

**Q: When we pass on, do we meet our loved ones again, and shall we know them? (12-16-23)<sup>1</sup>**

**A:** Now, the answer to that is this, and I'm sure you want a truthful answer. Nothing is ever lost out of your consciousness that you want to keep there. A concrete illustration: How many of you—don't tell me, just answer yourselves—how many of you have friends or relatives that you haven't seen for twenty years and don't care if you never see them again? Well, you see, that's because they're no longer a part of your consciousness, and so you're not interested in them even on this plane, and it's very certain that on the next plane you won't see them. Why? They're not in or of your consciousness; they mean nothing to you.

On the other hand, try to think of someone who is thousands of miles away from you, whom you haven't seen for a year, or two, or three, or five, and then see how often they are out of your consciousness. See how often they're away from you and see if they really ever leave you. And so you can be sure that just as they are in your consciousness here, even with thousands of miles and lots of time to separate you, they will still be in and of your consciousness on the next plane. Therefore, we tabernacle with those on this plane with whom we wish to tabernacle, and we drop from consciousness those in whom we have no interest, even if they're bound to us with blood ties.

On the next plane it is the same. You will never be disturbed by anybody being in your consciousness that you don't want there. On the other hand, no one can drop out of your consciousness that you want there. Your consciousness continues on this plane or on the next plane and on the twelve planes beyond—if there are that many—and always you have dominion over your consciousness, and you have dominion over everything in your consciousness. Therefore, you have dominion as to who you want in your consciousness and who you want to drop. And so it is, you will never be deprived of anyone or of anything that is essential to your good.

You may always remember our revised marriage ceremony, "What God hath joined together, no man *can* put asunder, and therefore, if you are tied to anybody or anything by a link of God, whether it's parent, or child, or brother, or sister, or friend, or aunt, or uncle, or seventeenth cousin, if they are bound to you by any spiritual tie, it is an eternal relationship.

Those relationships that are not of God are fleeting. They come into our experience and out, like changing positions, or changing cities to live in, or changing houses to live in. They come in, they have their pleasant memories, and they're gone. But that which is given to us of God, no man can take from us. No situation can arise that would separate us, and all you need to do to remember that is, "Neither life nor death can separate me from the love of God," and whatever the love God has in store for me, I will have here or hereafter, for God's love will never forsake me just because I cross a state line or a line of consciousness.

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