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**Ray Stanford age 40
when he wrote this.**

Dear A.U.M. Friends,

It has been so long since you have heard anything from A.U.M. that you may have wondered if the organization is still viable and alive. Some of you have written, giving support spiritually, mentally, and materially. A few have, understandably, also written, highly concerned at having received no Journal, no newsletters, etc.

This is the time for a very realistic statement of the facts concerning what is and has been transpiring here, so I shall get down to it:

Early this year, I felt as did most of us in the office here, that the movement of the Holy Spirit which we were experiencing was, in itself, a "new birth" for A.U.M., its ideals, and spiritual work. However, we have begun to realize that it was only a beginning (not an end, in itself), and a cleansing, spiritual fire, that would disintegrate the old, highly limiting molds and patterns into which we as leaders in the Association had cast ourselves and the organization.

For a while at first, we became sophomoric, euphoric, and somewhat unrealistic about what kind of information or Journal material would be of interest or useful and satisfying to you as members. A Journal was prepared consisting almost totally of testimonies from persons who feel they have truly received the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit".

But as I reread the final copy for the Journal, I became filled with misgiving about publishing such material in that form. As you will see a bit later, circumstances necessitated that this be the last of the A.U.M. journals, at least for the foreseeable future. Yet, this final issue would have been very different in character from any previous issues. It might have appeared in the context of a 'final' journal that, somehow, the persons testifying had reached the culmination of their spiritual lives, that everything that had gone before in their lives, including their association with A.U.M. was, at best, a preparation for this "be all and end all."

I could not see leaving you with that kind of impression. It would have misleadingly seemed to imply that "Spirit baptism" is some kind of final goal, a stopping place, when it is really supposed to be just the beginning of an effective, Spirit-filled life which deepens with time as one, through prayer, meditation, and service, comes to live closer to Jeshua (Jesus) and more fully in His will (love).

Something else troubled me, too. As a consequence of reading such an issue--especially in the context of a last journal--many of you might have had the impression, since many of those testifying in the Journal had their experiences in Pentecostal or charismatic contexts, that the most useful thing for you would be to join such movements. What concerned me was that, at least for the vast majority of you, such meetings might prove, as I see it, both fruitless and discouraging. The dogmatic, fundamentalist character of such settings could easily have turned many of you off, even causing you to reject the concept and the possibility of the baptism of the Spirit as a consequence, though this experience is extolled in the readings. Also, the "true believers" in such setting generally tend to have a strongly derisive, almost paranoid, attitude toward anything psychic. This, too, might have made many of you experience an incompatibility with such groups. In such a reactive state, real spiritual experience is unlikely. I could not see leading you into a potentially frustrating, even confusing, circumstance as a consequence of the journal. Such would have required many more journals to be other than merely confusing. If you attend future A.U.M. conferences you will, in all likelihood, be hearing more about spiritual experiences such as baptism in the Spirit and the leading of a more effective serviceful life in relation to the Spirit. Yet, it would have been a disfavor to titillate you with the journal issue which had been planned, while being unable to offer more realistic further guidance in print, immediately.

Now we arrive at a point where there are no more 'psychic readings' left for A.U.M. to publish (except the one included at the end of this newsletter, which should explain why no more are needed) and since we are not in a financial position even to publish one other Journal, I must tell you that, at least for now, there can be no more A.U.M Journals. If and when they do become purposeful and possible--because of what we here have experienced in a beginning of trying to live closer to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit--any future Journals would have a very different publication philosophy compared to past issues. I know that this may not be easy to understand, but I pray that the mere "words" with which this newsletter closes will bring some comprehension beyond what my own inadequate words can convey.

Now, I know that there are many of you who are new members. It is natural for you to ask, "Well, then, have I been ripped off for my \$25.00 membership fee?" We want no one to feel that way,

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so here is what has been decided in an attempt to be fair to each of you:

While your membership fee is not a subscription to the Journal, many of you quite naturally view it as such, since we offered four issues per membership year. Thus, while membership in A.U.M. will continue (I will explain what programs are advancing a bit later) we can hopefully satisfy your 'sense of value' in offering you back issues of Journals that you probably do not have. What is 'more', you can ask for one extra Journal beyond the one, two, three or four you might be due if the Journal were continuing. (If you've gotten two on your membership privilege, then you should ask for three, instead of two more. The Journals' contents, I believe, are timeless. Therefore, you should not feel that the earlier ones are less useful and relevant than what would have been future issues.) A list of available back issues of the Journals is included, with indications of the contents of each.

If you feel that you cannot accept such an offer, then you can insist on a pro-rated refund of your membership fee. That will, however, remove you from the mailing list and no more newsletters will come your way. We may not be able to afford to send you a pro-rated refund immediately. But, when we can afford it, it will be sent, if this is what you wish. As you will see in this newsletter, some exciting and promising results are now occurring in our research program. With the burden of the Journal out of the way, we can keep you regularly informed as circumstances permit, in the newsletter, and many of you already realize the potentials of Project Starlight International and of the Center for Parapsychological Research. Incidentally, I do feel we will have more conferences, perhaps rather soon. There seems to be a great need for this among members.

Several of us on the staff here have sensed that to really make progress A.U.M. must take advantage of the direction of the Holy Spirit which seems to be telling us to break open the old 'mold' or self-image (based unconsciously, perhaps, on other 'metaphysical' organizations) and let there be new beginnings. We seem to be directed to move the organizational headquarters to Arizona to begin a new seven year cycle of more meaningful service. The feeling which several of us have received is that if we stay here we (and those around us) will still tend to view ourselves in the old structure of limitations. In Arizona, some brighter, new horizons seem to be opening for us which could greatly aid the research side of our work. If all goes well, we should be able to speak with more specifics fairly soon, and a move could occur even before the end of 1978.

But, a move requires more than a change in consciousness (which already has begun). When it descends to the physical, it means the expensive process of moving all our office and research equipment, plus ourselves. (Arizona, by the way, has for

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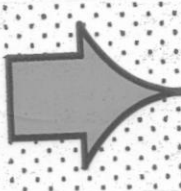
the past couple of years had far more good UFO events with the potential for instrumented monitoring than has Texas.)

Rather than move our whole inventory of A.U.M. books, which are very heavy and take up much space for storage, we want to offer everyone a pre-move sale:

If you order any five of our books, or for that matter, additional journals (any combination), you can deduct 25% of the regular price.

If you order any combination of ten or more, then we offer a 40% discount.

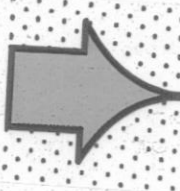
This could be of special interest to study-groups or simply to those of you who like to give inspiring, timeless volumes to friends at Christmas (only 90 days away). In taking advantage of this offer (book list enclosed), you can also help us financially to prepare for the expensive move, as well as helping us cut costs of what must be moved. So, please tell your interested friends about this and send in as large an order as you can use. With paper and printing costs skyrocketing, I doubt we could ever make a reprint of these books available at even their present non-discount price.



Now, to some really good news. Between the first part of December 1977, and the end of July, 1978, Project Starlight has produced instrumented recordings of UFOs so scientifically interesting that, if thoroughly analyzed and properly utilized, could prove significantly definitive concerning the nature of UFOs and their activities in the atmosphere.

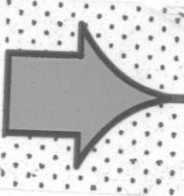
After consulting with the P.S.I. director and other professional scientists, I am advised to avoid any in depth public discussion of the evidence until a thorough scientific study can be both organized and, then, completed. In that way, the data will be far more acceptable to standard scientific journals (which we need to reach for initial publication), but also more favorably confronted by the scientific establishment at large.

So, because of potential premature leaks to the media via certain persons in A.U.M. membership, I must ask all of you to understand my reluctance to prematurely discuss our new UFO evidences in great depth. We would jeopardize scientific respectability by letting any media (especially certain scandal sheets and tabloids) beat the scientific publications 'to the punch'.



So, I ask you to take us upon our word for now: UNPRECEDENTED FORMS OF UFO HARD DATA HAVE NOW BEEN OBTAINED. THEY PROVE THE VIABILITY OF THE P.S.I. MOBILE INSTRUMENT CONCEPT. THE RECORDINGS WERE MADE BY P.S.I. EQUIPMENT AND BY P.S.I. STAFF, USING SEVERAL SOPHISTICATED INSTRUMENTS DURING FOUR DAYLIGHT AND ONE NOCTURNAL

UFO EVENT(S). THE NEW DATA MAY THROW CONSIDERABLE LIGHT ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS HOW ADVANCED A TECHNOLOGY IS INVOLVED AND WHAT PHYSICAL STATES ARE UTILIZED FOR PROPULSION AND MANEUVERS.



I long to tell all of you who have supported P.S.I. every detail. But just as you have had the foresight and dedication to support that research, so also will you, I believe, have discernment as to how such potentially significant evidence must be handled if it is to make its mark on not just a few 'believers', but upon the whole world at large.

Thus, the two main reasons why I even open a Pandora's box by mentioning the recent results here are:

(1) You have a right to know that the work you have so faithfully supported is bearing fruit -- faster and better than I had hoped for within so short a time, and;

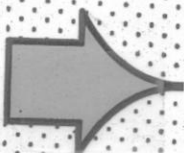
(2) You should know that since early December most every moment of my time (except eating and sleeping) has been taken up in connection with problems of data analysis from the new incoming UFO hard data records.

I sincerely realize that this necessary preoccupation of my time with scientific UFO evidence has kept me from keeping you, as an A.U.M. supporter, as well-informed as I wished you to be. But, it is necessary for me to evaluate each thing to be done so as to make the biggest positive effect toward the higher goals which we all share. That I have done, daily, but with the realization that you people 'out there' would need to know what has been happening. So, forgive me if I have neglected to keep you better informed. But your needs have never been far from my thoughts and heart.

I confess not to know fully all the new directions for A.U.M. which this new seven year cycle will bring us -- but need we know? On the 'path' it is only one step at a time that gets us to the goal. So, we, too, are trying to take new steps as they become obvious or as they are revealed to us. One thing is certain: We must move onward to a broader, more meaningful work than merely 'channeling psychic information'. As the new directions of this work become apparent to us, they also will be made known to you.

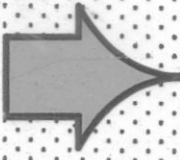
For now, it seems P.S.I. and C.P.R. are the A.U.M. projects which seem most likely to contribute surely (if at times slowly) to valuable understandings by a greater number of people world-wide -- as contrasts with merely publishing psychic readings that inspire a relative few.

Naturally some will ask, "Is this all your conscious impression, or do 'The Brothers' approve this new course away from a focus of publishing their discourses?" (Is there something wrong with being able to receive inward guidance consciously?)



"Jeshua" (Jesus)
begins speaking
through entranced
Ray Stanford here.

The answer is that the 'Brothers' do approve the new directions, but, more importantly the Lord does. I find His will the easiest with which to live. Please always know that it is to the Master of masters to whom we are all accountable, not to the Master's servants, beautiful as they are (whom the Brothers say they are). Thus, to those who accept the possibility that in this age we are not so far from God that the Master cannot speak to us, I offer the words given us (through me) in 'the state of the readings' into which I spontaneously and unintentionally passed during a recent prayer meeting at my house here in Austin. I believe it may really have been Jeshua, the Master, who out of our need recently (September 1, 1978) spoke to us:



"You, as many, sit all in attention waiting for some word, some meaning; but do not ask me for a name when my bosom bursts with the Name Itself. But the knees must not bow before the voice of any man, but before the Voice of voices and the Word of words. Long you have been told that when we speak through one outside yourselves we speak to you as if but in a dream. And yet, you dream, you dream, you dream... Consider the hour--it is the hour of the song of the cock-a-trice* and yet the hour of the song of the cock which would awaken you to the dawn that is to be.

"Oh, but if you could but rejoice in the restlessness of your souls! Oh, if you could awaken to the song of the morning star, for it is now the angels sing together and of this time alone the prophets of old had spoken. Will you, for ever dream or in half wakefulness cry out for a dream, when the dawn offers you the song of the morning and would awaken in your own bosom the song of the Word Itself?

"Cry, cry, cry--if you can cry--but only if also you will rejoice. The wrath of God is love's severity, but the love of God is a heart which hears from within. Calls not to dreams, the memory of them, but to the full wakefulness of the day.

"Through the love of God the crown has been cast off by him who would sit as the vicar on earth. I tell you also that the throne shall be cast off. The throne of the nameless Name shall establish its place within the hearts of all men who live upon the earth.

"Children of the dawn, awake! There is a better Word for you. I would incarnate Myself within your hearts if you would but ask. You would, instead, that I merely dream to you through the vocal chords of another.

* A legendary serpent with deadly glance hatched by a reptile from a cock's egg on a dunghill.

"Oh, pityful children, oh my children... It is not long that I and those who are my servants will speak to you as a dream through another in a dream. No, those who will then so claim speak from another voice and another word that is not my own. If it was necessary that the Son of Man should withdraw from you that you would receive the Spirit of Truth, is it not also necessary that dreams should withdraw from you (the dreams which speak to you as a dream, through others), that the Word Itself may dream in you, and that I may incarnate my Love into your hearts? -- Thence unto your minds, and thence into your lives, thence to the world.

"Oh, read the handwriting upon the wall of Babylon, for now love, wisdom puts down the crown that is false. Or the other hand may, by necessity, put down the throne. The left hand.

"The throne shall establish itself in the hearts of those of you who in this age would seek only after the prophecy of the dawn and its awakening in your own hearts. Are you not yet adult enough to cry out the agony of separation, to weep unashamed? And yet - to awaken and realize that I can not, forever, stand outside of your hearts and merely witness to your ears. There is another ear that I would reach. It is the ear of your own wills. That ear begins in your hearts.

"~~Know that when the heart is wrenched with agony most great,~~ it is there that my hand is upon the door of the chambers of your heart. So, do not despair me, for in such a moment I may enter and sup with you in the chambers of your own house of consciousness. It is there, in this age, that I shall embody myself that men may receive me internally, that they may know me externally. If the Father were to show you His full glory now, your hearts could not contain it. So do not believe that my words show you glory, but know that my heart would show you mercy. For His glory is the mercy that He shows in your heart and that it is able to show with the Heart of hearts. Through this the Father becomes you, all of you. If your heart is agonized, do not be afraid. Listen, for it is there that I knock.

"Many times, in the dawn that is coming, you and many others shall cry out and shall believe that I am far from your hearts. But it is only that in the quietness of dawn I do not answer, so that you may hear me fully in the first rays of the rising of the Sun of Righteousness, with healing in His wings. The hour prior to dawn is darkest and its movement is quiet. So, in that time, the voice of many false prophets shall be heard in the land, but know that it is in the hearts of individuals, that I shall make my presence known and keep the faith which I have implanted in your hearts from the beginning. For, when the battle has passed, and when the sounds of war in the hearts of men have

ceased, the Father shall send the Sun of Righteousness into the world, with healings in His wings, as never before. And the 'dead' shall be raised incorruptible. The saints of old shall waken among you and their voices shall join together, and together we shall sing the song of a new dawn.

"I shall knock. It is you who must open it. (The door of your heart). Know that the heart is like the vault of ages, the dungeon in which the Son of Man was sealed away. And like the dungeon where I was taken to captivity, let down from above into the earth, so is the dungeon of the heart which men have created. The mercy of the Father is only let down into it by a rope created by the will of man, with the intention of imprisonment, rather than that it may be exploited, opened and then all the prisoners of the soul may come forth, rejoicing. So, remember that it is from above, alone, that I may enter your heart. Those doors will not open (from) the earth, but as the Father's love is made captive within it, so must it be opened from above. Know that you have no power of yourselves to open it, but the prince of this world has sealed the Father's love there. So, by the willingness of love may it come forth, knowing that the power is from above, that there are no doors which will open to it from earthly sides, but from above. It is exactly as the dungeon under the abode of the High Priest of Jerusalem. And in sleeping men the false priest have been given authority and he has locked the love of the Father away for fear that it shall usurp his authority. Let each pray that the false priest shall be cast out and that the doors to heaven shall be opened. From the chambers of your heart His love shall rise as an incense and it is through such a door again that I will enter. But in this day, if it is opened, it shall not be closed, but shall remain opened for ever and ever.

"I shall open the prison doors of the heart of all who ask if there is a hand from within it which pushes upward to reach my own. Do not let men deem you mad upon your minds for, know the divine madness is a joy of my Father. I went into the wilderness and experienced the agony to send the wicked priest away and to experience divine ecstasy, that earthly sorrow might be as nothing. The kingdom which the Father showed me was greater than all the kingdoms of the world. Then it is a small kingdom which the heart that is closed encompasses, and it is that small kingdom that must be given up again to Him.

"As for the things of this world, do not close your hearts to the Father because of them. Let the prince of this world have them, and cling to the kingdom that is of the Father. If you abide in that kingdom, the prince of this world shall find no inhabitants in his, and he shall release the perdition in which many souls have been cast and in which many live this very day. And the kingdom of heaven shall come in earth. Therefore, do not allow yourselves and your emotions to dance it with

the prince of this world. There is a finer music, a stronger voice that shall sing it, and in your ear that you will hear it, and an open heart, that you will be filled by it.

"There are many who have depended all too much upon words which would come to them from the instrument through which I speak. My message therefore to them is this: Awake, be heedful of the hour that is. Long have you slept and long have dreams dreamt life to you. I would call you to a greater life, and a life that is greater in the abundance of love but also in joy and in rejoicing. Did I speak to you in vain promises, when I said that I must leave you, that you, in time, may receive the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit, Shikanah. It was of this time that I spoke to you. Many should come claiming my name, saying "Here I am", "This is his Spirit", "That is his Spirit", -- but I tell you, listen, from the bed chambers of your own hearts. Awake from the dreams of illusions and you shall hear the wind breezes of a new dawn that is to be. It is a dawn that shall not call men to say 'See, hear what I have' -- but rather to live here in the heart, that which I am. So as always, it is by the fruits of that love and that Spirit that you shall know them. Cry not for the gifts that Spirit may give you, but for the love which Spirit is. In that way the tree that He has planted - your own life - may bear the fruits of its evidences.

"My Sisters and Brothers, will you need a message from me, spoken in words through the voice of another man when the heavens themselves declare the glory of God? When the turmoil among men declares your absence from Him?

"Messages, my sisters and brothers? I have given you His message nearly two thousand years ago: Love one another, and wait upon the Lord. His Comforter is near, at the doors of your own heart. But the Comforter comes from above, not from the side or from below, but from above.

"I send these people of this Association off as servants unto me. The servant is not the 'mouthpiece' of his Master; would you be my servants and thus serve the Father? He who would be a mouthpiece would risk being only that, but he who would be the servant risk nothing at all, but his life. And that is given unto the Father who is a source of all life, and thus is returned unto Him full and whole rather than partial. So, - do not call out to me, or to these - my servants - you who would receive these words, asking them to be a mouthpiece and thereby shame the spirit of my Father's love within you. Would you ask a man to be a mouthpiece when he would be my servant instead? When his life might speak of me, rather than his voice for me? Which would you choose? If it is a mouthpiece, then there are many prophets who would welcome you, but even I will not assure you that their voices aren't false. Oh, how

many today have fallen the victim of the snare upon the path. My Father's love has begun to touch them and they have taken it, found that it could be voiced, instead of lived. My children, my sisters and my brothers, that is the easy way out to eyes of men, and a difficult way out in the eyes of God. For it is a snare and a trap. For he who would know the Master must be the servant of all, and his voice must speak to no less than a life in this age. Then, men must come to know the fruit which they pick or choose. Will you take words and cherish them, or will you take the Word, and live that Word?

"Do not fret because your mind cannot understand the mission on which I send those whom you have regarded as leaders in the Association for the Understanding of Man. Their hearts have already begun to sense the direction which I send them. It is not an easy path of service and it is not one that will be free of criticism and of abuses, but it is one that has humble beginnings. But, it will all the same, reach many to an awakening that mere utterances of a mouthpiece could never awaken. So I ask you to understand and to support spiritually, mentally, emotionally and even materially the work which they will do - and we are all involved. Keep close to my Spirit of Truth, there shall I be also and there shall its fruits be evidence to the world. It is better that many should be reached with small beginnings, than that only one or two be 'reached' through great words.

"It is a goodly while yet before any of you shall begin to understand the importance of what is happening in the world today, in the earth, in the skies and the heavens above the skies. It was prophesied of old, but as yet it is not comprehended. It will require the work of these people and many more before the intellects of men can begin to comprehend and appreciate the vastness of the Father's Universe and the significance of the work which they were sent into this world to do. Do not believe that you or they see all of it, for to those who keep the faith I shall open up a wellspring in Zion, and it shall bubble forth and the nations of the world shall bend their knees to drink. Do not deceive yourselves by trying to interpret my words, for I do not give my words for interpretation, but implant them in your hearts that they may become the Word Itself. The prince of this world has, for ages, interpreted everything but the Father interprets nothing. Cease interpretation if your lives would be other than dreams. It is the intellect that interprets, but it is the heart that understands. The tongue which the Spirit would give you needs no interpretation, and it shall free your tongue, for it shall free your will to the willingness of love. And then your tongue shall rejoice in a voice that you are incapable to understand, but which the heart knows. It needs no interpretation, for it shall be the voice of my Father, who has spoken in you throughout the ages -- the secret words which He has uttered in you

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from the beginning.

"There are many in this time who will tell you that a beginning is an end, and yet, I tell you that all endings are but beginnings. Do not linger with those who would tell you that the baptism of my Spirit is an end. It is only the beginning of the Father in you or a birth into the fullness of life. No gift, - be it the gift of tongues, or healing, interpretation, prophecy, discernment of spirits, - no gift, no gift at all, is greater than my love of the Father and the Spirit which makes its manifestation possible. So when the worldly task that I set before you, - in the study of those things which come from beyond the earth, and in the understanding of many things - is past, the Spirit shall call you to a higher work. But be content to be the servant (in that way) for now. And you who would hear these words, be content to serve, for words are cheap but service costs the sacrifice of your own hearts. What will you choose?

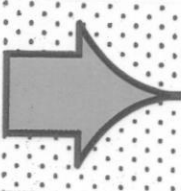


"If those who seek to serve are not aligned with the Spirit which has sent them, from time to time, it may be necessary that through one sufficiently sensitive, that same Spirit personified in voice may necessarily correct a course of action directly or through the mediation of those who are my servants on high. But these are meant for corrections in the course of service, not for directions in the course of life. This is service which leads unto life, but it is not to be mistaken for life.

"I call you to give up the toys of your spiritual childhood and take up the shibboleth of Spirit. Gird up your loins, for the battle into which I send you is not a battle of reflections. It is the living of directions of the heart, filled with love. I will hear many of you crying from your bed-chambers - "Send someone to inspire me," asking, "How will I know who is right? So many prophets speak around me." And I would answer now, "Listen to the prophet of your own heart," for in this age I do not send among men Solomons, but servants. I do not send among men kings but beggars. I do not send among men priests but healers. Whom will you serve? Whom, whom, whom will you serve?

"Where will you turn? Society will be torn asunder. Where will you turn? The governments shall fall apart. Where will you turn? The earth shall be shaken. Where will you turn? Fire will fall from heaven. Where will you look? The sky shall be rent in twain, rolled up as a great scroll. Where will you turn, if not to the Heart of hearts? Do you believe that the printed page will always be available to you, the broadcast word? No, no, no. The night shall come so dark (that) men shall cry out in unbelief - "Eli, Eli, lamma sabachtani!" Where will you be?

"I would make these people my servants, and you, if you would. Would you help them and help one another? Or would you cry for a prophet when the age of prophets is passed? Prophecy? Yes, there shall be many prophecies. Many true and many false, but it is not prediction but the prophecy of the heart to which you are called in this age. So, where will you turn? Respect and love my servants, not only here on this earth but in the heavens. For in your blindness you know not that there are those who guard even you in your childhood, in your adolescence, as you grow in the Spirit. But do not worship them because you cannot become them and what you worship you tend to become. There is but one thing that is becoming to you and that becomes you - and that is the Spirit that is holy, the Spirit of Truth, which He shall pour out upon you. But it shall not make you preachers but lovers, servants and healers. Always there are gifts of Spirit but there is only one Spirit and one which gives it, of which all are but divers manifestations. It is unto that, that I call you, and in that Spirit I call you to service.



"Thus, I call the Association for the Understanding of Man, and not alone its leaders, but all who are in it, to serve as you are directed and guided. It is not for the servant in the yard to tell the servant of the house what to do or how that house should be prepared for the day of the coming of the Master, but to listen rather in each chamber, in each assignment, in each place for that guidance, for that Spirit of Truth that will enable you in a cooperative spirit to serve individually and to contribute toward the service that is greater, beyond the individual effort. This rule applies not only in the Association for the Understanding of Man, but in all other efforts as well.

"For years now, this voicepiece, this instrument has been used to draw you to this point. Beyond this point it is not a voice that can draw you but the Spirit Itself. Please, do not turn to soothsayers, do not turn to diviners, but to the Divine, instead. For there will be a time when you must reckon in your own bedchamber, in your own house of consciousness, and it will not be noon but the darkest hour of the night. There is a lamp that can light it. It is a lamp in your forehead but it shines not of itself. And it does not serve to make islands of people but to unify and to build and it never illumines the course of selfish acts but a pathway of rightful service. But it is not lighted by the efforts of self. It is not lighted by the inspirations from men but by the holy fire from heaven alone is it lighted. Its place is in your forehead. But the direction which it holds for you and reveals for you is ahead of you, not behind. Whoever takes up the plow in the furrow and looks back would never come into the Kingdom. Therefore, I do not call you to look back to days which you deem were good,

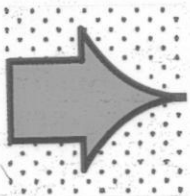
but to be present to the goodness of Spirit for the day that is coming. And the day to which you are coming has, as the footpath to it, the very place where you are today. So do not seek to become prophets when I tell you that you must not seek them outside yourselves. Do not seek to become healers if you know that authentic healing does not come from outside yourself but seek that the Father's love, through His Spirit, may become your life and that it may blossom to the fullness of mercy.

"Then your birth has not come in this world, only its beginnings. My mother weeps. When you would be close to the Heart of hearts, weep also. Then let it be turned to the joy that is beyond the agonies of the birthing, to the joy that is to come and the fullness of love that is promised. But look to the day for, in right Spirit, there you will find salvation. But the day is now and ask yourself, "What have I not done in this day that I might have done?" Do not be attached to the results of actions taken in right attitude. Leave those things to the Father and the Spirit which does them, but instead be upright in conscious movement and in service now, which surrenders the results to my Father.

"Oh weary souls when you long to hear my words, would you long that I would touch your heart? The affairs of the world seem to make it so very, very, very far away. Remember, that it is in the stress of such a distance, and through it, that I draw you to me. And from a love of me unto the Spirit which is holy, that you may know the Father and that He may become you.

"Thus, let off the toys of the childhood. You are not yet adult but accept the exuberance of the youth of Spirit and come forth saying not, "Whisper secrets in my ears," but as of old, "Here am I, send me, filled, not empty. Enlighten my mind, oh Father. Give the fire of Spirit, for my lamp has long been darkened." Thus, I remain to you as close as a prayer, and the Father even closer. So open your hearts, the Spirit from above shall enter. And be rejoicing servants for the heavens themselves resound: Alleluia, Alleluia.

"Shikanah, Shalom - The Peace of the Holy Spirit I leave you. My peace I give unto you; which the Father gives to me. May the angels tend every journey that you make and may you daily dance to the Holy Spirit who is around you. Gird up your loins, for I give you shibboleths of Spirit, this day. And you shall be my children and He shall be your God."



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So, there we have it. I know that if The Master could not make everyone happy, neither can I. But, believing in Him and the presence of His Holy Spirit (which A.U.M. has so badly needed in the real spiritual death and re-birth that has been going on lately), I intend to live what I believe He has given us.

As He has advised us, I shall not look back. Will you? The plow may at times seem heavy, the field full of stones, but the reward is in doing the bidding of the Master. I want to be His servant instead of something less.

If I understand the message correctly, after the research phase has been fulfilled, He has an even more meaningful work for A.U.M. At any point along the way, I would be overjoyed to look around in the 'field' and see each of you still with us, mopping the spiritual brow and saying, "Where, Lord? Where from here?"

Sincerely,



Ray Stanford

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