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We have come to talk with you about the Sun. We left this thought with you on the last occasion on which we spoke, but we gave no indication of whether we should speak of the Sun above or the Son of Man, or God. We are going to deal first with the sun, the great life-giver of your earth plane from the spiritual or esoteric aspect, but as we proceed we shall find that the physical sun is inseparable from the Son, the third aspect of the Deity.

On your earth plane there are great intellects which admit nothing beyond the physical facts. They regard the sun in no other aspect than that of physical science and thus reach only to a fragment of truth, for there is much yet to learn about the physical sun.

In ancient days when men* were spiritually quickened they possessed within the inner schools of teaching knowledge which had been passed to them from their teachers. They knew of a spiritual power, a directing influence; indeed they worshipped the sun, not merely because it was the life-giver of the physical life, but because they saw beyond and behind the physical manifestation a spiritual power, recognising the true origin of the sun. When you understand more of the true nature of the sun, so commonplace to you in your life on earth, you will in your turn bow down and worship it. The sun worshippers were no heathens or idolaters, but rather knew the spiritual meaning of that physical representation of the light, the illumination, the life-giver of their world. Science tells you that no life can exist on the sun, for the heat is too intense, but many of those same scientists declare nothing lives in spirit, that all life dwells in the physical, and deny proof of anything beyond the physical representation of life. But you know that you live in a world of spirit; you need no convincing of this truth, not because you have received evidence of discarnate beings living on the astral plane but because you are at one with the spiritual world. Your heart or your intuition is your guide. Reason certainly takes a hand in your deductions, in your conclusions, but the truth speaks in you.

[*For information around gender issues, see the Introduction.]

What you recognise in the heavens as the sun is not really the real thing. The physical sun is a reflection of the spiritual sun. The sun is—if I say a complete universe, it will perhaps mislead. We would have you think of the human soul evolving along the path of spirit, of Christhood, until it becomes at one with the power of the Father, until it holds all illumination, all glory, becomes unlimited in its influence, an actual creative centre or sun. Is it possible for the finite mind to grasp or for us to put into language the inner meaning of this truth? I cannot clothe the idea in words, but your intuition must follow the path through the Christ to the Sun, comprehending if it can the glory of that centre of life and illumination. Then only will you begin to glimpse what lies before you as a soul.

On earth, man's life seems so infinitesimal, so antlike, and yet so full of infinite possibility.

Now to shake the old materialistic theory of the evolution of man. For we must go back to the beginning of creation on earth, when the voice of Power gave forth the command 'Let there be Light: and there was Light'. In the beginning there came to this earth plane God-men, or Sun-men, who came from the sun (and let us remember that life in the sun—in the sun, not on

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the sun—is indestructible). The Sun-men possessed bodies, but not such as yours. Shall we call them Sons of the Flame—who walked with and taught the men on earth?

When the people on earth found their feet, so to speak, then a desire for power, a spreading of the wings, took possession of them. I dare not say that it was not in the plan that man should descend from that state of purity and simplicity to delve through the planes of experience, gathering unto himself the rich red blood of life—I would not dare to say that it was not the will of God the Father. But the descent of man—I would call it the descent rather than the fall of man—is another story which we must leave for the present to be continued later in another talk—the journey of man as he departed from the spheres of the flame, down to absorb or gather the rich red blood of human experience, with which eventually to quicken his consciousness of God the Father.

Yet it would seem that there was sorrow in heaven ... do you follow the inner meaning, the sorrow in heaven at the descent of the child of God?

Let us refer to a parable of Jesus—you perhaps remember: he spoke of the servants of the Master being sent into the vineyard at different periods to teach the people, which people stoned and rejected these servants.

Now this parable has been interpreted, as are all parables, in different days as meaning the different teachers which came to humanity at different stages of the world's evolution, but also it may be interpreted as referring to the Sons of the Flame, the Sun-men who imparted knowledge to the lesser children, until at last the children rejected those Sun-men, and so they were withdrawn. Nevertheless the people knew within themselves that at some future time there would come again a Great One, a Master of the Sun ... that he would come from the Sun they worshipped, for sunk in materialism as they were, they remembered. You will find records of these people as far back as the continent of Mu, which records are now being discovered. There are still many [records] buried in the sands of Tibet, lying in many places both in the East and in the West, which will tell the story of the Sun-men.

The people knew that a great being would descend from the Sun to save humanity from the depths of sin and error. The advent of the Great One was expected—through many religions you can trace the expectancy—and at last came Jesus, the Master, the greatest soul ever incarnated in an earthly body (I am not speaking now of the Christ), a Master, who had sufficiently prepared his spiritual bodies or vehicles to receive the tremendous inpouring of the great Sun-Spirit, the Christ.

Can you imagine what this means? There remains more than it is possible for us to reveal concerning the preparation of Jesus, for the incoming of the Christ, the Light, the Illumination, the Son.... The Sun-Spirit was unable to contact or to incarnate in the ordinary way into a physical body which was not prepared. Even then such a vehicle could only sustain the power for a short period. There were times when Jesus the Master had to withdraw from man, even though surrounded and protected by the twelve mystical ones, who came from the Inner School of Mysteries and who understood to a degree the powers which

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were around him. During the periods when he withdrew, even from the twelve sometimes, he was ministered to by angelic throngs.

We cannot impress upon you too seriously the magnificence and the glory of this Sun-man, the Son of God.

Life in every form is created from the sun; even as your heart is the centre and life-giver of your body, the power which motivates your physical body, so the sun is like the heart of the universe.

The light which shines from the sun is an illusion. This must be difficult for you to absorb, as it is difficult for us to get it over. There shines a spiritual illumination, a radiance from the sun, even as there is an aura to your physical body, but what you contact on the earth plane as heat and light is but a reflection and not that which it appears to be.

The Christ-Light, the Son, the great Sun-Spirit, the reflection of which you see manifested in your physical sun, is that which manifests on earth and would save and call humanity into its own substance and being—but not to absorb, so that man loses his individuality, but to enlarge and expand his consciousness so that in time he becomes one with the Light, the Sun. Christ is the Illumination, Christ illumines you and saves you from the sin of the world; Christ is more than a God-consciousness within, but is the Radiance, the Light, the Sun, the Power.... Christ is of the Father ... but *the Father and I are one*, and from the heart of the Father was born the son ... *Sun ... Son*.

Q.Would it be correct to say that Christ is the Spirit and essence of God in manifestation?

A.It would be perfectly correct. You will remember the Transfiguration—that the glory of the Son was greater than the disciples could bear. That was the incoming into physical elements of the spiritual Sun. Do you follow?

Another time, when he was upon the cross—you remember?—the earth became dark. It was not the earth that became dark, but the great manifestation of the Sun through him which threw the earth into shadow and darkness. He opened the way for the initiation of all into the Way of the Son, so that you beloved, you and you, might be clothed with the Sun.

The core of all mysteries lies in the descent from the sun. Never regard the sun above as merely a molten mass of fire, but as a glorious reflection of divine light, the Son of God the Father.

Were not the planets born from the Sun, one after another, and did not the mass thought of humanity cause certain eruptions or disturbances in the birth of these planets? You may not accept nor believe this—and we respect your reason. But it is so.

Q.Shall we again be privileged to have Sun-men on the earth plane?

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A.All humanity will be privileged to become Sun-men. There comes again the time when the Sun-men will walk on earth and be at one with man again. Has it not been said that the angels of the Flame will talk with men? Was it not symbolised by the rending of the veil in the temple, opening the way for all to enter the path of initiation by way of the sun? Yes, the God-men will be with you. But remember, the vibrations of the earth will not be as they are today. The old order must pass away with the incoming of the Sun.

It is good to eat things which are full of sunlight. In sunlight there are all the properties that you need for the restoration of the physical body.

Q.If sunlight is so good for one, why is one told not to expose the body too much to the sun?

A.Because some physical bodies are so far removed from the sun that they cannot stand vibrations which are so powerful. A body which is strong and in harmony can never be harmed by the sun, although too much at once is very drastic. But if the body is attuned by right living and right thinking to the sun, then the sun can never hurt.

Q.I wondered if the fact that the Sun to them was the only way in which they could visualise God was a memory from a previous incarnation?

A.Beloved, it is a memory from the beginning of your creation. Do you not see the purpose of life? It is that you may bring through into complete outer consciousness of the mind, these inner mysteries. Within you lies the truth. In your meditations, your contemplation, something of what we have said to you may come forth, bringing with it memories of your Life.

Think about the Parable of the Stewards.* Think of the words: '*I will send my son—I will send my son…*' and the Son of God came ... and man took and bound him and crucified him—is still crucifying him daily. But remember, man can never kill the Son, for in spite of crucifixion he will rise and triumph over the flesh and will become again the Son of the Father. Rejoice! Rejoice! Cannot you feel the angelic wings, the wings of flame touch and illumine you?

[*This is more often known as the Parable of the Tenants, and is to be found in Matthew 21:33-46 as well as other gospels]

We are feeling the radiance of the Light.... We are being baptised in the power of God our Father....

Be Thou in us—of ourselves we can do nothing; we stand aside, resigning our lives to the inflow of the Son; may our will be Thy will, may Thy will be done in us, now and through the ages.

Amen.

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