

The Aquarian Age – II

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Invocation:

O gracious, beloved spirit, our Father–Mother God, we raise our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to Thee for all the joys and blessings of mortal and spiritual life. We pray that there may descend upon this gathering a great power of love. May the angels of light make their presence felt. May each soul here respond to the influence and the guidance of the angelic powers. May this group be a channel through which the light of the heavens may pour on to the earth. At this moment we hold in this ray of light, the whole world. May the Light of Christ, Thy Son, illumine the minds of the earth brethren. May peace reign in the hearts of men. May each soul here be filled with aspiration and determination to serve the Great White Light on earth.

Amen.

May all present be conscious of the power of the spirit. In these days of hardship, materialism and mists which surround earth's humanity, the individual can do so much to help the angelic ones in their work of raising the vibrations of earth. Humanity does not struggle up the spiral of evolution alone, and in this lies the value of teaching men and women about the spiritual powers, about the life beyond the veil. Contrary to the thoughts of many, knowledge of the spiritual life and the life beyond is vitally important. We recognise the demands made upon the energies of man*, but you should know how to discriminate between the real and the unreal, else you would not be here. You know how through the expansion of your consciousness you have gained help. You may do much more than this; you may fight within yourself to retain supremacy over the animal instincts and the darkness and depression of the earth life. You may carry with you an optimism—more than this, a positive knowledge, positive thought and positive action, as you journey through life—and thus train your spiritual hearing to catch the words of power and truth broadcast from the heights.

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

This is a preliminary to our talk on the Aquarian Age. Already we have spoken briefly on this subject; tonight we will amplify that which we have already said, for this talk will follow on the one we gave on the cycles of life on the last occasion of this gathering.

Man is now preparing for the great spiritual reconstruction which is to come. Before this can be manifested through the physical and material conditions of life, there must be made a channel in the spiritual centres of man's being. This work can be done by you today in accordance with your determination to respond with simplicity and knowledge to the angels and to the planetary visitants to the earth. We are passing out of the Piscean Age. But there was a certain amount of preparation during the latter age for the ushering in of the Aquarian Age. The great teacher of the Piscean Age, Jesus the Christ, was a great mystic, a great psychic, a great healer, and in his life can be traced his response to the higher influences of the Piscean age, the Neptunian influence. Not many can respond to the influence of Neptune sufficiently to bring through into activity the Neptunian ray. But we see in Jesus a wonderful example of the perfect man, who is responding in his physical life to the highest planetary

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influence of his age, an example of the preparation to which we are referring—the preparation for the next great cycle, the age of Aquarius.

Before leaving the Piscean age, let us contemplate the beauty of Jesus Christ's life, and his selfless service to his brother man. 'I am the way, the truth, and the life'.* I AM...I AM...I AM the Way! The 'I AM' speaking through him, for he had responded to the very apex of the angelic forces, the apex of the planetary influences showering their blessing upon Him. He was truly a psychic, in the highest sense, because his psyche, or his soul, was perfected and poised, a perfect channel; a calm and beautiful sea upon which the light of the sun was reflected clearly and beautifully. He walked upon the sea; a demonstration, not of his miraculous powers over nature, but to teach those of his disciples with understanding, that he was able to control the soul, the emotions. He had risen above the turbulence of the desire vehicles of life. He was responding steadily, steadfastly, to that higher octave of his physical life, his ruler, Neptune.

[*John 14 : 6]

Astrologers know little of the nature of Neptune yet, and it is recognised that few can respond to its beautiful influence. In sleep the soul made ready will respond to the gentle influence of Neptune, and will enjoy experiences on the higher planes. If the physical body is sufficiently attuned and has been purified through right thinking and positive life, the mind or memory will catch a *memory* of its experiences. We do not say that every Piscean will respond thus, but on the higher spirals, the influences of Neptune will affect some during sleep or trance.

You see the implication? The Piscean age, the Piscean influence, will illumine the soul and prepare it for the next step, which is the age of Aquarius. We are now moving into that truly glorious period of the earth's evolution, and Saturn, which on the lower vibration will bring tears and suffering and restrictions and limitation, has a wonderful influence upon the Aquarian. We would say that Saturn is the portal of initiation; that as the soul draws near to release from bondage (I do not mean death, but release from sin and desire) the Saturnian influence will teach it how to hear the Word. This mysterious Word will enable the soul to pass through the portals of initiation into the mysteries of its own being, of his creation, evolution and final illumination and birth into the light of the Sun. Those sufficiently advanced on the spiral to respond to the higher octave, Uranus, find that suddenly there breaks upon their consciousness understanding, light. Through the Uranian influence come sudden happenings, cataclysmic, revolutionary, turning night into day, and here we witness the sword of the archangel Michael, as it descends upon man to release within him, through suffering, the glorious birth into the new and radiant life.

You must translate these truths on to the physical, the soul and the spiritual planes of being. Let us recognise that when something cruel and devastating comes and sweeps away all that the little self holds and cherishes, and destroys the ideal for which it has worked and striven, this is the sword of the archangel at work. Then comes resentment in man, but all too quickly. For even as the soul cries out in rebellion against God and all the angels in heaven, the light breaks through the mists, and there comes the calm and beauty of the morning sunlight, after

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the night of stress and storm. And in our thankfulness we forget the storm, and know only joy at our rebirth and the hour of peace.

And what of the Aquarian age? How will it manifest on earth? The Aquarian age will be an age of the spirit, as the Piscean age was an age of the soul and emotions. Christianity is a religion where the emotions are stirred, made use of; the emotional body is the vehicle through which the higher influences of heaven can reach man. But in the Aquarian age, it will be the higher spiritual body, the intuitional body, and through the intuition will come to mankind a new creative spirit. You are preparing today. In every group such as this, you who participate are being attuned, and also the place in which you meet. You are sounding a tuning note, so that the forces of the higher worlds can be directed to that spot, to that group of people. Through these groups a sounding note goes forth, not only on the earth, but on the astral plane, which not only affects the people on earth, but also those awaiting incarnation, who are descending through the astral plane on their way back to rebirth. You know so little of what is taking place in the higher worlds around you, so little of what happens when you sit in these groups. Some may think it all very nebulous. They do not know. Even though you feel of little consequence, the finer vibrations and the finer atoms in your higher vehicles are being attuned to be of use to the angelic hierarchies in their work for the future.

With the Aquarian Age you will see a revolution in education, in religion, in science. Even now there come influences which are stimulating certain advanced souls to bring into operation a new system of education. Instead of education being a process of intensive mental study, so that the mind becomes blocked and stuffy, the new influences will penetrate the spirit, the intuition of the children will be unfolded, and stimulated, but [with] vibrations of beauty of colour, and art and form. The ear will be trained to hear beautiful music, the eye to see beauty. There will be beauty expressed throughout life; beauty, the external expression of the spirit: beauty, not the creation of intellect alone, but in itself an expression of the Divine.

Souls preparing for incarnation are being so strengthened by your help that these incoming egos will bring a memory with them of the beauty of the spirit worlds. In the new age, buildings will become—shall we say?—as poems of beauty in stone. Beauty has already found such expression in stone, think you, both in creation of today and of the past, even the ruins which remain speak of grandeur and strength. But you have yet to see the delicacy, the beauty which can and will come. Works of art will become living creations in the future, and the vibrations of nature will be so heightened, so quickened, and the gardeners will be so trained by the creative spirit in man, that the gardens will be beauty enshrined. Your question: ‘Can we improve on nature?’ With pure spirit functioning through the mind of God’s highest creation on earth, man, he should express beauty in the arrangement and control of nature. We speak with knowledge; we know of that which we have seen in the higher worlds. We know that nature, as you see it on earth, is not yet perfect, but with the harmonious working of man with nature there will come further unfoldment.

We see, indeed, a beautiful earth! But what comes before? Will the Uranian influence of Aquarius cause floods and earthquakes, and the sweeping away of that which is unwanted in the new age? Or will that which appears useless be woven into its fabric? So much depends

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upon the response of those who are now living on earth and who understand. What a responsibility is yours! You are builders, master masons, and your Master, the Grand Architect, has issued His orders, not through the lips of any man, but through the gateway of your heart; not through your mind alone, but through your heart, the centre of intuition. Within the heart, through the sufferings and restrictions brought by the influence of Saturn, the password is sounded which flings wide the gateway into the new age of Aquarius.

A new religion is coming. There are those who hope to reconstruct and infuse the Church with new ideas. But the master teacher said: 'It is useless to put new wine into old bottles'. There *must* come cataclysms, not necessarily of a physical nature, but perhaps through the soul of things changing: a revolution which will not necessarily cause bloodshed, but a revolution of thought. Mankind, responding to higher influences, will discard the old; the spirit of man will rise up and say: 'We cannot slay our brother man'. His whole being will rebel against war. That spirit is already stirring in the young; already we see the influence of the new age creeping into the hearts of people, demanding that there shall be peace, equality, brotherhood, the right to express the spirit and to live harmoniously, freely, to worship God in their own true way. The spirit creepeth into the hearts which sayeth 'There are other worlds beyond the material world; there are other ideals to live for beyond the accumulation of material wealth and power, which fades in time and leaves behind but dust and ashes'.

All these things come in the future. When man is prepared, the ancient temples will be rebuilt—by which we mean, not the actual physical temples, but that the mystery schools of the past will come again to the earth. We shall see upon the mountaintop the great White Temple for prayer, meditation, and the creative power within man. Thus will be established upon earth the universal brotherhood of spirit. There are those from the Piscean Age responding to the intuitional influence; those of whom the master spoke: 'And your young men shall see visions', visions of that which is to come, of the New Jerusalem; 'And your old men shall dream dreams',* meaning that they, too, in their dreams would come under the beautiful influence of the rays of Neptune. Why are the planets Neptune and Uranus being drawn into the system of the earth's evolution? For this: for the sustenance of humanity; to usher in the age of the spirit, the age when the spirit of man will function freely and consciously in higher worlds, whilst still in contact with the flesh.

[*Acts 2 : 17]

Words fail! We cannot indicate to you the glories of the new age! You say 'When is the Aquarian Age coming?' The Aquarian Age is now being born. Actually, when the 'lion's paw' gripped humanity the birth began. As we told you last week, the 'grip' was made upon a sleeping, lethargic humanity, in 1914 maybe. The 'Lion of Judah'* then gripped the world, gripped humanity. Now slowly, gradually, oh, so slowly, passes away the Piscean Age, and dawns the Age of Aquarius.

[*The 'Lion of Judah' is a term used in Revelation to represent Jesus; the 'Lion's Paw' is a masonic term.]

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Benediction:

We raise again our hearts to Him who is the Perfect One. And as we respond again to the gentle influence of His life and power, we are caught up into the great light of heaven, and we become as children round the Throne of our Father in Heaven. Amen.

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