

How the Future is Foretold

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Invocation:

Divine Spirit, God, Thou Who art all-pervading love: we bring into the holy place, into the rays of light, our humble hearts. Thou alone knowest the cry of Thy child. O gracious Father, may we be worthy to receive the great love which Thou dost pour upon us. Give us through Thy gracious Spirit the heart of peace, to know that in Thy great universe all is law, all is working a great purpose out in human life. So may we resign ourselves into Thy loving care, but may we also have the inspiration and the vision to create according to Thy beauty.

Amen.

Greetings, my beloved ones. Try to take hold of this thought at the outset: that all the universe is working towards ultimate perfection, to ultimate Godliness. You are dismayed with the suffering and the cruelty of man*, but could you look from the mountaintop of spiritual understanding you would be overawed with the beauty of God's creation.

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

Always keep this as your star then, and allow it to guide your life, because today is eternity. Those vibrations which you set in motion today are your future. Take fast hold of this ideal of truth and beauty and loveliness throughout life and you are creating tomorrow. What you endure today is the vibration of yesterday, so today is eternity, since it reflects yesterday and creates tomorrow.

Life is vibration, and the vibrations set in motion yesterday (and when we say yesterday, we mean what you call the past) reverberate through the ether, and come to settle—if I may use that expression—today, in your life. Therefore yours is the power to create the future, and in this sense you are the captain of your ship, the master of your soul.

But also there is a destiny which shapes our ends.

These two quotations on the surface appear to contradict each other. If one is captain of his soul, how can there be another destiny to shape our ends? It is natural to feel that one is the captain, and the teaching of the spiritual planes of being, no matter through what channel, also directs one to take command, directs the ego, the God urge, to take control and to captain one's life.

Yet people say, 'Oh dear, it does not matter what I do, I am frustrated; I know all these things to be true, but look at my own life!' You see also the sufferings of apparently innocent people, and you ask why should children be left fatherless, or wives husbandless—why should any mother's heart be wrung with grief and anguish over her offspring? Is this a God of love, a demonstration of the power of God? Does God inflict this suffering? No. God does not, but there are eternal laws which cannot be broken or thwarted. They may apparently be violated, but as the ship ploughs its way through the darkness of the night on the ocean, so these inexorable laws of the universe hold fast upon their way.

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We do not want to over-dramatise our theme, but rather by understanding to lighten your way, but it is useless to flit from flower to flower like the butterfly, without making due provision for the aftermath of the butterfly's existence.

You will ask, 'If the future is already planned and ordained, what is the use of making any effort to alter it? We may just as well drift through life if destiny be unalterable.'

Today creates tomorrow. Your destiny lies in your hand. Glancing back over yesterday, we see that certain vibrations were set up as a result of actions. We know that there is a law—one of the five fundamental laws of life—the law of cause and effect. We take it for granted that most of you here know that the law of rebirth is true, otherwise we cannot give any explanation of how the future is foretold. In previous lives, in yesterday, seeds were sown, or vibrations were sent forth into the ether. I cannot go into all the marvellous details which result, but the vibrations penetrate the astral and the spiritual worlds and set in motion certain forces which are drawn back again to the sender, that ego* is drawn again into certain resulting conditions of life. Here we can couple this with the influences of the planets, although many think it rubbish that the planets can influence human life. There is nothing useless in the universe. Planetary forces are drawn to the central point, the ego, and so follows a rebirth of that ego, of that seed in the very soil which will best help that seed to grow and to send out finer vibrations for the future.

*[*White Eagle commonly uses the word 'ego' to mean the individuality, the soul, not in the sense of 'egotistical'.]*

These vibrations reflect 'pictures' on the ether. Your moving pictures provide a mechanical, material demonstration of the power of the unseen, as do also your ordinary photographs. Your life today is like your little camera which takes pictures, which registers. So do you also set up on the screen of the ether incidents which are likely to happen. The vibration of yesterday on the ether is reflected today, the vibrations of today will be reflected in the future life—not necessarily in the spirit life, but in incarnate life, and so yesterday, today, and tomorrow are all one.

We said that there are no such things as accidents. No, what appear to be accidents are the result of underlying causes. The results of that cause may come quickly or be delayed, but they will come. I am not going too deeply into this because it is probable that your questions will amplify it.

'What is to be, will be.' What a fatalistic saying! But do not forget that other power which declares 'I am the captain'. This may take a long time according to your idea of time, but surely, surely, as a man sows, so he will reap, and nothing is lost and there is no injustice in life.

Vibrations are set up as a result of actions, but, you are thinking, the actions are apparently the result of thought, and so how are they going to reflect in the future? The answer is that it is your reaction to these events of today which create the vibration, the soul vibration, and not

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merely what you go through. Again, it is your reaction which creates brightness or otherwise for the future.

Another suggestion: when vibrations are sent forth, they return again to the sender and the result of these actions sinks into the very fibre of the being, so that the bloodstream contains the vibration of the past. Thus eventuate indications such as the lines on the hand. How can one read anything from the lines on the hand, you ask?

A divine law causes these lines to be as they are; they are reactions showing the profound effect which the past has had on the soul vibration, and thence to the bloodstream and the formation of the hands, feet and head. Indeed, characteristics are impressed upon the whole being.

Therefore you can sum up an individual by his speech, attitude to life, the way he dresses and writes, his gait and habits—all these present a picture to you, and you know that certain traits of weakness or strength, given their natural course, are likely to produce a certain result. ‘It is obvious’, you say; it is a simple demonstration of a deep law underlying life.

Sometimes one who is a prophet (in the lesser sense) will look into the ‘mirror’ of the ether, and will see an uncertain or blurred picture; another time the picture shows itself as clear and definite. Sometimes the ether—or shall I say the ‘etheric fluid’—surrounding the individual is tumultuous; you can imagine what a reflection a rough sea would produce. Therefore there would follow a certain amount of difficulty in interpretation. In other cases when the individual and the etheric fluid is steady, there shows a very clear picture. This fact applies both to the one who is being told, and also the seer who is looking into the future. This accounts for failures to interpret clearly, a certain amount of confusion.

The great thing to remember is that above all and through all the supreme law of love rules. There is that loving care and watchfulness which always guides and helps the ship into harbour. All is well, that which lies before you is for your ultimate good, because although you have created conditions which mean perhaps suffering, or maybe joy, the ultimate is perfectness and union with the Beloved.*

*[*In this context White Eagle appears to mean the divine source.]*

Do not worry about events of today in this day of life, but concern yourself with sending forth from your innermost vibrations of love and beauty to create the future. Today is important only in so far as your reaction to its events creates for the future growth and harmony.

Q. We take it that our lives are mapped for us like a pencil sketch, and it is up to us to put in the colour and the details?

A. That is a splendid description. The vibrations have created a landscape garden; you must grow the flowers. Yes, you give colour, beauty and light, and also the flowers in your garden of today will seed and make perhaps a very magnificent garden in the future.

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Q.How is it that while some of us can see fairly clearly the future of another, we cannot see our own?

A.You could if you would, but there is a merciful veil drawn. When an individual attains poise, command, wisdom, he knows what the future holds—it is just there; there is no future, all is here, now. Some have the perception to see the future of others, but not the courage to penetrate their own. The inhibition lies in the fear.

Q.If certain bad vibrations of the past cause an individual suffering today, is it possible for that individual to alter or change the suffering to beauty?

A.There is your garden planned. Some people may not trouble to beautify their garden because it is unshapely, but others can and will improve it, by planting bushes and flowers. It is your reaction to events today which will either erase the ugliness or leave it bare. Some people always bob up like a cork; although karma seems to overwhelm them at times, they come out smiling. Do not adopt the attitude of having to endure karma. Your garden may only be a back yard, but it can have lovely flowers and look as sweet and beautiful as many a larger, if love be there. Is not life beautiful! Is not God good, Who gives you the power to beautify?

Q.The larger number of people, because of ignorance, can only grow weeds. What about them?

A.You can only see the surface; what you call weeds may be in reality flowers. It is not possible for one to get a very clear picture of another person's garden. Now with regard to those poor souls who you say have not the knowledge—there is something within every soul, no matter who it is, there is God within every man, like to an urge or light. He can respond, and as soon as he does there is light, peace; compensation comes to him in his life, in his inner self. Remember, beloved, that all are at different stages of evolution, and there are those who are on the very outer or materialistic circle, and they cannot possibly remember, they are so far from home. When the soul turns inwards again, towards the Godhead, it begins to open up these inner senses which will bring memories. All present here are moving inwards; therefore your consciousness will gradually quicken and you will pick up fragments of your past, but the man on the outermost ring, in very material conditions, has to deal with those material conditions and no others. But there is always that within him which will take him far. Bear in mind that the law which causes suffering is really at work to bring that man into joy. It is only through experience and suffering that the soul can be awakened to the consciousness of divine love.

Q.In reading the future, is it possible for the seer to become confused between temporary thought-forms around an individual and the actual pictures of the future?

A.Yes, certainly confusion takes place. To get clear-cut pictures needs not only a very still and steady vibration of the seer, but also a very still and steady vibration of the sitter.

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Sometimes a picture may be a long way off, sometimes near. It is very difficult to judge time, because there is no time. Sometimes it is possible to define time accurately, and sometimes the picture is almost as though it were on a piece of elastic. Therefore the prophecy may appear to be wrong, but wait, because time very often will reveal to you a truer meaning. Then you will say 'It certainly has happened—but not a bit the way I imagined'.

Benediction:

And now, beloved, let us as one dear family unite in worship. With full hearts, O gracious Spirit, we come to Thee. Use us for Thy service. We thank Thee, O God, for the beauty of Thy laws, for the wonder of Thy love, and for every blessing of our life. May we go forth hand in hand with our Father.

Amen.

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