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Today's Lesson  
*A Matter of Imagination*  
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As the Daily Word stated today:  
*My mind is illumined though divine ideas flowing continually from the mind of God.*

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Jesus understood the creative process and began to teach the people how to connect to the divine within them:  
*Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*  
(Matt 6:8)

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And God said, "Let there be light." (Gen 1:1)

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Let there be illumination, understanding, wisdom.  
It's wasn't until we, as humans, evolved to a point of self-awareness and gained the ability to be self-conscious of ourselves and our environment did we become co-creators with God.

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Though the power of thought we gained the ability to imagine a world outside of ourselves. We became illumined with the possibility to dream and daydream!  
It has been said that imagination is defined as "the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality." Out of the darkness came light!

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It is our imagination that tells us that there is something more to be found outside of the wall of conformity! However, the power of reason is needed to direct our course, to help us find our way and avoid the pitfalls and dangers.

As they say, "It's how you use the power you have that determines the positive or negative results that become your experiences."

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Unity teaches that: *"Imagination may become a blessing or a curse, depending on how well we have developed some of the other powers of our mind and spirit. We are born with this faculty already highly developed in us, and it is a chief enrichment in our life. It is our imagination that gives us hope of being more than we seem to be."*

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*Imagination is the creative faculty of mind, and many of the most useful, productive, and extraordinary works in the world of us human beings began as works of the imagination.*

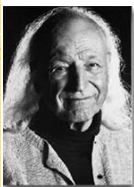
*Our imagination has profound effects on our mental state and whether we are happy or unhappy persons depend as much on what we habitually imagine our world to be as on what our world actually is.*

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*However, only when imagination is joined with the divine will, with divine judgment as to the worth of its works, and with the power to do the work. Many of the things we enjoy today is the manifestation of someone's "overactive" imagination!*

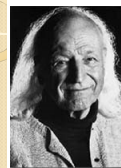
Part of the story of Job reminds us: *"You will decide on a matter, and it will be established for you."* (Job 22:28)

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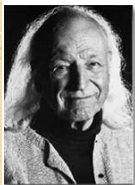
The late James Dillet Freeman said it this way: *Our world is what our mental processes—our senses and perceptions, feelings and emotions, logical thoughts, passionate desires and imagination—decree it to be. I often ask why is there so much misery and pain in our world? I don't know about you.*

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*I hope you are more of a positive thinker than I am. I find myself continually thinking thoughts and feeling feelings of fear, worry, anger, guilt, confusion, and various other negative varieties. That the imagination of most of us is more likely to be negative than positive is shown by how many...*

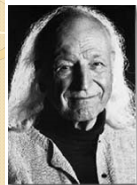
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*... more words there are in our dictionaries to describe unhappy states than happy ones.*

*The human mind is a very busy place. Thousands of electrical impulses are being processed every second. Every moment a thought is entering our mind and we are saying yes or no to it.*

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*It is at this junction that the need for positive conscious direction is needed. If not, then we often find ourselves acting out of impulse based on a pre-programmed belief. What we find is that our imagination may be playacting what our hopes hope is happening or what our fears fear is happening.*

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Rosemary Fillmore Rhea, grand-daughter of Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, had to say about our responsibility when using our imagination in the creative process:

*Though the use of our imaginations, the energy of creation is at work, moving us forward into new dimensions of being.*

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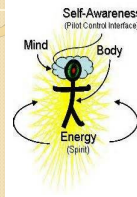
*On one hand, we are excited about the future, but on the other level we want to cling to the past. We want to hold on to those things that made us feel safe and secure. However, we can move forward only by releasing—by renouncing—those old concepts that keep us bound to our painful history.*

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*If there is one thing history teaches us, it is that you cannot stuff progress back in a box. Galileo was forced to stop teaching that the world was round but that did not make it flat.*

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We are living in transformative times. Right now, the world is experiencing an evolutionary shift. The creative energy of the universe is stirring the minds and hearts of people everywhere, demanding that we awaken to the possibilities of our creative power to manifest absolute good in all areas of our lives.

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The late Sir John Templeton, of the Templeton Foundation and founder of the publication Religion and Spirituality has written:

*Our role as co-creators with God is crucial. As human beings, we are endowed with mind and spirit.*

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*We can think, imagine, and dream. We can search for future trends through the rich diversity of human thought. We are always in the continuing act of creation.*

You have the power to imagine great and wondrous things, will you? Remember that through Spirit, God already knows your needs before you even ask.