

# The Affinity of God and Man

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## Invocation:

Great White Spirit, Divine Love, Father-Mother God; Christ the Son and Saviour in mankind\*—Thou who art all peace, security and love, we direct our aspirations to Thee for we would be filled with Thy Glory; in Thy name we call to our brethren in the angelic kingdoms to encircle this group and to bring light to the hearts here assembled. We pray for the enlightenment of all the worlds of life, and pray that we, both incarnate and discarnate, may receive thy divine inspiration to work unceasingly for the unfoldment of Thy Power, Love and Wisdom in all men.

Amen.

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

There may be many questions tonight and so we will not waste time by giving a long preliminary talk, but we are guided to speak to you upon meditation. At our last talk we referred to the need for going direct to God, to the Great White Light as the ancients call it, whose manifestation is seen by men through the saints and teachers of all ages and in a perfect degree through the master Jesus of Nazareth. But when you pray or meditate, we suggest that you make your approach direct, from the heart-centre and from the mind within the heart, to the Father-Mother God in whom all life has been. Nothing should come between the child and the Parent; there should be a direct contact.

Meditation should be not something to be indulged in at odd moments spent in your sanctuary, but should fill your whole life so that at all times there is consciousness of the Christ Light in the heart. It should be a continual awareness; the purpose of life, the purpose of all striving, is that you may be aware of this Divine love, this perfection of life, so that you live continually in harmony, in sweet happiness within as Jesus did. For He said, 'I and my Father are one'\*, [meaning] 'I am in the Father and the Mother and Father are in me'. This, my beloved brethren, is what the western world has to realize. It has to learn to turn its attention from materialism, from death to life.

*[\*John 10 : 30]*

It is true that there are many worlds around and above the earth, many planes of life, many states of consciousness; from these worlds and states of consciousness man attracts to himself companions, guides, teachers, angels, planetary beings; he will attract to himself the like of that which he has created within himself. As we said in our last public talk, we all have our teacher. Our friends on earth often ask, 'Have I a teacher? I desire certain teaching and help. Why does it not come to me? I desire to do certain work; why am I prevented from doing it?' You may be unaware that you are already serving mankind but perhaps not in some spectacular way. So long as a soul is expressing God in thought, word and action in a human and happy way, he is doing the work for which he longs, even if unconscious of doing it. My brethren, when a soul is ready, which means when the karma has been worked off—I am speaking of the bad karma of the past—then the soul receives help for the next stage of the path. Wait in trustfulness in the divine love; be sure that your karma and dharma will bring

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the teaching that you have earned, an expansion of consciousness by which the soul grows aware of the spiritual friends and brethren around it on earth. This is not to say that a soul does not need to make an effort. Life is all effort; in nature effort brings growth and expansion; therefore, there must be a quiet working all the time, and it is this which increases one's awareness of worlds above and beyond one's own plane. Even as you on earth delight to hold converse with those on a plane just beyond the earth, so those brothers in the higher spheres equally delight to hold communion with those in the spheres above themselves. Life is just one grand chain, link within link of brotherhood—one is alone and yet of a vast company.

We notice how you build by your prayers and aspirations a beam of light, a channel of light which appears to be like a V. Into this channel which aspiring souls open there comes guidance and wisdom and all the help that is needed. The powers of the Divine work slowly, but perfectly harmoniously. If an earnest prayer is sent forth, there is always an answer. Some child of God is used to answer, in some way, the prayer of the heart.

Someone has asked about the beginning of life. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.'\* The questioner asked if this applied to this particular solar system? The mind thinks ever of the beginning as if it were a starting post and then of the end as a finishing post. We ourselves find it extremely difficult to clothe spiritual truth in earth language and this adds to the confusion. 'In the beginning' does not refer to any particular time, nor place, nor solar system. In the beginning is now—'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end'. Do you not see that in the beginning is now? There is no starting post and no finishing post. We are now continually becoming, we are now continually becoming, we are now creating. Life is eternal, life is continual creation and movement, life is continual evolution. So when the words 'In the beginning' are used it does not apply to any special time, place, world or solar system. 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.' If any questions follow on that, we will answer them.

[\*John 1 : 1]

Q.It is generally understood that during the cycle of incarnation, every soul manifests both male and female qualities; therefore, if the two elements are thus blended harmoniously in the soul, is it really necessary for there to be a coming together of two separate parts, male and female?

A.You mean that a soul, if it combines both male and female, is self-sufficient and therefore it is not necessary to find an affinity? I answer this in a very simple way. We may be self-sufficient and during our meditations approach that plane of consciousness where we realize at-one-ment with the Divine, but there are other expressions of our life which would be very lonely if there was no-one else there. I cannot conceive the Father-Mother God condemning us to a life of single blessedness, because God has planted within man the need for a companion—but that companion should share my tastes and aspirations. Therefore, I know that I have a companion, an affinity. That affinity may at certain times be expressed as

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a male, or positive; at other times that affinity may be expressed as negative, or female. There may be an interchange of these aspects, because in every soul there is a dual aspect, but for the perfect happiness of the soul there must be times when there is separation or a consciousness of separate life in both the positive and the negative, male and female. There are times when the two are blended as a perfect whole; there are times when the two are separated for action, for service, but always the two are one, and the one is two. The expression in the physical body of either male or female in the varying incarnations makes no difference. A soul may be expressed as male in one incarnation and as a female in another in order to gain experience and develop certain qualities.

With regard to the group affinity, groups are drawn together and work under the direction of the Lords of Karma. It is karma which decided the grouping of souls and in reincarnation you will be born into a family or a group according to the karma you have earned in the past. Does that answer your question?

Q. Is it possible for one soul to remain negative throughout all its incarnations and the other positive? Or is it necessary for each to be a perfect whole? Did not God create in the beginning male and female as one, and will they not ultimately come together again as twin souls? I get a picture of the cross within the circle—the two dual souls forming the perfect circle.

A. What we would try to express is that God created male and female. It is true also that the two will become one, because the two follow the path of divine parents, for God created man in His own image. As God is both Father and Mother, so there are creations of the Mother-Father, male and female; the two are one, and the two will come together eventually. But at the same time I am trying to convey to you that you must try to get away from that box with a label on it. Oh, but we do not like labels! I want to try to convey an idea of a blending, both being male and female. In the beginning God created male and female, yes, but in that male and female is the opposite. There is both in the one. The two aspects are in the male, the two aspects are in the female, in the spiritual creation, in the whole being, but that does not alter the truth, the fact that the two are one, the perfect whole, both male and female. Is there not some method, even in physical science, of making negative positive and positive negative. Do you see what I mean?

Q. Does each unit have to get perfectly balanced before it joins up with its counterpart?

A. There is not perfect union until there is that perfect balance, hence the varying incarnations of male and female. Some people think that the dual soul is in one individual and that there is no such thing as affinity of separate egos, but this is not our school of thought. We accept the Word as given in Genesis—God created male and female, one for the companionship of the other.

Q. Every life seems to be a questing after the perfect companion; it is part of our heaven and we cannot conceive happiness without it.

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A. Because of the knowledge lying deep within the soul. We personally have seen a vision of life on the planet Venus where there is absolute expression of divine love and divine marriage, which has to be earned, which has to be attained through aspiration and work and service. When you are able to function on the true spiritual plane of your being, then you will realize in what a state of darkness is the earth and how difficult it is for us whilst enfolded and boxed in this earth condition to comprehend the glories of higher worlds.

Of course, whilst in a physical body you become so accustomed to the sex of that body that you cannot imagine yourself in a body of opposite sex. You may not like the idea that you might be one of the 'lesser' sex or a 'greater' sex. What an old-fashioned outlook! Male and female are absolutely equal—a very vital truth which must be realized on your earth. Until it is realized, until it is recognized in all the expressions of life on earth, equilibrium will not be restored. How can you expect progress, spiritual or material, when your ship is not on an even keel? Absolute equality as God created them, male and female, perfectly balanced: that is one of the fundamental laws of life, equilibrium, balance, equality.

Q. I understand that a master is always humble in his choice of words and expressions; why therefore do we find the master Jesus making great claims?

A. It is true that one who is recognized as a master is indeed crowned with humility. He makes no claims for himself, because if he is a master, he knows that he is nothing but an instrument for that which pours through him; that which uses him is the Great White Light, is All-Perfection, All Power, All Wisdom, All Love. But the Master makes no claim. 'I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, He doeth the works.'\* The question has arisen because the questioner has not got the conception yet of Jesus as the channel, the instrument, for the Infinite Power. Jesus did not speak of himself.

[\*John 14 : 10]

### Benediction:

Our hearts extend beyond all limits so that we are in all life and all life is in us. Let us aspire to live to serve all life, to love every man and woman and child, to be unwearying in our efforts, to give help to every man, no matter who or what he is. This, brothers, is the Christ in man. It revivifies every soul and atom of the physical, etheric, astral, mental and celestial body; it glorifies, it gives peace to the mind, it brings serenity of spirit, for God is Love. We humbly give forth our thanksgiving for this blessing, this blessing of glory which God has poured forth upon all who turn to Him.

Amen. So mote it be.

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