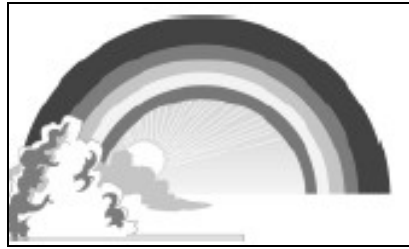


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FROM THE EDITOR

December 21st has come and gone and we are all still here. That does not necessarily mean that we are out of the woods because there are major challenges confronting us which we must face sooner or later. The world economy is in shatters, in part because of a monetary system that is unsustainable and debt levels of both individuals and nations at unprecedented amounts which

sooner or later must be addressed. Climate change will continue to be more costly both in destruction to property and in human lives. It is our children and grandchildren who will bear the brunt of our legacies so it is for us to give the young people the tools necessary for them to face the future. *Brian Alderson*
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WARNINGS OF THINGS TO COME

All of us at some time or other must have heard the story, as found in the Bible book of Exodus, of the Ten Plagues of Egypt. These plagues followed the enslavement of the Israelites by an Egyptian Pharaoh. According to the Bible the Israelite God Jehovah heard their cries of suffering so sent forth His servant Moses to plead with the Pharaoh for the release of the Israelites and warned him that bad things would happen if they were not released. But the Pharaoh would not concede so Jehovah began imposing various plagues on the people of Egypt in an attempt to force the Pharaoh's hand.

Despite the great loss of crops, sickness and pain these plagues inflicted on the Egyptian people the Pharaoh remained hard hearted and refused to bow to pressure. While the story tells of the direct intervention of God in creating these plagues we can also see them as karma or cause and effect. The Pharaoh and people of Egypt had been treating the enslaved Israelites badly for a long period of time and eventually their wrongdoings caught up with them. The first few plagues gave them an opportunity to mend their ways but despite the loss and suffering they would not change. It was only when the tenth, most catastrophic, plague caused the death of all the first-

born Egyptians that the Pharaoh finally relented and released the Israelites, allowing them to leave Egypt. It is estimated that the population of Egypt at that time was around 3 to 4 million people so the number of deaths caused by the last plague must have been in the hundreds of thousands. The pain, grief and suffering following this last plague must have been almost incomprehensible.

The Bible is full of prophecies some of which eventuated in ancient times while many preachers today refer to Bible prophecies that, they claim, will come to pass in our time. Also, for Christianity at least, prophesying apparently ceased a very short time after the death of Jesus. There are of course great numbers of prophecies coming from sources other than the Bible. Some are ancient, like those found in Mayan texts written possibly 2,000 years ago, the Hopi traditions and the many prophecies of Nostradamus penned in the 16th century. In more recent times there have been the numerous prophecies like those of Edgar Cayce, Paul Solomon and other psychics. The renowned psychic, Jean Dixon, must have seen the future as she warned President Kennedy not to go to Dallas on that fateful day when he was

assassinated.

One may wonder what purpose these prophecies served. If the future is set and unchangeable then they really serve no purpose other than to create fear. However, like the prediction of Jean Dixon, prophecies are in fact warnings of what will happen if the current course of events continue. By heeding the warnings and changing our course the foreseen events can be avoided.

Of course it is not only biblical prophets, religious seers and psychics that can foretell the future. To a degree we all can. We know that if we do certain things there will be specific results, which follows the law of cause and effect. With the advancements in science we have been able to more accurately predict the results of our behaviour. For example we know that long exposure to cigarette smoking will greatly increase the risk of cancers and heart diseases. With satellite imagery we can now get more accurate weather forecasting. Science has taken much of the mystery out of events in nature so that nowadays we can rely on scientific information rather than that of other-worldly sources to make judgement calls of how best we direct our behaviour to get the optimal future outcomes.

So many modern-day prophets have emerged in the way of scientists who have warned that, if the great industrialised nations of the world continue on the course they are heading, the future of our civilisation looks very bleak. We have plundered our planet in ever increasing amounts, with little regard for the effects on our environment and concern for the future.

More than three decades ago scientists warned us that our earth was getting warmer because of the of the vast quantities of CO₂ being emitted into the earth's atmosphere by the burning of fossil fuels and at the same time the

depleting of our forests which take up and store carbon from the atmosphere. These early warnings were originally denied particularly by those involved in two of the world's biggest industries - oil and automobile - just as the tobacco giants denied any connection between cigarette smoking and cancer.

The effects of warmer temperatures began to appear many years ago. One of the first signs was the bleaching and dying of coral reefs which are particularly sensitive to water temperature. Rising temperatures have caused the spreading of diseases to areas never before experienced *“Mosquito-borne diseases are now being reported at high elevations in the highlands of Asia, Central Africa, and Latin America . . . and malaria is a growing public health threat in the highlands of Papua New Guinea.”*¹ This reminds us of the insect plagues of Egypt which were an early sign of worse things to come if the direction we are heading does not change.

As time goes on more visible signs have shown themselves. These include the melting of ancient glaciers and polar icecaps. As predicted weather patterns have become more extreme. We now get frequent reports from around the world of landslides caused by unprecedented precipitation of rain and snow. At the same time droughts in Africa have resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of people: *“Figures compiled by the Department for International Development suggest that between 50,000 and 100,000 people, more than half of them children under five, died in the 2011 Horn of Africa crisis (drought) that affected Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.”*²

The world's food supplies are now becoming threatened by this extreme

¹ Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society

² The Guardian 18th January 2012

weather: *“Scorching temperatures and scarce rainfall has left large swathes of the United States in drought . . . The extreme weather conditions have wreaked havoc with the nation’s crop production, particularly maize and soya beans. Given that the country is the world’s top exporter of maize and one of the largest growers of soya beans . . . the drought could have ramifications for global food supplies.”*³

It was now becoming difficult to dissenters to deny global warming, so half-hearted attempts have been made to address the situations with international conferences. But the will to change was just not there. Again we are reminded of the Egyptian plagues when warnings were given but ignored.

One of the most disastrous storms in modern times was hurricane Katrina: *“. . . the costliest natural disaster, as well as one of the five deadliest hurricanes, in the history of the United States.”*⁴ The total death-toll was put at 1,833 and damaged cost estimated at \$81 billion. Despite this extreme storm followed what was predicted to happen as a result of climate change the words “global warming” were never publicly used as a cause of the storm. The people of America and the world were still in denial.

We are now witnessing what the scientists predicted – more and more extreme weather patterns with severe long term droughts in some parts of the worlds and unprecedented storms, deluges of rain in many other parts. The super storm Sandy, the worst Atlantic hurricane on record, is yet another example. While public awareness of the dangers we are facing is increasing politicians are reluctant to acknowledge the cause - global warming - and address

the issues because of lobbying from the automobile and oil industries and public reluctance to change our lifestyles.

Despite all the warnings we have received we stubbornly refuse to seek alternative modes of transport and energy generation and as the years pass the advent of the equivalent of the tenth Egyptian plague draws closer. In Egypt the tenth plague resulted in the deaths of possibly one fifth to one quarter of Egypt's population. In this age the equivalent of the tenth plague will cost to humanity of climate change may be measured in billions both in dollar cost and human lives.

When I discussed this topic recently with a fellow senior citizen he commented “I don't care because I will be dead by the time things get really bad.” But what about our children and grandchildren.? Have we no compassion for them?

We do have a choice. We can continue to bury our heads in the sand or we can stand up and declare that it is time to change before the tenth plague is imposed on us. *BDA.ΩΩΩ*

³ Scientific America 25th July 2012

⁴ Wikipedia

THE DEVILS'S CHARIOT

One of the main contributors of carbon emission causing climate change is the automobile which we find to be a convenient form of transport but must be the most inefficient machine ever designed by man. The first of the internal combustion engines used to drive these vehicles were made some 200 years ago and the modern engines still use the same principle of burning fossil fuels to produce expanding gases. In today's cars: *"Only about 14%–26% of the energy from the fuel you put in your tank gets used to move your car down the road, depending on the drive cycle. The rest of the energy is lost to engine and driveline inefficiencies or used to power accessories."*⁵ The average weight of a family car is approximately 1.5 tonnes while the average weight of a driver is less than 100 kilogrammes so, in the majority of cases when there is only a single passenger, only 6 cents in every dollar spent on fuel is used to drive the passenger around while 94 cents is used to transport the car! When it comes to overall utility and energy efficiency, of the 14%–26% of the energy used to move the car 94% of this is used for the car itself while the remaining 6% is for the passenger. So only about 1.5% of the energy is used to transport the passenger!

Not only are automobiles inefficient users of energy and polluters of our atmosphere but they are also deadly. It is estimated that 1.3 million people die every year as a result of road traffic accidents and a further 50 million are injured of which 2.4 million are serious.⁶

Automobiles are expensive to own and operate. The average cost of a new car in New Zealand is NZ\$35,000 and

the average lifespan is 15 years so depreciation would average out at \$2,350 per year or \$45 a week. Add to this the cost of fuel, insurance, annual licensing, servicing, replacing tyres and repairs and one finds that owing a car is expensive. Over the next few years fuel costs will rise at ever increasing rates as supplies reach critical limits and this will be further exacerbated by continuing political instability in major oil producing countries.

There are also many costs that are not so obvious, such as the costs related to enforcing traffic laws and accidents. In a year in New Zealand one in four drivers is liable to get an infringement notice for a traffic offence while driving, which will cost him or her the average of NZ\$250 per fine.

A report from the Ministry of Transport states that in 2010 the social cost of road crashes and injuries in New Zealand, which includes loss of life and life quality, loss of productivity, medical, legal and court, and property damage costs, was NZ\$3.5 billion. *"In per-crash terms, the average social cost is estimated at \$4,322,000 per fatal crash, \$455,500 per serious crash, \$26,000 per minor crash."*⁷ Worldwide the cost of accidents is estimated at US\$518 billion.

Another major cost is that of storing the car while not in use. Recently my son hired a car in Sydney for a day and the charges for parking the vehicle on two sites that day totalled A\$100. People who take their cars to work in cities know how expensive it is to store their cars during the day.

Another problem is that these automobiles are clogging our streets causing slowing down the movements of

⁵ U.S. Department of Energy

⁶ <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs358/en/index.html>

⁷ <http://www.transport.govt.nz/ourwork/land/land/safety/thesocialcostofroadcrashesandinjuries/>

traffic. In New Lynn, a typical shopping center in Auckland suburbs, over 70% of the land area is taken up with roads, car parks, used car lots and car servicing and repair shops, leaving only 30% left for people. There is an new four-storey shopping complex being built in the heart of New Lynn while next to it is a larger building under construction to house cars for the shopping complex customers. At a time of a critical housing shortage in Auckland 100 house are being demolished to make way for a new motorway. As Auckland population grows more dense so does the motor vehicle population crowding the fixed amount of roading so that congestion is steadily increasing causing not only frustration but is also costly in terms of fuel use and loss of productivity. *“Road congestion is currently a serious problem in Auckland. . .(We) endorse an estimate that it is already costing around \$750 million p.a. It expects the problem to get progressively worse for the foreseeable future under current spending plans, if nothing else is done.”*⁸

So with our main source of transport being this inefficient, dangerous, expensive, air polluting automobiles what can be done to change the situation? Firstly the inefficient combustion engines can be replaced by electric motors. The electric cars produced by the main automobile manufacturers are currently ridiculously expensive with prices ranging from 25% to 75% higher than the same sized car with petrol engines. Because electric motors are far cheaper to make than combustion engines they should be at least 25% cheaper. Backyard enthusiasts have converted cars from petrol to electric for as little as \$10,000 dollars.

Cars that are driverless have

recently been produced and tested on public highways with complete success. *“The U.S. state of Nevada passed a law in June 2011 permitting the operation of driverless cars in Nevada. . . The Nevada law went into effect on March 1, 2012, and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles issued the first license for a self-driven car in May 2012. The license was issued to a Toyota Prius modified with Google’s experimental driverless technology.”*⁹ One can see the future when we will no longer need to own a car but simply use our cellphone to dial-a-car and have a driverless car appear shortly after at our doorstep. We would then punch in our destination to where we would be safely delivered. As cars privately owned are parked 90% of the time replacing them with community owned driverless cars would reduce the number of cars needed by over 50%, thus reducing road congestion, accidents and transport costs while freeing up valuable urban land for more productive use.

Also more emphasis will also need to be placed on public transport which has been neglected for many decades, mainly because the automobile industries political lobbying has stifled funds and investment in this area.

So with changes in attitude and public pressure we can change the world to make it a cleaner, more environmentally friendly place to live in.
BDA ΩΩΩ

⁸ NZ Business Round Table report

⁹ Reuters 5th August 2012

PREPARING FOR THINGS TO COME

We are living in a period when we are experiencing unprecedented disasters both as a result of natural causes, such as earthquakes and tsunamis and human activities which are endangering our habitat to the point of threatening our very existence as the human race. We can choose to ignore the prophecies and warning signs and simply prepare for Armageddon or we can make an effort to change the direction we are heading. But what can we do to make these changes?

From past experience it appears obvious that we cannot rely on our governments and politicians to instigate any radical changes because their job seems basically to maintain the status quo. The recent Earth Summit in Rio supports this belief because no real commitment to change came out of this and preceding conferences run by political leaders. When voices are raised in protest at our continued destruction of our environment politicians, on the advice of economists, claim that we simply cannot afford to make any drastic changes to the way we live.

Our present day economic theory is based on the exploitation of resources in the earth's oceans, from our forests, and from the wealth of minerals below the earth's surface and using them to produce energy and goods for our consumption. Humans play a secondary role in this economic equation and only in that we provide labour to produce goods and then consume them. The whole focus in investment is providing capital for this exploitation.

With all this focus on the material wealth that surrounds us we have forgotten our greatest source of potential wealth that could turn this planet into a real Garden of Eden, heaven on earth.

That potential wealth is our children.

Who are today's children?

They are the prospective political and business leaders, the scientists, entrepreneurs, the doctors and teachers of the future. They are also the potential criminals, serial killers, swindlers, rapists, and sociopaths of the future.

They are the children of the generation of the year 2000 who know that we are living in apocalyptic times. Our future leaders in a changing and changed world, these souls have come in with the purpose of helping us cope with the problems ahead. The type of leaders they will be depends upon us.

It is our duty to prepare them for their future and not our present. We must have the courage to try to envision what this future will be and to heed the basic premise in the Cayce readings to guide, guard and direct them by example and precept.

When the statements of scientists and environmentalists plus current media events all begin to correlate with the predictions of psychics, it is a sign to us that the time for this preparation grows shorter. Although we, as adults, are still seeking to find our way and to grow in spirituality and creativity, we need to focus on what to do for these children and how to do it without any further loss of time.

Opportunities exist in both the home and the schools, but they must be recognized and worked with. We need to see our children as souls incarnated into a material world. We should try to look at ourselves as children again, to feel ourselves in their shoes, learning again to walk, talk, read and write in a land of accomplished giants who appear omnipotent in this material world. But

are we? We struggle every day to achieve our ideals, to grow in self-awareness, to express love to all with whom we come in contact.

Our challenge is to help direct and guide our children to their awareness of themselves so that they can interpret their spiritual goals into the practical ways of this world. We must help them attain the strength of their own character and inner purpose, qualities necessary for them to transform the times ahead into times of blessings.

We need to recognize our homes and our schools as working parts of God's divine plan and seek to ensure that the environment incorporates a holistic view of our children and their needs. They are not our possessions but our co-creators, and we should develop cooperation and communication with them, respecting them as holistic individuals, despite their having to learn again to cope with this material existence.

We want to help our children to discover God in nature, for "he who understands nature walks close with God." (1904-2) We need to help our children communicate with God in prayer and meditation. Cayce said, "Meditate, often. Separate thyself. . . from the cares of the world. Get close to nature and learn from the lowliest to that which manifests in nature, in the earth; in the birds, in the trees, in the grass, in the flowers, in the bees; that the life of each is a manifesting, is a song of glory to its Maker." (1089-3)

As parents and educators, we must learn to have enough courage to let our children learn what they already know, to trust them to express their own inner knowledge. Our contribution is that of patience, love and faith to guide and direct them to sources of information yet let them learn at their pace and not ours.

With our help, our children will

find their own inner energies of intuition, creativity and psychic perception. Deborah Rozman states that meditation for children "serves to activate the right side of the brain and get communication going between it and the left side for the proper balance." And Cayce says, ". . . *knowledge alone does not make one wise. . . Live a normal, active life! Guide the inner self through those experiences that may come in the meditations, in the seeking to the inner self.*" (540-1)

We have to change the old patterns of child-rearing which have not worked and of which we are frequently the living proof and develop the patience which will permit our children to set their own pace and find their own inner truths.

Above all, we must develop the courage to let them fail, to make mistakes and wrong decisions. All of us learn from our failures our errors, our stumbling blocks. We must give our children that right, too, and encourage them instead to try to create stepping-stones from their weaknesses and to gain in strength from our encouragement to try again and again, if necessary. Cayce said it very explicitly: "*Encourage all that is of a constructive nature in the activities of the entity. . . encourage all that is of creative nature in expression.*" (1179-7)

Cayce further elaborates that in guiding children we are to "*keep the atmosphere the attitudes of a spiritual life; not as an enforcement but as a choice. Do no subjugate the imaginative forces but rather direct them into those forces where there is . . . a closer concept to the developing mind of its relationships with Creative Forces, in the material relationships as well as mental and spiritual.*" (1179-1)

"Do not forbid, but do direct." (1179-2). Can we do this? I think we can, for we are the generation who came in to prepare today's children for the tasks

they know they have to do. They are the generation of the year 2000, and we are the generation with the growing awareness that we have the patience and commitment to do our part. - *Lois Gateney as printed in the A.R.E. Periodical 'All God's Children.'* ΩΩΩ

HOW TO RESPOND IN THESE DIFFICULT TIMES

How does one respond to these difficult economic and political times when divisiveness caused by nationalism, religious fundamentalism and intolerance seem to threaten the stability of our societies?

The solution, which is, in fact, no more than a true understanding and interpretation of Christianity, can be found at the core of any religion, once the cover of ritual and dogma, sewed with the threads of rationalization, compromise, and superstition, has been removed.

Essentially it is the evolution of man's soul toward the realization of its ultimate spiritual goal - unity with God and mankind through free will. We must learn through our free will – through self-destruction if necessary - that our fate has an affinity with God's fate; that in order to find happiness and the miracle of contentment we must not only refrain from coveting our neighbour's wife, but must make a living form of love - love for God, love for our neighbour. We must develop a deep understanding of the meaning of tolerance and patience; we must respect the integrity of our own

soul, and realize that it is responsible to a universal spirit, not merely the spirit of our own nation.

Edgar Cayce, through his readings, has clearly set forth the pattern of life which individuals must follow if we are to reach our spiritual goal. It has always seemed that the questions which have been asked of Mr. Cayce around who we are and why are we here have had their answers latent in our own self-consciousness. If we were making the proper attempt, and were not seeking an easy way out, our outer consciousness would clearly hear the voice of an inner direction and would proceed in the right pattern. But that is the human part of us - not hearing, and not wanting to hear.

Those of us who wish to display the true spirit of Christianity, can do much to bring modern Christianity into a better alignment with truth. It can do that, or it can miss this opportunity and end its days as just another querulous sect, whose voice, fading into time, can hardly be distinguished from the noise of the passing parade. - *Anonymous* ΩΩΩ

THE CHOSEN

To be chosen means to be selected from a group, presumably because those selected have some attribute or quality that the chooser was seeking. It may be assumed from this that some people in the group have these attributes or qualities that the chooser is seeking and some don't. If all the members of the group are the same then any choosing would just be random and arbitrary.

Many of the great religions hold that those who are members of the particular religion and who follow the doctrines of that religion possess this special attribute or quality and therefore become the 'chosen', perhaps finding special favour with God. Judaism bases its special relationship with God through texts in the Hebrew Bible which refers to the Children of Israel as the "treasured

people out of all the people on the face of the earth" (Deuteronomy 7:6). This is further strengthened by their covenants with God. Part of the reason why the Jews in Israel today are so zealous over the protection of their 'homeland' is based on the belief that God gave the land of Israel for them only.

Early Christian theologians believed that a new covenant as given by Jesus Christ replaced the old covenants so the chosen became those who were baptised in the name of Christ and followed Christian tenets. Over the centuries Christianity has been divided into many denominations each of which seem to hold the belief that they are the 'chosen.' For example Jehovah's Witnesses, based on text in the Book of Revelations, believe that exactly 144,000 faithful Christians are the 'chosen' and will be resurrected to heaven to spend eternity with God as spirit beings. Reverend Moon of the Unification church teaches that Korea is the 'chosen' nation, selected to serve a divine mission.

While a verse in the New Testament specifically suggests that only some are chosen by God: "For many are called, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14) the concept that only certain people have been chosen by God would suggest that we are not equal before Him. This is contrary to what Edgar Cayce stated in many of his readings. He emphasised the oneness of humanity and as such are all equal in the eyes of God. It not a matter of God choosing us but of us choosing God. As 'A Course in Miracles' aptly described it: "*Many are called but few are chosen' should read, 'All are called but few choose to listen. Therefore, they do not choose right.' The 'chosen ones' are merely those who choose right sooner.*"

Cayce said that we can never be separated from God, but we can choose to

turn our backs on Him. This is what is meant by turning from light to darkness.

"For there is nothing which may separate an individual soul-entity from the true knowledge of the Father, or God, save self by the determination, but as has often given, is given of the Lord, 'Try me,' and this is written in the Holy Writ not by men who have sought to discredit same. 'Try me that I may pour out to thee a blessing, a cup running over. . .' Thus let there be the study, the closer study of the promises which are made in the Book, yes, the history of the Jews; yet these having failed, who is Israel? Not the Jew, but Israel is the seeker after truth. Who may this be? Those who put and hold trust in the fact that they, as individuals, are children of the universal consciousness of God!"
5377-1

There is a difference between chosen simply because we are something special and being chosen to undertake some specific task. In this respect we are all chosen for we all have some work to do in this lifetime in the general scheme of things that no other individual can undertake. For most of us the difficulty is finding out what is our purpose, why we are here in this life. A number of people put this question to Cayce:

(Q) *What is my present purpose in life?*

(A) *"The present purpose must be set within self. It should be, as has been given; study to show thyself approved unto Him, not ashamed but keeping the faith."*

(Q) *Is there a place I'm supposed to be for my best development, or is the one which I seem to like the best correct?*

(A) *"This we would find the correct place. For how has it been given of old? 'Use what you hast in hand today.' And as you use it, the way is shown you for the greater developments*

in all your activities.” 1458-1

“What is your purpose in life? Is it to get, through the attitude of 'Gimmee - Gimmee - Gimmee!' or is it to GIVE - GIVE - GIVE! If it is the latter, then there should be the knowledge and security from within as given of old: 'Let others do as they may, but for me - I will know the living God,' that has promised, does promise to - and does - meet often within the conscience, in the mind, in the heart of each and every soul that has purposed in itself to be, to do, to give of self in a service to its fellow man.” 815-3

“Look within. For your body is indeed the temple of the living God. Your purpose in life, in the experience in the earth, is to magnify that glory which

may be yours when you have attained to same.” 3457-1

“The purpose in life, then, is not the gratifying of appetites nor of any selfish desires, but it is that the entity, the soul, may make the earth, where the entity finds its consciousness, a better place in which to live.” 4047-2

We should all therefore keep in mind that we all are the “chosen” and it is a matter of our free choice to choose whether to seek, find and carry out those purposes that have been set before us in this life or turn towards material pursuits which will never bring us the happiness that comes with doing what we were meant to do. **BDA ΩΩΩ**

MEETING THE KING

Once there was a king who yearned for his subjects to be close to him. Being a wise ruler, however, the king knew that if the process of getting close to him was too easy, people wouldn't think it was important. They would be convinced that something as awesome as being close to the king must be challenging and very difficult. So this is what the king did. Since he was a magician, he built around himself a magnificent castle with towers, gates, moats, and walls. But it was all an illusion.

Then the king issued a royal proclamation inviting everyone to come and be close to him. But when the people arrived and saw the fortress with all its battlements and walls, one by one they

began to give up.... Surely such a task was beyond human attainment. But then a child of the king came forward. She was daunted but not dismayed. Cautiously, deliberately, she went up to the wall and extended her hand to touch it, but as soon as she did, the wall disappeared. And so it went with all the walls and towers and gates. Illusions, every one!

In this way, she was able to walk right up to her father who we imagine was simply sitting on a chair in the middle of an open field. They embraced, and he said, "What took you so long?" - A parable said to have been told by Baal Shem Tov, the founder of modern Jewish Chasidism. **ΩΩΩ**

CHRIST IN YOU**PART III****EIGHTH LESSON****God the Only Life**

I want to tell you how real, how true it is, that nothing exists outside God, and I can best help you by the description of an experience of my own. Life both here and there is a constant unfoldment, always fresh, a continual revelation.

I have already told you of my entrance into the spiritual world, and now may I tell speak to you of one of my steps into a greater fullness of God, into a life more abundant? I had learnt many things, the spiritual faculties were quickened, and I was always learning that our especial need is to have greater capacities for God, to do as Paul says continually – “Yield yourselves unto God.” It was most wonderful to discover that my thought instantly produced an outer environment; in fact, my thought came into being at once.

For instance, I desire quiet for meditation – I am instantly in a grove and all its stillness, inviting repose. I think music – and at once I hear sublimest strains, ravishing and melodious. I am satisfied – the music gently ceases. Truly, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, all that awaits us when we are in God. I desire to help, and I am sent to people who are climbing up; and oh! the joy of helping them to their own. This is my longing desire for you. Be ye holy. (healthy) for I am holy (healthy), says God. Happiness and health and all good is God. There is no secret initiation, no mystery in God. You only need the heart of a child to enter the kingdom. It is true in a beautiful sense that there is nothing hidden which shall not be revealed.

All things are open and are yours. You are not always able to understand because you are not sufficiently evolved;

but never forget that all is yours, for ye are God's.

Even this exquisite joy around me, even the knowledge that my thought made me, did not seem enough, and I longed intensely for God above all else, until I realised that nothing but the Infinite could satisfy me. This thought, this desire, was not answered in the usual way, but one of the shining ones that go in and out among us stood beside me and said, “Are you ready for the cleaning waters? Your prayer is heard.” At the same time the spirit within repeated the familiar words: “Ye shall surely find ME.” “Yes, yes,” I said, “all for God,” and I fell on my knees in an attitude of prayer. Then began the cleansing by the waters from the River of God. From within there arose a cleansing stream, that made me aware of its workings in my heart. My limitations must go. I, who thought I possessed relatives, friends, home, must learn that God must enlarge my heart with greater loves, more friendships.

There are no limitations where God is, no claiming of personalities. God is all. The waters were bitter, but you must do this for the great gain. Your ideas and thought are not God's thoughts, nor are your ways God's ways. Ah, it is true, and it will be your eternal good to know this now. Everything that seemed peculiarly my own was swept away until I was as nothing, and longing only for God. The Angel spake again with great love and tenderness – “Thou shalt know thyself by this test: art thou content to be nothing, and know nothing?” With great faltering I answered “Yes.” The reply came, “Know God and thou shalt BE.” I think there was a long time of quiet. I seemed to be

conscious of fresh surroundings. I seemed in the centre of all the worlds, in a place of strength; I was conscious of the heart of love, far above my understanding – the rest and comfort of a great strength, and yet I suppose the best description for you is that I seemed in the atmosphere of God knowing nothing but God – wanting nothing but good; and yet aware that it would take me eons to understand, to know and grow in this heavenly consciousness. Soon I saw our earth, I saw the blindness of men; though dwelling in this wondrous love were content to live in shadow, in pain. “Lord, I must go to them, I must tell them, “I thought. The voice of the Spirit spoke within – “I am God, and beside me there is nothing else.” “Amen, Amen, Amen,” I answered.

To dwell in the consciousness of God is to in-breathe and out-breathe harmony, and love. I am without limits, I revel in freedom, I cannot think sin, sickness or death except to remove them; they have become to me less that vapour. God is all in all, and no one can be outside God. Even your very stones and rocks are interpenetrated by the God-life. “Awake, thou that sleeps, arise from the dead”; “Christ is the light of the world.” Oh for a thousand voices to proclaim the truth that nothing is but God! Rise out of

your false, shadowy consciousness and mount into the consciousness of love. “Truly He makes my feet like hinds feet.” I know that in me the Christ has ascended to His Father; henceforth “the father and I are one.” In me the Trinity of the Three are one, and yet three.

Spirit is substance, nothing can be real except God; but joy of joys, as I met relatives, friends, and dear ones, I knew, how more than ever they were mine beyond thought of loss or separation! All I had lost was the *fear of losing*. God’s thought is the only reality; the world is God’s thought. You are yet to learn that all realities are in God’s thought. You are to express them. Rise, dear heart, and take your place with us, that you may know God only, just where you are. Love never fails. Begin now. This is the true way to bring in light and love, conquering death by the sacrifice of the body of sense, to rise in newness of life.

I will come again. I have told you of this experience only to help. I would not have done so unless you were able to comprehend it. It will be meaningless to the seekers of wonders and signs.

You must let self utterly melt away in order that Christ may come to his own.

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LOVE



LOVE DEFINED

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)*

OUR CLOSING THOUGHT

“What is it all about then? ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, your body, and your neighbour as yourself.’ The rest of all the theories that may be concocted by man are nothing, if these are just lived. Love your neighbour as yourself in the associations day by day, preferring as did the Christ who died on the cross rather than preferring the world be his without a struggle. Know, then, that as He had His cross, so have you. May you take it with a smile. You can, if you will let Him bear it with you. Do it!” 3976-29 ΩΩΩ

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