

Vol 1, Day 22 — DON'T HURT THE LORD!

"Have I been so long time with you, and yet you have not known Me, Philip?" -John 14:9

Our Lord must be repeatedly astounded at us - astounded at how un-simple we are. It is opinions of our own which make us stupid. When we are simple, that is not tangled up in opinions, we are never stupid. We discern all the time when we remain simple. Philip expected the revelation of a tremendous mystery, but not in the One Whom he knew. The mystery of God is not in what is going to happen in the future. It is now. We must see it in the present moment of the cataclysmic event. We have no reluctance in obeying Jesus, but it is probable that we are hurting Him by the questions we ask. "Lord, show us the Father." His answer comes straight back, "There He is, always here or nowhere." We look for God to manifest Himself **to** His children. God only manifests Himself **in** His children. Other people see the manifestation, the child of God does not. We want to be conscious of God. But we cannot be conscious of our consciousness and remain sane. If we are asking God to give us experiences, or if conscious experience is in our minds, we hurt the Lord. The very questions we ask hurt Jesus because they are not the questions of a child (simple as a child).

"Let not your heart be troubled." Am I hurting Jesus by allowing my heart to be troubled? If I believe the character of Jesus, am I living up to my belief? Am I allowing anything to perturb my heart, any morbid questions to come in? I have to get to the implicit relationship that takes everything in stride as it comes from Him. God never guides in our future. He always guides in the present moment. Realize that the Lord is here now, and the emancipation from all stress and anxiety is immediate.

My Utmost for His Highest - Oswald Chambers