“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened before him, and a bright cloud stood over him, and from behind the cloud Twelve Rays of Light, and thence in the form of a dove, the Spirit of God descending and lightning upon him.”

The gospel of the holy twelve. VIII-2

The blessings and love of God are great for all. They are like a healing balsam for all souls. In this winter season this loving energy is much needed worldwide. For all and especially for those who want to evolve or are suffering, for this reason or another. Yet behind the material scenario of this world, behind the veil or the so called reality, there is a greater, eternal reality, full of happiness and bliss.

The concentration of all good that ever was in this world helps all who are living here. But the accumulation of all negative thoughts, feelings, words and actions represent a bad influence and are even dangerous to all life. Every soul is responsible for all these wherever it is. In both cases one can understand these as energy fields who influence people to a sane or insane, constructive or destructive behavior.

Every soul, every family, nation, and the world as a whole has the choice to do as he or she wishes, with the certainty that those choices will bring in time the reward of its kind as the law of physics manifests: for every action there is a reaction.

The realm of pure Spirit is beyond good or bad, also one can say that its essence is Divine Love, Wisdom and Power, which means: Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence. And all this exists in every human Being, at least in a latent state which is waiting for its awakening. Each soul has Its great “I AM Presence” or Higher Self whose life can be contacted by means of our attention. Our aim is to bring this spiritual panacea here, while we are here in the physical world and consume with Its spiritual fire all unlike itself, so that we and this world can evolve to a higher octave. Only your conscious efforts and a dedicated love in a right direction are very important for you and all around you. You can permeate yourself with the vibrations of the Cosmic Christ in this Christmas time and help all in this manner as He and all Beings and Powers of Light are always helping. We wish you a truly very uplifting time and a very happy Christmas and New Year. May the Roses bloom upon your cross.

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France volunteered to host the 2015 XIX TRF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. The next meeting will take place in Paris at the New International Reception Centre - Avenue Kellerman- from the 2 to the 5 July in 2015. Details would be forthcoming soon.

Questions and Answers- Question No. 99-, by Max Heindel

CHRIST THE SPIRIT OF OUR EARTH

Is Christ -the individual of the Sun Period- the Spirit of our Earth? As the Earth was hardly a dead mass up to 2,000 years ago, where is the previous occupant? If it is only a ray of the Cosmic Christ, which as a purifying source is working in and through the Earth, is there any other spirit whose body our Earth is? When the spirit of the Christ is released from its bondage, who will be the indwelling spirit?

Answer: The law of analogy hold good everywhere. It is the master key to all mysteries, and you will find that what applies to the microcosmic man also applies to the macrocosmic God or the Divine Power. The animals now are guided by Spirits from without. At a later period they will become indwelling spirits, and learn to guide their vehicles without assistance from any source. Similarly it was with the earth as stated in the Cosmo and various other parts of our literature.

Up to 2,000 years ago Jehovah had charge and guided our earth from without as the animals are guided by the Group Spirits, thus the earth was held in its orbit by His power, and He was up to that time the Supreme God.

However, at the change made on Golgotha the Christ Spirit drew into our earth in order that He might aid us to evolve faculties which Jehovah could not give us. Jehovah gave us laws which held us in check, but the Christ gave us love. One is the restraining force, applied from without; the other is an impelling energy applied from within. Thus the Christ is now guiding the earth in its orbit from within, and will continue until we have learned to vibrate to that attribute, love, whereby we shall be able to apply the power to our own planet and thus guide it in its orbit from within.

Christ is the highest initiate of the Sun Period and as such has His dwelling place in the Sun. He is the Sustainer and Preserver of the whole solar system. In one sense it is right to speak of that which dwells within our earth as a Ray, yet it does not convey the exact idea of what is the case.

Perhaps we can get at the matter by an illustration. Let us liken the great Spirit in the Sun to a refiner of metal. He has upon his furnace a number of crucibles and is watching them all. Heat is melting these metals and throwing the dross to the top. The refiner is gradually skimming the crucibles, until at last the metal is absolutely beautiful and clear and he can see his face in each. Similarly we may see the Christ turn His attention from one planet to
another, and as He turns Himself to our earth, for instance, His image is reflected in the earth. It is not a dead image, however, it is a living, feeling, sentient Being, so full of life and feeling that we ourselves in our present dead state, dwelling in these bodies of earth, can have no idea of that faculty of feeling possessed by the indwelling Spirit of the earth.

Thus, for a time, His energy is imparted to this picture as a focus, and while really being in the Sun, the Cosmic Christ feels everything that is going on in the earth, as if He were actually here present. That picture within, which it must be thoroughly understood, is not a picture in the ordinary sense of the word, is a counterpart, a part of the Solar Christ, and through it He knows and feels and senses everything upon the earth as if He were actually present. I have repeated this, but it might be repeated time and time again without detriment, as it is something that should be very thoroughly understood. That is what is really meant by omnipresence. Thus while the Christ is the indwelling Spirit of the Sun, He is also the indwelling Spirit of the earth, and must continue to hold this office of helpfulness for us--feeling everything, enduring everything that goes or would go with an actual presence, for our sake.

Let us consider for a moment what that which we call the earth is--that is to say, its origin. The solidification commenced in the Sun Period, when we were unable to vibrate at the high rate demanded to remain here. Thus we gradually worked ourselves out of the Sun and were projected into space. The rate of vibration was gradually lowered until the middle of the Atlantean Epoch, and thus the earth crystallized into a mass of stone, we might say. Thus we ourselves made the earth what it was, and if no help had been given we should have been unable to extricate our selves from the meshes of matter. Jehovah from without endeavored to help us by laws. To know the law and to follow it would have in time aided us, provided we had the requisite strength. However, no man is justified by the law, and by the law all spirit must become further enmeshed. Therefore, there had to be given a new impulse which would inscribe the law into men's hearts. There is a great difference between what we do, because we must, for fear of an outside master who metes out a just retribution for every offense, and the inner urge which impels us to do right because it is right. We recognize what is right, when the law is inscribed in our hearts, and then we obey its dictates unquestionably, even though it may cause our whole being to vibrate in pain.

Thus we are collectively the Spirits of the earth. We must some day guide the vehicle we have created. Jehovah guided it from without by means of laws. However, as this was not sufficient to bring us to the point of individualization where we shall be able to take care of ourselves, Christ came in as a Savior, and is helping us until the time comes when we shall have evolved within ourselves a love nature sufficient to float the earth. So there have been no other Spirits in the earth. The Christ is here only temporarily to help us, and in time it will be our privilege to take up the task for ourselves and guide our planet as we want and as we should. The increased vibratory force has already made the earth much less dense, much lighter, and in time it will become ethereal again as it once was. It will cease to be dead in sin-self. It will become alive in love.
The mystery of the Christos by Corinne Heline - Chapter XXII - Excerpts:

As previously stated, the golden Christ force touches the periphery of earth at the Autumn Equinox, passes through the desire realm during November (Scorpio), the etheric realm during December (Sagittarius), then becomes centered in the heart of earth at the hour of the winter Solstice (Capricorn).

This final penetration of the Christ force to the very core of earth marks the Holy Night of the year, when a deep calm and stillness pervades the whole world. Then follows a mighty surge of all the life forces of the planet. It is this new infusion of life into nature that has been so beautifully described in various Holy Night legends, wherein it is said that even members of the plant and animal kingdoms make humble obeisance at the mystic midnight hour.

When this mighty Christ force enters the earth, an impulse is released that quickens the life and spiritualizes the conditions of the entire planetary sphere. As this healing and redemptive work continues from year to year, the earth is being transformed from a discordant state into one of universal harmony. Hatred, enmity and conflict will eventually cease. Then that glorious ideal pictured by Isaiah so long ago will become a reality: “Man shall turn his sabres into plowshares and his swords into pruning hooks, and there shall be war no more, and peace shall cover the earth as waters cover the sea.”

In very ancient symbology the word ship referred to the soul while the word sea had reference to psychic currents. It is said that Christ Jesus sat in a boat teaching people on the shore. This meant that He was teaching those on both the inner and the outer planes. for His mission was to instruct the discarnate as well as the incarnate.

When Christ finished giving the parable on the sower, He said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." The sower is the teacher the seeds are the truths he disseminates. Students and disciples receive according to their ability to understand and make use of the teachings. The Lord also said that some received thirtyfold: in other words, they could accept only a literal interpretation.

Others received sixtyfold; these are the ones who grasp deeper meanings. Then He added further, there were others who received an hundredfold; these are Initiates who lay hold of truths in their fullness. They are the good ground into which the seeds falls, springs up, and bears fruit. Some seed, however, falls by the roadside and is devoured by birds; that is to say, it is taken by those who are emotionally insecure so can give it no spiritual anchorage.

Every disciple is admonished to learn how to contact his own inner being and, through prayer and meditation, awaken and increase its powers. A wise aspirant makes this center the focal point from which to work for attracting the good, the true and the beautiful. Care must be taken, however, that it never becomes circumscribed by narrowness of thought or bigotry of interpretation.

One who has not cultivated persistence and perseverance along with constancy to his innermost center will be apt to meet with disappointment and disillusionment. Immature enthusiasm tends to turn into bitter repulsion. When this happens, a neophyte not only
forsakes the things of spirit, but he places stumbling blocks in the way of others. Then the biblical warning in Luke 9:12 is verified: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

According to the parable, other seed falls among rocks and dies for lack of moisture. This is a symbol of the purely mental type of person, one whose heart is not yet awakened. The mentality alone can never solve the problems of life or teach others how it can be done, for it can be accomplished only through the love of a spiritualized heart.

Some of the seed falls among thorns and the thorns spring up and choke it. Thorns stand for base desires. Since the days of ancient Atlantis the human mind has been more closely linked to the desire nature than to spirit, the latter being the divine plan.

Hence, to a great extent, humanity has been motivated by desire rather than by reason. This self-centered motivation has resulted in the present chaotic condition of the world. Races, nations and individuals are now so torn with strife and confusion that mankind approaches a state of general panic and despair.

One of the chief purposes of repeated earth lives is for man to free his mentality from the toils of his desire nature that it may become an instrument of spirit. He must return again and again until he has learned his lesson. Persons whose lives are motivated by reason rather than desire are exceptional, and an individual who is guided by a spiritually illuminated intellect is extremely rare. Still some seed did fall on good ground and born fruit an hundredfold'

This refers to the few who have balanced heart and mind, the superior state that is the Christ ideal for all humanity. When an aspirant learns to bring these two powers into balance he is worthy to receive and disseminate the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

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Thoughts

"The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today"

St. Francis of Assisi

Go my friend... Bestow your love, even on your enemies. If you touch their hearts, what do you think will happen? Listen with ears of tolerance. See through eyes of compassion. Speak with the language of love.

Jalaluddin Rumi

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

Plato
Aquarian art

Lovers

O lovers, lovers it is time
to set out from the world.
I hear a drum in my soul's ear
coming from the depths of the stars.

Our camel driver is at work;
the caravan is being readied.
He asks that we forgive him
for the disturbance he has caused us,
He asks why we travelers are asleep.

Everywhere the murmur of departure;
the stars, like candles
thrust at us from behind blue veils,
and as if to make the invisible plain,
a wondrous people have come forth.

Jalaluddin Rumi

The little flower

May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received and pass
on the love that has been given to you....
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones and allow
your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. Amen.

St. Theresa
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