

# The Possibilities of The Future of Mankind

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## Invocation:

O Divine Presence, make clean our hearts within us by the inflow of Thy wisdom and love. We pray that the angels of power, wisdom and love may be present during this hour of spiritual unfoldment. And unto Thee we render hearts overwhelmed with love and thankfulness for the beauty of creation.

Amen.

You have chosen as our subject 'The Possibilities of the Future of Mankind'. We have already dealt with this under various headings, but it will bear repetition. Let it be borne in mind that man\* has reached his present stage of evolution through ages of growth. Not only the physical body has evolved, but other subtler bodies. Thus the future of mankind will demonstrate that perfect life of the Christ-man and exhibit again the powers which Christ demonstrated to his disciples and to the multitude—powers regarded today as miracles, except by the few enlightened ones who understand. The spirit of Christ working through the Master Jesus demonstrated powers which will be utilised again by man when grown to the beauty and the stature of the Christ-man. Did he not say 'These things shall ye do also, and greater than these shall ye do'?

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

The whole purpose of your life—take hold of this thought, bring it into your very being and express it in everything you do, in every contact you make with your fellow man and when you face great joy or heavy trial—the purpose behind the human experience is growth. If you fail to delve beneath the surface of experience for wisdom and knowledge within, you are wasting years of life.

A question will crop up here. Is it possible to so waste life? We believe it is possible for the soul to mark time, that in some incarnations the soul makes little progress indeed.

At the present period there is great help being sent to man. Man's spiritual bodies are being quickened by an inflow of power and light and love—a great impetus sweeps humanity. Some present have experienced initiation and know that initiation brings an experience to the inner self which raises its consciousness above normal, gives it a vision of the future and brings an impetus and desire to so live, to be so attuned that the soul may more quickly enter the kingdom of heaven.

Oh, if only the beloved children of earth would trouble to meditate upon the teachings of Jesus, they would learn much of the occult laws governing human existence. Some today think it idealistic to ponder on what might be, and consider the mystic, the idealist as one who is merely wasting his time. We would impress upon you the importance of the idealist and the great work of the mystic amongst men. And this brings us to that much maligned word 'imagination'.

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This is where the children come in. We would have you be tender and gentle with your children and watch the little mind at work; note the remarkable creative ability expressed, the wonderful imagination. When children weave pretty little stories and go to mother and say, 'I have seen so and so and so and so,' mother says, 'Oh, that is naughty! You know it is not true!' Mother is wrong, because to the child mind what is imagined and seen with the inner self is true, a creation of its mind. It is unwise to correct the child and cramp it back into the material condition of life.

We here explain that on the path of growth which man has travelled, the latest great development has been the mind or intellect. We know the importance of such development, we respect the intellect as a vehicle through which the spirit can function. It is splendidly equipped for dealing with the great cosmic truths and the creative powers with which it must cope, but the mind, unchecked, may prove self-destructive—witness what is taking place today through the misused intellect of man—the poison gas, the instruments of destruction\*. Instead of a mind working intelligently with higher forces, it turns downwards and calls on the forces and powers of darkness and destruction.

*[\*These words were given during the rise of Nazi Germany and just three years before the outbreak of the second World War.]*

What does this mean? Why, that such powers must eventually prove self-destructive, self-consuming, like the fires of hell. Remember also that as the mind of man reaches to the inspiration of the Divine, so will the mental powers develop and transform Man-Adam to Man-Christ. So will the divine Light use the splendidly developed mind functioning through a perfect physical body to produce or perform so-called miracles like to those of the Master Jesus and other masters.

No need to explain away the miracles of Jesus by mental gymnastics or theological evasion; they can all be accounted for. When man has developed within himself he will know how simple were those demonstrations of the creative power of God.

You asked us last week to deal particularly with the future of children of the present day, and how best to train your children to bring out the divine life which lies dormant within. Many children of today are higher egos, great souls. Many such are being incarnated at the present. You will notice children, the young particularly, are extraordinarily sensitive. Some will tell you fairy tales and say they have seen this, that or the other. Some will astonish you by saying 'I have been so and so in the past!' And mother says, 'Oh, how dreadful! What a wicked little story you are telling!'

But the mother and father, if they are together in mind and heart (and we do indeed hope they are) must together watch not only the bodily growth but the mental; note carefully the games that are played, the books that are appreciated, and particularly the expression of child thought. We deplore the tendency at school to push in material facts until the poor brain is stunted and stultified. We would rather encourage the child to grow in spirit, to open like a

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flower to the spiritual powers. Again we repeat, the purpose of life is growth, and at the present age particularly the growth of the spirit of the child.

This is where you need discrimination. All children are not alike. The best and finest way for the parent to assist the 'coming in' of the ego to the young body is for the parent to endeavour to attune himself or herself to the spiritual life. Much indeed is absorbed by the child from the aura of its parent.

Sympathy, discrimination and love; mother love must not be overdone or it may degenerate into 'smother' love, so that the beautiful incoming ego is driven back and the desires of the little body of flesh over-indulged, then the body takes predominance over the spirit. Remember, it is the spirit you would assist. Now, love is wisdom. If so-called love has no wisdom, it ceases to be love. True love is wise and just. True love wants spiritual growth, and true and wise love knows that experiences are necessary for the child's growth. Love also knows the soul has come back with certain karmic debts to be erased, therefore mother love will not strive to prevent their working out, nor shield the little one from all the winds and the rains of life. Rather it bestows courage, a clear outlook and noble bearing, so that the child may meet all like a sturdy little plant, unswayed and unbroken. It helps the little plant to thrive in all weathers, until at last it turns the bloom of its spirit to the sunlight, to the light of the Master, the Lord, Christ and God its Father.

A great gift is yours, if you have the care of young children; not all can be physical parents, but all may show love to young children and growing things.

And now our final point, the future of man in physical form. Note carefully the words used, ponder them, because more lies behind than appears on the surface.

The keynote must be man's increasing understanding and expression of love. Because love in man is the Christ Light, the Christ-man towards which you evolve. This is no sentiment. Love must possess man, love must be the soul expression through man. The purpose at the present time is an increasing attribute of love in man's heart.

Notice this; all over the world at the present time we find an increasing desire for brotherhood. Sometimes crude in expression, but not for thousands of years has there been so strong an urge for brotherhood. There are, of course, laggards, stragglers still out for personal power and selfish gain, but also many, many advanced souls who are as leaven. They bring to mankind this truth—the brotherhood of man must be understood, must be realised on this earth.

Oh, those beloved young people, how we love them! With their Boy Scouts and Girl Guides—do you think that these great movements are merely the idea of two people? No. Those two were instruments of Light, and they brought light into the lives of the young children. There are many other groups working for brotherhood; not only is proclaimed the brotherhood of human beings, but groups now teach the brotherhood of animals, of nature, of

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the trees and the flowers and the clouds and the wind, of all creation. As I gaze over the earth I see groups striving everywhere to encourage the love of nature; some may appear crude. Consciously or unconsciously, however, these people are learning, are communing with their brothers the trees, with brother sunlight, and with the flowers and birds.

It all comes to this: man's consciousness is gradually being raised to a plane of universal brotherhood, the plane whereon man will know that he cannot say a word of unkindness against his brother without hurting himself. He cannot act cruelly without retaliation to himself. Man will realise that all creation is one vast brotherhood of spirit, one atom inseparable from another. In this great family all are held in the love and the power of the divine spirit, our Father which art in heaven.

In God's mind there lives the picture of the perfect man, His Son, Christ—you! To God you are not the weak and erring child of earth; He holds you ever in His thought as the perfect form, the Christ-man, created in His own image, His only begotten beloved Son, Christ....

When man fully recognises his birthright he will not know war, will no longer be subject to disease and poverty, will overcome death. Christ-man within him will have mastery over all physical atoms. He will hold the power delegated to him by his Father in heaven. The powers of the spirit will be so developed that man will be able to read at a glance the thought of his brother man. It will be no use your saying, 'Mrs Brown, I am delighted to see you!' and thinking, 'Oh, what a bore you are!' for Mrs Brown would not be depending on your words but would read the truth from your eyes and your aura.

This sense is already developed in some—the more advanced egos today who are able to read as clearly as in a book the secrets of the mind of their brother man—but no-one would be entrusted with that gift who could not treat it with reverence. Hence you will understand the great need for spiritual growth before the finer gifts are granted. With the increasing growth of selfless love, you will find the vision, the perception of spirit, the power to heal—all the gifts which were demonstrated by the miracles of the Master Jesus. This is what is in store for man, the final and complete overthrow of death. There is no death, there will be no death. 'Do you mean no death of the physical body? That is against nature!' We mean no death as you know it today, but a transmutation of the physical vehicle into the higher, so that there will be no decay.

Q.Is it advisable to teach children prayers which they cannot really understand?

A.It is unwise to cram the child's mind with too much outward form of religion; it is far better to teach the child to love the daisies and to tell little stories about the flowers, how that flower was given to them by a very wonderful Father God. It is good to encourage the child to think of the unseen Father of love, but I do not think that vain repetition is good for a child, any more than for a man. Substitute for set prayers a gentle instilling of love for all things.

Q.Would it be well to suggest as it was going to bed that the child send out thoughts of love to all the poor little children who had not got a nice bed, and a mummy etc.?

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A.The idea of a beautiful angel by the bed taking care of it will give that child a sense of wellbeing, will take away any little fear and give it a sense of relaxation. But I am not quite happy about impressing the mind with the sorrows of other children. A child's heart is very sensitive and it can be wrung by these sorrows. Your poor little one cannot help matters, and I do not think it is good to instil a sense of sorrow too soon. Life's experiences will bring sorrow soon enough, and in God's way, not in your way. I feel that I want to give love and harmony to the child's mind, so that no sad thoughts come to it at such tender [an] age.

Q.Do you think that the stages in a child's physical growth correspond to some spiritual growth?

A.Yes; every physical reaction is due to an invisible cause. The full ego does not come into the body at once: it gradually comes in until the child is full grown. It has been said that it takes twenty-one years for the full ego to come into the body, but we would say that the gradual expression of the ego does not finish at the age of twenty-one but continues all through life. The stages of which you have spoken certainly indicate the increased activity or expression of the ego.\*

[\* *White Eagle commonly refers to the soul, the individuality as the 'ego', not in the sense of 'egotistical'.*]

Q.Does the ego always stay in the body, or does it sometimes consider that that body is not good enough for it?

A.White Eagle thinks that is rather like looking a gift horse in the mouth! I do not think that is so, beloved. There is a law at work in all these things. The ego may not stay attached very long, but I want you to remember that the death of the physical body is not the end. The physical body has a counterpart, the astral body, which grows for a period, and experience can be gained through that astral vehicle.

## Benediction:

In reverence and with simple childlike hearts let us give all praise and honour and blessing to the Creator of life, the One Great Spirit.

Amen.

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