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LIGHT-YEARS
THROUGH SPACE

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With an exciting imaginary flight to a distant planet, Leo Virg dramatizes the most challenging field of modern thought—reopening the avenue of communication between science and religion. Studying the vast Cosmos, which we now know is composed of millions—perhaps trillions—of galaxies, he has evolved not a new religion—but a dynamic new interpretation of the old.

What is man? In Virg's revolutionary concept, man is an Impulse-sparked part of an infinite Cosmic plan.

We live, Virg holds, on a Cosmic electron within the Cosmic Body, which is composed of nebulae so numerous as to defy calculation. The whole is guided by a Cosmic Spirit, the Ultimate God, which sends out impulses that are received by intelligent beings in the galaxies, solar systems, and electrons of the different parts. We are intelligent beings on the Cosmic electron we call Earth . . . and each of us is animated by a spark of the Impulse.

Christ, Virg contends, knew and told us this, but man's narrow-minded interpretation of His words, culminating in an "inacceptable dogma of vicarious salvation," has been wrong from beginning to end. "That would explain why, after almost 2,000 years of so-called Christianity, the Aryan race is so far from Christian."

"How would a highly developed spark, conscious of his at-one-ment with the Impulse, introduce himself to his fellow men as representing that Impulse in an effort to enlighten them about the whence, why, and whither of their existence?" the author asks. "The words come to mind: *'I am the guidance, the wisdom, and the animation.'* Isn't that the same as *'I am the way, the truth, and the life'*—the very words of Christ?"

"The second coming of Christ has been expected almost since His death, but it is hardly probable that He will return before His teachings of the previous coming are fully understood. This book endeavors to give a Cosmic interpretation of His words and actions, which all point to one goal: the complete unity and co-operation of all humans, the sparks within the Impulse, in the service of the Cosmic Spirit."

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Dedication

THIS BOOK is specially dedicated to those young ones who have ears to hear and eyes to see things which common people are unable to see and hear. It is also written in consideration of those who, like the little Sunday school girl, "love Jesus but cannot stand that cruel God." These advanced souls will find many of their secret questions answered. They will also find a higher, more inclusive God Whom we can love, because He is the essence of love and never has demanded any gory sacrifice, especially not of His own Son. He only demands that we love and serve Him and humanity as ourselves.

It is also dedicated to parents of such children, as it will help them to better understand and guide these new members of the higher evolved humanity who will be taking over the destiny of our Earth for the next two millenniums.

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THE ABDUCTION

THE DEEP glistening sky of the night before, with its sparkling stars against the azure and the philosophic mood it had produced, was still on my mind. Astronomers had just come to the conclusion that there may be billions of galaxies beyond our own jeweled Milky Way, and physicists had simultaneously broken the atom and found it to be a veritable solar system in miniature. Could these two extensions of science in such opposite directions solve the riddle of life? Would we finally know the whence, why, and whither of our existence? Is the electron after all the philosopher's stone, the cornerstone on which all this glistening structure is built? Is our earth a small grain of mortar in that magnificent edifice? What form does that cosmic building finally have? Does it resemble a towering mountain? Or a roaring sea? Or maybe it has the form of an animal? And what about the electrons, which resemble miniature planets? Are they inhabited by a minute humanity of our own intellectual and evolutionary standards? I sank deeper and deeper into my questioning meditation. I started to feel one with that enormous cosmic structure, and one with that infinitesimally small, miniature human creature existing on one of the electrons, maybe in my own little finger.

I heard a whizzing sound as of an object moving fast through the calm air above my head. The sun was suddenly darkened as by a passing, thick cloud. Looking up, I got my first personal view of a "flying saucer," and a very, very close view at that, because it was heading right down in the field beyond the hedge. Its body was shaped like that of a

turtle, and it was of a metallic color. It seemed to float in the air without visible, mechanical means of support.

I sat there aghast while it landed. Then I became curious to see what would come out of that contraption. My curiosity was, however, only intensified by the strange figure who emerged from it. He looked like a cross between a human being and a grasshopper. Through his transparent space helmet I saw a head of triangular shape with the apex turned down. The small mouth was set very low, which gave him a rather weak-willed appearance. The eyes were large and luminous, set slightly below the center of the head, which gave him a very large forehead. His body was very slender with the bony structure apparently on the outside, as if to protect the muscles from a great pressure. The most amazing thing, however, was his color. It was green! This more than anything gave me the impression of a similarity to a grasshopper. The little hair he had was of a reddish brown.

He came toward me with the graceful ease of a highly evolved person and with a kindness in his eyes, which relaxed me and at the same time attracted me. I got a feeling of kind compulsion, as he gestured an invitation for me to approach and enter the saucer. I did not seem to be able to muster any power of resistance. My legs simply carried me toward and inside that saucer as though my body were controlled by an outside impulse.

As I entered, I saw another one of those unearthly beings sitting at the controls of the contraption. There were four seats, and I sat down in the one back of the pilot as if of my own volition, although I certainly had no conscious intention to take such a risk. My host sat down next to me. I thought of him from the start as my host and myself as his guest even though there was a certain compulsion involved in the relationship.

We were suddenly lifted as in an elevator at a tremendous speed, although there seemed to be no gravity to press us against our seats. The course soon was directed forward. The speed seemed to be increased by a phenomenon similar to

that of a flat stone which skids through the air seemingly faster and farther than the original propelling force could have carried it.

I was handed a suit and a helmet like that of my host. By now I had acquired a feeling of assurance and safety which entirely eliminated any fear or nervousness. I felt as if I were going through an initiation among friendly brethren, who would do me no harm, even though the experience bordered on the frightening.

Soon I began to feel as if my imagination were being influenced by my host. I felt as if he were transmitting pictures and ideas to my mind, silent movies, so to speak, which could easily be translated into words, like this:

"We use no special language to communicate with one another. We communicate by tele-visualization. To make this clear, I must remind you of the discussion of thought and speech which you had in a boarding house in London long ago."

My memory suddenly brought me back many years to the time when I was boarding in London. The gentleman of the house was a lawyer, who had lost one eye and with it most of his clientele. His wife therefore took in boarders, but she was rather particular in her choice of customers, as all of the members of the family were highly educated. We could therefore at the table sustain a conversation of high quality. She had found that a certain type of foreigners who traveled for their education was her best bet. We were therefore all of foreign birth and education, hardly two of any one nation.

One day the old gentleman asked us whether we thought in our mother tongue or in English when we spoke English. A Hollander instantly answered that he never thought in any other than his mother tongue. While he spoke, I had time to analyze my thinking apparatus and came up with this answer:

"I think you are wrong. There seem to be two sorts of thoughts, one in words and the other in pictures. When

you think of a horse running, you do not tell yourself, 'The horse is running, the horse is running.' You actually see the horse running. During a conversation your mind may travel all around the world in a split second, not by words, but in pictures. You then comment on this mind-traveling in words. If you are alone or speaking to Dutch people, you use the Dutch language, but if you are with English-speaking people, you use English words directly. You have not got time to think in Dutch first and then translate into English, nor would you be able to speak with such good grammar as you do, if you were translating from a language in which the words are placed in a different position from that in English. At least, I know that I do not use Swedish words as stepping stones to the English when I speak."

"You are right!" This rejoinder from my new companion, superimposed on my mind, brought me back through time and space from London 1906 to a 1955 space ship half way into nowhere. "You speak of your mind's pictures directly in the language in which you are conversing. Similarly, your companion's words throw the picture of his thoughts directly on your mind's screen. I do not even need the cumbersome medium of words. I project my mind's pictures directly on your mind's screen. You need to translate them into the words of a language only if you want to write or talk about them. In the same way I can see your mind pictures. Thus we converse like this without any language at all. As a matter of fact, where I come from nobody ever uses words, so we no longer have any language. We converse entirely by tele-visualization, as many of your animals do.

"We are people from a far-off planet and have decided to take you there so as to give you the right perspective of your earth and its co-ordination with the rest of the universe. We have chosen you, because as an artist and writer you have developed your visualization more than most people. Your all-around education and travel, your unprejudiced study of the different religions, and the inner calm-

ness which you have gained during your many adventures and experiences, makes it easier for us to deal with you than with anybody else on your planet. Then you seem to have carried with you from past lives a knowledge which will be a good foundation for the understanding which we want to give you in this eleventh-hour effort to save your planet and the whole of our solar system from destruction."

We had now reached so high in the air that the reflection and condensation of the sun's rays had become so minimized as to let us see the stars, although it still was about noon in my home town. Suddenly everything went black; we had evidently left the earth's atmosphere, which serves as a medium of vibration for the light rays. Quickly the pilot pulled some kind of screen in front of the wind shield. The screen was evidently made of a material which responded to the light vibrations, because we could again see the stars. Our course was set on a certain bright star.

Now the moving pictures were again projected on my mind's screen:

"We have developed to a point where we can stretch our consciousness and visualization into all parts of the universe, but we are naturally most interested in our own solar system. We have been horrified to see how the inhabitants of your globe lack real spiritual development. You seem to play with gadgets like little children, without any idea of why you are born, or what part you should play in the affairs of the universe. The prevailing idea seems to be that you are there only to seek self-satisfaction both in this life and in its hereafter, a self-satisfaction with gadgets in this life, and harps, women, wine, or continuous ease and inactivity in the hereafter. You use three-fourths of your working time producing unnecessary gadgets, stimulants, and narcotics, instead of finding out what you are supposed to do and then doing it. Many of your spiritual leaders have become mere scalpers, selling tickets to an imaginary heaven. Some of your political leaders accept their election as an invitation to graft, greed, and inequities of all kinds. A great deal of your financial, in-

dustrial, agricultural, medical, and labor leaders are ready to cheat, degrade, poison, or even kill you with gadgets, stimulants, wrong food, goons, and now even A-bombs and H-bombs. It is particularly the development of the latter which has forced us to take this chance of possibly bringing the earth men to their senses.

"When you kill one another with block-busters, it means no more to the universe than it means to you when your child burns a finger, but the explosion of an H-bomb is comparable to that child's opening all the gas jets and exploding the whole house. The block-busters are means of gaining wisdom the hard way, while the H-bomb may spell *finis* to the entire solar system. We, the people of the other planets cannot accept such a danger without an effort to prevent it. That is why we are forcing this trip on you. We are going to try to evolve your consciousness to include the whole of the cosmos, try to make you understand what place your earth has in it, and, above all, what part your humanity is supposed to play within it.

"But I see what a task we have before us. You are like all the earth people: gadgets, gadgets, and more gadgets. You have only listened with your mind distracted by the problem of what fuel we are using in this vehicle and what makes it fly! We use lead, which has an odd isotope just like uranium. Lead is more plentiful than uranium on our planet also. While uranium behaves like a bull in a china closet with great explosions, which prohibit the direct use of it for peaceful purposes, lead allows itself to be harnessed and become useful like an ox. We use its tremendous force directly to produce an electromagnetic field, which repels or attracts this vehicle from or to the different heavenly bodies. Thus we move about as if this "saucer" were a heavenly body itself. You may recall one of your first lessons in electricity, when your teacher electrified pellets of a floating material by the electrodes of a machine producing static electricity. He then placed them on top of the water in a basin. Those magnetized by the same electrode and thus

charged with the same electromagnetism, repelled one another, while those of opposite charge attracted each other. We charged this saucer with the same electromagnetism as that of your globe. By making the charge smaller, we allow ourselves to be attracted by the earth, while by increasing the charge we are repelled by it. By equalizing the charge we can stand still in the air. By using the force up or down and tilting the saucer, we can gain a motion in one direction or the other. The electromagnetic field embraces, of course, everything inside the saucer, you included, which saves you from the struggle between the vehicle and your gravity. In your flying machines you endow the vehicle with a power which overcomes the gravity, but everything inside the vehicle is still subject to the tremendous pull of the earth's gravity. It is this struggle between the force of the motor and the gravity which sometimes becomes too great for the occupants, who are blacked out by it. We are not subject to that risk. Now are you satisfied?

"Your inquisitive mind becomes an obstacle rather than an asset unless you allow me to direct it. By relaxing you will gain more knowledge in the short time for which we are going to keep you, than you would in a thousand years of experimenting with gadgets. We are also educating other earth men, whose minds are more concentrated on electronics and gadgets than yours, in the scientific aspects of our saucers. You have trained your mind in metaphysics as well as in physics. You have carried over from previous lives a great knowledge of philosophy. Go back in your mind to the discussion you had with a young lady about the universe, and you will understand that you could not have gotten those ideas from this life's education, which entirely excludes the why and wherefore of life on your planet."

My visualization was suddenly pushed back into a memory of a conversation with the young lady some fifty years ago. I was at the time studying at a technical college, where I learned all about molecules and atoms, which at that time were considered the smallest indivisible particles of

matter. To add to my all-around education I was also studying a book on popular astronomy on the side. This combination had produced in my mind a philosophy, which I tried to explain to the young lady in this way:

"The Milky Way looks to me like the bone in a huge body, in which our solar system is a molecule and our Earth an atom. Now then, what do you think we are in relation to that body? Are we useful beings in its service, or are we merely TB germs destroying it by our selfishness?"

She glared at me. No young man had ever before dared to consider it an even remote possibility that she was a TB germ! She finally regained enough self control to say:

"Sir, I don't know what we are, but I certainly think you are crazy!" With that she left me.

Thank goodness that she wasn't one of the dozen or more girls with whom I was in love at the time, or it might have killed a perfectly good philosophy right there and then and perhaps a budding philosopher with it. I became, however, very discriminating about my audience thereafter.

My visualization was again taken over by my host:

"Right you are. You earth people have come very close to being TB germs the way you handle your A- and H-bombs! It was this budding philosophy which made us choose you. You know now from astronomy that the Milky Way is only one among possibly trillions of similar galaxies, and from physical science you have found that the atom can be divided into a submicroscopic solar system. We therefore hope to teach you the full extension of that budding philosophy on this short visit to our planet. Here we are now."

ON ANOTHER PLANET

THE SAUCER landed on a strange looking continent, which I had seen coming toward us at a speed of a terrific number of miles per second. The slowing up of the unearthly speed did not inconvenience me in the slightest, which again proved to me that the saucer indeed had an electromagnetic field of its own which included its passengers. We landed as softly as if on a bed of eider down. I was quickly taken out of the saucer and whisked into a cube of some heavy, transparent material.

Again I was subject to the impelled visualization:

"You may take off your pressure suit and mask. We have taken pains to accommodate you, the earth man. We have made numerous journeys to your planet to study conditions there. We then built this cube, through which you can see, and which contains the right mixture of elements in your air, the right temperature, and the right pressure to correspond to the internal pressure of your body. It may have been a mistake to make the cube transparent, because your mind will probably wander to such problems as: 'What crags are those? Are they extinct volcanos? How funny those men look without their oxygen masks!' By the way, ours are not oxygen masks. We do not breathe oxygen, because that exists only in small quantities in our atmosphere. We breath carbon dioxide like the vegetation on your globe. Our blood therefore contains chlorophyl instead of haemoglobin. That is why we look green instead of pink like you. Carbon dioxide is heavier than oxygen and makes our atmosphere just that much heavier than yours. That is why the material in

your cube is so heavy. The pressure inside is so much lower. That is also why we carry our bony structure on the outside to resist that pressure without any increase in blood pressure.

"Now I will give you a few minutes to look around to satisfy your curiosity."

The first thing to interest me was their heads without the masks. They had very slim, tall necks, on which the apex of their triangular heads seemed to rest. Their noses were thin and bowed, their very small mouths were set far down in the apex, which made them look completely void of will power. Yet, I had experienced the tremendous, compelling will power of these people, when I was forced into the saucer. Could it be that the mature judgment and strong purposefulness of their brains, concealed behind those large foreheads, produced a stronger will power than the hyper-developed desires and passions indicated by our powerful jaws? Anyway, the calm, harmonious and kind expression of their faces and their tall and slim but graceful bodies made them look beautiful in a way not at all like the grotesque and dwarfed space men of our imagination.

"You are right," came again the response in the picture language. "We are evolved to a point where all our energy is expended on the higher planes of consciousness. The consciousness of most earth people is all centered in their mouth and sex. They will use their mouths from morning to night continually eating, drinking, chewing gum or tobacco, smoking, kissing, or, last but not least, talking and talking. Their work is centered on getting the wherewithal to keep the mouths busy. We eat and drink very little and for no other purpose than to keep fit and alive. We do not talk, since we transmit our thoughts by visualization. Our sex is used only for procreation, not for continuous and purposeless self-satisfaction.

"Now I find your mind wandering again. You are looking for lakes, rivers, or seas. Over there is a river. It is not filled with water. Water is scarce on this planet and would

stay frozen at our low temperature. It is liquid carbon dioxide, which is as benevolent to us as water and air are to you. You are now looking for cities. We do not live in congested cities like you. Our communications are so fast and our tele-visualization so powerful that we can be with one another or communicate with each other any moment we like, even though our homes are far apart. Needless to say, our tele-visualization dispenses with telephone, telegraph, radio, television, and mail. Our will power is so strong that we need no stimulants, which saves a lot of time for more useful purposes than producing drugs. You wonder how we make money. We don't use any. Money is merely a medium of exchange. We have attained to the point of evolution where we do not need any such medium. We exchange our services freely and justly without it. Nobody can cheat when everybody can read the other's mind. It is to this point of evolution, this widened consciousness, to which I am trying to evolve your mind. You are not able to live like we do, so long as you have the idea of separateness from other beings and from the universe. You may call life on our globe communistic, but it has no resemblance whatsoever to the despotic totalitarianism which passes under that name on your globe. Christ, Pythagoras, and Buddha were as highly evolved in many ways as we are. They tried to live our way in real communism with their followers. There were, however, too few people of sufficiently high standard to continue that kind of life. It soon degenerated, therefore, into graft, greed, and tyranny like the communism of today on your globe, where a few live in high luxury on the fruits of the slave labor of the rest. Marx himself has by now probably worn out his coffin turning in his grave over his philosophy being used as an excuse for exactly the inequities against which he preached.

"But let us come down to the real object of this trip. We are going to make you visualize a journey, the one which we take at our highest initiation, and the one Christ had to take before he realized that he was the "Son of God" and

that all humans were his brethren. This initiation has so far been a deep secret, but in desperation over the low spiritual standard of the earth people, and seeing how their technical development is running far ahead of their moral and spiritual evolution, we will allow you to write about it on your return to earth. So now you are off! Learn all you can!"

THE INITIATION

I SEEMED to be catapulted into space at a terrific speed with no other vehicle than my own consciousness, or that of the one who directed me. The speed was millions of times faster than that during my journey in the saucer. Millions of light years melted into thought seconds. I saw the sun with its planets shrink into an atom. I saw this atom circling with other similar atoms within a cosmic molecule. I saw millions of such molecules circling together until they melted into a cosmic cell, our own nebula, the Milky Way. This shrank with a terrific speed and soon was obscured by millions of other such cosmic cells or galaxies, until billions or trillions of them melted together into a compact whole.

Suddenly I got out from stars and galaxies into complete darkness, a cold nothingness, a vacuum, which gave me the feeling of complete extinction. Then I felt a transmitted impulse to look back. And there, in His full, glorious, glistening beauty stood the Cosmic Man with a body built of luminous galaxies, with eyes illumined by all the kindness, charity, and understanding of all the woe and joy of all of Cosmos!

I felt myself mentally kneeling. Flashes of hot and cold surged through my consciousness like electric currents, tingling through and through in a compelling awe, love, admiration, veneration—and pride. Yes, pride, because I was a part, if ever so infinitesimal, of that glory, the "Father who is in Heaven." I felt compelled to go on: "Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power

and the Glory forever, Amen!" Confronted with that glory I could not remember the little selfish petitions which are inserted into that adoration.

I no longer needed to believe in, or imagine a Deity. I knew, because there in front of me stood God, the completion of all things, the container of all things, the supporter and ruler of all things, He in Whom we live and have our being.

This last thought seemed to compel me to return. By the speed of a billion light-years turned into seconds I approached the little finger of the Cosmic Man. I entered it and passed through nebula after nebula until I reached the Milky Way; then through constellation after constellation, I passed the polar star and our sun, straight to the transparent cube, where I landed in my own body.

AS ABOVE, SO BELOW

I AT ONCE became conscious of the tele-visualization:

"So, now you know that you are a being on one of the smallest planets of the Cosmic Body. To show you that man really was created in the Creator's image, and that 'As above, so below' is a correct statement, we will now take you on a similar trip through your own body."

I suddenly found myself entering my own little finger, passing cell after cell, molecule after molecule, atom after atom, and electron after electron until I finally landed on an electron, which to my diminished proportion looked quite similar to our globe. I possessed a body in a surrounding very much like my own on earth. I saw human beings occupied in the same way as we. I felt a great impulse to investigate, but the people looked and behaved as earth people would if they suddenly saw a space man among them. Some ran for their lives; others seemed to look for weapons of any kind. I was saved from further consequences resulting from my sudden intrusion by being returned to my transparent cube.

"Now you have seen all, the macrocosmos as well as microcosmos. By your impelled visualization you could have continued into the sub-microcosmic existence within one of those little men on the tiny electron which you just visited, but I see that you have got enough food for thought for a while, and that thousands of questions are crowding your mind. One of the most useful is this same question again, whether you are a destructive virus on the Cosmic Body as

those little people on your electron may be on yours. Or, are you supposed to aid and serve that Body in some way? Let us make your position clear.

"Anatomy teaches you that your earthly body is made up of a bony structure, the skeleton, with levers, which are manipulated by muscles in accordance with the impulses sent out by your brain. These impulses are supposed to travel along nerves, which act as telegraph wires. But you did not see any wires within either the Cosmic Body or your own. You saw only billions of nebulae or cells, billions of super solar systems or molecules, billions of solar systems or atoms, and in each solar system or atom free planets or electrons, all circulating and moving freely without any connection with wires. They are not even connected by their atmospheres. The nerves themselves are made up of billions of such free particles with proportionately enormous distances between them. So, the wire theory must be discarded and a radio theory adopted in its stead. A radio system has a broadcasting station, relay stations, and a multitude of receiving sets. The spirit of the Cosmic Man uses the Cosmic Brain as the broadcasting station, from which He sends out the Cosmic Impulses, which direct the movements of the different members of the Cosmic Body. Your mind likewise uses your brain as a broadcasting station to transmit your impulses to the different muscles in your body. These impulses are retransmitted from cell to cell along the nerves until they reach that limb which has to be called into action. There the message is divided into billions of sparks, which go to the different cells, molecules, atoms, and electrons within the different muscles which have to manipulate that limb. Accordingly, on every little electron in those muscles there must be some kind of receiving set. This must not only be able to receive the messages of the impulse but also to act according to it. You and we are such receiving sets on our respective planets within the Cosmic Body, just as those little beings on the electron in your little finger are the receivers and executors of your orders

in so far as that electron is concerned. Every sun and planet is populated by "receiving sets" in a form which is adapted to its own conditions in the same way that you are adapted to the climate, atmosphere, vegetation, and chemical consistency of the earth, and as we are to those of our planet. We are therefore born to be animated by the Cosmic Impulse, to open ourselves to It, and to coordinate our efforts with those of all other beings on our respective planets in the service of the Cosmic Man as directed by His Impulse. We are useful beings only in the measure that we open ourselves to that Impulse and act upon It. If we disregard It, or refuse to act upon It, only to weaken or destroy our planet for puny, selfish indulgences, then we become destructive viruses. The Cosmic Man will try to rid Himself of those, as you take drugs and vaccines to rid yourself of those viruses which do not cooperate with your body.

"Now, do you see how contrary to all Divine purpose a super H-bomb would be. It would not only be disastrous to the population of the earth, but very likely also to our whole solar system, and maybe even to the rest of our galaxy, the Milky Way. Like a match setting off a chain reaction in a gas-filled room, so a super H-bomb may set off a chain reaction within our and maybe other nebulae, thus forming on the Cosmic Body what would correspond to a boil or abscess on yours.

"You may also now understand the true interpretation of the words of Christ when he says, 'I am in you and you in me.' He thus spoke on behalf of and in the name of the Cosmic Impulse, which he knew to have emanated, as the Son, from the Cosmic Mind of the Father, Who is in Heaven. This Impulse is divided into sparks, or souls, each one animating a body. Thus the Cosmic Impulse, Christ, is in us and we in Him. Christ is not the only one who has 'gone within the temple of his own heart (the receiving set) and known God,' thus accomplishing the at-one-ment with the Cosmic Impulse. There have been many teachers on your planet, as on ours, who know the immensity of Cos-

mos, the connection of planets, stars, nebulae, and organs ruled by the Cosmic Mind through the Impulses emanating from It.

“Although there are series of Impulses constantly following one another within the Cosmic Body, as there are within our own, I speak only of one Impulse, because we are never animated by sparks of any but the present Impulse. If you compare the number of rotations or vibrations per second of an electron within your body with the number of rotations per year of your earth, the Cosmic Electron, you will find that one Cosmic second must equal twelve to fifteen million earthly years. If therefore a Cosmic Impulse lasts only one twelfth of a Cosmic second, it will mean that you will have a million or more years by your earthly calendar to receive, interpret, and carry out that Impulse. Furthermore, when the work of that Impulse is completed, It returns with all Its selected parts and sparks to the Cosmic Mind, where It dwells until It again is called forth to partake in the work of the identically same contraction or expansion of the same set of muscles, where It belongs. For instance, when you move your little finger in the same way as you have done previously, you call forth the same impulse which moved it before. You can know this by the greater efficiency by which you execute that action. Imagine yourself learning to play the piano. At first you have to look for the keys and with difficulty force the fingers to find the right ones in the right way. As you practice, each finger becomes more efficient. It will not only hit the right key, but it will do so with the right rhythm and the right touch. It can therefore not be a new impulse each time. It must be the same impulse, whose ever more efficient sparks enter the new-born bodies on the different electrons in that finger. The impulse is ‘reincarnated’ into the finger, and the sparks, or souls, into new bodies on their respective electrons. Each soul, if willing and efficient, is as immortal as the impulse and must therefore wear out and reincarnate into thousands of bodies during the million or millions of electronic years which it takes

that impulse to finish its work. By practicing a melody you train all the impulses to such perfection that they follow each other in perfect sequence and modulation, performing the melody correctly even though your mind may be occupied by a conversation all through the performance.

THE COMMERCIAL RELIGION

"ALL GREAT RELIGIOUS teachers have gone through the same Initiation which you went through and have built their teaching upon it. Their teachings vary only in conformity to the language, education, surroundings, and previous religion of their followers. You will now have permission to describe that Initiation to the earth men in the hope that the public mind this time will have enough basic knowledge to grasp the truths of its Cosmic lessons. The Atom bomb may have performed one good thing. It has opened the public mind to the knowledge of the structure of an atom and to the fact that their bodies are built of such atoms. Popular astronomy must have opened the mind to the suggestion that the Cosmos is built similarly to the human body, from planets like your own up to and including billions of nebulae, which ultimately are coordinated into some form. Your task should therefore be easier than that of those teachers whose contemporaries thought the earth to be flat and the stars mere holes in the sky, and whose knowledge of their own anatomy and physiology was nil.

"Take, for instance, the task of Moses, who spoke to a public whose laws and education began and ended with the crack of the slave driver's whip. The only way he could teach and direct them was in the name of a God who cracked his whip by 'shalls' and 'shall nots,' threatening punishment unto third and fourth generations. Christ came to save the Jews from the wrathful tyranny of that very human God by substituting two commandments of love for the ten 'shalls' and 'shall nots'; by teaching internationalism in the

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parable of the Good Samaritan; by focusing their minds on the loving Father in Heaven, whom he had seen as the Cosmic Man; by teaching the way back to Him through the at-one-ment with the Cosmic Impulse, the Christ; and finally by demonstrating the way of the supreme and final sacrifice for the group. The Jews wanted him to lead them in a bloody and disastrous revolution against the Romans instead of following his advice to melt together with them into a larger, international group. By eliminating himself as a revolutionary leader through the crucifixion, he saved the Jews temporarily from the catastrophe of such a revolution. The idea that he saved all future sinners from a just compensation for their crimes is a commercial invention of the fourth century A.D. If your Bible had included only the New Testament, your spiritual civilization would have been several thousand years ahead by now. By accepting the tribal God of Judea as the Father Who is in Heaven, and the crucifixion as a sacrifice to Him, the forgiveness of sins could be commercialized and tickets to a nearby Heaven peddled to the sinners of all future generations. And what sinners! Christ rebuked Peter for cutting off a servant's ear in defense of the Master's glorious body, but the Christian Church condoned and encouraged the cutting off of thousands of Saracen heads in an effort to regain nothing but the rock in which that body had lain! The Church inspired the bloody conquest of 'heathen' lands to force upon the natives its misinterpretation of the teachings of Christ, while the laity, unrebuked, robbed and enslaved the 'heathens,' who often had a higher concept of honor, integrity, charity, and mercy than their conquerors. In peace as in war, the most awful sins are flourishing and forgiven in the name of that blood-dripping crucifixion.

"I want you to go back in your memory to a discussion with your mother, in which your mind reacted against that blasphemy, as so many other young thinkers have done ever since it was invented."

My memory was pushed back to my twentieth year, when

my young and still untamed mind blustered out, "I would rather work my way to Hell, than sit in a Heaven together with a God who demanded His own Son's life to forgive the sins of other people. Don't you understand what that so called vicarious salvation teaching really says? Suppose a bunch of boys knocked a baseball through one of our windows, and that Dad went out and told those boys, 'You have done very wrong, but I will forgive you if you kill my son by the greatest torture ever invented, that of crucifixion. And I will then even forgive any boy who ever smashes any of my windows if he only reminds me of that gory murder by mentioning my son's name.' What would you have thought of Dad? What would the world have thought of him? What would the law have done to him? He would have been looked upon and treated as the most hideous monster on this globe. And you do not call it a blasphemy to attribute that hideousness to God, the Father, Who is in Heaven? It is not only blasphemy, but also the cause of the degeneration into wars, sins, and godlessness which has developed and grown ever since the fourth century, when that hideous blasphemy was born as a bastard of the Old and the New Testament. If the New Testament, with the straight teachings of Christ, had been the only contents of the Bible, we would now be true Christians instead of degenerated hybrids. I say again that, if you can prove that blasphemy to be correct, I will all my life aim at some other place than Heaven."

My consciousness then snapped back to the present time and my body inside the cube. The lessons given by my host, the space man, started again:

"You were right. The Christians are the only ones to invent the comfortable, commercial forgiveness of sins with its consequent spiritual degeneration. Before that, most people had used sacrifices, from incense to humans, to appease or bribe the spirits and tribal gods around them, but nobody before had accused their gods of being heathenish enough to sacrifice their own sons in a final and conclusive

self-appeasement. This dogma was easily peddled among the ignorant and unreasoning from the fourth century to our times, but education has now been enlarged and spread to such an extent that the people must have the truth, or else all will become atheists in a religious revolution similar to the one which you just pictured. Atheism will loosen the hold on passions and desires even more than the vicarious salvation dogma.

"The era on this our planet which corresponds to the present one on your Earth has become prehistoric and forgotten. There are few here who have not yet passed the Supreme Initiation in a union of their minds with the Cosmic Impulse, whom the Earth people call Christ, Khrishna, Wu Way, etc., depending on the Initiate who presented the Cosmic Impulse to them."

I again had a moment in which to feel as if I were being spanked for the sins of many generations. I could readily see how our "proud" history of national and religious fervor, ambition, avarice, lust, and crime would arouse the disgust and contempt of one who had attained to the Supreme Initiation by his own power.

THE "LOCAL STATIONS"

THE SPACE MAN'S visualization again started to be induced on my mind:

"Yes, all that is disgusting, and even more so, childish. The earth people, and especially the white race, has not yet reached maturity. You have like children 'been playing with pebbles on the shore of life,' as Tagore puts it. I said that we are receiving sets, designed to receive the Cosmic Impulse. Like all receiving sets, we are exposed to interference, especially from our 'local stations.' Our palate tells us that we ought to eat; our sex, that we should love; our skin, that we should lay down on a soft bed. Our ears want to hear music; our feet want to dance; our eyes desire form and color; our nose, aromas. Before we have conquered all those desires and put them in their right place and time, we cannot receive the message from the Cosmic Mind through the Impulse. Remember how Christ fasted forty days? Why? To overcome the strongest of all desires, that for food. Remember how he repelled the temptations? Only after that attainment could he go within the temple of his own heart and hear the voice of God through the Impulse. Only then did he accomplish the at-one-ment which made him Christ, completely conscious of being a spark of the Cosmic Impulse and able to represent that Impulse to his fellow men. Only then could he be baptized by John the Baptist as the conscious representative of that Impulse, the true Son of God. It was only through your own long fasts, your giving up smoking and drinking, and through other ascetic practices, that you became sufficiently self-conquered to be eligi-

ble for this trip to our planet and for the Supreme Initiation. We have been able to transfer our thoughts to your mind practically without any interference from your local stations. Mind you, we do not say that those local stations are impractical or undesirable. They have their time and place of usefulness, but they must allow you, as the animating spark of the Cosmic Impulse, to choose the right moment to tune them in and satisfy them. They must not constantly blur your reception from the Central Cosmic Broadcasting Station.

"When everybody's mind has become one with the Impulse, nobody will be aware of any separation between Its components. Everybody will act together, as your right hand co-operates with the left, without envy, animosity, competition, interference, or restraint. Study the action of those hands of yours. It is educating in the extreme. Notice how an impulse is divided between the two arms, between the muscles of each arm, of each hand, and each finger. Visualize how that same impulse must influence every cell, molecule, atom, and electron of every one of those many muscles. Then think of the intimate co-operation and co-ordination among everything from the tiny inhabitants of each electron all the way up to the complete arms and the muscles which connect them with the body. There are many failures, fumbles, and inaccuracies before all the participating units are trained enough to allow the impulse to be carried out to perfection, but all efforts are made to the best of their ability, with the best co-ordination, and entirely without any thought of separatism, competition, or selfishness.

"As a child does, so must humanity unconsciously grow toward this goal, until by the hit-and-miss system it becomes evolved enough to make a conscious effort toward perfection. In the meantime there will be solitary harbingers, leaders, and teachers, who have made the effort to become one with the Impulse. They will try to bring as many human beings as possible within their Impulse-inspired, magnetic field of vibrations, where the voices of the 'local sta-

tions' will be drowned by the clear voice within the temple of their own hearts. But the devil is often educated on the same bench as the saint. There will always be a Judas to commercialize the knowledge as it is given out. There will always be a Delilah to shear the locks of the righteous. There will always be hatred, envy, and ambition utilizing the Divine powers for destruction, even until this Impulse has finished Its work. Woe unto those who are caught in that nefarious mischief in that moment. They will be sloughed off as the germs in a boil.

"All this waste of time is especially unpardonable within your so-called "Christian" white race. You have used every art, invention, and science to keep your 'local stations' bellying all the time, and to kill and destroy—no longer as the 'heathens' did, man to man, but in sneak mass murders of everything alive within large areas. And now, as a crowning glory to your suicidal stupidity, you contemplate blasting yourselves and the whole solar system into one festering cancer under the skin of the Cosmic Body!"

I whimpered, I smarted, I had an impulse towards self-defense, but what could I do? All I could do was to sit there in the heavy, transparent cube and take it. The worst of it was, that the space man was right. For sixteen hundred years we had been educated to an isolationism and a nationalism, which now had found the means of expressing itself in the complete destruction of the enemy—and of ourselves. Nobody had as yet thought of a responsibility to anything or anybody outside our own little electron in the Cosmic Body, hardly even outside the borders of our own nation. But I was not given much time for those reflections.

"Twice you have been driven by wars in the direction of global unity, and both times the idea has been fizzled by the heresy of separateness, national as well as individual. It is true that the limits of this separateness and isolationism have expanded with the extension of consciousness, but it is also true that every time the consciousness has expanded to a larger unit, the separateness of that unit from similar

units around it has been preached as a virtue instead of a vice.

"The conscious unity of the savage did not extend beyond his own body. The woman he robbed or kidnapped was there to satisfy him and could even be eaten if she no longer served any other purpose. His children were a nuisance and could be put out in the woods to be eaten by wild animals. He fought his enemies single-handed. Finally there came a day when someone saw the wisdom of rearing the children to help in hunting, defense, and attack. The consciousness of the savage had then developed to include the family as a unit. But that family was separated from all other families by desire, hatred, envy, pride, and revenge, until one of his descendants saw the wisdom of greater units, and the clan was formed.

"The clan grew into a tribe, the tribe into a petty state, the petty state into a kingdom, the kingdom into united kingdoms or states, each step extending the consciousness to a certain amount of love and co-operation within the unit, but the wall of vicious feelings of separateness just moving out to the borders of that enlarged unit.

"Now you stand before the problem of uniting the whole of the earth's humanity into one federation. Much has been written and talked about it. Even a constitution for the United Nations has been written, but even thirteen years after it was written and adopted, very few minds have grown enough to regard 'globalism' as a virtue instead of a vice. Nationalism, patriotism, the laurels of past and bloody history, are still being preached as the real virtues and examples, when they in reality have been the cause of your spiritually retarded civilization, your diseases, bloodsheds, and the contempt and hatred of other nations and their inhabitants. Instead of letting God's blessings flow unhampered from one corner of the earth to the other, or letting human beings of all races and nationalities move freely about your globe, you have cut up the surface of the earth into little patches with a ring of pass-me-not around them, each little patch

denying her inhabitants the overflow of blessings from the other little patches. It is true that your United States of America has torn down those walls around your individual states. This unification gives to all those states the combined blessings which their different climates, topography, and fertility can bring forth, but it is equally true that most Americans still begrudge the rest of the world the blessings of an unconditional union with their nation. The Europeans are still worse. With the same blessings of different natural conditions to produce the variety of foods necessary for perfect health, and with the variety of topography to provide the different raw materials necessary to their present stage of civilization, the European still insists on small patches isolated by customs duties, passports, different currencies, different languages, different and most slanderous and war-mongering national histories. They insist on maintaining industries which prefer to raise their prices and profits by limiting their production than to increase their production for real service to their fellow men. In some places they even shut themselves completely behind an ideological curtain, woven with absolute atheism as the warp. If an explosion of the earth would not also peril the rest of our Universe, it would be as commendable as a cancer operation, because a cancer consists of cells which have become as antisocial as anarchistic and devoid of unity with the rest of the body as each of your nations is today toward the rest of humanity. Such an operation, however, cannot be performed safely, so let us hope that you will be able to extend the consciousness of the earth people enough to save them and us from such an operation."

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I CERTAINLY felt far from encouraged by the picture which he painted of our humanity. What could be done? Where should I start? How could an introvert, whose austerity had isolated him from the bulk of humanity, suddenly step forward as a world reformer? With atheism enforced behind the Iron Curtain and, to a great extent, merely wearing the mask of religion outside it, how could I speak of a Cosmic Mind, the Cosmic Impulse, the extended consciousness? My thought reading and thought transferring friend was ready with the answer:

"Maybe I painted your task as too difficult. Let us see the other side of the ledger. Within each and everyone of those misguided, befuddled, groping individuals who make up those antagonistic nations is a spark of the Cosmic Impulse. By entering into perfect unity with that Impulse, you also enter into unity with them. That unity is not perfect because of the national, local, and individual "interference." Yet, there is within them a yearning for the perfect unity, which might be accelerated by words and by example. For instance, the atheism of which you were thinking is not really directed against the Impulse. It is directed against the churches, which insist on expounding the Divine by teachings which rest upon a standard of culture, civilization, and knowledge far beneath that of today. As a matter of fact, many churches even deny that the glory of your modern scientific discoveries should be credited to the Divine unless they are mentioned in the Bible. They therefore are unable to use up-to-date knowledge to interpret Christ. In reality,

his words reveal practically all that science knows today. His contemporary listeners lacked the vocabulary and terminology which modern science has developed, and would therefore not have understood him, even if he had fetched the words out of the future, as he could well have done.

"Education has therefore pulled the people beyond the churches and their religion, but it has also opened their minds to the wider understanding of that true religion which you saw during the Initiation. If you reveal it to your contemporaries, they will understand that you have found something to fill the vacuum caused by atheism; something which makes Christ understandable; something which takes away the repulsive idea of a bloody sacrifice to appease a blood-thirsty god by the blood of an innocent. They will then understand this belief to have been only a befuddling excuse for the guilty to keep on revelling in sin, graft, crime, and inequity, so long as they sacrificed a few candles or dropped a few pennies in the collection box.

"Write therefore about the Initiation and the At-onement with the Cosmic Impulse. Your idea of a universal language will help to spread the truth."

I remembered that I once had recommended that English be made the universal language after it had been simplified by phonetic spelling. I had even spent some time producing a system of such spelling. My research showed me the appalling conglomeration of words, borrowed from other languages, with either a new pronunciation given to the original or a somewhat distorted spelling, until writing and reading had become a veritable science by itself, instead of a tool to acquire knowledge. English resembles Chinese writing in that the spelling of each word must be learned by heart. Thus our children waste many hundreds of hours of study, which could otherwise be used to acquire real scientific knowledge. Instead of having just one letter corresponding to each sound, and each sound corresponding only to its own individual letter, the dictionary reveals a dozen or more letters and groups of letters corresponding to one

and the same sound, and many sounds corresponding to the same letter or group of letters. There are dead letters, silent letters, misplaced letters, unrelated letters, with very few having any hard and fast connection to a rule of spelling or pronunciation. No wonder that our children are inefficient in reading, that the illiteracy was appalling among the inductees to our army, that practically everybody who writes must have a dictionary handy, or that only a few can last to the finals of a spelling bee.

"You are right again," came the response of the space man. "Your language with phonetic spelling would have every possibility of becoming the universal language, taught in every school in the world. It has an easy grammar, a large vocabulary, is widely known already, and has produced most of the new words of science, sport, and inventions. This new vocabulary has been accepted by almost all other languages. But its spelling makes it unfit to be adopted as compulsory in all foreign schools. Many of those schools are teaching real science, while your children are still struggling to master that mere tool of learning, spelling, and often unsuccessfully.

"The next part of your work will be to convince humanity that, at its present stage of evolution, it will need an international armed force as a police force before any disarmament can take place. Such a force could consist of enlisted men from all nations, or a contribution of drafted men from each of them. There must, however, be a ceiling, above which no nation may contribute, or she may swamp the universal force and use it for selfish or, rather, national purposes. This universal force must be larger and better armed than that of any one nation or combination of nations. It should have the sole right to use weapons of mass destruction. It must be commanded by an internationally minded staff. It should preserve order, enforce the decisions of the International Assembly, and occupy all strategic positions which the International Federation would guard in the interest of all nations. After this force has been organ-

ized, trained, and distributed, all nations will feel safe to limit their own forces to mere police forces for the maintenance of order within their own territories."

If two long and destructive wars have forced the idea of a global federation on the minds of the thinking minority, and yet only feeble and impotent organizations have been the result, what could my lonely efforts hope to accomplish? Would a third world war, longer and more destructive than the two before, be necessary to make the nations feel the necessity of a powerful international police force? There were too many interests involved. These interests showed themselves most plainly in the unyielding imperialism of an atheistic ideology on the one hand, and a stock market which went up with the possibility of war, and fell with the mere mention of peace, on the other. Nationalism was rampant, and isolationism segregated every little national patch from the rest of humanity, causing an unprecedented international anarchy. Would my word be powerful enough? Would it come soon enough to save the world from self destruction? Christ himself had not been able to save the Jews from their national destruction.

"That is right," came the space man's response to my thoughts. "You call the god of war Mars, but the inhabitants of all other planets call him Earth. Yours is the only planet where war exists. No space men would ever think of attacking another planet, much less yours. You, however, dream of conquering other planets for base and selfish purposes, as you have conquered the lands of the "heathens," depriving them of their possessions and even their freedom. Your natural urge for unity with everything within the Cosmic Body has been so perverted by your unbridled selfishness—personal, national, and global—that conquest seems to you to be the only means by which that unity can be accomplished. But we hope that your contemporaries by now will have enough fear of the H-bomb to be willing to consider other means. You must make your message very clear and very strong. Many humans are educated enough

to understand you. Many are even wise enough to help you.

"Remember that all religions were started by Initiates of the same school to which Christ belonged, and that their teachings are the same in essence, differing only in so far as the teachers' personalities and environment differed. Your environment is mostly Christian, which forces you to use the vocabulary and scientific terminology of the Christian world. Follow therefore the New Testament, and explain the words and actions of Christ in the light of the new knowledge which you have gained through your Initiation. This will also give the basic key to all the other religions and make atheism fade away. We have now established a permanent connection with you and will help you by inducing ideas in your mind should it ever get stuck.

"So, now good-bye and good luck. May your connection with the Cosmic Impulse be clear and effective!"

The pilot of the saucer flew me back, while my friend stayed behind. My mind was working under such high pressure that I was glad to be given an opportunity to analyze these new ideas in quietude, even if the trip was only of short duration. I felt that my mind had expanded from one of mere earthly dimensions to one stretching from microcosmic to macrocosmic proportions. However, I certainly did not feel swell-headed. On the contrary, I felt as though all earthly, national, and personal esteem had been drawn very, very thin between those two poles. The word humility could not express that feeling, because humility still implies a separateness from that before which you are humble. It was rather a sense of being smaller than an electron in the vastness of the all-inclusive Unity of the Cosmos, in which I belong while yet having the consciousness of all that vast Unity within the small shell of my cranium.

We landed outside my house. The door with its staircase was lowered. I rushed down and away to allow the saucer to rise before it had a chance to arouse too much excitement among my neighbors. Nevertheless, I had several days of hard work to convince the police and reporters that I had

made an Alice-in-Wonderland trip instead of a traitor's journey to an enemy country. To tell too much would have meant incarceration in an insane asylum, while to tell too little would have meant the third degree and prison. I felt the dilemma of all the known and unknown martyrs, Christ included, who have suffered from their own extended knowledge versus the ignorance of the masses. I finally was left alone as a mystery and an inoffensive crackpot.

THE INTRODUCTION

MY COMMISSION was to extend the consciousness of humanity with the teachings of Christ as the foundation. I therefore started to study the New Testament again, a task I had done many times before, first by compulsion in school, which repelled me and very nearly made an atheist out of me. Then, after it dawned on me that it was the gross misinterpretation of it and not the New Testament itself which was repulsive, I eagerly studied it on my own accord and came to my own conclusions. Now, however, I had an entirely new key with which I would try to unlock its mysteries.

First, if Christ really understood the gigantic construction of the Cosmos and our true relationship to it, if he really knew enough to take it upon himself to represent the Cosmic Impulse, he must have introduced himself as that Impulse to his disciples. I found plenty of quotations to support such an introduction.

The most potent is where he says, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." Could anything be plainer? I am the technique, the know-how, that's the "Way" to do things right! Any impulse which you send out from your brain must be just that, even if its physical medium is not yet trained to absolute obedience and perfection. It must carry with it the true knowledge of what, when, and how to do, all included in the simple word "Way," a word so potent that its real meaning had to be blasted out with an A-bomb.

"And the Truth." That is to say, the exact knowledge of and in accordance with that which is, has been, and shall be. The Cosmic Impulse, which rules the Cosmic Body, is

the only One who holds the true secret of that which is, has been, and shall be. Anything contrary to that Impulse is incorrect and untrue, no matter how true it may appear in the light of our temporary illusions. The Impulse is the basic, exact Truth, and anyone who speaks on behalf of and in the name of that Impulse must call himself the Truth. Jesus therefore used that expression also in introducing Himself as the Cosmic Impulse, the Christ.

"And the Life." Here is yet another expression as potent and as impossible to interpret by the uninitiated until Hiroshima. "I am the animation, the power, the energy, the 'Life' which moves the limb." Simple, when you have the key! "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." I am the Cosmic Impulse, who knows what, when, and how to do, who is the basic and exact Truth, and who has the power to set inert matter in motion in the service of the Cosmic Man, the Father, Who is in Heaven. Surely a clear self introduction by one who knew everything! But clear only to those "who have eyes to see and ears to hear." It took the blinding light and the deafening roar of an A-bomb to open our eyes and our ears to the real splendor of the One who thus introduced himself. No matter how destructive the A-bomb was to matter, it certainly can be immensely more constructive to the spirit if we accept its lesson.

He also introduced himself as a Son of the Father, Who is in Heaven. By Heaven, his contemporaries meant a place in the sky, but in His understanding, it meant the complete Cosmic Man. The Father then becomes the Spirit, the Intellect, which dwells in that Cosmic Man, the Heaven. To describe the Impulse which emanated from that Cosmic Spirit and Intellect, he used the simile of a Son emanating from a Father. We must excuse the ignorance of people living almost two thousand years before Hiroshima for not understanding such a simile. We must excuse the churches for having ignored, in their ignorance of the true key to religion, the teachings of Christ, and rather having concentrated on the tenets of the obsolete Old Testament. After all,

it is much easier to understand the idea of one little tribe in a small country and their little national god full of all human weaknesses, than to understand the Cosmos with its billions of galaxies, or the impersonal Impulse, who for the present is at work moving that Cosmos. But it also makes quite a difference whether we serve a little, national, totalitarian, hateful, ambitious, sacrifice-hungry, and revengeful god, or the Cosmic Spirit "in Whom we live and have our being." It was this difference that Christ came to teach the Jews, and through them the whole world. That only a few understood him, and that the message became garbled by ambition and greed throughout the centuries, retarded the spiritual evolution of that world almost two thousand years.

REINCARNATION

TO UNDERSTAND many of the strange passages of the New Testament, such as the virgin birth, or to understand the evolution capable of producing such a perfect man as Jesus or his teachings, we must revive the popular belief in reincarnation, that is, the rebirth of souls, or sparks, into new bodies, the "trade-in" of old bodies for new, as we trade in old cars for new, a procedure of which Christ and his disciples speak very clearly and which evidently was a common understanding in those days.

We have found that the Impulse emanates from the Cosmic Godhead and divides into sparks, or souls. These souls animate bodies of the inhabitants of all the worlds which are to be employed in the task of the Impulse. We have also seen that it may take several million earthly years before the Impulse has completed Its work. In the meantime, the different sparks are being educated to perform their respective parts of the drama toward the fulfillment of the work of the Impulse. They are not able to use the same bodies over the whole period—because of wear and tear—any more than you are able to use the same car your whole life. The sparks therefore must throw off one body after the other, which is called death, and enter new ones, which is called birth. In other words, the sparks, or souls, go through innumerable reincarnations, constantly learning to handle their bodies better and better, sometimes by conscious efforts in the right direction, which nets them a fast progress, but more often by an aimless hit-and-miss system

which produces mostly bad and sad consequences, severe lessons, and slower education.

We find in the Bible many traces of the knowledge of reincarnation, or rebirth into the flesh. In the New Testament the evangelist John tells how the priests and Levites ask John the Baptist (John I:21), "Are you Elijah? Are you the Prophet?", although everybody knew that both Elijah and the Prophet had died long before then. Likewise, Christ asked the disciples whom the people thought him to be. They answered (Matt. xvi: 13-14): "Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elijah; and others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets." This plainly proves that the Jews, Christ and the disciples included, believed in reincarnation, the return of the soul, or the spark, into new bodies, while still retaining in its subconscious mind the knowledge and experience which it had gathered during its many previous lives. Thus the great souls could be recognized by their greatness life after life, while the undeveloped souls did not leave enough trace in history to be recognized in their later reincarnations.

Christ gave at that time some very good advice to those who would rather live in the glory of some real or fancied past reincarnation than make an improved edition of the present one. He lauded Peter merely for regarding as important the fact that Christ was the Son of God, a conscious spark of the Impulse, without bothering about who he might have been in previous, less evolved, incarnations. For truly, a worn-out reincarnation or body is of no more importance than a worn-out garment or an outmoded automobile of which you really are ashamed. Your first car would look rather crude by the side of your present model. So also does the reincarnation of the soul as Elijah look inferior to its reincarnation as Christ.

Another time that Christ suggests reincarnation is when he says, "Unless a man is born again as a little child, he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven." He meant by this that nobody can get ready to complete his task in this world

and within this Impulse during the extent of one incarnation, probably not even in that of a thousand. He says also; "I came and ye knew me not." And again, he speaks of his final arrival at the end of the successful execution of the Cosmic Impulse. He will then come to gather all those who have evolved enough to be useful the next time this same Impulse is called upon to animate Cosmos and send its sparks to our planet. He returns with those good and efficient ones to the Cosmic Godhead to remain there in perfect relaxation and bliss until the call to renewed duty again activates them. Those sparks who have wasted their time on personal pleasures instead of Cosmic duties, the goats, will be left behind to be burned and devoured by their own highly developed desires and passions without any possibility of satisfying them in new bodies. They have not even the hope of being guided or "saved" by a single evolved spark of the Impulse, for these have all departed, possibly for eons of earthly years. Any of the rejected sparks, if embodied, would interfere with the work of the Impulse.

To understand the reincarnation of the Cosmic Impulse as distinguished from the bodily reincarnation of a spark, let us study the training which our own muscles go through by repetition of the same action. Let us again consider a pianist training his fingers. When he first learns to play, it takes him a long time to find the right key. He must play the scales and exercises over and over again. Every time the finger has to hit the same key with the same touch, the same impulse animates all the muscles which guide the finger to that key. We know that it must be the same impulse, because each time it is a little more efficient. The pianist must put all his mind on his work to start with, but as he trains each impulse to hit its respective key in the same rhythm, with the same touch and feeling, he can take his mind off the work more and more, until after long practice he can play the most exacting opus even while he carries on a conversation. If it were not for the same impulses which were called back by the memory, he would keep fumbling all his life in the be-

ginner's way. Suppose it took him two whole seconds to find and hit that key the first time. That would mean twenty-four million electronic years to a spark of the impulse, which just starts its first life on one of the electrons in that particular finger. By using up different bodies, from the amoeba to the human, this spark learns to build a body which at the same time can serve as a receiving set for the impulse and as a tool for the execution of its work. Then it will have to train its will to serve the impulse, rather than merely play with that body and everything around it to its own satisfaction. When the finger has done its work, and the impulse is recalled to the brain, there will be very few sparks which have reached any worthwhile perfection even during those twenty-four million electronic years. Those few perfect ones comprise the impulse going back to his brain. The rest are left behind to extinguish themselves into nothingness and oblivion.

The next time the finger is called upon to touch that same key with the same touch, the same impulse is sent out and divided into sparks which populate the cells, molecules, atoms, and electrons of the muscles which are to co-operate in that same action. The few good ones from the previous effort will then act as elder brothers and teachers to the new ones, whose evolution then proceeds a little faster. When the impulse again goes back to the brain, the crop of good sparks will be larger and the efficiency of that impulse will be increased commensurably. Through constant practice by the pianist, the crew of good sparks will be increased until a full crew of conscious, efficient sparks will man every electron as soon as that impulse is sent into action. The work will then be done with absolute precision. The memory will call up these efficient impulses in the right sequence, while the rest of the player's mind is left free to converse, or to evaluate the impression on the audience.

This present Cosmic Impulse, of which we are the sparks, may already have been called into action many times. Christ was probably a spark of It the first time, fumbling along

as many of us do now. After the 24 or more million years which the work of the Impulse then took, Christ was gathered in as one of the most evolved sparks. He served during the next reincarnation of the Impulse as a teacher for the new crop of sparks and went back with the then larger crowd of evolved sparks to his "Father's House," the Cosmic Brain, where there are "many mansions," one for each different Impulse. During this our present reincarnation of the Impulse, his soul, or spark, went through bodily reincarnation after reincarnation, gathering more and more wisdom and understanding about the why, whence, and whereto of our existence, as well as about the know-how of our earthly and spiritual work.

A soul of that stature comprehends that much time is lost in teaching each new body the necessary discrimination and resistance to sin. He therefore decided to be born without sin, without having been drawn into a new body by the vortex of sexual passion. He accordingly hypnotized the virgin Mary through the spiritual side of her nature. Mary had been prepared by prophecies in the Old Testament and by suggestions from the Essenic Brotherhood, to which her father belonged and to which Christ had belonged in a previous reincarnation. During her state of hypnosis Christ suggested that she had conceived. We know that hypnotists are able to cause a tumor to grow on any part of a subject's body. The fetus was started in the same way in Mary's womb, and was in due course inhabited by the soul of Christ.

A new body is not able to give expression even to the highest evolved soul without first learning the necessary vocabulary, terminology, and technique to express the wisdom or art of the soul. The three wise men therefore advised the parents to take the child to Egypt, where they would find the oldest and highest culture of that time. They returned when Jesus was twelve. He then astounded the learned in the temple with his wisdom. Later he was sent to India where he was equipped with still more technique

necessary to express his high standard of thinking, his curative powers, and his knowledge of the life between the reincarnations. He there also studied the Book of Zhan, which described to him the Cosmic Body and the Impulse. This made him a conscious representative of the Impulse.

THE PLAN

HE NOW WAS ready to begin his real work. He returned to Palestine. What could be the plan which a man conscious of his place in the enormity of the Cosmic Man would evolve for his future work? Would he use his powers to accumulate wealth to buy the services of all his fellow men? Would he use his magic to satisfy a gluttonous ambition? Would he use his hypnotic powers to satisfy a sadistic cruelty on man and beast? Would he jealously keep his wisdom and his knowledge to himself and use his tremendous psychic powers to enslave his fellow men and force them to do the work of the Impulse? He knew that the Impulse would never become any stronger by such means, because it is only by free, voluntary co-operation that more and more sparks evolve. Coercion has no place in evolution. He may have felt just a flicker of such impulses, however. He decided, therefore, that he had one more test to pass to be able to identify himself as one with the Cosmic Impulse, the Christ. He had to show that he was above all the temptations which could make him misuse the enormous powers, both spiritual, psychic and physical, which he had gained. He therefore decided to fast for forty days.

When the fast was over, and he had been tempted by his bodily needs, his ambition, and his greed without falling, he was ready to take his place in the scheme of the Impulse. He then had to be identified as the "Son of God," which was the closest that his contemporaries' vocabulary could come in expressing the idea of the Impulse from the Godhead

of the Cosmic Body. This identification was made by John the Baptist when he baptized Jesus. To gather a following, he called poor fishermen and other, from a worldly standpoint insignificant, but spiritually highly evolved people. He did not go to the priests or the philosophic societies, because he knew that their previous learning was gained to feed their ambition and greed, and that they would be prejudiced against any teaching of unselfishness and service. We know how he many times criticized the priests, and Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the rich, and how they finally combined to gather enough false evidence against him to have him executed. The only brotherhood he never criticized was that of the Essenes, which had its headquarters in Galilee. The poverty and obscurity of the fishermen did not leave much room for passions and abnormal desires. It tended rather to develop introversion, which is necessary for spiritual development. Christ also used his psychic powers to examine their previous reincarnations. He found them worthy and well prepared for the task before them.

He then used his knowledge of mind over matter to produce a few phenomena and cures, by which to attract all the afflicted and miserable. He thus gained a large following of the introverts in a very short time. He now was ready to teach.

He planned to teach that he represented the Cosmic Impulse but in no way the whole Impulse. Everyone was a spark of that Impulse. They were in him, as he was in them. He further planned to teach the necessity of a co-operative unity of the whole of mankind in its work to accomplish the task of that Impulse on this globe. He intended to teach that the way to such unity and to the knowledge of the Cosmic goal lies through the temple of our own hearts, not through Solomon's temple or any other church. Finally, he taught that the road to perfection leads up the ladder of the Beatitudes.

We shall now see how modern astronomy, physiology, psychology, and atomic science have given us the means

to interpret these teachings. He undoubtedly secretly taught parts of these modern sciences to his special disciples, or they would not have been able to transmit the teachings so clearly within the narrow range of their contemporary vocabulary.

THE FAST

To "GO INTO the Temple of our own heart" may in our modern vocabulary be translated, "to tune in on the Divine Cosmic Broadcasting Station," the DCBS, the Divine Brain of the Cosmic Man, from Whom the Cosmic Impulse emerges. If we manage to tune in the DCBS clearly, we will receive the Impulse and feel the unity with God and all those who are equally tuned in through the receiving sets of their hearts, just as we are in temporary unity with other listeners when we listen to a radio or a TV program. We are, however, unable to hear a radio program unless we have the radio tuned in right, excluding all interference from other stations. Similarly, as my planetary friend remarked, we are unable to hear the Cosmic Impulse unless we have silenced all "local stations" within ourselves, such as hunger, thirst, sex, greed, and ambition. These must be so completely conquered that they will not by a single earthly impulse mar the peace and reception within the temple of our heart.

The object of Christ's forty-day fast was to gain just such absolute control of all his earthly desires and appetites, the "local stations" within him. Only by such complete control could he tune in the Cosmic Impulse and become Its highest exponent among mankind with full knowledge of the object of that Impulse. We find, therefore, that he went through certain tests before he broke the fast. He is portrayed as being tested by a tempter. This tempter, who is called both Satan and the Devil, is the very same who now tempts us to break our New Year's resolutions or any other

good decision. He has no personality or reality either here or in the hereafter. He represents simply our own passions, desires, and habits, the will of the flesh. The spark, or soul, rides a body as a man rides a horse. If a horseman does not control his horse, that horse will run away with him to the green pastures to graze.

The strongest impulse after a forty-day fast is naturally hunger, the desire to eat. Jesus was therefore first tempted to convert stones into bread. He evidently knew more than our modern scientists, as he would hardly have been tempted to convert stones into bread unless he knew the necessary chemical or alchemical formula. But he knew also that to use that knowledge, and thus disturb the basic principles of nature for selfish purposes, would have made him unfit during many reincarnations for any further development in the service of the Most High. Hunger is a natural desire with a tendency to grow into an unnatural one. The body is an animal, which must be trained like an animal. If we let it rule us, it will become useless to us in the service of the Cosmic Spirit. We must teach our bodies when and what to eat. We must also learn to control all other voluntary and involuntary functions of our bodies, that we may always remain masters over them.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." His answer to the temptation is plain enough. Although you need bread to sustain your body, you must primarily subordinate that need to the laws and directions of God, to the command of the Impulse.

The next temptation was the desire to be pampered, attended to, and made conscious of his greatness, another desire which is inborn in all of us and which needs no explanation. It is natural in the baby and stays with those who remain babies all their life. It has no place in a representative of the Impulse. Jesus therefore withstood that test also. He knew that to fall for that temptation would be an effort to make God and His angels his own servants, thus

reversing his aim of becoming the true servant of the Cosmic Spirit. His answer to the temptation to have the angels lift him down from the cliff and attend to him, which must have been great for a man in his emaciated condition, was very plain: "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." How many try to tempt God with endless prayers of "gi'me, gi'me" and "help me, help me" even under the auspices of the churches! How few are those who pray: "Oh, Lord, give me of your Will, Wisdom and Love, that I may be able to Act in your service for ever and ever! Amen."

Again, one of our own unnaturally enlarged desires, personal ambition and greed, is given the name of Devil when it tempts Christ to become the ruler of the world and everything on it. The price would be a continuous worship of and submission to that ambition and all the other desires of the flesh. Have we not seen how the totalitarian rulers continuously deceive, enslave, murder, and even start wars to keep their unlimited power for the satisfaction of their ambition? How many do we not find today in the steady worship of ambition? Look at anything from the ball team of small boys to the high assembly halls—a constant endeavor to be first, strongest, best, highest, and richest for no other reason or purpose than glory.

Again Jesus points out the right direction for our worship and our service: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him alone shalt thou serve." Your ambition should be to develop into perfect unity with the Impulse in the service of the Cosmic Intellect.

That fasting was common in those days is made plain by Matt. vi: 16-18, where Christ admonishes the disciples not to behave like the hypocrites, who seek the approval of men while fasting, but rather to seek within for the reward from the Father, who is in secret. And we know that fasting to them meant an absolute abstention from food, and not merely changing from meat to fish or eating hot cross buns during a certain number of weeks!

Is a forty-day fast possible? We have for convenience' sake

been taught to regard the New Testament as describing things so divine, mystical, and impossible that they do not belong in every day life. But the life of Jesus is a real pattern, which we all must follow sooner or later, or the result of the Impulse will be a fizzle. Those who shirk will be left behind to be conclusively devoured by the flames of their own passions. Let us not allow our earthly desires to convince us that a Christlike life is mystical or impossible. Christ assured us time and again that we are in him and he in us, and that we are all brethren, sons of the same Cosmic Father. "You can do greater things than I!" It is easy to see that no church could hold its congregation if it preached forty-day complete fasts. Medical science would crucify any minister or priest who preached such anti-sickness "nonsense." The churches have to preach Christ while apologizing for all his "nonsense" as divinely impossible. That is the reason why atheism is spreading more and more. If the churches had not converted themselves into social clubs, they would stand absolutely empty today.

After World War I the English arrested the Mayor of Cork, Ireland, and imprisoned him in the Tower of London. He decided to go on a hunger strike—to the death if necessary. It took him seventy-two days to die by fasting! A clergyman in Michigan decided to follow his wife in death by fasting. His daughter succeeded in persuading him to give up the fast after forty-five days! He will probably live that much longer and healthier because of his fast.

A forty-day fast is not only possible, but even longer fasts are practiced today in many of our health clubs. I, myself, fasted fifty-two days altogether in 1911, although not in one fast. I had first a four-day fast, then a six-day, then a seventeen-day. Then I found a book on fasting, "The Fasting Cure," by Upton Sinclair, from which I learned that I had done it all wrong. He described exactly the unpleasant symptoms of the wrong procedure which I had used. I also learned how to do it right. I then had a twenty-five day

fast the right way. In 1911 I completed my twenty-ninth year. He was four years older.

I have since had at least one fast each year, two of them as long as nineteen and twenty-one days, respectively. It has become my principal remedy against disease. After the first World War a book by Doctors Fisher and Fisk, two outstanding medical authorities, was published under the title of "How to Live" (published under the auspices of the Life Extension Institute, Inc., of which President Taft was once chairman). It says on page 161: "If we could at intervals thoroughly wash man free from his poisons and nourish him, there seems to be no reason why he should not live indefinitely." The accumulation of poison and waste matter must be the media in which germs live and multiply. If the metabolism at certain intervals is forced by a fast to use that waste matter as food, our bodies would be "thoroughly washed free from poisons" and we would live "indefinitely." That is the theory of my fasting, besides the training in self control which it gives.

My experience has confirmed Sinclair's wisdom in recommending that the alimentary canal should be cleaned out completely at the beginning of the fast. I take a laxative the night before the fast, then an enema the evening of the first day, and then one at least every other day to rinse out the solid waste matter which the blood deposits there even during a fast. The fast should be undertaken entirely under your own will power, not because of some foolish dare, bet, or tease, which may make you negative instead of positive in spirit and thus hurt you psychologically. For the same reason, no specific number of days should be set, because, if given up earlier than planned, the fast will be a failure, which will weaken your will power rather than strengthen it. Go ahead and feel your way, as I did. With the right technique at the start you will not have the same discouraging experiences which I had during my first fasts. You will not have nausea, headaches, or feelings of weakness. You will be able

to keep up your regular activities, even those involving physical strain. You will have to overcome only the regular urges of your stomach. You will have a slight reaction or discomfort on the sixth, thirteenth, twentieth, and twenty-seventh day. Your tongue will be heavily coated until your body is cleared of waste matter, at which time it will clear up and your hunger will return. That is the danger point. That is the time when you would be tempted to make bread of stones if you knew how. That is the time when bread may turn into stone in your stomach if you over-eat.

A small and increasing amount of fruit juice should be taken for the first three meals after the fast is completed. For the first meal of the second day, a sandwich of two small squares of rye crisps with peanut butter, well chewed, almost Fletcherized, makes a good start. The second meal that day should consist of two such sandwiches along with some raisins. The third meal of the second day can be more to your taste, although some restriction as to quantity must still be practiced. After that you may eat normally.

There is one discomfort I have had when fasting in hot weather or working hard in the sun. My hearing "clouds," so to speak. I have found that this is the result of a lack of salt. I therefore fill a glass three-quarters full of water, add one-fourth teaspoon of salt, and stir. Then I fill the rest of the glass with root beer to take away the taste of the salt, and drink it. That restores my full hearing and vigor. Otherwise I drink as much plain water as possible during my fasts.

If you are accustomed to meditation, affirmation, or prayer and practice it during your fast, you will find yourself in much closer contact with the Cosmic Impulse than you ever could attain before.

It is advisable to go ahead with your daily work or some kind of exercise so as not to allow your muscles to atrophy. Some diversion to forget that you are fasting is also in order. And follow the advice of Christ: "Anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men

but by your Father, who is in secret." It is very wise to keep your fasting from being seen by "men," meaning your neighbors and relatives. You will find many of them, even churchgoers, who do not believe enough in Christ, and therefore will tell you that you are going to die. If your will power is not stronger than theirs, they may break down your morale and make you start eating from panic, which may prove disastrous.

You will find that you are just as strong as ever during the fast and that your heart will have easier and easier work as the capillaries are cleaned out. It will not have the heavy work of supplying blood to the stomach three or four times a day. Your blood will instead be free to work in your muscles.

Nobody has died from a fast of less than fifty days. Those who die when they are unable to find food for three or four days do so from exposure or shock, caused by fear that they are starving to death. Many are thus victimized by the un-Christian and un-Hippocratic idea of not telling the public that a man can live without food at least forty days even without special precautions. The church and the medical fraternity are equally accessory before the fact of the psychosomatic death of many of those who have "starved" to death.

There are only two conditions which should cause objections to fasting. One is the existence of ulcers anywhere in the alimentary canal. If the fast is just long enough for the ulcers to heal and form a scab, that scab may be torn off by one of the first meals, and an hemorrhage ensue. A liquid diet for some weeks after the fast may allow the ulcers to heal completely, but that is for the doctor to decide.

The other condition is tuberculosis, which in some cases seems to prevent an increase in weight after the fast. Normally you lose about five pounds in the first two days, while your bowels clean out. After that you lose a pound a day. After the fast you regain your weight very quickly up to what is the *normal* avoirdupois for you, which means that if

you were overweight before the fast, you will not regain that overweight on a normal diet. Of course, if you again start abusing your stomach by overeating, the result will in due time be the same as before the fast. You are, however, supposed to have gained enough will power during the fast to resist the temptation to overeat. If you were underweight before the fast, you will find that after the fast you will easily gain weight up to what should be normal for you.

Those who start a fast when they are overweight should take the following exercise at least three times a day: Lay flat on your back. Raise your feet together and let them describe a wide circle. Exhale completely when your feet are highest and inhale while they complete the half circle farthest from your face. You continue this exercise first one way a number of times, then the other, until you are comfortably tired. This will contract your abdominal wall, which has been unnaturally extended by the fat.

HELL AND PURGATORY

WE HAVE FOUND what the expressions "Satan" and the "Devil" stand for. Let us also find out what the words "Hell" and "Purgatory" really mean.

Death is very much like stepping out of a car. You know that you are exactly the same outside of that car as you were inside, only minus the ability to rush ahead at 50 or 90 m.p.h. You will find that you are also the same when you step out of your body, only minus the ability to smoke, drink, eat, love, or do anything, which requires physical means for its performance. As a matter of fact, few people realize that they are "dead" until quite some time after they have left the body. Everything has its prototype on the spiritual plane. When an architect, for instance, visualizes the house he is designing, he actually builds its prototype on the spiritual plane. The same with everything. Even our earth did not come into being without its prototype. "Unless the Lord builds the house. . . ."

The "dead," or the soul, the spark, therefore finds himself in the same old surroundings, among the same relatives and friends, whose souls naturally are visible to him. He also finds some relatives and friends who have "died" before him. Few of the "living" however, have developed, the consciousness of the souls of the "dead." They therefore seem to ignore him completely. They devote themselves to emotions and grief over the lump of flesh and bones which he just left behind as untenable. This reaction violently pains the deceased, because his own emotions have become hypersensitive without the coarse vibrations of the physical body.

He, so to speak, now lives in an emotional body. Therefore, do not grieve! Talk to the deceased in your thoughts, as if he were present and alive. Tell him to turn toward the light and give up his worldly interests, passions, and desires, which he no longer can satisfy, and which therefore will bring him nothing but suffering.

Have you ever tried to give up smoking? Did you ever try to take a real fast? Or to overcome any of your other passions, desires, or habits? If you did, you backed your efforts with your will power. But have you ever been in a spot where you could get no cigarettes, alcohol, or food for some time? Your will-power was not backing your abstention then. Your suffering was great. It will be even greater without a body to satisfy your cravings. That is Hell, the burning flames of all uncontrolled and unsatisfied passions, desires, and habits. There are neither big nor small Devils to stir that fire. It will just keep burning by itself, stronger and longer the more play you allowed your passions during your "life." If you during your lifetime have made any kind of an effort to control them, you will have that much will power to purge yourself of them after death. Instead of finding yourself in a self-made Hell you will then wake up in Purgatory where that initial will power entitles you to every possible help by those already purged. If you never during your lifetime thought of, or tried to pitch your will against, your passions and desires, you will probably never think of doing so after death. You will simply add hatred to your other vices, a hatred against God and those who are trying to help you. You will hate them because they are trying to extinguish your desires instead of satisfying them. You will remain in that self-inflicted Hell until you are reborn and given a new chance. You may then learn your lesson and you may not.

Those with the unquenchable, unpurged passions are the unclean spirits spoken of in several places in the New Testament. You find there that some of them try to enter

the bodies of those still living so as to get the physical means to satisfy their passions, which is the same as an automobile thief entering a stolen car to satisfy his hunger for speed. The unclean spirit hovers around living persons who practice the same vice as that spirit practiced while alive. Those who wallow in vice without ever strengthening their will power will therefore be the easiest and surest preys of these demons, who enter and then take their bodies on worse sprees than the rightful owner ever dreamed of. There is no limit whatsoever to the demon's orgy or crime, because human laws cannot reach him. He just leaves the body once it has been captured. The law can only punish the body and its rightful owner, who probably was no willing accessory to the crime.

Should the demon be unable to emerge from the stolen body, there will be a case of obsession, schizophrenia, or lunacy. It was such patients who were brought to Christ. He cured them by his will power. Modern doctors scare the demons out of them by shock cures, which may not strengthen the will of the patient enough to enable him to keep the intruders away indefinitely.

We find that Christ also cast out demons from epileptics. An attack of epilepsy is really a fight between the rightful owner of the body and an impure spirit. Any friend, relative, or bystander with strong enough will power can employ that will power on behalf of the attacked by commanding with all his might, "Leave him! Leave him!" and the attack will cease. If the attacked is then taught to strengthen his will power and, when he feels the attack coming on, to think with all his might, "In the name of Christ, leave me! Leave me!", then he will be permanently cured. It is the depravity of religion and science which prevents any effort being made to understand the works of Christ even with the evolved physical and psychic understanding of today. "In my name shall they cast out devils!" Remember that if you speak in the name of the Cosmic Impulse, who was called Christ, you

speak to the sparks of yourself who are fighting over that body. Let it not be of you that it is said, "O thou of little faith!"

There are many who nourish a desire throughout their lives to help others, particularly their own children and relatives. They die with that desire and therefore hover around the dear ones. They may often help in matters which they understand, especially by the induced visualization method, which my friend from the other planet used in communicating with me. Prayers are most often answered by this kind of spirits. Their presence is the real foundation for the worship of saints in the Western World and the ancestor worship in the Orient. Whether it is kind or prudent to keep those kind souls in an earthbound state for our selfish and often puny purpose is a debatable question. At first it makes them happy to be of help, but as their earthly interests wane, those prayers become a nuisance and may hold them back in their development. Besides, long dead saints may again be embodied and now living among us unable to receive our prayers.

Ancestor worship is more reasonable, because recently deceased ancestors are still around and know their descendants personally. They die with the understanding that they must help their descendants even as they looked for help from their own ancestors. This may keep them earthbound a little longer, but it is a training in helpfulness and kindness which is needed by everyone. However, all our prayers and wishes should be purified and centered in Christ, the Cosmic Impulse, because only in this way will they be united in the universal effort to serve the Most High by the divine mission of that Impulse.

The ancestor worshippers set out food and drink for the spirits of their deceased relatives. The saint worshippers burn candles to their long-ago deceased saints. During the time described in the Old Testament, animals were sacrificed to the particular national "God," as is done even to this day. He was the spirit of a powerful leader, though not yet

enough evolved to love anything beyond his own descendants or his own nation. Some of his people have not to this day evolved enough to love anything beyond their own race. Christ evidently managed, however, to make their "God" broad-minded enough to see the unity of all. Their "God" therefore forsook his narrow-minded, arrogant descendants during the first and second centuries A.D. He scattered them all over our globe to teach them the unity of mankind. He tried to make them understand that they were a chosen people, not to gain material privileges over all mankind, but as leaders and educators to unite all mankind in one peace-loving unit in the service of the all-embracing Cosmic Spirit. Some of them have instead persisted in the heresy of separateness, refusing to mix with the other races, and taking advantage of them when they could, thus forever building up an animosity against their race which often exploded into pogroms in which even millions were sometimes killed. Now they are carrying their separateness, their vicious nationalism, far enough for some of them to form a nation on a territory which has not been theirs for over nineteen hundred years, expelling the rightful owners and thus inescapably attracting worse hatred than ever before. Their god has evolved so far from their stagnant separateness that he evidently cannot prevent them from concentrating in a small spot where the next Hitler will be able to exterminate them all with two or three super H-bombs. Their selfish interpretation of the word "chosen" is putting them below, instead of above, the rest of mankind.

It was to this nationalistic misinterpretation that Christ was sacrificed when he refused to lead the Jews in revolution against the Romans. Is it reasonable to believe that this tribal god of Judah would forgive the sins of Gentiles because one who refused to do the priests' bidding was crucified? Or could the only God, the Cosmic Spirit, be supposed to forgive the sins which you so thoughtlessly or joyfully commit merely because the highest earth representative of His Impulse was sacrificed under the most revolting circumstances?

No! The vicarious salvation teaching is one of the crudest blasphemies ever peddled under the guise of religion.

The pagans sometimes sacrificed men and women in the most cruel ways. Their sacrifices, as all sacrifices, were requested by disembodied spirits, fake gods, because it gave them a satisfaction which somewhat compensated them for their inability to partake of the sensual life. The spiritual counterpart of the reeking human or animal blood, and even the fumes from the burning candles, gives them a sensual feeling, a momentary satisfaction. On battlefields and around slaughter houses are therefore found hordes of disembodied spirits, or ghosts, who increase crime and sin in those localities to an overwhelming degree.

Life after death is not much different from life in the body. You are there surrounded by the denizens of the other world, but as in real life you have your choice of companions. By there thinking only good thoughts, which there are the same as deeds, you will be attracted to the good and kind spirits and live in their community. If you on the other hand make no effort to control your passions, hatreds, and prejudices, you will gravitate to the abode of the impure spirits and often be forced to serve their purpose. Candles and prayers can then no more save you from them than good advice saved you from bad companions while in the flesh. Only your own self-control and strong will can lift you out of bad company and into the company of higher evolved men or spirits, whether you are in or out of the flesh.

There are persons who have developed their sixth sense to the extent that they can hear or see the disembodied spirits. This is possible because we all have a spirit similar to theirs whether we are dead or alive. We only need to concentrate our attention through that spirit of ours instead of through our physical brain and senses. There are persons who have practiced this in previous lives and therefore are born in this life with the extra senses of clairaudience and clairvoyance. The pity is, that few of these understand this gift. If they are not angelic in evolution themselves, they may

therefore easily be lead astray by voices or apparitions who proclaim themselves to be God and in that role demand absolute obedience even in the worst of crimes and depravities. If such clairvoyant and clairaudient children were taught that those who die with uncontrolled ambitions will always claim to be something great—and most often God Almighty—to their indiscriminating listeners, they would be on their guard and practice discrimination. Many children now get their sixth sense squashed by punishment or ridicule from ignorant parents, teachers, or playmates. They will then carry these senses with them through life without any better understanding of them than that they must not let anybody else know what they hear or see for fear of ridicule or the danger of being committed to an insane asylum.

Those who in later life find in the Old Testament that the prophets walked and talked with "God" often feel that they are equally favored and therefore indiscriminately become the servants of their "god." How great such a god is can be judged by the extent of love and morals in his demands or advice. He may demand absolute service in lust, sin, rape, or murder, or he may on the other hand advise universal love, self control, and rectitude. The earlier the clairvoyant and clairaudient learns this, the sooner he can use his discrimination and higher senses and consciousness in his own and his fellow men's development. He will then be as highly blessed as he may otherwise be cursed. The prophets and spiritual leaders have all had this sixth sense and were brought up to use it correctly and with the utmost discrimination. They had all been highly evolved through many reincarnations and knew all about life after death. Some of them also knew of the Cosmic Spirit and Its Impulse and the executive gradation of "gods" from Him to the tribal gods around them. Their claim to get the messages from "God" was sometimes from ignorance, sometimes with the purpose of giving more weight to their message.

Many of our courts have records of defendants saying,

"My God told me to do it." Those people belong neither in the electric chair, prisons, or insane asylums. They belong in an institution which has as much knowledge of the psychology of the spiritual world as of the physical, and where they could major in the two worlds' psychology during their incarceration. Of course, it is rather difficult to find teachers in those subjects among psychiatrists. They don't even believe that Christ knew what he was talking about when he spoke about, or drove out, the unclean spirits. Scientists will never understand the psychology of the spiritual world so long as they believe that all spiritualists and their spirits are fakes. They do not even seem to understand enough of human psychology to know that a person would be reluctant to come to a party where everybody had the prejudiced idea that he was silly, untruthful, or a fake. If they only understood that much they would know that spirits abhor such company even more, for they can read the very thoughts of the living. After the spirits thus have been scared away by the discourteous, crude, and even cruel thoughts of a "scientific" audience, and no real phenomenon appears, many a medium feels compelled to fake something. Accordingly, there are few venerable scientists who have any knowledge of or belief in the spirit world. This causes a deplorable and disastrous lack of spiritual development in our civilization. Sir Oliver Lodge tried to correct this neglect of science but thereby merely injured his own reputation as a great scientist.

THE MATERIALIZATION SEANCE

I ONCE HAD a very revealing experience at a spiritualistic materialization séance. The medium was behind a curtain, which was stretched across a corner of the room. To the right was a closet with the door open and full to the top with logs for use in a small, red-hot potbelly stove in front of it. In the opposite corner was a colored glass lantern from which a single candle gave the room its dim light. There were nine or ten of us in the audience, sitting in a semicircle that faced the curtain and singing psalms to attract only good spirits.

After a while came the voice of a young girl, "Here I am! I am Nelly, the control. Now I will jump down on the floor to show how real I am." We heard a thud on the floor but did not see her.

The control is a kind of guardian angel, who protects the medium from spiritual abuse. Mediums would otherwise be taken under control by any passing evil spirit. During the séance she acts as a watcher controlling whatever spirits may appear.

To relieve the tenseness, which generally prevails at the beginning of a séance, Nelly then entered into conversation with the audience. She told us that she was the spirit of a girl who had died from a snake bite at the age of nine. She had to live her normal lifetime on the spiritual plane in close proximity to the living. She had been there thirty-one years and would therefore have been forty years old by the account of the living. Her girlish voice depended on the fact that spirits generally materialize only as they were when they died, or as people remember them. She devoted her time to

help humanity and considered it very important to make people understand life after death. One way was to let the living communicate with the "dead" at this kind of séance. Some months later I tried to get the medium to give another séance, but she said that "Nelly is over in Europe helping the soldiers." That was 1918 during the first World War. We read then about many mysterious things happening to the soldiers, which could only be explained as help from the spiritual world to those who were worthy of it.

When the audience had relaxed, the air in front of the curtain started to get foggy and take shape and out floated a gaseous form in the shape of a woman. She approached one of the women in the audience to whom she evidently had been related during her life. They talked for a short while about family matters and the spirit life. Then the spirit retreated and evaporated in front of the curtain.

What happens evidently is that the spirit borrows the gaseous body of the medium. You know that we have a solid body, the bony structure, and a liquid body within the cells of our flesh. We also have a gaseous body between the cells. We have also several other bodies such as the electric one, which science is now studying. It is this gaseous body, and maybe one still higher, which the spirit borrows from the medium, and through which it is able to make itself visible and audible to the audience. The audience is often warned against touching or grabbing for the spirits, because if they get frightened, they may leave the gaseous body right then and there without returning it to the medium. This would mean death to the medium, because nobody can live if that connecting link is destroyed.

Soon after the first spirit had disappeared, another came forward, but in a more blustering way. It was a man who proclaimed in a loud voice, "I am Plato-Swedenborg." Now, I had come there merely from curiosity without any prejudice or disbelief. I had no fear of the spirits and no intention of showing them up. However, Swedenborg, as you know, was a Swede and so am I, so it was a matter of Swede meeting

Swede in a foreign land. It made me pipe up in Swedish, "If you are Swedenborg, then you can speak Swedish!" "Yes, yes, yes," he answered in English and disappeared rather abruptly. Astonished, I asked Nelly, "Who was that fellow?" She laughed a little and said, "I don't know. Some call him Plato and others call him Swedenborg, but I don't know who he really is." I insisted, "If he was Swedenborg, he should have been able to answer me in Swedish." "Well," she said, "the medium is an uneducated woman without knowledge of foreign languages, so he may have had difficulty breaking through that barrier." However, I got the impression that this fellow was the spirit of a man who had died with an insatiable thirst for publicity and admiration. Most people in an audience like that sit there in spine-tickling awe, thinking that the spirits come direct from the presence of the Most High, and therefore question or analyze them as little as do the clairvoyant or clairaudient. The spirits can therefore represent themselves as being anything, from God to the Devil. For this fellow to proclaim himself as Plato-Swedenborg was therefore an easy means of satisfying his ambition to gain the temporary admiration of the audience. My unprejudiced curiosity looked quite innocent from the spiritual side. It was my unpredictable impulse which spoiled his act.

After him came some more female spirits, if you can classify spirits by sex. They reappeared as they were during their earthly life, so they were female at the séance anyway. Each in her turn spoke to a relative, who had come there to find out how she had accommodated herself to her new life. Some in the audience also asked advice about this life, which was given, although I don't know with what efficiency.

Then we heard the voices of two small children quarreling by the curtain. One of the ladies in the audience asked, "Is that you, Johnny?" "Yes," came the answer. "Then let the little girl through first." He did so, and out came the form of a little girl of three or four. She went up to the woman at the side of the one who had spoken. These two ladies were evidently frequent customers, who had found an easy

way of communicating with their deceased children. I remember only the most striking part of the conversation, "Don't cry, mummy, don't feel sad. It hurts me so. I am still here and with you often." This request was repeated by the boy spirit, when he came out to see his mother. The spirits cannot understand grief. They are still present, and much more so than if they had gone far away in the flesh. It is only the ones full of vicious pride who can feel a satisfaction from a crowd weeping at their funeral or from somebody's lifelong grief. As a matter of fact, such lifelong grief may keep the beloved deceased in purgatory long after his pride has worn off.

After the children came the most gorgeous apparition I have ever seen. She was dressed in the Greek dress which artists paint their angels in, only more beautiful than I have seen in any painting or sculpture. She had no wings, but the rich folds of the dress were shimmering from a strong, beautiful light, which was in sharp contrast to the subdued light from the candle. She went up to the red-hot stove to the right of the curtain and stood in the space occupied by it as though perfectly unconscious of it. Her dress encircled it without being ignited by it. She conversed with a man who was sitting back of the stove. He was evidently an inventor, whom she encouraged to keep on with the invention which he was then devising. It was apparent that strong, unselfish love could produce such a heavenly garment, such an inspired countenance. None of the other spirits had had any outstanding dress, not even the little children, who generally are supposed to go direct to the upper Heaven. The children and women were all dressed in white, whereas only the men's heads were light with the rest of the body black. It seemed to me that you have to earn beauty, whether you are young or old.

And then, who do you think should come out on the floor but my own old grandma! I was taken by such surprise that I behaved very foolishly. I had come there without any wish to see my departed relatives, who all were buried three

or four thousand miles away. I hadn't even thought of the possibility that any of them might appear. But there she was, her old nightgown reaching half way down her spindly calves, just as I used to see her in my boyhood when she would get up to give me a drink of water. I sent her at once a telepathic thought, "For Heaven's sake, do not get mixed up in this kind of show!" She tried to say something but did not succeed. She withdrew after a moment. I asked Nelly why she could not speak to me. She said, "She has never been in a séance before and does not know English." I believe also that my antagonism made it impossible for her to break through the barrier. I have been very sorry that I behaved so rudely. What if the dear old lady had wanted to give me a message which could have released her from her earthly worries? What if she could have given me a warning which would have shaped my life to be more useful or happy?

Now there are many who claim that there is no "such animal" as a spirit, whether in the flesh or disembodied. They will, of course, claim that I invented the whole séance myself. "O, ye of little faith!" Of course, I can prove nothing and must leave them to grow through many reincarnations, until they become conscious of an extramaterial will, spirit, and order.

To those who believe in the veracity of my description of that séance, but who believe that I was deceived by some clever charlatans, let me point out a few of the facts. If that séance could have been produced at any time by mechanical or optical means, those people could have made hundreds of dollars every night on the stage. We were only nine or ten in the audience at fifty cents each, at the best only five dollars for the whole show of three hours. We know that charlatans are after money and would hardly be satisfied with five dollars if they could make hundreds per night. There must have been at least two women, two men, and one child in the show, if it had been produced by material means. Another argument is this: Why did they not furnish all the women spirits and the children with as angelic a garment

as that which adorned the spirit who stood in the red-hot stove? That she could stand there proved that she was not made of any material substance. My grandmother, of whom nobody on this side of the Atlantic had ever heard, was a tall woman. Any charlatan who would have tried to guess her height, having only my medium height to judge from, would hardly have guessed her to be as tall as that spirit was. Nor would Nelly have known that the old lady did not know English. Many Swedes do. Nor could Nelly have been able to say at the right time that the séance had to close because "the two soldier boys (meaning my friend and me) have to catch the last train back to camp." We had not said what camp we belonged to, nor that we needed a train to get back. We caught it just in time, too.

All in all, I was convinced that these were real materializations, from which I drew the following conclusions:

1. The audience attracts spirits of their own kind.
2. Spirits are no different after death from what they were just before that transition.
3. They are earthbound because of their lingering interest in the material life.
4. Most spirits at séances are good spirits who just cannot let go of their interest in those with whom they had blood or sentimental relations during their earthly life.
5. Some spirits appear at séances because it satisfies their unpurged pride to hear the "ahs" and "ohs" of an ignorant audience.
6. The scriptures are both right and realistic when they speak of unclean, unpurged spirits as well as of highly developed ones.
7. These subjects should be brought out in the open instead of being hushed up as though Christ were a charlatan or fool when he treated people inflicted or obsessed by such spirits. Much insanity and crime could be avoided if everybody had a full knowledge

- of the unclean spirits and how to guard against them.
8. Scientists would have more luck at séances if they went there with no more prejudice or preconceived ideas than when they go to a laboratory.
 9. Spirits have no use for money. All the money in the world can therefore not overcome their reluctance to appear before an insulting, disbelieving audience.

THE MURDEROUS "GOD"

ON THE SUBJECT of unclean spirits, I may tell of another experience. You can find in the court files for late 1918 or early 1919 at Fort Worth, Texas, the records of a case where a young man had taken his niece out in a ravine, raped her, murdered her, and covered her body partly with boulders. He was found wandering around nude near her body. When he was questioned, his only answer was, "My god told me to do it." He also claimed to be a theosophist. The secretary of the Theosophical Lodge there was called by the State Attorney over the telephone and asked if she belonged to a cult which condones murder. I was at that time a member of the society and was supposed to be the best informed of the members. She therefore asked me to see the State Attorney and straighten out the matter. I visited him in his office and explained the tenets of the society, which are quite the opposite of what he thought inasmuch as most of the members in an effort to avoid the murder of animals do not even eat meat. Furthermore, the members believe in the law of retribution in future lives and would certainly not want to draw upon themselves the consequences of a murder.

I then asked to see the boy and by questioning him prove that he was not a theosophist. The boy was brought in. To my question if he was a theosophist, he answered yes. I then asked if he belonged to the society. He said no, but he claimed to have read some theosophic literature. I asked what books. He could not mention any. Did he know any of the authors? He could not remember any. Had he attended any theosophical lectures. No. I then turned to the State Attorney and pointed out that he could not possibly have

gotten his ideas from theosophy. My request for permission to further question the youth was granted.

To my question why he had raped his own niece, he answered that his god had told him to. I asked what motive his god had given for such a crime. He said that his god had often spoken to him and said he loved him. He had told him that no woman has a soul, so that if he, the god, entered the niece's body, he and the boy could have intercourse. When that was over, he told the boy to kill the girl so that the god could again get loose from the girl's body!

I said, "Here is my explanation. Your god is one of the dirtiest of the unclean spirits of which you can read in the New Testament. He, or she, evidently was able to obsess your niece's body and get not only an illegal, but a hellish, satisfaction from your intercourse. When he found that he was unable to leave her body, he made you a murderer, so that he could get free through the death of her body. Do you see now what kind of a dupe you were? Can you see now what kind of a devilish "god" you have associated with? You have a very rare advantage over your fellow men. You can hear the voices from the spirit side, but you do not understand that you must be more discriminating with people in the spirit world, whom you cannot see, than with people you can see. Always use your own judgment of right and wrong when you hear those voices."

Then he whispered with a quivering voice, "I am sorry!"

The State Attorney claimed that that was the first time the boy had expressed any remorse. I recommended that the boy should be declared to have committed his crime in a fit of temporary insanity. He was tried and turned over to an insane asylum.

Such cases are innumerable, and they will multiply as more and more babies are born with the sixth sense, unless this hush-hush idea about unclean spirits and temptations is abandoned. The spirit world is not in any way dangerous to those who live an upright and positive life and who know and remember that the real God is love and kindness and never could tempt anyone to crime or cruelty.

THE HIERARCHY OF GODS

No GOD who is against anything or anyone good can be a god. There are many degrees of gods, though, from the ultimate Cosmic Spirit to the little tribal god, a veritable hierarchy of gods. As the command of an army is divided between commanders of smaller and smaller units, so are naturally the different parts of Cosmos ruled by spiritual entities, who may be called gods. It would perhaps be more appropriate to call them angels and archangels and reserve the title God for the Cosmic Spirit, the Father Who is in Heaven, alone. If we again think of Cosmos as a human body, it is logical to think that each nerve center is inhabited by an archangel, who divides the impulses which pass through that dividing point. Each Cosmic cell, or galaxy, must have a ruler, who divides his power and authority among the rulers of the Cosmic molecules, the supersolar systems. These must have subordinates who rule the different solar systems. We must therefore have a sun "god," who co-ordinates the rulers of the different planets. There must also be a ruler or king of the earth. Christ has often been given that title and with very good reason. Under him must be other rulers of the different races and nations, who may call themselves "gods." We must, however, always remember that such a "god" is not the one and only God, the Cosmic Spirit.

The rulers of varying planetary or higher degrees have naturally not been promoted until they were perfectly conscious of their objectives, perfectly in harmony with those above them and with good understanding of the whole

Cosmos and the "Father Who is in Heaven." They may emanate with each individual impulse of voluntary action, or they may stay fixed on one job in the involuntary actions, like those of the heart, the blood vessels, the internal organs, etc.

These rulers, except the national and racial ones, are all so highly developed that no ill can come from them. Their object is always the promulgation of good for everything within their unit as well as for the Cosmos as a whole. We can, however, not ascribe such perfection to the national or racial rulers, unless their shortcomings can be excused by the substandard quality of their wards. We have seen history now and then develop an unusually good period, when a far-sighted, magnanimous, and co-ordinating genius has stepped forward to lead a nation or a race. His death, however, generally means a backsliding to almost the same level of vice and orgies as before. Humanity as such seems to evolve very slowly if at all. The national or racial powers do not dare to tear down the great ones in the mind of the people, but they misinterpret or ignore their teachings, as they have done even with those of Christ himself.

Any "god," or any person or religion claiming a god, who preaches or tries to perpetrate evil must be regarded as evil, far below the level of that knowledge and development which produces the all-embracing love and reverence for the Father Who is in Heaven and everything within His Cosmic Body. And the greatest of all evils, yea, the root of all evil, is the heresy of separateness, this division into units, racial, national, religious, or even individual. If you "love thy neighbor as thyself," you cannot divide yourself from him. You can not envy, cheat, wrong, or defraud him, nor can you commit against him any of the crimes enumerated in the Ten Commandments. And when you decide that every human being is your neighbor, even those of another race, nation, and religion—as taught in the parable about the Good Samaritan—then you are a worthy servant of the

King of the Earth, a deserving spark of the Cosmic Impulse. And when you can "love thy God above all things," you are ready to take a high place in Cosmos. It is the heresy of separateness, this selfishness, competition, nationalism, and hatred among races and religion, which keeps us all from working in blissful unity under the Most High. It has even become planetary. We look upon Mars as an enemy. We would like to shoot down the "saucers," if they really existed, kill their occupants, stuff them and place them in a museum, or if taken alive, place them in a zoo. If we ever launch a space ship of our own, it will be equipped with arms of the most vicious kind. It is impossible for us to imagine friends in any place within Cosmos. It is certainly realistic of inhabitants of the other planets to call the god of war Earth instead of Mars.

How many will be sufficiently evolved in universal love and service to return to the Cosmic Brain, when the object of this our Impulse is reached? How many will burn in the self-kindled fire of separateness? Look after "number one" and you will surely burn, as you are already burning.

The idea of only one life succeeded by an eternal Heaven, either because we have been good or because at the last moment we have called on the supposedly mitigating vicarious salvation, may make us feel good, but does it make us good? We need only take a look at the Christian world of today after sixteen hundred years of that kind of teaching, and we will know. The Christians of the first three centuries did not live after those tenets. They knew that "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," if not in this, then in some future life. "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" did not mean the present mismanagement of killing the killer, thus losing two active sparks of the Cosmic Impulse instead of one. It meant divine compensation in that the murderer would become the parent of the murdered in a future reincarnation and would have to care for him up to that age at which he was killed, thus giving him an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and

a chance to finish the rest of his life. We see how some parents are "burdened" with some child whom they do not love even till the child is of a ripe old age. This is divine compensation. It is a punishment only to those who unwillingly pay their debts. If you buy something on credit and pay your debt promptly, you do not regard that payment as a punishment. If, on the other hand, you do not intend to pay your debt, the collectors will come, and after them, the process servers, and if not punished in any other way, you will have to pay extra for court costs, etc. Then it is a punishment. If you therefore do something wrong, do not merely repent it, do not ask forgiveness, but go directly and correct your error, put right what you have made wrong, take the responsibility for your misdeed. If not, the law of compensation, which you have set in motion, will force you sooner or later to compensate for the wrong you did, very often under such circumstances that it will seem a punishment to you. "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind." "And remember, this Impulse, and you with It, may last another million years, so those mills will go on grinding.

THE BEATITUDES

WE HAVE SEEN how those who have developed during their physical life a true longing to cleanse themselves from their moral debts and unnaturally developed urges, enter at their death what has been called Purgatory. Forced by that longing for purity, they often evolve faster there than during a physical lifetime. They are then reborn as noble and useful personalities. They have started on that ladder of development which Christ describes for the living step by step, initiation by initiation, in the Beatitudes. Let us consider the Beatitudes one by one.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Those who recognize that they are poor in spirit have already set foot on the first rung of that ladder. The self-satisfied, the conceited, and condescending are still wallowing in the mire of sinful materialism below the ladder. If they happen to do something good or great, it is only aimed at their own glory and benefit. They do not see how they are chopping up eternity into short physical reincarnations of self indulgence, rather than making those reincarnations into glistening beads of charitable lives on the golden string of spiritual eternity. They are surely poor in spirit, but they do not know it. When they wake up to the fact that they are poor in spirit, they will also become humble in spirit

and start to climb the ladder which will make "the Kingdom in Heaven" their own.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Christ knew too much about life after "death" ever to encourage any mourning for the dead. He said, "Let the dead take care of the dead and the living of the living." This meant simply, that there are plenty of helpers on the other side of Styx to take care of any soul who wants help. We do not need to spend any of our time in this life to mourn for the dead. We have all we can do to wake up the living and to kindle the first little flame of humility in their spirit.

"Mourn" must therefore be related to something else. After you have discovered that you are poor in spirit, you will mourn over your shortcomings, which is the second step on the ladder of evolution. You will then attract a teacher or a guide, one of those who have overcome at least some of their shortcomings. He will comfort you by pointing out that those failures belong to all men until they take charge of their animal nature and guide it by the dictates of the spirit rather than by those of highly stimulated urges and desires. This is the second initiation. We have a very good example of it in Alcoholics Anonymous. The aspirant to that organization must first find out by himself that he is poor in spirit and in will. Then he becomes humble and mourns over his inability to cope with the problem by himself. He seeks help and can find the real help only among those who themselves have overcome the overpowering desire for alcohol. He is given a helper, who first comforts him by telling him that all members of the society have gone through the same desperate struggle and failed time and again until they looked for help. From then on, he will grow stronger and stronger until he has conquered his passion for alcohol. He has by then built up the will power which will not only make him a helper for

others, but which will help him to conquer by himself any other urge, passion, or desire over which he may mourn. It takes a revolting excess of some kind for a man first to find that he is merely wallowing in the dung of material matter and that he is poor in spirit, and then for him to mourn over himself and seek help to improve himself. Only then can a helper come, because if he came before that, he would only be cursed and ridiculed. He would only be "throwing pearls before a swine." Before these two steps have been truly taken, no amount of prayers may be said with any effect. They will be insincere and rather weaken than strengthen, because divine force can only flow to an open heart, and only those two steps can open it. Vain prayers often make the sinner feel an inner satisfaction for having done all that is necessary and thus make him unable to see that he is poor in spirit.

It becomes more and more difficult to take these first two steps as our material civilization evolves without an equal evolution of the spiritual life. Civilization offers a thousand distractions from spirituality. We have invented means to travel to far off distractions. We have invented means to bring far off distractions into our own homes. We have invented distractions right in our midst. Half of our factories and half of our agricultural industries manufacture distractions. Half of our population is busy inventing, manufacturing, building, servicing or serving distractions which are worthless from a spiritual viewpoint. We are educated to go wrong from the very cradle. How many children do not acquire the habit to overindulge in highly spiced food, food of high protein content, stimulating drinks, or tobacco in their own homes? They are told to finish their plates or eat food, which they do not naturally like and for which they have no hunger. How many young boys and girls are not led astray by parents who smoke and drink and who advise or permit their children to do the same, "because it leads to a larger circle of acquaintances"? How many young people have not been led to dope or to a too early and

too uncontrolled sex life by bad company or by those who commercialize such indulgences? They are made to go astray, that is, unless a previously highly developed spirit within them makes them see that they are again on the brink of falling into the mire of uncontrolled passions and indulgences. If they have already fallen, they again become poor in spirit and mourn. The spiritual friend or teacher, whether in the spirit or in the flesh, who guided them through their previous development, must come again, as Christ came to the sinners who mourned, and whom he likened to sheep which had gone astray.

Christ warned that the mourning must be in spirit and in secret, not in public for show like that of the scribes and pharisees, who had not yet set foot on the first rung of the ladder. Conceited demonstrations are hardly a sign of a humble spirit.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth."

When a man has conquered his passions and unnatural desires, he will appear meek to the bombastic and uncontrolled, even though his conquest has given him a tremendous will power. He desires only that which belongs to him and no more than what may be useful in the service of the Most High. He will not fight to excel over his fellow men in any other respect. The ridiculous strife and competition of the material life no longer have any meaning to him. His only ambition on the material plane is to sustain and preserve his body for efficient service to the Cosmic Impulse. This will entitle him to be gathered into his Father's house at the end of this incarnation of the Impulse and to come back at its next performance. He can then be said to inherit the earth as one of the higher evolved dignitaries among the sparks. We must remember that Christ saw and thought far beyond the scope of one reincarnation, whether of individuals or of the Impulse. It is the elimination of the belief in reincarnation that have brought about the gross misin-

terpretations and misunderstandings which have led humanity so far from the straight and narrow path. With the understanding and acceptance of a responsibility which lasts forever, people are not so easily led astray. They would rather appear meek and inherit the earth after each return than gain every wordly honor and power during one short lifetime and then burn in the final rejection at the end of this reincarnation of the Impulse.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

At this fourth stage of evolution you become an ardent champion for righteousness, and with your highly developed will power, you can win in your fight for that which is right, first within yourself and then within your environment. Thus you shall be satisfied.

It often seems as though righteousness seldom or ever wins, but if we analyze the progress from the early cave men to our present stage of evolution, we will find that righteousness has had the edge in most skirmishes with reactionary forces. The spiritual development has not been too great, neither has the moral, but the means of spreading the truths about the true spirit and morality have been forged into a formidable weapon. When the right leader comes, a coming that may be called the return of Christ, he will have those modern means at his disposal. With him will come a spiritual outpouring which will make the masses demand that such avenues as printing, telegraph, telephone, radio, and television shall be placed at his disposal. Then the strategic victories of righteousness will at once become apparent. We would be unable to serve the Most High if we had not mastered all material means. These means are best developed by the materially minded, whose only incentive is money and what it can buy. That is the reason why the materialists seem to have won the victory over the spiritual forces so many times. Unless our present civiliza-

tion goes so far off the road that it will destroy itself completely, as many previous civilizations have done, these last years of the twentieth century will see those material avenues used by greater spiritual forces than have ever appeared on this Globe. The prophecy of a millenium should thereafter come true and all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness be satisfied.

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

In this fifth initiation you are shown that you can easily become overzealous in your enforcement of righteousness and thus injure the cause of the Impulse rather than help it. When a culprit has been convinced that he is wrong, his own conscience and self criticism generally mete out enough punishment to him. He will soon learn not to commit the same crime or error again. To "rub it in" will put him on the defense, and he will excuse himself by reasoning that you are wrong and unreasonable and then forget his own error. You may not be shown mercy yourself if you thus hamper the evolution of your fellow men whether grown-ups or children. Temper therefore your zeal with mercy by pointing out mistakes with kindness and letting the culprits' own spirits do the rest.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

When you have conquered your passions, desires and habits, and even your thirst for righteousness to the extent that you are capable of showing mercy, then you are pure in heart. The temple in your heart has been cleansed and redecored with pure gold and is fit for God to enter. Then you shall go into the temple of your own heart and see God. This is the sixth initiation, the at-one-ment with the Cosmic Impulse. After that achievement, you will know the way and the object of our Impulse. You may then go out and say: "I am in you and you are in me." After that you can

teach humanity as a whole, although you always will have a few select disciples, who have "eyes to see and ears to hear" the secret teachings, for which the undisciplined are not ready.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Their thirst for righteousness and their ability to show mercy makes them specially fitted as peacemakers. Working in that department of the Impulse, they have the right to be called sons of God. The churches have monopolized that title exclusively for Christ to the extent that the incentive to become a son of God has disappeared and thus the evolution of the spirit has been hampered. It is high time that the churches repent and show the ladder to Heaven, on which anybody with the pluck, energy, and willpower can climb from the dung of self indulgence to the rung where he becomes the son of God, the equal of Christ, conscious of being one with the Cosmic Impulse. There are numerous utterances by Christ to that effect—Matt. v:45: ". . . so that you may be sons of your Father who is in Heaven;" v:48: "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." More references are to be found in Matt. vi:1,4,6,8, etc. God could not become our Father unless we also become his sons.

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

This initiation launches the initiate into all the trouble and supreme sacrifice which Christ went through. He is persecuted for righteousness' sake. He is reviled and falsely accused for the sake of the Impulse, which he now represents. It is impossible to be a peacemaker between men, families, or nations without stirring up the antagonism of at least one of the parties. Christ tried to make peace between the

Jews and the Romans. Believing as he did in the unity of mankind in the service of the Father, he was devoid of any kind of nationalism, which is really nothing but the same sin as selfishness, only multiplied by the size of the nation. Palestine was then a part of the Roman empire, which at that time unified the Western civilized world in a paternal, wise, and just way. Christ could therefore not see any sense in starting a revolution to separate Palestine from that empire, a purpose which would have been entirely contrary to his mission on Earth. The Jews in their crass materialism and conceited nationalism believed that he had come to free them materially and nationally instead of spiritually. This great peacemaker therefore found it necessary to make the supreme sacrifice to preserve the peace and unity, at least for a while. He sacrificed his body to their little nationalist, isolationist, hateful, revengeful, and sacrifice-hungry god, not to the Father who is in Heaven. With the help of his tremendous will power and his highly educated understanding of physiologic, psychic, and spiritual law, he was then able to raise that body from what looked like death and to disintegrate it in glory and in full view of his disciples. He then entered life after death as the same conqueror of evil, and the same leader in righteousness, that he had been here on earth. He does not need any more reincarnations through birth and death, as he is able to integrate his body temporarily again when necessary. We are warned to be ready to meet him any time, because we do not know where, when, or how the work of the Impulse needs his presence on this material plane.

The disintegration and integration of matter may be more easily understood if we accept the fourth dimension as being related to the rate of vibrations. By raising the vibrations of ice by heat we get water. If we raise the vibrations further, we get steam. By applying more heat, we raise the vibrations of the same H₂O to invisible vapor. The educated and highly evolved will power has as much control over vibrations as has heat. It is also much less destructive.

Vapor can again be crystalized into ice by reducing heat. Similarly the disintegrated body can again be integrated and used as a material vehicle by using the will power to reduce the vibrations.

Our consciousness is functioning entirely in the fourth dimension, as it is entirely dependent on vibrations. We hear the vibrations of sound in the range from 30 to 40 thousand per second. So long as our eyes are closed, our consciousness remains on this low plane of the fourth dimension. When we open our eyes, and there is light, our consciousness suddenly climbs to a plane of the fourth dimension of from 395 trillion to 763 trillion vibrations per second. Feeling, taste, and smell occupy their respective super octaves of vibrations in the fourth dimension. Clairaudience lays above the 40,000 vibrations per second level and clairvoyance above 763 trillion. There are many super octaves in between, of which we are not yet conscious, but which will open up to us as we become more willing and more efficient in the service of the Cosmic Impulse.

Architects and engineers are using this fourth dimension right along in their calculations. They can not build a skyscraper or a bridge without taking into consideration the expansion and contraction of the material. These phenomena are the results of vibrations which have been raised by heat and lowered by cold. In other words, architects take into consideration this fourth dimension when they calculate in the other three. A steam engineer is still more familiar with the fourth dimension, although it has not yet occurred to him that he is treating a special dimension in manipulating steam pressure. When humanity really believes in Christ and his wonders, new fields of knowledge and endeavor will open. It may have been a blessing that those fields have not yet been opened to a breed of humanity which is still wallowing in the dung of selfishness and thus probably would have misused those powers like everything else for pure self-satisfaction.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WE MAY NOW be able to understand better the phenomenon of the Immaculate Conception. The spark of the Cosmic Impulse which during the reincarnation described in the New Testament developed into the Christ as a full-fledged representative of the Cosmic Impulse, was naturally evolved almost to that point in his previous reincarnation. He knew his goal and had already conquered his desires in that previous body. The fast which is recorded in the New Testament was necessary only to conquer his new body, just as a cowboy must conquer each new horse which he breaks in.

In that previous reincarnation, he had learned all about every science, which among the initiates meant far more than the most advanced specialist in each science knows today. He had been considered safe by his Illustrious Fraternity to attain all that knowledge, because he had conquered his lower self with all its passions, desires, and ambitions. This can hardly be said of most of our present-day scientists. Few of them would be scientists if it were not for the urge to acquire money, fame, or some other selfish desire. Without the knowledge of the Cosmic goal and the service of the Most High through activity within the Cosmic Impulse, what could be their aim? At best it is now to serve Mankind by giving it the means to destroy itself and then to alleviate the consequences of its orgies! Truly a moral degeneration to parallel the spiritual degeneration caused by the teaching of the vicarious salvation!

When Christ therefore left his previous body, he knew

that it would be easier to govern a body which had not been conceived under the influence of sexual passion. He also knew all about hypnotism and suggestion, and how by these means to start the division of the ovum and thus the growth of the fetus.

It may be well to mention here that most souls who have attained to a high development in some respect chose their parents. For instance, a highly evolved violin player must have a body of certain specifications to express his art. Even though neither of his parents ever played a violin, they may together have the necessary ingredients for a violin player's body. One may have long fingers, the other the training and control of fingers which will facilitate the violin playing. One may have the rhythm, the other the ear and tone perception. The spirit therefore moves them to the irresistible love which gives their child the capable body he needs. This love may be legitimate or illegitimate, as marriage does not exist on the spiritual plane. No support of wife or children is ever necessary there.

It may also be mentioned that science now starts to suspect that immaculate conception is possible and even happens in rare instances. Such conceptions may also be called psychosomatic conceptions. They will probably be found among girls who know nothing about the sex functions and therefore imagine that a mere kiss or caress may start the pregnancy. Their ecstasy and fright over the first kiss may be so overwhelming and their belief that they have conceived so intense, that conception really happens. The soul which takes possession of the new body may be of a very high order, although his chances during that reincarnation will be spoiled by the ignorance and prejudice of his environment. His mother knows nothing of spiritual development. He is not taken to any highly evolved teacher. He is placed under the stigma of illegitimacy at his very birth and carries that mark with him through life. It will at best be a reincarnation of very hard schooling. It may benefit him, but not mankind. It may on the other hand produce such

despair that he will lose hold on himself and retrograde several reincarnations. It is a circumstance which should be clarified by science as soon as possible, so that such children may be treated right from the beginning. The chances are ten to one that such a soul is pure and good and would be a real asset to humanity if given the right upbringing and education.

Christ had probably already chosen before his previous death the maiden through whom he wished to be reincarnated. She was the daughter of a high member of the Essenic brotherhood, an auxiliary of the Great White Lodge to which Jesus had belonged for several reincarnations. She had therefore been prepared by suggestions from her early childhood. She had conquered her passions and desires, allowing only the great desire to be the immaculate mother of the Christ to govern her ambition. When the right moment for conception came, Christ appeared before her in spirit as an angel and told her: "Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son." The ecstasy and hypnotic submission which was thus produced in her started the action of the ovum, and in due time this highly developed soul possessed his new body, which was so free from passion and desire that it could serve as the vehicle of one of the highest and most pure representatives of the present Cosmic Impulse, the Christ.

Like all other new-born bodies this was blank in mind and had to be trained in action and knowledge. To give this new body the right training for his high office, he was first taken to Egypt to be trained by the highest initiates of the Egyptian priesthood. Then he was taken back to Jerusalem, where as a twelve-year-old he surprised the priests, scribes, and pharisees with his knowledge. Next he was sent to India, where he studied at a Buddhist monastery near Jagannath, now called Puri. There he was made acquainted with the most archaic and complete book of wisdom, the *Dzan*, which in seven keys of picture writing expresses all obtainable knowledge. It taught him about the evolution

of Cosmos, the Cosmic Mind, the Cosmic Impulse, and the connection of Mankind to that Impulse. Of course, he had known all this already by virtue of several previous incarnations, but his new body had to gain the visualization, terminology, and vocabulary without which he would be unable to express the ideas to himself, much less to Humanity. As it was, he was hopelessly hampered by the lack of education, terminology, and vocabulary of his audience. He had to use parables and allegories which were open to misunderstanding, misinterpretation, and misuse. It is only now, when astronomy has become enough of a common pastime to spread the recently acquired knowledge of the possibility of billions of galaxies, and when the atomic age has made everyone conscious of being built of miniature galaxies (the cells), solar systems (atoms), and planets (electrons), that the true interpretation of Christ's words of wisdom can have a chance to gain any response in the common mind. All previous attempts have been answered with the terrors of inquisition, torture, and witch burning. Even in these days, spiritualism—the very foundation of psychiatry—is treated with open ridicule and ostracism.

INVOLUNTARY REBIRTH

WHEN THE phenomenon of rebirth is established in one's mind as a fact, one of the first questions is: "How much time do I spend among the dead between lives?" The answer must be: "From a few months to a few hundred years." It depends entirely upon the degree of evolution and the interests and passions which the dead person carries with him from previous lives. You gravitate toward your strongest passion or interest. If you have been unusually sexual during your previous life, you will gravitate to sexual people and getting too close and too interested, you may be caught in their vortex of passion at conception and thus be born again in a very short time, very often as an illegitimate child. This fact is in keeping with the rule that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." An oversexual person most likely has sown some illegitimacy and is due to experience the harsh treatment of an illegitimate himself. Mark again that there is neither god nor devil dealing out a punishment. It is his own unpurged psychology which forces him too close to that vortex. The law of retribution is absolutely automatic and therefore just. It uses neither state attorney, witnesses, judge, or jury. That is what makes it so perfect. There is no legal loophole. That is the reason why I dwell on the life between death and rebirth. This has been so blurred and misrepresented by the idea of a vicarious salvation and redeeming prayers, that it is well nigh impossible to bring the Christian world back to a balanced morality and to peace. If we know and understand the immutable law of attraction and retribution, we will be

more apt to take ourselves in hand during our "life"-time. We will not only aim at a more moral life in the service of the Cosmic Spirit, but we will also aim at a saner life, which will allow us to live to a ripe old age. Our passions, desires, and worldly interests fade slowly out as we become more and more incapable to satisfy those interests. Old age thus gives us a sort of preview of life after death, a period of Purgatory in this life.

One thing which old age can not diminish is avarice. The miser is bound for a hard purgatory and retribution. The one who has amassed his wealth in cash will after death hover over that cash and feel the extreme suffering of seeing it squandered by his heirs. He will gnash his imaginary teeth and try to do something about it by spooking. The same fate awaits all who cling to their honestly or dishonestly acquired wealth invested in material things. Worse off are those who have amassed their wealth through others' suffering. For them the law of retribution really sets in. Take for instance the miser who has invested his money in tenement buildings, where he gives little heat, service, or repair and where he makes the tenants pay a disproportionate amount of money in rent, thus depriving them of the proper amount of food and causing the children to grow up to be degenerates. His interest in the money invested in those buildings will cause him to hover over them after his death, until he is caught in a vortex of conception right there and is born to the fate of one of those degenerate children. Let me repeat: The law of retribution is automatic! There is neither god nor devil connected with it and therefore nobody who can mitigate the consequences of the mistake. There are the Helpers, good purged souls, who are eager to help you to purge yourself, but it takes a long time before you are even willing to consider any help. For example, how long does it take an AA to discover that he is helplessly caught in the drinking habit? And how long does it take him to humble himself enough to ask for assistance? If you are not purged in this life, you die with

exactly the same ignorance of your deplorable state and the same amount of pride—all of which builds a wall between you and the Helpers, no matter what interest keeps you earth bound. Many think like the drinker that they can drop their desires at any time and therefore wait till the last moment. Then they find, like the drinker, that the will power, when once destroyed, must again be built up, and that it takes a long, long time of disappointments and renewed efforts before it can be relied upon.

Those who have decided to take themselves in hand and purge their desires will die either entirely purged or with a continued will to be purged. They will be glad to find the Helpers and to listen to them. These Helpers are souls who have been purged and now are devoting the rest of their time between reincarnations to help others. There are several reasons why they have longer periods of time between reincarnations. I have already touched upon one—the case of Nelly, the control at the materialization séance, previously described. She was killed by a snake at the age of nine. She said that she had to live out the time after death which would have been hers in life if the snake had not interfered. She died before she had matured enough to have any passions or undue desires. She had evidently been a good person in her previous reincarnation and had been born into a spiritualist family with good morals. She had probably learned enough about spiritualism from her parents' séances or church attendance before she died to be attracted to séances after death. She learned enough there to become the charming control with whom I became acquainted at that séance. That she was a Helper between séances was revealed to me by Maggie when she said that Nelly was unable to give a séance because she was "too busy helping the boys (during World War I) in Europe." We have heard about the many instances in which one or more boys in our military forces have been miraculously saved in battle. We have not heard of the strenuous work performed by the Helpers on the other side of Styx, where they re-

ceive thousands of souls whose unexpired natural life kept them in the clutches of their youthful passions and desires. I could well understand Maggie's reluctance to call Nelly away from such a duty merely to satisfy my friends' desire to see a real materialization séance.

Some of these Helpers are not only purged and eager to help the newcomers in the land of Death, but they are also eager to learn more themselves so as to find out the secrets of life, whether on one or the other shore of the river of transition. They often stay over their regular time for rebirth as neophytes of the Great White Lodge, until they encounter a problem which can be solved only in the material world. They may also be sent back by the Lodge as a test to see if they can keep to their teachings and high morals in the whirl and confusion of this earthly life. If they do not fall, they will serve as examples and teachers to those who are sufficiently advanced among the "living." If they fall, their time in Purgatory will be short, because their repentance will be great and their Helpers will be eager to regain them for the Brotherhood. If they stand the tests and learn their lessons, they will continue to go through the initiations in the spiritual life and then be reborn only when life on this planet becomes so befuddled as to necessitate the personal attention of a Great Teacher. The unprejudiced will find histories of them in all religions, many times as martyrs at the hands of the leaders of the degenerate religions which they tried to correct, as in the case of Christ. Death did not mean more to him than the short pain on the cross, as he was well established on both sides of death all through his reincarnation. He crossed the river Styx back and forth at will and communicated with the spirits as easily as with the living, probably often with more satisfaction.

It may be well to point out here how we recapitulate all our previous reincarnations during each life. Our prenatal life features the whole evolution from the amoeba (the sperm) to the fully formed human being. After birth

we find the little savage eating, sleeping, and showing his temper. Slowly we see him becoming more and more civilized, gradually learning the rules of hygiene and coexistence in about the same sequence as humanity as a whole have learned them. In the meantime he absorbs individual knowledge and technique to the same extent as in his last reincarnation. Thereafter his further development is very slow and more dependent on actual experiences than on any teaching which may be given to him. This final point of previous development may come in early childhood in the case of a young soul. In the case of an old and well developed soul it may not come in a lifetime. We often see persons of a ripe physical age with only a child's mental and moral development. We also find old people who never cease to study and who continue to study subjects even beyond the standard knowledge of those subjects. We also find people who already at an early age express morals and knowledge far beyond the common standard, and who continue to evolve and teach those morals during a long life. We can thus pretty well gauge a soul's amount of previous reincarnations by his development. True, it may take longer to learn for some than for others, but the law of retribution is a very severe master, who can break in even the most obstinate soul in a comparatively few reincarnations. Then, where do the apparently younger souls come from? They come up through the vegetable and animal kingdoms, graduating from the amoeba and spoor in those kingdoms until they are ready to become humans. If they evolve fast enough to become sufficiently willing and efficient to serve with the sparks of the present Impulse, then they will return with it to the Father's mansion after their work is completed. If they have "eaten of the fruit of the tree of good and evil," thus becoming conscious of their duties, and still do not do them, then they will be left behind to burn in those very desires which kept them from being useful. If they, however, have not yet evolved to the point where they have become conscious of their duties, then they are left

behind to create vehicles for the sparks of the next Impulse, and to be taught and evolved by them to be willing and efficient sparks. If our earth is now too old and humanity too preponderantly sinful, then it will be destroyed in a cataclysm when this Impulse leaves.

Some people believe that souls retrograde and are reincarnated in the bodies of animals. The Hindus, for instance, do not kill animals lest they kill their deceased ancestors. Transmigration into animals' bodies is very rare. It may happen to a person who is exceedingly cruel to animals and therefore needs this experience to make him a better human being in the next reincarnation. It may also happen to one who loves animals and hates human beings. He may spend his time after death around animals and thus be caught in their vortex of conception. Generally, however, we reincarnate upwards or on the same level. There are enough human beings living on the same plane as that of almost any kind of sinner. They will attract his soul and give him a new body as sodden as his old one. Animals are too sinless to serve his purpose. Animals do not drink, smoke, or overeat. Even their sexual functions are regulated by exact divine law. Humanity lived as clean a life for thousands of generations after it graduated from the animal kingdom. It was not till they "ate of the fruit of the tree of good and evil" that they discovered that they could get a kick out of cheating the Impulse. Civilization without spirituality provides the refined means of doing that cheating.

MAGNETISM

"A WOMAN . . . touched the fringe of his garment . . . and Jesus said, 'Who was it that touched me?' . . . 'Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me.' And when the woman . . . declared . . . why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed he said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.'" (Luke viii: 43-48.)

Here again science grasps at the easy excuse, which the churches give, that Christ's power was too divine to be used by anyone else. They therefore deny the existence of any power that can flow from one person to another. Mesmer called that force magnetism, and for conveniences' sake looked upon it as a fluid flowing from person to person during hypnosis. I am not in favor of hypnotism, because it is the circumscription of the individual will of one person by another, which will hamper the evolution of the hypnotized to the detriment of the Impulse. Each spark must work willingly and intelligently or the force of the work is lost. I have, however, come to believe that there is such a force or fluid as that of which Christ and Mesmer spoke. Maybe science is starting to contact it under the names of hormones and enzymes. The following experiences, which were neither solicited nor sought for, made me conscious of such a force.

During my fifteen months' stay in a foreign capital a friend and I had the habit of attending an at-home of a native family on Saturday afternoons. One particular Saturday I felt very well and was the life of the party. The oldest daughter of the family was a doctor and was out attending

a case during the first hour of the visit, which generally lasted two hours. When she came home she said that she was very tired, had had a difficult case, and wanted to be excused if she did not take any active part in the conversation. After a while I found myself dropping out of the conversation and feeling as though I had lost all power, zest, and energy. I also found the doctor regaining her energy, becoming full of life and wit. This condition lasted till we broke up. Once outside I turned to my friend and said, "I don't know what happened to me. I feel so weak that I hardly can walk home!"

On Saturday evenings I generally also attended another at-home of an American widow, who seemed to know all about the mysteries of life and death. She was a source of information from which I was permitted to draw freely, an opportunity I availed myself of with great pleasure. That night I asked her if it were possible for one person to steal another person's magnetism, consciously or unconsciously. The answer was yes. Many persons feel that they need to do something for which they have not enough strength and in their effort unconsciously draw the force of magnetism from those present, especially from those with whom they are in greatest sympathy. It is somewhat like a blood-transfusion, where the donor has to be of the same blood type as the receiver. She advised me to cross my legs and/or clasp my hands when I was in a crowd. I did just this the next Saturday afternoon when the circumstances turned out to be similar to those of the week before. I felt fine all through the visit, but I noticed that the doctor again perked up and started to lead the party. I wondered whose magnetism she was using. When we left, my six-foot Norwegian friend said, "I don't know what came over me, but suddenly I felt so weak that you could have thrown me over with a feather. I don't think I can walk home." He did not belong to the Saturday evening circle, so I laughed and told him about my friend's advice. It didn't take more than a good dinner to bring him back to full strength, as it had done for me the previous Saturday. There was no hypnotism involved in these

experiences, not even a conscious exercise of the will. They seemed to involve a force or fluid which can be borrowed in the same way that a neighbor borrows a cup of sugar. It was evidently this power which the woman borrowed from the all-compassionate, all-healing brother and friend of humanity, the Christ. It gave her the strength to become well, as it gave our friend the strength to take care of her duties as hostess.

I tampered consciously with that force in an experiment which nearly took my life. I had taken the place of a private nurse to watch over a patient while she had her lunch. The patient was suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. The pus in the pleura had been tapped, and the pleura was being drained by rubber tubes. The patient was suffering greatly and was by no means one who kept his suffering to himself. I was sitting at the foot of the bed facing him. I got the idea that I possibly could alleviate his suffering by "changing magnetism" with him. I proceeded to will my magnetism to enter him and his to enter me. The result was most unexpected. He at once stopped wailing, wanted to sit up, and wanted to see some pictures. I ascribed the latter desire to the fact that I had studied art for eight years. I fetched from my room some Christmas magazines with colored reproductions of paintings. He enjoyed them for a while but tired soon. Then the nurse came back and proceeded to tell me off for letting the patient sit up. Her attack caused me to forget to throw off his magnetism, which I could have done by snapping my fingers and acting forcefully for a while.

The next morning when I was putting on my shirt, I got the most excruciating pain in my right side. I could not move and was standing there with my arm caught in the sleeve. I just had to call for help. The doctor came and diagnosed it as pneumonia and pleurisy. When the laboratory could not find any germs, he had to acknowledge that he had never encountered anything like that before. I could not tell him what had happened, as I did not want to be taken to an insane asylum.

My strength dropped down to that of the patient and my pain continued strong. The patient died four days later, and my condition worsened to the point that my friends were told to bid me farewell. However, I managed to survive and after a couple of weeks an abscess developed in the spot which corresponded to the place on the patient's chest where he had been drained. The abscess was opened and drained of a quart of pus. The pus was sterile—another thing which the surgeon of course couldn't understand. It took me three months to regain my full strength. I have certainly not tampered with that force again.

I have recounted these incidents merely to show that Christ did not talk any divine nonsense when he spoke of the force leaving him.

This is a good time to consider Pythagoras' ladder. The ancient philosopher pointed out how male and female complete one another step by step up an imaginary ladder. The male is positive on the physical plane, where the female is negative; the female is positive on the emotional plane, as we all know. The male is negative on that plane and responds to her emotions. The male is positive on the mental plane, where the female is negative, no matter how courteous enough we male are to acknowledge her equality. The female is, however, positive on the higher plane of intuition, where the male is negative and receptive. The male is positive on the plane of preaching and leadership, where the women are receptive. The women are positive on the plane of sacrifice, where we men and our children generally are receptive. Finally both melt together and become one in a divine equilibrium on the highest, the divine plane.

I would not be surprised if science should find enzymes to correspond to each of these planes. It is known that all seven kinds are present in the sperm. The sex must then be determined by the even or odd steps in the ladder. Neither would I be surprised if science should find that there is a constant flow of enzymes from male to female and back to male on the next lower or higher plane, even without

physical contact. Or, to revert to the idea of a magnetic fluid, the enzyme will tend to seek its level by flowing from the positive to the negative in both directions. During a dance, for example, the magnetism flows from the male on the physical plane and, if the female sympathizes with or loves the male, she reciprocates with her emotions, which emanate from her heart through the positive bosom. This establishes a perfect circuit which equilibrizes them both on the physical and emotional planes—the real reason why people can dance night after night without fatigue or bad physical effects. If the circuit is made through higher planes, the result will be of a higher nature. For instance, with a “Good luck” and a warm embrace a wife gives of her emotions in the morning, which closes the circuit through the husband's mentality and makes him that much stronger in his business the whole day. Likewise, the current may go from his mental plane through her intuition and back, which will make a strong combination for excellence in the arts or writing. With her intuition stimulating his leadership and oratory, the result will be of a very high order which may come very close to being a real service within the Impulse. Memory or visualization of a person may often be enough to close one of the circuits even over long distances. No circuit necessitates physical contact unless sexual intercourse is the object. The higher planes are beyond time and space as they are all in the spirit.

NOT A NEW RELIGION

WHAT HAS BEEN said in this book is not meant to start a new religion. It is only a new interpretation of the old religions with the teachings of Christ as an example. You will find the same truths and allusions to truths in all religions. They may have been adapted to fit other stages of evolution than that of the Jews who were contemporary with Christ. They may also have been dragged down by later leaders who wanted to use them to whip the people in line behind their selfish goals or ideologies. The status of each religion can be ascertained from the tenets of that religion, as its God can be measured by the extent of His love. If he loves only a nation, a race, or a caste, he is a very small god indeed. The aims and desires of such a god must be small, selfish, and often cruel. A religion with such a god needs a swift upswing to a more cosmic view. Remember, it is the heresy of separateness which is the cause of all evil and if that heresy is practiced by the very god whom you worship, you will be in constant trouble and strife. If another religion is forced upon you, you had better examine the god of that religion, because no God in the hierarchy of the Impulse will ever force Himself upon anybody. Imposition is practiced by one separate unit upon another, and a true God is no more conscious of separateness than you are conscious of any separateness within your body. You send out your thoughts and impulses through your body, and they are received and accepted by its parts in perfect unity and harmony without prejudice, contrariness, or objections. No separateness exists unless you inject thoughts

of separateness. Beware therefore of harboring any thoughts of separateness, such as hateful rebellion or contrariness against anybody or anything not distinctly evil. If enough cells in your body absorb those thoughts, you may find yourself with a colony of rebellious cells, which often may lead to cancer.

You may look upon it as a paradox that I praise both individual freedom and perfect unity, but the individual freedom must exist within the unity of the Impulse, as it exists within the unity of a nation. You have merely extended the unit to become all inclusive. If you do not accept and act out the unity with the Impulse by your own free will as an individual, you will be counted as nought. Your force is in your will and spirit and if that is taken away from you, you have nothing to add to the power of the Impulse.

I spoke of the neophytes' being reincarnated to be tested. This may sound like a school examination with somebody setting grades and promoting the students. In the Great White Lodge, however, as in the whole of Cosmos, there is nobody grading or promoting except the individual himself and the impersonal law of retribution. The Cosmic Impulse can not evolve in any other way except within the individual, and by his own volition and efforts. Each spark has its duty, its territory, and its goal, and is directed only from within the Temple of its own heart. There can be no coercion, ruling, nor convincing from without. Totalitarianism is a degenerating poison for the Impulse, whether it is practiced by a state, a church, or a society. It will take away the individual's right of choice and retard his evolution commensurably. The law of retribution, of consequences, is the only legitimate teacher at all times, and that teacher can exist freely only in a free, democratic atmosphere. The freedom of thought, speech, and action is the requisite for a fast evolution and a final accuracy in the technique of the Cosmic Impulse. The child who burns his finger on a hot stove because of his own action and volition learns faster

how to be careful with hot things than if he were warned or threatened against touching them. A criminal infringes in some way on the freedom of other individuals and must therefore, of course, suffer the consequences by being restrained in a prison. It is only in the case of such infringement that the law of retribution should be exercised by any authority.

The failure of a spark means that much more fumbling on the part of the Impulse. So the neophyte is sent back by himself, tested by himself, and graded by himself. The Helpers can help only when he asks for their help, and then only in such a way that it does not injure his own initiative. No one else can ask for him or pray for him.

The initiations are not big, splashy rituals. In many cases the neophyte does not even know that his Higher Self has raised him into the Brotherhood or promoted him to higher grades. He merely notices that he and people or souls of a more refined moral and spiritual nature gravitate toward one another. The higher he gets, however, the fewer equally refined spirits he will find. Not only that, but his group of students will also shrink, because there will be fewer who will have the prerequisites to follow his teaching. Look at the twelve disciples of Christ. They were the twelve best that he could find, and yet they never understood him fully. He loved to leave them and communicate on the spiritual plane with those more of his own stature.

Christ was a firm believer in democratic freedom. He gave only two commands: "Thou shall love thy God above all things and thy neighbor as thyself." These two commands of love surely exclude any crime, any blasphemy, any unfriendliness, and any coercion. They are surely meant to induce co-operation, brotherliness, and co-ordination among the sparks of the Impulse. Those two commandments together with the Beatitudes are a whole Bible in themselves. They contain the whole evolution from a spark to the conscious representative of the Impulse.

OUR WORK

SO WE ARE sparks of the Cosmic Impulse, and as such we are supposed to do something. Most minds are willing to join the Impulse consciously in the service of the Most High. But how?

The first object would be to enter the Temple within your own heart, where you should find God and the directions innate in the Impulse. You can do that only by silencing every unnecessary outside and inside interference. You must therefore decide what is essential in your daily life. You must then decide which of those essential things or works are harmful to others and substitute them with useful and harmless things and actions. You can not co-operate with people whom you harm, nor can you love them as yourself. To work with the Impulse means to work with everything alive in an essential and harmless way. To produce, sell, or advertise something which is unessential or harmful is not in accord with the Impulse. If all unessential and harmful work is dropped, the work for the real necessities of the whole of mankind would not take more than ten hours a week of each human adult. The rest of the time could be used in study, meditation, and devotion. This course of action necessarily make you an introvert, and, if a good one, a dweller in the Temple of your own heart.

This leads us to the question of what to do with the many external temples in our communities. The unity which is born in a church among the serious worshippers is a good practice in Cosmic unity. Those churches therefore which are willing to eliminate the doctrines of vicarious

salvation, nationalism, and racial and religious prejudice, in order to teach the real teaching of Christ as it can now be understood in the light of modern astronomy and chemistry would be of great help to their communities. Of course, all competition and unnecessary money-making must also be dropped, because they do not tally with the unity which must be preached. The traffic in paid prayers for the dead must also cease. "Let the dead (helpers) take care of the dead, and the living (helpers) of the living." Forget the dead, unless you are able to speak to them within your mind as though they were still living. In that way you may help a dead person by opening his mind to the helpers, who otherwise are unable to help him. Do not mourn him! It only bewilders him and makes him earthbound. He is not extinct. He is only dreaming or working between reincarnations. You do not mourn when the beloved goes to sleep for the night. Mourning is selfish and has no place in the scheme of the Impulse.

What can we do to bring about greater unity among mankind? We have found that the unity of all sparks, of all mankind, is essential in the work of the Impulse. We know that Christ even sacrificed his body to preserve the unity between the Romans and the Jews. We know that he tried to overcome racial, national, and religious prejudice by his parable about the Good Samaritan. We know that mankind has forever been forced into greater and greater units as a consequence of its selfish disunity. We have twice been forced to try to unite mankind in a superorganization, but failed because of national egotism, which we cherish under the name of nationalism and patriotism. We must come to recognize that what is vice in an individual cannot be a virtue in a state or a nation. Why condemn conceit, hatred, envy, covetousness, and revengefulness in the individual if we praise them in a nation as patriotism? Why outlaw dueling if we incite to war? Why jail burglars if we conquer other nations' rich territories and assets? Why condemn slander and distortions of truth in the individual, if we write slan-

derous and distorted national histories, veritable insults to neighboring nations. There cannot be any unity without a moral house cleaning, where patriotic love is transmuted into love for mankind as a whole, or, still better, for Cosmos as a whole.

A world organization should unite all nations to the same extent as the Federal Government of the United States unites the 48 states of the Union. It can be said of the United States, that equilibrium has been maintained and harmony restored by constitutional means during more than 175 years in all issues except one, the race problem. It seems to be beyond some peoples' minds to comprehend that Humanity is one and is united within the Cosmic Impulse regardless of race, color, or ancestry. These people are forcing themselves to be reincarnated in a body of the despised race, and if they still persist, they will isolate themselves to the extent, that they will shrink, shrink, and shrink until they fall out of the Impulse into the absolute zero from which there is no return. It is this heresy of separateness which has caused the only real difficulty within our Union. It must once and for all be realized that the color of a man's face is of no importance so long as the color of his heart is right, and that the color of a heart which harbors racial or any other kind of prejudice cannot be right. Our American tenet is that "all men are equal before God," so let them also be equal before the nation, the state, the church, the school, and the individual. Judge them therefore by the heart, not by the color of the face.

The United Nations were originally designed to give all nations the same equilibrium, harmony, and blessings that we have here in the United States. There is, however, a heresy of separateness within the United Nations which keeps it from perfecting itself to become a real Universal Federation, uniting all the nations in the manner for which it was designed. That heresy of separateness is the totalitarianism with which a small clique of conceited rowdies have taken it upon themselves to rule tyrannically more than

half of humanity against its will, or at least without its consent. Their ambition is to use the United Nations to impose their overbearing tyranny upon the democratic nations as well. When we consider how compulsion retards individual development and thus befuddles the Impulse and the action which It governs, it is clear that anyone who takes upon himself a forced guardianship over any part of humanity acts against the Impulse and therefore is anti-Christ. Atrociously enough, those totalitarians are proud to acknowledge themselves as such. The law of retribution will give them the same great jolt as it has given the colonialists and all previous totalitarian world conquerors, whose visible, disastrous demise was nothing compared to the compensation which they have had to pay through all later reincarnations, and even during the interims between those reincarnations. The dictatorially governed are stymied in their development to the detriment of themselves and of the whole Impulse. In the truly democratic system which was designed for the United Nations, everybody would be responsible for, and take the consequences of, right or wrong decisions, and thus learn and develop. This would give the Impulse the greatest opportunity to grow and allow Its action in the service of the Cosmic Will to become that much more swift and perfect. It could then also carry that many more sparks back to Its mansion in our Father's House.

Let us analyze the blessings which have come to the United States through their harmonious and democratic Union. We have in this country:

1. A territory which reaches into all climes and geological formations and conditions, from which we can obtain all kinds of food, raw materials, and environment necessary to satisfy our earthly needs.
2. A uniform language which enables us to travel, write, and understand one another all over the country and far beyond.

3. The same currency which can be used for exchange in any place from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Alaska to Key West.

4. A three cent stamp which will carry our letters anywhere within, and even somewhat outside, these same limits.

5. A transportation system which will carry us by rail, water, air, or beautiful, uniform highways to any climate we may choose, without being subject to import duties, passports, or investigations at every state border we may pass.

6. A constitution which guarantees all interstate rights, equality and the four freedoms to all citizens, without infringing on intrastate rights.

7. A national military force for national defense and state National Guards, primarily for auxiliary police protection but also for quick absorption into the national forces in case of a national emergency.

On the other hand we have:

1. No guarded borders between the states where we are told whether we may enter or not, or where our money is taken away from us, or where we are told what kind of articles we may or may not take with us.

2. No state histories perpetuating a vicious state patriotism or other hostile feeling destructive to the unity of mankind.

3. No feeling of "sovereignty" between the states. Where would the glory and prosperity of the original thirteen states have been today had they not gladly sacrificed their "sovereignty" to the thirty-five new states? Where would it be had four of them reserved a veto over any decision of Congress?

4. No one who forces us to give our vote at the polls to a candidate chosen by him.

All these blessings and more would come to all mankind

if the Constitution of the United Nations were molded after that of the United States, which has proven so effective for over 175 years. We would then have:

1. Free access to every climate, zone, and geological formation from pole to pole.
2. A universal as well as a regional language which would enable us to communicate with one another anywhere in the world without interpreters.
3. The same universal currency which would make it impossible for a government or black market to manipulate the money you earn or pay.
4. A universal postal system which would make mail cheap and free from censorship.
5. Open borders, which will enable us to sell our products wherever we want without being hampered by custom duties or regulations, and which will allow us to travel without passports or visas and without fear of national greed, which could expropriate our money or belongings at a border.
6. A constitution which would guarantee our international rights, equality, and the four freedoms wherever we go without infringing on intranational rights.
7. An international military force with the exclusive right to fission, fusion, and other types of bombs; heavy armaments; armed planes and armed ships, with the right to inspect and control the armed forces of all nations. Each nation would have the right to maintain an auxiliary police force with light weapons, which could be mobilized into the international army in case of extreme emergency.
8. A universal history which would describe the adventures and evolution of mankind in such an unemotional and unprejudiced way that it would not arouse the hostility of one part of humanity toward another, nor describe international crimes or inequities as heroism.
9. A free and secret vote to elect all representatives,

whether for local offices, or the International Dignitaries in the United Nations.

The United Nations of today, 1957, is merely a poor parody of what such a federation should be in its perfection. Since its formation, nationalism has grown more vicious than ever. Restrictions and discriminations between the nations have been sharpened and increased instead of being entirely eliminated. We not only now need passports to nations which never required them before, but in many countries the natives cannot move about without an identification card. Many countries now forbid export of their goods when they formerly controlled only the imports. Some even forbid the enclosure of gift money in letters! The heresy of separateness has grown a hundredfold since the birth of the United Nations, without the Assembly raising a voice to prevent it. The Assembly merely serves as an ideological propaganda tribune, where the nations are able to blow off enough steam to avert blows. It hardly even fulfills that duty, as most nations carry on a tightrope diplomacy entirely outside the United Nations with everybody expecting the heavy blows of hydrogen bombs any minute. The United Nations are traveling a road exactly parallel to that of the League of Nations, while the international situation has become much worse than it was before World War II.

The national egotism and isolationism has grown till it is even dangerous to propose any such universal blessings as a universal language, a universal currency, or a universal postal system even among the democratic nations. Higher tariffs are constantly proposed even in this country, where a policy of favored nations used to be practiced in an effort to facilitate world commerce.

In the Constitution of the United Nations four powers have reserved for themselves the right to veto anything that is voted on in the Security Council. Permit me to ask again: How long would the unity of the first thirteen states

of our Union have lasted, had the states of New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Virginia reserved the right to veto any decision of the Senate?

The Charter of the United Nations resembles the Articles of Confederation, which very soon were found inadequate in uniting our States. The founders of the United Nations should have noticed that similarity and avoided the same mistake. With our tested Constitution before them, they should have used it as a guide. It could have been used with very few changes to suit that larger group. The amendments are only clarifications of the original writ and could have been incorporated where they belong. It is true that since the birth of the United Nations two different ideologies have been sparring for advantage, but in the original United States the population was similarly heterogeneous, consisting of people of all nationalities, religions, ideologies, and morals. Yet, the Constitution has held them together in relative happiness and contentment. They have all evolved by mutual wisdom and mistakes.

The token international police force of which the United Nations Charter speaks does not yet exist. Nobody ever mentions it. Disarmament has been proposed but naturally cannot be effected without a universal police force to take its place. The abolition of nuclear weapons has been proposed, but the distrust among the nations makes this impossible until the United Nations is authorized to take them over for use only against any nation which is found to manufacture or use such weapons. The individual nations would need only light weapons for their police forces. If called upon to quell a rebellion among other nations, they would be supplied with the proper arms for that duty by the World Federal Government.

The freedom to travel or transport goods all over the globe would mean that factories and the necessary know-how could be located in the most advantageous spots to the blessing of all mankind. It would unite all human beings both in the service of one another and the Impulse.

The English language would probably be the most practical as a universal language, as it already is the native language for a large part of humanity and is also used extensively as a tourist and commercial language in most other parts of the world.

It must, however, first adopt phonetic spelling, in which each sound is represented by only one letter and each letter signifies only one sound. It would be ridiculous to ask highly evolved and practical people throughout the world to be satisfied with and accept the absurd spelling now prevailing. The English-speaking nations, for example, now allow their children and numerous semi-illiterate adults to be confused by, the simple sound of "a," which is represented by ten different letters or combinations of letters, as in *ale, air, gauge, gray, there, pear, vein, eight, obey, heir*. The simple "sh" sound is written in sixteen different ways. And so forth. It sounds somewhat strange when people then complain that their children cannot read or write correctly, and that they do not know their own language upon graduating from high school. Reading with phonetic spelling can be completely conquered in the first grade, and writing in the third. All the rest of the time now devoted to spelling in elementary school, high school, and college could then be used to learn grammar, rhetoric, and philology, or other sciences.

It is true that English with phonetic spelling would look different from conventional English writing. It would mean an innovation in the English-speaking nations as well as in the rest of the world, and yet it would obtain enough immediate use by a sufficiently large part of humanity to guarantee its life and growth. An entirely artificial language will be embraced only by a few faddists and thus die from lack of use. Except for the spelling, English is the most practical of languages and has the easiest grammar. Much of its vocabulary and terminology with regard to modern science and inventions has already been incorporated in many other languages. English is also taught in many for-

eign schools. English and American tourists and commerce make that a necessary course of study all over the world.

To institute a universal currency would necessitate the breaking loose of the human mind from a multitude of conventional, prejudiced, and conservative ideas. Once we are able to fix our minds on the fundamental idea that currency is a medium of exchange and nothing else, we will have gone a long way. Not since the middle thirties has it been backed by gold except in international transactions. Even this standard would not be necessary if all nations had the same currency issued by a World Treasury. Currency is really backed by anything that it can buy. The value of gold has been used as a theoretical control on currency inflation, but more efficient controls can be found. It can, for instance, be established once and for all how much currency is needed to transact the business of all the world. If that amount is divided by the number of inhabitants of the earth, we get a number of units per capita. Each nation should then be entitled to that number of units multiplied by her own population. She should be obliged to exchange her old currency pro rata against the new one within a stipulated time. This would not disrupt her business any more than the customary national currency inflations. Thus the whole world would have the same currency, and each nation would start out with the same amount of units per capita. Currency inflation could not exist so long as the amount of currency was not increased. Prices, wages, and values would soon gravitate to the same level all over the world. Fortunes would remain the same, only expressed in the new medium. Export and import would be much facilitated. Travel would be made easy because you would pay with the same money that you earn. The UN and the World Treasury Department would have complete control over the currency issue, which would make the unit completely stable. Prices would respond entirely to supply, demand, and purchasing power—an ideal state of affairs, which could be established without much inconvenience.

It would be most practical to adopt the decimal system of weights and measures all over the world at the same time, as all values would have to be adjusted then anyway. This step would bring the whole of humanity much closer to a commercial unity.

The International Military Force could be made up of either enlisted volunteers or a certain number of men contributed from each nation. This number would have to be so regulated that a preponderance of men from one nation could not be a temptation for that nation to take over the government by force and form a military or dictatorial regime. For instance, any nation with a population of over 100 million (including her colonies, satellites, or commonwealth) should contribute one-fourth of one per cent of her population, with a limit of 750,000 men. Any nation whose population (including her colonies, satellites, or commonwealth) is less than 100 million but more than 50 million should contribute one half of one per cent of her population. Those nations whose population (including colonies, satellites, or commonwealth) amounts to less than 50 million should contribute three-fourths of one per cent of her population. The contributions to the maintenance of these forces should however be in direct proportion to each nation's population.

These military forces should be distributed all over the world in the most strategic places, such as now existing forts, canals, channels, naval ports, and air force landing fields. They should temporarily occupy any disputed territory and control the plebiscite in which that territory would choose whether to belong to one of the contesting Nations or be controlled by the UN. Of course, there would hardly be any disputed territory after all borders are eliminated. Each nation would, so to speak, have conquered the whole world without losing her own soul. The International Military Force should have the right to inspect the national military forces, their armaments and establishments, at any time. There would be no reason for military secrecy after the

International Force had once been established. The millennium would have started.

The dignitaries of the UN should be elected by all adult human beings, even as the members of Congress and the President and Vice President of this country are now elected. The Security Council should naturally be abolished, since it was only designed as a temporary measure by the World War II conquering nations. It has in no way represented all the nations of the world. It has been the greatest deterrent to real world peace in that one power is able at all times to veto the decisions of the many. The Assembly should be made, by popular, free, and secret ballot, the elected Senate of the world. A similarly elected body, corresponding to our House of Representatives, should be instituted. This should consist of one representative for every 25 million inhabitants of each country. Nations of a population smaller than 25 million would send one representative each. The UN would thus represent each adult human being. It would be the expression of the Cosmic Impulse in so far as our humanity and its state of evolution is concerned. Each human being would get much of his Cosmic experience and responsibility through the UN. With our consciousness thus centered in the Impulse, we could expect to reach the millennium within a reasonable time.

The United Nations government would have the same rights and responsibilities in international matters as the United States government has in interstate problems. It would be able to check all elections in so far as the UN dignitaries were concerned. It would also have the responsibility to guard the rights and privileges of the individuals as given in the Constitution. These would naturally be the same for all men regardless of race, sex, creed, or nationality. The International Supreme Court would have the final decision in matters of the individual, as it would in all international disputes. The members of that Court should be elected by the International House of Representatives and their election confirmed by the International Senate. Intra-national affairs,

in so far as they did not concern the individual's rights and freedom, would not be molested by the International Government. Thus all ideologies could live together and in an open manner, which would allow one to learn from the other. The product of such an open exchange would soon be an homogeneity which would bring the possible blessings of all ideologies to the whole of humanity.

An international postal system already does exist and could be made universal by simply incorporating in it all national postal systems, and by establishing new postage rates just high enough to pay for the expenses of the consolidated system. These rates would surely be cheaper than the international rates now existing. Open and duty-free borders will in time weld humanity into one homogeneous unit in the service of the Most High.

Each nation should be asked to contribute to an international committee of historians those parts of her national history which might have had any effect on the education and evolution of the Cosmic Impulse. This committee should then on the basis of this information and the records of science write a truly international history, which could be accepted by all nations without any animosity or feeling of revenge. This history should reconstruct the lines of our evolution, such as the growth of unity from the sole amoeba to the United Nations, the discoveries of science from the electron to the Cosmic Body, the evolution of an individual from a savage to a Christ, etc. It would thus become a book of tremendous up-to-date wisdom, as well as a pointer to the path of the future evolution

THE THOUGHT has undoubtedly come to you, "What am I in relation to the little people on every electron in my own body? Am I their god?" Well, are you? If so, are you good or bad for them? Do you imbibe until your impulses become so befuddled that they do not know in what direction to put your legs? Do you load your blood with carbon monoxide from cigarettes instead of oxygen from the fresh air to the extent that you poison your tissues and organs until they become deficient and your body gets sick and dies prematurely? A fine way of treating your willing servants! Or do you stimulate them with coffee, tea, or dope until they are overworked and crumble? Do you choke them by overeating? Do you harbor thoughts of hatred, prejudice, treason, pride, envy, contrariness, or crime, which will lead them to practice that thinking against you? Remember, they have to be alert to every one of your thoughts and impulses. Your inner self and its thoughts may be hidden to your surroundings, but they are not to your inner servants. Psychiatry is more and more entering the field of therapeutics, and rightly so. Christ healed as much by teaching the people to think straight and right as by touching them. Therefore cleanse your thoughts and habits until you feel godlike in your relationship to all the sparks within you.

Maybe you feed them the wrong food? It is known that metabolism, the chief chemist within your body, converts protein into uric acid, which serves as body building material. A reserve supply is also stored. When it is accumulated in undue quantities it will cause numerous diseases

such as arthritis, neuritis, gall and kidney stones, etc. It is also known that animal fat is the main source of cholesterol, which causes cardiac thrombosis. Since food from the animal kingdom contains the largest quantities of protein and fat, it is wise for the student who wants to live long and right in his high service to avoid eating anything that comes from the animal kingdom. George Bernard Shaw pointed out the ridiculousness of using animals as middle men between us and the vegetable kingdom. He lived on a vegetarian diet and reached the age of 92 with a still accurate brain. I have lived on that diet since 1913 and am still at least ninety per cent efficient and often taken to be fifteen years younger than I am. My theory is that my organs are not inferior to those of an animal. If animals can nourish themselves directly from the vegetable kingdom, so can I. With modern communications and facilities bringing vegetables and fruits from all corners of the earth, it is easy, and often cheaper, to be a vegetarian. By keeping healthy and young, you give the greatest efficiency and happiness to your servants on every electron.

A serious servant of the Most High also avoids condiments and such food as has been made to decay, because they stimulate the passions and cause wrong thinking. A lot of will power is unnecessarily diverted to control those passions, desires, and thinking.

If you are a righteous, careful, and loving god to your submicroscopic servants, you will also be a good servant to your Macrocosmic God. "As above, so below" is a *good* guidance to keep in mind.

To those who have had the patience to follow my far-flung ideas to this, the end of my humble endeavor to widen the horizons of our thinking and our reverence, may I say that you must have learned at least some of the real wisdom during previous reincarnations. It was not by accident that this book fell into your hands, and it will not be by accident that from now on other books will prove to help your future evolution. You will meet persons who will enrich your knowl-

edge and open the path to further steps in your ascent to wisdom. You will, maybe, even get in touch with spirits of the highest order. You will be given authority, sometimes official, sometimes secret. You will feel that you are on the way into the Temple of Your Own Heart. Never forget that the goal is the Cosmic Impulse, of Whom you are a spark. Judge everybody and everything from that vantage point, and, before all, gauge your discrimination by that measuring stick. Then the tree of knowledge of good and evil will truly be a blessing to you.

At last, a simple but potent prayer:

“O, Cosmic Impulse, give me of your will, wisdom, and love, that I may become active within you in the service of the Cosmic Spirit. Amen!”

May you now find peace within the Impulse, Whom we call Christ!

THE END

