

Victor at Armageddon

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Invocation:

Brethren, will you close the doors of your lodge—meaning the five senses of your physical body—and open your soul to the reception of rays of light from the world of light? Then you will see clearly the Great White Temple of the Spirit, and see in this temple a company of angels and sweet human souls arrayed in garments of purity and beauty. Come with us, earthly brethren, into the temple of the spirit and there, in the great silence, open your hearts to God, our Creator.

We thank Thee for every blessing of life, for the wisdom and love which guides our steps on life's pathway; even for the karma which is difficult to accept and to believe that it comes through Thy love and wisdom; that we are confronted with these opportunities in order that we may grow and rise in spirit into Thy kingdom of love and truth.

Amen.

Most of you like to feel that there is a better world than this one in which you live. It comforts and inspires you to think you can look into a heaven world. Some people think that heaven is very far away from the life of man* on earth, and we who come from that spirit land find it very difficult to describe it in earthly language, or to give you any sense of its reality. Nevertheless, we shall endeavour in this talk to paint a clearer picture of the many spheres of invisible life, as a follow-on to our talks upon the harmony of the spheres. We have often taken you in thought, in picture or in your imagination, into a temple of exquisite beauty, purity, holiness, and as you have risen in consciousness you have in imagination briefly lived in that temple.

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

While man lives in his physical body, he is imprisoned to a degree (but not entirely), and he finds great difficulty in holding his picture of life at that high level. From that level right down to the earthly, the physical level, are many interpenetrating planes. It is impossible to isolate any one plane, or for any man to isolate himself on any one plane, because his life is ever interwoven with the whole of life. This may sound to you a simple statement, but it is one of the fundamental truths, and man must come to understand this interweaving of all the kingdoms of life.

Now, dear brethren, when you can rise in consciousness to contact these higher realms, you touch a *real* heaven world and receive into your being the beautiful influences from that world. The temple of the spirit may seem to be individual; it may be universal, and this same temple can be seen by every soul when its eyes are opened.

Many of you during your meditation, we know, have been able to enter this temple of the universal brotherhood. But how many have seen the canopy or roof of that temple, which is formed of the protecting love of the Creator? You will have seen that it is supported by pillars. Yes, these pillars which support this canopy of protection are the qualities of the soul. If you will think this out, you will clearly understand what is meant. You pray, you

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sometimes cry out in your need to your protector, the Great White Spirit; but in order for you to receive full protection you need to develop within yourselves qualities of the spirit which are like the pillars supporting the canopy. This means that when in daily life these Christ like qualities are put into operation by spiritual law, all the protection, the guidance, the help that man needs comes to him.

We would have you know that the descriptions which are given to you of the spirit temple, the temple gardens, the homes of the people in the invisible world, the temples of learning, the temples of wisdom, the temples of art and science, are of *real* places; they do not exist only in imagination: they are real, enduring structures. This is very difficult for man to understand, and until scientific knowledge has evolved to a higher degree than at present, it will remain impossible for man to understand how such higher spheres are created. Nevertheless, in the world of spirit there is perfect organisation, perfect life. We are not speaking of the confused lower planes to which many men and women pass on leaving the physical body, but of a world free from all the entanglements of ignorance. The lower planes, the very lower planes of life, which are described as the dark planes, are merely in embryo. They are confused because they are in the process of evolution.

Having touched upon this subject and so opened the windows of your soul for you, we want to speak about the religions of past ages and their origin but still keep in mind the beauty and the perfection of life in higher spheres, as well as the struggling existence lived by souls in the lower spheres. The two opposites are sometimes called good and evil, white and black, positive and negative, but when the vision broadens, heightens and deepens, the oneness of all life is revealed; the child of God sees that all is contained in one vast spiritual consciousness. In the ages past many different religions have been introduced to man on earth. From where do you think these religions have come? Did they originate in the brain of man or was their origin in the temple of Truth in the spirit?

‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God.’* All religions in the beginning have descended, have come forth from God. As they have descended through the brain, the personality of man (except in certain cases which we will speak of a little later), these religions deteriorate, are misinterpreted and so become confused. Then argument upon argument follows, making a Tower of Babel to be built whenever all the people speak in a different language and cannot understand each other. Let us be quite clear. In the beginning, the truth of man's creation, his life, his incarnation and his eventual regeneration, was presented in the form of a story, an allegory. Religion, in the past but also at the present time, has been a religion of the mind, an outer religion. Man is told he must be good; he must obey the teachings of the Lord; he must try to obey the law of brotherhood; if he is to live in any sort of heaven after death, he must behave himself down here.

[*John 1 : 1]

We are now in the Age of Aquarius, which means not only an age of the spirit but also an age when man will be helped to help himself to penetrate the mysteries of life and death, and the mysteries of the heaven world to which he is going. In the New Testament you have a

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beautiful and wonderful revelation given through a great Initiate (which means one who has full cosmic consciousness) whose mission was to convey to the people a method by which they could enter in full consciousness into this world of spirit. We commend the Gospel of St John and Revelation of John for your reading. The sphere of John is directly related to mankind in the new Age of Aquarius—John, when you have learnt to interpret him—is explaining to you the whole structure of man's spiritual being, together with the art of meditation. He takes you in symbol, in language, to the New Jerusalem, which is a city neither here on earth nor in the beyond, but a state of consciousness which man will attain whilst still living.

Again we have to try and explain what we mean. Dismiss from your mind any idea of 'here' and 'there,' of earth and heaven; conceive life as one eternal whole. Now by learning spiritual law and by being constant in obeying it; by putting it into operation in your daily life, you can then (in a simple way) commence to taste the fruits of heaven; you will commence to grow in spirit and in awareness of the life invisible. You will no longer regard death as something either to dread or to welcome (as some people may). You will have no time to fear death because you will know that death changes man not at all, that when he takes off the garment of flesh underneath he has another garment, or body, which he has built for himself in former lives ... *lives*, please understand.

This is how man will eventually discover the true significance of all the religions ever sent to earth from the temple above. These religions have become established, have helped many different races at many different times, all through the ages. Some of the religions, even today's, have degenerated, but still contain a seed of truth; and truth, as you know, is so simple. Man is the child, the creation of a parent, a God who has both the Father and Mother attributes, the dual perfect being. Man is the child of this divine dual being. You will find this story repeated in many ancient religions right up to the present orthodox Christian religion.

Let us not forget that the teachings of the Lord Christ are meant for man in the present age. Jesus came in the Piscean Age to present to waiting humanity another picture of the path of life. It has taken two thousand years of loving service by devoted and dedicated souls and saints to establish this divine truth of man's being and potentialities. There have been limitations in this presentation, but pure truth is still a pearl of great price. In this Aquarian Age, the age of the spirit, man will dispense with all crutches, all the aids to his spiritual progress on his own path of evolution. He will find for himself as he learns, obeys and understands the directions given by the great world teacher of the Aquarian age, John. He will discover how true was the teaching of the Lord Christ, through Jesus the man, and will be enabled to develop moral qualities and spiritual powers which will release him from bondage for evermore.

Before you waits a most glorious opportunity. Magnificent things are coming in this next Age of Aquarius. Man may appear to be living in a state of darkness now, but at a touch of the switch (which will be done by the spirit) will open wide for man a light and life of infinite beauty and happiness, a golden age where there will be no death. You think that we are romancing. You cannot believe us! No, brethren! The time will come when man's great

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enemy, death, will be overcome. There will be no more death when the soul has grown to fullness of perfection. This is the meaning of the story of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Many people refuse to accept and believe it happened. Jesus demonstrated it. He did not die. His body was perfected as everybody can and will be perfected at the moment of divine illumination and power, which can change the very cells and atoms of physical matter.

Our last word: in the past you have read about Armageddon, when a great battle would rage on earth. Some people have gone so far as to believe the last war was, or the next great war will be, Armageddon itself! No, my children, no! This is not likely. The real Armageddon does not take place at the physical level, will not be fought with guns, bombs and high explosives (which is all childish rubbish). It will be man's own battle within himself between the way of ignorance or the way of knowledge, between the way of self-indulgence, selfishness (although selfishness has its place in man's climb upwards).

His feelings must be controlled and disciplined and slowly developed from desire for self-preservation to love for God and all God's creation. Be aware now of these two forces, ignorance and knowledge, darkness and light, matter – physical matter – and spiritual life, and decide for yourselves which path you are taking. So – are you following the path of the spirit? Are you yearning to learn and to understand the meaning of the path, the meaning of the light? Or are you going to shut the New Revelation out of your consciousness and live only for bodily indulgence and satisfaction, and shut out from yourself all the beauty, the power of heavenly life? This is the battle of Armageddon awaiting every man, and the help which has come to man now comes from the Spirit to his spirit.

Amen.

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