



Account of the Exercise and Experiences of an Indian Man

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The following is an account of the Exercise & Experience of an Indian Man as related by him self to a Number of Friends, say, I Don't often Open my mind to any, but I now feel the way is open, and more than a freedom to do it. Some years Past it was laid upon me to Encourage others to do well. I thought I was a Poor ignorant Indian, I could not Encourage others to do well, so I shoved it away (Putting his hand out as tho' he had Put it from him, then fetching his hand back again & laying it on his breast, says it was brought back again & laid upon me, I then shoved it away again, & so he did a number of times implying the reasoning State of his Mind) It was then opened to my View, that the Truth was a very ^{precious} Precious Indeed. Oh, how Precious it both look to me. We can say it is ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~valuable~~ ^{valuable}, we can say it is ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~valuable~~ ^{valuable}, that's all we can say. Words cannot say half. I then said with Peter, Depart from me O Lord, I am a sinful man - but it was brought back & laid upon me again. - One morning as I was going to a Presbyterian meeting I saw a flock of sheep along before me (Putting his hand to his Eyes, says I did not see them with these Eyes) they appeared to be travelling a long before me. the foremost ones was fat & grown large, but I heard them talking to one another. (Putting his hand to his Ears says but not with their Ears) saying to one another God speed help you on the way, the hindmost looked Poor, small, their heads hung down seemed almost ready to give out. I wondered what it should mean. - Then something came & talked with me (Putting his hand to his Breast, says it talked to me here, and told me, these are my sheep, & this Day you shall see them lift up their heads in hope, & feed on the bread of Life. - Then it said to me, them that are before are the Priests & Deacons, they are grown fat & full, they can Encourage one another. - but they forget the Poor of the flock. - I went on to the meeting, the Priest preached, Prayed, & sung, & used the very words, I heard the fat sheep say one to another, - And after he had done, I thought it my duty to tell them what I saw on the way. - so I did. I thought I saw my vision fulfilled, the Poor of the flock, lifted up their heads in hope, & fed on the bread of Life, the Priest acknowledged in the presence of the People, that what I said was True. - and that the Truth had been declared among them by a Poor Ignorant Indian. Then I went home very comfortable, Oh, how comfortable I did feel. - Then sometimes I feel my mind drawn into sympathy with some, I want to go & see them, I was afraid some would think I was leading them to do well, I did not want folks to think so. - I feel such a sympathy for one poor family, I want to go see them, but I did not see how to do, so I thought I would take a grist on my back & go small beyond where they live, so I did, & when some of the road, I supposed I would let one have, bid to sleep in, but I thought I had rather lay by the side of the man's fire, I felt their want, I wanted to be with them, In the morning when I was going away, I asked the woman to lend me a board, she was unwilling, I lay on the mat, she got some for me, I took out part of my meal & left it with her, I felt the wants of the Poor & the Poor, so that I cannot carry all my meal away. - Then I took leave of them & went home quietly.

Transcription

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And so I kept along when I feel my mind in sympathy with any I try some
way to get over them, but began to think I was getting along pretty well, so one Day I was
thinking I should go to meeting 3 or 4 Days hence, I began to think what I should say
when I should come there, so I thought it over, I got something fixed in my mind, I
thought it would do pretty well, I hung it up & by & by I took it, looked at it again
I thought it, very well, I hung it up so I did good many times before meeting Day came,
I went to meeting & after the Priest got through, I stood up & said it off as well as I could
and I thought I said it off pretty well, but Oh! how I was distressed I & I stayed along a long
time, did not know what the matter was. Then something came & talked to me & says, Did
you ever know a great man if he want great Business Done away to Congress, or to
Philadelphia, to send a poor ignorant unlearned man to do it. No I says I did not,
No one want great effort take you. well I thought sure enough I have been mista-
ken, I never have known what good is, And Oh! how I was distressed, but did not
know where to find good. (This he supposed to be the bad spirit coming at a time
when he had misused it, all the while endeavouring to persuade him, that he never had know-
en what good was) Then says something else comes & talked to me, which he sup-
posed was the good spirit, And says Great one knows all things, he can do all
things, he knows what is best, And if a thing want great business Done, & he has
servants under him, if he want to send one to do business for him, if he is a wise
learned man, he ought to say what the King tell him to say, if he is an ignorant
unlearned man, if he can talk, he can say over after the King, just what the
King tell him to say, if its 2, 3 or 4 words more or less just as the King says
just so he ought to say. Then it says to me, Suppose one of your neighbours
have a Piece of fresh meat give to him, a very good Piece when it was give
to him, he takes it, feels of it, looks at it, handles it, hangs it up, then by & by
he takes it Down, he feels of it, handles it, looks at it, hangs it up, & he does so
great many times, & keep it 3 or 4 Days, til it begins to stink, then he take
it, look it & set before you, to Eat, would you Eat it (no I says I would not
Eat it) well it says just as your Preaching was the other Day. The great
spirit wont have it, folks wont have it. Then it came in to my
mind the Passage, when there was a Piece of money brought to our Saviour,
I dont remember Particular, I believe they had some Design of honoring
him, but I remember he asked them, whose Image & Inscription was on it.
They told him Caesar. Well he told them, to render to Caesar, the things that
are Caesars, & to God the things that are Gods. Then I see my Preaching had
Caesar, inscription on it. Because it was something of my own Preparing,
it did not come from the Great spirit, therefore I had not his superscripti-
on on it, & he would not have it, & that was the reason I was so troubled, I see
that Every thing of mans Contrivance had Caesar's superscription on it.
And only that, that comes immediately from the Great spirit, that would return
to him, or that would be paid for his Sinner's sheep, my sheep says Christ know my
Voices & they follow me. But the voice of a stranger they will not follow.
I thought some time, heard a strange voice, Putting his hand to his Breast,
says I did not feel like this, I love to feel it here. Then

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And so kept along when I feel my mind in simpathy with any, Iytf try some way to go & see them, began to think I was geting alongytf Pretly well, soone Day I was thinking I should go to meeting 3 or 4 Daysytf hence, I began to think what I should say when I should come there, so Iytf thought It over, I got something fixed in my mind, I thought it would Doytf Pretly well, I hung it up, & by & by I took it looked at it again Iytf thought it would Do very well, I hung it up so I Did good many timesytf before meeting Day come I went to meeting & after the Priest gotytf through, I stood up & said it off as well as I could and I thought Iytf said it off Pretly well, but Oh how I was Distress & so I Passed along aytf long time, Did not know what the matter was Then something come &ytf talked to me & says, Did you ever know a Great man if he want Greatytf Business Done away to Congress, or to ytf Philadelphia to send a Poore ignorant unlerned man to Doytf it No I say I Did not, No more wont Great Spirit take you well I thoughtytf sure Enough I have been mista ken I never have known what good is, And Oh,ytf how I was Distress, but Did not know where to find good (This he supposedytf to be the bad spirit coming at a time when he had mised it at theytf Endeavouring to Persuade him, that he never had kno wn what good was, Thenytf says somthing & he come & talked me, which heytf sup posed was the good spirit, and says Great One knows all things, he canytf Do all things, he knows what is Best, And if a King want great businessytf Done, & he has servents under him, if he wants to send one to Doytf business for him, if he is a wise Learned man, he ought to say what theytf King tell him to say, if he is an ignorant unlerned man, if he can talk, heytf can say over after the King, just what the King tell him to say, if it 2, 3ytf or 4 words more or less just as the King says just so he ought to say Thenytf it says to one suppose one of your neighbour have a Piece of to him,ytf a very got when it was give to him, he takes it, feelsytf of it, looks at it; handles it; hangs it up, then by & by he takes itytf Down, he feels of it, handles it, looks at it; hangs it up, so he Do a ytf great many times, & keep it 3 or 4 Days, til it begins to stink, then heytf take it, cook it & set before you, to Eat, would you Eat it no I say Iytf would not Eat it well it says just so your Preaching was the other Day Theytf Great spirit wont have it folk wont have it Then it cameytf in to my mind the Passage when there was a Piece of money brought to ourytf saviours I Don't remember he asked them whose Imageytf & Inscription was on it They told him well he told them toytf render to ceasars the things that are cesars, & to God things that areytf God I see my Parking had Cesar inserption on itytf Because it was something of any own Prepareing it Did not come from theytf Great Spirit, therefore it had not his superscripti on on it, & he wouldytf not have it, & that was the reason I was so troubled; I see that Everyytf thing of mans contrivance had cesar superscription on it and only that,ytf that comes Immediately from the Great Spirit, that would return to him, orytf that would be food for his True sheep, my says christ know any ytf & they follow but the Voice of a stranger they will not follow Iytf thought some time heard a strange Voice, Putting his hand to his Breast saysytf Did not feel I love to feel it here then

Then it opened in my mind the Passage where the multitude followed our saviour
in to the wilderness, the Disciples seemed willing to send them away & give them no
thing; but he knew their wants, he did not want them to faint by the way he
called on the Disciples, & asked them if they had any thing for them, they say we have
a few loaves & a few fishes, but what are they among so many, but he knew what
he was going to do, he directed that the multitude should all sit Down in Companies
on the Grass; then he called on the Disciples & they give all up to him that they
had, then he took & broke it & blessed it; then gave it to the Disciples, after all this
was done, then he commanded them to hand it to the Multitude; then it was food for
them, they had enough & to spare. Just as I see it is now, when the Great spi-
rit is pleased to break the bread of life, hand it to his Disciples, & command them to
hand it to the People, then it is food for them. Now after this it was said upon
me again to encourage others to do well, but the work looked to be so great, & I
felt like such a Poor Ignorant Indian, that I thought I could not give up to it,
And said to that, that talked with me, there is a great many that can do better
than I can, take some other one & excuse me, It asked me who, I said such a
one, it told me to fetch him up, & did in my mind (Putting his hand to his breast
as tho he brought it to the witness in him self) but he would not have him, but
shoved him away, & so in this way he said he brought up a number, but he
would not have them, & told me I must give up. Now I found the Great
spirit condescended to my weak state & opened things to my understanding in
a way to meet my capacity. So I found it was necessary to wait upon him
to be instructed, what to say, how to say, & when to say, and when I ^{was} with
the sergeants that was sent out to invite in to the feast, It is done Lord as thou
commanded & get them in soon, then I find there is yet room for more Exercise
more Labour, more Invitation, the way is not shut up in my Heart.

Then it opened in my mind the Circumstances of Joseph, how he was sold by
his brethren, & the reason why they sold him, he was Design'd by the Great
spirit to be greater than his brethren, he had some Dreams that seemed to
lead them to think so, some of them had a mind to kill him, others thought
best to sell him, & see what would become of his Dreams, as they sold him, he
was carried down to Egypt, & put into Prison, wrongfully, but the Great spi-
rit was with him there & knew what he was a going to bring a bought
body in Prison with Joseph, and he was released, & Joseph told him when
he came in the Presence of the King to remember him, but he forgot Jo-
seph, till he was brought into a Strait; the King had some Dreams
I cannot read much, I cannot tell just how it was, but I remember he
Dreamed something about some Ears of Corn, Eating up some Ears of
Corn, & there was nobody could interpret his Dreams, then this man
remembered Joseph, he was sent for, the Great spirit was with him & knewed
all things, so he could tell the King the interpretation of his Dreams

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So when he told him what was a going to be, the King believed it
and thought best to prepare against the time of Famine, that Joseph
said was coming, & he thought there was no one so suitable as Joseph
because the great Spirit was with him, so he put all Power in to his hand
only the King was greater, so Joseph ordered store houses to be built & laid
up Corn, for the time of famine, that was coming, & he had the Keys of the
Stores, now the famine come, his brethren come to want, they had sold
Joseph, & Did not intend to bow to him, but they heard there was Corn in
Egypt, their father sent some of them Down to buy some, they applyed to Joseph
he knew them, they ~~Did not~~ know him, he asked if they had any brothers, & when
they they had a Father living, they told him about them, so after a while Joseph
sent for them, they all went Down & bowed to Joseph, for there was no other way for
them to keep alive. Now it looked plain to me, that we have a measure of
the good spirit afforded to lead us, to instruct us, & it is greater then we are, & we
signed to Rule over us, as we do as that tells us, or we may mind the bad spirit,
but if we do, it will not yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness, & we may say,
to the good spirit, we will not have this man to rule over us, we may put it away,
and sell it, & it may be put into Prison, yet a famine will overtake them, & though
they may go into a far Country, far away from that, that is Right, & and not even
know Joseph or this good spirit, yet that will know them, & will there rise
up & plead with them, now there is no other way, but to go back again to that, that
is wright, & acknowledge Joseph to be greatest, he has all Power committed to him
he has the Keys of the Store, & they that will not bow to him, must Die.

The same Disposition, that was in Joseph's Brethren, and in People in the
Days of the Apostles, is now in People, I have seen some folks so simple, that they
got mad with a Gun, & Broke it all to Pieces, because it had done some Mischief,
as tho the Gun was to blame, if it had not been charged, & then fire put to it,
it would not do any harm, so when the apostles were charged with some
thing & the Fire of Divine Love operated on them, then they could do Execution
but after it had passed through them, they were like the Empty Gun, it was
not they, that did it, it was that flame of Divine Love, & here the People
took the apostles, & put them to Death, as tho they done it, & thought to
stop it from spreading, but they could not, for it operated through others,
and it operates still. There is a Gun now, that they never see it.

P. J.

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