

Vision of Eternity

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Invocation:

We raise our hearts in prayer and thanksgiving for life, for preservation, for the wondrous love which guides and guards and blesses our lives. Eternal Spirit, our hearts pray that during this hour of spiritual communion each one here may be caught up in the power and the light of Thy Glory; that each may hear the singing of angels and feel the brush of their wings. May the inner vision open for all our brethren here assembled, and may the lotus cup of communion be filled and overflowing with Thy Spirit.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brethren, we come into your midst with a love inexpressible in earthly language. We can only pray that the Great Spirit of Love will grant us power to be instruments to convey the all-enfolding love and the protection of which you feel so much in need. We come to speak to you collectively but also individually. We are aware of your heart's hunger, your fears, your anxieties. Do not think that when we come with the power of the spirit to raise you from the earthly consciousness which imprisons you and which causes you to be anxious and fearful—do not think that we cannot enter into your souls and understand the weariness of the flesh and the anxieties of the mind. Do not think that the heavenly hosts who draw close are unconcerned with all the things which trouble you bodily, mentally, materially. Every secret of your souls is known to the masters. Those whom you call 'masters' work as one mind. When they descend to the level of humanity, each has his particular work to do, perhaps along a certain line dealing with a certain aspect of truth. At the highest level all masters are as one, and the master mind is attuned, is complete in the Universal Mind where truth abides at the heart or centre and radiations of truth envelop the whole universe and every individual life.

We are trying to impress upon you that the angels, and the heavenly spheres from which they descend to your level, are not as remote as you may think. You can at this very moment, if you will, leave all to follow him, and you can be with him in that high estate. Do not forget this, particularly when you are immersed in material limitations and anxieties. It is then that he calls and says: 'Leave all and follow me. For I am the way, the truth and the life.'

Men and women make such a mistake when they think of heaven as remote, as far beyond their attainment. Heaven is within man*, and man must learn to find heaven within whilst he is still in a physical body. Then he will go to a heavenly state when he slips off his coat of skin. Death is an initiation—which can initiate the soul into degrees of life which are either lower, intermediary, or higher. This depends upon the state or the quality of man's consciousness while he is living on earth.

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

So do not make the mistake of thinking that you are left alone in your difficulties. We are speaking now especially to one or two of you who happen to be up against a brick wall (as you would call it), not knowing which way to go or what is going to happen next. You know to whom we speak? You are blindfolded, but only for a short period. Contain yourself in

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confidence and in peace, longing only to be His servant, praying that you may be still and await His commands. All is known to God and His agents. No soul is ever left unattended and yet every soul must pass through its own initiation alone. Every soul must pass from one state of life to another alone. It is this very aloneness, this loneliness and mistiness which eventually brings progress to the soul. For at first a soul is like a child wanting to do everything for itself. It does not wish mother or nurse to share its game; it wants to solve the puzzle of life for itself. The soul is like that child, and also desires to pass its initiation alone. Indeed, it must be alone. For when the eyes open and a great expansion of the soul takes place, it must be alone and silent. So it is with you now. In your bondage you are purposely left alone to meditate and to develop your inner strength, your trust and your faith.

What is faith? Faith is an inner knowing that God is good and does not fail in goodness or in love. Every soul must develop this faith in God, an inner knowing that God is good, and faith in the God-within itself. An important point is that people must develop the faith that is undeveloped within themselves. You, dear brethren, encased in physical matter, are so easily misguided. It is as though a shutter came down before you, blocking out your awareness of the grand spiritual life which is all around you, barring you out from those creative spheres of life which are so close. Immersed in earthly matters, to you that is all that counts. You are battened down in the ship of life. That ship is your own soul and it is being tossed on the seas of emotion until at last of your own freewill and accord you awaken the master of your ship, the Lord, the Christ. Instantly he rises up and says: 'Peace, be still,' and the turbulent emotions subside. You become aware then of a great calm within, and a voice says: 'Lo, I am with you always.' You know this is true. You hear not only our voice speaking; an inner voice is also saying: 'I am the Lord Thy God. Within, my child, within is your strength, is the power, is the divine will.' Nothing can happen in your outer physical life that matters more than this, your own initiation into the expansion of the God consciousness that is yours. On this simple truth the Temple of the Great White Light and the Golden Lodge is built.

Are there such places? Yes! Without question there are temples and lodges and countries (or places) in the ether. The white ether is more solid and more real than your physical environment. For in the white ether lies the record of eternal life. The physical state is transient; it is not as real as it seems; the nature of physical matter is change, change, change. The state of white ether is growth, growth, growth, moulding itself by the will of the Divine Creator into infinite eternal beauty. You cannot comprehend infinity nor eternity. It is useless for us to try to describe it because it is impossible to comprehend infinity with a finite brain and mind, but you can listen when we tell you that deep, deep within you, in the inner planes of consciousness, are worlds of indescribable and unbelievable perfection, and that, as you learn to command yourself, your emotions, your fears, your anxieties—as you learn to enter into the sanctuary of peace in preparation, you will by your own freewill and power advance into the glories of a world perfect in form, colour, harmony; a world of music, a world of goodness, a world where everything falls into its appointed place without hindrance. St John gave a description of the New Jerusalem, of the Golden City paved with gold, the gates decorated with blazing jewels. What is this but a portrayal of your own inner self—your form the temple; your chakras the gates studded with beautiful jewels; your heart the throne upon

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which the King and Queen rest? In the Gospel of St John you will also read a clear exposition of the truth of man's soul, man's life, man's goal.

Not yet does the earthly mind comprehend such a truth. Man lives at present for himself alone. There are a few, however, who are striving to live for others, and a very few living only for God and in God and with God. Those who are aspiring are occasionally permitted to touch the fringe of His garment. These things of which we are speaking are the real things of your life and our life.

We are full of compassion and love for you, for we see you in bondage, immersed in a materiality through which you long to break. My children, your prison is of your own choice, and is in reality the very condition your soul needs to prepare it for initiation. How many of you here are crying for knowledge! How many of you long to understand and to feel that you are a part of God; that the same life force which runs through creation is also in you! How you long for ever deeper knowledge of man's bodies, of man's souls, knowledge of man's spirit! You want this knowledge so that you may be a better servant of humanity. Nevertheless you feel confused and unable to advance. There you are wrong, because if you could truly examine yourself in one year's time from now and if you could better assess the value of your human experience, you would say: 'Thank God, I have progressed.'

But this progress you have to take on faith, and so you are blindfolded. It is better so, for you are serving your probation here on earth, but it is your attitude of mind to your hardships, restrictions and your problems which is the Great Initiator, and will eventually free you. This does not mean by death necessarily, but free you from the limitations of the mortal state.

We see humanity is making good progress. You cannot see it but we can. We would therefore remind you that as you are gathered in this temple, you are accompanied by angels, guides and teachers, elder brethren, by all degrees, all aspects of life unseen. Lift up your hearts with the great company and give thanks for your creation and preservation. Above all pray that you may retain your inner faith in the power of love, for love is the law. It is life; and as you put the law into operation everything works for good. Love is the fulfilment of the law. Fear departs, limitation departs, not only on the spiritual plane, but also on the material plane. Love, love, love, means give, give; give all your love to God and God's laws, and all will be fulfilled in your outer life and in your soul.

And now will you try to follow us? We will make it as brief as possible. We remind you that we are all drawing closer to one of the greatest initiations for man. We are speaking of that wonderful ceremony of the mystical marriage, which comes each year. Sometimes it is called the Christ Ceremony. Sometimes it is called the worship of the Divine Mother. It takes place on your earth and for the souls on earth in the month of June. All souls equipped and ready are consciously or unconsciously swept up into that vast concourse of shining souls above the earth. This will probably take place during your hours of unconsciousness. On the other hand, those who are ready can rise in full consciousness and participate in this Christ Festival. At this time of the year in your northern hemisphere the Divine Mother is most active. You see Mother Earth rising too with the soul of the earth, and you see the manifestation of her beauty

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in the budding and the opening of the leaves and the flowers, in the sweet fragrance of the earth; you see the Mother Divine rising in physical form and turning her face towards the Sun. Mother Earth is the physical symbol of the soul of humanity. The physical part is only the lesser aspect. As the Divine Mother opens her heart, her love to the Father, she is drawn up in His glory and His power, and the mystical marriage between soul and spirit is achieved.

Now this is the great initiation which someday awaits every soul, and some of you may be very much nearer to it than you realise. These things are true. We speak of reality. We speak of eternity. We are not speaking of matter and destruction and death; we are speaking of the real things which should concern you far more than what is going to happen to you tomorrow. All of that will pass away. What takes place in your soul will never pass away.

The Father and the Son are one. The Father and the Son and the Mother are the glorious Trinity of the heart, the beginning of your life and the end of your life and the beginning of your life again.

Finally, with the union, with the mystical marriage between the human soul and the Christ Spirit, we see a wonderful picture, a lotus flower held by invisible hands in the highest heavens. The lotus flower is the chakra of the heart of the individual and of all humanity. The lotus flower is held high in this mystical, golden radiance, and gently opens its petals. Above this bowl, this lotus flower, shines the Son, the Cosmic Christ, the beginning and the end. This is life eternal, your life.

This is truth. It is so simple; just live and love and have faith—believe, aspire and do good. As simple as that. Then all is beauty. In that cup, in that sacrament, you are united for ever with loved ones. No one is ever lost. Your dear one is with you now in form, as close as ever. It is now the finest and the most beautiful part of him (or her) who is close to you, for the dross has been melted away and there only remains the pure gold of the Christ Spirit which is within us all.

Benediction:

O Gracious Spirit, we kneel in Thy presence to pray that in our hearts we may find fulfilment of this Thy glorious truth, and this will be Thy blessing upon all these Thy children tonight and for evermore.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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