

Catastrophes and Heavenly Bodies

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Invocation:

We raise our hearts to the Almighty Spirit, to all Wisdom, Love and Power. We pray, O Lord, for the incoming of truth, for the unfoldment of truth within our hearts and for the pure vision of the light of Thy Kingdom. We pray that every heart in this assembly may be touched with love and sweetness, and that the Angels of the Christ Circle may be able to draw close to this little group and to give to it the beauty of their love.

Amen.

We pray that we may be able to convey some wisdom and knowledge, that we may give you food for thought. It is not always easy to receive truth, because the earthly mind and the environment of daily life hold you down. You have to make a constant effort to rise above these conditions into spheres that you love to enter; spheres of love, of light, wherein you will contact all truth. The earthly mind, however, while in a sense an enemy, is also man's* friend and we are therefore going to say—we hope you will not misunderstand—that all the dark conditions and inharmonies of earth are really for man's benefit. You may not see it in this way; nevertheless when the spirit first came forth, was breathed forth from the heart of God, it descended through many planes of light and beauty in a state of unconsciousness. While still unconscious of itself as an individual it came down to the plane of earth and took upon itself a physical body in order to develop consciousness of God within. There are these two aspects in all of you, as we have said many times: the good, the pure spirit that longs all the time for God, and the other side enveloped in the fleshly personality, which also is striving for self-expression and that which it calls freedom. Until it learns to attune itself harmoniously, or rather submit or surrender to the pure Spirit of God, which in reality is working with it all along its path of spiritual evolution; until this material nature of man learns to work harmoniously with that Christ Spirit it is going to suffer in the material life.

*[*For editorial policy around gender issues see the introduction.]*

We are touching upon these things tonight because you will see later that we follow up some thoughts we gave you at the last talk which is now some time ago. Is it perfectly clear that always in every one is that divine spark aspiring towards its home? Also there is the other side of man, the outer personality, and this responds to the pull or the darkness of the earth, which is straining all the time against the unfolding spirit, but remember the Divine Spirit is seeking unfoldment; it is seeking consciousness; it is striving to become fully conscious of itself and its God, the source of its life. All the experiences of mortal life, material and physical, are all given or sent in order to help that spirit in its development, its unfoldment of the seed of the Christ (or the God Life) within. So when you see things from a higher level, you will begin to recognise that what appears to you (when viewing it from the earthly level) to be disaster or catastrophe may not be so after all, but has a place in the scheme of development and unfoldment of the spirit. One point we would emphasise many, many times and this is the omnipotence, the omniscience, and the omnipresence of God, the Great White Spirit, the eternal and everlasting life; that unknown quantity existing in man's life, in the world around him, in the solar system; that something which is eternal, good and pure and almighty; that something which is all-loving, all-present and all-wise. This is where we differ

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from material men of science who ascribe everything which happens to nature; they say it is a natural phenomenon. They take no account of an intelligence behind these things.

We have spoken before of catastrophes in the history of this planet; of how many, many ages past the earth suffered terribly. Your scientists do not know exactly what happened, but some of your thinking people believe that the earth was struck by a body from outer space, dreadful happenings followed, not once but a number of times and this seemed to upset the equilibrium of the earth. Some people say that it slightly tilted the earth on its axis. Whatever happened, we tell you that the earth *was* affected by the impact of a body from outer space. You will say that this seems terrible. Why did God permit so dreadful an occurrence to upset the balance of the world, to devastate a Garden of Eden and bring about the most cruel suffering? These are the sorts of questions which the earthly mind always asks: 'Why, why, why does God permit these things?' My dear ones, if you want really to progress along the path this one truth must be established in your minds, that God is omniscient, omnipotent as well as omnipresent. Whatever happens must bring ultimate good to the individual, to a nation, to a whole planet. This is a very big question and will cause you to think furiously about wars; whether any war can be right (or wrong) and why does God permit wars? We say again that our one main stream of truth is this: that man is evolving upwards and in order for his spiritual evolution to proceed in orderly fashion there must be a pull downwards. For these two forces are always in operation in man's life, the force and the energy, the seeming opposites. So also in the spiritual life there are these seeming two opposites at work to bring about the ultimate perfecting of the divine spark of man. So always hold fast to the wisdom of the Divine and however bad things look, well there is always a reason and eventual good will always come out of evil, so-called evil; good will come out of the unevolved.

Let us now return to the catastrophes which once happened. Even your Bible records them in esoteric language all nicely wrapped up. Even the story of the great flood is not only recorded in the Bible but can be found all over the earth in myths and in folklore. There is no country or island that has not in its folklore the story of the floods, earthquakes and devastation which befell it in past ages. A strange thing about this is that it seems as though the earth planet is not left wholly to its own devices, as though there is an influence or influences at work upon the earth and upon humanity. Some clever, thoughtful people deny this, saying there cannot be any such influence from other planets or heavenly bodies. Yet throughout the ages there have always been the wise men of the stars, men who gave their lives to study what is called astrology. Today there is a very definite line separating astrology and astronomy, but in the ancient days it was all astrology, astronomy being a term introduced to describe the study of the physical aspects of the heavenly bodies. At all events it appears that these heavenly bodies do have an effect upon individuals, and we go even further, for the stars can influence not only the individual, everyday life of man; these forces from outer space have a tremendous influence upon the whole process of spiritual evolution, not only in their planetary, invisible influence, but because an actual contact has been made with this earth. It will be discovered in the not very far distant future that the earth has been subject to apparent interference by these bodies from outer space. This has not only affected the face of earth and the races of man but also the spiritual evolution of humanity. There was a time, the ancients will tell you, when the Moon was not known to the people of earth. Since then the Moon has

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been drawn into the path, shall we call it, of the earth. There was a time too when Venus was not known to be in our solar system. As we have often told you, neither you nor your scientists have any conception of time; you cannot know. A very, very long way back a catastrophe happened and as a result of that natural impact, the cosmic forces drew into the solar system the planet Venus. We want you to understand that the planet Venus has an important part to play in the evolution of the earth and of humanity. The time will come—again you will take this with a pinch of salt—when this earth will become so spiritualised, so etherealised that it will disappear. This will perhaps take millions of years, but the earth will be absorbed; it will become invisible. We said this many years ago, that the earth will become so etherealised, it will disappear, and that there are many heavenly bodies which have once been as the earth and are now invisible to the human eye even through the most powerful telescope. These heavenly spheres are unknown and this earth is moving slowly but surely towards that beautiful destiny.

What then has this planet Venus to do with your earth? Tonight we are going to say a little more about Venus. Please use your discretion and remember that it is not wise to cast pearls before those who cannot understand or appreciate. Some years ago we said that we ourselves had seen the sun rise on Venus. We have visited the planet Venus. You cannot prove or disprove this; you have to accept our word. There is a close contact between the world of discarnate spirits and the planet Venus. When souls pass away from the earth, having reached a certain point on the path of evolution, they are taken to Venus; they are instructed in the life of Venus. Now Venus is a very beautiful planet whose people are full of love. Their lives are harmonious and beautiful and those who pass on to Venus, pass to—above all things—a life of love.

This brings us again to a subject which we have very rarely touched upon, the question of dual souls. Some schools find this idea distasteful. Well they have every right to their feelings. We do not decry any ideas or teachings of others. We know that many people think that the human soul, the human spirit, is in itself a self-contained unit with both aspects male and female, united in the one. Nevertheless there are still these two aspects, the positive and the negative, the male and the female to consider. On Venus there is full consciousness of this fact, of this truth, and there the people know the meaning of perfect individual love. This is a heavenly state of spiritual consciousness in which the two are one and yet quite separate. Indeed the whole keynote of life on Venus is love, wisdom, harmony. Now that planet has a very great deal to do with the spiritual evolution of the earth. Maybe this is the reason why it was drawn into the solar system at a certain time. The Master Jesus was one of the ancient ones—the ancient spirits who dwelt on Venus—and who came to this earth on his great mission. We know that there have been other world teachers who have had their mission for humanity, but Jesus the Master had a special and particular part to play in the evolution of humanity. This is where many will differ; they will say that there were others, Osiris and Buddha, Mahomet, Krishna and so forth, but Jesus had something unique to bring to this world which the others had not, and this one supreme gift was that of love and wisdom.

It would therefore seem that the catastrophes, the cataclysms of ancient days brought about a certain condition of life on the earth planet and speeded up certain physical conditions, which

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have contributed to the eventual freedom or emancipation of humanity. These physical happenings of the past may have taken toll of many lives, but do not look upon that with too gloomy a vision. Death to you is one thing, but those who are freed from the body do not find death terrible. Anyway it was their path, and some of you here, many of you, all of you here now, were once some of them. It does not now affect you. I do not think it even affected you deeply then. Anyway humanity has gone through these catastrophes and come out all the better for the experience.

In your minds is a question. You want to know, 'Are there visitors coming to this earth from the planet Venus?' Our answer is, 'Most certainly.' There will not only be visitors which you can see, but there will also come messengers from other planets that you cannot see. You are really not as exclusive as you think. Intermingling with earthly people are many spirits who have come from other planets. Listen, when you pass away and reach the spirit world and perhaps are asked what you would like to do you might say: 'Well, I would like to pass over on to Mercury and have a look at it.' In all probability you will be told, 'Well, that is quite all right; we will go.' So if you, an earth spirit, choose to visit one of the other planets, why should not spirits from another planet come to visit you? The great question in your minds will be: 'Oh, but life cannot exist on other planets. Scientists tell us that there is no life on other planets.' Well, our answer to that is that life does exist. It may not be in the same form, the same substance or vibration as you know, but there certainly is life on the planet Venus that has an important part to play, as we told you, in the development and the spiritual evolution of the earth.

There is a very powerful spiritual vibration with the Venusians and to come in contact with humans is a very delicate operation, but you will have visitors as the years go on. There will be a whole field of knowledge opened up. There will be a great expansion of consciousness throughout the whole sphere of your solar system. You will think very differently in those days.

A century ago your grandparents would have disbelieved us when we said: 'In the future you will turn a little knob in your home and you will have pictures coming to you from the other side of the world.' They would have thought, 'What utter nonsense!', and here you are, it is commonplace now. In the world of spirit there are temples of education and there are immense screens and soul pictures pass across the screen. Many, many things which you would not think possible, such as life on other planets, are reflected on that screen and also life from ages past when the world was entirely different from what it is today. What do you call it on your earth at the present time—television? This is the akashic-vision—vision of the akashic records. If you see into the past you must also see into the future because the past and future is the same. Where do you think your own inventions come from, from one or two or a dozen clever minds? No, they come from a world or a plane of life outside, beyond man. They are broadcast and certain minds are ready to receive these broadcasts. You call them inventions of the scientific mind, but there is nothing that is not of God and all these things come to man from outside himself. Now you will immediately say: 'What about the invention of the atomic bomb? Did that come from God?' Man has within himself power to use or misuse all these things, either for the benefit and the blessing of humanity, or to hurt

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humanity. This is what man does. He receives an idea from the Divine Intelligence, and twists it, uses it to gain power and domination over his fellow creatures. The power of magic is both white and black; it can be used for good purposes and this is white magic, the same power twisted and used for selfish ends, for wrong ends, becomes black magic. Even out of misuse and destruction and the suffering which man inflicts upon his brother man, eventually comes good. Remember always that eventually good comes out of evil.

Is it right then that there should be these terrible wars and the resultant suffering to mankind? Well the answer is that the whole purpose of life is that it should be lived after the pattern which has been given to humanity by the Lord God. In this particular time and age, when so much is happening to uplift the world and bring about another Golden Age, the greatest thing is to realise the importance of your following the example of the beloved Jesus, the Christ, he who came forth from that wonderful planet Venus to bring love to this earth. That shall be the salvation of the earth, and all the solar influences now playing upon the earth all tend to stimulate in man's heart the love and the brotherhood of the spirit. The only thing that really matters is love, about which it is no good talking glibly. Love is something which has to be your spontaneous reaction to everything. You must *feel* God. That is what you are here to learn—spontaneously to feel the spirit of God rising up within you so that you look out upon the world through rose-coloured spectacles. This must be, it must be, and if man does not learn to respond then there will follow a misuse of the blessings which God intends for you. Indeed they will not be yours until you have learnt to change all your implements of war into ploughshares. This message is not new and this is what man has to learn at the present time. There must be no desire for the domination of anyone over anyone else. This was the root of the trouble in Atlantis, in Lemuria and in other continents, not in Hyperborea. Hyperborea, as you perhaps know, was at the time a tropical and beautiful country like the Garden of Eden. Indeed the whole earth was almost a Garden of Eden before man allowed his little lower self to rise and gain the upper hand of his spirit. If man continues to do this then there is bound to be suffering on your earth, but you can help—small company as you are—you have the power in you to change the world. Remember this when you are tempted to deviate from the path of love towards each other, towards your work and your life.

The law is that thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, thy soul and thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself. Whether that neighbour sits at your side or lives in the next house or the next country, he is your neighbour and even if he wants to fight you, still love him for love will overcome all evil.

Benediction:

Let us raise our hearts once again to the Beloved, the Eternal Spirit; Thou who art all love, we thank Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of Thy Kingdom. May all Thy children be steeped in Thy love. May all Thy children feel the glory and grandeur of love, and we especially pray, Almighty Spirit, that hosts of Angels may minister to those who are conferring on the peace of the world. We, Thy children, pray, O God, we pray, for a true brotherly peace, that the world and humanity may be advanced more rapidly towards the happiness of Thy Kingdom on earth.

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Amen. Amen. Amen.

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