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Greetings to you, my brethren. Last Sunday we discussed the importance of the knowledge of names in unlocking their hidden potential, and we talked briefly about Jesus as the Pioneer of Salvation, the way-opener & veil-render. Our readings today continue along very much the same lines. In this final installment of Thunder: Perfect Mind, we read, "I am the name of the voice and the voice of the name." We are reminded here of the voice of Thunder that Jesus heard at his baptism. Since that event seems to mark the beginning of his ministry, we may reasonably deduce that this was the moment he became aware of his true Name. This Voice is the voice of revelation, it is the voice of Madam Blavatzky's "Voice of the Silence" and of Crowley's "Vision and the Voice." Many have heard this voice. But not all who have heard this voice have truly known the nature of this voice. But those who obtain Gnosis have the "name of the voice" which is the "voice of the name."

Our second reading skips forward several chapters in Hebrews, but the discussion here picks right up where we previously left off. Last week we discussed Jesus rending the veil and forging a new path forward towards regeneration & reintegration. And here in the 10th chapter of Hebrews we read of, 'entering the Holy of Holies by the blood of Jesus, by which he opened a new and living way for us through the veil.'

Let us turn then to our brief reading from Mark. Herein we find an individual who has seemingly done all that one should do according to the Law. He has kept all of the Commandments faithfully, yet there is something nagging at him, a feeling that he can't quite shake that he's missing some key component in ensuring his aeonic life. Now, on one hand this is another example of the insufficiency of the demiurgic law. The law leaves him deficient & unfulfilled. This is because the law is not the living word. It is static & stale; a stark & lifeless decree. The law of Christ, the law of Agape, on the other hand is not lifeless but life-giving, not static but animated by the living Word.

Jesus, of course, as the master physician, cuts straight to the heart of the matter. He sees that this man harbors an unhealthy attachment to the transient things of this world. He tells him therefore to go and sell all his belongings, then to return & follow him. It says that he "became depressed at hearing this and went away grieving, for he had many possessions." Now, this is not to say that having possessions is a bad thing. But an obsessive attachment to material goods is detrimental to the health & well-being of the soul. But if one's soul is oriented towards that which is eternal & imperishable, then one may enjoy the things of the earth and use them wisely & prudently.

As an exercise for the coming week, make a list of all the things that are important to you. Include as much as possible in this list, such as your daily habits & routines. Look at and analyze these things carefully. Then categorize them into two categories, which you may call worldly & spiritual, or transient & intransient, or some such classifications. Take note of where your most important & prized possessions & practices lie. This may give you some insight into the state of your psychic well-being.