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The Holy Spirit - Our Teacher

John 16:13 "When He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He shall guide you into all ^{the} truth"

John 14:26. "He shall teach you all things and bring to your remembrance, all that I said unto you".

When Jesus ascended to Heaven He delivered unto the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, the work which had been begun in Jerusalem for the saving of man from sin. Jesus had

made the plans for the
what was called later
the Christian Church. It
was the Holy Spirit who
came to construct the
great building.

Christians of all
denominations are today
celebrating the 1900th
anniversary of the
work of the Holy Spirit.
His work embraces the whole
man in all the multitudinous
needs of man. He takes
the part of a mother for
those who need consoling.
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Church has overlooked
this special work of
tenderness found
only in its perfection
in the H.S. and have
turned to Mary,
the blessed mother
of Jesus, the adoration
and supplication that
is due to the H.S. only.
The heart longs at times
for the tenderness of a
mother - whose place
is filled by the perpetual
consolation of the Holy S.

Allow me to call
your attention to your
need of the Holy Spirit

at the present time.
Never in the history of
the world does a class
of college graduates go
out to a world in such
a spiritual battle of
theories and ideals
as do you today. In
the political world we
have on the one hand
Russia attempting to
solve the problems of
government by Communism
in its wildest form - where
untrained masses rule
or misrule. On the other
hand we have Italy with
Mussolini's iron hand

of one man power. Both
 trying to solve national
 problems. ^{Germany & Japan have in recent years followed into the same line.} In the realm
 of Christian belief these
 are all shades from
 rebellion ^{against} to all creeds,
 dogmas and doctrines,
 to strictest adherence
 to a mummified
 dogma. The great
 church is as a whole
 seeking to arrive
 at the essentials that
 unite believers in
 the service of a
 common Lord.

In facing this

situation of restlessness
remember -

First. The Holy Spirit
is your guide. His first
work is to lead you to the
perfect model after whom
you may shape your life.
When He shows you
Christ-Jesus, you feel
your own imperfection.
The perfect model of the
full manhood of the Christ
brings out our own un-
developed powers. It
shows us our misdirected
energy - our own littleness
and weakness. We follow
the Christ from the carpenter

home to the cross
and to the resurrection
and into the ascension.
We resolve that what
He was we want to become
and by His grace will
become. This is con-
version and consecration.

The H. S. leads us on
after conversion, consecration into trials by
^{which we} ~~to~~ measure our service
by ^{Christ's} His service, our
zeal by ^{Christ's} His zeal, our
consecration of our all
by ^{Christ's} His perfect consecra-
tion; our love by ^{Christ's} His
great love that was
shown in its earnestness

of prayer for others in
great drops of sweat as
it were blood in
Gethsemane, and as it was
painted on the skies
of Calvary by streams
of blood from His
hands, feet and heart
~~as~~ ^{when} it was poured out
for you and me - God
so loved. Men have
died for their friends.
Men have given their
lives for a cause, but
no one but Jesus ever
died to make it
possible for ~~even~~ his
enemies to live, no one

but Jesus. The great majority of believers stop and stay under the shadow of the Cross. The H. S. wants to lead you out into the resurrected life - the new life of confidence in Christ - the living Christ who is now interceding for us at the Father's Throne. When you have found your life in the Christ life, the H. S. will guide you into what is now troubling you all ^{of all} most - the

place where God has
for you to work. If you are
not more concerned
about how you ^{serve}
~~your~~ ~~place~~ ~~of~~ ~~service~~
than you are about the
salary connected with
your service - you are
really not worthy of a
diploma from a ~~the~~
College.

For every child that
comes into the world
God has prepared a
place of service best
suited to that child.

Many never find
that place - the place
God has prepared for them

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They are so much interested in the remuneration - the money or the personal honors of certain positions that they forget it is not what you get out of life (that counts) but what you put into life.

If you feel that your years of faithful study or your college diploma will ~~enable~~ ^{pledge} you to where you should serve, you are doomed to great disappointment. The years of study should

^{have}
" convinced you that
the pathway to success
in life is found
only by maintaining
a clean heart out of
which flows the streams
of life to refresh others;
by keeping the fires
of a burning dedication
of self in service for
others; and by hard
work and study to find
out and to do God's will.
This and this only leads
you where God wants you
today and finally to
the place where God has
prepared ^{for} you to serve Him.

If you are to amount to anything in life you will be called upon to pass through trials.

These trials come sometimes from your enemies sometimes from your friends who like Judas turn to

betray you. Generally trials come

from your ^{own} lack of vision, or your ^{own} carelessness, and

all too often by your ^{own} actions along certain

lines of procedure when you have forgotten your Guide. In and

through all the dangers of life the H. S. guides

you. He will protect
you and keep you through
all the trials of life, if
you keep in His pathway.

The U.S. not only leads
us but is also our teacher.
You need a teacher after
you leave college a thousand
times more than you do in
college. In your preparation
for graduation you might
have learned all and
more than you have learned
had you been compelled to
learn without a teacher.

In the school of life and
living into which you
are now going there is

no human teacher who can teach you the meaning of life itself in all its fulness. The H. S. teacher you all things that Jesus said and did. To

find out what Jesus said and did you must look into the history of Jesus - the Bible. To understand what Jesus said and did you must have a teacher.

For this reason the Psalmist prayed: "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold ~~the wondrous~~ ^{wondrous} things out of Thy law." You need to be taught humility,

same, honest - things;
independence through
dependence on God's
truth. You need to be
taught perseverance, patience,
hope, how and what
to love, what to seek
and whom to fear and
love. The H.S. will
guide you into all truth.
He is a teacher who will
be by your side all the
time. That person,
that teacher, is not your
father or mother, nor any
visible friend ~~is~~, He is the
invisible yet appreciably
felt teacher, who is

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such a perfect teacher
that you see not him
but the one to whom He
is pointing, Jesus Christ,
for ^{the Holy spirit} He shall not speak
of ^{himself} but will
glorify the Christ.

The third thing
the H.S. will do for you
is to remind you of
what you learned
about Jesus. To read
the Bible and then to
forget what you read
is our common frailty.

In an examination at
the end of the school term
^{the necessary thing}
is to remember what and

and how to answer.
After you leave your college
you are daily yes even
every moment being
examined in the school
of life into which you are
going this week.

When in sorrow He will
remind you of Jesus' words
but not your heart be troubled
neither let it be afraid.
When lonely He will recall
for you "I am with you
always even to the end of
the age." When you see
the wicked advanced and
the just demoted, He
recalls to you the really
happy man - as Jesus

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portrayed him in
the - "Blessed are the
pure in heart for they
shall see God".

When a desire comes over
^{you} to acquire the non-es-
sentials of life as
many of your friends
are doing, He will
recall to you "Blessed
(happy) are they that
hunger and thirst after
righteousness".

The H.S. is constantly
reminding you of what
Christ said and did
and is for you. One
of the hardest lessons

to learn is to accept responsibility not only for our own acts but for the acts and conditions of other. Things in the world are not what they ought to be. Too often we satisfy ourselves by criticising. It may too often be ^{we are} like the man of one pound and one talent. We become negatively good and endeavor to return to our Master what is his and thus escape responsibility. Things are wrong in the world.

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That is why you have
come into the world -
to take your part in
the work of righting things.
Titus was left in Crete.
He complained to Paul
of conditions. Paul re-
plied, "for this cause
(of righting things) I left
you in Crete.

God works through
individuals. Our nation,
our Church, our society,
our school are what
they are because of the
individuals in them.
The personal element
of final responsibility

rests on you individually.
This sense of personal,
^{individual} responsibility is the basic
concept of organized society
as well as the divine
urge in every heart. As
you go out into the world
this sense of your own
personal responsibility not
only for your own actions and
thoughts but for the actions
and thoughts of others
should become a deepening
and burning conviction.

I am responsible ~~to~~ first-
last and always. And in
^{the discharging of}
this great responsibility
the U.S. helps you, leads

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you, teaches and
reminds you.

Go out, young people,
guided by the H.S.,
taught by the H.S. and
constantly reminded
by the H.S. of the things
Jesus said and did.

Go out into life with
the shadow of the cross
at your back, the
brightness of the resur-
rection morn of
a new life shimmering
in your faces, as
you follow ^{your teacher} Jesus,
to victory
and to security.

I take great pleasure

in presenting to you
our mutual, invisible
Friend and Teacher
the Holy Spirit. I
commend you to Him.
He is the only all wise
teacher. He is the
only trustworthy guide.
He is the only one who
will always bring to
you the strength you
need. Hear Him remind you
Jno 10:28-29. "I give unto you
eternal life - and no one
shall snatch you out of my
hand. My Father who has
given you unto me is greater
than all and no one is
able to snatch you out of

my Father's hand. Your
 safety lies ⁱⁿ being ^{found} in the
 hand of Jesus. And as
 though that is not
 enough security, God
 the Father places over
 the hand ~~of~~ - the wounded
 hand of Christ, his
 own almighty hand.
 Let not your heart be
 troubled. You are
 not - or ^{at least you} need not go
 out alone. Jesus holds
 God the Father holds ^{your hand and} the hand of Jesus.
 Have you placed
 your hand in the
 hand of Jesus your
 friend? Do you feel

The Father's strong hand
over the hand of Jesus?
holding you firm and
leading you moment
by moment, steadily,
assuredly onward
through a blessed
service ^{now} with your
God and into an
ever increasing fulness
of service as the days
go by? He, the H.S. will
guide you. ~~not~~ Are you letting
Him lead you, now?