautiful creature.

A. L.



Dear Aunt Bea:

I would like to know if you have any suggestions on how to start good habits such as reading your Bible everyday?

Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering:

Yours is a question that many young people ask and I'm glad that you took the time to write me so I could share the answer here.

You start a good habit by first of all making up your mind that you want to change. Make a choice in your heart that you want to start reading your Bible and praying, everyday. Your Bible is your spiritual food and without your spiritual food you will eventually die spiritually if you don't have it. Just like in the natural. If you go everyday without eating, eventually you will starve to death and die.

Begin by every night before you go to bed, getting down on your knees, with your Bible, and reading a few scriptures. Keep a notebook and pen with your Bible and as you read, even if it is just one scripture, write down a question from that scripture.

Then bow your head and pray. Sometimes people think they have to spend a long time in prayer and in reading their Bible and if they can't or don't want to take that much time, they just don't do it at all.

You will find that the more you pray and read your Bible, the more you will enjoy it and before long you will be seeking out more time to spend time with Him.

Try it and you will see what I mean.
Signed: Aunt Bea

Thanksgiving and Christmas is just around the corner. Take time to see what loving deed you can do for someone during the holidays. Reach out to someone without expecting them to do something for you in return.

Many people are without work or they are struggling with such tight budgets that they cannot have gifts for their family. They may not even have food to eat or warm clothes to get through the winter. Don't sit back and wait, expecting someone else to lend a helping hand. Ask the LORD what He would have you to do.

Lift up gratitude to the LORD for what He has given to you by doing something for someone else.

I promise you that if you will do these things, your holiday season will be extra special!

ATTENTION!!!

The dates for the 1990 Youth Convention have been changed. Please spread the word. The convention will be held IN OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING:

AUGUST 9, 10 & 11, 1990

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