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Dear Friends,

As a young boy I remember watching the movie *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves* (1944). I would go around the house and barn and saying, "Open Sesame" every time I came to a closed door. It was Ali Baba's password to his secret hideout.

I would later come to realize how powerful passwords could be. When I looked at "open sesame" with my metaphorical eyes I discovered something very power. So I invite you to take a moment to see if you see what I saw. Say it several times out loud, "Open Sesame." What did you notice? How about the power of the spoken word as in "Open Says Me!"?

Charles Fillmore, in his book *Talks on Truth*, had this to say about the spoken word, *"Your word is the power through which you make your belief manifest. Simple belief in or assent to the truth of a proposition never gave understanding to anyone. There must be mental action; organic changes in the mind are necessary before the new state of consciousness takes up its abode in you. The personal consciousness is like a house with all the doors and the windows barred. The doors and the windows of the mind are concrete ideas, and they swing open when the right word is spoken to them."*

Just as the stone wall opened for Ali Baba to allow him entrance into his secret place, the world of his consciousness, so can the stone wall open for us to reveal hidden treasures within our own consciousness.

Unity has taught and continues to teach truth students about the power of the spoken word. That behind every word is an idea, and within every idea is the creative power of the one Mind, Divine Mind we call God. Our spoken word first hammers the thing desired into shape. Our continued spoken word brings this shaped substance forth and clothes it with a visible body.

Back in the 70's there was a sitcom on TV starring the comedian, Redd Foxx, it was named *Sanford and Son*. He and his son were junk dealers and shared their family home together. Every time his son would do something Sanford didn't quite approve of or he wanted attention, he would carry on by

gripping his chest area and calling out to his wife in heaven, It's the big one. I'm coming to you, Elisabeth...etc. He did this show after show for the five years it ran.

He was working on a new sitcom for TV, *The Royal Family*, when on October 11, 1991, he was on break when he collapsed to the floor clutching his chest. The cast and crew thought he was doing his famous "It's the big one" routine during a break from rehearsals. However, this heart attack was real, and Foxx never regained consciousness. The power of the spoken word is truly powerful!

Jesus knew the power of the spoken word and used it to show how powerful it can be, as told in the Book of Mark: *And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm"* (Mark 4:37-39).

As Sir J. Reynolds (16 July 1723 – 23 February 1792) wisely stated: "Words should be employed as the means, not as the end; language is the instrument, conviction is the work."

In her work *Lives Lessons*, Dr. Beth Leilani reminds us: All of us have powerful tools within our reach to either build or destroy, encourage or discourage, inflate or deflate, inspire or "de-inspire" (for lack of a better word, this will suffice), to lighten or darken. What are they? Our words! So when we are speaking or talking to someone, let us be aware of our emotions that get in the way and not just spit out words that hurt. Let us live and let live through the words we say, being kind to one another. Life is too short to be spent on conflicts and misunderstandings.

Like Ali Baba, we will open walls that have kept the treasures of our hearts contained. To do this let us remember to use our words wisely so that we may: 1. Create a vision for our life; 2. See and know only good or God in our life; 3. Share our dreams and visions with others that can be excited with us; 4. Take any action we are guided to; and 5. Not allowing fear to stand in our way, but to see it as a doorway we can say, "open says me!"