

The Aquarian Age II

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Invocation:

Great White Spirit, All-enfolding Love, Source of all life, all light, all wisdom, all truth: we Thy children earnestly seek knowledge, love and clear vision of the purpose of life. We seek to be servants of Thy Son, the great light of this universe; we wait upon Thee, and we call to our brethren in the spheres of light, angels and archangels and all the company of the Great White Brotherhood to send upon this gathering the power of love and peace, and all our love and thankfulness we humbly bring to Thee.

Amen.

We are continuing our talk on the subject of the Aquarian age, or shall we say the future of mankind on earth? We would remind those who listened patiently to our last talk that we roughly explained the purpose of the last age, the Piscean age, and enlarged upon the bearing these great ages had upon the spiritual evolution of earth's humanity. Now you will be looking forward to hearing something about the wonderful and beautiful things likely to come in this new Aquarian age. You do right to look forward to better conditions of life and to greater happiness and harmony on the earth. We would, however, remind you that nothing is attained lightly, and humanity must work for any happiness which is likely to come. We say *likely* to come. Man* has been given power or freewill choice. Man likes to think he can choose this path or that and, proudly, will sometimes go to any lengths to assert this freedom.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the Introduction.]*

We would remind you here that life is subject to law. Therefore while man possesses freewill it does not operate quite as the majority of people think. Man certainly has power to choose to live in the God way or the way of the spirit, or to follow the way of the earth, the way of flesh. In the old terminology we would say that man has freewill to choose between God or the devil. This sounds forceful, does it not? So we will put it in another way and say that you can choose between following light, love, goodness—all the qualities of the Christ man—or the qualities of the earth man, the materialistic man. These two possibilities are within you, so you are all dual personalities in this respect. The actual events or the karmic lessons which the soul has to learn are there waiting, and you cannot escape the debts of karma.

So we want to point out clearly that while this new age of Aquarius will bring mankind opportunities, man himself can either use or abuse these opportunities. This statement applies to every individual, as well as to the world as a whole. So we say again that man has to work for happiness and for the blessings which the law of God is showering upon humanity if he will obey the law which these blessings bring.

The great thing in this new age is going to be a twofold development of both the human and the divine nature, the human being and the divine being. You will have already noticed that powerful mental development has its dangers; side by side with this development there will be the opportunity for great spiritual unfoldment. Thus the first thing to be attained by man in this new age will be self-realisation—realisation of his own soul-powers, his own spiritual powers. Some of you will accept this truth, for there are today many groups who are doing

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pioneer work in preparation for this new Age of Aquarius. Because they are pioneers they are liable to be criticised and scoffed at by others who are not ready to accept or even to comprehend the measure of soul development which is already taking place in the world. These groups of pioneers are agents or representatives of the Great White Brotherhood behind the veil. This Brotherhood is composed of men and women who have attained a degree of mastery over physical matter. Having passed through their training they have acquired a spiritual degree. They draw close to the earth to help the younger members of the community to develop certain qualities and soul powers. Together with development of these soul powers must go development of character and of spiritual qualities.

We shall deal as far as we can tonight with the spiritual as well as the material advancement that you can expect in the new age. First will come this consciousness of man's spiritual or soul powers. For ages past, man has been going through a rather dark cycle, which has immersed him deeply in physical matter. He is now just rising from this state of darkness and beginning to see a glimmer of light. In the future this spiritual consciousness or God-consciousness will grow. Possession of these soul powers will be realised by the majority of people. Man is both divine and human. Neither aspect must be neglected. It is of the utmost importance that the human side of the nature should be utilised in the right and true way as well as the divine nature, which also must be encouraged to grow in stature.

The Master Jesus came during the last age, the Piscean age, to give man this clear teaching. He came representing both the human and the divine man. It is gravely important for man to realise this same truth when he is tempted to say, 'Oh well, it is only human nature,' or 'Man is only human.' This applies to only half of man. Man is divine as well as human, but you must have that wonderful blending of the two.

This is going to be brought out clearly in the Aquarian age, for this is an age of mind and spirit, or of the unfoldment or manifestation of the divine and the human. The human provides the vehicle for the divine. In the master Jesus can be seen a lovely manifestation of these two aspects. Here was the man who could enter into the sorrows and love of his brothers; here was the man who found in the simple things his greatest joy; here was the man who worked in the fields not as a beast of burden but as a son of God, with his face towards the sun, and who served his brother man not with greed in his heart for satisfaction of his own desires but whose joy was to serve life, to serve God, to serve his brother man. This brings his divinity right through his human nature. This is so important. You are living here on this earth, not to escape at the first possible opportunity in order to float away into higher worlds, but you are here to live as God-men, to live nobly and beautifully. You are here so to live as to glorify your Creator.

These same simple truths will be manifested in the new age—not all at once, because we have to realise that there is a great deal of soul work to be done before man can demonstrate the qualities of the Aquarian age. To you who listen, we say how lovely it will be! Scientists will discover further the secrets of nature; we shall have a wondrous mode of lighting and decorating our homes that will be beautifully warm, being heated by concentrated rays of the sun in various forms. There will be no dirt in the home and so the housewife will have a good

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time. We shall not have to work nearly so hard. How beautiful this new age is going to be! Yes, but pause a little and think: all things of this nature have to be earned, and they also bear a penalty. This may not be quite the best way of putting it. At all events we can say that these reforms, these inventions which will come forward in this new age will have to be paid for, in some form. For that matter, everything in life must be paid for.

Spiritual things cannot be paid for with money. They have to be paid for by man himself. Man has to learn in this new age the art of giving himself. None can give a greater gift than himself or herself. This is what the master Jesus demonstrated. Hold the picture before you of the life of the master Jesus, and you will see he gave himself without measure. The race in the Aquarian age will have to do likewise if it wishes to enjoy the gifts that are waiting in the invisible for man to bring forth into the visible. Man must therefore learn to give himself without stint. This does not mean that man has to crucify himself, but that man has to surrender the selfish demands of the mortal man. He has to see things in a truer perspective. He has to develop discernment, discrimination between what is worthwhile and what is worthless. He has to select, to choose his way, and to choose the better way. As the master Jesus taught, the better way is the narrow path. It does not appear so inviting; it means discipline; it means restriction of the appetites of the flesh; it means the controlling of the thoughts and the speech and the actions in life. These things mean self-discipline.

The many beautiful qualities within human nature are going to be brought forth in this new age. Let us consider only the material things that are likely to come about. There will be a further overcoming of time and space – this is happening today, is it not? – and consequently a lessening of distance. Before very long transport will seem so rapid that distance will disappear. Man is already beginning to extend his term of life in the physical body and there will come a further prolongation. Life will become longer, because as man evolves he will touch divine wisdom. He will not recognise at first that he has touched divine wisdom. This divine truth will percolate through the mental body and this mental body will grow very powerful at first in the new age. You are seeing indications of this already in the worship of the intellect and the achievements of the brain and the mind, but this will pass and there will come development of the spiritual qualities, the Christ qualities, and a breaking down of mental arrogance. This is of the utmost importance and necessary, because without this other influence to qualify the strong mental development, man would destroy himself through the uncovering of the secrets of nature. Today, you see, mankind has arrived at a certain cycle in his spiral of evolution on which he is getting more spiritual balance. So these destructive powers of the mind will in time be held in check, but not without work and effort, as we have already reminded you.

You people are pioneers of this new age. To you and groups like you, the powers behind the veil are looking to bring to the earth this supreme light, this spiritual quality which must hold in its place the great mental power. We might almost describe the two as force and energy, two opposites necessary to the development and the keeping in place of physical matter. Yes, a very great age is before you in which there will be advance in television, in the reception of sound, in interplanetary communication, and in knowledge of the wonderful secrets of the invisible worlds.

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There will be also the discovery and very great use of metals and the discovery of new metals. Yes. We do not know how to explain but can tell you that there will be most wonderful new materials. Even buildings, houses, all these material things will change and will become, as you say, 'streamlined'. We see at first not very artistic (from the heavenly point of view) architecture. We do not think the points, squares and hard lines at present in vogue attractive, but this is only a phase. We look forward to the greater beauty of curves and beautiful lines in building. These will come with development of God-consciousness, when man begins to get beyond his mental plane to the celestial. Then he will bring through something of the beauty of the heavenly spheres. Do you understand? A great difference exists between the mental and the celestial planes. When your vision is open and you look into the mental spheres you will see triangles, squares and points—sharp, hard lines. When you get to the higher and celestial plane you will get beauty in curves, gracious and soft colouring, a greater harmony of line and form. This is what you will expect in the later part of the Aquarian age—a manifestation in matter of this more heavenly state of life.

Let us return to this development of the soul qualities. First, man will become aware of his inner powers. Then he will begin to develop them, and the veil between the visible and the invisible will be swept aside. Except in a very few people there will be no division between the two states. That is to say, man in his body will develop his vision, his certain knowledge and understanding of an extended life beyond death of the physical body. This will be known far and wide. Instead of being laughed at for holding extraordinary ideas, those people who have not got there will be the more criticised.

It is one thing to acquire mental knowledge and power, but another to apply or to use what you have wisely. You see what we are driving at? Unless man follows the path outlined by the master of the Piscean age, man will prove his own destroyer. He can destroy himself. We do not think he will, but he can. In individual cases this destructive power can be seen at work in the life. Every person has to learn his infinite possibilities, has to develop his infinite powers, and then must apply or use them as God meant him to use them. To this end we have the wisdom of the sages, through the past ages, teaching man the correct and wise way of life, showing him the path of his soul. In a way it does not matter much if people are wilful and insist on taking the lefthand path. It is only like a man banging his head against a brick wall. The wise man does not batter his head to pieces. He follows the quiet and orderly way of progress and takes the righthand path. The sooner humanity recognises the fact that it is subject to divine law, the quicker it will enter into this state of harmony and happiness. The object of life here is that you may realise, may find, may create your own heaven on earth. You do not depend on outside things if you are a true candidate. You create your heaven. Then you are in your heaven here and now.

The natural process of evolution brings humanity into ages which offer to mankind certain opportunities, qualities and gifts. You are really now on the cusp of a very great age of beauty, harmony and power and spiritual ecstasy.

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Before we finish we want to refer to the people in this mystic isle.* This is a very favourite topic of ours. This mystic isle has great potentialities. We cannot go fully into this. It would take too long. In this land lie buried the secrets of a great early age when the world was controlled or directed by angelic beings, by Sun-Gods or God-men. These great ones came from another sphere, another planet which is invisible, and were known as Hyperboreans. They travelled south from what you call the North Pole, a magnetic centre, to this mystic isle and to other parts of Europe. These great Sun-Gods have left their secrets buried in the earth of this isle. In the Aquarian age development of man's mental and spiritual qualities will enable your scientists to penetrate these secrets of what we call the 'lost world'. Even now in the not-too-distant future some very remarkable discoveries about these ancient centres of power in this little mystic isle will be made. The White Brotherhood are drawing closer to those who can be used for this purpose. This divine fire is coming to grow and develop in man; it is going to rise from the very ground upon which he lives.

*[*That is, Britain, where the teaching was given.]*

All this will sound far-fetched to many of you, but we are unconcerned. What we say is right and true, and to those of you who can accept it, we say continue faithfully and patiently with your work of resuscitating these centres of divine light and power, because in this isle lies the secret of creation, the secret of moulding etheric matter and the building again of the beautiful temples of the Great White Light of the past.

There are still so many things we have left unsaid. May we tell you what part music is going to play in the future, and also speech? Even now the stimulation in people of the love of music has begun. The power of music is going to increase. Beauty is going to increase. You have passed through a period of rather unpleasant music. This has been a time of noise and conflict, which has had its purpose in breaking down unwanted things, like the builder who gets to work with his pick to clear away old buildings. More beautiful music will stimulate the mental qualities and will gently open the heart centre. The music that is coming will raise the vibrations of the earth.

All that has finished its usefulness will be cleared away. It is even now being cleared away. This is not altogether pleasant, of course. This age is going to see an increase of brotherhood, but at the present time some misunderstanding exists as to the meaning of brotherhood. Brotherhood means recognition of the needs of all others, not only of one person or of one class. The true brother is only too willing to help his brother to be satisfied and to receive that which is necessary to him. The spirit of love and brotherhood amongst men is surely, surely coming to you, my children. No man can crash the gates of heaven. He must proceed according to law and gradually unveil the rose which is his heart; and you are all on that path towards mastery over the lower nature and mastery of physical matter.

- Q. What part will speech and dancing play in the new age?
- A. Movement and speech and music are all connected with ritual, and ritual is connected with the utilisation of invisible forces. Where speech is correctly used, it means that

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invisible forces are gathered up and built into form or are directed to a certain centre or place on the physical plane. This certainly has an influence for it is a creative power. Speech is a great agent for the control of occult force. Dancing, of course, was much used in the temples of the past. If you could see clairvoyantly what takes place with the movement of a trained dancer who is working from the spirit and not only from the mind, you would see most beautiful designs of light. Everywhere he or she went they would create certain forms, and you would see all these forms build into the ether, being built of light. Form built of light in the higher ether will in due time gradually crystallise and be brought through into matter. All this is somewhat beyond you at present. We can only give you a hint, an idea. Movement will have a great deal to do in the new age, not only with the body itself, with the prolongation of life and health, but also with the creation and recreation of life. Movement and speech are very important. Much harm is done ignorantly by bad speech. Good speech, the correct formation of words, clear diction, precision in speaking, is really very important. Few of you use your speech in the correct way. People are apt to become slovenly in speech and use a lot of words that will create a state of chaos. In the temple of the past, rhetoric was one of the subjects in which the candidate was trained. It would be a very good idea to have a speech training class and movement class in the White Eagle Lodge. You may be amused but this is all part of spiritual development.

- Q. In the Aquarian age will there be one common speech?
- A. Of course; spiritual language is a common language. In the higher spheres there is just one language. In time unification of all the races on earth will necessarily bring one common language of the spirit, which will be interpreted in the same speech through the lips.
- Q. In the higher worlds is speech by sound?
- A. Not as you understand it. Speech is almost like a flash of light. It is speech but not as you understand sound on the earth. There is sound, there is spiritual vibration. Speech is very much finer and more musical than you understand speech.

There will be many unexpected happenings in the new age. Miracles, my children, the world will call them. From many quarters, flashes of light will come to illumine the darkness of the earth. The effect will be like a revolution, but not of the kind you think – a revolution of thought and ideas which are going to flood in before very long.

Benediction:

We thank Thee, O Great White Spirit, for Thy blessing which is upon us now. We thank Thee, Great Almighty Presence, for life, for love, for all the gifts which Thou dost so freely

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give to Thy children. We thank Thee, and may Thy peace, Thy tranquillity be born in our hearts and remain with us evermore.

Amen.

