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It has always been that death and taxes were the only absolutes in life. Through the Abiding Love of God and the example of Christ, we can awaken to the Truth that death is no longer an absolute and can be overcome. When death is overcome, taxes will surely be a trivial matter.

Our home is indeed a special place. We color it with love, fill it with life and make it our very own. Our home is where we sustain ourselves through rest, sleep and nourishment. Our home provides us with warmth from the cold, shelter from rain and a place to retreat at day's end. We beautify our home according to our liking and it's where we store all of our stuff. The home serves as the hub from where we conduct our private business, socialize and enjoy our personal interests. Our home is an extension of our self and comes alive according to our individual tastes and desires. Most important, our home is a place we share with those we cherish, including our furry friends. It is also one of the few places where we have the freedom to be our self because no one else is around.

While our conventional home is an archetypal portrait of us and a sacred place which expresses our energy, it is also limiting. Our home is a materialistic structure that will not stand the test of time. Subject to winds, rains, snow and ice, our home will one day fade, erode and fall into the dust from whence it came. It will last for many years, but sooner or later, it will suffer the inevitable and eventually crumble. Regardless of how much you treasure your personal possessions, they too will follow the same path and eventually crumble.

This course is about building a new home, a different kind of home. This home is eternal, has unlimited capacity for growth, potential and is most assuredly, indestructible. It is built within the silent space of your being and expanded upon from there. You already have the tools necessary for building your new home for God created them within you. You have the innate abilities to feel, intuit, love, reason, desire and create. The process of building requires focusing your attention on an area of your reality which you are probably not normally accustomed. To build your home from the invisible and seeming empty space of your internal being, it is necessary to focus your attention inwardly on your spirit and soul. The entire process revolves around focusing on your heart, the center for love, while holding the earnest desire to 'Know God More Fully.'

With this in mind, I bid you welcome to the Master Within. This is the first installment of a course in individual spiritual development to teach you how to go about the most important building project you will ever undertake. The project is called Building Our New Home Within the House of God. The home is not constructed from wood, brick or metal, but a spiritual home, manifested directly from within your being. This is your new home.

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Introduction

Namaste. I bid you welcome to the Master Within, Building Our New Home Within the House of God. This is a course in self-mastery. It is a course designed for self-improvement on a deep spiritual level to help you understand and realize the true spiritual nature of yourself. This course is completely voluntary and in order to gain enlightenment from the material, you must put in the time required not only to read the material, but to do the extensive amount of homework. Would it not make sense that in order to build a home within the house of God would necessitate a great deal of homework? The content of the course can never be grasped by reading, but must be directly experienced internally through the soul through homework.

What is the master within? The master within is the Great Spirit that abides deep within each of us. This great hidden spirit lays dormant until it is activated by integrating our thought process with it. It is unseen, unfelt and for the most part, unrealized until we align our conscious awareness with the Holy Spirit of God and allow its radiant energy of light to shine forth. This spirit yearns to express itself in all the glory and love that God gives us.

The material herein carries a specific purpose that applies directly to you, the earnest seeker of truth. We all have a purpose in life and for being here upon the Earth. We are all students and the Earth is but a school, a stepping stone, where we learn and grow from our many experiences in preparation for much greater possibilities of universal magnitude. Our true purpose is not only to learn, but to understand life itself and the why of our very existence. One of the goals of this course is to help you discover the nature of your purpose. And, aside from discovering your purpose, there is a more important reason for why you are here than just meandering through the mundane activities of everyday life. Of greater concern, the primary goal of this course is to help you find your reason for being, for purpose and self-discovery go hand in hand.

The most significant aspect of understanding this course, as well as understanding what life is all about, is understanding that we are children of God. Regardless of our color, creed, sex, beliefs, culture, or what we place value upon, we are all brothers and sisters of one divine origin. Upon embracing this truth, we begin a newly found journey to bridge the gap of separation we feel between ourselves and other peoples, between ourselves and other life, and what is most important, the separation we perceive between ourselves and God. Once our journey begins, the hand of our One Father and Mother reaches out and gently leads us to new horizons. Our learning begins to come with ease and simplicity and life itself takes on a whole new meaning.

The material contained in this book is designed as guidance to assist the reader in discovering truth. We say "assist" because truth can

only be found within the heart of each individual. It cannot be found through belief, opinion, organization or religious group. The truth cannot be found through any source outside of the individual, for the source of truth lies within the individual. Truth must be sought, internalized and brought forth from the soul. The Holy Spirit of God is the only truth and governs all of life. We are the Holy Spirit of God. We are an atom, or cell within the infinite mind of God. The truth is written within our soul. We merely have to allow the truth within us to surface through the love of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit consists of an infinite and eternal supply of love and Peace for which we all are yearning.

The written word in some religious texts has long been misinterpreted and misunderstood to where it has lost much of its original meaning. Consequently, the masses have long been swayed and misled by what has been mistakenly perceived to be the truth. Even when we do find truth in the written word, it should serve only as guidance and constitutes a small step in our quest for eternal knowledge.

The word is merely a symbol of an ideal and words have only the meaning we place on them. The ideal that we strive to make our own on the path to mastery is God. We must internalize the symbol and assimilate the ideal itself. We must go well beyond the written word and become the word, become the ideal, ourselves. It is a simple matter of realizing that God is not outside of us, but within us. This realization can be accomplished only through a deep inner search for truth. This intensive search necessitates sifting and sorting through the layers of illusion and false concepts and ideas imbedded within us. In the silent world of God, words carry little meaning for they are virtually nonexistent.

The building blocks for spiritual mastery are within our being, for we are spirit. The search for the True Kingdom of Heaven begins not by looking to the stars above, but by looking to the guiding light of spirit within us. Within yourself is where you will discover yourself and find your connection to all of life. It is here where all of your questions will be answered. It is here the spray of blissful joy and love beckons you to bask in its bountiful light and knowledge. It is here you realize that you are the Word of God in His infinite manifestation. When we discover the truth within us and sincerely live according to this divine principle, our words will also be true. God is the One and only truth, for God is the source of all creation.

The Disciple

The goal of this course is to provide you with guidance to master yourself. If you earnestly and sincerely decide to pursue this path, you are considered a disciple. It is not an endeavor to inflate your ego or to go around broadcasting, but rather something you keep to yourself within your own heart. A commonly held belief is that a disciple is one of the

original twelve disciples who followed Jesus Christ, but that is surely a limitation in belief and perception. The path of discipleship is open and available to all. This means that anyone is a potential disciple. Whether it is the right time to undertake the path, however, is something for each individual to discover and decide for him or herself based upon free will. While anyone can be a follower of Christ, unless the individual has a true understanding of what exactly it is that he or she is following, the journey is misguided and tends to keep one revolving around the circle of conditioned theories, false beliefs and familiar surroundings.

A follower of Christ is not one who follows and worships the man Jesus, but rather follows his example. To follow the example of the Master Jesus, it is necessary to follow him as he followed God. To accomplish this means that we must understand and accept the fact that God is within us and in turn be examples to others. You must learn to trust fully in your ability to succeed and most decisively lead yourself. Above all, you must come to know that nothing can ever come to harm you.

A Message from the Author

Who am I? What is my purpose?

This course is designed to help answer the two fundamental questions listed above about the meaning of life experience. For many people, the answers are a puzzling mystery. Who you are relates more to your personal journey because it is something that you must discover for yourself. Your purpose relates more to the greater whole because it normally involves interaction with others. Who you are equates to finding your reason for being. Your reason for being is to learn, explore and improve on yourself. What is most important, your reason for being is to discover who you really are as a spiritual being underneath all the disguises. Finding your reason for being satisfies the personal aspect of who you are and why you are here and is really the only measure of true success. Discovering that you really are an old soul whose tracks you can find again by awakening your memory to the continuity of life. This is the only success necessary because such realization begins to wash away the greatest fear we all have. The single greatest fear we all have is the fear of departing, never returning and losing our identity in the midst of the unknown. Discovering the continuity of life profoundly changes one's entire perspective of reality.

Your purpose satisfies the impersonal aspect of why you are here because it involves interaction and sharing with others in whatever capacity you are best suited. Your purpose may consist of any number of activities and is something that only you can discover. The Holy Spirit will guide you through the process of discovering your purpose and you too may one day inspire others to answer these fundamental questions about life experience. It matters not who you are or what you do in life. Whether you are a minister, doctor, social worker, teacher, soldier, ball player, musician, laborer, or homemaker, remember that we are all teachers and we are all students. When we each come into our purpose, we can bring together all the peoples of the world and there is no greater work than that, my friends.

I do not make the claim that this is the only course to self-mastery. This is but one course for the new millennium to help bring about a better understanding of human capabilities and potential, befriending our higher selves and aligning our desires with the greater will of God. There have been and will continue to be many courses in spiritual development, each written through the perception of the individual teacher. I invite you to take this course, get what you can from it and share what you have learned with those who are receptive.

I share a handful of my personal experiences in the Master Within which you will find interwoven with the writings. Reading about someone

else's experiences can give you examples to relate to, but the most important part of the path to self-mastery is to learn and grow from your individual experiences and connection to God. God is the greatest teacher. Your self-realization comes from God.

In light of this, I have but three objectives in preparing this course in self-mastery. The first objective is to inspire just one individual to enroll in the course work. The second objective is to inspire that individual to actually engage in the course work and meet with success. The third objective is to inspire that individual to build his or her new home within the house of God and live in the eternal Love of the Holy Spirit. If I am able to inspire this one individual to go the mile, I have accomplished my objectives.

May the Love of God be with you always.

Bodan

Excerpt from Chapter 3

Spirit is the Water of the Universe *Sonara*

Let us utilize our imagination and create for ourselves a picture of what God and Her Holy Spirit might resemble. You will find that we will differentiate between God and the Holy Spirit. Ultimately, there is certainly no difference between God and the Holy Spirit, but for purposes of our example, we will differentiate between them. We will make our journey as enjoyable as possible in which case we'll head to a favorite spot among many to relax and have fun, the beach! Let's take ourselves to the shore of the ocean. We are standing all alone with nothing in front of us but water for as far as we can see. Imagine this mighty ocean as the Holy Spirit of God. Peering out beyond the infinite horizon, you are memorized by its dazzling brilliance. The water glistens with beauty and bliss, power and purity, peace and joy and love and light. Imagine this for a moment if you will.

There is a small wooden raft fitted with a sail nearby inviting you to further explore this grand ocean and get yourself wet with spirit. Paddling away from shore, you experience a short roller coaster ride over the white caps and are soon beyond them heading for uncharted waters. Soon, you find yourself gliding effortlessly across the surface of the water, a ship with the wind of spirit blowing gently upon your sail. In no time at all, you are completely surrounded by this ocean of light with land no longer in sight. The water itself is translucent and airy, a virtual illuminated ocean with a sparkling mist hovering above it as well. You are completely immersed in its radiance, floating in pure joy and love. Losing yourself in its delightful reality, you find yourself in the presence of another light. This light emanates from beneath you. It is much more luminous and overshadows the light that surrounds you. This light radiates such luminescent brilliance that its love is drawing you to it. It is like a giant sun far below extending its magnetizing rays toward to the surface. You feel the urge to slip beneath the surface of the water, a scuba diver without tank or mask, and investigate further the infinite depths of this ocean of spirit. You quickly realize that whatever fear you had has been completely erased. Spirit sustains your breath and your being with the greatest of ease. The light is surreal and exceptionally brilliant. It seems both far and near, inside all and outside all. Becoming more integrated with this ocean, you find your inner being continually expanding, like a balloon of long lost freedom giving rise within you. Passing through ripples of time, you can see all kinds of life forms, environments and celestial cities. Your first instinct is to visit these dazzling places of light; however you quickly realize that you are already a part of them and know everything that is happening within

them. Besides, as blissful and expanded as you feel, you know there is a source of this infinite ocean and it has now become your mission to locate this source. You do become sidetracked by a huge clam you see sitting atop a ledge which appears lonely and in need of company. Hovering in front of it, you sense that this creature has been clammed up for quite some time and is in need of laughter. The urge comes over you to tickle this clam on its under shell. In doing so, you notice your hand as well as your arm is translucent and emanating a sparkling energy that you share with the clam. Soon you not only hear, but feel a chuckle coming from inside the clam which quickly explodes into uncontrolled laughter as the clam's mouth opens in joy. The laughter is vibrating harmony and happiness throughout your being and something tells you it is resonating throughout the entire cosmos of spirit. You become immediately saturated with the thought of laughter and the whole world laughing with you. You now have experienced more profoundly the Oneness of Spirit.

Excerpt from Chapter Twelve

Chapter Twelve Building Our New Home Within the House of God

*A man travels the world over in search of
what he needs and returns home to find it.*

George Moore

Our Home is Within God Always

We have reached the midpoint of volume one in our course in self-mastery. We have been introduced to the Master Sananda-Jesus and hopefully have been provided with a renewed sense of clarity and understanding of what His message of truth stands for. We have painted a picture of God and of our relationship with God and hopefully, we are coming to realize that God as thought energy is much closer to us than we could ever imagine. We have also been introduced to some other Masters and in following their treks, we can see their accomplishments in life and what they endured as disciples. We can also tell you that there are many more light workers behind the scenes who have come to know and understand the Love of God more fully and have attained the Kingdom of Heaven. We just do not hear about the others as much because for the most part Jesus dominates the spotlight. Those who have attained the Kingdom of God have overcome the sting of death and have transcended the cycle of reincarnation. That opportunity is open to all who desire to undertake the homeward path to God and endure the long and arduous

mile. It involves the deep spiritual process of building a new home, your new inner home. It is built within you; therefore, it is built within God.

Building your new home is much like building a conventional home. When you sit down and decide you want a new home it is an important step in one's life. Your home is a special place, for it is where you live and spend a great deal of your time. Some consider owning their own home the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. The fulfillment of your dream home may be a few years away or it may be realized sooner than you think possible. Regardless of when the dream is fulfilled, you want your home to be built right. It requires planning, tools, a solid foundation, the process of construction and finally, if everything goes smoothly, you have a finished product and the fulfillment of your dream. As an earnest seeker on the path to self-mastery, we must consider that while the concept is similar, there are some major differences between a conventional home and the home we are going to build within the house of God. While a conventional home is certainly a fun and rewarding project to undertake and may very well play a part in your future, the home you are going to build is not conventional, but spiritual. Let us make for ourselves a comparison. A spiritual home will not cost you anything in terms of money. This means no mortgage payments and no insurance premiums. With the cost of building these days, a newly constructed conventional home will easily run in the neighborhood of a few hundred thousand dollars and that's a low estimate. Your spiritual home is free and filled with unimaginable perks, but you will be doing all of the inner work required to bring it forth into visible, tangible reality and expression. Additionally, your spiritual home will always be clean and maintenance free, provided that you always keep the mind of your home attuned with Divine Mind. In other words, your spiritual home will require much work above and beyond its completion to insure that it remains standing steadfast in the light. Furthermore, your spiritual home is much more solid and permanently enduring than that of a conventional home. Your new spiritual home will withstand any adversity, such as weather and erosion for it rests within the timeless and spaceless bounds of God which is above the physical plane of calamities. Thirdly, and perhaps most important, when your new spiritual home is completed, you will have overcome the biggest barrier in life, that of death and as we previously quoted, any taxes per any remaining association with the material world will be a trivial matter. This also means that you do not have to be concerned with drawing up a will declaring whom your home and assets will be left to upon your death because you are not going anywhere. With this in mind, let us take to heart the following;

The new home we are going to build is within us. Constructed of Light, our home arises from the depths of our being and provides us with everlasting Joy, Love and Peace for its foundation rests within the Kingdom of God.

Excerpt from Chapter Fourteen

Chapter Fourteen Construction in Progress

*When you learn directly from God, you will come to
Know Who You Are and not who you think you are.*

Breaking Ground

Construction in progress is the heart of our course in self-mastery. Construction in progress entails the building of your new home. This is where you will gain the experience of developing yourself spiritually and begin to close the gap of separation between you and God. Internal construction is an ongoing process that takes great patience, endurance and discipline by the initiate. We can tell you with absolute certainty that your new home is filled with grandeur, love and an infinite freedom like you could never imagine. Your new home is like a glistening castle you can see at the end of the yellow brick road and awaits all those who are willing to take the steps and go the mile.

It is time to begin planning and formulating an idea and vision of what kind of home you desire. You have learned that the three most important tools at hand are your thoughts, your heart and your chakras and that these tools must mirror and work in sync with each other in order for your building process to progress satisfactorily. As a Master Craftsman, you will learn to use your tools to their fullest potential to bring your castle from idea into reality. And you can do so with earnest and sincere intention. You can bring it into reality for you know that your foundation is anchored within the Holy Spirit of God. Remember that it is you whom you are going to build and your source is Love.

Construction in progress is the key which unlocks the many doors through which you will pass along your journey. It entails the process of pulling together your many lives and coming to terms with yourself. Our sojourn upon the earth is designed as a great learning experience in the physical arena of life. You may remain skeptical about having lived past lives before, but as you progress along the spiritual path your doubt will begin to dissipate giving rise to belief and eventual acceptance. You will no longer discredit it because your memories will begin to surface in your mind. Those memories will become as clear as the memories of your current life. The surfacing of your past life memories will be a revelation in your perspective of life. Remembering who you have been in the past will help you greatly to see who you are now. Your present life is a culmination of your past experience. In other words, your past experience made you what you are today. The return of your memory will also provide confirmation of the most important thing you could ever learn. Life is eternal and everlasting! You may have read about it and you may have

heard about it, but nothing compares to actually experiencing it. This will constitute the first step (and a very large stride it is) in erasing the greatest fear you have within you. The greatest fear is death. The process will sometimes seem to be slower than molasses running backward in January, but as the fear of death begins to fade away from your conscious reality, you will gain a much deeper appreciation for the love of life itself and a prosperous outlook on the future. This awakening will afford the opportunity for you to put your life into proper perspective like you never before have.

You will then come to realize the real meaning of the building process. It is the experience of developing yourself spiritually which will provide you with a new meaning for your entire existence.

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