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Now in this Lesson I will go back once more to the creation of this material universe, inasmuch as we know about it. It really makes no difference whether the creation occupied a period of a hundred million years or whether it all happened instantly 6000 years ago. The marvel of the entire structure is the same in either case. I think all scientists agree and certainly all thinkers agree that the 24-hour theory is out.

This being the case then, we are of necessity thrown back to the evolution theory, and I am much more in favor of this theory than I am of any other. If this universe were created in six days of 24 hours each then certainly that method of creation has become obsolete. If on the other hand, there was an orderly process of evolution, then I don't care when it started, I can grasp that process far more easily than I can grasp the instantaneous creation process.

I take a seed and I plant it in my back yard. The earth feeds it moisture, the sun gives it warmth and at the end of a few weeks or maybe months, there is growing a beautiful flower. I may not understand the process nature employs to cause a beautiful flower to grow from a seed, but I can understand how such a process would require a period of time. I cannot comprehend planting a seed today and going out in the morning and finding a full grown flower. You

may tell me that this can be done but I shall not believe you because, in the first place it is contrary to what I know of Natural Law, as Natural Law exists. The same holds true in the growth of a tree; in the birth and growth of a child. In fact it holds true all through life, be it human, animal or vegetation. Nothing is instantly created.

Then again let's look at it this way. Suppose, for instance, God, whoever he may be, did so ordain that 6000 years ago by the word of his mouth, this universe was created in six twenty-four hour periods. Let us admit for the moment that this was possible and that it really happened. This world is in a mess today and it should be very easy for the power that was able to create so speedily a universe of such magnitude, to be abundantly able by the same speedy methods to remedy some of this earth's ills. We do not find this being done. On the contrary, we find man experimenting with this and experimenting with that and as a result of this experiment and that experiment man finds or discovers, through experience, certain laws and certain premises upon which he builds for the future.

A little child will perhaps stick its hand in the fire and be burned but it won't do it a second time. You and I may do certain things which we think are perfectly right, but after we discover our mistake we do not repeat our experiment.

Now the greatest gem in the human mind is the gem of reason, and reason can grasp the formation of the universe through millions of years of evolution. We can comprehend perhaps, how the first spiral nebula could be the primary cause of a universe as vast as this one is. Certain it is that all life and all form is in motion and it is somewhat easy to comprehend that from the motion of the present planets of the celestial sphere to the first spiral nebula may not be so very far. Of course long periods of time must have been involved, which of course predicates the supposition that still greater lengths of time must also be involved in the future. Neither man nor creation has reached perfection yet.

I do see more progress being made during the past 50 years than in the past 5000 years which leads me to believe that still greater progress will be made in the future. If there was an instantaneous creation of man and the universe by an act of God, it may be instantly disintegrated and the human race destroyed just as quickly by another act of God. This I cannot admit, which throws us back to the statement I made in Lesson 19 that this universe hangs on law and not on chance.

Now, I have constantly claimed, and I think proven, since I first advanced this philosophy of mine to a waiting world, that there does exist a

Spiritual Law governing evolution and governing all other natural processes of life. I have made the statement many times that this Law must be an intelligent thinking law. To me this is not hard to comprehend because if you will go back to Lesson 19 and 16 you will find that wherever two atoms of hydrogen are chemically combined with one of oxygen, water always results. Now I think that you will agree with me that the law of chemistry governing the transformation of two atoms of hydrogen and one of oxygen into water must be an intelligent law. At any rate it must work with remarkable precision. Under no circumstances could one possibly chemically combine these atoms and get any other product but water.

When I speak of this Law being intelligent, I do not use the word in its accepted sense. I do not think for a moment that this Law has the power of thought and perhaps it's a good thing it hasn't for quite often those of us who are gifted with the power of thought think one thing today and another tomorrow and there can't be any law there. But the very fact that there exists laws of chemistry, laws of physics, laws of health, laws of nature, proves at least that whenever those laws are complied with the results are always the same and always sure. Now, I call that a high order of intelligence. Best of all it gives us the absolute assurance that if we can in our own affairs find this Spiritual Law and apply it, the results will be equally as sure as they are in the realm of chemistry or in the realm of any other known science.

Once more let me demonstrate to you my old illustration of holding a knife in my hand and dropping it to the floor. There, is the law of gravitation. It wouldn't make any difference where I was when the knife was dropped. By no possible means could it fly up to the ceiling. It would have to drop to the ground. And in our investigations into the Spiritual Realm if we find the same unalterable, immutable Law in operation then it just means that we can depend absolutely upon this Realm for results.

Now let's go a little farther. Suppose it is a proven fact that a Spiritual Law exists, which law does exist for the express purpose of bringing to all who comply with the conditions of that law, an abundance of whatever things may be necessary for their complete happiness through life. If such a law exists, and you know and I know that it does exist, then the results must always be sure. No law originates anywhere outside of the Realm of God. Granting then the existence of such a law it just simply means that your problem and my problem is only to know and understand the workings of that Spiritual Law in order to use it for the things we desire. I am sure that your mind will be able to grasp this picture far more easily than your mind can grasp a picture of happiness in some other life after this one, with not very much of it here.

There is that within us that automatically rebels at such a philos-

ophy. It is entirely out of keeping, first with reason and secondly with the rest of the universe. However, it's what the priests and preachers tell us and we shall bear in mind here the fact that if they did not have that sort of a philosophy they would all have to go to work and they wouldn't like that.

The thought of eternal life is a very beautiful one and I, personally, believe it. I think life is life and not death in any sense of the word. The physical form through which we manifest may change and it may decay and die but I don't think this has any material bearing on life itself. It is a fact that to date all have died and from this we might say that there exists a Spiritual Law requiring that to happen, but I'm not so sure that this is a fact. For millions of years this earth got along with all the fundamentals of the radio existing in it just as they exist today but man did not know how to use them. HE HAD NOT DISCOVERED THE LAW. Had you told someone 50 years ago that it was possible, without wires, to sit in my room in Moscow, Idaho and hear a concert in New York City they would have locked you up as being crazy, but we do it just the same. Yet would you say throughout all the ages the law governing the radio did not exist? Certainly not. The law always existed. We just simply hadn't found it, that's all.

Now as far as eternal life goes, who is there among us capable of making a definite statement that a law exists, which law necessitates death after 50 or 60 or 70 years. Personally, I don't believe it. I will have more to say on this matter in my next book which is entitled, "IS DEATH NECESSARY?" Now mind you, I am not stating here any definite physical form in which life must manifest, but I am saying that there is no power which can destroy life and I'm talking about human life now, not animal life, not vegetation. As I understand it there is a vast difference between them.

The following newspaper clipping came to my attention this morning:

CITES BASIS OF AFTER-LIFE

A REASONABLE SCIENTIFIC POSSIBILITY.

Pasadena, Cal. (AP) -- Dr. Gustaf Stromberg advances the suggestion that "we may obtain a reasonable scientific basis for the immortality of the soul and the indestructibility of memory."

The Mount Wilson observatory astronomer recently offered a theory of how the universe was formed and that far out in space there may be other suns and planets "where life as we know it may well exist."

In the current leaflet issued by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific Dr. Stromberg wrote the physical universe has a dual aspect, "the material and immaterial."

THEIR EFFECT.

"It is very significant," he said, "that we cannot observe radio waves as such. It is their effect on electric particles which changes them from an unobservable actuality into an observable actuality. The radio waves are links which connect the moving electrons in the transmitter with those in the receiving sets.

"The motion of bodies in general are governed by pilot-waves. It is their subtle hands which govern the motions of stars and planets, and of objects on the earth. . . .

"Since our sense organs can only be activated when certain forms of energy are imparted to them, it is natural that we have given special emphasis and reality to those elements in the universe which carry energy in observable form. We are inclined to regard the earth as more 'real' than its gravitational field. . . .

THERE IS SOMETHING.

"We are built of matter, but there is also something which gives us not only the structure of living organisms, but also consciousness and memory. The latter belongs to the immaterial, rather than the material universe.

"There are several reasons for believing that certain fundamental immaterial elements in plants and animals can exist without being associated with matter. Some of these elements are extremely stable and appear to retain their properpties after the death of the individual.

"On such a basis we can obtain a physical picture of the entities which in plants and animals carry inherited characters. Some of these entities are so stable that the corresponding characters appear to have remained practically unchanged during millions of years of organic development.

PHYSICAL STRUCTURE.

"It may also be possible to assign a space-time aspect to mental phenonema in general. In that case we should be able to picture a

physical structure of memory and assign reasons for its permanence, in spite of the continuous renewal of the atoms in the living brain structure.

"We may also obtain a reasonable scientific basis for the immortality of the soul and the indestructibility of the individual memory."

This famous scientist says that we may obtain a reasonable scientific basis for the immortality of the soul and indestructibility of memory. He makes a mistake in separating the soul from memory and he makes another mistake by designating the Life Principle as soul. What the man might have said was that life cannot be destroyed. I agree with him.

In these Lessons I am trying to carry you a little way beyond the accepted orthodox philosophy governing life and I am trying to bring you, slowly perhaps; but surely, into that realm of Spiritual understanding so that when you reach it, if you do, you will live on the plane of Spiritual Law, which is a vastly different plane from the one you live on now. Now, I do not mean that you will noticeably or visibly change in makeup physically, but you will change spiritually. To make this a little clearer, instead of your whole aims and ambitions and efforts being centered on material things, they will be centered on things pertaining to the Spiritual Realm and when that happens you will find physical and mental things responding to and changing themselves in consonance with the higher realm of the Spirit of God.

Now, it's the hardest thing I know of to write things pertaining to the great Spiritual experience. It is something which must be experienced, yet perhaps I may be able to give you a further glimpse of what I mean. Ninety-nine per cent of the people on this earth today have a sordid, rather unhappy viewpoint of life. They are concerned with this material thing and that material thing and this is perfectly all right too. But, a new day is dawning and men and women seem to be instinctively sensing a something and a very powerful something quite beyond what their normal faculties can grasp or understand. You meet a certain person and right away you say, "My, hasn't he a wonderful personality?" Now what do you mean by that? You mean that there is something about that person which sets him apart from others. You mean that there is an intangible something which radiates from that person. Such a one goes places. He seems to know what he is doing and people are offtimes amazed at what he accomplishes. Now, this person may or may not be consciously any closer to the Spiritual Realm than you are, but at the same time there is a strange inexplicable power to that one which you cannot fathom.

These are true mystics. They have what the world calls a sixth

sense. They have found the existence of the Realm of Spiritual Law and their experience with that Law has been such that they have allowed it to take possession of them in a small way. Spiritual Law is a big thing. The realm of the Spirit of God is a powerful realm and there are none of us who can delve into too great a depth in that realm. It's something like a child learning to swim. First, they put water wings under its little arms and stay close by until it learns to paddle along in the water itself. Then after this step has been accomplished the little chap can swim a few strokes without the wings. It isn't long then until he is swimming the full length of the tank. So it is with the unseen Cosmic God Realm. We get little inklings of it sometimes and if we are in earnest we practice the presence of the God Realm. It may take quite some time before we establish a contact in the Spiritual Realm but when that confidence is established we can do what we want to do and none can hinder us. This is just simply because we are in tune with a greater Power than we have known about before.

We find then a new experience coming to us. We cannot understand it nor can we explain it but we do notice first of all old religious superstitions dropping off. We find ourselves not so much concerned with Heaven or Hell or anything on that order for we just simply are not interested in them. Living on a material plane quite naturally we desire and want the very best things of life and if we are wise we strive to attain them. You say to me "Well, but is not the whole world trying to do that?" Of course it is, but with this difference. You are trying to accomplish and are accomplishing through the Power of a higher Law than the other fellow knows anything about. He has entrusted his soul to some church organization or other or some preacher or priest and has accepted the fallacy that as long as he is on this earth he is a guilty lost, hell-deserving sinner with no hope of any kind beyond the tomb. Poor thing.

I have often made the statement that a man cannot be honest and be either a preacher or a priest. I say this because no honest man would want to be in the business of telling their fellowmen that they were doomed right from birth. All religion has ever done is to first break your leg and then hand you a crutch and say, "Here, this will help you to walk." How much better then is it to recognize the present existence of a realm of Spiritual Power by which and through which you can consciously make of your life anything you want to make of it. This will be done, of course, in a perfectly orderly fashion by the operation of Spiritual Law.

When yon spiral nebulae first began whirling in space they did it in compliance with law. It makes no difference what the law was. Nor does it make any difference what condition it was which caused them to begin their swirling motion. The fact that they did begin motion is absolute evidence that the time for that motion was in accordance with law.

After the creation had progressed to a certain stage, water covered the face of this earth. Floating on the surface of that water was the tiny little Amoeba, the lowest form of life known. YET IT WAS LIFE. It had the faculty of inflating itself with air to rise in the water and the faculty of deflating itself to sink. They played around in little groups and, if science is correct, this was the lowest form of animal life known. What difference does it make how long it took human life to manifest from that little Amoeba? Is the process any less remarkable? Not at all. I wouldn't have it otherwise even if I could, because I know that just as long as your life and my life is in tune with Infinite Law, we shall progress and grow to the very extent we are supposed to.

The little Amoeba was unconsciously fulfilling a Spiritual Law in its own particular phase, just as you and I are fulfilling Spiritual Law in our particular phase. This Pasadena professor separates soul from memory. He makes a mistake for memory is only an enlargement of the soul or a characteristic of it, and the whole thing is nothing more nor less than the Life Principle he speaks of, which in itself is a part and manifestation of the great Creative Source of all life. I am not interested in trying to grasp the Infinite. It wouldn't do me any good if I were. But I am interested in finding out if I may know and use and commune with Spiritual Law here and now. If I can discover this fact then do you not see how automatically I am living in a Realm so far above this one that there is no comparison? And why should I not live in this Realm? To admit the existence here and now of the Spiritual Realm of God is to find the answer to all life's problems. It's a revolutionary teaching to be sure, but in the light of what has happened there can be no other answer. The only fly in the ointment is pagan religious superstition, which has so blinded the minds of men and women and so stultified their intelligence that for the time being all thoughts of God existing here and now, have been completely banished from their minds. It is so contrary to orthodox theology, and so contrary to what the church teaches, that they have lost the vision. But in the eternal progress of things I see the vision coming back.

These movements both national and international, which tend to equalize things are but the out-croppings of the facts of Spiritual Law. It is not in consonance with Spiritual Law that one man or group should amass a fortune of millions of dollars at the expense of those who work for them. It is not right for any monopoly to pay starvation wages to its help and pay handsome dividends to its stockholders. And as is natural, we find working men banding themselves together for their own self-protection. And I am all for them. If they did not do this they wouldn't have any protection.

Communism, Fascism, Naziism, I have absolutely no use for. But I have a lot of use for any movement which, within the law, tends to equalize the

material possessions of all of us. I have no use for any teaching which advocates the overthrow, by any means, of the United States of America. I have been all over the world and I have yet to see a country which can even begin to compare with this one. I think too, this country will be the one in which a spiritual movement will start which will bring to the world an entirely new conception of both God and Religion. Certainly the conception we have today isn't very healthy. About the only time preachers call on me is when they want some money and they make those calls pretty regular. However, I suppose it is all right. I am glad that sometimes I have it to give to them.

But all that has nothing whatsoever to do with the fundamentals of life. Nothing the church has to offer is healthy or true. You found that out in the last Lesson, so I will not go back to it now. One of the greatest living scientists, Sir James Jeans, has written a book which I wish you would read. It is called "THROUGH TIME AND SPACE" and is published by the MacMillan Company of New York. Please get this book. After you have read it I want you to get "FORGERY IN CHRISTIANITY," and "IS IT GOD'S WORD." You can secure both of the latter from this office here in Moscow.

Now, when this famous scientist was speaking of the nebulae which I have been speaking of here, he practically takes the words out of my mouth when he says as follows:

> "When we take a walk through a forest of oaks we come upon trees of all sizes, ranging from full grown forest trees down to saplings and even to young shoots just growing out of acorns and acorns lying on the ground. Here again we find that all the stages we encounter can be arranged in order to form one continuous sequence, starting with the newly fallen acorn, passing through the sprout-acorn, the baby oak tree, the sapling and the young tree, to the full grown forest tree. We naturally suspect that the different appearances may well be different stages of growth and so constitute an evolutionary sequence. But this must remain only a suspicion; oaks grow slowly and we cannot wait long enough to watch the change, of course.
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> "It is the same with the nebulae. Any appreciable change must occupy millions of years."

Now, if any appreciable change in nebulae must take millions of years, what a fool a man is who tries to tell you and me that God Almighty created this universe in 6 days of 24 hours each. I am saying to you that this earth has been in the course of manufacture for millions of years. I am saying

to you also that whatever intelligence it may be, whatever law it may be responsible for it all, is magnified by the slowness of its operation.

But notice what has happened since the time of the nebulae. The human mind cannot grasp the changes which have occurred. Yet what do we see? We see the highest production of that evolution, man, harnessing the ether waves, transmitting electrical energy thousands of miles, each electrical wave carrying man's harmony around the world. We see him accomplishing what was thought to be impossible.

Thirty years ago they scoffed at the idea of a bridge between San Francisco and Oakland, yet the bridge now exists. Any law powerful enough to take a swirling mass in space and from that swirling mass create this universe as we see it today, is a Power or Law with which you may well link your life.

Now, I said a little while back that thought and soul are the same thing, and that they are both manifestations of, and each is a part of the great Life Principle, God. Please grasp this, because it probably will open up to you the entire secret of communion with the Spiritual Realm. Back of the San Francisco bridge is thought. Back of all man's inventions lies thought. Now if I am correct in my statement that thought is God, do you not see what a powerful weapon thought is in contacting God? You will recall that in my Advanced Teaching Number One, I had you repeat this statement, "My thoughts are part of the living God." You didn't dream then how much dynamic power that statement held. You will begin to see it now. Thought is the only manifestation in a human realm whereby Spiritual Law can be contacted.

Of course someone at this point is bound to tell me that while man has made marvelous discoveries, part of these discoveries have been for the destruction of man. For instance the torpedo boat, the gas bomb, and all the rest of those infamous weapons of death. They will tell me that my logic does not work in the face of these facts, but it does work. If I gave a child a stick of dynamite he wouldn't know what it was. The chances are he might take a hammer and blow himself to smithereens by hammering the dynamite. That would be disastrous. Yet the dynamite would be exploding in conformity to Spiritual Law or Natural Law which is the same thing. Also that little child would have been brought into existence and to growth through compliance with the same great Law. So why the accident? Let me answer it by saying that had the child known what dynamite was, he would not have hit it with the hammer. I know what it is; so do you; but we have progressed a little farther in the stage of evolution than had that child.

Nations realize their own strength and their own power in building these warships and torpedoes and gas bombs, but they are handling this power

little knowing where it will lead them. In other words they are playing with dynamite. Now were these nations or their leaders to recognize the existence of Spiritual Law here and now, they would not manufacture bombs nor torpedoes. They would have no fear in their makeup, consequently there would be no need of these instruments of destruction. But FEAR is there, which is definite proof that they do not know the power of the Great Life Spirit.

The first thing that happens when a person finds the existence of the Spiritual Realm is the absolute sloughing off of fear. There is no fear in the lives of the persons in tune with the Infinite, so in the case of these nations, Spiritual Law is not being complied with and while their thoughts are still the only means of communion with the Realm of God, they are using those thoughts to bring destruction to themselves and to others.

If I wanted to, today, I could go out and shoot up the whole town, but knowing the consequences, I don't do it. So, reason, the greatest gem in the human mind, must once more take the predominant position, and control all our activities in our search for the Realm of God. Please remember this.