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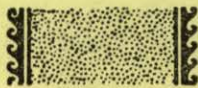
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Dear Friend and Fellow-Student:

The present economic structure by which we are surrounded and in which we live is going through a change. Very few people realize what a momentous change is taking place. Only the thinker or the keen observer has the faintest idea of the changes which are taking place all around us. Habits and customs and systems of hundreds of years are being changed over night and out of the conflicting mass of national problems, there is slowly taking form a new civilization. It is creeping on us like a thief in the night and as I say, only the thinker or the Spiritual prophet knows what is happening.

The gloomy Dean Inge, preached a sermon in London not long ago in which he stated in effect, that the young people of the world were more anxious and eager for true religion now than they have ever been. He stated, however, that the younger generation of today is not willing to allow old fogies like himself to prescribe any specified set of religious articles or any religious philosophies at all. Several religious systems in existence have been weighed in the balance and found wanting. I am not saying that these systems in themselves are wrong, for with every religious movement, there is an effort to find the Truth of God as it exists. The

mistake they all make though is in claiming that through some divine or supernatural revelation or other, each one has received the true Light, leaving the rest of the world groping in darkness. You can find a score of fanatical religious magazines flooding the mail and a perusal of them all discloses the fact that it is their idea that everyone must subscribe to their religious philosophy or be damned. The amazing spread of modernistic thought in the Realm of religion is an evidence of the way the wind is blowing and although these good religious fundamentalists cannot perhaps understand it, the Truth as it exists is breaking on the Universe in many and varied ways.

Perhaps the subject closest to the hearts of all thinking men and women is this eternal subject of Life and Death. People want to know what is behind it all and they want to know the truth of the matter. They realize, as I realize, that the plan of life as we know it today is very incomplete. There is neither sense nor justice in any structure of life which allows a person to come into this world and live sixty or seventy years and then pass out of the picture, probably never to be heard from again.

My attitude on this subject is fairly well known now, but I am going to devote this lesson to a study of Life and Death. Many a time am I flooded with letters asking questions as to whether or not we shall see those who have gone before. These good students do not have much faith in the heaven and hell theory and they are honestly looking for light on this matter.

Certain it is that the question has not been answered yet for as you look around nature, you find the strong killing the weak and although nature is very beautiful, yet at the same time, you find a sense of injustice in it all which is hard to explain unless the larger picture is seen and understood.

Not long ago, I was spending a few days at one of the most beautifully quiet resorts in the entire West. It is a marvelous place nestling among the Oregon Pines with the beautiful Klamath Lake in front and the snow-capped mountains in the rear. This famous resort, Rocky Point, Oregon is not known to everyone, but those who are fortunate enough to know of it, can spend a few weeks there every summer, finding a quiet rest which is not to be found elsewhere.

I took a motor boat and spent several days fishing. As the fish were brought into the boat, the man in charge of the expedition plunged a

sharp-pointed knife into the back of the fish's head, killing it instantly. I wondered where the justice in that was. Here are those beautiful fish, speckled trout, swimming in the waters of Upper Klamath Lake, yet they are ruthlessly pulled out by the hand of man and the life that man cannot create is taken away from the fish. You may say that the fish were placed there for the human race to eat and that is undoubtedly true, but there seems a sense of injustice there when one life must depend, for its future existence upon the death of some other creature. These large trout exist by eating up smaller fish, bringing ruthless and instant death to the weaker members of their own tribe.

Overhead the Kerns soared above the water, peering far down into the depths and every few minutes they would dive into the water, bringing out a fish which they carried to their nest and fed to their own young. The Pelicans did the same thing.

One afternoon a little Blue Bird fell out of the nest in the tree. The nest was too high for me to put the little bird back into it, but I did place it where I thought the parents might find it. I went to the spot later in the day and found there only feathers and some blood stains. The cat had eaten the bird.

One night I was awakened by the howling of several coyotes, and getting up and going to the door of my cabin, I saw two of them swoop down on a couple of harmless chickens and carry them off into the woods with them.

I saw those things but did not understand them as fully as I might, but that seems to be the Law of Life. It is necessary to kill others in order to sustain life.

The helpless baby, through thoughtlessness on the part of the parents, falls into the waters of that beautiful Klamath Lake and is drowned. The hearts of the parents are wrung with grief, but the world continues to revolve and helpless infants are killed every day by some means or other. In this fair land of ours, helpless infants are snatched from the arms of their parents and held for ransom money.

You can drive through the country and see a beautiful flock of sheep grazing in a field and you will remark upon the beauty of that pastoral scene, and it is beautiful. If you follow the sheep, however, you will find that they are led into some slaughter house or other and the life taken from the sheep by a butcher's knife.

We look at the hundreds of bombing planes being built by the different nations, ready to drop their message of death from the skies onto the helpless heads of other nations who are quite unable to defend themselves against these aerial attacks. We see the submarines being built for the same ghastly purpose.

I very seldom deal with the unpleasant things of life, but they are here and should be noticed. I often look at these things and wonder somewhat. In one of my earlier writings, I mentioned the fact that the Life Principle guided the wild geese with unerring instinct from the cold, frozen wastes of Northern Canada to the rice fields of Southern California. I did not mention, however, the fact that sometimes these wild geese get off the track and meet with disaster through being attracted by some light-house gleam and meet death in that manner. From the earliest known time, the strong have devoured the weak. Away back as far as we have any record, man has always prepared to protect himself against forces which he considered superior to him. The history of the human race has been one of blood, disaster and warfare.

The question arises as to how we can reconcile these things with the existence of the great Life Spirit such as I teach. Either one of two things must be a fact. Either this great Life Principle is running wild through the nations which might very easily be the case, or its operations are being misunderstood, which also might very easily be the case. Looking at the entire creation as it exists, it is marvelous, notwithstanding all this death. I am constrained to believe that the answer to it lies somewhere. I do not lean to the theory that we cannot find out what the answer is until after we die, but I believe with all the earnestness in my nature that the answer to the entire question of Life and Death lies close at hand. I will grant you that no one to date has discovered the secret of Eternal Life, but then, you must remember, the world has never seen an age where as much Spiritual progression has been made as is being made today.

The tendency has been to believe what someone else has told us, but this new birth which is coming to the Nations is making no allowances, whatsoever, for what anyone has told us for the truth. It is not at all hard to understand the leveling process in operation today, for these leveling processes must first be, before there can come any light on this subject of Life and Death.

I talked with a good friend in Portland, Oregon the other evening, who is now and has been for many years, actively engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. My friend is a very conscientious man and believes in the super-

natural birth of Jesus Christ with all his nature. He told me that he could never forget the "conversion" he experienced as a boy, but Jimmy's experience is not, to me, proof of anything, least of all it is not proof that the story he believes is true. All that can be said about Jim Palmer is that he is a good Christian, which means that he follows the religious philosophies advocated and taught by the Christian religion. It means this and nothing more. The experience that my friend talks about in childhood has been duplicated by thousands of others, professing no religion of any kind, and also by thousands who profess another religion entirely opposed to Christianity.

The main goal of Christianity as of several other religions, is what they term Eternal Life. There isn't a system of religion in existence which does not have as its objective and final goal, Eternal Life. This means living forever as I understand it and certainly that should be the natural end of the rainbow for all religionists. Personally, I would rather search for the answer to this problem of Eternal Life among the living than I would among the dead. However, it is worth while noticing that this living forever, or Eternal Life is unquestionably the object of all religions.

Now, the founder of "PSYCHIANA", to repeat, believes that the answer to this mystic Life and Death proposition lies in Life itself, and not in death in any sense of the word. The question arising here then is this: "Is this Life Principle being allowed to run wild or is it just simply not being understood?" Both suppositions are true. In the case of the gangster and others of his kind, there is no question but what the Life Principle which motivates them is being allowed to run wild. In the case of the beasts of the jungle and the birds of the air, one destroying the other, I would say once more, that the Life Principle is being allowed to run wild, for we must remember that this unseen Spirit or Power or Energy, whatever you choose to call it, is the most dynamic Spirit, or Power or Energy the world has ever known. It must be such to create and to sustain life. While it seems that nature, looked at from this standpoint is in a mess, at the same time, we must admit that a Spirit or an Intelligence great enough to create and sustain life must in its essence be perfect. Certainly, there is not a desire on the part of this Creative Intelligence for bloodshed and murder among both men and animals to follow in its wake.

There is an understanding of this Life Principle or this Power we call God somewhere, and if this understanding is found and used, then it becomes a personal understanding and the one experiencing it recognizes the fact that all these things I have been talking about here are not caused by the great Spirit of the God-Law by any means. The supposition is that they may

be caused through ignorance of the existence of this great Spirit.

Take the Nations of the world today. They think that their safety lies in immense armament and perhaps in a material sense, it does. But do you not see that the idea of establishing security through the destruction of Life must of necessity be contrary to the Law of the Spirit of Life? Yet, it is this same Spirit of Life which gives man the ability and the Power to devise and use these terrible instruments of destruction.

The picture as I see it is something like this. We were put on this earth many millions of years ago or rather, let me say, the Life Principle manifested on this earth many millions of years ago and has developed itself to where we now find it. This Life Spirit has taken many different forms, as a matter of fact, it could not have done otherwise. We see the human form which is responding to one certain phase (if I may use that word) of the great Life Principle itself. We see the feathered kingdom responding to their phase of this great Law of Life, and we see the animal kingdom responding to their phase of the great God-Law, but we do not see restraint exercised in these other kingdoms until we look into the kingdom of man and that is the kingdom to which we shall confine ourselves in this lesson.

Now this great God Energy, in a measure I might say, has been allowed to run wild. We have no control whatsoever over the mental or Spiritual growth of ourselves. It is true, we build institutions of learning, but it is very questionable whether these institutions of learning are really beneficial or not. Over and above all the institutions of learning, whose teaching, of course, must be based on second-hand knowledge, we find the human race progressing and shaping its own ends and all the educators in the world are powerless to stop it. Someone once said, "There is a Divinity that shapes our ends, rough hue them as we may." This Divinity as we see it is the great Spirit of Life. So then, if it be a fact that the great Spirit of Life is running wild or uncontrolled in the Universe today, that Spirit must be in a measure, if not absolutely, in control of all Life and this I state to be a fact.

Kindly remember here that in the Realm of this Infinite Spirit, there is no such thing as time, nor is there such a thing as space; there is nothing but this great, invisible Life Spirit which we call God, permeating the entire atmosphere and permeating all space outside of the atmosphere. The vision of man is limited. I can hit you on the head with a hammer and instantly, you will become perfectly oblivious to anything and everything. Yet, I shall not touch your eyes. Perhaps this vision is circumscribed because of the stage of our evolution. In other words, it is entirely possible

that there are things going on all around us of which we are not conscious because of the limitations of our vision, limitations which are imposed upon us by the evolutionary process.

The Spiritually minded man and woman sees God in everything. Those not Spiritually minded see God in nothing, but that does not alter the fact that the great Life Principle or the great God exists. Those who care to see this Spirit of Life through their enlarged Spiritual perception, see it. Those who do not, do not see it.

Now, I wonder if you can grasp the fact that all creation as we know it today and which we might call good and bad, is but an incomplete manifestation of the Power of this unseen Spirit of God. The question will arise here as to why the creation is incomplete, but that question needs no answer for the simple reason that until the fullness of time and the fullness of Creation have occurred the picture cannot be complete.

I looked at a beautiful building in Portland, Oregon the other day. A few years back, I saw the same building in the course of construction. No one could have called the building in the course of construction beautiful, for it was not finished, but the finished product is a masterpiece. This is the way I want my students to look upon the creative processes that are going on all around us now. They are not complete, but they are rapidly nearing completion. When these processes are complete, the lion will not chew up the lamb and the fisherman will not plunge a knife into the head of the fish nor will the cat destroy the little bird.

You will ask me here when I think the completion of the picture will be, and I want to say to you that things are moving awfully rapidly these days. One cannot tell what twenty-four hours will bring forth, and it would be entirely possible for the completed picture of creation to manifest itself in a very short space of time. I want to say something more than this to my students. I want to say to them that it is possible to grasp the completed picture now. When a person recognizes the existing conditions brought about in creation through the operations of this great Spirit of Life, it doesn't take very much effort to put a person in tune with this Infinite Spirit of Life. This is done first of all by your recognition of the existence of this unquenchable Power responsible for all life and all creation. I do not worry about the incompleteness of the scheme but recognize the fact that it is incomplete as yet. Then all our facilities and all of our desires must of needs be for the great Life Spirit which is rapidly completing the picture.

You would not hold a new-born baby responsible for its actions. You would not expect an Ocean Liner to carry thousands of passengers across the waters until it had been completed in every detail, nor must you expect the great God Power to present a perfect picture until the fullness of time or the time for completion of that picture has come. Remember that before the Ocean Liner is completed, there has been drawn, detailed plans or specifications, and the artist can present to you, long before the vessel is completed, a perfect picture of what that vessel will be.

Now you discouraged ones look out upon life and see the picture as you would have it in your particular case. Then, if you are man enough or woman enough to allow Spiritual Power to build that picture, you will not be disappointed in your hopes or aspirations, for the picture will be built. While this building process is going on, try and grasp another picture. The second picture is a picture of an incomplete structure called Creation. No matter whether life first manifested on the earth with the little amoeba or algae, or whether man came forth from the hand of God a complete creation--that makes no difference at all. I do not think that man was ever created as we know him today, but as I say, whether he was or not is entirely aside from the line of thought that you are indulging in here. What I want to show you is that the picture is incomplete. It is an unfinished scheme, but the scheme has progressed far enough along and has taken such definite form that any thinking person can begin to see what the end of the picture will be---and it is a beautiful picture. Most religious philosophies paint that picture, while of course, they must be incomplete, yet the vision on the whole is just about correct.

The Dreamer of Revelations said that he saw a new heaven and a new earth. He said the first earth and the first heaven were passed away and there was no more sea. Then he said that he saw a Holy City coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Then he said he heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, "Behold, the testament of God is with man and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people and God himself shall be with them and be their God."

Then the Dreamer painted another picture. He said that God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away.

This Dreamer painted a picture here which will be the absolute fulfillment of the now incomplete structure of Creation. He saw eternal life. He saw eternal joy. He saw eternal happiness and he saw eternal health.

In other words, he saw the complete picture of Creation. You will notice that in this picture, the tabernacle or the dwelling place of God would be with men and men should be his people and God himself be with them. What the Dreamer did not see and what he did not tell us is the fact that the tabernacle or dwelling place of God has always been with man from the very beginning.

The great Infinite Life Spirit has never been separated from man for one single instant, for to separate that great God-Law from man would be to exterminate the human race. The Dreamer did not see this. He was painting a picture--a completed picture--and he was painting it according to the religious philosophy he had been taught at the beginning of his Revelation.

He tells us that he was on the Island called Patmos and was "in the Spirit". He says he heard behind him, a great voice as of a trumpet and this, of course, is symbolical language. The ninth verse of the first chapter of the Revelation of St. John contains the key to the vision of this completed picture which John saw. He stated that he was a companion in the kingdom of God.

It doesn't look very much today to the unobserving as if this completed picture is in the near future, but let me say to you, my friend and student, that it might very easily be in the very immediate future. All over the world, we see men and women becoming more equal. The day of the millionaire is rapidly passing. Our warehouses and grain elevators are overflowing with grain, yet, hundreds of thousands of people, as I write this, are hungry. That condition is rapidly passing and the vision of John on the Isle of Patmos is rapidly being brought into mortal view. You may call it communism or whatever you care to call it. Only a blind man would deny this leveling process and these economic changes which are certainly happening with lightening-like rapidity.

It is my contention that this leveling process must be before any material revelation of Spiritual Truth can be received by anyone. Then when the nations of this earth and the individuals of this earth are on a common level and footing with no one enjoying privileges over others, there will automatically go forth a national and international desire for the Truths of God. I might say that this leveling process is only an evidence of the workings of this great Life Spirit which is definitely, quietly but surely manifesting its presence upon the earth.

I can readily understand the efforts being put forth by Russia and Spain and other countries to abolish all churches. I am not saying that I

am in sympathy with these efforts, but as the Spirit of God manifests itself to nations, it must bring with it an exposure of and a desire to be rid of a structure which has taught certain so-called Truths as coming from God, when as a matter of fact, these Truths were probably not quite as God-given as we have been led to believe. However, I discredit no efforts on anyone's part to find Spiritual Truth and we do not need to worry our heads very much about the churches because before the onward sweep of this great Life Spirit, the completed picture will be built and none can stop it. In the meantime, and until this picture is completed, there must of necessity be death, for death will be the last enemy to be destroyed.

Now the question will arise here again as to whether or not we shall know, in the future life, those whom we knew here but who have passed on. I may answer that by saying that when the picture is complete, all life that has ever manifested here will still be manifesting. As a matter of fact, it is still manifesting now, for don't forget that every life is but a part of the great Life Spirit and in that day, when the picture is complete, all human life will be all God Life and the dreamer on the Isle of Patmos told us that there would be no tears in that day. So, I think I can say to those who have lost loved ones that they needn't give them another thought for now while the picture is incomplete and while the finite man is also incomplete, the fullness of the Infinite man can hardly be grasped. Although it cannot be grasped, yet there is not one single thing preventing all the Powers of the great Life Principle from manifesting in the human life here and now.

This brings me back once more to the thought I have so consistently tried to drive home to my students and that is the thought or the fact that you cannot depend upon the great God-Realm for one single thing here and now without that thing manifesting.

Now, for the next two weeks, try and dwell upon the thought of the incomplete picture, only incomplete because men and women have not yet realized the Power of the great Life Spirit. I think this Lesson will give you an entirely new conception of Spiritual Law and through it, you will realize that there is nothing the great Life Principle cannot do through you in the moment you will let it.

I shall leave you here and ask you to keep very quiet and receptive for the next two weeks, when I will carry you a little further into this Realm of Truth.

Sincerely your friend and teacher,

Frank B. Robinson