

The Aquarian Age - III

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Invocation:

With the vision of the Master Jesus with light radiating through him, let us open our souls to the forces of good, of love, which come to this earth plane to inspire humanity with the ideals of true living, of service towards each other, and of the growth of God within the soul. We call upon the angels of wisdom, love and power, praying that we may be fit and worthy channels through which they may work for the evolution of the human race. Infinite spirit of love, our Father God, spread over this gathering the canopy of Thy peace.

Amen.

We greet you, beloved, our brethren! As we come near, as we touch you and your soul vibrations, we are drawn to help you with the difficulties of your life. We want to speak for a few moments on the human plane. We know how some in this gathering are heavy-hearted, feeling sorrowful for those who suffer. To those [to] whom this applies, take it, beloved, as personal and individual, and may it inspire you with a clearer vision and a deeper peace as you realise that life is governed by perfect justice. The law must ever operate to bring men* to face themselves.

*[*See the introduction for an explanation of gender issues in editing these teachings.]*

Humanity spends its time running away from itself. Witness the many distractions there are: amusements which compel people's attention. Do not think, for one moment, that we do not recognise the need for recreation, but learn to take your relaxation and recreation in the true and harmonious spirit. Do not dissipate the energies of the spirit, or the life force within your body; neither dissipate nor desecrate the human body, which is the temple of the Most High. The body is a garment for God, for the divine spirit dwells within everybody, no matter who, no matter how depraved. The essential lesson life has to teach humanity is to face itself. As I have already said, humanity spends its time running away from itself, seeking dissipation and oblivion, which is no more than frittering away happiness and joy which God would give. What a beautiful world, and yet so much sorrow in it!

The natural thought with us all is: 'How can I help to alleviate the suffering around me?' By yielding up your heart to God—the first essential. Even those who spend their time in social service, those who probably would deny that they are religious, nevertheless worship God in their love towards humanity. But a step farther than this we must go, and recognise God as complete and absolute justice and love. God is not hard; God is more loving, more compassionate, more tender, than any human being alive, and has set in motion a law for the evolution and salvation of all. When you see suffering—particularly of one dear to you—will you (I speak individually as well as collectively) will you remember that only through the path which the soul itself, of its own free will has chosen, will it find emancipation; only that way will it, at last, come face to face with itself and recognise its own weaknesses and its own strength. But there is always with every human soul—always—the teacher, the guide; always the guardian angel.

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Have you ever thought seriously on this: that the lowest and most depraved of us has yet a pure guardian angel watching, who sees beneath the rags and squalor of body and soul ever so faintly the spirit, the little glimmer of light? This angel is ever trying to fan that flame, and to give encouragement and help to the flickering light. Remember the parable of the unjust steward*, forgiven so much by his master, yet who forgave not his own servant. You will do well to remember that story and to judge no soul, no life, knowing not who that soul might be. There are those walking the earth, covered up by the flesh, who are as angels amongst men. It is our duty—nay, our work—to search always for the spark of the divine, great or small, in those whom we contact, because are not we channels, servants of the Great White Brotherhood?

*[*Luke 16 : 1-13]*

We told you in our last talk that the Piscean age, through which humanity had recently passed, was the age of the emotions, of the soul life, and the religion brought to earth by the Master Jesus was a religion of the emotions. Today its teachers, instead of accepting it as originally presented, try to fit it into an intellectual conception. It won't go! Many are the attempts to explain away the miracles and the parables intellectually, with the result that the spirit behind is dying, if it has not been already killed. Through the blending of the intellect and the emotions the spirit is touched, the intuition reached. The feelings plus the thought-power open up the intelligence of man, as distinct from bare intellect which cannot alone digest or deal with the food of the spirit. The emotions must be controlled and wisely used, so interpenetrating the mind that the intuition and the divine intelligence can operate.

We see the Piscean age, the age of the soul and the emotions, as a preparation for the next step, which is the age of the spirit—the Aquarian age. During this cycle the new Church will be born—the Church of St John—and there will be revealed to humanity the esoteric or the inner meaning of the spiritual life. Humanity will learn that man does not live by bread alone, but draws sustenance from the universal, spiritual life, and this through the seven gateways or the seven windows in the soul.

In this present stage the first essential is to demonstrate the reality of the spiritual life as apart from the physical. Hence the great work of the Spiritualists, and the birth of the many varied groups all over the earth, urged by the intuition or spirit to make contact with the invisible hosts. We find already many healing groups, brotherhoods and groups for meditation being born and growing rapidly, because man has reached this stage in evolution when his spirit is saying: 'Now is the time for my expression, for my development, for my activity'. In the Revelation of St John—not understood yet—will be found set forth the mysteries of the evolution of the spirit and the creative powers within man's body which have to be, as you have heard us say so many times, transmuted from the 'animal' instinct to the mental and spiritual plane.

We are few in number. The man in the street does not understand the language we talk, but that does not alter the truth of what we say. We know, and you know, that life is evolving on a spiral, and we recognise that not all men are on the same cycle, or circle. But though they

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are lowly in spiritual understanding they are, none the less, evolving. They are on one of the spirals of evolution; we, perhaps, on another. We should not force the man on the spiral underneath up to our spiral, or vice versa, but recognise the true place, the harmonious setting of every soul we encounter, and give correspondingly our gratitude and love. Never try to mould a friend to your own mould; this we all attempt to do, my dears, very kindly and meaning well. But every soul is a jewel in its own setting, and we can never make a pearl a diamond, or an emerald a ruby; all shine in their own radiance. One of the things we all need to learn is to mind our own business! But what a hard lesson! We mean so well, too. Never try to run anyone else's life for him and say he should do this, that or the other.

I want to help you all, my dear ones, to see the working out of a wonderful purpose; although at the moment you may feel sorry and unhappy through the suffering of one you love, yet in that life (maybe not in this incarnation) you will see a wonderful development and regeneration. This I had to give!

Q.The questioner asked as to the advisability of 'minding your own business' when asked for advice.

A.We mean this in rather a different way. We may be tempted to want to set another person's life right, to interfere with it. It is different if that person comes to us for opinion and help. Then we give that which we have learned, possibly by experience. But that is different from interfering and saying 'You do this or that wrongly; you shouldn't do it like that, you should do it in *my way*.' By so doing you may rob an individual soul of self-expression, self-growth.

Q.What will the Church be like in the new age?

A.Church! I do not quite like that word. I can only tell you what I can see, what I have seen. The religion brought to the earth millions of years ago is a religion not on the lips, but in the heart. I see in the future, temples or sanctified places to which the new brotherhoods are drawn; shall we say, sanctified centres of grace and power, wherein men can worship the Lord their God not with lips but with the outpouring of hearts, and the drawing to themselves of creative forces, and the utilisation of those forces for the gradual perfecting or growth of all forms of life. But there is much more than this. There will come the drawing of those forces beyond the earth plane to help the evolving life upon other planets in due time.

This seems far-off and impossible to you. no doubt. The idea of a new *church* gives me a sense of limitation, even of suffocation. I hope I offend no one. But we would speak of a brotherhood of man and an outpouring, a truer communion with Christ. We think of an intermingling of Christ, the King of Kings, with his brethren, with his people on earth. Yes! I see that coming, I see that. That great Second Coming. Yes, I see the raising up of the people. 'If I be lifted up'—if the Christ within be raised up—'And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me!'^{*} When the Christ within man is raised up and he worships in spirit and in true action and in daily service, then all men must be raised up. Oh, it is so difficult to put it into words! The old teaching: 'Man know thyself, and thou shalt know God and the Universe' will be understood in the new age.

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[*John 12 : 32]

Man will be conscious of the powers of clairvoyance, clairaudience, of healing, powers which will enable him to be consciously active in the spirit realms (as symbolised by the winged beast). Then there will be no such thing as death, as understood today, only the laying aside of a worn garment, for the veil of the temple (wonderful symbology!—the veil of the temple of man) will be rent in twain, and man will look into the Holy of Holies and learn of the mystery of his own being, in every organ and every centre of his own physical body, and know the relationship of each higher body to these centres. This is what comes in the new age. And we hear the words: ‘He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do!’* Remember.

[*John 14 : 12]

Benediction:

With stilled minds and open hearts, we stand in silence upon the hilltop of human life, with the starlit skies above us, and with the murmur of God’s voice in the trees, and a deep hush comes over us, and we know that God has blessed us. To Him we offer our hearts in loving service, praising His name and all His works, now and evermore.

Amen.

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